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An example of an award winning poem from 2007-2008 Colton Review:

City of Ghosts

The houses are built sideways, the wrong way,
in the City of Ghosts.
The white drapes in the windows move with the sea breezes,
caught only because the houses are turned narrow-ways.
Black wrought iron gates and crumbling brick walls
Divide the piazzas and the overgrown gardens from the cobblestone streets.

The wrong-way houses are haunted
in the City of Ghosts.
The ghosts that walk their creaking wooden halls
Are sorrowful mothers, and haughty aristocrats,
And boys who shouldn't have gone hunting that day.

The streets and the market in the City of Ghosts are haunted too.
But nobody tells the stories about their ghosts.
They aren't quaint and full of moonlight,
Their terror isn't the kind that fades when the dawn creeps
Into the hotel windows, past the heavy, industrial curtains.

Their horrors are in the daylight, the reality of the past.
You can't see these ghosts the way you see
The ghosts in the wrong-way houses.

You can feel them though in the press of bodies in the market place.
You can hear them in the yells, the noise, the bargaining and buying.
You can see them in the face of the basket-maker
Who sits at the edge of the market and sells the same wares
That her grandmother and her grandmother's mother sold.

The City of Ghosts is a city on its side,
Hiding its past, the blood of thousands,
The screams, the pain, the hatred,
By turning the other way, the wrong-way wall, frontward.

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glove-covered hands that were illuminated by black lights.

The activities began with the traditional events of corn-shucking and apple-bobbing and progressed on to skits, hog callin', tall tale, and then class songs. As usual, all of the performances were very well prepared and entertaining to watch. Some of the highlights of the evening include seeing the freshmen finally "experience it," watching the sophomores drive a golf cart around the island, an extremely creative dance with flashlights by the junior class, and the elaborate costumes and props of the seniors.

Because each event is judged separately, there is a winner for each

category and also an overall winner. The majority of awards went in order, with seniors getting first place and freshmen getting fourth. However, some events, like the spectacular skit performance by the juniors, were able to upset this trend. At the end of the night Meredith Recreation Association announced the class of 2009 as the winner of this year's Cornhuskin'. Not everybody agrees with the outcome, as in any competitive event, but all classes did a stellar job and deserve praise for their hard work and dedication to this Meredith tradition. ■

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And even as contentious as this long, drawn out election process has been, we have still successfully had a change in regime without violence and revolution. And shouldn't that be reason enough to be proud? A peaceful, democratic transition of power.

I have supported Obama since way back on that bright, cold February day in Springfield, Illinois when he announced that he was running, and really before that, when his name was merely being floated around as a candidate. I always felt a sense of

hope when Obama spoke. He talked about the America I believe in. The America where we all work together to be stronger and better (no Kanye pun intended there), the UNITED states of America. I supported this man because he saw the America I saw in my mind.

President Bush's vision of America and my vision never matched. But there was never a moment where I refused to call him my President. He was our leader, and our "decider," and he got that position through the same means as Obama.

Do you have to agree with everything Obama does? Nope, because heavens knows I never agreed with everything Bush did. Also, please do not paint all democrats with a broad bush. I did my research and I believe in Obama. I also did my research on the other candidates on the ballot, and I voted for several republicans. I don't really like straight party ticket voting.

Another note: we voted. And by we, I mean the Facebook generation. The youth vote. We followed through. We voted. Even if you vot-

ed for John McCain, you still cared enough to vote. That's historic too. We truly helped make this change happen. We helped make history. That's pretty cool, don't you think?

The challenges facing our country are great, and they would be just as great if McCain had been elected. If there was ever for us a time to stand together, it's now. I can feel hope in this nation, and in that spirit, I hope all of you do too. ■

