Candidates debate SA goals, mission

by Jennifer Luo

The three candidates for Student Association president discussed the SA’s visibility and the organization’s role in campus-wide communication Monday night.

SA Internal Vice President Laura Kelley, Bancroft College president Stephen Roske, and Andrew Chifari and Gillian Serby — who are running on the same ticket — debated at Farnsworth Pavilion. Editor in Chief David Brown, a Brown senior, and Treasurer Senior Editor Julia Bursten, a Lovett College junior, moderated the debate.

Voting begins today at noon and will end Wednesday at 1 p.m. Students can vote online at sa.rice.edu.

Each candidate answered six moderator questions — four general questions and two questions open to student audience members. Answers were limited to 40 words.

The student body, Chifari apologized for an incident surrounding his campaign last year, in which he proposed to minimum the rate of the SA. He proposed in this debate to reform elections and create a lower ratio of students to SA representatives, so each senator represents a lower number of students. Chifari also said he would randomly draw opinions from 100 or more students for a more balanced representation of campus opinions.

Moderator Questions

First, the candidates were asked what resolutions they would push if elected president.

Chifari said he would work to make the SA more visible and accessible by making information such as the SA budget available on the SA Web site.

Roske said he wants to dispel the negative connotations of the word “resolution.”

“...the resolutions are supposed to be a tool for the Student Association to help provide opportunities to the student body and the Faculty Senate,” Roske said.

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Tuition to increase by 7.1 percent

by Lib Chua

New students will pay $28,430 in tuition and fees next year, up 7.1 percent from the $26,974 tuition for this year. Returning students will pay about 7 percent more than this year, and all students will pay $28,430 for room and board — a 6.9 percent increase from $26,974, the current cost of living on campus.

Tuition and fees were approved by the Board of Trustees and announced Tuesday. Vice President and Trustee Chris Muñoz said tuition was raised to maintain the quality of the university.

“The most important factor framing tuition is the investment into The Vision, which relates to maintaining and increasing the quality of programs, faculty and support that a university requires with administrator systems,” he said.

Rice’s tuition is still $8,000-9,000 less than that of other peer schools, and Rice graduates have one of the lowest average debts when they graduate, Munoz said.

“Tuition increases should reflect the increased cost of living and also reflect the value that students get,” he said.

Munoz said, “We give them gift assistance. No student who has financial need should borrow more than $35,000.”

At Princeton University next year, the cost of tuition will remain the same as it was last year.

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Columbia prof Marable: Blacks in higher ed face significant barriers

by David Brown

In the face of dying Affirmative Action programs and the weight of past and present discrimination, not an American faces tremendous barriers in achieving equality in higher education, an acclaimed scholar and journalist Manning Marable said in his President’s Lecture Series address Tuesday.

“Trends suggest the vast majority of African Americans, American Indians and most Latino students in the United States still continue to function under a kind of — using the South African racists — education apartheid,” Marable said, citing racial disparities in college enrollment figures. “Nearly two generations after the passage of the Civil Rights Act that outlawed Jim Crow in the United States, we still have a kind of colorblind Jim Crow that exists in 21st century American education.”

Marable, a professor of public affairs, political science and history at Columbia University, also founded the school’s African American studies program. His speech concluded a day of panels and lectures commemorating the 40th anniversary of the first black students to enroll at Rice and earn degrees.

In his speech, Marable evaluated the past and present successes of African Americans at the undergraduate, graduate and faculty levels in American universities before denouncing recent federal court-induced rollback of Affirmative Action programs.

He began his stories with his own family: Following the Civil War, Marable’s great-grandfather — born a slave — sent his 13 children to school and maneuvered the Bible despite being unable to read.

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Cultural shock he felt during his Orientation Week.

Academic deadlines

Mid-semester grades for first-year undergraduates are due today at 5 p.m. via the online grade submission process in ESTHER.

Today is also the last day to withdraw with a 30 percent refund of tuition.

College course plans are due today to the Dean of Undergraduates Office.

Leebron office hours

President David Leebron will hold office hours Monday from 3-4 p.m. in his office on the fourth floor of the Allen Center. All students are welcome to chat with the president about any questions or concerns they have about the university.

Vote!

Voting for the 2007 General Election starts at 12 noon today. Vote online at sa.rice.edu. Voting will end at 3 p.m. Feb. 28, and the results will be announced in the March 2 issue of the Thresher.

Let’s engineer it!

The first annual Engineering Competition Wednesday hosted more than 40 teams of three. Tasked with keeping a Ping Pong ball off the table for exactly two minutes, teams were evaluated on speed.

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Debate worthless without full info

To the editor:

Two weeks ago, Carr Taylor wrote a column ("Global warming claims should be challenged", Feb. 9) that was interesting but sadly lacking in his argument. He refers to several global warming experts, or the 2006 IPCC report, and his argument seems to lack any credible weight.

I'm no scientist — I'm not even a science major — but I read every once in a while and consider myself English class is a family argument when they come.

Taylor's facts are somewhat correct. Water vapor does produce two-thirds of the world's greenhouse effect and is vital to our atmosphere, but Taylor presents this in a faulty context. The knowledge of water vapor and the past cycles of planet warming/cooling is not news to the scientific community. They have known about it for years. And the Earth does have its own naturally occurring carbon cycle (termed carbon fixation), which has contributed to natural fluctuations in the past. True, the picture of Earth has not been mentioned in the big picture of Earth; but we are in an increasingly influential element. It's important to understand our relationship to the planet so that we can better predict and appreciating its benefits.

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Last week's letter to the editor criticized some feminists for not offering the "choice" of abortion. Some feminists have indeed refused to offer women facing unplanned pregnancies services. This criticism makes an assumption about abortion — namely, that it's simply like any other "choice." Choosing whether to get an abortion is not like choosing whether or not to go to graduate school — it is choosing whether to keep or to throw away a baby. While this is an uncomfortable point, and not meant to condemn anyone who has had an abortion, it is the truth. Biology tells us that life begins at conception — one needs only to look to the nearest embryology textbook to see this.

When one accepts the fact that abortion kills a baby, this "choice" begins to look a lot different. Promoting Feminists for Life for not offering the "choice of abortion" is tantamount to promoting the organization for the anti-life campaign, the anti-abortion movement. Feminists for Life refuses to choose between the mother and the child in the abortion debate, rather works to help both. Abortion cannot help the child, and so Feminists for Life works to remove women's ability to end their pregnancies. Feminists for Life refuses to choose between the mother and the child in the abortion debate, rather works to help both. Abortion cannot help the child, and so Feminists for Life works to remove women's ability to end their pregnancies.

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**SA-student needs minder engaging**

It is not often that one has the opportunity to witness a "political scene" at Rice. Most would probably say it’s a rare thing to see the campus transformed into a political scene and call it a day. I’ll certainly be more open-minded and think about the political climate of Rice, given that our next elected president is a student.

Sherlock. I don’t think there is one student who is not interested in the current events on campus and at Rice. The current events board needs to look at their board’s current activities and bring their vantage points to high school for their experience, they haven’t.

At the Jan. 29 meeting, the Student Senate Quini Editon Emir Evan Mintz moved to amend the current election process to make it less restrictive. The debate about the proposal lasted the bulk of that meeting and ended the following meeting on Feb. 5. In the end, the proposal was defeated, and senators voted to lump all of his recommendations into one suggestion for the election's movement. As such, the Thresher does not print anything about a candidate without advance notice to the candidates to keep secrets regarding their identities. Although it is becoming less so, as indoor smoking is becoming more rare, it is still a problem on campus.

If you value freedom of speech, you might be worried if a new proposal or another proposal that would put limits on your personal opinions of the past.

But at the time, you did know about the anti-smoking sentiments that were among the students at Rice University since 1916, is newsmite. Phone (713) 348-4801. Fax (713) 348-5238. E-mail: ricethresher.org.

**Rice Voice**

**Student mourns the loss of Comp Sci luminary**

There is a temple in the south of India where priests and attendants pay a legendary debt owed to the god Krishna. According to this legend, Krishna visited the court and witnessed the form of a sage and challenged him to a game of chess. Accepting the challenge, the king offered the sage anything he desired, but the disinterested god asked only for a portion of rice. Calculated as follows: place one grain of rice on the first square of a chess board, then on the second square, place double the number of grains present in the preceding square. Though somewhat difficult to point out the paucity regarding the king agreed to the bet and the chess match ensued.

The king lost and was devastated to discover that a single grain of rice doubled geometrically 54 times amounts to several trillions of pounds of rice. Grins, his true identity and informed the king that the rice could be paid back over time, donate towards the poor for free to all who needed it. To this day, the temple carries out the god’s wishes and continues to nourish generations of first-graders.

On the morning of Computer Science Professor Ken Kennedy’s memorial service, we commemorated an engrossing character we knew as a friend and colleague. Today, we celebrate the life of a man who touched... everyone and everything he touched. That afternoon I sat at the memorial service watching thousands of people come together. I saw friends and family, students and professors, staff and administrators all come from across the country to join us. It was an honor to be a part of such a beautiful event. Today, we will honor Ken’s memory.

Ken was so immense a person, with so tremendous an impact on everyone and everything he touched.

On the afternoon of Kennedy’s memorial service, Duncan Hall, home to the student Senate, looked as though it had been founded long ago, mourned. The students and faculty walked in somberly. The doors were locked at noon. The student Senate and the{...}

On the front page, the student Senate is comprised of roses, the actual number of people who are seri-

**Hajera Blagg**

Smoke lifestyle scorned, other vices tolerated

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African Americans in Rice's History

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Stanley's editorial positioning and its impact on the Rice community and its broader implications for higher education. Marable's analysis provides a vivid snapshot of the challenges and opportunities that Rice faced in its early years, and his insight into the broader historical context of African American education and the role of universities in promoting diversity.

The opinion also ruled that universities cannot accept or reject students on the sole basis of race for any program. If there is a perception that handmade decisions have been made, or that a university is discriminating in its admissions process, the court has the power to intervene.

The higher the academic hierarchy one goes, the whiter the institution of scholarly society becomes.

Marable's work has been influential in shaping our understanding of the history of African American education and the role of universities in promoting diversity. His analysis of the historical context of African American education and the role of universities in promoting diversity has been instrumental in shaping our understanding of the challenges and opportunities that Rice faced in its early years.
Panels commemorate 40th anniversary
Discussions focus on the past, present and future of blacks at Rice

by Risa Gordon and David Brown

The Manning Marable President’s Lecture Series address Tuesday was preceded by four panels commemorating the 40th anniversary of the first black students to enter Rice as undergraduates and earn degrees from the university. President David Leebron and Trustee Tevya Rose Barnes (Baker ’79) hosted the series in the Shell Auditorium in McNair Hall.

Rice at the Time of Desegregation

In 1961, faculty, undergraduates and graduate students voted to integrate Rice. History Professor John Byles (Will Rice ’83) said Rice—before integration was seemingly socially progressive, except for attitudes toward blacks. In the 1960s, students performed a play about the persecution of European Jews, and long before blacks could enroll, Asian and Latino students were admitted.

“Anyone who wasn’t black wasn’t white,” Byles said.

But when Rice students came around to integration, they did so for moral reasons—not just so Rice could receive federal funding, Bales said.

Raymond Johnson (Ph.D ’69) was the first black student admitted to Rice.

Having also attended the University of Texas-Austin in the 1960’s, Johnson said Rice was different in that it decided to integrate on its own, while UT was forced to do so by a lawsuit.

When Johnson attended Rice, many public facilities near campus were desegregated, but many other places downtown, such as bars and other places downtown, were not.

Howard Jefferson was Johnson’s roommate at UT, and during the summer of 1963, they lived together in Houston with two white graduate students at Rice.

Jefferson said one day their landlord, who thought Jefferson was a “Hindu Puerto Rican” told Johnson he did not want Negroes staying there. All four roommates moved out.

Karen Risse-Chernyshev (Jones ’83) discussed the climate for black students at Rice during the 1980s. She said they faced a cultural disconnect and when they were asked, black students sought to integrate in order to socialize with students there.

At Rice, she said, black students found mentors in custodial and service staff.

“Some of my fondest memories are the conversations I had in the early 80s with cooks,” Risse-Chernyshev said.

Blacks at Rice: The Students’ Experience

Jan West (Brown ’73) entered Rice at a challenging time.

She said black students came from the top of their high school classes but that they had the idea for segregation that white students were smarter. Many black students, West said, made the mistake of switching from math and science majors to the humanities.

Black students during West’s time received little support. There was no formal advising system, little to no help with job placement or community networking, and the university initially rejected the proposal for a black student union—before enrolling after a student protested at a basketball game.

Nonetheless, black students still received a quality education, West said.

History Professor Alex Iyett (Sid Richardson ’90) experienced culture shock during Orientation Week, after attending a 99 percent black high school.

“Thankfully people who questioned my qualifications for being at Rice,” Iyett said.

Nonetheless, he developed deep, affecting relationships with professors who were good role models and now values his Rice education more every year.

Black Student Association President Karen Brown said the BSAs has helped her to see Rice in a new perspective but that she thinks there are less black students and faculty at Rice.

“It’s hard to be a student without being labeled a token,” Brown, a Law College senior said.

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College System

With the 50th anniversary of the Rice college system approaching, the candidates were asked whether the college system at Rice is lacking in intellectual environment and if it is too homogeneous and exclusive. Rooke acknowledged the existence of such problems and said he would provide the academic follows programs by combining college's review sessions and having a college open forum class back.

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More than 100 prospective students set up camp at Rice Feb. 18-20, exploring classes and culture on campus during Vision Weekend 2007. Many participants have already been offered admission to the university, and all Vision Weekend participants were invited in an effort to increase the presence of underrepresented minorities in Rice’s Class of 2011. Vision Weekend has been a Rice tradition since 1994, and historically, over 75 percent of Vision participants choose to matriculate at Rice.
**Turnitup!**

Five bands. 20 minutes. Only one will win.

KTRU’s Battle of the Bands has arrived. Tonight five bands from all across the Rice campus will compete for honor, glory and a spot at KTRU’s outdoor show. But who will win? Will it be The Good Fellows, the mostly Will Rice band whose members can trade instruments faster than Clark Kent can change into Superman? Or will it be Annyong, the all pre-med group whose love of Smashing Pumpkins led to their inception? Maybe it will be Moxie, last year’s BotB winners who plan on embarking on a summer tour with a cause? Perhaps it will be Suitaloon, whose members got their start playing classical music? Or could it be Wiess244, who have been together for four years and are a mainstay of the Rice music scene?

To find the answer to these questions and more, come to the Battle of the Bands, tonight at 7 p.m. in Lovett Underground.

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**The Good Fellows**

Ben Babich, Will Rice freshman: acoustic guitar, vocals
Jesse Chan, Will Rice junior: bass, guitar, vocals
Jonathan Huang, Will Rice junior: bass guitar, electric guitar
Nathan Liang, Hanszen senior: drums

**Moxie**

PC: Loud.

**Annyong**

PC: Some guy came up to us and said, “You put this suitaloon, which is like an astronaut suit that had some cool ideas of this suit, which is like an astronaut suit that can give you food and heat all at the same time, and the name just sounds really cool.”

**Wiess244**

Ariana Turner, Wiess senior: keyboards, vocals
Jesse Traynor, Wiess junior: bass guitar, electric guitar
Jared Piotrski, Wiess junior: lead guitar

**Suitaloon**

Margaret McKeehan, Will Rice freshman: bass
Benjamin Pollak, Jones junior: drums
Charles Shapless, Will Rice junior: keyboard
Jacob Yunits, Jones junior: guitar
La pièce de résistance

Students given free fare to rare French art

by Riia Gordon
SHORTSIGHTED

Introductory art history course also at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston's special exhibition, The Masterpieces of French Painting from the Metropolitan Museum of Art 1800-1920. The three-month show — open until May 6 — vividly illustrates the movement of French art throughout the 19th century and displays some of the most famous works from the time.

"The masterpieces of French painting from the metropolitan museum of art 1800-1920"


Helga Aurisch, assistant curator of European art at the MFAH, and coordinator of the exhibition, said the exhibition brings together the most influential artists and their signature works.

"It is going to be a historical show because it is just such a treat," Aurisch said. "Even with this show, if you go to the MFAH, you may not see all of these paintings aligned next to each other because there are other paintings by the same painter that may not be as well known or as quite as wonderful. It is a hard one to outshine with them. Here we just feel as though we really have the best of the best." The MFAH is the only American museum to acquire the 135-piece collection, which is on loan from the Metropolitan Museum of Art's 20th-century gallery. The exhibition will also travel to Cleveland, where it will spend four months at the Severance Hall.

It was a huge coup for the MFAH when the Met chose the smallest museum in the United States to serve as the only American host of the exhibition, the largest the Met has ever loaned out. Although other museums were willing to allow the loudest voices (the Met) in, it was the MFAH's track record handling special exhibitions that earned it the honor, Aurisch said.

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Rice Players take the rhino by the horns in Rhinoceros

by Kitty Landolt

Absurdist theater is a challenging genre for amateur and professional troupes alike. Therefore, the Rice Players' efforts this semester to tackle it in their production of Eugene Ionesco's Rhinoceros should be applauded.

However, the play's content seems to get lost during the first and second scenes due to the monotonous characterization of its initial antagonist figures. Director Kate Flanagan, a Lovett College sophomore, likely meant each hyperlink to emphasize the nonsensical absurdity of the characters that later come down with rhinoceritis, a fictitious condition causing beligerent characters to transform into rhinoceroses.

In her directorial debut with the Players, Flanagan virtually reinvents Ionesco's play into a work of modern performance art. The use of pulsating, contemporary music elevates the mood of the play from the ennui of getting up in the morning to a charged frenzy. Flanagan's choreography of the chorus kicks a wide range of emotions that are in turn militarily conformist and strangely raw, making the chorus the most intriguing characters of the play. They use their bodies alone to create powerful emotions and make their characters unique. The nearly constant movement and involvement of the chorus with the body of the play provides a uniting force and reflects the conceptual context of the entire production. In the case of this particular production, problems of character dynamics are the low point in an otherwise innovative and provocative work.

In the play, Berenger, Ionesco's autobiographical everyman, struggles with this concept his friend call life. Baker College senior Phil Redman delivers a standout performance as the confounded hero, expressing sincerity, well-timed befuddlement when his friend Jean (Hamman College sophomore Mathew O'Connor) begins arguing with him over their sighting of a rhinoceros running through town.

The Rice Players display shock and amazement as their fellow townpeople turn into rhinoceroses.

For Hassenclocher, performing "Sergeant Early's Dream" for a second time gave her a new perspective on the piece.

"Although I know the ballet, I've had to learn a new role in the ballet, which has been fun because it's a different take," Hassenclocher said. "It's like having a friend that you haven't seen in a while, and you see them finally again. And it's like having a friend that you haven't changed but there are things about them that have affected them and changed them so you revisit that work again or that friend."

The finale, "The Concert," is a 50-year-old dance choreographed by Jerome Robbins, who is famous even to those who are not in tune with the dance world for choreographing West Side Story.

The character study of audience members at a piano recital is performed in simple costumes to focus attention on the tiny and varied girls, who dance en pointe in a piano to a clipart to a piano.

To prepare for the program, the dancers began rehearsing in January. Now that they have learned all the dances and are also working on learning Madame Butterfly and Red Earth, the dancers have six hour-and-a-half rehearsals per week.

"You have to juggle a lot of different things," Hassenclocher said. "It's important to be able to pick it up and retain it for the next day. If it gets a little overwhelming sometimes, but once you have the material and you start to put it on and it makes it get and make it your own, it's enjoyable. It's the whole process of learning it, working on it, getting it right, and then performing it. It's a journey."

The variety of the program makes it an engaging show for audience members and challenges the dancers to push themselves to be better when designing a program, Hassenclocher said.

Life & Laughter opened last night and continues for six more performances. Student tickets cost $10 and are available for the March 3 matinee performance.

Houston Ballet lights up with three-dance repertory

by Risa Gordon

Rice Players take the rhino by the horns in Rhinoceros.
SA PRESIDENT
Andrew Chifari
& Gillian Serby
We are the candidates of change. We are the candidates of optimism.
Officially, every student at Rice is a member of the Student Association. Unofficially, the SA is the handwritten, meth trembling, constantly evolving, ever-revolving, eternally desirable heart of Rice. We are the Student Association. The SA exists to be the voice of the students when the SA is here. The SA is 25 people given the power to speak for 3000, and we think that's reason enough to make a change.

We're here to get you to put into place a system in which questions of student opinions would be taken to a different level of 250 or more randomly selected students and their opinions would be given the same weight as the SA's internal decision when reported to the faculty senate. We want you to help us represent you. We want to tell the administration what you want. We want to tell the administration what you think.

We want the SA to break down its insulating walls. If we are elected, we will be the first presidents to put the SA budget online for everyone to see. If we are spending your money, we want you to know what it's going to be used for. We want you to have the power to choose to be great?

SA SECRETARY
Hilary Dowdy
Hilary Dowdy, a senior from Marco Island, Florida. In her spare time, she enjoys diving, fishing, water-skiing, and meeting new people. At Rice she is studying Political Science/Policy Studies, and is a member of the Rice Speech and Debate team. Hilary feels that she is perfect for the job because she is organized, detail-oriented, timely, energetic, and loves communication. She is confident that she is the best candidate for the job.

SA TREASURER
Matt Feaga
I promise not to stick up the SA money. I promise. I promise. I didn't screw anything up. I promise that I will use the SA money to make Rice a better place. I promise that I will not let the SA money go to waste.

SA INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT
Matthew Jankovsky
Who is Matthew Jankovsky? To some a funny name, to others a loyal friend, and to all, a candidate worthy of your vote. I am Jankovsky. I am dedicated, and I believe in my candidacy. I would do anything to make this university function properly.

While I can make no promises for better service food or to stop the rising cost of tuition, I will promise to fight for your rights and make sure that I am everything to my power to realize those ideas. I am a great communication; and I will represent the students well in the faculty and staff. It's like I said before his speech: I'm a joke that's what I do, and as long as there are things that need to be done, I'll be doing them, it's my duty.

SA EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT
Sarah Baker
Hi, everyone! I'm Sarah Baker, a sophomore at Lovett College, and I want to be your next Student Association Executive Vice President. I have two years of experience in the Student Association. As a freshman, I served as a New Student Representative, and currently I serve as Secretary of the Student Association, a position in which I must keep the student body informed about the work of the organization. I served on the steering committee for Families Welcome and helped at the Housing Fair for all three years. As Executive Vice President, I will make campus-wide events such as Famila Week and Homecoming activities more sustainable, and I will help to keep the student body informed about the work of the organization.

I have organized events such as the Rice Splash Boat Race, and I have organized events for various organizations such as the Faculty Senate, fraternity-kappa organizations, and all residential colleges. I plan to:

1. Have frequent tournaments for Rice community wide game groups and engage student interest.
2. Communicate with the Faculty Senate through a liaison from the SA to present student opinions on significant issues.

This is the reputation the Student Association has among most Rice students. However, this is truly a misconception; the SA is here to represent you. I will seek to cultivate relationships between the SA and various aspects of Rice, such as the Executive Vice President, and to all, a candidate worthy of your vote. Looking for truth, intelligence, and dedication all balled up in a muscular package? Look no further than Matthew Jankovsky. He's the one for you.

SA EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
Julia Bursten
It really does make a difference to me whether or not I have your vote for the Thresher Editor-in-Chief. I'm going to do the job whether or not I'm formally elected to the title. Voting is your duty and your right, as a Rice student, and I encourage you to take the time to understand our candidates before making your final decision. I would love to hear your thoughts on the matter, and I would be more than happy to answer any questions you might have. Let's make the Thresher great again. After all, it's your newspaper.

I am the student to vote for if you want to make the Thresher a better place. I will serve the Thresher and Rice as the best editor-in-chief possible, and I promise to work hard to make the Thresher the best it can be. I promise to work hard to make the Thresher the best it can be.

Join the Thresher team today! We welcome all students to join our staff and contribute to our mission of providing a student-led news source for the Rice community. We publish weekly online and bi-weekly in print, and we are always looking for new writers, editors, and designers to join our team.

If you're interested in joining the Thresher team, please contact our current Editor-in-Chief, Julia Bursten, at julia.bursten@rice.edu. We would love to hear from you and discuss the various opportunities available within the Thresher organization.
Jacob Ryan Stinnett
Tara Grigg
Court Jackson
Jacob Ryan Stinnett

HONOR COUNCIL SOPH. REP. (PICK 3)
Jennifer Cieluch (left)
Austin Mueller (right)

Jackie Amnions

Jackie Amnions is excited to run for re-election to Honor Council. Having served as the Honor Council Freshman Representative for the last year, Jackie is a Brown College freshman from Dallas. Jackie is an Economics and English major and enjoys writing for the Thresher, babysitting, eating chocolate, going to Bible studies, and hanging out with friends and family.

Katherine Gomer

U. COURT JUNIOR CLASS REP. (PICK 2)
Ben Carson
Katherine Gomer (left)

KTRU STATION MANAGER
Daniel Derozier

LISA SUN
RSVP TREASURER
Sarah Wu

RSVP SECRETARY
Catherine Huang

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RSVP EXTERNAL VICE-CHAIR
Sophie Kim
RSVP is an amazing channel through which Rice students can get connected to volunteer opportunities in our community. The vast majority of students, however, are not taking full of these opportunities. I feel that many more students would get involved in what RSVP has to offer if they had heightened awareness of the vast needs that exist in the community - along with the many ways to get involved in helping to meet these needs.

As External Vice-Chair I will work extensively to ensure that people throughout the colleges know about the many opportunities available through RSVP. I have determined that more students at Rice involved in the volunteer programs and community service that exist. One way I plan to accomplish this is by raising awareness through effective organization of the RSVP College representatives to make sure announcements on upcoming events and meetings are made regularly in each college. I will work with the college representatives in getting each college informed in the RSVP outreach week and collaborate with the RSVP members in organizing and planning the different volunteer activities made available.

I thoroughly enjoyed my past year of serving as an RSVP officer, and have learned a great deal about what it takes to help run this organization successfully. I very much hope that I will be able to apply my experience and passion for this organization by serving as the External Vice-Chair for 2007-2008. Thank you!

Wilbur Wang
Do you know where and what the last big RSVP event was? If you don't, you're not alone. My name is Wilbur Wang, and I am running for External Vice President of the Rice Student Volunteer Program (RSVP). The fact that such events are not prominent or even vaguely known is a problem that would like to address, should I be elected External Vice President.
The general student body should be more informed about the volunteer opportunities available through RSVP. who includes volunteering at local hospices, serving food to homeless, raising children, and helping with environmental activities in the local Houston area. Also, through communication with the media, including the Thresher, the student body can definitely be more informed of RSVP activities and events.

I am qualified for this position because I have been active in the organization as an External Vice-President. As External Vice-President, I have been the Chairperson for the RSVP 1 Children's Committee, and have organized and participated in Rice's annual Project Pumpkin, as well as trips to DePelchin Children's Center. I will be in charge of coordinating Children's Awareness Week, which takes place later this month.

Those around me would agree that I am a diligent and hardworking person—nothing needs to get done, I will see that it does. Having said all that, I would definitely love to see your vote for me as RSVP External Vice President in the coming week.

RSVP INTERNAL VICE-CHAIR
Linda Quon
RSVP CHAIR
Qian (June) Liu
I want to be your RSVP Chair next year because I want to encourage Rice students to be more active within the Houston community. We live in a dynamic and vibrant city, and there are so many avenues for change. My volunteer experiences at Rice became even more meaningful after I realized how much I could do through a variety of volunteer experiences, and the many benefits of being involved in the community. As an Internal Vice-President, I want to emphasize this to the student body. I have always been passionate about volunteering, and I believe that volunteering is a great way to learn different skills and make a positive impact on the community. I look forward to serving as the next Internal Vice-President, and I hope this experience will lead to more students getting involved with RSVP.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

Article II. Pledge
1. The following pledge shall be signed at the end of all final examinations, hour quizzes, and other important projects on which the pledge is required by the instructor: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received any unauthorized aid on this (examination, quiz or paper)."

2. Each student upon entering Rice University must sign a matriculation pledge stating that he or she will support the Honor System. This pledge is set forth in the By-Laws and must be signed by the entering applied by each student every semester before registration can be completed.

UNPETITIONED OFFICES

No petitions were submitted before the February 9 deadline for the following elected positions:

- Honor Council Sophomore Class Representative (2 unfilled)
- Honor Council Senior Class Representative (1 unfilled)

UNFILLED OFFICES

The following offices did not receive enough petitions by the February 9 deadline to fill the appropriate number of elected positions:

- Honor Council Sophomore Class Representative (2 unfilled)
- Honor Council Senior Class Representative (1 unfilled)

International Leadership Competency Forum

ILCF is a student initiated, collaborative effort to provide students an opportunity to learn global leadership skills directly from a variety of successful international leaders in business, academia, governmental and non-governmental organizations. If you have ideas about who you would like to see at ILCF, please RSVP at bipprsvp@rice.edu

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DUTIES OF SA ELECTED OFFICIALS

ARTICLE III. EXECUTIVE

Section 2. Executive Committee
(a) The Executive branch shall form an Executive Committee to discuss the activities and projects of the Student Association and the Student Association Senate.
(b) The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the officers of the Student Association with elected officers as voting members and appointed officers as ex-officio members.
(c) The Executive Committee shall periodically meet to discuss the activities and projects of the Senate and its members.
(d) No committees or contracts shall be made by any Senate member on behalf of the Student Association without the approval of the Staff Advisor and a majority of the Executive Committee or the Senate.

Section 3. The President of the Student Association shall:
(a) Serve as the chief executive of the Student Association.
(b) Preside at all meetings of the Student Association and Student Senate, in person or through the Vice-President of the Student Association, and a member ex-officio, without voting rights, of all Senate committees.
(c) Call meetings of the Student Association upon the written demand of five percent (5%) of the Student Association members, upon the request of a Vice-President, or upon his/her own initiative.
(d) Call special meetings of the Student Senate upon the written demand of three Student Senate members.
(e) Limit the direct exercise of his/her authority to those areas not explicitly delegated to other members of the Executive Committee.

Section 4. The Internal Affairs Vice-President shall:
(a) Be charged with the responsibility of assisting the President in ensuring that the Student Senate functions in the interests of the Student Association and in compliance with this Constitution and its By-Laws AND fulfilling any tasks specifically delegated to the office by this Constitution and its By-Laws.

Section 5. The External Affairs Vice-President shall:
(a) Be charged with the responsibility of assisting the President in representing the Student Association to the University and soliciting input from Student Association AND fulfilling any tasks specifically delegated to the office by this Constitution and its By-Laws.

Section 6. The Secretary of the Student Association shall:
(a) Keep an accurate roll of the Student Senate membership.
(b) Keep complete minutes of all meetings of the Student Association, including the Senate, and attend to the distribution of the minutes, legislation, and other important information.
(c) Keep an accurate list of the active organizations and their officers.
(d) Be responsible for the keeping of records, both electronic and physical, of all Student Association business.
(e) Take custody of the records of the Student Association produced during his/her term to the Woodson Research Library to be placed on permanent file.

Section 7. The Treasurer of the Student Association shall:
(a) Keep all funds of the Student Association in an accredited bank or similar institution approved by the Student Senate and the Director of Student Activities.
(b) Dispose of funds of the Student Association upon the authority of the Student Senate. The Treasurer shall sign all checks written on Student Senate funds.
(c) Have the right of complete and total access at any time to the books and all financial data of all registered Student Association organizations. The Treasurer shall report on this data to the Director of Student Activities and the Student Senate as requested.
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air of comical entertainments to the production. Furthermore, Brown College junior Stephan Hammel’s Logician shines and amuses as he cunningly thinks circles around the panicked citizens.

Unfortunately, the argument between Jean and Berenger that dominates the first scene drags on far too long, losing the interest of the audience and creating a lag from which the rest of the play has to recover. The growing conflict between Berenger and Jean struggles to remain interesting, but any sense of interpersonal tension or relation of any kind is lost in Jean’s incessant belittling. Indeed, their friendship seems entirely forced. So, after a tediously long opening scene, it is difficult to regain interest in the comical antics of Berenger’s co-workers.

It is the chemistry between Redman’s Berenger and Brown junior Natalie Navar’s Daisy which grabs the attention of the audience most effectively. Daisy, like everyone who is not Berenger, talks and acts nonsensically. But Navar gives the character an impressive depth. Daisy develops from another nonsensical, quirky moppet into a fully aware woman. Despite her absurdity, she is easier to relate to and almost more human than any of the other secondary characters. She is girly and cute, but avoids becoming nauseating or boring. Daisy’s central kindness and good nature show through the inanity.

Set, costume and lighting designs for the show are minimalist, in keeping with the look and feel of the genre. Brown junior Alice Chai’s set consists of hand-dyed fabric draped or stretched between thin wooden posts that are painted a cool blue-gray. Although they are simple, set and lighting work well together to communicate a somewhat worn, faded texture like that of early Dadaist imagery.

Ultimately, the Players’ production is a worthy effort at an intellectually and theatrically challenging piece. The play’s amazing technical work enhances the production. Simple sets and elaborate costumes suit Rhinoceros’s story well. While the acting is hit-or-miss, viewers will appreciate the departure from solemnity Rhinoceros provides.

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Swimming finishes second at Conference USA championships

by Taylor Johnson

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi's 200-yard medley relay team of John Scher Memorial '02, Carl Beausoleil '02, Johnny Dorn '02 and Nick Turner '02 finished second in the 200-yard medley relay at the Conference USA championships Saturday in Bloomington, Ind.

The Owls, who finished 10th in the championships, are in a three-way tie for fourth with SMU and Middle Tennessee State University after posting a time of 1:34.40 in the 200 medley relay. Rice finished the championships in fourth place, 14 points behind Air Force and 32 points behind SMU.

Head Coach Greg Williams said the Owls have provisionally qualified for the NCAA championships in the 200 medley relay. The Owls also qualified for the championships in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

The Owls have provisionally qualified for the championships in the 200 freestyle relay, 200-yard medley relay, 400-yard freestyle relay and 200-yard backstroke. The Owls also provisionally qualified for the championships in the 400-yard medley relay and 400 freestyle relay.

Defensive back for the Owls, who kept the Owls scoreless for the first four minutes while tying the game at 25, said his team is looking to improve on its performance in the final two rounds. Rice lost to SMU 87-69 in the final two rounds.

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Harknett continues dominance over ranked opponents

**Owls fall to No. 43 Texas Tech and No. 20 Louisiana State University in finals, face No. 18 Texas tomorrow**

by Casey Michel

MILLER AQUATICS

Early deficits proved too much for the men's tennis team to overcome as they fell to No. 43 Texas Tech and No. 20 Louisiana State University last week. The Owls, who dropped the men's tennis team to overcome Harknett continues dominance over ranked opponents the final singles matches.

Rice will return to Austin to face No. 43 Texas Tech on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. The Owls last squared off with the Longhorns in the regular season on April 12, 2006. Rice earned one of the team's most shining spots, knocking off then-No. 1 7-6 in singles. senior Ben Harknett and junior Rafael Kupper, both unranked, swept their ranked opponents, putting the clinching match in the hands of Robert Searle. (Will Rice, '06).

In singles, senior Ben Harknett and junior Rafael Kupper, both unranked, swept their ranked opponents, putting the clinching match in the hands of Robert Searle. (Will Rice, '06). Searle twice battled his way back from deficits of 5-1 against No. 7 Travis Helgeson and won the final six points of the tiebreaker to secure the win for Rice.

Assistant coach Eric Unsworth (Baker '96) said that the Owls had to handle expectations as the Owls had to face No. 18 University of Texas on April 12, 2006. They squared off with the Longhorns in the regular season on April 12, 2006. Rice earned one of the team's most shining spots, knocking off then-No. 1 7-6 in singles. senior Ben Harknett and junior Rafael Kupper, both unranked, swept their ranked opponents, putting the clinching match in the hands of Robert Searle. (Will Rice, '06). Searle twice battled his way back from deficits of 5-1 against No. 7 Travis Helgeson and won the final six points of the tiebreaker to secure the win for Rice.
One of the top players in the country, the senior forward has the Owls poised for another run at the postseason.

Despite suffering season-ending injuries to key players, the Owls are still in contention in C-USA. Of course, Neaves is at the center of that success.

"We have really tried to not let [mistakes] affect her as much during games, and (she knows) that she has to score for us to do well," Stovall said.

Neaves arrived at Rice in Fall 2002 as one of the top players in the nation. In water polo, Neaves never intended to become so committed to the pool—"that was just something to do in between swimming and basketball—but she soon discovered her talent. By the time Neaves graduated, she was a three-time All-American and Broward County (Fla.) player of the year in water polo.

Not surprisingly, she was highly regarded on the hardwood as well. Neaves averaged a staggering 28.4 points, 17.4 rebounds and 7.0 blocks per game as her way to member of all-state honor and district championship. When she came to Rice, some observers said she had the potential to be one of the best post players ever at the school, but as a freshman, she could hardly get off the bench. Neaves came to an Owl team that was already stocked with five players in the frontcourt.

Neaves didn't have to go on a diet at Rice: she could eat as much as she wanted. However, she made the most of her time on the bench, learning the Rice record book in the process.

"I wanted to use that year to try to become more comfortable and score a little bit more experience going in," she said. "I think it really helped a lot."

"The time off proved good for Neaves. She has since become one of the best post players ever at the school, but as a freshman, she could hardly get off the bench. Neaves came to an Owl team that was already stocked with five players in the frontcourt. Neaves delivered, hitting her last six free throws in the final trip to the Big Dance.

"The blocked shot in women's basketball is a real weapon," he said. "The blocked shot at Rice means her is a number one, and she's certainly one of them."

Neaves says she becomes more confident and rebounding than on her offensive game.

"I pride myself on my defense," she said.

**The Lauren Neaves File**

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**Conference Awards**

2003-04
- All-WAC first team
- All WAC second team

2004-05
- All-WAC first team
- All-WAC second team

2005-06
- WAC tournament MVP
- All-C USA first team
Senior forward Lauren Neaves leads the Owls in points per game, rebounds per game and blocked shots. She is currently 76 points behind Maria Brumfield (Sid '00) for third place on the Owls' all-time points list.

Neaves, a 6-foot center, has played most of the year with an injured hip that actually caused her to miss four games in December, the first injury absence of her collegiate career. Yet she continues to dominate defense. "The nickname is apt. Neaves is able to score or have a bad night and still be a good night of defense," Williams said.

As one of the top seniors in the country, Neaves has garnered attention from the WNBA and European professional leagues. Williams, himself a coach in three different women's professional leagues, sees her continuing her success. "If she gets with the right team, she has a chance, because she is a great rebounder, she is a shot blocker, and she can score around the basket," Williams said.

Neaves, though looking forward to playing professionally down the line, now is focused on the task of winning conference and continuing the rise of the program since McKinney's tenure.

"That's something that she's proven throughout her entire career," Williams said. "As the season winds down and you get down into conference games, important games, conference tournament games, she's stopped her game up, and that's the mark of a really great player."

Williams, the only assistant from McKinney's staff still at Rice, has taken over Neaves' "silent leader" responsibilities. The nickname comes from a recent game in which Neaves had 15 rebounds."

"That's something that she's proven throughout her entire career," Williams said. "As the season winds down and you get down into conference games, important games, conference tournament games, she's stepped up her game, and that's the mark of a really great player."

Indeed, a win in the conference tournament and an appearance in the NCAA tournament would help cement the legacy of the best class in Rice women's basketball history, a group that has made winning the norm rather than the exception. But ask any Owl fan and they'll say Neaves' legacy has already been set.

RICE RECORDS

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* totals as of Feb. 20, 2007

**SIGHNS AND SYMPTOMS:**

- Feeling down
- Loss of interest in things
- Changes in appetite
- Changes in sleep patterns
- Crying spells

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The right-hander from San Jacinto College allowed seven hits but only one run in 16.1 innings, all in relief. The right-hander from San Jacinto College allowed seven hits but only one run in 16.1 innings, all in relief. He threw a low-90's fastball, a curveball/slider hybrid he calls a "slurve" and a changeup to keep opposing hitters off-balance.

The Owls' starting rotation also turned in yet another solid weekend. Junior closer Chris Kelley kept pitching himself out of jams in Friday's 4-3 extra-inning loss. The right-hander from San Jacinto College allowed seven hits but only one earned run in 4.1 innings before giving way to the bullpen. Graham said Kelley's pitches are good but that he lacks consistency.

"When he has command of his stuff, he's good, and when he doesn't, he struggles," Graham said. "Right now he's making a few too many bad pitches."

Rice struggled towards the end of the season, getting only one hit in the final four innings. Senior Jared Gayheart and senior Kyle Gunderson surrendered only one earned run in 10 innings, but it was enough for the Owls to take the series opener.

Owls hung in there around on Saturday, with 11 runs against Long Beach State staff already depleted by injury. Freshman starter Ryan Berry went 7.2 innings, allowing only two runs while striking out eight. Owls' hitters for his second win in two collegiate starts. Berry's ERA stands at 1.08 in 10.2 innings; he has 17 strikeouts and allowing less than one base runner per inning. He should get the start in Saturday afternoon's matchup with Nebraska.

Savery will wrap up the Rice Invitational on Sunday against TAMU-CC. Last Sunday, Savery threw 6.2 innings, allowing only one run in 5.2 innings. He has allowed as many baserunners as strikeouts — 8 — on the season. His three star to have been brief, but the Owls expect his strength to continue improving with each outing.

"He's still in spring training," Graham said. "His arm is not nearly as live as it will be two weeks from now."

While the Owls' pitching is looking more dominant, the offense is still searching for the consistency that carried them to the College World Series last season. The Owls have compiled a paltry 2.25 home run average and a 240 slugging percentage on the young season, significantly worse than last season's .315 and .504. The team has combined for only 6 home runs, compared to last season's mark of 11 through 10 games.

"It's all the things that hitters do when they're not hitting," Graham said. "They swing at the pitches they can't hit, and they take the ones they can hit. Their discipline's broken down because they're pressing."

Coach Graham's frustrations had the team back to the basics for Monday's practice. After a hitless-only meeting, the team spent several minutes on fundamentals before the usual rounds of batting practice.

The extra work brought immediate returns, as the Owls scored six runs in the first two innings of Tuesday's 11-5 win over Dallas Baptist. Sophomore transfer Jared Gayheart singled in junior Tyler Henley and Brian Pridg, and sophomore Aaron Luna added a solo homer in the first. Rice scored three more in the second on four hits before forcing Patriots starter Randall Taylor from the game. Henley, Luna and junior catcher Danny Lehmann each had two hits in the seven-run attack, which was more than enough run support for the pitchers.

Junior Scott Lonergan throws 3.2 scoreless innings, allowing only four hits in his first start since transferring from Santa Clara University last year. Sam Houston State transfer Matt Langwell followed with 2.1 innings of his baseball, striking out two Patriots. Junior Jordan Dodson and freshman Mike Ojala made their mound debuts, shutting down DBU 6-2, sealing the win for Lonergan.

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SWIM

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NCAA Championships March 8-10 in Minneapolis, Minn., they must earn faster times if they hope to actually compete.

"We have a number of people who have made provisional qualifying times, but those times won't get them into the NCAs," Huston said.

This weekend, the team has one last chance to quality swimmers for nationals, as the Owls travel to the American Short Course Championships at the University of Texas Natatorium in Austin.

Regardless of how they finish the season, the Owls are already looking toward the future, with next year's training and recruiting efforts underway. This fall, three recruits have signed for next season: Ashley Ackerman from Kissimmee, Fla. and Hannah Chen of Boomean, Mont., both signed for the season on Nov. 20, as well as a third recruit whose name was unavailable. With only one senior, Andrea Harris, graduating in May, an especially strong class of freshmen and sophomores this season, the Owls will have many key returning swimmers next year in addition to these three new recruits.

"We only graduate one; we have only lost one other swimmer that would've returned otherwise, and then we've got three recruits as of right now," Huston said. "For next year, it's looking promising."
SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Golf finishes sixth at Rice Intercollegiate

The golf team finished 6th in a field of 23 teams last weekend at the 70th annual Rice Intercollegiate at Houston's Westwood Golf Course, with sophomore Kaz Hildrew finishing tied for team-high 5th place. The host Owls have never won the Intercollegiate, and this year they finished 18 shots behind first-place Sam Houston State University.

Hildrew recorded scores of 79, 76 and 73 for the three rounds, and he finished just four shots behind individual winner Aaron O'Callaghan of Southeastern Louisiana University. Freshman Christopher Brown was the next highest finisher for the Owls, ending in 19th place.

UCF went to the line 17 more times than the Owls and made 17 more free throws, but Rice did not help its cause when both Williams and head coach Willis Wilson picked up technical fouls.

The Owls have played against ranked opponents. So far, the Owls are 1-2 against opponents. The match against LSU was one of three for the Owls to break double figures and led the team with doubles in winning 11-7 in the second set. The Golden Knights scored 17 consecutive points from the free throw line.

Freshman point guard Chris Hagan was one of the bright spots, as his 11 points were the most he has scored since he put up 16 in a two-point game against then-47th-ranked Louisiana State University.

Williams led the Owls in scoring with 16 points on 7-9 shooting in Saturday's loss to the University of Central Florida.

Men's basketball drops to fourth in Conference USA

Owls face Southern Methodist University tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Autry Court

By Chris Pasich

After opening February with a three-game winning streak, the Owls lost their second consecutive game Saturday, falling 62-74 to the University of Central Florida. The loss dropped the Owls into a tie for fourth place in Conference USA, further hindering Rice's chances at a first round bye in the conference tournament.

The Owls went on the road Saturday, facing seventh-ranked University of Memphis in a nationally televised game. The conference-leading Tigers were looking to win their eighth straight game, including a nation-high 29 points from senior Almond's poor shooting night was too much to overcome.

"He hasn't had many bad shooting games all season," Williams said. "But when he does we're just not just past the midway point, and the Owls were off the mark with three small guards and three forwards. They are in second in offensive rebounding, which could pose a serious problem for the Owls. Rice is in the conference in rebounding, averaging just over 30 boards per game.

The loss of senior center Greg Williams accounts for some of the low numbers in the rebounding department — Williams was pulling down 6.2 rebounds per game prior to his leg injury and had been the most consistent post player for the Owls throughout the season. Rice most continue adjusting to his absence if the team hopes to have a strong finish.

"Losing Killings was a big blow," Almond of said. "I feel like we went there with three small guards and me at forward. Sometimes you're just not small enough, and that's a challenge we've got to step up to."
## BASEBALL

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## WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

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FRIDAY 23

Starstruck
The Rice University Campus Observatory invites you to its open house, tonight from 7 - 10 p.m. Weather permitting, there will be viewings of the moon, Saturn and various star clusters and galactic formations. The event is open to the public and hosted by an astronomy department faculty member. Attendees have the opportunity to use the big telescope in the observatory as well as several smaller telescopes set up in the parking lot. The observatory is located at the intersection of Alumni Drive and Campanile Road, behind Dell Butcher Hall.

Rock out
Battle of the Bands hits Lyle's at the Lovett College Underground at 7:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by KTRU and opens the season finale a week from today against Tulsa.

SATURDAY 24

Blub Billy
That's how you say "Club Willy" underwater. Willy's Pub for a night of shenanigans. Jones College has its spring Pub Night from 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. at Pub. Since it's Jones, some sort of "we're good at sports and so cool" sentiments will be voiced. However, if you have the patience to listen to four hours of that, stop by and see all your Jonsonian friends.

FRIDAY

Giddy up
Head on over to Reliant Stadium for the 2007 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, which opens today with a performance by country music legend George Strait. The rodeo runs all day and into the night every day from now until March 18, and it will feature big-name musicians from all different genres. The entire complex surrounding Reliant Stadium gets used for various rodeo events and attractions, and people from all over can be found meandering through. For tickets, contact Ticketmaster, or hop on the METROrail and head over to Reliant Park yourself.

Crunch time
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The Backpage is satire and is written by Evan Mintz.