The Countdown Begins
**The Rice Thresher**

**First century marks significant changes and growth for the university**

During the past 99 years, Rice University has grown significantly while staying true to its core message of establishing an institution for the advancement of literature, science, art, philosophy and letters.

Rice remains a top-tier research university, a consistently ranked best-value school and a lauded pad for student initiatives. At the same time, Rice has transformed itself from a university that once refused to accept black students, barred women from living on campus and lacked support for LGBT community members, to a university with a diverse student body, a Women's Resource Center and LGBT ally programs. We have kept our ties to our Texas roots while actively seeking out the best and brightest students, staff and faculty from across the nation, as well as international Rice students. Rice has added the residential college system and still remains without a Greek system. The university has taken great leaps in its partnerships with the Texas Medical Center, partnerships with institutions of higher learning in other countries and partnerships within the Houston community. Our university has seen our fair share of victories and defeats in many sports.

Like its students, the university is constantly growing and learning, and we are better for it.

**Rice must arise to meet new challenges for the next 100 years**

As we look to the next century, we at the Thresher believe that Rice should continue to grow and achieve in all aspects of the university, in particular, we encourage the Rice community to strive toward the following goals in the next hundred years:

- More support for academic departments. A low student-to-faculty ratio is the cornerstone of a Rice education. Maintaining smaller class sizes and investing in buildings for larger programs, such as the Visual and Dramatic Arts and Economics departments.
- A commitment to the Rice Identity. First, we hope that the hard liquor ban will be lifted as soon as possible. We hope that the administration will not resort to such measures in the future, and that we can be responsible with alcohol consumption so there will not be an opportunity for bans of any kind. Moreover, we must foster the things that make our culture a distinct one: the M.O.B. and student-run businesses such as CoffeeHouse and Willy's Pub, the relaxed nature of Rice that sets us apart from our more cut-throat peers. Although Lovett used other schools as a model for our university, he also recognized the importance of our location and our differences that would set the university apart from other institutions of higher learning in positive ways.
- Increased student involvement. If there is one thing students are notorious for, it’s staying inside the hedges. Get involved in a club, spend a weekend volunteering or exploring everything Houston has to offer, go out and support our sports teams or just make your visions into reality. Taking advantage of these opportunities not only helps us become better leaders and communicators, it also helps us to appreciate our connection to the surrounding area.
- The Rice community will face these and other challenges in the next century. We must continue to meet future obligations and opportunities in the unconventional ways we pride ourselves on. Though we may no longer call ourselves the Rice Institute, our underlying principles remain the same as when they were first set by William Marsh Rice and Edgar Odell Lovett. We look forward to the celebration of our centennial and the potential opportunities that await the next century of Owls.

**Thresher returns next week**

We hope you enjoy this special edition of the Thresher. Our regular publication will resume next Friday, Oct. 21.
The meeting ended on time," Leebron said.

Leebron added that the campus hosts a myriad of events. In 2010, the university admitted 5,289 students, with 18,062 applications, compared to only 1,087 students admitted in 2000 and 1,245 applications. "I'm really excited about the expansion of students accepting the university," Leebron said. Still, around 17 percent of Rice undergraduates are Pell Grant recipients, a proportion higher than in other universities like Stanford and Yale.

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Leebron mentioned that while the university admitted more students from Texas in 2011 than in previous years, they comprised a smaller percentage of the overall undergraduate population because the number of non-Texas students had increased at a higher rate.

In the face of diminished funding from the Texas legislature, Rice has increased their private financial aid to meet the needs of undergraduates, Leebron said. Still, around 17 percent of Rice undergraduates are Pell Grant recipients, a proportion higher than in other universities like Stanford and Yale.

This year, Princeton Review ranked Rice in the top 10 of a variety of categories, including number one for quality of life and number six for race and class interactions. Leebron said he was especially happy about the university being classified as having the happiest students.

Leebron also described the campus’ increased vibrancy, including more places to gather and eat and more special events like concerts and lectures.

"I remember asking a freshman if she wanted to study abroad, and she said no because she was too happy at Rice," Leebron noted. "Perhaps we need to make it just a little bit more special for them," he joked.

Leebron closed his speech by talking about the ways Rice is currently reaching out to and making an impact on the surrounding community, such as through the Rice Education Entrepreneurship Program and Rice Owls Knit Knacks.

"Rice stands for responsibility, integrity, community and excellence," he said, "and it is time for us to tell that we are here." Leebron said. "It has its own brand of bottled water, but Rice has its own beer!"

Leebron then reviewed a few upcoming additions to the university in celebration of the centennial. Name- ly, new banners featuring bench marks in Rice history will be hung around campus, and the university has started the Centennial Stars Project, where faculty, staff, alumni and students can post anecdotes about their Rice experiences. Furthermore, through the new Centennial Stars program, 900 named staff members will be recognized for excelling at their jobs, supporting the goals of the university, positively impacting Rice culture, and contributing to a better future.

Leebron said he encourages everyone to take part in this year's Rice Day festivities and continue to celebrate Rice at upcoming events like the Unconvention in the spring before the ultimate Centennial Celebration, which will last from Oct. 12 to 15 in 2012.

The meeting ended with performances from the Fly Rice Owls Dance Team - Rice's hip hop team - and the Rice Choraliers.
Rice students donate time, energy to Habitat for Humanity

By Josh Gutenberg

Rice University is sponsoring the construction of a house through Houston Habitat for Humanity in honor of Rice's Centennial celebration. The entire Rice community is working together to sponsor the project, and it is trying to raise $65,000 by Feb. 2012. Six students from the Rice School of Architecture will design the Rice Centennial House with a design consultation from the Houston Habitat for Humanity. The house will be built over six weekends in March and April of next year. The project is intended to reinforce Rice's Culture of Care, as well as to unite students of different colleges with the surrounding community.

Families weekend arrives

BY Farrah Madany

Once at the specified locations, users Those without smart phones may par-
SCVNGR smart phone app software.
the scavenger hunt game with the member of the committee, designed
with owl graphics. The owls on the
paniles ranging back to the 1930s,
"Rice" theme which was introduced
by Serrano Salon of Beauty
weekends. Miller said this summer and will continue
with thumbs interlocked in the shape
of the owl. Miller said the project has
picture of him or herself "flashing the
key spots on Rice campus," said Jain.
A comprehensive, hour-by-hour
Families Weekend 2011 website at
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done, including students, faculty and staff, as well as parents, donors, Burnhamians and others. Those wishing to submit a story to the Centennial Story Project can do so in three different ways. The first way to contribute is by uploading a video. The video can be uploaded to the Centennial Story Project's website, http://centennial
story.rice.edu/videos/, using a video camera, phone or other recording device. Miller said videos can also be uploaded directly from a laptop camera to the website. Individuals can also participate in the project by sending in a picture of him or herself "flashing the owl sign," building hands spread apart with thumbs interlocked in the shape of the owl. Miller said the project has already received pictures from places as far away as Houston at the Grand Canyon and Rome. Finally, those wishing to express themselves in written words may do so by submitting an essay on why they celebrate Rice. Director of the Rice University Centennial Kathleen Boyd (Hovey '90) said the project helps honor the past, celebrate the present and anticipate the future.
"This project deepens our engagement with the Rice family, reminds us with people we're lost touch with and creates new ties," Boyd said. Boyd said the Centennial Campaign has worked with Rice Public Affairs and students from each college to plan events. Students have been a driving force behind the project by forming a Centennial Student Involvement Committee, helping to promote the Centennial celebrations within their colleges and organizing Centennial-related events, including the Town Hall meeting and Rice Day picnic, Boyd said.
"The Student involvement committee was created last year by SA to connect students to the Centennial celebration," Karen Joy, chair of the CSC, said. "We have booths that we run with a videographer and phone rappers and we try to get people to talk about why they celebrate Rice." McKegg, Lary, saw Tawfiq Jarjour said one of the goals of the committee is to promote the centenni-
al among the students on campus and get students involved in the communi-
tions, "Hopefully this gets people excited about the university as a whole," Jarjour said.
The CSC is divided into different committees, Jarjour said. Jarjour works on the volunteer subcommittee that has promoted the building of a Centennial House and will host a pancake fundraiser for Parkinson's Disease in the spring.
Miller said the Centennial celebrations provide a once-in-a-century op-
portunity for such a project.
"One goal is to encourage the Rice audience during a really important time," Miller said. "This is a way for everyone to participate, and they can do it from anywhere in the world."
Students, faculty and staff at Rice now have wheels when they want them with Zipcar's car-sharing program. Rice has partnered with Zipcar to bring 5 cars to campus. Cars are available on-demand 24/7, to be reserved by the hour or day. Join today for $25 and you can be driving in no time.

Zipcar is car sharing, an alternative to car rental and car ownership that gives you the freedom to take a car when you want it, and put it back when you're done. Here's the breakdown on Zipcar membership:

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Rice celebrates its 99th birthday
THE UNIVERSITY KICKS OFF THE FIRST DAY OF ITS 100TH YEAR

Oct. 12, 2011 marked the beginning of the year-long celebration of Rice University's centennial. The Rice Day picnic in Founder's Court was the first of a number of events and festivities the university has planned to honor Rice's century-long history.
1. Students “flash their owls” in their Rice Day T-shirts to take the official Rice Day photograph.
2. Chefs cook turkey legs and sausages for dinner at the picnic.
3. A group of Jones College students show off their spirit by wearing their new shirts while eating.
4. Sid Rich College junior Steven Chee grabs some pie for dessert after the main meal.
5. Posing with their colleges, students show enthusiasm for the start of the centennial year.
6. Lovett College junior Jennifer Dayrit and friends enjoy the event by wobbling to “the wobble.”
7. Lovett hall, along with Fondren Library and Willy’s statue, get decked out in “100 years” posters.
8. Sausages on a stick sizzle while students wait in line for the picnic-style grub.
9. Jones College sophomore Sarah Southmayd plays Frisbee in Founder’s Court, the event’s location.
**Centennial Wishes**

**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**

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Rice Solar Car, the George R. Brown School of Engineering is building on the strength of Rice’s first hundred years to give our engineers the experiences and tools they need to do great things for mankind.

The School of Engineering proudly celebrates Rice!
A brief snapshot of Rice

1912 - 2011

HISTORY OF THE PRESIDENTS

WILLIAM HOUSTON
1946 - 1960

KENNETH PITZER
1963 - 1968

GEORGE RUPP
1985 - 1993

DAVID LEEBRON
2004 - PRESENT

EDGAR LOVETT
1908 - 1946

NORMAN HACKERMAN
1970 - 1985

MALCOLM GILLIS
1993 - 2004

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Rice University Health Professions Fair

Wednesday, October 26, 2011
11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Grand Hall, RMC

Meet with representatives from various health professions programs!

Open to all interested students.
Admission is free.

Sponsored by the Office of Academic Advising & the Rice Pre-Medical Society

Glasscock School of Continuing Studies

Glasscock School Photography Contest

A Glasscock School Photography Contest

As Rice marks its Centennial in 2012, the Susanne M. Glasscock School of Continuing Studies seeks submissions that capture the spirit of Rice University, as viewed from the photographers' individual perspectives.

Complete details and submission guidelines at gscs.rice.edu/photocontest

Rice University Sport Business Alliance presents

Labor Issues in Sport
A DISCUSSION WITH EXPERTS FROM THE INDUSTRY

What: Panel Discussion with Q & A
When: Tuesday, Oct. 18 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Where: Keck 100
RSVP: Register this event on to RSVP and for more information

Russ Granik, J.D. - Former NBA Deputy Commissioner
Brian M. Cooper, J.D. - Associate A.D. of Finance at Rice
Jeff Nalley, J.D. - CFO of Select Sports Group
Martin Levy, J.D. - Professor of Law
Adelqui Bouc, J.D. - Exec. VP of International Sports Agency

The Rice University Sport Business Alliance presents Labor Issues in Sport
1917

SAMMY STOLEN
Students from Texas A&M steal Rice's mascot, a giant stuffed owl. To get him back, Rice students hired a private investigator who, after finding the owl, sent back the cryptic message: "Sammy is fairly well and would like to see his parents at eleven o'clock." The rest is history.

1918

HOHOR COUNCIL
Students voted to establish a formal set of rules outlining the tenants of the honor system.

1924

JOHN HEISMAN
In 1924, John Heisman became the first full-time coach of the Rice Owls football team. Heisman lent his name to the Heisman trophy, awarded annually to the most outstanding college football player.

1957

NEW NAME
Rice changes its name from the Rice Institute to Rice University. University is chosen to reflect the broader scope of teaching and research taking place.

1957

HELL WEEK
Administrators end "hell week." This was an appropriate pseudonym for what freshman orientation was like for these students. Administrators put an end to it after finding it too disruptive.

1965

RICE CHARGES TUITION
First year that Rice charges tuition. Undergraduate students pay $600 a semester to attend as well as $415.00 in additional fees. The cost of participating in orientation week is $20. Graduate students face a higher tuition of $750 a semester.

1974

SUPERBOWL
Rice Hosts Superbowl VIII. The Minnesota Vikings meet the Miami Dolphins in the first Superbowl ever to be played in Houston. The Dolphins defeated the Vikings quietly, scoring 24 to their 7.

2004

SQUIRRELS
In 2002, Rice earns the coveted 5-squirrel rating for critter quality from the Campus Squirrel Listings. This rating leaves Rice tied with U.C. Berkeley and besting University of Texas and Yale by a full squirrel.

2005

NANOTUBES
More than 70 students set a Guinness World Record for constructing a 1,000 ft carbon nanotube. The students gathered to celebrate Earth Day and the contribution of nanotubes to the environment.

Sources: Rice Thresher Archives, Rice News and Media, Rice Historical Society
The Rice University Shuttle System operates as follows:

**INNER LOOP**
Monday - Friday: 6:00 am to 10:45 pm, every 5 to 8 minutes.

**RICE VILLAGE APTS/GREENBRIAR**
Monday - Thursday: 7:30 am to 10:30 pm, every 15 minutes.
Friday: 5:00 pm, the service runs every 25-30 minutes, at 10:30 pm, every 15 minutes to the Rice Village only.

**BRC/TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER**
Monday - Friday: 7:45 am to 5:45 pm, every 30 minutes

**RICE VILLAGE**
Friday 5:30 pm to 12:30 am, every 25-30 minutes before 10:30 pm and every 15 minutes after 10:30 pm
Saturday: 5:30 pm to 12:30 am, every 15 minutes

**GRADUATE APARTMENTS**
Monday - Friday: 7:30 am to 10:30 pm, every 15 minutes

**GRADUATE APARTMENTS SHOPPING SHUTTLE**
Saturday: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, every 45 minutes

**UNDERGRADUATE SHOPPING SHUTTLE**
Saturday: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, every 30 minutes

**NIGHT ESCORT SERVICE**
Sunday - Thursday: 10:00 pm to 6:00 am
Friday and Saturday: Night Escort Service is provided by RUPD.
For the night escort service call ext. 6000 or 3333
For additional shuttle or transportation services, call ext. 5223 and 5996 or visit parks-trans.rice.edu

Thank you for using the Rice shuttle service.
First annual Backpage Centennial celebration edition

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