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Vision for the next century

Third centennial campaign to ask for $1 billion for Rice

BY JOCELYN WRIGHT

THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

Rice's Centennial Campaign, which aims to raise $1 billion for the university by Rice's 100th anniversary in 2012, will be announced today at an "All-Rice" picnic for students, faculty and staff that includes a performance by indie rock band The National. The campaign's $1 billion goal is double that of Rice's last campaign, "Rice the Next Century," which ended in 2005.

President David Leebron said the gamble had paid off. "It was a stretch to go with the campaign, Leebron said the gamble was the challenge he put forth to the undergraduate faculty and staff that includes a percent limit," Glasscock said. "This of the academic journal American Sociology professor Lindsay Goodreau said. The article examines how American evangelicals have used their religious resources to become part of the American establishment. Lindsay said. "They were able to move from the margins of society to the mainstream in a single generation," he said.

Students gather in the Rice Memorial Center's Grand Hall Tuesday to take part in a CoffeeHouse-sponsored rave while receiving the results of the 2008 presidential election.

Rave on

Sociology professor Lindsay wins award for work in religion

BY CINDY DINH

THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

Assistant Sociology Professor Michael Lindsey won two coveted awards last month for his work in chronicling the rise of the religious evangelicals in American society.

The Sewanee Study of Religion annually selects one article as exemplary in advancing religious studies. This year the Distinguished Article recognition was awarded to Lindsey for his article entitled "Evangelicals in the Power Elite: Elite Cohesion Advancing in Movement," which was published in the academic journal American Sociological Review.

"It's a tremendous honor," Lindsey said. "It's tremendously confirmative and it's incredibly gratifying to be recognized by your peers. I'm a young assistant professor compared to my peers and to receive this so early in my career means an awful lot.

He received his doctorate in sociology from Princeton University two years ago.

The article examines how American evangelicals have used their religious resources to become part of the American establishment. Lindsey said. "They were able to move from the margins of society to the mainstream in a single generation," he said. People are classified as evangelicals if they self-identify that way or fall under a set of characteristics, he said.

"One, the Bible is the supreme religious author in their life; two, the importance of having a born-again experience; and third, they are in conversation with Jesus Christ and have an activist approach to faith," Lindsey said.

Lindsey researched his article by conducting 342 interviews with leaders from the political, economic, intellectual and cultural sectors united by a common religious belief. He said the experience was time consuming and demanding and led him to log over 100,000 miles traveling across the United States in five years. LINDSEY DIDH

Nudist breaks window

BY JOCELYN WRIGHT

THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

While running the Halloween Bash er last Friday, Martel College sophomore Will Meyers jumped against a window at the northeast corner of Fondren Library, breaking the window and cutting his upper leg, RUPD Captain Phillip Haskell said.

Baker 13 was running back to Valhalla to be a part of a wedding ceremony that was taking place when Meyers crashed into the window, Wills College sophomore Jeremy Glasscock said.

"We had just turned around to go back when he went through the window," Goodreau said. "They were like, come back, come back, and then we heard a crashing sound."

"My doctor said it's the most ridiculous accident he's ever seen. I'm kind of proud of that."

Will Meyers Martel College sophomore

Goodreau and two female wedding guests who were registered nurses administered first aid and called Rice Emergency Medical Services. Meyers is a track athlete, a religious author in their life; two, the experience was time consuming and demanding and led him to log over 100,000 miles traveling across the United States in five years. LINDSEY DIDH

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Campaign funds should be used with care

Today, Rice announces that it is seeking to raise an unprecedented $1 billion with its Centennial Campaign to honor Rice's 100th anniversary in 2013 (see page, story 1). Currently, Rice has raised $120 million, although some of this money includes donations given to Duncan and McNutt colleges and other current projects.

Getting more money is not a bad thing — we certainly think it's a good idea to raise money through the Centennial Campaign to maintain Rice's excellent proposition from our standpoint. However, Rice is raising money through this campaign in some interesting ways.

In addition, while we understand the importance of expanding Rice's infrastructure to accommodate the increased numbers of students and research endeavors, we hope that the administration spends some serious time focusing its attention on what's been broken instead of simply building new things. Lovett could always use better facilities. Brown could use more control. And it's not hard to find trouble spots like those at any of the other colleges, either. Sure, the state-of-the-art Duncan and McNutt Colleges will be impressive individually, but Rice might be less impressive overall if it continues to spend its money in the wrong places.

In short, the $1 billion goal of the Centennial Campaign is a great idea, but we hope the grandeur of the dollar amount does not inflate the administration's dreams to the point that they overlook the fundamental characteristics that make Rice a Rice unique place to study, live and work. We wish the administration luck in realizing its ambition, but we encourage those making the decisions to use their money wisely and spend on the things that are important.

**Running Baker 13 requires good judgment**

While participating in the Halloween edition of the twice-monthly Baker 13 run last Friday, Martel College sophomore Will Meyers won a fight with a Fondon Library window, shattering the entire pane. He was also smart to make his mark (see story, page 1). While we lament the ordeal Mr. Meyers had to endure while partaking in one of Rice's more notorious traditions, and we cringe at the thought of what his injuries could have been had he jumped facing forwards instead of sideways, we feel we must issue a word of caution to all of those who aim to emulate Meyers in the future.

Specifically, we ask that students exercise discretion and think things through before they decide to act. This principle is simple, elementary, yet the euphoria of novelty possessing the numerous runners of Baker 13 often clouds the judgment they would generally exercise otherwise. Of course, one might question what sort of judgment would initially drive students to jog naked around campus in the first place, but we will leave that to a future columnist in the opinion section.

Baker 13 runners should acknowledge that their freedom to run is a privilege, and students should not endanger the long-running tradition by doing things that could get them (and therefore the tradition) into trouble. We enjoy the humor and tradition of Baker 13 (it is somewhat comforting to realize that new Rice students and buildings will be branded with shaving cream imprints well into the future), and we encourage everyone thinking about joining to play or her part in keeping the institution alive. But, we also ask that runners keep the tradition where it belongs — on the other side of the glass. Having a cream-covered rear definitely crosses the line into the realm of the terrifying and obscene.

**Honor council processes require fixing**

I have, however, had one bad experience with the Honor Council. Just over two years ago I was the subject of an Honor Council hearing. And while I was found completely blameless, I can assure you that the experience was not fun.

There is one aspect in particular that sticks out in my mind. When the Honor Council re- ceives word of a possible violation with your name on it, you will receive an e-mail stating (wording may not exactly): "You have been implicated in a possible Honor Code Violation. The date for your investigatory hearing is ___. Be there."

You get the contact information for your ombudsman, and that's about it. Crucial among the information missing is what exactly you have been accused of — you are not told until the investigatory hearing.

In my case, that hearing was pushed back to the Thursday of the following week, 11 days away, due to scheduling conflicts for some of the accused person's friends, and for a couple of others who have gone through the Honor Council more recently, and they invite a member of a fair amount of time between their first hearing.

Let me assure you — and I'm sure others will back me up on the experience — those 11 days were torturous. It all felt Kafkaesque. I try to be honest, but had I done something inadvertently? Did someone else steal my papers? Would I be wrongfully convicted? Worse, I was still at the very beginning of the fall semester for an issue that happened during finals of the previous spring, so I had sum- mer break to worry about any issues that could have come up.

In the end everything turned out to be fine for me. A few people who were in my Honor Council hear- ing were apologized to in the letters for having to go through the whole ordeal. I forgive them. But the system as it stands depriv- es Rice students of procedural due pro- cess and needlessly leads students suffering during the period between finding out they are accused and finding out the charge they must face.

...so the question now is what to do. Here's a start: On Nov. 11, from 8-11 p.m., in the Duncan Hall auditorium, the council is holding a mock trial and panel. Don't think you don't need to concern yourself with this because you're a blameless student — a test can be stolen, you can accidentally drop a citation during editing or something else. Go so you have an idea of what to expect. And if you agree with me or have any other qual- ities with the Honor Council, try to come forward. If you're unable to go to the thing, you haven't got any issues, you could have someone go in your stead or e-mail them your feedback.

I'm writing a letter to the council because I would like to add your name (support) so you can feel free to e-mail me at Rice@rice.edu. From there we'll see what happens.
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Kristol and as loud as Bill O'Reilly, con-

trary to the long-standing belief that the right wing is bare and more assertive on issues such as illegal immigration, gay marriage, and abortion. The group argues that Senator John McCain could have won the 2008 election by picking a moderate vice presidential nominee and downplaying the leg-

ary of President George W. Bush. The second group believes McCain would have won if he had done more work to energize the evangelical movement and if he had been more desperately cr

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Yet another problem with a po-

tential Republicanccoli in the right

that the party stands to alienate

rural young voters. Our own campus, gen-

erally perceived as moderate or non-

aesthetic, is a good example. The Rice

student's election survey, released on

Monday, found that our student body overwhelmingly disagrees with Republican stances on nearly all the

social issues. Nearly two-thirds of the

students who took the student's poll agreed, for example, that homo

sexual couples should be allowed to

marry, and almost three-quarters of Rice students believe women should have the right to an abortion in most cases.

The question raised in the survey was whether that much of America does not identify with the conser-

ervative movement. As John Mc-

Cain also expressed more clearly

with the right issues such as tax and healthcare, he began to lose traction among American cen-

trists. His biggest drop in the polls

came after the selection of his running

mate, Alaska Governor Sarah Palin, an evangelical who alienated moderates and polarized the electoral atmosphere by associating barack

Obama with terrorism.

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[Barack Obama's] triumph was indeed historic, and I will be proud to look to him as my country's head. But although I am enthusiastic, I do have concerns.

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College masters have the oppor-
tunity to nurture student

leaders, to inspire introverts to come

out of their shells, and to create a safe and inclusive learning and living environ-

ment for all.

The question remains — why are college masters missing this golden opportuni-
ty slip by entirely uninvestigated? I under-

stand that a five-year commitment requires a lot of careful delibera-
tion, but with so much to poten-

tially and receive, why aren't faculty members at least cautious enough to con sider the system?

Aside from legitimate personal reasons, I just think that faculty members are either un-

aware of the openings or facing institutional disincentives — in the form of inadequate departmental recognition of their potential con-

tribution to students — that keep them from considering such a re-

markable opportunity to invest in Rice's student body. If it is the for-

mulation of this line of thinking, the immense student interest in more individually attention-

concentrated faculty, if it is the latter, de-

partmental and office, our university

president should consider redu-

cing the teaching and publication demands and providing further fi-

nancial incentives for faculty who become college masters.

At a university where glossy ad-

missions brochures tout student-faculty

interaction as a chief reason to at-
tend, the position of college master

should receive all the administrative nurture it requires.
New cyber crime course offered for Spring

BY JOSH RUTENBERG
THE REE THRESHER

As the first day of spring registration draws near, students will inevitably begin scrambling to sign up for the best classes. This semester, in addition to the typical roster of courses, a new evening course will be available to students. Alumni Rudy Ramirez (Lovett '01), a Houston attorney at the District Attorney's office, will offer a course in cybercrimes and cyberlaw in conjunction with Lovett College, LOVE 247.

Ramirez's class will aim to teach students about cyber law as it applies to internet fraud, P2P downloads, and hacking and phishing, among other topics. According to Ramirez, cyber crimes are crimes committed through the use of any electronic device, typically computers.

Ramirez said he hoped the internet aspect of the course would attract more students than a standard law class would.

"I hope it's able to draw a wide range of students," Ramirez said. "Not too many people are thrilled to hear about legal history, but when you hear 'cybercrime' you can draw from a broader range of people."

Ramirez brought up his proposals to Lovett's Academic Coordinators last semester: Peer Academic Adviser Alex Wyatt worked with Ramirez to plan the course in time for this spring.

Wyatt, a sophomore, said Lovett was offering the class because it found the material particularly timely.

"We feel cybercrime is an emerging field," he said. "It allows students to learn beyond the normal spectrum of law."

Ramirez said he hopes to have a guest speaker from the Federal Bureau of Intelligence and other organizations that deal with cybercrime. He also wants to host a field trip for his students to a nearby joint federal and state task force computer lab, though he noted that he had not finalized any plans yet.

Ramirez teaches LOVE 257 and 25th Introduction to Law 1 and II. He said he hopes to offer legal opportunities for students at Rice and to give potential pre-law students insight into the field.

"I'm trying to give back in a way I can, with regard to law," Ramirez said. "One of the things I am able to do is teach about cybercrime."

Ramirez has a long background in the prosecution of cybercrimes. His cyberlaw experiences include cases of fraud through the use of cyber giants such as eBay and Amazon. However, he still takes time to go back for services to the Rice community.

For those students aspiring to a career in law, Ramirez suggests checking out Rice's mock trial team. He also encourages students to take Gilbert Cuthbertson's course on American Constitutional Law, POLI 252.

said the recent U.S. financial crisis did not affect Rice's decision to announce the campaign for homecoming weekend.

"The financial turmoil, I mean we all feel like it's been forever, but it's really been the last 90 days," Glascock said. "This is a long-term look."

Leebron acknowledged the financial crisis but said he was optimistic about the Centennial Campaign reaching its goal.

"We know that the next couple of years will be challenging depending on how quickly the economy recovers," Glascock said. "I think right now we feel that things in Houston are still in pretty good shape."

Glascock said the $1 billion goal was ambitious but doable.

"Rice is in as big of a lot of places," she said. "Rice has a history of being small, but we have a history of doing big things."

The funds raised so far include $53.6 million in endowed scholarships, a number Leebron said he would like to see doubled by the end of the campaign.

Recent gifts include $22.5 million from the Bearman Foundation, alumnae John (Lovett '73) and Ann Boerner's (Jones '75) private foundation, and a $5 million gift from the estate of alumni Hugh (Baker '54) and Ann (Krause '54) Baker for scholarships and two endowed chairs, $3 million from alumni David (Moss '72) and Linda (Leebron '73) Moss for the School of Humanities and the Graduate School of Management, $3 million from alumnus Burt (Baker '56) and Deedee McMurry (Brown '56) for giving back his services to the Rice community.

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Stay tuned for information on the Leadership Rice 2009 Summer Mentorship Experience.

In the meantime, get plugged into the Leadership Rice network. Secure your spot in one of the following spring classes:

LEAD 301/HUMA 312: Historical and Intellectual Foundations of Leadership (TR 9:25-10:40)
The rumor is true—Jeremy Grace is teaching again! Join him as he explores everything you've never thought to ask about leadership.
New class, D1 distribution credit

LEAD 321/COMM 321: Leadership Communication (MW: 11:00-12:30; TR 10:50-12:20)
Powerful communication skills are essential for effective leadership. Take Lead-Comm and articulate your ideas with poise, confidence, and clarity.

LEAD 325/COMM 325: Applied Leadership: Power, Influence, and Persuasion (MW 9:00-10:30)
How do you lead when you're surrounded by leaders? Former McKinsey consultant, Deborah Barrett, will teach you the skills you need to stand out from the crowd, with special emphasis on supervising, motivating, and persuading others.
New class

LEAD 375/SOCI 375: The Social Dynamics of Leadership (MWF 1:00-1:50)
Who pulls the strings that make things happen in America? Professor Michael Lindsay will be your guide to the halls of power and the elites who inhabit them.
D2 distribution credit

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Student travels to faith-based colleges for LGBT rights

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JECTED and even arrested. Through the Southern United States, Brown College junior Cait McIntyre is traveling native cultures in Argentina. But at the University of South Carolina, McIntyre passes out Soulfource flyers to students. McIntyre is taking the semester off to travel with Soulfource.

BY MEGAN SCARBOROUGH

Some Rice University students spend a semester abroad perfecting their French in Paris or studying native cultures in Argentina. But Brown College junior Cait McIntyre is choosing to spend hers traveling through the Southern United States being verbally abused, socially rejected and even arrested.

McIntyre is traveling with the members of a civil rights group called Soulfource on its second annual Equality Ride, which visits faith-based colleges and seminaries throughout the South this fall. According to the group’s website, the Equality Ride aims to promote dialogue about the rights and treatment of gay, lesbian, transgendered, and bisexual people, particularly within the context of faith. The group traveled by bus, using educational programs, informal conversations and nonviolent demonstrations to communicate their message of acceptance.

McIntyre also serves as Soulfource’s media director, writing press releases, publicizing events and answering a hotline on behalf of the organization. The team also takes turns planning each stop on the tour, including getting in touch with administrators of faith-based universities. McIntyre said being part of the group has been worth it.

"I feel honored to sacrifice my own time and comfort, if it changes one heart or comforts one battered soul," McIntyre said.

"We’ve stood in the freezing cold rain, and people won’t even let us get under cover, because they don’t like the message we bring with us."

Cait McIntyre
Brown College junior

McIntyre said she has a personal reason for getting involved with the Equality Ride. She grew up in New Jersey, listening to her father play the organ in church every Sunday, but after he came out as gay, church leaders began to denounce him from the pulpit. McIntyre responded by questioning her own faith. Eventually, she met a pastor who was gay himself, and who believed that God wanted him to be who he was. Eventually, she met a pastor who was gay himself, and who believed that God wanted him to be who he was.

"I honestly fear that when I do decide to let the public know who I really am, many of the organizations and activities with which I am involved will turn me away."

The letter described how the Mississippi College student had already been the target of anti-gay speech on campus.

McIntyre was released shortly after each arrest. Though she describes the experience as unpleasant, seeing the reality of exclusion and maltreatment on these campuses has been the most difficult part of the experience for her.

"We’re standing in freezing cold rain, and people won’t even let us get under cover, because they don’t like the message we bring with us," she said.

Though McIntyre may be missing out on the traditional study abroad experience, she said she would not choose to spend her semester any other way.

CIVIC RESEARCH AND DESIGN COURSES

SPRING 2009

Civic Research and Design Courses incorporate community-based research or design projects that encourage faculty and students to work alongside Houston-based partners to address a variety of challenges facing our community.

ANTH 362: Archaeological Field Techniques
BIOE 260: Intro to Global Health Issues
BIOE 452: Bioengineering Design 2
BIOE 462: Global Health Design Challenges 2
BIOS 310: Independent Study for Undergraduates
BIOS 327: Biodiversity Lab
BIOS 404: Undergraduate Honors Research in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
CEVE 512: Hydrologic Design Lab
CHBE 281/ENST 281: Engineering Solutions for Sustainable Communities
ELEC 438: Wireless Networking for Under-Resourced Urban Communities

POLI 338/SOSC 301: Policy Analysis
POLI 434: Public Policy & Metropolitan Area Governance
POLI 481/CEVE 495/COMP 495: Hurricane Risk Assessment & the Design of Evacuation Policies for Houston
SOC 308: Houston: The Sociology of a City
SWGS 496 & SWGS 497: Applied Research in Women and Gender

Please refer to ESTHER for information regarding prerequisites and course requirements.
The Poverty, Social Justice, and Human Capabilities Program aims to give students a rigorous understanding of human well-being, both in the US and internationally. Well-being reflects not just levels of income and assets, but also human capabilities — what people are able to do and be. The program therefore acknowledges the central importance of a variety of additional influences on well-being, such as gender equality, racial and ethnic disparities, health status, education, human rights, political freedoms, and material necessities like food and shelter. A key goal of the program is to enrich students’ understanding of poverty and inequality, so that, regardless of their choice of occupation, they will maintain a longstanding commitment to enhancing the well-being of all people.

This interdisciplinary program combines high caliber undergraduate courses with opportunities for students to work with agencies that help disadvantaged communities and people. The summer internship program places students in organizations in which they work directly with clients to enhance capabilities.

**AFFILIATED COURSES SPRING 2009 (Preliminary List*)**

**HUMA 280 INTRODUCTION TO POVERTY, JUSTICE, & CAPABILITIES.**
Strassmann, Emerson
This course provides an introduction to the study of poverty, justice, and capabilities. The course considers theory and policy oriented towards improving human well-being in the US and internationally. Readings address not just material deprivations but also gender, racial and ethnic disparities, health status, education, human rights, and political freedoms. Also offered as SOCI 280.

**HIST 242 U.S. WOMEN’S HISTORY, II (CIVIL WAR TO THE PRESENT).** Kenny
Survey of American women’s history examines the lives of black, Asian American, Chicana, native American and white women, and traces changes in women’s legal, political, and economic status from the Civil War to the present. Topics include suffrage, anti-lynching, welfare, birth control, and the modern civil rights and feminist movements. Also offered as SWGS 235.

**HIST 268 BONDAGE IN THE MODERN WORLD.** Ward
Slavery has re-emerged as a global issue in the 21st century. This course will explore the origins of slavery, convict transportation, indentured servitude, and other forms of forced migration from the 17th century onward with examination of the colonial and post-colonial contexts of the Americas, Africa, Asia, and Australia.

**PHIL 307 SOCIAL & POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY.** Sher
What makes a society just? On what grounds may the liberty of individuals be legitimately limited? What social ends may a state legitimately pursue?

**POLI 331 ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS & POLICY.** Mortensen
This course considers the major issues in the increasingly important public policy area of the environment. It emphasizes the American experience, but also considers certain crucial international aspects of these issues.

**POLI 338 POLICY ANALYSIS.** Ostdiek
This class familiarizes students with the analytical tools necessary for evaluating and analyzing public policies.

**SOCI 345 INTRODUCTION TO MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY.** Gorman
This course explores the relationship between social factors and health, illness, and mortality. Topics include the stratification of health by race/ethnicity, gender, and social class; environmental context and illness; lifestyle and behavioral risks (smoking, drinking, drugs, and sexual behavior); STDs and cross-national comparisons of health and patterns of disease.

**SWGS 496 APPLIED WOMEN’S & GENDER STUDIES**
An applied research complement to the Seminar consisting of six hours/week participating in a research-based project at a local public service agency that addresses the needs of women or is focused on gender and/or sexuality related work. Planning for the practicum takes place during the previous fall semester in consultation with the SWGS Director. Practicum projects are presented to a public audience. Permission of the instructor and some background in the study of women, gender or sexuality required.

**HIST 427 HISTORY OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT 1954 TO THE PRESENT.** Cox
Examination of the modern Civil Rights movement, with emphasis on the goals and strategies of major spokespersons and leaders, as well as the achievements of the campaign. Includes the extent of its success or failure and whether or not an "unfinished" agenda needs to be completed.

**ECON 450 WORLD ECONOMIC & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.** Gillis
Examines past and future development in advanced and poor countries, emphasizing resources, population, entrepreneurship, education, and planning.

*Course list at time of Thresher deadline, additional courses will be added by January 2009.

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**SUMMER INTERNSHIPS**

Students who have taken one of the affiliated PJC courses in the past 2 years (Fall 07, Spring 08, Fall 08 and Spring 09) may apply for a summer internship that will allow them to combine course study and practical experience in the field working for a nonprofit organization or charity. A complete listing of affiliated courses can be found online at www.rice.edu/pjc.

For the summer of 2009, we will offer a number of paid internships of approximately $4,000 each. The internships will offer nationwide placement and the selection process will be competitive.

Applications will be available online January 1, 2009 and the selection process will begin in February.

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BY JACLYN YOUNGBLOOD  THE DAILY TRIBUNE

If you gave a Rice student electronic voting machine source code, he may want to tamper with it. He may do it forCOMPS 527 Computer Systems Security with Associate Professor of Computer Science Dan Wallach. The course focuses on computer systems security in a broad sense, surveying topics such as cryptography, the encryption of data for security purposes; operating system design; and web security and distributed systems security, Wallach said.

Class member and Jones College senior Christopher Warrington said the relationship between security, privacy and information integrity is also explored.

Electronic voting machine security is specifically targeted with the first project of the course, Hack-A-Vote. The project sets up a hypothetical world in which the student is an employee of the imaginary Hack-A-Vote Corporation. Students are expected to manipulate the outcome of an election by hacking the votes in an undetected fashion.

The project consists of two phases. Students first hack the provided source code, which is a set of programming statements understandable by the computer processor. After the code has been changed, it is audited by two other groups in the class.

"It is easy to add malicious code to the source code," Warrington said.

He said the difficulty lies in how hard it is to detect the changes.

Wallach said certain changes might be easier to spot than others.

"When you add changes, they are more likely to be found," Wallach said.

"If you just delete parts of the code, that is less likely to be detected."

The source code the class uses was written by a former student of Wallach's, David Price (Jones '09). Wallach said he knows the directions vague so that students will be creative. Students in previous years have implemented hacks that enabled the voter to cast multiple votes, enabled the machine to ignore votes altogether and substituted the students' own votes for the documented votes.

The project has recently caught the attention of several media sources. Rice News and Media Relations played a role in getting the word out about the Hack-A-Vote project, Wallach said. MSNBC, Yahoo! and the Houston Chronicle have written articles about the Hack-A-Vote project and its transition to national elections.

"Students in previous years have implemented hacks that enable the voter to cast multiple votes, enabled the machine to ignore votes altogether and substituted the students' own votes for the documented votes."

Despite this publicity, Wallach thinks the press in general has given less attention to the issue of electronic voting security than in the past. He said poorly-calibrated touch screen electronic voting machines can result in the machine thinking the voter has touched a different area than he actually has, which can lead to vote flipping, where a vote for one party is counted as a vote for a different party. Human factors like errors in calibration, coupled with bad engineering design and even malicious intent, can increase the likelihood of error in electronic voting machines, Wallach said.

Wallach said electronic voting machine security will be easier to analyze after the election is over.

"Depending on what goes wrong and what goes right, things could move very quickly," he said.

RUPD POLICE BLOTTER

The following items were reported to the Rice University Police Department for the period Oct. 29-Nov. 5.

Residential Colleges

Baker College

Oct. 30

Thief

Lovett College

Nov. 3

Thief

Jones College

Nov. 2

Criminal Trespass

Sid Richardson College

Nov. 3

Thief

Marshall College

Nov. 3

Criminal Mischief

Brown College

Nov. 4

Thief

Academic Buildings

Mech Lab

Oct. 30

Thief

Seawall Hall

Oct. 31

Thief

Other Buildings

Rice Memorial Center

Oct. 31

Credit Card Abuse

North Savannah

Nov. 3

Thief

Willy's Pub

Nov. 4

Alcohol Violations

Parking Lots

South Colleges Lot

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Failure to Stop and Give Information

Other Locations

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**STUDENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES**

The following were noted at the most recent meeting of the Student Association on Nov. 3.

- Internal Vice President Akshay Dayal discussed the All-Star Powderpuff game that will take place Dec. 5. Dayal, a Brown College senior, said the game will not be at the stadium so that a tailgate can take place.
- External Vice President Nick Muscara reminded students about Homecoming this weekend. Serveries will be closed during the Homecoming tailgates. Muscara, a Martel College sophomore, said five owls will be present, courtesy of the Houston Zoo.
- Director of the Center for Student Professional Development Erik Larsen informed students of changes being made to the center. Larsen said the CSPD was seeking to shift away from job posting to post-graduate planning and employment research. The service is for both Rice students and employers, he said, and will soon become Rice-only rather than externally licensed.
- Hanszen College Junior Sara Hartnett announced that the SA would be pushing a university-wide Environmental Blanket Tax, which would be used to promote green initiatives on campus.
- President David Leeborn will attend the next SA meeting to answer questions about the changes to clubs' financial systems and to address other concerns.

The SA will meet Monday at 10 p.m. in the Farnsworth Pavilion.

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**Halloween carols**

Wess College freshman Charles Dai and Wess sophomore Danny Shunberger lead a group of students around and serenade people by singing Halloween-ish lyrics to Christmas tunes.

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I had to win the trust of the people to do the interview, and research the background of each person," Lindsay said. "It was a huge project, but it's been great to be able to write a book and several articles and have people read something that strikes a chord with the scholar community."

Based on these interviews, Lindsay was able to map out 142 different organizations and their position in society based on their relation to four sectors: Politics, Government, Business, Corporate Life; Arts, Entertainment and Media; and Higher Education.

"If a social movement wants to change society, it has to do that by working in different parts of society, which coincides with his appointment to different sectors of society in different ways,

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Lindsay's current research on evangelicals stemmed from his graduate dissertation at Princeton University, which covered the significance of faith in the lives of America's leaders such as former presidents, CEOs and celebrities. As a continuation of this topic, Lindsay investigated evangelicals in public life with his book, Earth in the Halls of Power: How Evangelicals Joined the American Elite, which won the best book award last month from the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action, a leading scholarly society that deals with nonprofit research.

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““There were tables and chairs.”

Baker 13 participants storm Brown College’s bastion of defense built up of chairs and tables Friday on Halloween. Sadly, the makeshift wall was not enough to keep the creamed invaders out.

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Meyers will have to pay $5,000 to repair the window. He will be holding a fundraiser to cover the costs, and will probably be selling shirts at lunch in the residential colleges.

Hassell said an incident similar to Meyers’ occurred several years ago when a Baker 13 runner threw himself against the door at Fondren.

“The doors are pretty strong,” Hassell said. “But when you throw a grown body against it, you get a lot of pressure.”

Since that incident had no effect on Baker 13, Hassell said he doubts Meyers’ accident would change anything.

“I mean it’s not a good idea for them to be doing it, but it’s never stopped them before,” Hassell said. “Running’s one thing, but throwing yourself against the glass is really not the safest thing in the world to do.”

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“Styrobot”. Michael Salter’s new exhibit is too much

BY LEO B. CARTER
FOR THE THRESHER

His exhibit too much, which opened yesterday in Sewall Hall, consists partly of the greeting cards covered in a sea of yellow graphically printed icons that resemble warning signs with isolated and abstract messages. One icon is an anthropomorphic image of an infant in utero. These images contain within the body of the beast. The intricate circuit board of the chest is literally devoid of computer parts. What remains is only the Styrofoam casts of the world of manufacture.

Much like in the previous exhibit at the Rice Gallery, Aurora Robson’s ‘The Great Indoors’, the artist is working with the world’s recycled garbage with the hope of speaking in some way to the human condition. Salter said he had been working for many years with friends and others in his lab, but the project is still in its infancy.

Salter said that he is unstructured by medium. He swears the “Old World thought that you should follow the discipline,” and instead works with a variety of materials in each installation.

Salter said he finds as much inspiration in art museums as he might in the aisles of a dollar store, which he describes as graphically and culturally stunning.

“The art is seen everywhere—on the high and the low,” he said.

Salter acknowledges that his work seems to simultaneously criticize and embrace the material culture of America. “We work at this funny nexus or crossroads between design, commercialcy and art,” he said.”I’m really comfortable in this gray area.”

His work is meant as both high art and a commonplace culture product, and he hopes for this de-separation into various strata of the cultural commercial amalgam.

After seeing this exhibit, the viewer is left with merely an impression of popular culture, mass media and technology. Taken as a whole, the exhibit is hard to make sense of. It is the cohesion of slightly familiar and slightly alien images, but within it, each individual element can be isolated and interpreted independently.

Salter said his form can be called Pop Surrealism.” He draws from a vast array of personal influences like his childhood appetite for science fiction (such as his fascination for Star Trek and Star Wars) as well as the overwhelming influx of media, popular culture and technology in the Western world. It is this chaos of images and information that he expresses in his art.

“Culturally, artists are bastards,” he said. “Their job is to re-interpret the world around them.”

Salter said that he is laying out for his audience in not an explicit meaning or answer, but rather the product of the sensory overload that contributes to his synthesis of the world.

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“Hopefully, we can all go look at the world a little bit differently afterwards,” he said.

Salter will be speaking today at noon in front of the Rice Gallery. There will be refreshments served and free pins and stickers of Salter’s art. For more information, check out michaelwalter.com or the Rice Gallery’s Web site, ricegallery.org.

For the first time, in an effort to bridge the performance gap on a campus already saturated with shows, the two groups collaborated for the first time to produce Ted Dietz’s Private Eyes. Hopefully, this is only the first collaboration of many.

Dietz, whose clever writing makes him a spiritual successor to one-act guru Tom Stoppard, wrote Private Eyes with the intent of making his audience think. The script, jam-packed with subtle wordplay (and some hilarious banter) weaves forward and backward in time at breakneck speed. Ever the postmodernist, Dietz uses and shaves the structure of a play within a play which is sometimes itself within a third layer of play that questions the reality of the whole thing and demands that both the performer and audience are in top shape. The team assembled by VADA and the Rice Players is almost entirely up to the task.

The first and most important thing about Private Eyes is this: Whether you’re a veteran of the stage world or a first-time spectator, you will take away something. VADA Production Manager Matt Schlief is well-known for creating complex and engaging sets ever, and the extraordinarily imperious Humiltus Hall facility, and here he has turned this reputation with gusto. The design of Private Eyes, created with the assistance of Loyet College sophomore Alicia Hernandez, dispenses with the limitations of the building with a wide-angle set crowned by hanging industrial lights.

Private Eyes’ visual appeal reaches beyond the set design. Julia Traber, a visiting theater lecturer and director this semester, bestowed upon Private Eyes a polish obtainable only by experience. Rarely at Rice does the actors’ blocking set the production’s tone.

MARTIN SOPHOMORES SLUGID OWENS AND WILL RICE JUNIOR MICHAEL ROGERS share some quality time at Corey Matthew in the VADA and Rice Players’ collaborative production of Tom Dietz’s comedy Private Eyes.

BY TIMOTHY FAUST
THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

Department of Visual and Dramatic Arts shows, which have tremendous financial and professional backing, have traditionally suffered low audition turnout because most experienced or talented performers are wooed or pressed into joining their friends’ or college’s shows months, even semesters, before auditions.

On the other hand, the student-run Rice Players are sometimes able to pull a significant amount of talent to auditions but have never been blessed with heated budgets.

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THE WEEKLY SCENE

Editors’ picks for events outside the hedges, both around Rice and in the Houston area, for this week.

INDIANS

First Americans, on the colonization of the American continent, is showing at the Museum of Natural Science from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Student tickets are $7.

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A collaborative feast for your Private Eyes
Prepared to relax in The National’s post-election glow

For the past months, red, white and blue have covered everything around me. I don’t respond well to anything that’s shoved down my throat, including elections, and come late fall, compulsory patriotism in the form of flag, American eagles and the words “vote,” “maverick” and “change” seem to have replaced the flu as the thing I can’t escape.

Sarah Cook
Perhaps that is why I waited so long to listen to The National, the internationally acclaimed indie band playing at the All Rice Picnic today in celebration of Homecoming. Their name sounds to upper-American I wasn’t sure how much I’d be able to handle as the election drew closer. While I’d watched a fair share of their YouTube videos and read their Wikipedia article, my exploration of their identity came nowhere near my usual Pitchfork/Spin/Vice/Paste/RetinaBlind- ing Stone review-reading obsession, which involves gauging what the rest of the world thinks of a band and trying to marry those ideas to my own.

But now that the election has ended with the bang the polls predicted, I am ready to immerse myself in the deep, hypnotic voice of Matt Berninger, lead singer of the band, and experience the group in their own right.

The National have been active for almost ten years, putting out four albums and two EPs, most recently The Virginia EP, released on May 20. Critical acclaim came most strongly, though, in 2005, when they abandoned their personal label, Brassland Records, for Beggars Banquet Records. Beggars Banquet, home to bands like Nico and Vaster, is perfect for the layered, indie-rock vibe of The National. It was under this label that the group released Alligator and their much-heralded full-length album, Boxer.

Alligator, their third album, contains several gems, not least among them the infectious “Lit Up,” which may sound to post-punk fans like The Killers and Ian Curtis had a baby. The song alternates between Berninger’s brooding verses and an uplifting yet somehow not cheeky group chorus. Slower songs, like “Baby, We’ll Be Fine,” focus on the beautiful and tragic lyrics Berninger seems to have mastered. Lyrics that manage to pull listeners into a certain sadness without pulling them down. A slow but jumpy guitar and woeful violin an ano valleys needed to really resonate with the house.

company the song, coming together with a repeated “I’m so sorry for everything” that builds until the end of the song, keeping listeners engaged.

Standard one-liners fill the album, with a broad scope of influences and goals apparent on each song. Nevertheless, the songs stay within the verse-chorus-verse and sub-three-minute structures the rock genre expects, making the work at once both new and accessible.

Boxer came out in May of last year and received mass acclaim from critics, making and topping several “Best of 2007” lists. I’m not usually one for snarky critiques of American culture (okay, maybe a little), but “Fake Empire” really hits the mark. It is accompanied by a soaring piano and, in contrast, seemingly indifferent vocals that seem perfect for the repeated refrain, “We’re half awake in a fake empire.” Certain lines, ish as “put a little something in our limer- icle and take it with us,” feel as personal and real.

“Fake Empire” was played at the Democratic National Convention, and The National also used their rousing song “Mr. November” to back Barack Obama. T-shirts featuring Obama and the song’s title helped raise money for his campaign, and the band even performed at a rally supporting Obama.

Now, right after the candidate they’ve so vehemently supported has become the President-elect of the United States, Rice gets to see them live. So come out to the Central Quad near the Buchanan Pavillon at 11:30 a.m. today to grab some food and catch this most righteous band.

Sarah Cook is a Wiess College junior.
Fallout 3: The future's so bright, it glows in the dark

BY JOE DWYER
Thresher Editorial Staff

In the game's alternate history, the objective may sound simple, and come back to it later when you're ready. Many quests present some interesting moral choices, allowing the player to choose between defusing a improvised explosive device or using it to level a town. The results can radically change peoples' perceptions of your character or even the outcome of the game.

As an action RPG, Fallout 3 places a heavy emphasis on combat. Unfortunately, the first-person shooter controls feel a little wonky in comparison to games like Call of Duty 4. After some practice it gets easier, but even then it makes for a pretty heavy emphasis on combat. Fortunately, V.A.T.S (Vault-Tec Assisted Targeting System) is the second, more traditional mode of combat in Fallout 3, with the push of a button the game is suspended, allowing the player to spend Action Points to target specific body parts on the enemy. Running low on ammo? Put your last bullet into that grenade the mere is holding and enjoy the fireworks. Need to make an escape? Blows his legs off and see how well he follows you then. Or if you just want to get to the point, go for the head. After selecting which body parts or enemies to target, the game will enter into a slow-motion combat cut scene, often resulting in some hideously gruesome yet oh-so-satisfying kills.

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Sports

Owls are bowl bound again after third win in a row

Clement and Casey light up the offense once more despite further defensive gaffes

by Brody Rollins

For only the ninth time since 1965, both the Owls football team and soccer team are bowl eligible. Unlike the 2004 campaign, however, the team will have a lot more to prove as they progress through the season's winning moments to qualify. Avoiding a home loss in their only conference game, the Owls will enjoy a much deserved moment to remember the soon to be morose afternoon at Rice Stadium. The Owls’ 54-14 victory over the University of Texas-El Paso Saturday night in the Sun Bowl gave them the minimum of six victories necessary to play in a bowl game, and gave the seniors a chance at redemption after losing to Rice University 27-22 two years ago in the New Orleans Bowl. The Owls defeated UTEP 41-17 to give the Owls their third straight win in the series and the Owls’ first win since 1998. The Owls are one of four one-loss teams in Conference USA. The University of Southern Mississippi is the only team that hasn’t lost in C-USA play, although the Golden Hurricane did suffer their first loss of the season to Arkansas last week.

Aside from a bowl and Liberty Bowl in Memphis that goes to the conference champion, Owls must still withstand contracts with five other bowls. Which one the Owls end up attending will be decided by their performance over the final three games of the season against Memphis, Marshall, and Houston, all of which are at home. The Owls are currently at 6-1 and need two wins over the final three games to guarantee a bowl bid. Rice and Houston are of special importance in deciding the Owls’ bowl fate as both have one loss in conference.

Senior quarterback Chaise Clement provided most of last weekend’s highlights as he threw for five touchdowns and made a big play for one more. Clement is currently just one touchdown away from tying the CUSA mark for total touchdown passes, held by former University of Houston quarterback Rusty Kibler, who now plays for the Philadelphia Eagles.

In what has become a familiar sight, sophomore receiver James Casey again proved the opposing defense that Saturday, Casey, the team’s scored mix of strength, brains and machismo, accounted for four scores and 122 yards of total offense. As he does virtually every weekend, Casey demonstrated his versatility by recovering UTEP’s inside look with just 12 remaining in the game for the Owls. For his efforts last weekend Casey earned second CUSA player of the week and the team’s fourth overall.

Clement and Casey connected on for her sixth touchdown pass in six straight games against the Golden Hurricane and totalled eight passes for 129 yards, including one score. The Gament to Dillard connection total now stands at 124 career scores. UTEP made up of their game plan to stop Dillard throughout by double covering him or playing a safety deep on the field.

“Just one loss in conference,” Casey began his week off the top post and landed inside the tournament hosts off guard with a goal. He then added, “They are not going to give him the one on one that you would think you would in that formation. They are just not going to do it and that’s what’s allowing James Casey to do what he’s doing.”

Apart from the passing game, the Owls emerged with strong running game over the past few weeks. Junior running back Devine Ozigbo has had the ball cut down since he has one loss in conference.

Sports

Owls defeat University of Tulsa for the first time in three seasons

by Paul Fitzgerald

Averaging three straight seasons of defeat at the hands of the University of Tulsa, the volleyball team overcame the Golden Hurricane in five sets on Friday. The Owls followed that victory with another over Southern Methodist University on Sunday.

The players now turn their attention to Friday’s contest against the University of Alabama-Birmingham at 5 p.m. at the Fox Gymnasium.

The game could have a big impact on the final Conference USA volleyball standings, since the Blazers are currently perched at the top of the ladder with a 21-2 record. Rice, which is currently third with a 10-3 record, could cut its game deficit in half with a victory over UAB. All that aside, however, head coach Genny Volpe said she wants her team to approach the Blazers as they would any other opponent.

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“Defensively, we haven’t been having all season,” Wong said. “We came out fighting for the first 15 20 minutes. Obviously that’s when a lot happens. They put in two goals, but we couldn’t be bothered the way we played the rest of the game.”

As soon as the whistle blew to begin the second half, the home team began an onslaught with several corners near the Rice box. But even if LSU stepped up their effort, the Owls were not to be defeated on the field.

In the second half, the one-goal gap proved to be too wide, and LSU moved in the tournament with the win over the Owls in the NCAA tournament, leaving the Owls wondering what had happened between their stunning victory in Florida and their heartbreaking loss at the Rice Track and Soccer Stadium.

The biggest upset for the Owls between the two games came last week, when they traveled across the city to play crosstown rival University of Houston.

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“The seniors remember that we lost in overtime against LSU last week, and that we had lost in five sets the last three seasons,” Volpe said. “This was a big win for all of us, more so for the seniors, because it was out payoff for them.”

Following their emotional victory on Friday, the Owls traveled to Dallas to face an SMU team they defeated in three sets earlier in October. Rice was able to overpower SMU easily, winning in four sets. The Owls began the match by taking a 25-15 win on four kills by freshman outside Ashleigh McCand. The Owls and Mustangs went back and forth for most of the first set before the Mustangs pulled to within three points at 21-18. However, a quick 4-0 run ended the first set, with the Owls winning 25-19.

A kill by Dillard gave Rice a 25-22 lead to open the second set, which the team rode to a 25-20 win and a 2-1 set win advantage.

After a Mustang rally stole the third set from Rice, the Owls opened the fourth by taking a 2-1 lead. Leaded by three Morgan kills. SMU scored the next three points to make the score 2-2 and eventually cut the deficit to one point at 22-21. A quick 4-1 ran gave the Owls a four point advantage, which the Owls maintained for the rest of the game. Holmeski ended the fourth set and gave Rice the win. Voltage by Holmeski's play was key for the team this past weekend.

"Being led the team the whole season," Volpe said. "She was playing in both matches. A great week-end, and all around for her." The weekend saw allowed the Owls to VOLLEYBALL, page 18
Women's XC places second at C-USA championship

Owls unable to defend conference title, fall to improved Southern Methodist squad at more competitive meet

by Natalie Clericuzio

Saturday, Nov. 14

The Owls placed third overall in the C-USA conference meet held in Memphis, Tenn., last weekend.

Senior Lennie Waite and sophomore Allison Pye finished just behind Rice's top runners last season and not being able to win in such a convincing fashion.

"I'd say that we were disappointed about not repeating the week before conference, sophomore team this season," Bevan said.

"I think the extra K actually helps us," Bevan said. "We can't keep changing the conference meet. It's the longer the better, ever for Becky Wade."

Overall, Bevan believes his team can put together a complete race at regionals.

"I feel like we can run better than all year," Bevan said. "The little variables haven't all come into place yet. We're still hoping to put together that race that we get it on all cylinders. So far we've been hitting on seven of eight or six of eight and we haven't hit it on all eight cylinders."

Additionally, while the conference meet was a 5K, the regional meet and nationals are 6K runs. Bevan believes the extra 1,000 meters will help his team.

"There's no question it's the toughest of the conference meet part of the conference," Waite said. "We have a lot of missteps or regrets. Bevan is confident the extra 1,000 meters will help his team.

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South Central Regional

Weekend, Nov. 14

Waco, Texas

Rice

Hometown

Last season Rice won the South Central Regional decisively, defeating second-place University of Arkansas by 16 points. Six runners garnered all-region honors.

Waite also expects the team to improve on their conference performance at regionals, with the nation's conference meet part of the conference.

"The extra K at regionals helps our team," Waite said. "We have a lot of very strong runners on our team and we can come on strong at the end. Conference is a strange meet: there aren't very many schools so not as many people compete. More people are lining up to race at regionals, so we'll feel like we're racing much better and able to really get into it. We're hopeful about our chances of beating SMU at regionals."

Considering the havoc during the C-USA meet, Rice's second-place finish was an accomplishment. Junior Nicole Mermel to finished third overall and first for the Owls with a time of 1:19.88, just ahead of senior Lennie Waite's fourth-place 1:19.86 and sophomore Allison Pye's fifth-place 1:20.73.

The top three Owls qualified for first-team All-Conference, and junior Brittany Williams, who placed 19th overall, qualified for second team.

Mermel and Waite improved greatly from last season. Last year, Mermel was 52 seconds behind the meet's winner and 40 seconds behind this year's winner, SMU's Silje Fjortoft. This year, she was only 32 seconds behind the leader. Waite was 1:14 behind last year's winner and 1:02 behind Fjortoft; this year, she ran just 35 seconds behind the leader.

Bevan realizes that his runners have worked hard to beat the competition.

"Silje's improved, but Nicole and Lennie have improved even more so," Bevan said.

The rest of the Owls ran a strong meet as well, with Williams and freshman Kolby Johnson finishing 20th overall with a time of 1:38, running closer to the first place runner than they have all season. Wade and freshman Marie Thompson rounded out Rice's top seven, placing 26th and 27th overall, respectively.

This improvement shows that the team is getting fitter, and hopefully they can continue that trend through regionals in two weeks.

With Reynolds the only runner dealing with an injury, Rice plans to travel to Waco and run a race without any disqualifications or regrets. Bevan is confident his team can perform well and lead last season's South Central regional championship.

"We hope to return and redeem ourselves at the regional meet," he said. "We're hoping the fourth time is the charm against SMU. As defending champions, we want to step up to the plate."

The Owls are scheduled to perform regionals in two weeks.

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Senior Lennie Waite and sophomore Allison Pye finished just behind Rice's fourth and fifth overall.

one you go black you never go back
Men's XC places third again
Team will now seek redemption at competitive regional meet

by Jonathan Meyers

THESERVER STAFF

The 2008 election was about choosing a new leader for our country. Thankfully, the men's cross country team does not need to wait for the Electoral College to let them know who their team leaders are. Rice's strong core of upperclassmen carried the team to a third-place finish at the Conference USA Cross Country Championships in Waco, Texas, this past Saturday.

Senior Aaron Robson finished 11th overall, followed by junior Si- mon Blackwell, senior Brett Olsen, junior Jared Morris and senior Justin Maxwell. For a total of 84 points, The University of Tulsa took the C-USA title with the help of top finisher John Beatin. The University of Texas-G. Paso followed at second, despite having only the minimum of five runners on their roster. Head coach Jon War- ren (Jones '88) was pleased with the team's overall effort, and said that UTEP and Tulsa simply ran their best races of the season.

"We were hoping we had a shot at second," Warren said. "UTEP finally, for the first time all year, ran like a great team, so our chance of sec- ond pretty much evaporated at that point. They went from being a team I thought we could beat to a team that I think could finish in the top 15 in the country. Third was good, though."

Bucknell agreed with Warren.
"We set our goal for second at the beginning, but they ran their best race," he said. "We're probably a little disappointed."

A third-place finish behind two na- tionally ranked teams, the Owls still have the NCAA Central Region Regional meet to look forward to on Nov. 15 in Waco, Texas. Currently, the Owls are ranked 10th in the South Central Region, which includes perennial powers Texas A&M University, ranked 18th nationally, and the University of Arkansas, which has won the past 19 cross-country national championships. They will also face Lamar University, which has gained itself as a "sink or swim" type of team.

"Lamar has two great guys," War- ren said. "Lamar could be second, but I thought we could finish in the top 15 in the country."

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The regional meet will be held at Cottonwood Creek Golf Course, which will present small rolling hills and varied terrain. Warren commented on the terrain of the course, which he considers to be neither a particularly challenging or difficult one.

"We have been striving to run as a pack this entire season, and their ability to stick together will be even more essential at the regional meet than at the C-USA championships. The C-USA championships only had around 60 runners in the field, while the South Central Re- gional meet will have close to 150 runners. Warren and his team both know what strategy they will have to employ in order to have a top team finish.

"If we could get that tight pack, and have Aaron run similar to how he ran, and have a right pack behind him, it will do wonders," Warren said.

The possible continuation of the Rice Owls' season will bring on their leaders' ability to work together in a pack and work towards the best possible outcome: a berth in NCAA National Championship.
Golf surprises pack with third place finish

Buttacavoli finishes in second to carry team to best result of fall season despite final round meltdown

by Yan Digilov

THE RICE THRESHER

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This week in California, the Pacific Invitational turned out to be the tournament the golf team was waiting for. The Owls’ fall season has been marred weakly despite high hopes after a productive summer and a promising transfer arrived on campus. But on Friday before the team left for California, head coach Drew Scott said he was only waiting for a spark to ignite their fire.

“We need to have a good week,” he said. “We need to have one good tournament that sparks us. We are on the cusp of breaking through.”

Led by junior Michael Buttacavoli’s second place finish out of 60 golfers at the Pacific Invitational three days ago, the Owls captured third place in the three-day tournament held in Stockton, Calif. from Nov. 3-5. With a combined score of seven over par, they were best only by University of California-Davis, which shot four over par, and Kansas State University, which finished one over. UC Davis is ranked 18th in the nation and EU is ranked 49th.

Though the finish was a strong way to cap off the fall season, it showed only a glimpse of the Owls’ abilities. The squad led the 12-team tournament coming into the last day, but a pair of individually weak performances contributed to a score of nine over par in the last round, tied for the worst finish of the day, and the drop to third place.

Buttacavoli shot two over par in the final round, his worst numbers of the event. Sophomore Michael Wharton finished one over par in two days in a row with a five over par on Tuesday and Wednesday. Senior Kyle Kelley, however, turned things around in the final two days, posting a 77 and a 79, after struggling in the first round with a 86.

The anchor for consistency turned out to be junior Christopher Brown. He shot one over par, 72, in the first and third rounds, and a 73 in the second.

“We always thought that this lineup was going to be pretty good,” Brown said. “We know what we could do, but we just hadn’t had the opportunity to put it together.”

Before this week’s tournament, no Rice team of five had been able to finish better than the middle of the pack in their season’s, with their highest finish eighth out of 16 at the Kansas Invitational in October. As such, some of the younger players cut their teeth on the golf course. Whether they have the ability to compete with some of the best in the country is yet to be seen, but they are showing signs of improved skill throughout the fall, proving that last year’s shortcomings are no longer on their minds.

The first step in that process came over the summer, as the team worked to stay in shape and came away with some victories to show for it. Brown topped a field of 60 in the Sonoma Collegiate Open in San Antonio on Aug. 5. Following week, Kelley finished second in the College Players Tour National Championship at Texas Star Golf Course in Austin. Brown finished fourth in the same tournament in third.

Neighborhood Ben Davis also showed signs of promise, winning an event in August put on by the American Junior Golf Association. The freshman finished second in the high school AJGA state tournament representing South Austin in the spring.

Eight of the nine men on the roster have qualified to play on the Rice men’s team in a tournament this fall, including freshman Erik Meyer, who played in the Kansas Invitational, and Thurner, who qualified for the Prestige at PGA West tournament on Oct. 16.

However, sophomore transfer Robert国资委 has made himself one of the top players after a stellar fall. Koren has experienced some of the newcomers after transferring to Rice from Division II Whittier College at the end of last spring. Though he has taken time to adjust to the stiffer competition in Division I, Koren has proved himself to be a reliable member of the team’s top five rotation that will usually travel together in the spring tournaments.

Those top five qualified for the Pacific Invitational this week, and the results speak for themselves. The squad is made up of Kelly, Brown, Buttacavoli, Barrow and Whitehead.

“They are playing as well as they have played all season,” Scott said. “I have noticed that some guys are gaining and playing better at tournaments, and some of them don’t. In golf you don’t have any substitutions. You take your starting five and you are stuck with them for the entire fall.”

Scott intended for the fall season to give many of the younger players the necessary experience to prepare for the regular season. He has scheduled a difficult series of tournaments in the winter and spring months in hopes of gaining an at-large bid for postseason competition.

“Their one objective has to be that you want to get into regionals,” he said. “The automatic way to get in is if you win conference, but I don’t want to throw all my eggs in one basket and prepare for one tournament. I would much rather have a great body of work and when we come to conference, we know we are going to regionals. It is not going to be easy for the Rice squad that has not seen much success in recent years. Their main battle will be against inconsistency, the mark of an inexperienced team. However, Scott hopes that the players, one year older, have learned what it takes to perform in a tournament.

“We are going to hit the ground running and we want to show some fire in the spring,” he said. “We are going to have to come into the Conference USA championships. There should be no excuses at that point, (and we play) the best team who is going to be our starting five.”

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**SPORTS NOTEBOOK**

**Baseball finishes Preseason play**

The baseball team finished the exhibition season undefeated and with a combined batting average of .348 over the four 14-inning games. The Owls’ 2-1 win over McNeese State University last Saturday at Reckling Park was the last in a series of three wins over the University of Texas and one over Texas State University.

New players continued performing well during this exhibition, as junior Brice Hitt, freshman Anthony Redosan, junior Steven Sudhahot and freshman Jeremy Rahn each had three hits. The offensive star of the day, however, was junior Jimmy Cordero. His seven hits and five RBIs included one home run and a stolen base. The other Owls who collected multiple hits were freshman Dave Peterson and sophomore Michael Fuda, who had three and four RBIs, respectively.

The Rice offense managed 28 hits, eight of them for extra bases. Meanwhile, the 10 Rice pitchers struck out 16 and only allowed two runs, junior Mike Glano started, finishing three innings of work with five strikeouts. The only other pitchers who threw multiple innings were freshman Taylor Wall and sophomore Matt Evera, while sophomore Doug Simmons struck out the three batters he faced in his inning of work.

The Owls do not play again until Feb. 20, when they travel to California to play California Polytechnic State University for a three-game series to open their season. The first game at Reckling Park is Feb. 27, against the University of Houston.

-Meghan Holf

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**Soccer From Page 13**

only two seasons that will graduate next year, leaving the team with very familiar faces in 2009.

"We played so well in so many games," Petric said. "I am going to take away the memories of losing in so many games and the victories and the relationships that I have made with these girls. They are like sisters to me. We are a team that has shown that we can go five games deep, start out strong, and we can still compete and win. If they can stay healthy, they are going to blow everybody away.

After this year Houston has come to understand the nature of her players much better.

"They have learned this year how good they can be," she said. "This is a very resilient team. I am proud of the girls. They worked hard. They never quit until the end."
Swirl that around for a bit, gargle it and spit it out. Still tastes funny, doesn’t it?

“The highlight [of the season] for me was Game 7 of the American League Championship Series against the Red Sox,” Meister says. “Boston had all the momentum — they won Games 5 and 6, their best pitcher was on the mound, and David Ortiz had finally started hitting. Matt Garza, one of our young starting pitchers went out there and shut them down. David Price, another young guy, did a hell of a job closing the game. It was really nice to see the more inexperienced players take the lead and win the game.

But the Rays weren’t just the victors; they were also the underdogs, so it’s easy to see why so many people got behind the team this season. And Rob’s faith, long glued to his D-Rays hat and his Joe-Maddon look-alike glasses, has finally been rewarded.

“I’m a little bummed [that the Philadelphia Phillies won] but I’m still really, really happy and proud of this team,” says Meister, whose favorite player was Fred McGriff, a Tampa native. “To go from last to first in the AL East, then beat the White Sox and Red Sox in the playoffs... it’s pretty impressive.”

Following this semester, Rob will join his friends and family in “the Burg,” basking in the glow of Tampa’s success. But after his team’s cour-Ray-geous, mi-Ray-culous and Ray-markable postseason run, Rob is now living on Cloud Nine.

But don’t think for a second that he’s going to invest in any cowbells.

“No, I think [the cowbells] are stupid, but I kinda think the blue Mohawks are jazz,” he says.

- Casey Michel is a Brown College junior and former sports editor.

Women’s club soccer team wins Houston Club Conference

The women’s club soccer finished atop the Houston Club Sports Conference in their regular season. They swept competition 4-0, scoring 21 goals and allowing only one. Last weekend they travelled to Austin to compete in the regional tournament. The Owls were eliminated after hard fought...
It seems like a gross violation of animal cruelty laws, but apparently PETA's cool with it.

In case you don't come to Student Association meetings (and have missed the ones we held in the Student Union's Grand Ballroom), there is going to be a live may at the Homecoming Tailgate. And free t-shirts to the first 150 students who show up. And free Mission Burrito a la Nick Muscato. But not for your friends. They have to come to Student Association himself for that.

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• Get up early. Registration opens at 8 a.m. Be sitting at your computer by 7:05 a.m.
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• Use a wired connection. They're slightly faster than the wireless (i.e. you get slight "priority").
• Be free foodstuffs. What kind of animal cruelty laws, but apparently anonymous RPC reps.)

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Tim: And no woman will ever touch you.

Doc: What about that drunken Facebook message you sent me this summer? “LET NOBODY SAY that typography is the pursuit of nobody whom ladies like—”

Tim: I don’t remember this. Doc. I don’t believe you.

Doc: “yesterday i wore my typography shirt and because of it got laid IT WAS A SUCCESS / i love paper mario”

TIM RECOMMENDS:
HIST 364 lisa balabanbihil
CENTRAL ASIAN CONQUEST EMPIRES

Tim: I haven’t taken this course specifically, but last year took a course in garden history with Balabanbihil. It was great!

Doc: What?

Doc: No, seriously. I learned a lot about gardens! It got me a job! And got me laid!

Doc: By a dude?

TIM RECOMMENDS:
ENGL 338 joshua gonsalves
SURVEY OF BRITISH ROMANTICISM

Doc: I don’t really know anything about British Romanticism, nor have I ever taken a course from Joshua, but he used to be my RA. Guys who don’t own cars are totally legit.

Tim: You know who else doesn’t own a car? The homeless.

Doc: I said he used to be my RA.

Doc: That class teach you to stop stuttering?

Doc: Does that class teach you to stop stuttering?

Doc: If you take this course then you can write pretentious articles in the Thresher about how important typography is to presidential campaigns.

Doc: Does: that class teach you to stop stuttering? Th-th-that’s really funny, Doc.

TIM RECOMMENDS:
POLI 462 john ambler
COMPARATIVE PUBLIC POLICY

Doc: John Ambler and POLI 212 is the reason I’m a Poli Sci major.

Tim: Yeah, I don’t really have much to say here. Ambler’s the man.

Doc: I’d like to take a moment to discuss Ambler the man. Those pastel shirts are stylish!

Tim: I hear he bikes to work every day. And that he’s awesome at tennis or raquetball or something.

Doc: His hair is, I mean, his hair is really good, I just want to look at it all day. Maybe pet it.

TIM RECOMMENDS:
BROW 102 timmy faust
INTRODUCTION TO IMPROVISATION

Tim: This class is going to be awesome. I guarantee it. It’s going to be fantastic. We’re going to improvise. What’s better than that?

Doc: If I know you, there are going to be two ways to get an A in this class: effort or boobs.

Tim: Preferably both.

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2008

The campaign for change comes to Rice's campus

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Election 2008 fervor comes to Rice campus
After visiting voting polls early, students celebrate election at various campus locations

Wiess students gather to watch evening election results at the Wiess Masters’ house. Dr. Mike Gustin (bottom left) and his wife provided students with s’mores and beverages for the duration of the party.

Willy’s statue encourages academic quad passers-by to vote on Tuesday. He was dressed in election spirit by Rice Vote Coalition.

Brown sophomores Vivian Ban, Brown freshman Raquel Perez and Hanszen freshman Marisa Peralta man the voting sign-in table Tuesday in Farnsworth Pavilion. The polls were open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m., and 638 people voted in the Rice precinct.

Baker seniors Arianna Hatchett, Melissa LoPalo, Liz Young and Maheda Mekonnen field questions asked by a reporter from Youth Radio at the Baker Institute election party. Youth Radio is a weekly news show produced by a team of teenagers.

Ever since the presidential candidates took the stage 21 months ago this election has been in the forefront of Americans’ minds. One by one the extensive pool of candidates was boiled down: Edwards, Romney, Huckabee, Clinton and so forth, until finally, on Tuesday, Barack Obama finally stood victorious over his rival John McCain in the fight for the presidency of the United States.

The final ballot was different than any other in the history of American politics, since it included among its choices both an ethnic minority and a politically underrepresented gender, as well as the oldest man ever to run for a first term as president of the United States. The mandate from voters was undeniable, as the nation spoke loudly and clearly that America needed to embrace Obama’s call for change.

The following pages contain a limited snapshot of the election and the political, social and even sporting scenes surrounding it. The photos chronicle the activity at Rice on election day. The Thresher exit poll reveals the Rice student population’s widespread allegiance with Obama and his proposed policies. The feature pieces and columns offer analysis of the unique facets of the election and their consequences from a student point of view.

Essentially, these pages reflect what is only a sliver of the political fervor this country embraced on election day, but that sliver is already the most memorable political experience the vast majority of people on this campus and in this country have ever known. On Nov. 3, we shut our eyes to the sunset of an old era. On Nov. 4, we opened them again to see what we hope is but the dawning of a new one.
Electoral day for an elections judge

Hanszen senior Abbie Ryan speaks about the adventures of running Rice's precinct during the presidential election

Rice Thresher: So how did you become an elections judge? Abbie Ryan: Last year I worked as a clerk and the judge, alternate judge and the other clerk all graduated last year so I was the only one who had worked in elections so I e-mailed the Democratic Party and said, "I'd like to do this for Rice, please." Thresher: What does that responsibility entail? Ryan: Hiring clerks is a big one, and we had myself, the alternate judge, who had to be there, and then four election clerks and had to set up training for the four of us, myself, the alternate judge and two clerks had to go to poll worker training where we learned how to do clerking. Then, we had to do if this or that happens. Then myself and the alternate judge had to go to an election law class and learn about stuff you wouldn't think about like what was legal or what was not legal and what metrics and what you can't wear an Obama shirt to come vote; you can't be on your cell phone when you're voting; you can't take pictures really anything disruptive, what a poll watcher is, random stuff that that whole train was about. We also had to take all of our computers and presenters to the precinct county headquarters where they count all the ballots at the end of the night. So we worked from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the morning to eight at night doing election stuff. I was there the entire time. I did not leave the Rice for that time.

Thresher: Are there a couple of people from your dorm who were able to help out or hand out election paraphernalia? Ryan: There were a couple of people who brought those handouts but that was just kind of random. Ryan: Did anyone come in with election paraphernalia? Ryan: There were a couple of people who brought those handouts but that was just kind of random. Thresher: Anything unusual happen? Ryan: Anything unusual happen? Ryan: Did you learn anything in par-...
As a part of this year's coverage of the 2008 Elections, the Thresher collected exit polls from 260 of the roughly 630 undergraduates who voted in the Rice precinct on Nov. 4. The following are the condensed results of these polls.

Colleges
Hanszen College reported the most exit polls (40), while Wiess College reported the least (14). The chart to the right shows the breakdown of each College's votes for Obama (to the left, in blue) and McCain (to the right, in red). Libertarian Bob Barr received a total of 5 votes in this tally: 1 at Brown, 2 at Hanszen, 1 at Jones, and 1 at Sid Rich.

Majors
The Social Sciences majors constituted the largest portion of the polls (70 responses). The chart to the right shows the breakdown of each major division's votes for Obama (to the left, in blue) and McCain (to the right, in red). Bob Barr received a total of 5 votes in this tally: 2 in Engineering, 1 in the Humanities, and 2 in the Social Sciences.

Grades
The senior class had the largest poll turnout, with 68. The chart to the right shows the breakdown of each grade level's votes for Obama (to the left, in blue) and McCain (to the right, in red). Bob Barr received a total of 5 votes in this tally: 1 from the freshman class, 1 from the sophomore class, 2 from the senior class, and 1 from the 5th years.

Man ON THE Street

1. Obama has been referred to by national newspapers as the first "global president"—what does this term mean to you and how should it factor into his presidency?
2. What do you think about Obama's ability to bring the U.S. out of economic recession?
3. What do you think about the international issues like terrorism and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan that Obama will have to deal with once he's in office?
4. What did you think about the election in general, from the candidates' campaigns a year ago, the growing intensity of the campaigns, the election itself, and its results?

Erin Walier
WIESS 2010
1. I think it's great that we improved our standing in the world, but we need to remember that we're voting for an American president, and not a global one. Our first priority in a president is one who will serve America's interests best.
2. I don't think it's an easy job for either candidate and it's a really tough situation. Obama can bring with him a sense of hope and we'll see if it's his policies that inspire hope or what he claims he'll be able to do.
3. He's got a lot to prove. His newness to the federal government and global issues are scarce. I think he realizes that troops are needed to stabilize the Middle East and that he will have to move from his strict timeline... I'm confident that he will surround himself with intelligent people and you could see that in his campaign.
4. Overall, Obama had a really impressive campaign. Obama fought a cleaner fight I would say but the person doing worse in the polls tends to be more accusatory and Obama was calm and cool through the election and he is a great speaker.

Will Randall
HANSZEN 2011
1. Just because he grew up in Indonesia, doesn't mean he's a global leader. If [the label he's been given] shouldn't influence his policies when he becomes president.
2. I think he's a bit too young to lead the state.
3. I have no idea.
4. The campaigns were more targeted to attack each other's character instead of their policies.
Election Issue

Each student was polled on which election issue most influenced his or her voting decision. The results are separated between voters for Obama (to the left and blue) and voters for McCain (to the right and red). The length of the bar indicates the percentage of students who felt that particular issue was the key factor in influencing their vote.

Candidate Quality

Students were also asked what candidate quality they perceived as most important in their voting choice. The results are separated between voters for Obama (to the left and blue) and voters for McCain (to the right and red). The length of the bar indicates the percentage of students who felt that quality was the key factor in influencing their vote.

Darren Arquero

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3. He's promised pulling out of Iraq and I don't know if it'll happen as completely or totally as he says it will. He says he'll focus on Afghanistan more and I think that it's important because we've ignored it in the past.

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Eight months ago, I stood on the floor of the Toyota Center, less than 50 feet away from the man who in 10 short weeks will be sworn in as the 44th president of the United States. The aura that then-Senator, now-President-elect Barack Obama exuded was astonishing, not unlike the famed "reality distortion field" that surrounds Apple Inc.'s charismatic Steve Jobs, except instead of making you believe that the iPod is a worthwhile product, Obama makes you believe that the world is capable of bringing about real change.

Eric Doctor

The stands were filled with people from all walks of life, from all races, from all religions, and they were all chanting "Yes We Can!" and occasionally "Si Se Puede!" and shouting at his speech. That night, I sent an e-mail to my family that said, "This man needs to be our next president. Don't you think we could use a little bit of idealism, a little bit of hope, in the White House?"

I had gotten caught up in the atmosphere, the energy, the real sense of hope that night at the Toyota Center. But there was something else amazing about that rally — every single sign was set in the same typeface, with the same color scheme, with the same logo. The Obama sunrise — a white sun rising into a blue sky over a red and white striped field — flashed from all corners of the stadium, above the slogan "Change we can believe in."

Obama may have won the election, but the unsung winner of this campaign is graphic design. No past presidential campaign has shown such aggressive branding as Obama's and McCain's, although President George W. Bush’s use of his middle initial as an identifier four years ago was in the same vein. We're used to recognizing McDonald’s by the arches and Nike by the swoosh; now we're used to recognizing Barack Obama by the rising sun. Both candidates' designers paid careful attention to how their design would reflect their messages throughout the campaign, and that is especially evident in their choices of typography.

McCain’s primary typeface is Optima, which, no so coincidentally, is also the typeface used on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The connection may not seem obvious, but this choice of typeface serves as a visual reminder that McCain was a POW in Vietnam. (Never mind that it is also the typeface of Fountin Lauder and Nordstrom.)

Optima is also type geeks call a "fared sans," not really a serif or a sans serif font. So, for those little feet on the ends of the letters you're reading right now, serif fonts have them, sans serif do not. Optima flares out at the end like a serif, but it is cut off with a serif. It is middle-of-the-road, centrist, refusing to fall into defined categories. In short, it is a font a maverick would use.

Though most of the campaign, McCain used the bold weight of Optima, but after he picked Sarah Palin as his running mate, something changed. All of the McCain-Palin signs are set in Baskerville, which is the boldest weight of Optima. It appears as though McCain was trying to portray himself as powerful and forceful — a style made famous by the label "female running mate." It also reflects his attempts to appeal to the Republican base. Republicans in the past few decades have been known to use very bold typefaces.

McCain’s primary typeface throughout the campaign was Optima, which is the typeface used on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. It is a "fared sans," which does not fall into a defined category of sans-serif or serif. This was meant to reinforce the idea of McCain as a "maverick."

McCain’s typography has been a bit more subtle but reflective of his message nonetheless. When he announced his candidacy, he was trying to establish a grassroots movement of young people who would get excited about the campaign and build momentum. His typeface of choice was Perpetua, which is very clean, polished and contemporary. It was the regular (not bold) weight, and it was set in upper and lower case, rather than the more traditional bold all-caps. It was placed next to his sunrise logo, but the logo had a glossy effect added to it. The whole design was aiming towards defining convention, and it had the feeling of an up-and-coming web company.

At some point later in the campaign, Obama started using Gotham as his primary typeface. Gotham has a uniquely American quality to it — Tobias Frere-Jones, an American type designer, based it on the industrial lettering of the New York Port Authority Bus Terminal. Gotham is a typeface with universal appeal. It represents entities as varied as Coca-Cola, the Maury Show and the Tribeca Film Festival. It appeals to working-class and wealthy voters alike. If there is such a thing as a populist typeface, then Gotham is it.

Try this: type the word "CHANGE" in Times New Roman. It looks forced and stiff. Now switch the font to Comic Sans. That font makes the idea of Change (like all things set in Comic Sans) look silly and empty. In Gotham, "CHANGE" looks earnest and inspiring. Those signs flashing at me at the rally were all set in Gotham and it only added to the air of inspiration around Barack Obama.

Obama’s consistency of branding is incredible. It’s really hard to go to rally after rally across the entire country without some lower-echelon campaign staff asking, "Oh, we’re out of signs. Screw it, let’s just print a bunch in Arial." Seeing the phrase "Change we can believe in" set in Arial instead of Gotham would have cheapened the message.

Gotham still maintained a very active role in Obama’s campaign, but after he secured the Democratic nomination, his designers began setting his name in Requiem, a serif typeface, with small caps instead of lower case. The overall aesthetic is much more traditional and established, but Requiem is less than a decade old, so it is not weighed down by the baggage of the past. His entire brand evokes class, almost making the word Obama synonymous with president.

And now it is.

The sad part about all of this branding, however, is that, come January, it will go to waste. Obama’s logo will no longer be the rising sun — it will be the Seal of the President of the United States. The seal, ironically enough, uses Baskerville, a distinctly British typeface. Perhaps it is time for change there as well?

Eric Doctor is a Loyola College junior and Backpage editor.

The typeface Gotham played a very prominent role in Obama’s campaign. Designed by an American and based off of the letters on the New York Port Authority Bus Terminal, it is among the few uniquely American typefaces. It has a universal appeal — it is seen representing entities as varied as Coca-Cola, the Maury Show and the Tribeca Film Festival. It has a very earnest and inspiring quality.

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After he secured the Democratic nomination, Obama’s designers began setting his name in a modified version of Requiem. The aesthetic is much more established, but Requiem is less than a decade old, so, like Obama, it is not weighed down by the past. The overall effect was very presidential, almost as if to say that Obama was already in office.
Stone's 'W' Lacks Depth, Dimension of Real-Life Bush

BY JACQUE AMRON
TREASURE ISLAND STAFF

With a timely release that entranced a generation of viewers, director Oliver Stone presents his political film, 'W,' as a caricature of the former president George W. Bush. Through this caricature, Stone creates a visually stunning film that successfully incorporates the characteristics of both a documentary and a drama as to effectively reach beyond the limited audience of a traditional documentary by highlighting — or, rather, sensationalizing — the more scandalous events of the presidency.

Natalie Clericuzio

If you aren't a movie buff, you might be wondering what in the world would happen if they could change one thing in sports. This is the answer to that question by the candidates for UConn's Student Government Association. This year's election season seems to be one of another difficult problem, related stronger governing regulations.

Barack Obama has been declared the president-elect, but he and John McCain's views on sports could affect the nation's view on how much work each man would perform in the Oval Office. On Monday Night Football, the new presidentelect has often been seen watching sports, but just as often, he has "got his head in the game," and his opponent, Democrat Barack Obama, has often been observed watching sports.

If you want to know about the media's influence on the presidential election, you'll want to know about the. In his latest work, Stone presents a unique hybrid film that successfully incorporates the characteristics of both a documentary and a drama. With a timely release that coincides with the opening of the 2008 baseball season and the start of the Democratic Convention, Stone's film "W" presents a dramatic look at the presidency of George W. Bush.

It is not often that a film can present an accurate portrait of the presidency, but Stone manages to do just that. The film presents a balanced view of both Bush's successes and failures, as well as his personal life.

In the opening scene, Stone presents a glimpse into the lives of the two candidates. Obama and his family are seen playing a game of Monopoly, while McCain and his family are shown watching an episode of the TV show "Monday Night Football." The film then follows the candidates as they campaign across the country, with each scene highlighting a different aspect of their personalities.

As the film progresses, Stone presents a more detailed look at the candidates' views on sports. Obama opposes the idea of having a professional football team as the national sport, while McCain supports the idea. However, both candidates are shown to be aware of the importance of sports to the American public.

In one scene, Obama is shown discussing the need for a new stadium for the Chicago Cubs, while McCain is shown discussing the importance of keeping the National Football League in the state. The film then goes on to show how both candidates' views on sports have affected their campaigns, with Obama's support for professional sports helping him to gain support from the minority community, while McCain's stance on the issue helped him to win the support of the sports community.

As the film reaches its climax, Stone presents a dramatic look at the 2008 election. Obama and McCain are shown debating on the stage of the Democratic Convention, with each candidate presenting their views on sports and the economy. The film then follows the candidates as they campaign on the final day of the convention, with Obama ultimately winning the election.

Throughout the film, Stone presents a balanced view of both candidates, highlighting their strengths and weaknesses. The film is not just a look at the candidates' views on sports, but also a look at their personalities and philosophies.

Overall, Stone's film "W" presents a unique and intriguing look at the presidency of George W. Bush. With its blend of drama, documentary, and suspense, it is a film that will be enjoyed by both sports fans and political analysts alike.
FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION:
SIX CANDIDATES THAT DIDN’T WIN BUT MAYBE SHOULD HAVE

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ALSO RAN:
EVAN IROWIN MINTZ

After pundit after pundit declared the historical nature of this election, Mintz mumbled, "Oy vey! None of these goyish schmucks know history, though that Palin is a shiksa goddess." Unfortunately, discovery of the former Backpage editor's past Families Weekend party antics cut this front-runner's candidacy short on the eighth day.

Strengths: Kicking over trash cans, banking, racist comments.
Weaknesses: He's small.
A vote for Evan Mintz is a vote for:
Me, Evan!

ALSO RAN:
CHINGISS KHAN

If there’s one thing that California’s Proposition 8 (and its pals in Arizona and Florida) has taught us, it’s that America is not afraid to cut and run away from progressivism. Might as well go all the way with this one.

Strengths: Knows a little something-something about imperialism. Killed a million dudes. Is a direct ancestor of 0.5% of the world’s population.
Weaknesses: Might drop nukes all over the place. Child support scandals would be a nightmare.
A vote for Chingiss Khan is a vote for:
Scaring the Shit out of China.

ALSO RAN:
G. CHRISTOPHER WARRINGTON

Make no mistake: behind these glasses is one of the sharpest political minds at Rice. Christopher is one of three or four people in the history of the university to have read the entire Student Association constitution and enjoyed it.

Strengths: Encyclopedic parliamentary procedure, Controls club approvals. Can shoot laser beams from his eyes; voice has a mildly hypnotic quality.
Weaknesses: May not be entirely human.
A vote for G. Christopher Warrington is a vote for:
Brutal efficiency.

ALSO RAN:
Dikembe Mutombo

One of the NBA’s most prolific defensive players. Once rumored as a candidate for Rice’s basketball coach. Attended Georgetown as a pre-med before getting recruited to play basketball.

Strengths: Can block any player in the league. Has elbows that have injured over a dozen real NBA stars. Internationally acclaimed humanitarian.
Weaknesses: Trademark finger wag is now considered an immediate technical foul. Sounds like Cookie Monster. Technically not a US citizen.
A vote for Dikembe Mutombo is a vote for:
SLAM DUNKS

ALSO RAN:
RON PAIL

The only thing more frustrating than reading Dr. Paul’s The Revolution is hearing his devotees (who claimed the movie V for Vendetta from an enjoy able flick a few years ago) blab about it.

Strengths: Unites the diverse “white supremacist” and “insane college student” crowds. Also, he toured many vaginas.
Weaknesses: Republican nutjob scare factor diminished severely with the introduction of South Palin.
A vote for Ron Paul is a vote for:
Zeppelins, gold, gold zeppelins.

ALSO RAN:
AL GORE

After eight blissful years of unprecedented peace, unparalleled prosperity and unmatched health it’s a shame that President Gore is prohibited from serving the third term he would undoubtedly win by a landslide. While Gore has shared his plans to use his retirement from the public life to bring water purification methods to “every town in the world,” we at the Thresher (and our Pulitzer-winning news team) will miss covering the transformation of the United States into a nation powered entirely by maintenance-free solar energy. Hopefully Vice President Feinstein will live up to the standard set by his former runningmate.

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