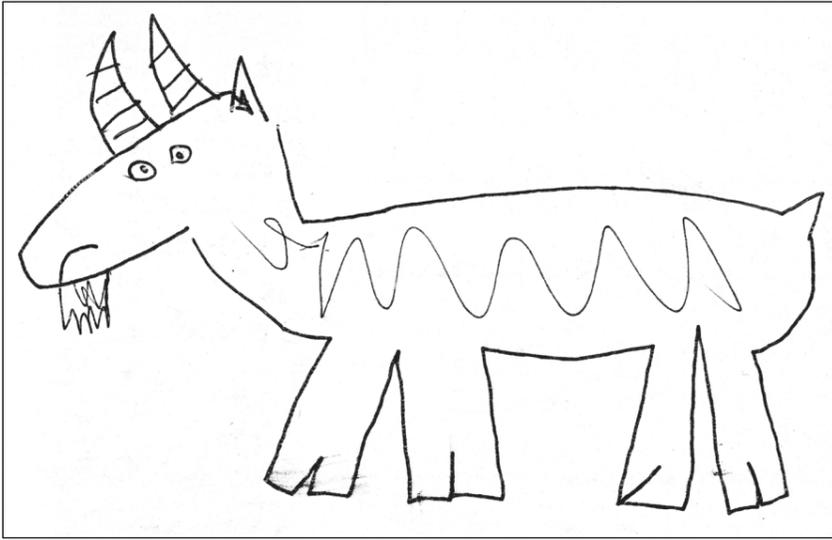


Thresher fires scapegoat

The Rice Thresher fired a scapegoat today in response to complaints about Executive Editor Evan Mintz. Editor in Chief Stephen Whitfield made the announcement at a press conference before Thresher reporters.

The goat, which had been Mintz's superior, was accused by Whitfield of lying down on the job, not fulfilling his duties of overseeing Mintz, and also eating a tin can.

"I delegate responsibility here at the Thresher," Whitfield said. "And if someone doesn't do their job or angers readers, then they should not be working here. So I had to fire the goat." Whitfield then went into a 'roids induced rage.



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Students have expressed relief with the firing of the goat. "This is supposed to be the Rice Thresher, not the Goat Thresher," Sid senior Andrew Brantley said. "That goat just thinks that it can do whatever it wants. Well, now it

has to face the consequences." The goat did not take the firing lightly. "Bah! Baaaaaa," the goat said. "Baaaaaa!" Then the goat ate a tin can.

Mentally challenged student unable to comprehend irony

Researchers in the Texas Medical Center released a study today reporting the discovery of a new mental disorder — the inability to comprehend irony, satire, and other forms of dry wit. The only victim of the disorder so far is a Rice University student.

Sanders, as he is known, was turned over to hospital authorities by his family with hopes of finding a cure.

Doctors compare the disorder to Asperger's syndrome, except it is limited purely to the inability to recognize when words express something other than their literal intention.

"He was just sitting in the commons, ranting about how Nikki Metzgar's column the other week was completely wrong and that Lindsay Lohan was actually a bad actress," a fellow student said. "Then two orderlies just dragged him into an ambulance. I guess it's for the best."

Indeed, Sanders' disorder gave him great difficulties interacting with the rest of the Rice community.

"He would always complain about 80s Party because of the unfashionable clothes everyone wore," another student said. "Now it all makes sense."

Sander's disease even gave him troubles in his classroom.

"I remember when we had to read A Modest Proposal," his classmate said. "He wouldn't shut up about how it was wrong for Jonathan Swift to 'write a silly' because 'it demonstrated a lack of respect for the ideas of others and tarnished the Irish reputation.'"

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"I always knew that something was wrong with him," his brother Jay said. "I guess I never really noticed things until he started a campaign to boycott The Colbert Report because of Stephen Colbert's right-wing hate speech."

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EVAN 109: Evan Physical Fitness Training	EVAN 332: Evan's Abnormal Behavior
EVAN 131: Modern Myth, Modern Evan	EVAN 408: Evan Capstone Design Project
EVAN 140: Intro to Ballroom Dancing with Evan (women)	EVAN 481: Evan and Hurricane Risk Assessment
EVAN 201: Intro to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Evan Studies	EVAN 490: Supervised Reading with Evan
EVAN 202: Who is (not) Evan?	EVAN 577: Buddhism, Gender, Society, and Evan
EVAN 221: Evan and the Reformation	EVAN 645: Evan's Investments and Portfolio Management
	EVAN 800: Evan Research and Thesis

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