

The Rice Thresher Web Policies

I. Article Comments

The *Thresher* Web site allows reader comments on its articles and other content. Readers must register with the site to leave comments that appear without approval. Comments from anonymous users must be approved by the Editor in Chief or his/her designee. Comments will never be removed or edited because of the commentator's ideology or viewpoint. However, comments with excessive profanity, that steer too far off topic, that are libelous or that resort to personal attacks are subject to removal. Comments made on the *Thresher* Web site may be republished in the *Thresher's* print edition, and may be edited for brevity or clarity.

II. Letters to the Editor

The *Thresher* accepts letters to the editor via e-mail, postal mail or through the Web site. Letters must be received by 5 p.m. on the Monday prior to a Friday publication date. All letters to the editor must be signed and include college and year if the writer is a current Rice student. Letters should be no longer than 250 words, and the *Thresher* reserves the right to edit letters for both content and length. The *Thresher* reserves the right to place letters in both the print and Web editions of the publication.

III. Online Archives

The *Thresher* policy is that we do not remove articles or portions thereof or letters to the editor or portions thereof once they've been published online. This applies retroactively to all archival materials found on the *Thresher* Web site. The *Thresher* also does not remove author's names from said articles or letters. Articles may be corrected or amended if it is determined that the material is libelous or inaccurate. In extreme cases where the *Thresher* Editor in Chief determines that follow-up material should be reported, such as in coverage of criminal cases, the *Thresher* will amend the article. If a correction or amendment has been made, the change will be noted in an editor's note placed at the top of the article.

IV. Thresher Blogs

The *Thresher* Web site hosts blogs that are written by editors and staff writers. Except where noted, the opinions expressed in these blogs represent solely the opinion of the writer. Blogs are not subject to prior review by section editors, the Web Editor or the Editor in Chief.

V. Web Site Administration

The Editor in Chief is the final arbiter of all content-based decisions, including but not limited to articles, photographs, comments and statements on behalf of the Thresher. Technical concerns are the responsibility of the Web Editor.

These policies were originally developed Spring 2008 by the current and incoming Editors in Chief, the current managing editor and the media adviser. These policies are subject to change or additions at any time by the Thresher leadership.