**New world lit department considered**

BRUCK BULLOCK

THRESHOLD STAFF

After 15 years of fluctuating discussion, the French, Hispanic, German, and Classical Studies departments are considering a merger to form one World Literature department. The merger would not result in any changes to staff or curriculum but would restructure the four departments involved, making cross-listed courses easier to organize.

Dean of Humanities Nicolas Shumway has set up a task force that is looking into a possible graduate program for the departments as well as what advantages there would be for combining the departments.

**Beginning a graduate program in World Literature and Culture departments would open up opportunities for students and professors.**

One problem facing a graduate program is how to staff it, a question that remains open. Courses are currently being taught by departmental professors. However, in order to become a teaching professor, courses need to be available to teach courses, French Studies and Hispanic Studies departments are open to the idea of a graduate program. But would restructure the four departments as each would restructure the identity of each department. Aranda said some professors are skeptical of the idea of a graduate program.

The more controversial issue surrounding the merger is the idea of combining French, Hispanic, German, and Classical studies into one department.

The institutes themselves have their reservations because the four departments would have to combine their courses into one. The four departments have of restructuring the departments is that the four departments would lose their autonomy. Aranda added some professors worry that their department’s needs would be taken care of by a combined head of all four departments.

"There is a sensitivity to retaining the identity of each department," Aranda said.

Duncan College senior Helen Li said she worries that the merger would take away from the uniqueness of being a German Studies major.

"Combining the departments could take away from the identity of the department," Li said. "Having my major come from the German Studies department makes it stand out more than a world literature major.

However, merging would not significantly reduce the number of departments, as each would remain a mostly autonomous division within the overlying world literature department. Majors would not be altered either, students could still obtain degrees in Hispanic Studies, French Studies, German Studies, or Classical Studies, which Li said was preferable to creating one department.

Shumway and Aranda said they believe that the departments would open up new possibilities to both students and professors.

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**Vegas-themed NOD will dazzle**

BY RITCH GEE

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You NOD Vegas, go All In to tomorrow night, and students are going to make it happen.

Ticket sales for Rice College's public party started Monday, with tickets selling for $10 each beforehand or at the door for $20. A ticket and ticket combination can be purchased for $25.

The Rice Socials said that about 800 students purchased tickets for the two-day event, but that they do not yet know how many will this year. There are 150 guest passes for sale.

The party, hosted at Front and Koozick, also did not reveal any further specifics regarding the party's decorations.

"Decorations will involve lots of glitz and glamour, but we want to keep the rest a surprise," Masea, a junior, said. "We want to build and expand the event and bring Rice's potential for creativity.

The Rice Socials said that they have been working with the administration and RUPD to coordinate a safe event. Masea, who encouraged students to read the flyer regarding NOD's alcohol policy said: "We try to keep what has worked with past events, while adding more improvement.

We're trying to break the mold without taking away the party atmosphere," Masea said.

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Don’t get Loco in NOD Vegas

As students prepare for an undoubtedly Decadent weekend (see story, page 1), dramatic stories of alcohol incidents affiliated by alcohol poisoning at universities around the country pour in. This month alone, incidents with the newly popular Four Loko caffeinated alcoholic drink have left a plethora of students hospitalized in Washington (Central Washington University), New Jersey (Rutgers College) and New York (Cornell University). Caffeinated alcoholic drinks’ ability to mask intoxication is behind their quickly spreading popularity but also the root of their dangerous health concerns. The recent outbreaks have even prompted officials to contemplate banning drinks such as Four Loko; however, these dangers are equally present with any sort of liquor-energy drink combinations.

With this recent flurry of alcohol incidents around the country in mind and the upcoming celebration of Night of Decadence, it would be most prudent to recall Dean of Undergraduates John Hutchinson’s words about Rice’s unique “culture of care.” After all, it is this dynamic that separates Rice from the rest. So, as we celebrate one of Rice’s greatest traditions this weekend, let’s have a great time while also keeping in mind the well-being of our fellow students. At the very least, let’s not contribute to the growing movement that seeks to eliminate Four Lokus from stores’ shelves.

When student feedback is neglected or absent, the results can be catastrophic—take this year’s KRTH debacle, for instance. However, in the past two months alone, student feedback about Brochstein’s limited hours (“New hours at Brochstein Portion disappointing,” Sept. 10) has resulted in the administration making relevant changes to extend the hours so students can use the space as a late-night study area. The Rice alumni and friends who have paid “for” their housing, they state further, does not have to happen. This year, Rice has done its job to offer students the opportunity to provide input on the matter. A survey was sent via e-mail on Oct. 25 for students to complete. After the survey was distributed to the Rice community, the results were not a surprise but rather merely a reaffirmation of the importance of student input in the overall quality of service. The importance of positive student input cannot be overstated.

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Baker Institute Student Forum debate: Texas governor election

Re-elect Rick Perry for governor

Mike Lee

Mike Lee is a Brown College Junior.

Perception is a powerful thing. And perception is a main reason why Bill White replacing Rick Perry as governor of Texas is essential for the state's future.

Over his tenure as governor, Perry and those he supports have drawn national headlines for all the wrong reasons. In April, 2009, he left open the possibility that Texas could secede from the Union if measures like President Barack Obama's stimulus continued to be passed. No matter one's position on Washington, Perry's statements about secession place his state in a poor, if not laughable, light.

Then, earlier this year, the Texas State Board of Education, an elected group from whom Perry selects a chairman, garnered national headlines for the socially conservative spin they've enforced in the new social studies curriculum. This debate occurred at the same time as Perry was refusing to allow Texas to compete for federal education dollars in the government's "Race to the Top." Again, Texas was painted nationally as extreme and out of touch.

At a time when Texas is competing with other states to draw in the best minds, employers and retention of these top-flight graduates is of paramount importance. Perry's leadership as governor is a major reason why Houston was praised for stepping up during Hurricane Katrina and taking in neighbors from New Orleans. When the government messed up a few weeks earlier in the mishandling of the Hurricane Rita evacuation, White didn't place the blame on the leaders of other municipalities but instead took initiative to improve the response throughout the region.

Moreover, White took chances on controversial programs in an attempt to make Houston a better place, such as implementing red light cameras, the SafeClear towing program and the METRO light rail.

White has proved over a city that has thrived because of its ability to attract people and businesses from around the world. Both before and during his tenure as mayor, Houston's economy has been diversified and strengthened, lifting the entire state with it. The city has invested in itself, encouraged and taken advantage of its diversity and placed itself on a global stage. Heck, it even hosted the LeBrons out of their New York City apartment, which I understand was no small challenge.

In a session that will be challenged by the politics of congressional redistricting, Texas needs a governor committed to getting results on key issues like education. In a world where the best companies and minds have a choice on where to locate, Texas needs a governor who will place the state in a great Lone Star light.

We need Bill White for governor.

Chevy's Volt sparks the way to the future

In 1999, the first mass-produced hybrid vehicle, the Honda Insight, was introduced to the U.S. market. Shortly after, the Toyota Prius joined the Insight, starting what was, at the time, thought to be the market phase that would die away as initial enthuasiasts lost interest. However, as can be seen on the market, the hybrid vehicle has been mainstream within the past 10 years, with the Toyota Prius at the forefront, surpassing 2 million cumulative sales in September.

Joseph Capparella

A new wave of electric cars has swept the auto industry as of the last two years. On Monday, Chevrolet brought its newest car, the Volt, to campus to offer students an opportunity to test drive "the car of the future." Introduced in 2000 as a concept vehicle, the Volt is known to be a "range extended electric vehicle."

While the Prius was originally touted as the hybrid electric vehicle that "doesn't need to be plugged in," the Volt prides itself on its ability to do that. Drivers can recharge the vehicle on electric power alone, the Volt is estimated to have a range of approximately 60 miles, depending on various driving conditions. When the battery is exhausted, the gasoline engine fires up to charge the battery. The appeal of this drivetrain focuses on customers with a daily round-trip commute of fewer than 40 miles. These people's daily driving routine could be accomplished in the Volt without using gasoline, while still allowing these customers to go on 40 miles, depending on various driving conditions. When the battery is exhausted, the gasoline engine fires up to charge the battery.

When the Prius and Insight debuted in the U.S., there was an initial hype that the electric infrastructure would be in place that made them a practical alternative to "regular" cars at the gas station. The reason that the hybrids were able to car on gasoline was because they could be filled up at the gas pump just like any other car. With the Volt, Nissan is betting on the fact that the electric infrastructure will grow in the coming years to be more mainstream.

This is circular logic. Think of it this way: If banks developed a new type of credit card that could not be processed through current credit card readers, consumers would not be expected to use these new cards before the infrastructure changed to support them; would they? The Volt requires a better compromise with its innovative drivetrain that can be filled up both at the gasoline station and the electric socket, but when operating the gasoline engine to maintain a charge in the battery. The Volt's only averages between 30-50 miles per gallon. This means that, range-extending driving mode, the Volt is less efficient than a Toyota Prius, which is rated at 50 miles per gallon in combined city and highway driving.

Quaranteed, the Volt will soon be offered nationwide than the Prius because of its enhanced electric capabilities, but every time you take the trip longer than 40 miles in the Volt, you are maximizing its efficiency. After driving in a Volt on Monday, I think that it is a great car. However, in my opinion, it is not as far as a trip forward as the hope might suggest. With the Volt, a bigger problem arises. Say you had a 50 mile drive from your house to your workplace. If you drove a Volt, you would certainly have less enough time to go to work and back home, where you would plug the Leaf in each night to charge. However, imagine if you were called and asked you to pick up your child on the way home from work. If your child's school was miles in miles of the city, you would have a creek without a paddle. There are gas stations practically at every corner, but how prominent are electric car charging stations?

Electric cars will face an uphill battle in the coming decades. The gasoline infrastructure is so deeply ingrained throughout the country that electric cars will struggle to reach the mainsteam. While I encourage Chevrolet and Nissan for their admirable efforts in getting these two extraordinary vehicles to market, I have a hard time seeing Nissan sell more than 30,000 units in the next 2-3 years. While the early adopters on electric car technology have already shown great enthusiasm, they are not just the early adopters. So, if you get a chance to test drive the Volt, good for you. It's an important car with important technology. Unfortunately, America might not be ready yet.
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HUNGER & HOMELINESS AWARENESS WEEK

Join the Rice Student Volunteer Program's Hunger & Homelessness Committee for the following Awareness Week Events.

Monday, November 8

Attend the RSVP Meeting at 9:30 AM in the Studean Center. This is a mandatory meeting for all Hunger and Homelessness Committee members. Volunteers will be divided into groups, and teams will be assigned. Refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, November 9

Join the Hunger and Homelessness Ministry Panel Discussion in Duncan Hall 104 from 7:00-8:00 pm. This will also be the kickoff for 24-Hour Famine. Please note students participating in the two events on the 9th and 10th will be given 10 Tetra points.

Wednesday, November 10

In the Kelley Lounge from 7:00-8:30 pm join the Committee for the 24-Hour Famine Banquet and Reflection. Food will be provided by Niki Niskis and will feature David McDonald, Director of Residential Dining as the guest speaker.

Thursday, November 11

Volunteer at the Palmer Way Station to cook and serve breakfast to the homeless. Meet outside of Volunteer at the Palmer Way Station to cook and serve breakfast to the homeless. Meet outside of Volunteer at the Palmer Way Station to cook and serve breakfast to the homeless. Meet outside of Volunteer at the Palmer Way Station to cook and serve breakfast to the homeless. Meet outside of Volunteer at the Palmer Way Station to cook and serve breakfast to the homeless. Meet outside of Volunteer at the Palmer Way Station to cook and serve breakfast to the homeless. Meet outside of Volunteer at the Palmer Way Station to cook and serve breakfast to the homeless.

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All Week: November 8 - November 13

Participate in the Cash War. Colleges will compete with one another to see who can raise the most for Heifer International, an organization aimed at providing sustainable food and economic benefit for the starving in other countries. Contribute coins to your college to increase your score. Add dollars to the total of the other colleges indicated by more than one score. Bins will be placed in each college coordinator's office.

If you have any questions about Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week events, please contact committee chair, Scott Norgaard (Scott.R.Norgaard@rice.edu).

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To learn more about RSVP, please visit the following website (http://www.rice.edu/rsvp) or come to a general meeting - every Monday night at 9:00 pm in the Minor Lounge of the RMC.
By Justin Ng
THE RICE THRESHER

BISF event gives Obama "C+

Students might be interested in seeing grades drop after a midterm. However, United States President Barack Obama's grade dropped from a B to a C+ after a panel debate hosted by the Baker Institute Student Forum in the Dorr Commons last Friday evening.

Teams of four representatives from the Young Democrats and the Conservative Forum tried to persuade the audience to agree to their respective grades on health care, international relations, education, and three economic topics: the deficit, Wall Street, and Main Street.

The Democrats gave Obama respective grades of A-, B+, A-, and A, for an overall grade of A. The Conservatives gave respective grades of F, C+, C+, D and F for an overall grade of D.

Audience members were issued two cards, before and after the discussion, on which to grade Obama. Debaters raised statistics and counter arguments to win the audience to their respective views.

"President Obama inherited a recession in which 8 million jobs were lost; a recession precipitated by financial crisis, which, as an Economist article stated last week, means a painful and slow recovery," Democrat and Hanson junior Kyle Tieken said in defense of government spending and the stimulus package. "The country is stuck in a vicious cycle where consumers lack the confidence to spend and companies continue to lay off workers.

Bugbee took the Affordable Care Act of 2009, which is projected to save $1.2 trillion over the next two decades, as one example of Obama's preparedness to reduce the deficit, and said that the country could not afford another Bush in tax cuts to the wealthiest.

His conservative opponent, Weiss sophomore Anthony Laurotti, conceded that Obama had inherited the recession but called the $787 billion stimulus a "pathetic response that went to our enemies in remote areas."

Laurotti pointed out that unemployment was at all time high and argued that Bugbee's $787 billion figure was based on several assumptions, including that union plans would be taxed even thought they finance most of the Democratic Party.

"Any third grader can tell you how to reduce the deficit," Laurotti said. "Spend less."

For every topic, each side had three minutes for initial remarks, ninety seconds to cross-examine the opposition, and a joint two minutes to answer questions from the audience of around 120 students, faculty, and guests.

Conservative and Hanson junior Ross Tielen said his team could have done a better job but they were inspired by time restraints. The Conservatives is a club at Rice University for conservative students. Representing the Democrats at the last minutes Tielen said, "It was a very fair debate."

Audience debate was cautious at times, both sides kept their attention on the policy issues on the table.

"There was no mudslinging, no invective... the nature of the debate was very appealing," audience members were eager to join the discussion. "How do you propose to make Muslims not hate us?" one student asked in response to the Conservative side's point that Islamic anti-American sentiment results from fundamentalist theological difficulties which cannot be fixed.

"No many people were raising their hands... people usually say Rice students are apathetic and point out their lack of political involvement, but here they weren't," Laurotti said afterward.

Students continued to voice their thoughts even after the debate had ended.

"It was an intellectually stimulating conversation that raised awareness for the difficulties in bringing a solution to these issues," Hanson junior Ayesha Elhagana said.

At the end of the evening, the audience scored a second round of cards revealed that Obama's collective GPA had decreased from 3.5 to 2.9. The Democrats waved aside the results.

"As long as he taught people about the issues, the debate was a success," Democrat and Sid Richardson sophomore Neeraj Salhotra said.

BISF President Razelie Shah agreed that the event was a success, but he pushed for a greater participation from the student body.

"We should have 1,000 students here," Shah, a McNair College Institute seven, said. "People should be interested in what their fellow Riceans are passionate about and how to say,"

The Rice University Young Democrats is a club at Rice University for progressively minded and politically engaged students. Representing the Young Democrats were Young Demo-crats president Bugbee, Duncan junior Kevin Rush, and Sid Richardson sophomore Rahul Bhardwaj and Salhotra.

The Rice University Conservatives Forum is a club at Rice University for conservatively minded and politically engaged students. Representing the Conservatives Forum were Conservatives Forum president and Hanson senior Sean Sessel, Tieken, Laurotti, and Hanson sophomore Taylor Williams.

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- Medicine & Morals, a new six-week course
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Radio licenses received

BY TINA OU

Earlier this month, students of PHYS 404, Physics of Ham Radio, passed their amateur radio licensing exams, allowing them to independently broadcast on various frequencies.

The exam covers two levels: general and extra — give increasing amounts of permission to operate on frequencies. Passing the technician test permits transmitting on all frequencies; passing the extra test permits transmitting on all frequencies, but there are more limited than the general test.

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such as broadening the range of courses in the literature departments. Interdisciplinary courses would be easier to create within an overlapping World Language department, Aranda said. Foreign language seminaries and cross-listed courses could facilitate combining the world literature programs with greater ease. This is an advantage for the four world language departments, as professors like Associate Professor of German Studies Christian Emden said they see their department as already merging into other disciplines.

Students also think that greater interdisciplinary interaction would help their studies. Jones College sophomore and Classical Studies major Colin McCormack feels that his Classical Studies major extends beyond the traditional definition of a Classical Studies degree. Greater collaboration between departments would be beneficial, McCormack said.

"As a classics major focusing on the languages and literature of antiquity, and having taken classes in Portuguese, linguistics and anthropology, I have realized that nothing in this world is isolated, least of all language and literary tradition," McCormack said. "The closer interaction between departments could allow professors to explore this aspect in more detail."

Some professors disagree with the possibility of cross-listed courses would be easier to facilitate in a larger department than the ones they have currently. "Some think it will ease organization problems, but we've already done that outside of the departments," Professor of French Studies Deborah Nelson Campbell said, although she also said she has no strong opinion for or against combining the departments.

Shumway said that a World Literature department would open Rice up to many different world literature courses. "It is one of Rice's goals to expand the presence of Latin American literature," Shumway said. With the creation of a World Literature department, a problem of trying to teach Brazilian and Portuguese literature without a Portuguese Studies department would be solved. Shumway said. Classes in Portuguese literature, or literature in other languages that do not have their own department at Rice, could be housed in the World Literature department without having to set up an entirely new department and major.

"It is a lively debate — some professors want to stay autonomous, some are willing to merge with some restrictions," Jose Aranda said. Department Chair, French Studies & Hispanic Studies.

Combining the four departments is not a new idea. "The most recent attempt was three to four years ago and resulted in an external review of the departments," Aranda said. The review determined the departments should not combine at that time, but the idea has now come up again. Shumway stressed that the idea of merging is only a discussion at this point. "I am not going to dictate to [the departments] that they have to do this," Shumway said.

While no decisions have been made at this point in time, the task force will continue looking into a combination of the departments. "I want to stress that it is a lively debate. Some professors want to stay autonomous, some are willing to merge with some restrictions," Aranda said.

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Wless College Socials Alysa Frost and Kelsey Mase let the entrance sign for the Las Vegas-themed Night of Decadence dry. Wless's annual public party will take place Saturday from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wiess is still so out of the ordinary, so it doesn't draw the same attention that non-attractions do. "It's not really so out of the ordinary, so it doesn't draw the same attention that non-attractions do," Keswani said. "It is a lively debate — some professors want to stay autonomous, some are willing to merge with some restrictions," Aranda said.

"It's not so easy to see that Rice kids don't take everything too seriously," Jones freshman Chloe Blakiewicz said that she was pumped for NOD as well. For her condule, she has put together a Lady Gaga inspired disco taco. "I'm really excited because I feel like it's been built up to be the best party of the year," Blakiewicz said. "I've never been so looking forward to experiencing it."
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DJ Earworm matches up

Earmworm's mashups less ADD, more thoughtful than Girl Talk

Last Friday, when Jordan Rosenman, host known by his stage name DJ Earworm, stood and played his laptop for two hours, it didn’t occur to me until after the show and after my interview with him just how different his mashup presence is undoubtedly magnitudes stronger, and when he confidently rev- iews the “people in the heads” to put their “hands in the air,” the resulting wave of amazement seems neither forced nor out of place.

In the other end of the spectrum, it’s difficult to imagine DJ Earworm suc-
sessfully invoking the crowd like this, and rather than a show-stopping, energy-infusing beam of confidence and tur-
bulent audience samples, last week’s show initially rubbed me as clunky and dorky.

Distracting equipment issues kept the sound from reaching its full sensory potential, and though not by any means consistently so, DJ Earworm failed to nail some of the track transitions spot on and had to scramble to get the next song rolling. More often than not, the rhythmic movement typically indica-
tive of the artist’s focus on matching the next music’s beats per minute waszech in favor of flat-out absent, and the artist was definitely out of place.

In this way, DJ Earworm seemed to view his project as somewhat of a mission for directing a sea of dancing fans and more into an almost connected to those experiencing the music, perhaps as caught up in his catchy creations, if not more, than the show-goers. In fact, wherever the audience arrested his attention by showering him with chanting and cheering, DJ Earworm seemed caught off-guard, unsure of how to react under the spotlight.

Such awkwardness and disregard for ramp-shaking may be seen by

Veg Out: Delicious food and some confusion at Shiva

Indian restaurants are usually safe havens for vegetarians, as India has a long history of vegetarian cuisi-
tine. Shiva does not disappoint and, in fact, offers a broader selection of dishes than most Indian restaurants.

Now, if only they could remember what their own menu says.

The appetizers are abundant and varied. Vegetable Pakora (frit-
ters), Aloo Chat (potatoes in spiced dressing) and Vegetable Samosa (potato pastries) are available in-
dividually or as a platter, which is supposed to in-
clude a selection of each. I centered the veggie platter in an attempt to review the great-
est variety of food, but when the dish arrived, it contained only fritters instead of the selection I had been led to believe was coming. I can only hope that my order was mixed up with an-
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DJ Earworm's mashups, unlike those of Girl Talk, are less ADD, more thoughtful.

Neiliyo’s new album better than others

CONNOR HAYES
THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

On Oct. 13, Austin solo act Neiliyo released his first full-length EP titled Runnin’ #Errndz. A self-de-
scribed “solo electro-funkiform,” Neiliyo has cited his biggest influ-
ences like Prince and Hall & Oates. The

Runnin’ #Errndz

Artist: Neiliyo
Label: Artifact Workshop
Released: 2010

Neiliyo’s ability to put on a fun and exciting live show has over-
shadowed his past recorded pieces. With the release of Runnin’ #Errndz, however, the drop-off is far less noticeable. In terms of production value, Neiliyo uses a wide range of vocal effects that shape an identity for 10 unique tracks.

Layering his usual high-pitched singing on top of a lower key spoo-
kier voice on “What I Do Now,” Neiliyo crafts a track that seems to build up and break down every 30 seconds. The best part is that it works. This sort of production is even more impressive considering that the al-
bumb comes quite literally “from [his] bedroom to your headsets.”

“Go With It,” one of the stronger tracks on the album, features a ro-
totic voice that chimes in over the hard-biting bass line. Urging his listeners to sing along and get off any apprehensions, Neiliyo makes a fair metaphor when he sings, “Mu-
sic needs a vacation and I’m the

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90’s post-punk band Interpol is playing at Verizon Wireless The-
iairton tonight at 8 p.m., for $25. Although they haven’t recorded anything memorable since 2004, they’ve made headlines with the rock show should be pretty good.
travel agent.” While others might produce what is demanded to sell records or please prominent indie-bots, Neiliyo makes it no secret that his main motivation is his love of making music.

The second-to-last track, “Springtime,” is Neiliyo’s masterpiece. While his reputation for fun and upbeat party time, “is Neiliyo’s masterpiece. While

Available as a free digital download on Neiliyo’s site, hardcover, com, Runnin’ #Errndz is a fun, fresh step away from today’s musical norm and is highly recommended. In a 2008 interview with undcoverdance.com, Neiliyo divulged that he was trying to create a new music genre called “fun.” Two years and two mixtapes later, Runnin’ #Errndz seems to be exactly what this Aus- tralian was going for.

Dj and listeners alike as a failure to put on the best show possible, but quite frankly I found it extremely humbling. Here in front of me was an awkward guy having the time of his life playing and remixing music live for a group of people who came just to listen to him, and, in light of the all- too-common and often unwarranted inflated ego-tamishing personas of many run-of-the mill disc jockeys, such candid passion for the music above all else was refreshing.

Critics may also rag on DJ Earworm for taking a lot of his material per-se and just hitting play rather than skillfully mixing everything on the fly, and this is where I found my chat with him after the show to be particularly enlightening — it turns out, his thought process for making mashups is less like a conventional

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A grant and, in the case of the Papadum, disappointment. The bill claimed it was saffron rice, but there was any saffron in that dish, it was well hidden.

The atmosphere of Shiva was not at all what one would expect from the outside of the restaurant. While many of the village eateries are built to ac- commodate the maximum number of customers without regard to comfort or noise level, Shiva has private curtained booths and tables set well apart from one another so that your conversation cannot be interrupted or overheard by the tables nearby. The waitstaff is help- ful and attentive, and they are happy to offer recommendations and illuminate which options are vegan.

With no fewer than 16 entrees to choose from (none of them vegan), the hungry vegetarian will find much to choose from and enjoy at Shiva.

Abigail Dock is a James College sopho- more. Veg Out is a column reviewing vegetarian restaurants and their offerings.
SPORTS
No magic to be found in Orlando for football

by Teddy Grodek

After a big win against cross-town University of Houston, it looked like the Owls' football program was finally turning the corner. It looked like X was all coming together, with a running game, defense, and quarterback who could lead it all together.

So much for that.

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Soccer falls to Memphis, UAB; looks to Houston

by Ross Michie-Derrick

On Friday afternoon, Rice entered Yager Field looking to win two tough games in one weekend. They had a chance to win both the second and third sets with scores of 30-28 to continue their 20-match win streak, the longest in the nation. For the match, junior outside hitter Ashleigh McCord had 16 kills and Cole had 30 assists while Lam had 26 digs and junior outside hitter Morgan White added 14 digs.

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Sid v. Lovett, as the season draws to a close in the games this past week, including Game of the Week.

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OWLS EARN TITLE OF “BEST IN THE BAYOU CITY”

The women’s club soccer team poses with their latest trophy, having captured the Houston Cup Sports Conference championship with a perfect 6-0-0 record, allowing only three goals on the season.

POWDERPUFF RECAPS ONLINE

See our article on ricethresher.org for recaps of powderpuff games this past week, including Game of the Week.

SID v. LOVETT

Averaged to accomplish one of their season goals on Saturday; sticking with the team’s defense, which has a 2-0-0 record in conference play.

JOEY JOHN’S

Fewer ingredients and prices at the Jimmy John’s brother Huey. It’s been reported that Jimmy John’s has indeed added a third store.

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So many moons for Halloween...

Time to put down your books and grab either shaving cream and sneakers or water balloons and buckets! If you're not rubbing your genitalia on window pains and rival colleges, you'd better be defending your home turf against the angry naked mob of Baker 13.

Viva NOD Vegas!

As a freshman at Jones College, Leach wisely asked, "What's with this weekend and naked people?" Head over to Wiess College for the giant orgy that is NOD. What are you waiting for? Party hard from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets are $5 at the door or $8 in advance!

Music to my ears

The Shepherd School Chamber Orchestra will be performing tonight at 8 p.m. at Stude Concert Hall in Alice Pratt Brown Hall. Admission is free and they will be playing Ligeti's "Medon," Gandhi's "Points of Departure," and Poulenc's "Sinfonietta.

Spring break plans?

Have you ever thought about Alternative Spring Break? The trips cover a wide variety of topics and destinations, so there's sure to be one that's a fit for you. It's the last day to apply, so go to the Community Service Center's website, http://cic.rice.edu, and read more about applying!

It's opera season!

The Shepherd School Opera, with members of the Chamber Orchestra, is putting on "L'incoronazione di Poppea" by Claudio Monteverdi. Student tickets are $5 and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Northham Opera Theatre. Opera people are intense, so make sure you don't miss this performance! If you can't make it today, visit https://music.rice.edu for other showcases and more information about the production.

This is the perfect time to buy candy. All that Halloween-colored candy that no one wants anymore is on sale! You can get a ton of candy for a buck or two, Hitch a ride with a friend who has a car and get to a grocery store. You post-Halloween stocks can last you until next year!
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THE BACKPAGE

week of October 25

So you are going to NOD ...

Finally, the Night of Decadence is upon us. This year’s theme, Viva NOQ Vegas, promises to be one filled with scantily clad gamblers, trashy showgirl hodokers with柬埔寨和 possibly some sexy Charles Barkley impersonators. We also want to applaud West College for setting the stage for what will undoubtedly be a more naked version of Lowell College’s Carnival Party. Come on in to think, shouldn’t Lowet be kind of upset about this? Either way, taking someone else’s party and calling it your own is definitely a bold move that we respect and embrace. Please see our guide below on what to expect at the infamous party that is NOD. For all of you freshmen who have yet to partake in such a boisterous in the middle of a dance floor and band face first on a sidewalk in a banana costume, this manual will be imperative.

Conquering NOD: Five easy steps

Like we said, NOD is sometimes a dangerous beast. You will have at least a chance at survival if you adhere to these rules.

1. Men: wear Under Armour, not boxers. This is NOT, a not a camping trip. No girl will be impressed by your pitch to a tent, regardless of how many of them you have in common is being the best of all time at what they do.

2. Know your limits. Yeah, we know you’re from Colorado and you can last for hours. Listen to drink in and dab all that, but you should think twice about when to crack that $600 (AKA FREE RIDES BACK) soda.

3. Avoid drinking underage in public. You will probably regret it. Also, be aware that you will immediately be sent to Dean Outkast, who will require you and your group to be gone by the time of curfew.

4. Ladies: NO BOOZY PAINT. Let’s go ahead and make this a blanket statement. Although we would love to see four specific members of the undergraduate population in paint, it’s not worth making the distinction.

5. Take advantage of the golf carts. Need to go to Market? Are you physically incapable of walking? Some poor soul will take you in one of the many carts waiting outside NOD. Don’t make the rookie mistake of thinking they are a mime.

But Backpage, I need a costume!

Don’t fret, everyone. Here are some options that will make you the life of the party.

1. Sexy Charles Barkley. More difficult for white people, sure, but all this costume involves is gaining weight, wearing silk boxers, completely shaving your head and having excessive gambling debt.

2. Mt. Chow from The Hangover. Asian men: we don’t mean to stereotype, but this party being Vegas-related presents a unique opportunity to create a costume simply by using your body and duct tape.

3. Sexy Grissom from CSI. Spray your hair gray, grow a goatee and be prepared to analyze any seminal fluid you might find on the dance floor.

4. Celine Dion past her prime. Add some wrinkles to your eyes and warm up your vocal cords. Should be perfect for those of us who happen to be going to RISE tonight. Perfect also for those of us who are Canadian. Be sure to constantly request “My Heart Will Go On.”

5. Sigfried and Roy’s White Tiger. Proceed with caution if you choose this costume. Remember to follow rule number four and make sure you don’t end up dagged in a cage at the end of the night.

Mapping it all out

OPEN AIR HALLWAYS

Remember: they can see you even if you can’t see them... Especially if you are extremely pale and not wearing a shirt.

ACATRAMP

Normally fun, but try jumping on this during NOD and you will find it IMMEDIATELY smooshed and beaten, possibly to death. We are quite serious about this. Someone makes this mistake every year and it is always serious.

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