**SA blocks green tax vote**

**Proposed sustainability blanket tax kept off ballot**

by Jocelyn Weight

A proposal to place a $10 blanket tax for renewable energy on the Student Association ballot this year was rejected by a narrow vote at the SA meeting Monday. However, the Renewable Energy Fund Committee, the committee that would have received the tax money, was approved.

The tax, proposed by the SA Sustainability Committee, would have served as a source for energy projects, such as putting solar panels on the Rice Memorial Center. McAnaney, a sophomore, said they decided to make the wording more general because Sustainability Director Richard Johnson pointed out it was important to maintain a flexibility in wording the blanket tax to keep their options open if they decided to pursue other sources of renewable energy.

Meancen said that after the student associations, including University of Illinois and Harvard University, have similar student renewable energy funds to fund their installations of solar panels on the Rice Memorial Center.

**Life in plastic...it’s fantastic!**

Brown College sophomore Rita Diaz and Baker College junior Ashley Russell dance at Archi-Arts Saturday. The theme for this year’s party was “Plastic.” Each year, the students on campus say they feel they are the strongest candidates for the respective positions.

In the SA Debates, the candidates face off in internal debate.

by Lily Chan

Candidates for Student Association President, External Vice President and Internal Vice President gathered for an SA-sponsored debate Monday in Farerson Hall to discuss why they feel they are the strongest candidates for the respective positions.

SA Internal Vice President Matt Youn said he thinks Rice students are unique. “We’re a quirky bunch, and I love it,” Youn, a Brown College junior said. “I’m a group of very intelligent students but at the same time, we keep it real.”

SA External Vice President Sarah Baker said she thinks students need hard but also how to have fun. Baker, a Lowell College junior, said she was happy with the different types of students on campus.

SA Parliamentarian Christopher Warrington also said he valued the variety of people at Rice. “We’re a diverse group of students in our bonds, and we’re connected together by the college system,” Warrington, a Jones College junior said.

Next, Baker asked the candidates to describe one leadership strength and one leadership weakness.

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**Kerry keynotes climate conference**

by Sarah Badger

Perhaps Massachusetts Senator John Kerry failed from the public eye after his unsuccessful run for the presidency in 2004, but in a speech last Saturday at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, he said he has turned his attention to bigger, more global issues. As keynote speaker of the Beyond Science: The Economics and Politics of Responding to Climate Change” day-long event, Kerry highlighted the importance of addressing global climate change today.

Cocktails and hors d’oeuvres were served before the event, which was open to the public. Kerry delivered the keynote address on climate change, which included details from his time on the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and as Governor of Massachusetts.
The rice Thresher

SA should let the students vote

Clia standpoint that there is a severe gap between the Student Association and the rest of the student body are cliche. But at Monday's meeting, the SA played that same old tune, blocking students from being able to vote on a blanket tax increase, so that more than 80 percent of students supported, according to an SA poll from last year (see story, page 1).

Brown College senator Patrick McNaney and SA Environmental Committee Chair Lauren Laustsen made the proposal, which would have created a Renewable Energy Committee within the SA to use the money — around $30,000 a year — to fund environmental and sustainability improvements to campus.

After a year of unprecedented environmental activism on campus, this proposal would have allowed students to lead the charge for themselves. After all, students had already shown in poll results that they wanted such a program, and the SA should have given them a chance to vote on one. If the plan had problems, then students themselves could have voted it down.

However, McNaney did assure the SA that Director of Sustainability Richard Johnson was overseeing the plan. And if SA members wanted more details about the plan, they should have asked for them, rather than voting it down without knowing all the facts.

In fact, the entire voting process was marked by SA members' confusion over the proposal and the election process. If students are going to get elected to these positions, they should at least know how the government works.

Having been hard on us for years, Laustsen should not view the SA's rejection of the blanket tax as a permanent setback. They should use this time before the next election to flesh out their current proposal and plans for the years to come. If McNaney and Laustsen make the plans concrete enough, then approval for blanket tax funding would be nothing more than a formality, ready to be voted upon by students.

20 years necessitates blanket tax adjustment

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THEFT

by Joelyn Wright

A robber originating in Australia attempted to gain access to thewidewebmail system that he had been using to read and delete e-mail messages. The system was protected by a user-friendly interface, which made it easy for both the legitimate user and the criminal to access the system. The criminal was able to bypass the security measures by exploiting a vulnerability in the system's authentication process. He then used this access to delete all of the user's e-mail messages, effectively denying them the ability to read their own communications. The incident highlighted the importance of robust security measures in protecting sensitive information. The user was advised to change their password immediately and to be cautious about sharing personal information online. The incident also underscored the need for users to be vigilant against similar threats and to regularly update their security measures.
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Bucher refused to comment. Kelley, a Brown sophomore, said she thought the SA Senators were confused when they were voting, and that some senators thought they were voting to put the blanket tax on the ballot with the first vote. The Senator first voted on whether or not to establish the committee, and then voted on whether or not to put the blanket tax to fund the committee on the ballot.

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To save the environment, Kerry said governments need to cap trade and mandate carbon caps in order to be energy efficient. While Kerry said he hopes to impose restraints on every car to average 30 miles per gallon by 2020, he mentioned that China will already impose a 35.6 miles per gallon automobile restraint next year.

To begin to catch up to other nations in energy efficiency, Kerry said he wants to institute a stronger climate change science program, provide more money for research and development of new technologies, and reduce trade and tariff bills that calls for 80 percent reductions in emissions by 2050. The small number of developed countries generally left out by these agreements wants the United States and China to lead this movement and encourage other countries to share and differentiate responsibilities.

Kerry mentioned the 1990 amendment to the Clean Air Act, which called for $2 billion in two-and-a-half years against climate change. He said it scientists are warning that great damage can happen under this bill is the creation of new jobs, an improvement in more sustainability and less dependence on Middle Eastern governments. This would involve a fair amount of money, but Kerry said this is not unheard of, especially given the country's involvement in the Iraq War. He said the government could install pumps for alternate fuel sources in every gas station in the country with the money spent in a week on Iraq.

"It was refreshing to be in the audience with a group of people on the same page that climate change is real."

— Laura Kelley
SA President

Kerry said there are several economic benefits to driving for energy efficiency, he cited the management of a National Instruments company in Dallas that looked at the building plan, consolidated the building to two floors instead of three, so the building takes up less space and uses less energy, and used straight pipes in the construction of the interior for energy conservation. This move kept 80,000 jobs and saved over $2 million per year for the company.

"This allows people to see one of the successes stories in the Clean Air Act, and understand that this doesn't have to be as destructive as some of the naysayers want you to believe," Kerry said.

Kerry said there is a substantial difference between the United States and European countries in conserving energy, with Europe spending billions of dollars in research and technologies while the US continues to burn oil and gas and not knowing when not to use more energy.

"Here in the United States, our escalators are 28 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year," Kerry said. "Lights are on all night. We are unbelievably wasteful... yet we are spending millions of dollars needlessly in a consequence of that."

He attributed Europe's efficiency to its smaller geography and generally lower energy consumption in comparison to the United States.

Brown College senior Laura Kelley said she was glad Kerry spoke to the audience with a group of people on the same page that climate change is real.

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The Student Association met Monday. The following were discussed:

- Eric Max, University Parking Committee student representative, said the committee was looking to update its fees. Max, a Hansen College senior, said the committee was taking the results of the SA poll from Dec. 12 on parking issues into consideration. The poll said students want graduated parking rates, which makes rates for upperclassmen lower than those on sophomores and freshmen, to be implemented. Students also said they wanted to lower the parking rates for off-campus students. Suggestions, comments or questions about parking can be e-mailed to max@rice.edu.

- The Senate voted on which constitutional amendments and by laws would be included in the ballot for the 2008 General elections. They voted to put a correction of the definition of majority, to replace the Director of Publications with the Director of Communications, and an update of the duties of the secretary. The proposed by law amendment to increase the thrasher blanket tax was approved. The student body can vote on these issues during the election.

- A Senate bill to form the Renewable Energy committee was approved. The Senate voted against the bill's request for a $10 blanket tax to be placed on the ballot, failing in a roll call vote.

- The Senate also voted to update the duties of the president and Director of Publications, to remove the Who's Who Award Committee, to correct a cross reference in by law E and to update the Senate publications.

- Martel College senior Mithar Mansingham and Martel College junior Zach Marshall requested that the Election Committee reconsider their eligibility in the upcoming General Elections after the committee ruled ineligible due to their late submission of the petition for candidacy. The Senate voted not to overturn the committee's decision. Mansingham and Marshall will have the opportunity to appeal for eligibility in the following SA meeting.

- Internal Vice President Sarah Baker said the men's basketball game against University of Houston will be on Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. at Reckling Pavilion at UH. Shuttles will run between Rice and UH from 6 p.m. until the game ends.

- The Senate approved KTRU's request for an $80 donation to fund the 13th Annual KTRU Outdoor Show, which is scheduled for Saturday, April 13.

The SA meetings are held in the Grand Hall at 10 p.m. on most Monday.

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Chris Violette and Joe Diniello battle the undead in George Romero's latest zombie film Diary of the Dead.

More than just gore in Romero's Diary of the Dead

by Evan Mintz

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For the past 60 years, George A. Romero has made his distinct, irreverent, commentary-through-films featuring stumbling, deadening zombies. Night of the Living Dead reflected upon the conflict and racial struggles of the 50s. Dawn of the Dead was a blunt satire of consumerism, with zombies trapping people in a mall. And the recent Land of the Dead was a wonder-ful, last interpretation of the post-9/11 world.

Diary of the Dead

While the symbolism of these films may have been bluntly obvious to audiences, the characters seem oblivious to the overarching metaphor, as fictional characters are wont to do. Not so in Romero's most recent, Diary of the Dead.

Following in the footsteps of Romero himself, a group of young filmmakers head out to the forest to make a zombie movie just at the moment of a great zombie apocalypse. Soon enough, their innocent movie-making turns into a video document of their attempts to escape the zombies and find their families. How meta.

Diary is supposed to be a retroactive continuity change of Romero's zombie canon, and appropriately so. The last several years have seen resurgence in zombie lore largely centered on zombie outbreak, with zombies trapping people in a mall. The events of 9/11 certainly inspired the fear. While the original Night of the Living Dead's Illinois style was reminiscent of a war-era newsreel commentary, Diary explicitlyplayed on the charac-
ters' MySpace. Indeed, at the outset, the zombie outbreak in Diary, people find themselves turning to the Internet for facts, with the mainstream news unwilling to accept that, yes, the dead are returning to life. It almost suggests that the official 9/11 reports are lies and that we should reconsider these conspiratorial Pavlovian videos about the meeting point of steel. Now who is the real zombie?

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Despite the symbolic content, Diary does not skimp on the gore, which fans of the dead will not be disappointed in.

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However, these symbolic threads all weave one main question: Why do people post their daily lives on the Internet? Is it in the drab of the everyday, to remember what it is that is so meaningful about being human, that you change your number. I'm not going to lie: I would not have a YouTube video. After all, that is how people get their news these days.

A&E heartbeat for those post-Valentine's blues

Tom Braxton's "Unbreak My Heart" blares in the background, a sadly simpliﬁed response to loneliness, and it's just another Day After Valentine's. A day where the grief of the vacant heart is perfectly summed up in a silver needle in one of its cartoonish, white, Mickey Mouse hands and a little plaque that says, "I'm sorry for that I said or did that hurt you." It's hard to take seriously when combined with Romero's thoroughly entertaining horror, which combined with the first-person perspective, gives the movie a startlingly ac-

curately vivid movie feel. But when Diary does not feel like the game House of the Dead, it feels like a student film, which may or may not be a good thing.

Admittedly, fans of World War Z will be somewhere let down by the lack of massive scale implied by Brook's false history. But this is not a commercial, it is a YouTube video. After all, that is how people get their news these days.

Nikki Metzgar

In her photo series "Elector Girls," artist Miwa Yanagi critiques the conformity shown upon the Japanese women who work as election girls.

Yanagi photo exhibit makes colorful commentary

by Lally McConnell

Miwa Yanagi's diverse new exhibition at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston integrates theatrical elements with cutting edge techniques to render visually stunning photographs.

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Antidote Coffee medicinal in excellence

by Ingrid Norberg
THRESHER STAFF

If a caffeine cure is what you seek, there is no better place to go right now than the aptly named Antidote. Open since early November, this Heights hangout featuring coffee, beer, wine, food and free WiFi is far more than the sum of its parts.

The coffee—which comes straight to you from Big Bend Coffee Roasters in Marfa, Texas—is 100 percent fair-trade and organic, yet surprisingly inexpensive. The organic hormone-free milk—like some of the more unique options. Organic hormone-free milk or soymilk can be substituted for the taste is even better. The not too hot milk and a well-packed pulled shot.

The food selection goes far beyond the expected biscotti and muffins—a decadent-looking German chocolate cake and a variety of quiches are artfully arranged on the counter alongside the fruit basket and cookie jars, one of which is filled with hand-saved peanut butter and M&M cookies that are locally made and deliciously heated up. A number of spreads—red pepper hummus and chicken beer paste, for example—and cheese platters featuring rotating selections, all of which come from Texas dairies, are also offered.

All these excellent foods and drinks are beautifully complemented by the chic and comfortable surroundings. Despite its unobtrusive location in a small strip of stores, the owners have made it quite the hip spot, taking this former Laundromat with exposed brick walls and floor-to-ceiling window and filling it with cozy retro couches and sturdy butcher block tables perfect for lounging or working. A selection of worn board games, a shelf of novels and copies of the New York Times and Free Press Houston, along with a few board games, is in an attractive frosted glass with an eco-friendly foam jacket. The drink’s appearance and presentation is only the beginning of its charms, for the taste is even better. The ideal amount of foam tops off the not too hot milk and a well-pulled shot.

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Here Comes the 123s more than a 10

YANAGI

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The members of They Might Be Giants goof around — a skill evidenced by the playful nature of their second children’s album Here Come the 123s.

presented it in mirror images, as if no matter what one of Yang's women would turn, they could never escape the sameness of themselves and their environment. The photo comments on the current perception of women; the idea that they shall always strive for the same ideal of beauty.

In contrast to the highly colorful and modern “Eleven Girls,” the prints in “Fairy Tale” are done entirely in black and white and draw on legends that the Western world is familiar with. Among the favorites is Sisyphus and Cersei. Yanagi interjects two tales from this century. One is Kobo Abe’s “Woman in the Dunes,” a story that Yang uses as a basis for a video, which is one of two works in the series that are not large-scale photographs. The models of the video — all of whom are between 10 and 12 years old — depict women of all ages. Yang uses masks to represent the elderly.

However, with young ladies who are sticking out the costumes, there is some ambiguity with regard to the characters’ ages. The older women of these stories act as either the villain or the guide while always being the young protagonist. Since we can never satisfy any definite age to Yang’s characters, we are forced to look at the tales more closely and examine what roles maturity and innocence represent.

The third series, “My Grandmothers,” is a project that Yang says “visualizes the old perceived value of several young women when asked to imagine what type of woman they themselves might become: 50 years later.” The photos resemble “Eleven Girls” with their vibrant, unnatural color schemes, where the typical group hair of a woman is instead bright pink or auburn.

In “Hiroko,” a young porn star is lectured by her grandmother figure against the backdrop of a sexy hotel room. The actress’s suitcase is open in the middle of the floor and sports clothes along with a SM gag. By tackling the porn industry, an area in which women often lack individual identity, Yang clarifies that even in this situation a woman must gain strength from her predecessors and respect what they have done in the past.

Yang’s commentary about the role of women continues throughout the works. The very criticism that is present in “Eleven Girls” generally occurs and becomes less evident in “Fairy Tale,” revealing a closer look at some of the stories that many of us have heard since childhood. “My Grandmothers” challenges us to look forward to, in which women will have 50-year careers, and serves to remind us how far our predecessors have come.

VALENTINES

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SA SECRETARY

PAIGE BAILEY for SA Secretary

My name is Paige Bailey, and this past semester it was my pleasure to be one of Ted Rich's New Student Representatives for the Student Association. I loved being involved in all the growth Rice hopes to accomplish and providing a voice for my fellow students, and I hope to serve a larger role in the upcoming semester.

Handling correspondence, keeping files, and doing clerical work for the Student Association is a huge responsibility — one that I know I would be able to achieve (with the aid of caffeine, of course). I am very organized, and to high school filled very organized, and in high school filled my secretarial duties. I know how to work under pressure and I know what my name sounds like a secret agent. Who wouldn't want a secret agent representing them in the Student Association? I would love being involved in all the growth Rice hopes to achieve and I am excited to continue serving the student body next year as SA Secretary.

DENVER GREENE for SA Secretary

My name is Denver Greene. Some guy from UT's improv troupe said my name sounds like a secret agent. Who wouldn't want a secret agent representing them in the Student Association? I will take out anything that gets in the way of my secretarial duties. I know how to work under pressure and I know what I need to do to get the job done. I am easygoing, approachable, and get along well with other people. I'll have no problem with keeping records of the clubs and people in charge of them. My passion for obsessive compulsive nature makes it easy for me to keep track of meetings and keep accurate, organized notes. I will listen to people and make sure their ideas are represented. Did I mention that I may or may not know several types of martial arts? Do you think it is a coincidence that I am Secret Agent and Student Association start with the same letters?

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Hi! I'm Sarah Baker, a junior at Lovett College, and I want to be your next Student Association President. Why vote for me? I have lots of experience in the SA. During my freshman year, I served as a Brown Student Representative. During sophomore year, I served as SA Secretary, and I currently serve as the External Vice President. All of this experience means I know what works and what doesn't in the SA. My leadership experience is not limited to the SA, however. I have served on the Student Admissions Council, Rice Program Council, and am currently a Co-Coordinator of CAPP. All of that means I know who's doing what around campus. Finally, I know lots of people on campus—administrators and students. I've made these contacts through my work in the SA and other campus organizations over the past years. These relationships mean that I know who to go to in order to get things done. And there are plenty of thing to be done! I'm proud of the SA's successes this year—Berdhopper cards, Academic Polls, and more late-night food options—but there is plenty left to do. So how do we prioritize? By listening to you! The SA should poll you more. Together, we have power!

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Chris Warrington for Student Association President.

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MATT YOUN
for Student Association President

Do you like Rice better now than when you first got here? The SA President should make sure current students' undergraduate experiences are not compromised by long-term plans. I have seen students' displeasures with construction, fee increases, etc., and I have fought to make things better. If elected, I would continue to make sure the undergraduate experience is as good as it can be.

As SA Senator and Internal Vice President, I have brought back the use of Resolutions, which have conveyed student opinions about construction, environmental policy, and academic changes. Working with Senators, Committee Chairs, and NSRs, among others, we have succeeded in keeping Spring Recess and making course evaluations public. Now, we are working on lowering parking fees and gaining earlier notice on construction projects. I have also helped create a partnership between the Faculty Senate and the Student Association. I hope to create a partnership with the Board of Trustees by the semester's end. I am open to hearing all ideas and plan on going to College Government meetings and lunches at severances during my term to reach out to all students.

In my time, the SA has made vast improvements, and I believe I am the candidate who can best continue this trend. Vote for me at 2213 at 11:00 am on Saturday. Call me at 1-713-325-5474. Email me at Matt.Bauman@rice.edu. Join my Facebook group. Let's make our voices heard.

Matt Youn for Student Association President.

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RICE PROGRAM COUNCIL PRESIDENT

MICHELLE KERKSTRA for RPC President

SAMMY THE OWL

EROL BAKKALBASI for Sammy the Owl

Mike Clendenen
for Sammy the Owl

Hey Rice! My name is Mike Clendenen, and I want to be your next Sammy the Owl. For those of you who don't know me, I'm a freshman at Brown College. This past year I have lived the Rice spirit and I will continue to do so. If elected, I will be sure to lead the way to victory.

Yes, my friends, love.

With eyes of spirit and hearts of gold, this soulful duo is the only pair capable of filling the shoes that Stephen and I have worn over the past months. But don't worry, Dylan and Lily will bring forth a fresh new scent that will make people say: "Yes, my friend, they are gellin'." Gellin' on love.

So when you step into the voting cubicle, vote for Dylan Charme. And whatever you do, don't write-in vote for the Back page for Thresher editor-in-chief.

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RTHOLLER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dylan Farmer
& Lily Chun
for Thresher Editor-in-Chief

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RSVP INTERNAL VICE CHAIR

Connie Foo
for RSVP Internal Vice Chair

As the RSVP Internal Vice Chair, I will work with the RSVP College Representatives to increase awareness and participation. I hope to provide more volunteer opportunities to those individuals who enjoy volunteering, but who are unable to commit on a long-term basis. Since middle school, I have been volunteering throughout the Houston area. During high school, I coordinated and organized various volunteer opportunities, serving for a one-day commitment opportunity (e.g. volunteering at the Houston Zoo) to long-term projects. At my high school, I established a mentorship program to the lack of concern the administration had for providing information or guidance to students. When I find a problem, I work hard to find a solution. This year, I served as a Brown College Representative, so I am familiar with the duties and responsibilities that this position entails. I also maintained the RSVP Google Calendar. I gained valuable experience as the agency coordinator for RSVP's Fall Outreach Day 2007. Currently, I am the Children's committee chair. RSVP is an amazing organization. I hope to continue the work we have accomplished this year. Please vote for me!

Connie Foo for RSVP Internal Vice Chair.

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RTV5 PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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KTRU STATION MANAGER

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RSVP EXTERNAL VICE CHAIR

ALICE TSAO for RSVP External Vice Chair

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**UNIVERSITY COURT CLASS REPS**

**BEN (thomas) CARSON** for U Court Senior Rep.

U Court deals with crimes ranging from Minor as Possession and destruction of property to D.U.I. Being on the Court, one thing you learn fast is that it isn’t as easy as deal with alcohol. It has been a sad realization for me that Rice is in the process of destroying one of its greatest assets the alcohol policy. Whether you drink or not, I think we can all agree that the policy is a problem. I have served a great experience and an open dialogue. It combat the dangers underground drinking that have resulted in tragic deaths at other schools. Unfortunately, it represents a huge liability to the school. I can’t feel President Lebow for trying to crack down on drinking. He’s a lawyer and his job is to look out for Rice’s interests. But I think he’s missing the bigger picture. Underage drinking is here to stay, and if RUPD continues to push hard on other drinking will go underground. It’s foolish to think you can stop it or even slow it. Anyone who thinks you can never around college kids. And the only result will be that one day a normal Rice kid, if you or me, will be presented with a something called RUPD and risk getting to trouble or do nothing and risk losing your friend’s life. If you want to that about this, please shoot me an email at ben.carson@rice.edu. Rising seniors, vote Carson for Court.

**KATHERINE GOMER** for U Court Senior Rep.

**ALEX DINUR** for U Court Junior Rep.

**KATIE ORTHBahn** for U Court Junior Rep.

**CHRIS RIZK** for U Court Sophomore Rep.

My name is Chris Rizk and I was born and raised at Montevideo, Minnesota. I was drawn to the opportunity to serve on the Honor Council and University Council as a Sophomore Class Representative. I don’t have a chance to serve on these councils before but I think this would be a good opportunity for me to serve the Rice community. U-Court and Honor Council are great institutions because they are run by the students for the students. I hope you will enable me to serve on one of these two institutions.

**SHUMAILA SARFAN** for U Court Sophomore Rep.

**BHARAT SRIVASTAVA** for U Court Sophomore Rep.

**MICHAEL TAYLOR** for U Court Sophomore Rep.

**UNIVERSITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**

**BEN (thomas) CARSON** for University Council Rep.

Today, Rice is in flux. Tensions and enroll- ment are on the rise. The whole campus feels like a construction zone. The alcohol policy which was not updated in decades is a problem. It’s important to make sure that concerns are not ignored. I want to make sure that our safety in the student union is booked. Last year, the Faculty Senate made their decision of reducing winter break from a leisurely month to merely two weeks. That’s unsustainable, but it’s the result of the student’s student enrollment levels. A year ago, no one was elected to represent the students on the university council. This year important issues are at stake. What will we do about the aestheticism of on-campus parking? What will happen when construction conflicts with student access? What rights do students have in dealing with increasing enrollment and tuition costs? How can we make sure that new minors are not implemented to the advantage of the wealthy? What we decide about these issues will affect Rice students for decades to come. I have loads of ideas about these issues, but the point of bringing the voice of the entire student body to the table, I encourage you to continue this discourse by shooting me an email at ben.carson@rice.edu.

**JASDEP MANGAT** for University Council Rep.

This past year, I have been fortunate to serve as an undergraduate representative on the University Council, an advisory board to the President that weighs in on important university policy decisions. This position has given me the opportunity to actively voice student opinions, and I know this experience has provided me with the momentum to continue effectively serving the student body for the next academic year. More importantly, I have gained a great deal of experience for this position through other campus activities by serving as the co-chair of the SA Academics Committee and a representative to the Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum. In these positions, I have helped collect and voice students’ opinions on issues like the business minor and the academic calendar. If re-elected, I will continue to go straight to the student body to hear their thoughts and will work with the SA wherever the needs arise. I will make sure to weigh every option carefully and continue to provide President Lebow with useful and productive advice in order to make Rice a home for all. So on February 21st, when the general election open, please vote to re-elect Jasdep Mangat as University Council representative.

**PAUL TUCKER** for University Council Rep.

**HONOR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**

**JENNIFER CIELUCH** for Honor Council Senior Rep.

**AUSTIN MUELLER** for Honor Council Senior Rep.

**MIKE NELSON** for Honor Council Senior Rep.

**RICHARD ROMEO** for Honor Council Senior Rep.

**TED WIEBER** for Honor Council Senior Rep.

**JACKIE AMMONS** for Honor Council Junior Rep.

**CAROLINE ELIM** for Honor Council Junior Rep.

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**ERIN WALLER** for Honor Council Junior Rep.

**DARREN ARQUERO** for Honor Council Junior Rep.

**ANDREW BRIGGS** for Honor Council Junior Rep.

**NORMAN PAI** for Honor Council Senior Rep.

**BENJAMIN CUTHRELL** for Honor Council Senior Rep.

**CHRIS RIZK** for Honor Council Senior Rep.

**KELSEY ZOTTNICK** for Honor Council Senior Rep.

Experience is an important part of success as an Honor Council member. Each case I have participated in has furthered my understanding of the Honor System, allowing me to both create and validate my judg- ments objectively. I hope to continue to serve on the honor council because I believe that an student should have an unfair academic advantage over other students. Accordingly, I hold the Rice Honor System in high regards because it is a reflection of trust among students at this institution. This trust allows us flexibility to course work and examinations. Vote for me and I’ll continue to promote the mutual trust and respect that facilitates academic refluence at our University.

**PAUL TUCKER** for University Council Rep.

**RISING SENIORS**

**PICK 3 JUNIORS**

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**ELECTION BLURBS**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2005**
Sophomore runs unbeaten streak in singles to thirteen straight matches as Owls move to 3-0 at Jake Hess this season

Continuing a theme from this young season, the men’s tennis team dominated in singles play to easily handle No. 24 University of Miami in a 5-2 win Sunday. The win, Rice’s fifth in a row and third straight over a ranked opponent, came about in dramatic fashion, two days after a 5-2 defeat of unranked University of Arizona at Jake Hess Tennis Stadium.

Rice’s rough schedule continues this weekend as the team faces No. 43 Old Dominion University tomorrow at 11 a.m. in Norfolk, Va. The Owls are no strangers to good competition, but that is not necessarily a good thing for them—three of their previous two matches against top 25 teams are both ranked—University of Oklahoma and No. 1 Wake Forest University, both resulted in losses.

Sunday, the Owls travel north to Williamsburg, Va., to square off with the College of William and Mary, the Owls’ third ranked foe in two weeks. Ranked University of Virginia will look to square off with No. 42 Old Dominion tomorrow and No. 43 William and Mary on Sunday.

Rosa spurs men’s tennis to easy victories over Arizona, No. 24 Miami

Sophomore Bruno Rosa notched a third win over a ranked opponent, with Miami in a 5-2 win Sunday. The win, Rosa’s second win over an opponent in two weeks. Most teams might have given less than a full effort, but with Knupfer and Muller down 1-3 to the No. 39 pair of Victor Verdu and Sundberg, the Owls were able to outlast the Owls with a 9-8 (4) win to take the doubles point.

Despite his loss in doubles, No. 45 Knupfer would not be denied in singles and dropped only one game in his win over Peter Zimmer at No. 3 to even the score. Rosa continued his dominance in singles play, putting No. 37 Christian away 7-6 (10), 7-5 at the top of the lineup to give the Owls a lead they would not relinquish.

IN FOCUS: MEN’S TENNIS

Record: 5-1

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Reece returns to lead women’s track at Bayou City

Sophomore Shakera Reece was the high point of the momentous NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships last June, Reece was in full force at the Bayou City Championships, held last weekend at the University of Houston’s Yeoman Field House.

Reece said she couldn’t fathom the accolades, only took a few steps yesterday that kept her in the race for another half a year.

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After Wang and fellow sophomore Dennis Poyakov took their matches in straight sets, Zivojinovic shook off his doubles loss over Peter Carasco 7-6 (3), 6-2 to give the Owls their second win over an unranked opponent this season.

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Patience pays off for women's basketball with win over Tulsa

by Justin Hudson

The prospect of a lost season slowly turning into a reality, the women's basketball team may have just caught its footing. Play-by-play leading scorer, junior guard Kadie Riverin and center Vakerytta Berezhynska combined for the next six points to give the Owls a 58-56 advantage. A free throw by SNHU's Delisha Willis then knotted the score at 59 with a minute left, but neither team found the bottom of the net after that and the game went to overtime.

In the extra stanza, the Owls actually held the Mustangs to a paltry 5-13 shooting. However, it did not matter, as SNHU went 5-9 from the free throw line in overtime to cap a 24-29 night from the charity stripe. With the Owls down—by two and Berezhynska fouled out late in the game, Williams was forced to look for Watts or Maye for the potential tying or go-ahead basket. Coming off a screen with the clock winding down, Watts was tied up by Brittany Gilliam, who forced a turnover with 1.4 seconds left to seal the Owls fate.

"Berezhynska was out of the game, and we were trying to go to our two best offensive players, and that's Morgan and Tara," Williams said. "We had many golden opportunities that we didn't take advantage of."

The Owls did not seem fazed the next day, though they soon found themselves in another back-and-forth game. Rice once again struggled from the field, Watts struggling from the field, Watts finishing with 10 points and seven rebounds, while Carter had eight points and 10 rebounds. Jameelah Berezhynska was limited to four points, the Owls' defense.

Despite their slow play going into halftime, the Owls came out quickly to start the second half. Sophomore guard Lawrence Graham scored six points in under two minutes to cut UAB's lead to 40-37 and bring Rice back into the game. After a back-and-forth stretch, Rice finally pulled into the lead when Rice cold from the field. Rice cold from the field. Rice cold from the field. Rice cold from the field.

Men's basketball's streak hits 13 in a row

The first one is always the hard-

Kushagra Shrivastava

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Ye olde ball game

No, these are not Wayne Graham impersonators — Rice baseball alumni from across the country converged on Rice's campus for the Alumni Beesball Game. Following the genrums' matchup, Joe Rodriguez's (Martin '08) six home runs bested sophomore Aaron Lake's one in the Alumni Karmy Home Run Derby. Running out the events of the day, the Blue-Gray scrimmage gave fans a glimpse at the 2008 season.
Women’s tennis preps for tough Sunday contest with Longhorns

by Rhodes Colley

When following college athletics, it is easy to forget that the athletes are, in fact, students just like everyone else on campus. Last Friday, senior Dominique Karas, a regular at the top of the lineup for the women's tennis team, was out for Rice's match against Mississippi State University because of a medical school interview. Nevertheless, the rest of the team picked up the slack, pushing the Bulldogs to the limit before falling 4-3. Two days later Rice rebounded by staving off the University of Alabama by a 6-3 margin.

Now the Owls return to Jake Hess Tennis Stadium for what will be a busy weekend. Today at 3 p.m., Rice plays the University of Texas-Austin, and tomorrow, the team will face Northwestern State University at 3 p.m. But those two matches are just a prelude for the real test, a showdown with No. 25 University of Texas Sunday at Jake Hess Tennis Stadium. The Longhorns will be a formidable opponent, especially in doubles, where they sport the 25th-ranked duo of Marija Milic and Vanja Corovic.

The Longhorns may be one of the few ranked teams Rice faces all season, but that may not be a bad thing for the Owls, who struggled in their match with Mississippi State from the outset. Although sophomore Andrea Brenes and senior Chao proved to be too much for Lin and I mile north of M0, jtiM

4-3 loss to Mississippi State last Friday. However, she returned two days later to help the Owls defeat Alabama by the same 4-3 score.

Fortunately for the Owls, Karas was back in the lineup Sunday when they faced the Crimson Tide. After Shiva-Shankar and Chao muscled out an easy doubles win, Chao and Karas combined to take a close 8-4 victory to give the Owls the doubles point.

But despite their early momentum, Rice once again faced a tight battle in singles. Lee fell to Alabama's Alice Tunara 64, 64, but Shiva-Shankar regained the lead for Rice with in a 62, 63 win over Andrea Brenes. However, the lead changed hands again when Karas lost in three sets and Lin subsequently fell in two to give the Crimson Tide a 3-2 advantage.

In a tiebreaker, Braid lost the first set of her match with Bianca Svensson but managed to hang on to win the second. With the momentum on her side, Braid put the nails in Svensson's coffin by taking the third set to win 67, 64, 63, and once again put the final decision in Chao's hands.

"Svensson was playing her best," Braid said. "Their whole team was playing well. She really gave me nothing. It was exciting to finish my match with Julie completing the win."

Chao did not start off strong enough in the first set against Tiffany Wilcher, losing 64, but she turned things around by taking the second-set tiebreaker. Chao then pulled ahead in the third set, but a questionable call at 40-love, shifted momentum, and Wilcher came back to force a tiebreaker. Once again Chao dug deep, dominating the tiebreaker 7-1 to clinch a 4-3 win for the Owls.

All eyes then turned to center court, where sophomore Julie Lee, ranked 46th in the country, was battling Martina Bankova at the top of the ladder. After dropping a tiebreaker in the opening set, Lee could not find the comeback path and lost 76 (0), 63. With this last key point sliding the wrong way, Rice lost the dual match to MSU by a narrow margin.

Fortunately for the Owls, Karas was back in the lineup Sunday when they faced the Crimson Tide. After Shiva-Shankar and Braid earned her first singles victory of the spring with a 64, 61 brushing of Eloa de Villiers at No. 4. Rice then took the lead when Junior Emily Braid overpowered Daniela Androva 64, 64, although MSU quickly got the match at 2 with a win at No. 2. The momentum remained in flux as Shiva-Shankar won in straight sets to give Rice the lead, but then Ferancova proved to be too much for Lin in yet another straight-set matchup.

**THIS WEEKEND**

**Rice vs. No. 25 Texas**

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Tyson Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark., on Saturday.

Sophomore sprinter Eunique Hamilton extends in the triple jump Feb. 16. Rice’s next meet is the Tyson Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark., on Saturday.

**WOMEN**

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Olympic Trials in June. The Tyson Invitational should be the Owls’ toughest meet of the season before the CUSA Championships.

At the very least, today’s meet should be a lot tougher than the Bayou Championships, where Rice’s main competitors came solely from Texas. The Owls dominate from the beginning, as sophomore Eunique Hamilton grabbed two top spots in both the high jump and the triple jump, with jumps of five feet, 6.5 inches and 40 feet, 1.25 inches respectively. In addition to her gold medal, Hamilton triple jump final was a lifetime best length. Rice also garnered a field event gold when freshman Sarah Lyons took the top five in the mile, as well.

Not to be outdone by their teammates, Rice’s distance runners also starred the competition. Senior Lena Matte, who took first in the 400 at the Houston Invitational Feb. 2, switched gears to take first in the mile with a time of 2:05.06 seconds, beating sophomore Sarah Lyons by only 0.66 seconds.

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**MEN’S TENNIS UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

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**TENNIS**

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**Rice defeated Valverdes, who is ranked seventh in the nation. Vallverdu had already beaten the No. 8 and No. 4 players in the nation before running into Rosa, who talked his third win over a top 100 challenger this season. After grabbing an easy 62 win in the first set, the Brazilian native found himself down 5-4 in the second set. Rosa, who was named Conference USA Player of the Week Tuesday, promptly rattled off wins in three straight games to bolt Valverdu and clinch the contest for the Owls.**
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Directors Molly Bingham and Steven Connors bring you Making Resistance, a film from the Project Iraq Film Series. The film tracks actual resistance fighters in Iraq and will be followed by a discussion with the directors. The screening is at 8 p.m. in the Rice Media Center's Film Auditorium.

Distinctly distinguished
The Friends of Fondren 2008 Distinguished Guest Lecture will be given by journalist and historian Garry Wills today at 7:43 p.m. in the RMC's Grand Hall. Wills' studies in the past have focused on American politicians—including George Washington, Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan and the Kennedy's — and religion in America.

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MARDI
Roll in the Dough
The Jones School Entrepreneurship Club is hosting an open talk at 6 p.m. in McNair Hall's Shell Auditorium. Come listen and learn about an $80,000 scholarship.

LUNEDI
Come see those Master Debaters
They're showing tonight at 8 p.m in the Rice Media Center's Film Auditorium.

SATURNI
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It's Total Night 2008, brought to you by the Black Student Association and the Caribbean Student Society. The theme is "Hope & Freedom". 6:30-9 p.m. in the RMC's Grand Hall.

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He's doing really good! Collin Hansen, a Martel College sophomore, won a $75 gift card to Fogo de Chao during the first round of incentive awards for the 2008 National College Health Assessment.
U. Court Senior Rep.

Neither candidate submitted a blurb. What are their positions? Why won’t they tell you? Instead, vote for this guy, whose positions are clear.

DR. REP. RON PAUL for U. Court Senior Rep.

Hey, I’m Ron Paul. You should vote for me for U. Court Senior Rep. Currently, U. Court is an unconstitutional breach of power that needs to be limited to the original views of the founding students. They are in league with the Federal Reserve and Hildebrandt to trick you into buying useless pastes and appliances. And I would know. I’m a vagina doctor.

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I support the United States switching to a Gold Standard, which means I also support the Golden Rule, so if you ever get called before U.Court, I’ll treat you like how I’d like to be treated.

Plus, come on, its not like I’m going to be elected president, so make your idiot friends happy by electing me U. Court Senior Rep. You may just get a ride in my awesome blimp or hear some stories about my days as a vagina doctor.