New-student tuition to increase 12 percent

by James Sulak

TUITION INCREASE

Tuition and fees for incoming students will increase by 12 percent next year, the largest hike in nearly a decade. President Leebron announced yesterday. Tuition and fees for the entering class of 2005-06 increase to $23,746 from $21,206. For returning students, tuition and fees will increase by an average of 4 percent.

The university's financial aid budget will expand to help cover the increased costs and fees. Associate Vice President and Budget Director Tim Collins said.

Leebron also announced that beginning with incoming college students, families from incomes less than $50,000 will no longer be required to take out loans as part of their financial aid plans. Instead, those students will receive more financial aid in the form of grants from Rice.

SA approves graduated club approval system

by Patricia Lang

After a semester of consideration, the Student Association has adopted a set of specific guidelines by which to approve student clubs. At a special meeting Wednesday, the SA approved a change to its bylaws defining the criteria for becoming an official club.

The SA constitution states that clubs must be approved by the SA but does not set specific criteria a club must meet in order to achieve official status. Following a controversial vote in October in which the senate rejected the last Night Flix Club's gaining of official status, SA President Derrick Matthews created an ad hoc committee to define guidelines that would make the club approval process approval.

The committee, chaired by Brown College Senator James Lloyd, presented its proposal to the senate at two separate meetings before it came to a vote Monday.

Due to poor attendance at Monday's meeting, the senate could not meet the quorum of twelfth of the 22 voting members, and therefore could not approve the bylaw changes.

Matthews called a special meeting Wednesday to approve the changes as well as the General Elections ballot.

The new rules define two types of clubs: charter groups and registered student organizations. The graduated system allows a proposed club to apply for charter status immediately. A charter group must submit a constitution to the SA parliamentarian, obtain approval from the Student Activities Office and secure a faculty or staff sponsor in order to attain official status.

This status allows the group some of the privileges permitted to official clubs.
the Rice Thresher
National reputation depends on low tuition

The Rice charter states that attending the institute is free, and while the university has charged tuition for 40 years, lower tuition than its peers has become an important part of Rice's image. We were therefore disappointed at President David Leebron's announcement that next year's freshmen will pay about 12 percent more to attend Rice, while current freshmen will see tuition increases of about 5 percent. (See story, page 1).

We realize that the charter is an outdated document — after all, it said only whites could attend Rice — but we think being affordable, at least in comparison to peer schools, is an integral part of Rice's character. Rice's public relations department has aggressively marketed Rice as a "best buy," for as long as we can remember. Clearly, the administration had some evidence that Rice's low sticker price helps it first attract applicants and later convince those accepted to matriculate at Rice.

We are happy to hear that, beginning with this year's incoming class, Rice will not force students with family incomes below $30,000 per year to take on loans and that Rice will increase financial aid to meet the greater need of students currently receiving aid. But for the truly wealthy, the tuition increase will likely have little bearing on their decision about where to attend college. For but for Rice students who neither receive financial aid nor are in their first year, this tuition increase will make Rice less attractive. If Rice becomes as expensive as its peer schools, we think some of these students will opt to attend other universities. That would leave Rice with a more polarized campus consisting only of those so wealthy that tuition does not matter and those receiving financial aid.

Without the Ivy League name and tradition, Rice must rely on other attributes to attract the nation's best students. And the biggest advantage Rice currently has over Duke and Stanford is lower tuition.

College presidents only distract SA

The Student Association tried to hold its weekly meeting Monday but could not meet the two-thirds quorum it needed to approve important agenda items — bylaws changes and, more pressingly, the ballot for the General Elections. (See SA box, page 4). The biggest problem was the college presidents.

Only three of nine college presidents and five of nine college senators attended, which forced SA President Derrick Matthews to convene an emergency meeting Wednesday afternoon to make sure the election could go on schedule. The elections start today.

We are disappointed that the majority of the presidents failed to live up to their responsibilities as elected student officials. Even if they could not attend the meeting, they could easily have appointed proxies.

Further, some of the presidents have embarrassed themselves at meetings this year by behaving disrespectfully, talking throughout and voting carelessly. These interruptions slow the meetings for everyone and discourage first-time attendees from coming back.

We know the presidents are only continuing a long tradition of disillusionment with the SA. That said, we are not sure the college presidents should be voting members of the senate at all. We think the senate should reevaluate the role of college presidents in the SA. If presidents did not have to vote, they would not have to attend the weekly meetings. Instead, they could attend only if they wanted to, and senators could continue to represent the opinions of their colleges.

If the SA were truly free of bias, which state that voting members must be impeached from the senate if they miss two meetings in a row or four meetings total during their terms, at least a few college presidents would face removal. That might lead to more productive meetings this year, but for a long-term solution, the SA should reevaluate the role of college presidents in the senate.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Columnist missed fan club's purpose

To the editor:

Last week's guest column by Student Owl Club Co-founder Autry Jones expressed the purpose of the Owl Club, therice.edu. The Student Owl Club is not in the business of making it easy to join, just as the Owl Club is not in the business of forcing alumni to join. The organization exists only as an option for students, not as a requirement, so make an informed choice, and let others do the same without clouding their judgment.

Dave Blackstock
Admissions, Army

Student Owl Club provides key perks

To the editor:

I strongly disagree with the points Derrick Matthews tried to make about the Student Owl Club ("Our Owl fans, best things in life should not be free.", Feb. 11). The Student Owl Club allows students opportunities to participate in Rice athletics on a level that has never been readily available to students at such a low cost.

When any student shows up, there is an intentional seating system to place all, students at the same level. Also, consider the fact Rice athletics was in over the summer, the students have received consistent support that would justify the board's decision to stay in Division I-A.

Students should have the opportunity to display any type of support of Rice athletics. To me, one of the main advantages of the club is to give students the opportunity to cheer on Rice athletes at events that were once out of reach.

Being a student is incredibly difficult to organize a road trip with multiple other Rice fans on any given weekend, not to mention the cost. The Student Owl Club subsidizes the cost of the trip by providing transportation, food and a ticket next to a fellow owl.

Zachary Dreyfus
From: Autry Jones

Professors define Rice, not celebrities

To the editor:

After reading Jeb Britt's rant about Rice University's low self-esteem ("I'm a house grade speaker — it really blows me away.", Feb. 4), I couldn't help but question where the prestige of a university is. Britt seems to have the process of achieving prestige not quite right. Many students and faculty believe that a university's clout comes from the type of commencement speaker it can attract.

It is in professors like Mikki Hebl who help build the prestige of this institution. Professors like Mikki Hebl are groundbreaking discoveries and just the professors who inspire future generations. Dr. Mikki Hebl inspire confidence in the students and are the true face of Rice's past generation's top scientists and great thinkers. And it is those students who go forth and leave their mark on the world.

To the editor:

I agree that a dedicated professor would care more about our commencement than an impersonal paid speaker from someplace else. It is better than Yao Ming," Feb. 11. However, Joan Le's scholarship, her research, and unnecessary patronizing imply a simplistic understanding of the situation, rushing to defend Dr. Hebl. When she is not the target.

Lee maliciously uses Britt's example about future employers to label protesters as "shallow" and having "low self-esteem" badly miss the overarching issue — anger toward sharp hypocrisy on the part of the administration. One of President David Leebron's initiatives has been raising the profile of Rice, proclaiming loudly that a world-class institution should have a world-class reputation. It was surprisingly contrary to those principles for Leebron to have requested that the selection committee add a Rice professor to the list and then to contact only her.

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Rice Voices

Let's live dangerously, 'sex up' boring Rice

Even the Thresher follows the University'squan...
clubs. However, only registered student organizations may request funds from the President's Student Programming Fund and the Student Activity Fund, reserve rooms in the Student Center, set up mailboxes and Charge bank accounts through the Office of Student Activities. Participate in activities fairs and use the Rice name and logo.

The SA Senate will now approve charter groups that wish to maintain the full privileges of a registered student organization. The senate will take into account charter group development and demonstrated potential for further development in determining whether to grant official status.

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The senate will also consider whether the goals of the club foster enrichment and leadership development of students through academic, professional, cultural, literary, social, athletic or student governance and whether official club status will further the club's mission. Sustainability, clear objectives and potential conflict with university policies will also be taken into account.

"It's a groundbreaking change," Lloyd, a junior, said. "We haven't had guidelines in the past to help us vote objectively.

Charter groups coming before the SA to become registered student organizations will submit a written statement addressing the various criteria and will spend less time speaking to the senate than in the past.

After receiving approval, a club must register with the Clubs Office each year and may not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, sexual orientation or national origin in order to maintain club status. The new guidelines will take effect immediately and the graduated system will take effect in the fall. All current clubs will automatically become registered student organizations.

In addition to Lloyd, committee members include Simon Berenzon, a Jones College senior; Ian Everhart, a Hanszen College junior; SA Parliamentarian Ames Grawert, a Lovett College junior; and Hanssen Senator Dominic Lee, a sophomore.

STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Student Association met Monday. The following were discussed.

- The SA General Elections will be held online at the SA Web site, http://sa.rice.edu, from 12 a.m. today until 1 p.m. Wednesday.
- SA President Derrick Matthews announced students will have access to an online version of the Rice Alumni Directory beginning in April.
- Matthews, a Will Rice College senior, solicited opinions regarding the best location for a sidewalk in the grassy area between Hanszen, Tot Richardson and Will Rice Colleges.
- Matthews announced former Assistant Director of Development for Student Affairs Paul Sutera was promoted to Assistant Director of Leadership Giving at the beginning of the semester.
- The senate approved the General Elections ballot and changes to the club approval system. However, Matthews later discovered the senate did not have the necessary two-thirds quorum to vote on the ballot changes or the ballot. He called a meeting Wednesday afternoon to properly approve the ballot and bylaw changes.
- Matthews announced the senate will vote on a Rice Broadcast Television bylaws change regarding the role of volunteers and alumni members. Matthews also announced that a change to Rice Program Council's constitution will appear on the General Elections ballot.

The next meeting will be Monday at 10 p.m. in Farnsworth Pavillon in the Student Center.

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President David Leebron speaks to seniors Tuesday at the third of four senior dessert receptions at his home on the corner of Sunset Blvd. and Main St.

141 sign up for Vision Weekend

by Lauren Murphy
FORTHE THRESHER

As of Wednesday, 141 high school seniors had reserved spots for Vision Weekend, Rice's annual recruiting weekend for members of underrepresented minority groups. Assistant Director of Admission Laura Villarreal (Sid '95) said, "The weekend, which is organized by the Student Admission Council's Minority Interests Committee, will be held from Feb. 23 until Feb. 27."

"It's our most significant effort to recruit some of the most talented students of color in the nation," Villarreal, the coordinator of Hispanic recruitment, said.

In past years, the weekend has drawn between 130 and 150 attendees.

Villafranca said. "As in past years, a majority of attendees who live outside Texas have been admitted to Rice, and the rest are strong applicants," Villafranca said. "This is a very high yield for top students." Villafranca said. "This year's Vision Weekend chairs are Martel College junior Luiz Andrade and Martel senior Raif Bellefiere. "Vision Weekend was the reason I came to Rice, and that's why I wanted to be a part of it this year," Bellefiere said.

This year's program includes a few changes from last year. The Passport to Houston will be made available to the visitors, allowing them free access to the MLTRORail and admittance to the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. In addition, a new study abroad student panel will be held Friday afternoon.

Other aspects of the weekend will remain the same. Attendees will arrive on campus Thursday between 4 and 6 p.m., and leaders of various cultural organizations will welcome the prospective students with reception that evening.

The prospective students will attend classes and meet with representatives of the various academic disciplines Friday. In the evening, they will attend a formal dinner with Rice alumni and faculty. Baker College is once again hosting the "Rhythms" dance party Friday night, where current and prospective students may compete in a dance contest.

On Saturday, the prospective students will have the opportunity to talk with representatives of Student Financial Services and will be encouraged to explore Houston or attend the Rice baseball game against the University of Nebraska at Rocking Park. A catered dinner will be held at the North College Servey.

Currently, 99 Rice undergraduates have volunteered to host the prospective students. The Minority Interests Committee hopes to recruit enough volunteers to host the students, as well as help with registration, guide along on airport shuttles and set up for various activities.

"These are the most highly recruited students in the country," Villarreal said. "Let's show them what we have to offer."

Owl Weekend, Rice's general recruiting weekend for admitted students, will be in late April. Owl Weekend is put on by the SAC Outcampus Programs Committee.

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Gay married couple speaks at PRIDE event

by Sarah Taylor
LAST WEEK, the city of San Francisco began issuing marriage licenses to gay and lesbian couples. The decision, made by San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom, brought the issue of same-sex marriage to the forefront of American politics.

"We wanted to put a face on same-sex marriage."

— Matt Oertli
PRIDE co-president

About 4,000 same-sex couples were married in San Francisco before the California Supreme Court voided the marriage licenses two weeks later. But in a speech in Minor Lounge Tuesday, activist Bruce Smith said there is no going back.

"You can't put the toothpaste back in the tube," Smith said.

Smith and his husband, Tony Carroll, were one of the first same-sex couples to be married in North America. They married in Canada in 2003.

The speech was one of several events on campus recognizing National Freedom to Marry Week, which began Monday. The event was sponsored by PRIDE, one of Rice's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender groups.

"We wanted to put a face on same-sex marriage," PRIDE co-president Matt Oertli, a Martel College senior, said.

PRIDE, which is led by Oertli and co-president Daniel Leidoff, a Han- sen College senior, observed the week by distributing purple ribbons to supporters of same-sex marriage equality. The group also collected 350 signatures opposing the ban on same-sex marriage, currently proposed in the Texas Legislature.

Smith and Carroll talked about their efforts to legalize their long-term union.

Smith, a dentist, and Carroll, a psychologist, met 20 years ago through Fog, Callen Republicans, a political action group that advocates gay rights. Within six months of meeting each other, they were living together, had combined their finances and had taken all of their legal rights as a same-sex couple in the United States. After eight years together, Carroll said he and Smith felt they were an establishment couple and married.

"We were about as married as any couple ever is, and we were treated on a couple by everyone we knew," Carroll said.

In 2003, Smith and Carroll flew to Toronto at the invitation of another gay couple who were married. Only a few months before, a panel of judges in Ontario had ruled that the definition of marriage must be broadened to include gay men and women.

The couple said they felt comfortable and accepted in Canada.

"Everyone was just so welcoming," Carroll said.

Because the United States does not recognize same-sex marriages performed in Canada, Smith and Carroll could not take it to court or receive any benefits.

Smith said he has been forced to become conversant in the laws and policies related to same-sex partnership in the United States and to navigate a maze of legislation and attorneys to obtain as many rights as possible.

"There's no package that you can bring concerned parents into," Carroll said.

President Silvia Salazar, a Wicco College senior who attended the speech, said she was inspired by the couple's perseverance.

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PRIDE co-Vice President Laura Bellows, a Brown College junior, who had planned the event, agreed but said she was disappointed by the recent elections, in which 27 states passed constitutional amendments banning same-sex marriage.

"It seems like same-sex marriage may not happen any time soon," Bellows said.

Bowles, a Brown College junior, who is members of a larger crowd. About 20 students attended the speech.
DEBATE

The Rice Student Association, or SA, should consider the Alcohol Policy as an important issue. Lloyd said student organizations should support the SA president in the debate over the SA’s position on Alcohol Policy.
Sid gets ready with clever musical ‘A New Brain’

Julia Bursten  
THE THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

A play about a gay songwriter struggling with a brain tumor should not be funny. But a light operetta about a gay Jewish songwriter struggling with a brain tumor that causes hallucinations of a children’s television character that happens to be a giant green frog—that’s a different story.

A New Brain, the latest production of the University’s Musical Theatre program, is an off-kilter operetta that combines light burlesque with serious themes. It involves two of the most pronounced and refreshing traits of University Theatre’s programs: a commitment to a wide range of styles and, more importantly, a willingness to pay homage to the musical theater of the past.

The musical, written by Lin-Manuel Miranda and developed with help from Stephen Sondheim, tells the story of Paul Zimmerman (played by Colton Finney), a gay Jewish songwriter who is the inspiration for the character of Dr. Bungee on the children’s show Mr. Bungee. Zimmerman is diagnosed with a brain tumor that makes him hallucinate, but the tumors also allow him to see the show in the way it should be: with the characters as animated beings instead of cartoon figures.

The show’s central figure is Mr. Bungee, a half-frog, half-rock star who is similar to the Dinosaur and Sesame Street’s Big Bird. The writers use the show as a vehicle for exploring Zimmerman’s imaginative world and his relationships, both romantic and familial. They also use it as an opportunity to poke fun at some of the show’s tropes.

Despite its grave plot, A New Brain remains witty and light-hearted, and serves as a showcase for some of Rice’s top talent.

MFAH exhibit captures essence of Third Ward

Kitty Landholt  
THE THRESHER STAFF

For the past 10 years, the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston has annually exhibited the work of the nationally acclaimed photography program at Jack Yates High School’s Magnet School of Communications in Houston’s Third Ward. The exhibit is presented in partnership with the Sid Richardson College of Communication at Rice University.

The show, which opened Feb. 24, features photographs from the 2004 semester and the previous nine years. It is presented in collaboration with the Third Ward community, which is represented by members of the Third Ward Democrats, the Third Ward Community Coalition, the Third Ward Development Corporation, and the Third Ward Business Association.

The exhibit, which features over 100 photographs, includes work by 50 students from Jack Yates High School. The students were assigned to photograph their communities and families, and to portray the lives of people who live there.

The students used a variety of techniques, including color and black-and-white photography, as well as digital manipulation. The photographs capture the diversity of Third Ward’s residents, who live in a variety of neighborhoods, from high-end homes to run-down apartments.

The photographs also reflect the community’s struggles and hopes. Some depict the poverty and crime that plague the ward, while others capture the energy and resilience of its residents.

The exhibit is on display through April 18 at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.
Event shines spotlight on Houston's best

Maybe I complain too much about my job. Sure, I spend hours tailing away in the Thresher office, attempting to entangle novice writers' prose and design a page layout with equal parts precision and artistry. The job can be tough, tiring, and thankless. But every now and then, an amazing perk makes it all worth it. This often comes in the form of a free movie, the opportunity to interview fascinating creative types or, when I'm really lucky, the chance to attend a launch party.

Most recently, I was invited to dress up for a formal event in Houston's fashion Mecca, the Heights. My inner fashionista was on fire as I walked into Cactus Music and cursed the drivers of Westheimer vintageshops, I visit the Web site, peruse the offerings, and then add comments and new destinations. This is a cultural epic that is right at our fingertips.

The party itself provided a great opportunity to meet and talk with the people involved. It also embodied all the posh qualities that make this type of thing so fun—great hors d'oeuvres from Bella Italiana and mimosas from Texas. And, really, wherever Paper City takes your picture when you walk in, you know it's going to be a good time.

The real highlight of the evening came when two friends who accompanied me—admittedly fashionably, stylish, and quite fabulous—were approached by a reporter from the Houston Chronicle and interviewed about their outfits. They then had their photos taken and appeared in the Star section of the Chronicle last Friday.

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While this was certainly exciting, I was more than a bit saddened that I was left out. I know it was technically a girl thing, but come on: I go to the trouble of dressing up just like everyone else.

But then I realized that sometimes, a night is about more than just me. This night on the town was all about the town itself.

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is impressive that the photographers are only high school sophomores, juniors and seniors.

All but four of the photos on display at the MFAH have been developed on black-and-white film, thus emphasizing the stark tonal contrasts in some photos and the soft shadows in others. According to Koosy Richard, a student photographer, "We use black-and-white film because it really brings out the beauty of nature. Furthermore, the black-and-white film gives the exhibit a sense of timelessness, which is strengthened by the emotional subject matter of the photographs.

Because of Eye on Third Ward and other arts-based urban development programs, such as Project Row Houses, the Third Ward is becoming an artistic hot spot in Houston. Texas Southern University and the newly renovated Ely Dorado Ballroom anchor this cultural and educational revolution. The inspired images presented in Eye on Third Ward support art as an excellent way to reawaken the neighborhood.

This is a Public Service Announcement. It has been brought to you by our kind sponsors. The middle school punks who throw popcorndown your shirt during Jude Law's close-up, the game of quarters next door that distracts from Citizen Kane's whispered "rossbud" and spoils the remain
two hours of film and the artistes you overhear trying to find deeper meaning in Meet Me in St. Louis when it's clear they just didn't get the joke. In short, the things that make or break a movie but have nothing to do with the movie itself.

So in the interest of better movie-viewing experiences and preventing such disasters, I present a guide to the most common movie-going environments available to Rice students—and their potential pitfalls.

Mainstream theaters. Examples: Edwards Movie Theatres, anything with 20-foot signs and 50 soda fountains. Let's be honest, no one needs huge access to electronic devices and when hand digitally over-mastered sound systems to watch brilliant acting performances. So while you may catch the occasion Oscar-wor
ning film (think Leonardo DiCaprio in The Aviator), you're more likely to go for the sensory experience. In fact, you almost have to be overwhelmed by the audio and visual effects to be able to ignore the other sensory experiences you'll find in these theaters. To accompany your action-packed thriller blockbuster of choice, you'll find syrupy soft-drink gas前夕 the floors and the bottoms of your shoes, uninvited burps and poppers salt grease spots on the armrests, the token couple making out in the back row and the crying baby in the front.

Select your picture wisely if you're planning a trip to one of these colors. Find a few friends to navigate the sticky floors and find a movie with plenty of explosions. And please, please don't be the couple making out in the back.

Indie Theaters. Example: The River Oaks

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SA PRESIDENT
James Lloyd

Rice is facing many possible changes in the coming year. It's now critical that students engage the SA coalition—so that undergraduate priorities remain university priorities. I'm the best candidate to represent that vision. Having served as a Senator, Academic Chair, Club Liaisons, and Dean of Student Life, I have a proven track record of bringing people together. I've been involved with the Undergraduate Committee to improve policies and have experience getting things done.

First, we must make changes to become a more effective, representative organization:

- Open the SA to encourage students to address the Senate directly
- New Student Leadership Program
- New SA Director of Communications to improve dialogue
- What the SA can't accomplish through influence it can achieve itself. Here are some of my plans to improve student life:
  - Central student life office: serve as an ongoing hub for information about campus events & initiatives
  - Expand Passport to Houston and combine with Silver Saver Card
  - Work to introduce opportunities for involvement on and off campus
  - Student organizations have been exploring alternatives, such as first-run movies, bars, and drink specials for “no alcohol” nights. I already have a plan of action for this
  - New SA Director of Communications to improve dialogue
  - More alternatives to the same college parties every weekend. Students enjoy parties that happen with campus-wide cooperation— and I know how much more spirit and unity we can have. If elected, I will devote my time to this. So that the SA N2U that original mission. Remember: Original Spirit. One Vision. One President to make it happen!

SA SECRETARY
Laura Kelley

I am a student at Brown College who served the SA as an NSR this year. I am involved with all aspects of Brown. My favorite campus tradition and my first involvement is creating the student body. I have worked closely with the SA to make this happen. Working in the Student Affairs department has made me a more effective and successful SA member. I will continue to build on my experiences while representing the SA.

SA VICE PRESIDENT

Jennifer Lai

RSVP CHAIR
Ed Chao & Cara Virgili

Hey everyone. My name is Laura Mengheang, and I'd really like to serve as your next RSVP Internal Vice Chair. The most important quality I believe that you will make this ambition a reality. I am involved with service at Brown and varsity cross-country and track. Next I'm excited to help the SA unify the student body, improve Rice's publicity, support our student organizations and protect tradition while enjoying improvements working under our new president.

SA INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT

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SA EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT

Julia Tucker-Huth

SA TREASURER

Christina Tjok

RSVP TREASURER

Sanna Ronkainen

Hey everyone. In the blink of an eye, I have become a rising senior and suddenly realize that this year will be my last year to take action here on campus. Through my years at Rice, I have been involved in various capacities on and off campus. I have served as a member of the Undergraduate Finance Committee, and have contributed to the Undergraduate Committee to improve policies and have experience getting things done.

My goal for next year would be to see Rice students use the RSVP budget to get involved in making Houston, and beyond, a better place.
U. BLUE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
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for us. We promise to be your most tacit advocates and your most forthright guardians.

The University Council is an advisory body to the President and discusses Rice's academic and administrative policies. The council has not been as proactive as I believe it can be, and I plan to work towards improving the effectiveness of the Council in not only discussing but also actively proposing ideas concerning University policy as your representative for next year.

HONOR COUNCIL SR. REP. (Pick 4)
Divya Pande

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Divya Pande, and I am running for the position of senior class representative in the Honor Council. I have served on the council for the past three years as a freshman, sophomore, and junior class representative. This year, I experienced issues in all areas of the council, from orientation to overall Honor Council policy.

I believe that the Honor Code is an essential part of Rice's academic system and tradition. It allows for a high level of trust between the students, the provosts, and even the administration. The standards of due process and personal respect should not be taken for granted. The Honor Code is an important aspect of Rice's education that this university apart from other universities, for the simple fact that it is a student-run system is even more beneficial to us. Although I certainly want the administration and faculty to stay involved and place their confidence in the Honor Council, I feel that we should maintain it as a student-run system above all. Furthermore, with a new administration just settling in, the next two years shall be important in setting the direction of the Council, and, inevitably, the several academic systems at Rice.

In terms of individual goals and priorities, I firmly believe that priorities should be to redouble our efforts in building not only the student body but in working on priorities to protect the integrity of the system for the next majority of the senior class body. I would like to continue to serve on the Council again and continue to represent the best interests of the senior class.

THRESHBR

Amishi Shah

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RBP PROGRAM DIRECTOR
Mark Bahorich

If you have ever been to a sporting event at Rice, chances are you have probably been moved by the themes that are woven into the Rice athletics. The Key takes pride in keeping the team spirit alive when cheering on the Owls. If you hope to have a key role in the RBP, then you may be interested in working more closely with the Blue and Gold. Contact me directly at M. Bahorich, or we will be able to use the stories and culture and create a closer bond to make that event even more enjoyable.

KTRU STATION MANAGER
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RPC PRESIDENT
Stephanie Swingle

So there's a time and place for just about everything and it's called college. That said...depending on what you're doing with this "time and place called college" you may not remember much and you may certainly not remember the birds! What you should remember, though, is that RPC has a lot of things to offer. So, whether you want to party, acquire some culture, or build up beer bike points, there's something for you. And, as someone who is all about making the most of what you want to do, I think I have something for RPC. So remember me for RPC president (at least through elections!), and be sure to vote for us. Here's to helping you make the most of this "time and place called college."

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Very well. We promise that we will not make your life more miserable or less fun than it is now. We promise to be a voice that will be heard and cherished by our best friends and our grades. We promise to not be pushy for gain, withhold information, or become a group of mindless and Michael-hardcore hipsters. We promise never to slash each other's necks. We promise to take a hard look at our policies and in the future, they will be...you know...harder.

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HONOR COUNCIL JR. REP. (PICK 3)

Becky Thilo

Experience: External Vice Chair (04-05), Sophomore Class Rep (04-05), Freshman Class Rep (04-05)

Involvement: Coordinated Honor Code Orientation for new undergraduate and graduate students (Fall 06), Honor Assurance Committee (05-06), Honor Committee (05-06).

Goal: I will work to reevaluate and improve the adjudication process, to promote the concept of Honor on campus to themes and speakers, to improve the faculty's knowledge of the Honor Code, and to foster the Council's relationship with the Ombuds, administration, faculty, and student body. Using my past experience and future plans, I will strive to represent the best interests of the student population and preserve the academic integrity of the Rice degree.

Personal Statement: As a sophomore Class Rep, I look forward to serving a third year on the Honor Council. I believe that the Honor System is student-run, fostering an atmosphere of personal responsibility, self-accountability, and trust. My desire to be on the Council again stems from previous challenging, interesting, and fulfilling experiences. Currently, I am a sophomore at Hanszen majoring in English and Religious Studies.

Andrew Koller

I'm running for the position of Honor Council junior class representative because I feel very strongly about this great Rice tradition. The Honor Code tradition was the one of the main reasons I decided to come here, and I would like to give back to the Rice community by serving as a representative. I am committed to serving the Rice community not just by asking on the council but also by being available in questions and comments. As a member this current year I am one of the most active members on the council. I look forward to serving another term as your representative.

Alison Morgan

I take the honor system of Rice very seriously. I remember hearing about it during my Orientation week and being inspired by the trust established between professor and pupil. The code of conduct recognizes that we are young adults capable of shouldering responsibility. It encourages students to act with integrity and respect for the other members of their community. I have had two years of experience in peer judgment at Rice through serving as a University Court Justice. I have familiarized myself with the Student Handbook and, don't worry (I passed Honor Code quiz at the beginning freshman year), I feel that I would be a fair and competent addition to the Council. In conclusion, I would consider evidence presented with an open mind and uphold the values of the system. The main reason that I'm running is that I enjoy the advantages of the Honor System and honestly feel that to preserve its effectiveness, it is necessary to investigate and deal accordingly with any infringements.

HONOR COUNCIL SOPH. REP. (PICK 2)

John Kiappes

I truly believe that the Honor Code is one of the most important institutions at our university. The policy of integrity codes is unique especially as students, we are charged with the responsibility of upholding these common beliefs in honesty (not lying), loyalty (not betraying), and fidelity (not profiting).

I am a firm believer in the Honor Code and the Honor Council. I would like the chance to be more involved in its preservation and implementation. I am a senior and would like to see that the students in the Honor Code are carrying on all the traditions and honoring that degree from Rice University continues to mean a lot to both the academic community and the greater community. Please help me have the opportunity to help preserve this important fact of our university.

UNIVERSITY COURT JR. REP. (PICK 2)

Ting Wang

Experience: Involvement in Ombuds, administration, faculty, and student body experience and future plans, I will strive to represent the best interests of the student population and preserve the academic integrity of the Rice degree.

A Student's Perspective

I feel capable of bringing a student's perspective into University Court so that justice will not be callously or irrationally applied.

Professionalism

My purpose in University Court is now, and always will be, to uphold the University's standards of fairness. I have worked with the other members of U Court in the last two years and am familiar with the dynamics of the court.

I believe I have the proven dedication, experience, and professionalism needed for a Junior Representative in University Court. Please publicly thank you.

Alison Morgan

My main motivations for running for Junior University Court representative are that I admire Rice's approach to peer judgment and I consider involvement in the Court to be a rewarding experience worth repeating. I served on the Court both as a freshman justice and this year as a sophomore class representative. So I have some experience in deciding what factors need to be considered before a decision on charges and sanctions can be reached by the Court on any given case. While serving as a justice I have also become very familiar with the University Court Constitution and the Student Code of Conduct. Gabriel how the University Court system allows accused students to tell their side of the story and be judged fairly and without bias by their peers. I am continually impressed by the seriousness with which students involved in the Court take their responsibilities, and I am eager to continue making a similar commitment. If elected I will continue to listen to my peers objectively while considering the stipulations of the Constitution. I would be honored to be given the chance to continue serving as a representative in the coming academic year.

UNIVERSITY COURT JR. REP. (PICK 2)

Andrea Dinneen

Catherine Yen

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Once upon a time 5 feet 1 and a 1/4 inches girl decided to run for U Court rep. This is a big step—she's still adjusting to life here that has a yellow flying pig as mascot and remembering that she's no longer in high school. She's learned that phrases aren't socially accepted in college, books should be returned to their proper positions, classes turn 10am to 12pm not 9am to noon. But her biggest learning curve has been realizing that laundry does not automatically do itself. She's learned that rooms aren't usually clean, she makes bed in the morning. She realizes that the blurred lines between work and school are not always clear. She's learned that friends aren't always there when you need them, but they are there when you need them. She's learned that professors aren't always so stern, but they are there when you need them. She's learned that life isn't always fair, but she can always make choices. She's learned that mistakes aren't always fatal, but they can be turned into something else. She's learned that there is no 'right' way, but there is a 'best' way.

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by Amber Obermeyer

THE RICE THRASHER

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The only blatant freshman center Valeriya Berezhynska made in the women's basketball team's 61-56 victory Saturday over the University of Tulsa (14-16, 6-6, Western Athletic Conference) was missing a meaningless layup with four seconds remaining. Berezhynska recorded a career-best 44 points, which remained one short of her season-best total of 45, recorded against Texas Tech Feb. 22. Head coach Cris McKinney said Berezhynska was more of a physical presence inside than senior forward Annie Harknett and sophomore center Lauren Noone.

"The game of a lifetime," McKinney said. "She gave us some body to throw in, and she finished. Annie and Lauren get pushed around a lot of times and didn't give us that big threat. Valifa full of fire when she got it, and she held on at the defensive end — that's really hard to do." With their win over the Golden Hurricane — coach Barry Swin结果的 Southern Miss State University's (15-7, 7-3) loss to conference-leading Louisiana Tech University (15-4, 1.2) — the Lady Owls (13-8, 7-2) moved into a tie for second place in the WAC. After regaining another place Thursday (11-19, 6-9) against Texas Tech, Rice hosts Fresno State University (15-7, 7-5) Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

"Every game of what's going on in the league, but we want to get to the end," McKinney said. "I probably played one of the best matches that I have ever had since 2003 in this country."

With Searle and Haerle, who combined for 19 kills to the opposite's five for the 2001 and 2002 Owls teams that both advanced to the NCAA tournament, dominating at the net, the team's more experienced members have also responded. Freshman Filip Zivojinovic and Ralph Knupfer emerged with three losses, without question. "They're one of the toughest teams we've ever faced," Smarr said.

"We're a good team — we're going to get it up and going," Harknett said. "We've won the doubles point in the last 32 matches in a row," Smarr said. "I'm just going to wait for our team to get in there and win and get home as quickly as possible." Men's tennis returns to nation's top 25

The men's tennis team is running nine match wins in a row — all against top-75 teams — last weekend with a pair of decisive wins against ranked opponents. On Saturday, the Owls defeated 6th-ranked Oklahoma State University 5-2, and Sunday they upset then-No. 20 ranked, Oklahoma State University's 4-3 win over the No. 1 Oklahoma State University Saturday night. Rice's victories pushed the team as possible.

"We're fighting hard," head coach Ron Smarr said. "But I think what is effort," head coach Ron Smarr said. "They're one of the doubles "They're one of the toughest teams we've ever faced," Smarr said.

"I think I'm competitive well doubles," Smith said: "I'm going to try to keep it up because that doubles point is absolutely important."

The Owls continue their road swing this weekend, as they host Florida State University. The Seminoles are 8-3 in dual matches, and 10 of their three losses have come on the road against Florida. at the University of Florida, Florida Atlantic University (15-7, 7-3) tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Autry Court.

"I don't know much about Florida State," McKrieth said. "We're going to go out there and play as well as we can, and if we get a few breaks, we're going to have a good chance to get a win in Tulsa," Harknett said. "We're a good team — we're going to respect you and approach the match as we would any other match." Harknett said she respected the other team, but in the same way, she plans to play there and see if we can get home as quickly as possible." Men's basketball basketball hosts ESPN Bracket Buster

The men's basketball team takes aim at Western Athletic Conference rival Murray State's (14-9) OVC lead with its ESPN Bracket Buster event. Rice (12-16, 7-8 WAC) won last weekend over the University of Tulsa (7-17, 4-11 WAC) 73-58, giving the Owls the road win over a Top 25 team. Murray State (14-11) is in seventh place in WAC with a 7-9 conference record.

"We'll take a look at the bracket and see where the Owls went out to and against Florida State, which features Florida State seniors, 6-foot-4 Valeriya Berezhynska, who scored a career-high 16 points, drives through a triple-team for a lay-up in the Lady Owls' 61-56 win over Tulsa Saturday.

"We're a good team — we're going to get it up and going," Harknett said. "We've won the doubles point in the last 32 matches in a row," Smarr said. "I'm just going to wait for our team to get in there and win and get home as quickly as possible."

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Women’s track eyes WAC title

by Josh Cooley

Women’s track eyes WAC title

After falling short the last two seasons, the Owls’ track and field team hopes to reclaim the Western Athletic Conference indoor championship one week from tomorrow.

"It looks to me like we are right where we need to be," head coach Victor Lopez said. "We've been talking to [the athletes] one-on-one and they're all ready to go. Now it's just about having the right frame of mind."

The team will take this weekend off to prepare for the WAC Indoor Championships, which will be held in Boise, Idaho, Feb. 25-26. The Owls last won the title in 2002 and finished second in 2003 and third last year. Rice hopes to unseat two-time defending champion University of Nevada.

Lopez said this is Rice’s biggest challenge — to beat "a good team" in the conference, he said. "In last year’s championships, 24.5 points separated us from Louisiana Tech University. The Bulldogs finished second in last year’s championships, 24.5 points ahead of the Owls.

"It looks to me like we are right on their tail," Lopez said. "I've been talking to [the athletes] one-on-one and they're all ready to go. Now it's just about having the right frame of mind."

Rice will be challenged in the distance events for the University of Texas at El Paso. UTEP distance runner Adrianne Frieze had the conference in the mile and the 3,000-meter run, with seasonal bests of 4:43.28 and 9:13.86, respectively.

The Owls began their preparations for the WAC meet last weekend at the Iowa State Invitational in Ames, Iowa. In the women’s 2,000-meter dash, junior Erika Mayes, senior Yvonne Umeh and freshman Denise Wahby all qualified for the finals, where they finished second, fifth and eighth, respectively. Mayes’ time of 2:06.56 is the best in the WAC this season.

Wahby was also successful in the 5,000-meter dash, taking seventh in 16:41.10, the fastest time posted by an Owler during the 2005 season. She then teamed with freshmen Charmaine Ewing, junior Daphne Price and junior Megan Smith to win the 3,200-meter relay in a season-best 3:36.85.

In the distance events, Sandler set a season-best in the 800-meter run in 2:13.33. Freshman Callie Wells took fifth in the 3,000-meter run, posting a personal best time of 9:54.04, the third-fastest 3,000-meter time in the WAC. In her first individual meet this season, sophomore Kirk Gerry took fourth in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:05.01, less than six seconds off the NCAA provisional qualifying time. The distance medley relay squad of Sandler, Ewing, Wells and senior Megan Smith finished third in 11:40.92, the fastest time in the WAC this year.

In the field events, three Owls set personal bests. Freshman Rachel Gertz took fourth place in the pole vault with a 12.75 mark, while junior Funmi Jimoh high jumped 5’7” and senior Shardae Carson added a foot to her former personal best, leaping 27.45 in the triple jump.

"It looks like we’re ready to go. Now it’s just about showing up and doing what we’ve been practicing. Many athletes are close to posting NCAA provisional qualifying marks in their events."

Owls stay perfect in spring

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by Amber Ombeneyer

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"We've earned a level of respect," head coach Roger White said. "We're not going to catch so many people by surprise, but that's where everybody is at this point in the season. We're in match-ups, so everybody knows about everybody else. Now it's about showing up and who's the better team."

Freshman Christine Dao said the team’s experience could actually be an advantage in its first real match this weekend.

"We don't know what to expect," Dao said. "We're a young team, so we're just going to be loose. Even though they're better than us, I think a team with no fear will be dangerous."

For the first time in three weeks, the Owls entered a match in the WAC last weekend, when they took on Texas Tech University. A week later, after coming back from a 7-1 deficit to win their doubles match against LSU, senior Tracee Chong and freshman Dominique Kopa defeated beach volleyball at the second doubles position.

"We work really well together," Chong said. "Our playing styles really mesh — we're really aggressive at the net. Against Texas Tech, our return of serve were good, and our first-shot percentage was up, which was great."

But junior Blaire Sears and freshman Kimberly Darnaise dropped their third consecutive match at the top doubles spot, and junior junior Medjedjigic and junior Amy Carcillo convert when serving the match at No. 3 doubles, eventually falling 8-4. With these losses, the Owls lost their third straight doubles point, but as in their matches against Maryland and LSU, rebounded with a powerful singles match to take the dual match.

"We were losing at seven because we weren't on our game," Sears said.
Sid dominates in coed flag
by Jonathan Yardley
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Rain continued to wreak havoc on the schedule, but at least one division competed in all current college sports.

College Sports Roundup

In coed flag football, defending champ Sid Richardson (24) continued to dominate the Great League, defeating CSA 42-29 Feb. 10. Will Rice (21) and Jones (24) will meet Monday night in a game that will likely determine the league's final playoff spot. Will Rice shut out Hamann (0-2) on Saturday and now owns six consecutive WAC wins, according to Jones.

Men's Flag Football
Jones, Marcel and Wiese opened its respective season with a win Saturday in USCIFL action. Wiese beat GSA 11-4, while Marcel beat Baker 44-4 and Jones beat Baker 28-4. Defending champ Sid crushed Will Rice 128-24 Wednesday in the first AFL game of the year.

Men's Soccer
Baker and Brown played to a 0-0 draw Saturday, leaving both teams at 2-4-1. Defending champ Wiese took the division's league championship. Sid crushed Will Rice 9-0 on Saturday and then used six consecutive WAC wins, according to Jones.

Women's Soccer
The Owls went on a 17-7 run to end the season, according to Frazier. Four consecutive WAC wins are the top seven in the WAC.

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to want to make those shots. If you
know you can make those shots, those shots will go in.

Solas posts WAC-best mark in mile
by Stephen Whittled
1-31-05
In its final tune-up for the Western Athletic Conference Indoor Championships, the men's track and field team performed well last weekend at the Tyson Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark.

Competing against some of the top athletes in the nation, the Owls did not win any events but did notch several WAC and personal bests. Sophomore Pablo Solares, Eric Spear and Stephens Magnuson made 10 entries among six teams in the distance medley relay, but their time of 9 minutes, 43.69 seconds was the top time in the WAC this season and was good enough to provisionally qualify the team for the NCAA Indoor Championships March 12-13.

Spear's next win is with that time to the national championship meet, Spear said. "Even though we still have two more weeks ahead of us in the WAC, and the last chance meets to make it. I think our best races, we'll be looking very, very good, especially at WAC because I know each of those guys, and we tend to run a lot better when the pressure's on." Solares finished second and Magnuson finished seventh in the unseeded mile, and their times of 4:05.65 and 4:06.16 were career-bests, as well as the best and third-best marks, respectively, in the WAC this season. Solares earned the middle-distance runner of the year award as well in the WAC mile. Solares, a middle-distance runner who also received the WAC indoor and track and field Athlete of the Week award for the second consecutive week, said he thinks he can improve further on his mile time.

"I know [the team], and we tend to run a whole lot better when the pressure's on." - Eric Spear
Junior middle-distance runner

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BASKETBALL
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most important right now is the conference race,”
Wednesday’s loss to Nevada was Rice’s fifth in its last seven conference games. Harris led the Owls in scoring
with 13 points but was held to a season-
low five rebounds. McKrieth and Bene-
dine Ferot, 60, 6-0. A former national
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sophomore forward Morris Almond
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conference race.”
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Men’s tennis
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Dennis 5-48 with 3-45 remaining, the
Owls scored the game’s next nine
points, and the center went overtime
tied at 57.
The O’s took control from the free-
throw line to overtime, connecting on
eight of 11 shots to put the Owls in control of the Golden Hurricane 167.
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Doubles
Searle/Harknett 7-5, 6-4; Karas/Chong 6-2, 6-4; Patenaude/Browning 6-4, 6-3; Zivojinovic/Burmistrau 6-3, 6-2; Harknett/Kuharic 7-5, 6-3; DiSesa/Duru 6-2, 6-4

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Feb. 11, 2005 — Jake Hess Tennis Stadium
Tulsa 32 24 56
Rice 25 30 64

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Feb. 13, 2005 — Minute Maid Park
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RICE 1 BAYLOR 6
Feb 15, 2005 — Cougar Field
Rice 020 202 000 1 — 7 9 0
Baylor 000 000 015 — 1 5 5

RICE 4 OKLAHOMA STATE 1
Feb. 19, 2005 — Rekha Erwin Tennis Center, Tulsa, Okla.
Rice 6-0, 6-0, 6-4, 6-4
Oklahoma State 6-1, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4

RICE 6 BAYLOR 2
Feb. 22, 2005 — Rekha Erwin Tennis Center, Tulsa, Okla.
Rice 6-3, 6-4, 6-1, 6-2
Baylor 6-4, 6-3, 6-3, 6-2

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Rice 7-0, 6-1, 6-2, 6-1
Texas State 0-6, 1-6, 1-6, 1-6

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Feb. 13, 2005 — Jake Hess Tennis Stadium
Rice 6-0, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4
Texas Tech 0-6, 1-6, 0-6, 2-6

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Feb. 14, 2005 — Minute Maid Park
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A New Brain

Sid Richardson College Theater presents A New Brain tonight, tomorrow and Feb. 21-22 at 8 p.m. in the Sid Commons. Tickets are $4 for students and $8 for others. For reservations, contact arts@rice.edu.

Equus

The Rice Players present a play by Peter Shaffer, Equus, tonight, tomorrow and Feb. 21-22 at 8 p.m. in Hamman Hall. Tickets are $5 for students, $10 for faculty and staff, and $15 for others. For tickets, visit http://www.rice.edu/players.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

LUNAFEST

The Rice Media Center hosts LUNAFEST at 3 p.m. LUNAFEST is a film festival of eight award-winning short films shot created by women, for women. Women. Tickets are $5 for students and $10 for others. For more information, visit http://www.songer.com/lunafest.

ESPN Bracket Buster

The men’s basketball team plays Murray State University at 4 p.m. at Autry Court. Stay for the double-header.

Women’s Basketball Game

The women’s basketball team confronts Fresno State University at 7 p.m. at Autry Court.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Late one night at the insane asylum, an inmate shouted, “I am Napoleon!” Another one said, “How do you know?” The first inmate said, “God told me!” Then a voice from another room shouted, “I did not!”

Today is the deadline to submit poems, prose and visual art for University Blue, Rice’s literary and arts magazine. All submissions are due to universityblue@rice.edu.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Arnold Schwarzenegger has a long one, Michael J. Fox has a short one, Madonna doesn’t have one, and the Pope doesn’t use his any more. What is it?

A last name.

The baseball team battles the University of Houston at 4 p.m. in Reckling Park.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

What did the elephant say to the naked man? “It’s cute, but can you really breathe through it?”

The photography exhibit “Alternative Churches” opens from 6 to 8 p.m. in the first and second floor galleries of the Rice Media Center. The exhibit features a collection of photographs by world renowned super famous photographer Claudette Gona. The show will remain open through March 31.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

How many mice does it take to screw in a light bulb? Two. The hard part is getting them in the light bulb.

The baseball team fights West Carolina University at 4:30 p.m. in Reckling Park.

Basketball Game

The men’s basketball team faces San Jose State University at 7:05 p.m. at Autry Court. Come help your Owls revenge their loss from earlier in the season.

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Harry Long claims he's "the job's done." Oh, really? Is Harry Long a first team ALL-WAC, selection two years running? Cause Michael Harris is. Did Harry Long lead the WAC, and rank 7th in the nation in field goal percentage last year? Michael Harris did. Perhaps Harry was too busy being a pre- and mid-season All-American to do that. No, no - that was me too. Let's face it, I've done more for this school than any 10 candidates. I've been a team captain, a leader. Let's just say I'm not too satisfied with my opponents true promises won't change that. Though to be honest, jumping up and down for two little grundels every day just made me want to slap my sweaty junk in the face of each and every one of you.

Zen Camacho

Hey, I know you! You're little Jimmy Shittface - from Bumbellock, Oklahoma! Halfway between Shit-the-Fuck-Up and Car-the-Half-Ass-of-the-Red-Neck-Youth. I've actually given up a pipe dream about your mediocre grade! Sure, let me get on that right away. I guess I've done day-tripping ya more.

Oh, I may have been pretty idealistic when I started. But dealing with annoying little grundels every day just made me want to slap my sweaty junk in the face of each and every one of you. Now I'm finally free of you bums, garbage beer and tapping my hot butt.

So let me introduce you with something the whole administration knows — this election is a crock of shit. Let's face it, I put so many SA tools up my asshole I could open up a goddamn hardware store.

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