

Spring 2010



WHAT'S GOING ON WITH RSG?

RSG NEWSLETTER

**RSG Steering Chair
Members, 2010-2011:**

Student Services:

**Mary Catherine
Reeves**

**Student Organization
Relations:**

Jonathan Berube

**Campus
Outreach:
Becky Thompson**

**Internal Affairs:
Grace Weil**

**2010-2011 Special
Committees include
the Academic Affairs,
Student Organization
Financial Activity
Council, Social Satis-
faction, and Athletic
Support Committees.
These committees will
be addressing the effi-
ciency of the new cur-
riculum, social life on
campus, and ways to
boost athletic partici-
pation and support.**

Farewell Address: To the Future, and Beyond!



Dear Students,

An institution focused on higher-learning doesn't just promote change it, expects it. As such, the transformation Rhodes has on every member of its community is invaluable. But when you really stop to think about it, what feelings are invoked when you process the words transformation or community? During my tenure as RSG President, the answer to this question is one I grappled with, but ultimately found. I began my search seeking a definition of community, more specifically, the Rhodes community. What we (students, faculty and staff)

came up with is as follows: We, the members of Rhodes College comprised of students, faculty, and staff all have unique experiences but are grounded in a shared belief system. A system that entitles every member to the rights: of proper social and moral conduct and, to participate in activities without fear of discrimination; furthermore, we are privileged to have internalized trust amongst our cohorts, which, without would limit our success and the institutions. After having defined Rhodes, my next big objective was to discover the ambiguous transformative element. Luckily, I realized that this element was idiosyncratic by nature, however, because every member experiences some form of change the act of transforming, not the transformation itself, becomes uniform. Being said, there will always be aspects of the Rhodes experience that we as community members

want changed. And, after having served on RSG for three years, I can easily highlight some of the major issues we have encountered and showcase our efforts to mitigate them. Nonetheless, our time at Rhodes is short and our issues cyclical, so by addressing the undesired aspects of our experience I effectively diminish the quality of our most cherished ones. So I ask that you reflect on the experiences that keep you here and enjoy every moment. I can say with steadfast sincerity, I have.

It was a pleasure working for you this past year and I hope prosperity and grace finds you, despite any circumstance that you are faced with!

With Appreciation,
Aaron Fitzgerald
'09-'10 President and
Trustee of Rhodes Student Government

Internal Affairs Committee



DO YOU NEED MORE PLACES TO STUDY FOR FINALS?

The Lair is open 24 hours a day by fob!

Questions for RSG? Email us or visit our office:

Burrow 305.

Join our facebook Fan Page to stay updated on what we do!



By: Casey Mohan, Chair

Members: Jared Swensen, Ivy Thomson, and Jonathan Berube

The Internal Affairs Committee has ended the year with a bang: the Campus Life Awards. After a year long wait filled with numerous appointments, election, and constitution updates, Internal Affairs got to top of the year with our big event. The awards ceremony was a

big hit last Tuesday, April 20, in the Rat, as it honored over 30 students and faculty members who have gone above and beyond serving Rhodes and the Memphis community. There were numerous awards presented, ranging from the multiple Kinney Service awards to Residence Life awards, from ODK and Mortar Board man and woman of the year, to the greatly anticipated Hall of Fame honors. Congratulations to recipients of each award, and thank you to a great com-

mittee for helping to put on such a great ceremony.

In addition to the campus life awards, the committee has been busy filling appointed positions. We have gone through dozens of applications to find the best candidates for Allocations Board, Lecture Board, Treasurer, RSG Secretary and Parliamentarian. We are still looking for a new elections commissioner. If you are interested in the position please email me at MohCa@rhodes.edu. That's all for IA this semester. Have a great summer!

Student Organization Committee



By: Ginny Keel
Members: Grant Monda, Salar Rafeeatary, and René Sanchez

This spring semester the Student Organizations Committee has been hard at work. The committee members put in the time necessary to review

all organization's constitutions. Some student constitutions needed complete re-writing while many simply needed minor corrections. These corrections will be complete by the next meeting of the Allocations Board. The master list of all student organizations and leaders is also being updated. As always, if any organization or leader has any questions, concerns, or comments please

contact the Rhodes Student Government Chair of Student Organizations. I and the rest of RSG Senate cannot wait for another successful year!

Ginny



Student Services Committee



By Andy McGeoch, Chair
Members: Dan Schrader, Evans Falgoust, Drew Morehead
 Student Services is winding up a productive year in which many issues have been addressed. 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, some of which will carry over to next year.

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. A new software sharing system at the college is currently being explored, and Evans has made substantial progress on a larger project to make sure that library space is being used as efficiently as possible. It is possible that we could see some rearrangement of Barrett Library in time for the start of Fall semester.

Food Services: Dan Schrader, a veteran of the Food Committee, has worked closely with Aramark to make numerous improvements to food services this year. This semester marked the first time cooking classes have been offered by Aramark to Rhodes Students. Taught by Chefs Tim and Sam, students learned to cook sushi and Italian dishes, respectively. Dan also helped coordinate a wine tasting and beer tasting this past semester.

Career Services: Drew Morehead has been working with the upper-class councils, Career Services, and the Alumni Service Office in order to prepare the launch of a new career services mentor program. While this

project has been going smoothly, Drew assures me that his committee is always looking for feedback. Be sure to let RSG 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: We are investigating the plausibility of putting up an outdoor basketball hoop in the back of the freshmen parking lot. This hoop would most likely be mobile so as to be able to roll it on and off the pavement. This will allow it to be moved out of the way when there are events on campus that require the use of all parking spaces on campus.

Another major achievement from this semester was the organization of a new wintery conditions response plan. As most of you can probably recall, Rhodes had some problems responding to the icy conditions resulting from a winter storm earlier this semester. There was extremely limited food on campus, poor communication, and nearly every sidewalk was dangerously icy and unsalted. With the help of Dr. Bob Johnson, Aramark, and Physical Plant, a plan was put in place to help avoid problems with winter storms in the future. Also, the video wall in Burrow Student Center is now available for student use during non-business hours. Get a group of friends together and watch a movie on all nine screens! Instructions for operating the wall can be found behind the Admissions desk.

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!).

Campus Outreach Committee



By Neha Mehta, Chair-
Members: Becky Thomp-

son, Daniel Sharmer, and Sandy Henin

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 announce-

ments, RSG has created a facebook page that conveys any important news. A few events that Outreach has advertised for this year include Beer Tasting, Wine Tasting, Chef Tim's Cooking Classes, the Campus Life Awards, and Elections information.

Social Satisfaction

By Morgan Rote



The social satisfaction committee evaluates student needs, concerns, and approvals as they develop with regards to social life at Rhodes. This semester, we have met to address certain complaints, as well as to raise questions and brainstorm goals for future improvements. In addition to meeting with several administrators to discuss specific challenges of policy implementation, we have created a survey that will be sent out on the last day of classes. The survey will remain open throughout finals, so if you find yourself needing a method of procrastination or a channel for feedback, we would love for you to fill it out!

Letter from the Vice-President

Matt McCulloch,
RSG Vice-President '09-'10
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During my year as Vice President, I have come to appreciate the inner-workings of RSG. Among other things, we have extended library hours, helped select a new Director of Fellowships, aided in the formation of several student groups, and more recently began to evaluate the allocations and funding system through which student groups receive money. We will also be sending a social satisfaction survey to all students soon to evaluate campus life.

Thus, you can see that RSG truly is active in the student community. As Chair of the Student Organization Financial Activities Council, I served to facilitate discussions and research that would lead to ideas that can make that system more efficient and fair. We will continue this process into next semester.

My main role as Vice President was to chair the Senate. I coordinated and ran meetings. It is my hope that during my role this year, I have been an effective enabler to direct our Senators in the right way in their efforts.

I want to stress that RSG continues to welcome student input. Unfortunately, we seem to go unnoticed on campus because not many students seem truly interested in our goings-on. We hope that you will take advantage of your class Senators as well as myself as President to communicate your ideas and concerns about academics and life at Rhodes. The more involved you are (through our office hours, emails, conversations, or facebook), the better we can do our job.

As President next year, I plan to make the Campus Outreach committee more involved in communicating our activities in obvious ways (such as posters, flyers, signs, and emails) by mediating and increasing RSG's communications with the campus. RSG continues to improve its relationship with the student body, but I want everyone to know that RSG truly is a representative student advocacy group.

RSG Members, 2010-2011

President	Senators, 2011	Senators, 2013
Matt McCulloch	Lindsey Dortch	Becky Thomsson
Vice President	Evans Falgoust	Emmanuel John-Teye
Salar Raficetary	Morgan Rote	Ben Kenwright
Parliamentarian	Grace Weil	Daniel Scharmer
Jordan Cook	Sandy Henin	Mary Catherine Reeves
Treasurer	Senators, 2012	Senators, 2014
Adam Rivkin	Jonathan Berube	To be elected
Secretary	Ginny Keel	
Courtney Mott	Steven Johanson	
Vice Treasurer	Michelle Morris	
To be decided in Fall	Spencer Friedrich	
Advisors:		
Carol Casey		
Bob Johnson		

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