

JOHN PILGER

Author, Journalist &

Documentary Filmmaker

to SPEAK in HOUSTON

Monday, November 3rd, 2008

7 p.m.

Herzstein Hall Amphitheatre

Rice University following screening of:

"Breaking the Silence:
Truth and Lies in the War on Terror".

John Pilger, whose career in journalism began as a copy-boy at the Sydney Sun in his native Australia, and today has columns in the *Guardian* and *The New Statesman*, says it is a "myth that the readers didn't want a serious approach to journalism in a popular newspaper." Pilger states the Internet has "changed so much" and today, his columns reach broad audiences, even in the United States. He encourages journalism students to "keep your principles as you navigate the system". "If journalists can look behind the press-release version of events, or push back the screen of what is often propaganda but rarely recognized as such," he says, "then we will produce true journalism, not a form of PR. We ought to be the agents of people, not power." <http://www.johnpilger.com/page.asp?partID=3>

PILGER DOCUMENTARY FILMS to be shown

Saturday, November 1 & Sunday, November 2 - each evening 6 - 10 p.m.

Rice Media Center: See: <http://www.ricecinema.rice.edu/events.cfm>

Nov. 1

6:00 PM YEAR ZERO

6:55 PM WELCOME TO AUSTRALIA

7:45 PM STEALING A NATION

8:45 PM PAYING THE PRICE: Killing the Children of Iraq

Nov. 2

6:00 PM VIETNAM: The Last Battle

6:55 PM DEATH OF A NATION: The Timor Conspiracy

8:10 PM JOHN PILGER GUARDIAN HAY FILM FESTIVAL 2006

9:00 PM WAR ON DEMOCRACY

Programs are Free.

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