



WHAT'S GOING ON WITH RSG?

RSG NEWSLETTER

Letter from the President

We listened, You Helped: A Semester at a Glance

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Please feel free to join us!
These events are open to the student body.*

- **RSG Senate**—
Every other Thursday, 7:00pm in Buckman 110



Aaron Fitzgerald
RSG President

This past semester, RSG has dedicated all of its hours to help improve student life here at the college. Thanks to all of you who voted *in favor* of our new constitution last semester we have definitely been able to put the student voice back in Student Government. One major project that we've been working on is the campus commitment, a document that defines

the Rhodes community as not just being students, but also members of the faculty and staff. This would not only mean that members of the faculty and staff would be accountable to uphold the honor system, it also means the community as a whole will have a set of undefined values to commitment to. Another project is the creation of an independent lecture board, which for the first couple of years shall be semi-autonomous to RSG. Last spring, at the RAB pancake study break, many of you asked for better lectures and a visible lecture board. Now that wait is over. The new Rhodes Lecture Board will hopefully, after a stu-

dent vote, be fully functioning in fall '10. So, if you are interested in sitting on the board, don't forget to run for one of the eight positions available during the spring '10 General Elections. Lastly, the sufficiency of the Student Activities Fund has been investigated. This potential increase could benefit you as well as the many student organizations we have on campus. I can proudly say that while this semester has been a busy one, I truly believe the community will be affected in a positive way. This is why transparency remains a top priority for RSG as we are continuously taking your suggestions and eagerly trying to help.

WHAT CAN RSG DO FOR YOU?

RSG Senators hold Office Hours at the RSG Office, 4th Floor Stacks in the Burrow.

Come talk with us!

DO YOU NEED MORE PLACES TO STUDY? OR EVEN JUST TO HANG OUT?

The Lair is open 24 hours a day to accommodate students' need for open areas to talk or study.

Congratulations to Grace Weil and Sandy Henin, the new RSG Senators for the Class of 2011!

Also, congratulations to Michelle Morris, the newest member to the Allocations Board!

Internal Affairs Committee



By Casey Mohan, Chair

Members: Lindsey

Dortch, Jared Swensen, Alec Thompson, Ivy Thomson, and Jonathan Berube

Internal Affairs has been hard at work this semester. In addition

to the standard tasks to help RSG run smoothly, we have been keeping busy with elections (including positions in Class Councils, Rhodes Activity Board, Honor Council, Student Regulations Council, and RSG) and appointments (vice treasurer of Allocations, senator for the class of 2010, and elections commissioner, and various committee members).

We've had an unprecedented number of run-offs in this year's freshmen elections and a great (virtual) turnout for the Mr. and Mr. Rhodes votes. Thanks to all

who took the time to vote!

Currently, we are implementing a new "mid-term" election. Look for the ballot on December 8th. In the future, this general election will be held at the end of the first semester to fill any upcoming vacancies in elected offices. Not only will this give more people the chance to run for elected positions, it will also ensure the democratic intent of our election system.

Our next project will be planning the Campus Life Awards for the upcoming semester. Hope to see you there!

Student Services Committee



By Andy McGeoch, Chair

Members: Dan

Schrader, YaVette Dunn, Evans Falgoust, and Drew Morehead

Student Services is off to a running start this year, tackling projects in a wide range of areas. Our committee is responsible for handling all issues relating to Library/IT, Food Services, Career Services, Campus Safety, and Physical Plant. We've got a bunch of projects going on already, and we've got some big things planned for next semester.

Library/IT: Evans Falgoust, who is in charge of our Library/IT operations, has proven his value by being extremely proactive in pursuing new projects. Library hours were extended until 4 am during midterms this past October and the possibility of a new software sharing system at the college is

currently being explored. Also, Evans is in the initial stages of a larger project to make sure that library space is being used as efficiently as possible.

Food Services: Dan Schrader, a veteran of the Food Committee, has worked closely with Aramark to make numerous improvements to food services this year. A few of these changes include more space around the salad bar and cereal being available in both serveries. Dan has also helped coordinate a wine tasting that will take place on December 3rd at 7:00 in the loft of the Rat. As next steps to improve food services, our committee will be soliciting home recipes from the student community and evaluating the feasibility of various late-night food options on campus. Also, take heed that Lynx Buck will NOT roll over into next semester. So get out there and spend spend spend!

Career Services: Drew Morehead has been working with the upper-class councils, Career Services, and the Alumni Service Office in order to prepare th

launch of a new career services mentor pro

gram. While this project has been going smoothly, Drew assures me that his committee is always looking for feedback. Be sure to let him know if you have any suggestions as far as how to improve the student body's satisfaction with Career Services.

Campus Safety: We have worked with Campus Safety to ensure a smooth implementation of the new LynxCart service.

Physical Plant: At our request, Physical Plant changed the lighting system in the 3rd floor stacks of the Burrow Student Center so that the lights in the bathroom are no longer connected to those of the rest of the floor. This means nobody will get caught in the bathroom without lights anymore. We're also discussing the possibility of installing fob access for the side-stairwell of EV A.

We always appreciate and welcome feedback about student services on campus, so please feel free to contact us with any questions/comments (positive or negative – talk to us!).

Student Organization Committee



By Ginny Keel, Chair

Members: Grant Monda, Salar Rafeetary, and René Sanchez

The Student Organization Committee has been hard at work this semester. Thanks to Grant Monda and his

hard work with Student Organization leaders, the Senate has been able to ratify the constitutions of many new student groups on campus. Our committee also recognized a disconnect between new students groups writing constitutions and the senate ratifying them, so we created more detailed instructions for establishing Student Organizations that will be included in your handbook next year. Review of all

existing Student Organizations will begin in the Spring semester and the Allocations process is expected to run quite smoothly. As always if you have any questions concerning Student Organizations on campus please don't hesitate to contact me at keevl@rhodes.edu!



RSG represents the interests of Rhodes students to the rest of the campus— faculty, staff, trustees, alumni, and friends of the college. Student government is a deliberative body and strives to shape the college it serves in the best interests of students.

Campus Outreach Committee



By Neha Mehta, Chair

Members: Becky Thompson, Daniel Sharmer, and Omair Khattak

Increasing transparency between RSG and the student body is what the RSG Outreach Committee is all about. We feel that it is incredibly important that students are aware of

RSG activity. This year, however, we have tried to increase transparency in a different, more environmentally-friendly way. That being said, the Outreach Committee has cut back on the use of flyers to advertise events. In addition to emailing and Thursday announcements, RSG has created a facebook page that conveys any important news.

We do not only feel that students should know what RSG is up to, but we also encourage students to voice their ideas and concerns to

Senators. Students can stop by the RSG office, located in the third floor stacks of the Burrow. The Office is open Monday through Friday, and hours are posted outside the door. Also, a new RSG Suggestion Box is located in the Rat next to the tray return. We hope that students take a minute or two to give RSG some input!

Currently, the Outreach Committee is worked on getting RSG t-shirts for the Senators for next semester. We felt this would be benefi-

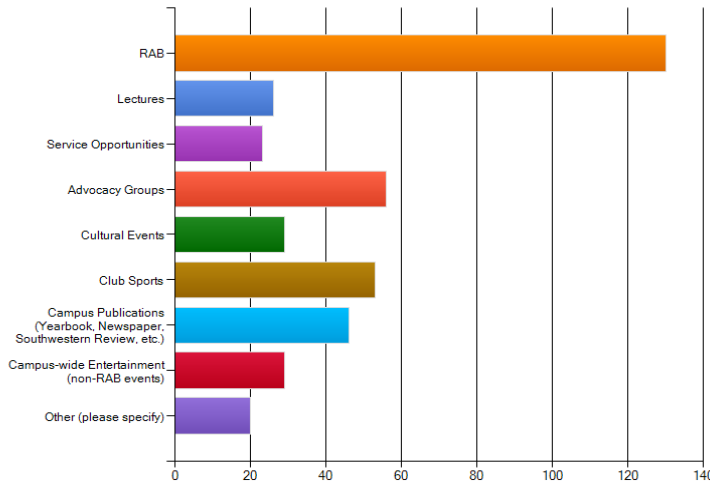
cial because it would help the student body recognize who their Senators are; and, as the Senators would wear the shirts on the days of an RSG related event like Town-hall meetings or, the shirts would signal that there is an exciting event for students.

Looking ahead, Outreach is excited to hit the ground running in January with exciting RSG events planned for the Spring semester!

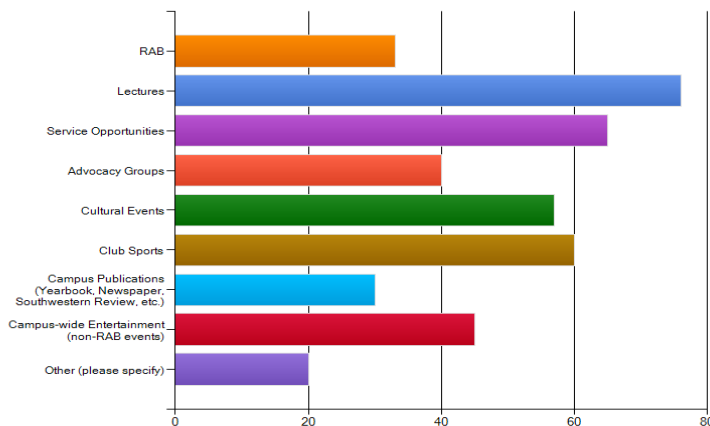
Results from the SAF Survey

By Guy Handley, RSG Treasurer

Of the following categories, pick the ONE that you most feel receives more funding from the Student Activities Fund than they should receive?



Of the following categories, pick the ONE that you most feel receives too little funding from the Student Activities Fund than they should receive?



RSG Members, 2009-2010

President	Senators, 2010	Senators, 1012
Aaron Fitzgerald	John Hensley	Jonathan Berube
Vice President	Casey Mohan	Ginny Keel
Matt McCulloch	Grant Monda	Neha Mehta
Parliamentarian	Dan Schrader	Andy McGeoch
Jared Swensen	Drew Morehead	Salar Rafeeitary
Treasurer	Senators, 2011	Senators, 2013
Guy Handley	Jordan Cook	Becky Thomspson
Vice Treasurer	Lindsey Dortch	YaVette Dunn
Adam Rivkin	Evans Falgoust	Rene Sanchez
Advisors:	Omar Khattak	Daniel Scharmer
Carol Casey	Morgan Rote	Alec Thompson
Bob Johnson	Secretary	
	Ivy Thompson	

Vice-President's Update

By Matt McCulloch, RSG Vice-President



As Vice-President this semester, I began by planning the RSG Fall Retreat. At this event that took place in September, we outlined our goals and agenda for the year, both as a governing body and specifically for each of our committees. If you would like to know more about these, please contact me.

Apart from facilitating our meetings, I have been researching the relationship between student organizations and Kinney in order for students to better understand how those bodies interact. As more service-oriented student organizations are formed, it can become confusing how they all relate to the Kinney umbrella.

Moreover, I have also been investigating the possibility of bringing graduate exam preparation courses (such as for the MCAT, GRE, and LSAT) to the Rhodes campus. While it seems that this will not be a for-credit option, I am working with the Meeman Center to figure out if their facilities and purpose could offer such classes.

The major charge of my position involves chairing the student Senate, essentially meaning that I examine the efficiency and activity of RSG as a body as well as among its individual members. Thus, I will be planning to have a mid-semester retreat in January; this will help us revisit our goals so that we might continue to accomplish all that we outlined in September.

As always, please know that I welcome any questions or concerns that fellow students



Edited by Neha Mehta