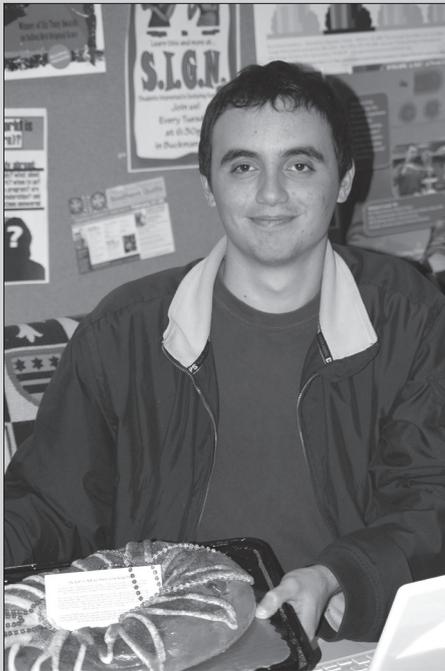


Service groups help community

Rhodes Rebuilds and First Book



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Freshman Isaiah Swanson (above) sells King Cakes (right) inside of the Middle Ground to help fund Rhodes Rebuilds and First Book.

By NeNe Bafford
News Editor

Community service has continued to be an important aspect for students at Rhodes. Two service groups, Rhodes Rebuilds and First Book, make an effort to extend help to outside communities, such as New Orleans, Louisiana.

"Rhodes Rebuilds is a program that rebuilds places that have been affected by natural disasters by building houses and playgrounds," said Valisa Berber-Thayer, co-founder of Rhodes Rebuilds.

Rhodes Rebuilds is in its third year and sponsors a Fall Break Trip, as well as a Spring Break Trip. The program usually spends about \$1200 to pay for housing, gas, and food.

"This year we are taking thirteen people on the Spring Break Trip and we usually like to have enough money to make a donation to the company we work with," said Berber-Thayer.

"First Book raises money to donate to schools so that they will be able to buy the books they need," said Swanson.



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Baha'i lecture series

By Anna Meyerrose
Executive Assistant

On February 11, 2009, the Iranian government announced the beginning of the trial of seven Baha'i leaders. These seven individuals, who have been held in prison for over a year, are part of an Iranian national committee responsible for various aspects of the Baha'i community in their country. These individuals are being falsely charged by the Iranian government with being both Israeli spies and also for insulting the Islamic religion in Iran.

Baha'i is a monotheistic religion originally founded in Iran in 1844 by Baha'u'llah. Since its beginning, this faith has spread to 236 different countries and territories, which has led its adherents to claim it as the second most widespread religion in the world. This religion believes its founder to be the most recent in a long succession of prophets, amongst which are Abraham, Moses, Buddha, Zoroaster, Jesus, and Muhammad. Baha'i followers believe that humanity is one single race, and that the time has come for all of humanity to unite as one race.

Baha'i is Iran's largest religious minority; however, the vast majority of Iranians are a part of the Islamic religion. Furthermore, Islam is recognized as the official religion of Iran. It is this Islamic government that will be trying the seven Baha'i leaders; these leaders are not being allowed to contact their attorney, Shirin Ebadi.

Driven by this current trial, the Rhodes Chapter of Amnesty USA will be co-sponsoring a lecture series and panel on this topic, along

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JuicyCampus shut down

UWire

By Emmeline Zhao
The Duke Chronicle
February 5, 2009

Looks like the juice wasn't worth the squeeze.

Popular gossip Web site JuicyCampus.com will shut down today because of the faltering economy, JuicyCampus Founder and Chief Executive Officer Matt Ivester, Trinity '05, announced Wednesday.

"Even with great traffic and strong user loyalty, a business can't survive and grow without a steady stream of revenue to support it," Ivester said in a statement. "In these historically difficult economic times, online ad revenue has plummeted and venture capital funding has dis-

solved. JuicyCampus' exponential growth outpaced our ability to muster the resources needed to survive this economic downturn."

The site, which first surfaced on Duke's campus in 2007, allows users to post anonymously to message boards for more than 500 colleges across the nation. It has accumulated numerous messages targeting individual students and has sparked controversy surrounding legal and ethical issues since its inception.

Duke and other universities' officials and students have called the site repulsive and devastating-but it has still gotten hits. Still, according to the JuicyCampus

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Business students cheat more

UWire

By Michael Murphy
The Marquette Tribune
February 19, 2009

A survey polled universities around the country and found business school students the most prone to cheating.

With America in a recession, the source of the problem may root a lot deeper than a few bad investments and shady characters. According to a Rutgers University professor, the problem may have started in college.

For the last 20 years, Donald McCabe, a management and global business professor at Rutgers University's Business School, has been studying student cheating habits in institutions across the country.

More business school students admitted to cheating than students in other schools, according to results from a poll that surveyed 170,000 students at 165 universities and 18,500 faculty members at 115 universities.

While McCabe says that the differences between schools are not tremendous, they are enough to be worrisome, especially when looking at the current economy.

"What appears to be happening is that business students are acquiring the same intelligence some people ac-

cuse business people of having and that is doing whatever it takes to get the job done," McCabe said. "So you see that reflected here and you can imagine what that becomes outside."

McCabe also said he thinks students justify their actions with the idea that it is only school and that their decisions are not affecting anyone.

"Maybe when people's money and people's lives are in the balance they will behave differently, and I'm sure some people will, but I think they are just learning to convince themselves that everything they do is victimless," he said.

Teresa Fishman, the director of The Center for Academic Integrity, is trying to help promote academic honesty around the country.

"What we want is a culture in which the processes of learning are valued and not so much products so that it doesn't really make sense to cheat because what you're doing is valuable," Fishman said. "What we are trying to do is help people find ways at various universities to promote a culture of academic integrity."

McCabe also works with CAI, and Fishman believes

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Letters to the Editor

Guantanamo shames US

By Brent Butgereit

"They, who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety." —Benjamin Franklin

Admittedly, the Founding Fathers never faced threats of terror in quite the same magnitude as we might face today, but Franklin's statement still holds true. That being said, we could say that Franklin knew something of being a terrorist himself. By our definition of "terror," the American colonists could be considered "terrorists." And so could their British 'oppressors.' And so could the French. Apparently, until the establishment of Western society and the recognition of her allies, nearly everyone was a "terrorist."

Concerning Guantanamo Bay, the question of where the prisoners will go is an important one. I suppose we could ask the old boss why he failed to hold trials for those detained (maybe he was too busy reviewing all that evidence to pay attention to where they went), but that would be an obvious waste of time. Truthfully, I don't have an answer to this question; but I'm not certain why a federal prison would not work — they were on an island in the middle of the Gulf of Mexico — I don't know that isolation would be a major issue if we continue to disregard their civil liberties.

"Despite obvious flaws in the use of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba as a detention facility, you have to admit that it has been successful in preventing further terrorist attacks in the United States."

Mr. Ayers must have misspoken here; this is the correlation versus causation fallacy. Correlation is the diverging relationship between two variables while causation states that one variable is a result of

the other. Obviously, two things occurring together do not mean that one causes the other. That would be silly. On an unrelated note, did you know that the ink used by The Sou'wester keeps bears away? See any bears? Told you.

I am concerned that some think that

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our securities and freedoms are guaranteed by the restriction of the freedoms of others. We must remember that life is not a zero-sum game. Why should it be the case that my being free precludes the freedom

of others? I am not even sure how terrorism threatens my freedom. When did we sign a law stating that anyone who hates the Constitution can rewrite or destroy it? The only conditions that could make the 'terrorists-are-threatening-our-freedom' argument true would be to suppose that either a) we have no freedom because they killed us all, or b) that after they began WWII, and successfully beat us, the terrorists stripped us of our rights.

If we are to argue that by imprisoning people (who have not been found guilty) we are protecting the freedoms of others, we must first show that limiting the freedom of a few increases (or is necessary to maintain) freedom for the rest of us. Supposing that the detainees actually do present a future threat to baseball, mom, and apple pie, we cannot imprison them until we have proven that they committed a crime (or that they present an 'immediate' threat). I, for one, do not feel more secure with a government that says, "We can take away your civil liberties if we believe you might become a danger to the United States." Arguably, Guantanamo has made us less secure than we would otherwise be.

As human beings, we always face risks — we could die at any moment for any number of reasons, but that should not stop us from living our lives or letting others live theirs. To clarify, I am not arguing that we should not try to protect ourselves from danger but that we are never going to be able to abolish it (it is not clear that incarcerating legally innocent people actually made us any safer). Our goal should be to minimize the risk of danger without zealously sacrificing freedom. With this in mind, it is clear that Guantanamo Bay was not a worthy cause.

Select few ruin Search for the rest

By Jordan Harms

I was genuinely surprised, not to mention dismayed, to read your characterization of the Search course as "the rotten cornerstone" of our college since every student coming in is aware that it is emblematic of Rhodes' view of what constitutes a classical liberal arts education — what every well-educated person should know before going out into the real world. Perhaps you missed that when researching colleges? Most of us selected Rhodes for that very reason. You deride Search for 'inherently exclud[ing] other cultures,' but by definition, it does and must.

There are plenty of colleges where this fundamental idea is under attack by those who want us to genuflect before the altar of 'diversity' at all costs and use it as a metaphor to infuse the theme of social justice into everything to the exclusion of all that is not 'relate-able' to us — where philosophy, history, you name it, is being taught in terms of identity, such as race or gender as a sort of sociology course, with special reference to the experiences of marginalized persons or groups. I wonder that you did not choose one of those if you subscribe to the idea that your response to a text in terms of your own identity and context is more important than what the great writers are trying to say.

The idea that there is a body of work that constitutes the most influential thought in the whole of Western civilization, "the great books" of the Western canon, is not just some invention by some people or groups of people who lived at a particular time in history and therefore is no longer valid. In fact, it is this body of human-

istic awareness that is the basis for our shared values in Western culture.

Although the program is indeed "searching" for values in the light of western history and religion exactly because it is the foundation of our principles and is supposed to bring those principles into coherence in the service of a common, agreed-upon goal, it is in fact not Euro-centric or exclusionary to other cultures — because besides the Western texts, the Qur'an, the Song of Roland, and the Persian Book of Kings are also studied. And there is a reason for that: they all share common ideas in Western civilization about what is important in order to live a good life.

Search gives us an advantage here at Rhodes not enjoyed by students at even many of the ivy leagues — we carry that understanding forward from course to course as a shared foundational concept. These major texts almost teach themselves, since in the history of ideas, each generation of thinkers took the works of their predecessors into account. The works all fit together and support each other, regardless of the remoteness of the historical moment in which they were written. That's why they don't, or should not, feel remote to us. Your problem seems to be that the view is not inward, not about what you think and like, but about what the writers and thinkers do. One thing it is not is self-referential in the way that those all-inclusive, identity-focused courses are. The irony is that it does indeed teach us about our identity as part of Western civilization. Too bad there are so many out there that don't value that anymore.

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Technological shift streamlining progress

By Dean Galaro
Staff Writer

We see the president every day on the television, on billboards, on the internet, and so on. We are constantly inundated with facts and figures that we want to know or need to know because we're told we need to know it. We are a people stuck on the escalator of technological innovation and progress, yet we don't even know or don't care. In a culture where we have some kind of right to know everything, where do we draw the line on what can or should be known? Today are the days of the paparazzi and the blog, where the dissemination of information, whether in the form of audio, video, or pictorial, is instant and for some reason gratifying, yet what have we really gained?



Many people probably feel like they know President Obama more than any other recent executive figure because of the ways in which he has taken advantage of the multitude of social media outlets like Facebook and YouTube. Thanks to the radio, we could hear FDR tell us how he's saving the country from the depression. Thanks to the television, we could watch Kennedy lose a debate with Nixon and yet come out the handsome victor. Thanks to the internet, we can watch Obama reassure us that his stimulus plan is going to engage the economy and get us out of the gutter of this recession. We can also read his books, see him on the news, and find his face emblazoned in blue and red graffiti in the streets. Granted, we are still on our honeymoon with Obama, and while this is not a slight at the man himself, let's make sure we're not letting ourselves be blindly led along.

Why was it headline news that Obama wanted to keep his personal Blackberry? Because people want to know what the president is doing at all times, and because he is a public personality and figure, he is now fair game for personal and obtrusive involvement. Since he is leading our country, we might as well get to know the man, right? But, by the same token, should we not then get to know our Congress, since they are the ones actually debating and writing the law? Should we not also get to know our Judiciary, since they are the ones with the power to throw our law out? We don't—and these days, can't—because there are just too many of them in too many places for us to try and know all of them.

Can you name Tennessee's congressional representatives? Local and state government has much more of a direct impact on the lives of the common man and yet they live lives of anonymous public service because they do not carry the glamour and the majesty that comes with being an executive. They don't have that *je ne sais quois*.

People love the president because they are an icon and figurehead that is there to represent the country like a King or Queen. It's one of those quirks of human beings: we like to simplify and filter things down to what is easy to handle and remember, regardless of integrity. We associate companies with their CEOs, or philosophies with one primary thinker because why spend the energy to make oneself acquainted with something as a whole? When things are simple to digest, people are happy, and that rule applies to people and information alike. Your Facebook can tell me enough about you for me to hold a cursory conversation with you, but I don't want to know anything beyond that unless there's something in it for me. We are economic and transactional in all aspects of our lives. Obama reassures us and stands as our hip, new Uncle Sam, so we want to know everything there is to know about him because we believe that he will pro-

tect us from harm.

These social developments are unavoidable in our developing world. As the global population continues to expand, people are concentrating themselves into large metropolises. As distances grow, technology is forced to keep up and surpass the needs of the people, creating an infinitely complex web that we call globalization.

It is too complex to be adequately understood; and therein lies a major problem. There are so many reasons to go out and see other people and experience other cultures in places you've never been, but using internet sites like Google Maps and Wikipedia has made it possible. Globalization normally has a positive connotation, but it should only have such a connotation when it is being done by people for reasons such as philanthropy or exploration or simple curiosity. The dark side to globalization is the incessant laziness it provides transportation for and the privileged views most have in respect to information and news.

It is a nice gesture that Obama wants to keep everyone in the world up to date on the kinds of initiative he is promoting in Washington, but what would happen if we were not privy to such information? Our national government would become somewhat anonymous as individuals faded away and melted back into the conglomeration that runs the country. People, not being able to connect with the national government would be forced to exercise their part in democracy at the local level because they are the representatives of government that are close by. They can have faces and can be real people because they live where you live and are part of your community. Action suddenly flows up from the grassroots to the local level, which is sent up to the state level, and is finally accumulated at the national level in order to deal with the nation as a whole. People are able to make real difference where it means the most for

them while the national government is able to deal with bigger issues that don't necessarily concern the everyday Joe (whether he be a plumber or otherwise).

People may not realize how much trust is involved with the election of public officials, yet people feel good about doing so because they are so enamored with the celebrity that they disregard the fact that the government works, for the most part, without our knowledge. We see the tip of the iceberg, while the rest we leave to the mass of black suits we know as our government because it's boring and not headline worthy. We think we know everything, but we only know what we are told, and we've been convinced that we are getting everything we deserve. Do we really know what goes on in Washington? No, but we're OK about it because we are told just enough to make it feel like we're true insiders. Governmental work is dirty work, and no one really wants to get their hands dirty trying it, so leave it to the pros.

What would life be like if we weren't constantly sticking our noses in national politics? We'd be able to concentrate on what is making a difference in our daily lives in the areas right around us. We'd be able to let the government do its job for us without us being backseat drivers. Maybe we could bolster our local identity instead of concentrating on our national identity so much. This is not to say that people should necessarily live disconnected from the world around them, but people should learn to look at themselves on multiple levels and as citizens to multitude of places, ideas, and the like. In order to tackle the big issues, the little problems are swept under the rug of indifference. The world is far too rich and complex to be boiled down to encyclopedia entries. Learn a little more about your local representatives, go outside more often, and realize that just because the television says all is well doesn't mean it is.

The failures of purity culture and the hook-up

By Will Smith
Staff Writer

Last week, Donna Freitas come to Rhodes to speak about her recent book, *Sex and Spirituality*, in which she presents her research on the connections between sex and spirituality on American college campuses. Her research discovered two different predominate approaches to sex: the "hook-up culture" and the "purity culture."



Of these, the hook-up culture is the most prevalent. The hook up culture is characterized by casual, no-strings attached physical interaction (usually, but not always, sex). Sex and romance are not associated in the hook-up culture. This culture debases people by its ignoring and destruction of dignity; by focusing solely on the physical aspect of sex and momentary pleasure, it turns us into pieces of meat to be used for our own selfish pleasure.

The hook-up culture is definitely harmful, but we must also recognize and beware of the tyranny of the purity culture. The essential characteristics of the purity culture are dedication to abstinence before marriage and the view that

premarital sex (and especially casual sex) is immoral. The tyranny of the purity culture is that it makes people who do choose to have sex feel as though they are guilty of something, that they should be ashamed of what they did.

This guilt is poisonous and dehumanizing. Additionally, the purity culture discourages people from asking questions about sex, which encourages a dangerous ignorance. Though Freitas found that this culture was found on evangelical college campuses, the so-called "Catholic approach," ("don't have sex"—and then no discussion about sex) is more or less as repressive, confusing, and harmful. In fact, Catholic schools have a hook-up culture, not a purity culture.

Sex is a completely natural and wonderful thing. As long as sex is between consenting people and is done responsibly, it is moral. Responsible sex is above all else, consenting, and requires taking care to protect the health, emotions, trust, and dignity of your partner. The empty, hollow, shallow, hedonistic instant gratification of the hook-up culture is a highly destructive and negative approach to sex—it may feel good, it may be what people think they want, but it is bad. The rigid, puritanical, unrealistic attitude of the purity culture is just as bad.

Both cultures create the sense that "everyone does it," which helps to cultivate the mindset that "it's just something you do." This fatalist assumption is coercive and false. Nei-

ther of these cultures offer a healthy approach to sex. They are two extremes, but they both abuse human dignity, and not only are they actively harmful, both are coercive in that they create a situation when people feel like it is the norm and that to question it is wrong; they are pressured into perpetuating a negative situation.

So, both the hook-up and purity cultures are bad. What is to be done about it? There will always be people who hook up, and there will always be people who choose to abstain from sex until marriage. At the end of the day, these are lifestyle choices that are completely up to the individual. But when hooking up or "purity" dominate the sexuality of a society, human dignity and potential suffer. We need to ensure an environment in which sex respects our dignity.

This will only happen with the dismantling of the hook-up and purity cultures, which, in turn, will only happen as a result of an awareness of the status quo and what ought to be, as well as the will to make correct decisions. In regards to both cultures, we have duped ourselves and each other into accepting a degrading sexual lifestyle. The effects of the hook-up and purity cultures on dignity are clear, and the solution is clear—it is not a question of how or why, but when—when will we break free and reclaim our dignity? There is no better time than the present.

Student Voice

How is President Obama doing in office so far?



"It's irresponsible for him to sign a bill he hasn't even read and declare that it will work."
Justin LeBlanc (2009)

"I think it's really too early to say but I do like most of the things he's doing. But I've been living under a rock since I got here. Or at least I haven't been keeping up."
Cole Bradley (2012)



"I think he still has a long way to go. But he is making strides towards all the promises he gave in the campaign. Given the circumstances he has done well."
Chassidy Groover (2010)

"My general sense is that he has done really well and it is a positive change. But I've heard some of my friends say he has failed to do some of the things he said he would do. But I don't know if they're just saying that."
Aubrey Clendenin (2009)



"It's so soon in the presidency that nothing significant enough has happened for me to have an opinion about presidency."
William Bruce (2010)

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blog, Ivester said the decision to take the site down was unrelated to legal investigations or feedback from universities. No plans are currently in place to resuscitate the Web site, he said.

"I will always be a proponent of free speech," Duke Dean of Students Sue Wasiolek said. "That being said, I'm delighted that [Ivester] has made a decision to take this site down. I think that's good news."

Ivester, however, disagrees. In an e-mail to *The Chronicle* Wednesday, the Duke alumnus said the site's termination is not something to be pleased about, and the gossip Web site would be "thriving" if economic conditions were different.

"JuicyCampus' shutdown is not a positive change for campus—the issues brought up by JuicyCa-

mpus will continue to exist," he said. "It will simply be easier to ignore those issues without our site."

Some administrators said they are skeptical that the loss of JuicyCampus would change the dynamic of campus gossip. Ivester signs his statement with "keep it juicy," and students may follow through.

"This is not going to solve the issue," said Stephen Bryan, associate dean of students and director of judicial affairs. "As soon as JuicyCampus shuts down, something else is going to spring up in its place. There are larger issues of Internet and anonymity and how we as a culture use the medium to express things that we wouldn't say to others to their face."

But Ivester said in the statement that the site has offered a "platform that students have

found interesting, entertaining and fun," and has opened discussion about Internet censorship and privacy. He added that the "mean-spirited posts and personal attacks" will not be missed, but the "lighthearted gossip of college life" that the site was intended for is the legacy he hopes to leave.

Although Vice President for Student Affairs Larry Moneta does not expect much to change following the site's dissolution, he said he hopes a general trend of slander will ease.

"Rest in peace," Moneta said of the site's termination. "It had no impact in its existence, it'll have no impact in its death. Whatever short-term pains it has caused can be replaced by the next foolish look-alike. In the long run, it's meaningless—for each one that comes, one goes—but hopefully it'll diminish the next."

Green Rhodes: A New Voice on Campus

This past fall semester a handful of students formed Green Rhodes, a group focused on sustainability on campus and in the community. Despite the group's infancy, they have already begun their mission to help reduce Rhodes' carbon footprint. Just this semester Green Rhodes was able to work together with food services and RSG representative Dan Schrader to eliminate Styrofoam use in the RAT. The group has also successfully proposed the creation of a community garden on campus. The garden will be located between the sorority houses and EV. It will be managed by Green Rhodes, the physical plant, and Environmental Residents, and open for community gardening for all students.

These projects are just the beginning for Green Rhodes. It is the mission of the group to help the campus achieve carbon neutrality (zero carbon footprint) in accordance with the Climate Commitment President Troutt signed last year. To do this, Green Rhodes will be pursuing various projects and initiatives such as improving the recycling program, finding alternative uses for the waste oil created by the RAT and Lair, and pushing for more efficiency and renewable sources of energy on campus like solar power. These are just a few of the projects Green Rhodes hopes to pursue.

Right now the group is looking for creative, interested, and dedicated students who would like to get involved in the cause. The group meets every Sunday evening at 8:30pm in Barrett 051, and anyone who is interested is welcome. For more information come by a meeting, contact John King at kinje@rhodes.edu, or visit the Green Rhodes Facebook group. To start making a difference today:

-Turn off your computer!

One computer left on all day, every day uses 1,000 kilowatts of electricity over a year, producing more than a ton of carbon emissions!!

-Use reusable water bottles

Every year, making water bottles [just] for the United States requires more than 1.5 million barrels of oil, which is enough to fuel 100,000 cars. Most of the time these water bottles end up in landfills or the ocean, leeching toxins into the environment and taking up to 500 years to fully decompose.

-Recycle, recycle, recycle

It takes 90% less energy to recycle an aluminum can than to make a new one. The amount of wood and paper that Americans throw away in one year could heat 50 million homes for 20 years.

Over three billion dry cell batteries are sold each year in the U.S. When disposed of in the trash, these batteries end up in municipal landfills and trash incinerators, dispersing significant amounts of heavy metals and other toxic substances into the air and water, making battery waste prevention and recycling strategies essential.

The Recycling program at Rhodes collects paper (computer, notebook, newspaper, magazine, colored, envelopes, etc.), aluminum cans, and plastic bottles. There are also collection containers for ink cartridges and cell phones in Briggs, outside of the mailroom. Battery bins are located in every dorm except Neely and EV.



CAMPUS SAFETY

February 15-21

02/15

12:15 am: Two guests of a student found roaming the campus unattended. Both were escorted back to the host's room. It was explained to all three that any overnight guests are to be accompanied by the host.

1:15 am: Incident at the Bailey Lane gatehouse involving a Rhodes student and a city cab driver. Both Campus Safety and MPD notified. Incident resolved.

1:30 pm: The west parking area in Spann lot blocked out for tree trimmers.

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4:33 am: Campus Safety observed an individual on Tutwiler looking into cars. Subject shadowed by Campus Safety and MPD notified.

11:33 pm: Noise complaint East Village; RA notified; problem resolved.

02/17

12:00 pm: Student reported to Campus Safety that she believed that someone damaged her vehicle while parked in the airstrip parking lot; information documented; photos of damage taken.

11:26 pm: Desoto county and Shelby county under a thunderstorm warning with possible high winds expected.

02/18

3:25 am: Book bag belonging to a student found unattended in Burrow Hall; bag stored at Campus Safety; owner notified.

10:45 am: Contractors working on the sprinkler system in the Barret Library; several trouble alarms going off in Barret.

7:48 pm: Theft of property report in Townsend Hall; report filed.

10:35 pm: Noise complaint in Bellingrath; problem resolved.

02/19

1:27 am: Large delivery made to the art gallery; after hours access has been made.

3:35 am: Students reported to Campus Safety that a vicious rodent (mouse) had been trapped on 2nd floor Bellingrath. Officers responded; rodent disposed of.

10:53 am: Two burglaries in the residential areas of Mignon and Crump; MPD on locations. Descriptions of persons believed to be involved: female with dark brown coat with hood; male with blue or black jacket; MPD investigating these thefts.

6:38 pm: Campus Safety received a call concerning an individual jumping the Charles Street fence; subject located and identified as student who had forgotten his fob.

02/20

9:07 am: Clock alarm going off in a room in Glassell; officers entered the room and disabled the alarm.

02/21

7:22 am: Large number of people arriving on campus for peacejam event; several building and classrooms opened to accommodate.

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with the International Studies department at Rhodes. This event is to be held on March 6th at 4:00 in Buckman Hall as a part of the Friday Panel series of the International Studies Department.

This panel will focus both of the trial of the seven Baha'i leaders in Iran, as well as the general persecution of the Baha'i.

"Part of the session will be informative, but the majority of the time will be spent on the testimonies of different members of the Baha'i community of Memphis," said Kate Lindeman, President of the Rhodes College Chapter Amnesty USA.

Such members of the Baha'i community in Memphis include two Baha'i women, one Egyptian, the other Iranian, who will sit on the panel. Both of these women have been confronted firsthand with persecution for their faith.

Blake Berky, a Rhodes senior, will be another member of the panel. Berky was made aware of the Baha'i persecution during a Maymester trip to Turkey.

The panel will try to educate its audience about the Baha'i persecutions, and will also provide personal accounts of the effects of such persecution. Furthermore, at this panel, Amnesty plans to have a petition, or something of the sort, for those present to sign.

"The persecution of followers of the Baha'i faith is unacceptable, and I think one of the best things we can do is educate people on the issues involved," said Lindeman.

Calendar of Events on Campus: March 2-7

March 2nd

Lecture: *Biology Seminar Series presents Dr. Jonathan Schilling "Serpula lacrymans: A Fungus that Defeated the British Navy"*

Time: 3:30pm to 6:00pm

Location: FJ-B

Lecture: *Dr. James Ceaser presents "The 2008 Election and the Future of Conservatism"*

Time: 7:00pm to 8:45pm

Location: McCallum Ballroom

March 3rd

Forum on the Obama Presidency with Professor James Ceaser

Time: 2:00pm to 4:15pm

Location: East Village Lodge

March 4th

Lecture: *Economist/Mystery author Kenneth G. Elzinga*

Time: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Location: FJ-A

Lecture: *Dr. Kenneth Elzinga presents "The Economic Logic of Vertical Price Agreements"*

Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Location: McCallum Ballroom

March 6th

ACS Women's and Gender Studies Conference

Time: 11:30am to 9:00pm

Location: Blount/Buckman Lobby

Lecture: *Dr. Angela Davis to present "Anti-Racist Resistance and the Future of Feminism"*

Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Location: McCallum Ballroom

March 7th

ACS Women's and Gender Studies Conference

Time: 8:00am to 5:30pm

Location: Blount/Buckman Lobby

RAB Battle of the Bands

Time: 3:00

Category : Student Clubs/Activities/Greek Life Location : Lynx Lair

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his research is valid and very important.

"It's longitudinal research," Fishman said. "He has been doing it for more than 15 years so he has a picture of not just what is, but also the trends."

While the surveys do not address the question of why students cheat, Fishman and others can still speculate that the pressure of financial success in the future has an effect on student habits.

"Many of us think that the reason for 'why' is that there is such an emphasis on financial success at all cost and that attitude trickles down to academic success at all cost," she said.

While Linda Salchenberger, the dean of the College of Business Administration, does find these results a bit disturbing, she feels they are in contrast to what occurs at Marquette.

"First and foremost, in an administrative perspective we obviously have a very strong policy regarding academic integrity at the col-

lege. But beyond that, we're more interested in working really hard to instill and to strengthen Jesuit values in our students," Salchenberger said. "I think that makes us unique in our approach."

She said many people do not realize the business school has four ethics courses that emphasize students to have personal integrity.

"What we really try to emphasize is how we can get students to visualize themselves in these situations which are very complex and get away from all the financial incentives and all the politics that goes in with the corporations and you ask, 'Who am I as a person and what do I value?'" she said.

Salchenberger also thinks the current recession serves as a call back to basics in the business world.

"I think it is a time to learn that there are some fundamentals here in both individual ethical behavior as well as the basics of business that we have really violated," she said. "This has caused a really complex situation that is going to be really hard to get out of."

Taken is a heart stopping thriller for audiences

By Pauline McKim

Every so often an amazing suspense thriller comes along delighting adrenaline junkie film goers everywhere. *Taken* is definitely this type of film. In this movie Liam Neeson stars as Bryan Mills, a retired CIA operative desperate to track down his daughter Kim, played by Maggie Grace, after she is kidnapped in Paris, France.

Although the plot relies heavily on clichés, with Albanian mobsters serving as Kim's captors and Arab businessmen serving as the human traffickers' customers, the majority of the movie is very well done. It trudges along in the beginning, but soon picks up speed after the characters are established.

Neeson and Grace have a considerable chemistry and make a very believable father daughter team. Neeson is on the phone with Grace as she is kidnapped. Watching him listen to the terror in the voice of his daughter is truly heart wrenching and viewers cannot help but feel connected to him from that moment forward. Neeson continues to play his role with emotion uncommon to suspense

thrillers and his performance adds a great deal of depth to the film overall. Likewise, Famke Janssen does a fantastic job cast as Neeson's ex-wife, Lenore.

Aside from the acting, the other elements of the film

are also quite impressive. Director Pierre Morel did an amazing job with the cinematography. The fight and car chase scenes are heart stopping because they are filmed in such a way that audience members feel as if they too are truly part of the action. Flashback sequences are also sewn seamlessly into the plot and do not interrupt the flow of the movie, which is a problem common to this type of film device. The dialogue is also surprisingly well written, considering the genre. The exchanges between characters are quick and witty, often serving to break the tension and keep Neeson from seeming too sinister.

While the events of *Taken* are by no means realistic, it accomplishes everything a good action movie should. Its plot has enough suspense to keep the audience guessing, the action sequences are breathtaking, and the protagonist takes out his justified anger by beating up anyone who crosses him. *Taken* may not break new ground for this popular genre, but it puts on a good show and is definitely an enjoyable way to spend a few hours.



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Liam Neeson stares as an ex-CIA agent in *Taken*.

The Light in the Piazza shines dimly at Playhouse

By Cristina Iskander
A&E Editor

Playhouse on the Square's production of *The Light in the Piazza* has lofty goals and good intentions. Set against a Florentine backdrop, a Southern mother and daughter experience the beauty of Italy, but their journey moves far beyond statues and stories. It is serendipity when young Clara (Emily Z. Pettet) meets charming Italian Fabrizio (Jesus Manuel Pacheco) as she chases her windblown hat through the piazza. Their interest and fascination with one another is immediate and their inability to

fully interact verbally insignificant.

The young lovers embrace and delight in their differences, but Clara's desperately protective mother Margaret (Carla McDonald) does not share this sentiment. Plagued with worries, Margaret wants to put the affair to end because Clara is unlike other girls. (SPOILER ALERT) Kicked in the head by a horse at her twelfth birthday party, Clara has the external, physical characteristics of a grown woman but the mental capacities of a young girl. Rather than take cues from the struggling relationships around them (Margaret's empty marriage, Fabrizio's brother Giuseppe's infidelity), Clara and Fabrizio remain hopeful and committed to each other and their steadfast idealism. Belief in the power of their romance ultimately changes not only the way their families view the whirlwind relationship between the two, but also how their families evaluate their personal relationships.

Though much of the plot's action revolves around the budding romance between Fabrizio and Clara, the heart of the show is mother Margaret. Carla McDonald, who I've admired since I saw her several seasons ago in *The Wild Party* at Circuit Playhouse, gives a rueful, nuanced performance, tracing Margaret's journey from guilt to acceptance of her past faults and mistakes, and also her transition from doubt in Clara's suitability for marriage to the belief that the affair is perhaps the way for her daughter to find fulfillment and live a normal life. She lets Clara go, and confronts her own uncertain future. In the heart wrenching "Diving Day" in Act One and "Fable" at the closing of Act Two, McDonald exposes the melancholy beneath Margaret's manicured façade.

However, many of McDonald's cast mates fail to match the depth of her performance. Despite her beautiful soprano, Emily Z. Pettet's performance is uneven, unfocused, and lacks sense of dramatic trajectory. Her Clara is exuberant, petulant, overwhelmed, infatuated, but she never comes off as mentally impaired. Romantic love interest Jesus Manuel Pacheco fares a



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Playhouse on the Square's production of *The Light in the Piazza*.

little better, though this is most likely due to the nature of his role. The sincere yet sexually charged Fabrizio is easier to pull off than Clara, and his bouts of overacting might be attributed to an interpretation of an enthusiastic, expressive Italian. Kent Fleshman, as Fabrizio's father, seems out of place and he injects humor in moments where comedy is not appropriate. Kevin Todd Murphy and Esther Gray, as Fabrizio's adulterous brother and his volatile wife, give good performances, but their stage time is very limited.

The principal characters' costumes, designed by Rebecca Y. Powell, echo, but never imitate the costumes from the original Broadway production, and the ensemble's wardrobe looks too much like an afterthought. The set design is serviceable but uninspiring, and the lion statues situated downstage look more Asian than Italian inspired.

Though the production is flawed, the music, with music and lyrics by Adam Guettel, is stunning and sophisticated. However, the music could be unappealing to some. Unlike traditional musical theatre scores, the song lyrics come off more like poetry and the music is only occasionally melodious. Lyrics are in both Italian and English, and while this might initially cause some discomfort for the audience, it enhances the overall experience of seeing the show.

The Light in the Piazza runs at Playhouse on the Square through March 1.

Animal House falls extremely short on moral values

By John Bryant
Staff Editor

No movie had ever made me weep openly for the human condition. *Saving Private Ryan*? Nay. *Driving Miss Daisy*? A tear-duct famine. Then I saw *Animal House* (1978). After, I crawled into my closet and mourned for nearly seven minutes, I then wiped up the tears with a rag and used them to bathe an entire homeless person. His name was Milton and he was an absolutely filthy, charming fellow.

No movie has pulled me so deep into the abyss of man's primordial depravity. Is it possible to stare directly into a complete and utter void? Yes, but as *Animal House* proves, only for the narrow window of 1 hour and 47 minutes, after which you lose the ability to dream and the will to breathe. What is one to do when met with the visual manifestation of mankind's utter desolation? You can either bitterly laugh at the cruel joke that is life or fold your limp limbs into the fetal position and sob. In chortled-muffled tears and bleary-eyed guffaws, I did both, simultaneous-like, at the same moment.

Am I ashamed? Do I regret my shameless tear-torrent? No, sirs and madames, I do not. I regret the 2 hours that *Animal House* has stolen from me. The 2 hours that I could have spent with someone I loved, the 2 hours that I could have spent seriously thinking about a social issue,

the 2 hours that I could have spent deciding whether life was worth living.

That's not to say watching *Animal House* makes you a bad person. It makes you a terrible, awful person.

[excerpt from phone conversation with mother]

"Hey, mom! I just watched *Animal House*. Do you still love me?"

"No."

Animal House is the harrowing struggle of two fraternities: the evil fraternity and the stupid fraternity. I think the evil fraternity is fighting for the right to persecute people who look and think differently, and I think the stupid fraternity is fighting for the right to bathe in their own feces, or something like that. Not entirely sure what actually happens, or if a plot was even intended, I looked it up on Wikipedia, and apparently the script was finger-painted on the back of a urinal. There might be dialogue, but it is difficult to decipher amongst the grunts, howling, and vomit-mist.

I remember waking up once during this movie, straining my eyes open, and seeing John Belushi piss on someone and then scream "Toga!" It was interesting because he looked completely inhuman, his eyes permanently glazed over into a thousand-yard stare. I thought to myself "Hey, that's cool. He's spent so many years in the frat-trenches, he's become

completely shell-socked, disassociated from his own humanity, and stalks the frat-house like a glassy-eyed shark of hedonism! I bet—"

Before I could complete this thought I got a wicked case of diarrhea. Man, diarrhea really hurts.



Photo courtesy of <https://secure.eastmanhouse.org/presroom/DrydenTheatre/NovemberDecember2008/>
John Belushi is John 'Bluto' Blutarsky in the comic movie *Animal House*.

Family Guy disappoints

By Ralph McDonald
Associate Editor

Dear Mr. MacFarlane,

Congratulations on all of your wonderful success. I read recently that Fox is giving you the same kind of money Comedy Central gave Dave Chappelle before the poor bastard went completely off the reservation. It was exciting to see him go from a cult favorite to a viable superstar, and disappointing that he stopped creating when his product was still cutting-edge. That was a blow not just for the people who loved his show, but for comedy, and in some ways, humanity itself.

Many might say that I am guilty of hyperbole, but actually Aristotle himself believed that a sense of humor was a civic virtue. I mention this because I know that you have been very involved in politics lately and from this I must infer that you have a vested interest in civic virtue. So I figured that you should know that you are currently killing comedy. Like Mr. Chappelle, you have gone from unheralded to superstar in fairly short order; but instead of going off the reservation, you have fouled it up beyond recognition. Ever since "American Dad" went on the air, you have been responsible for two worthless shows, as opposed to one great one.

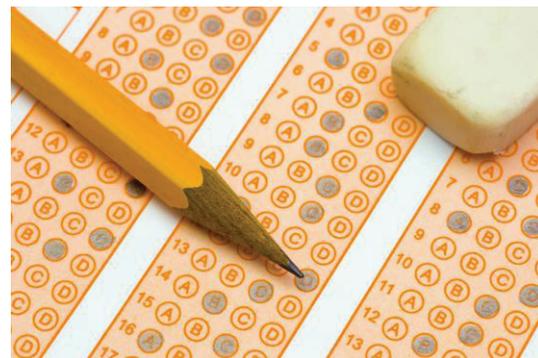
Your style of comedy is now one of a man whose head is so far up his own ass that he never loses taste of the old laudatory newspaper clippings on which he clearly subsists. Lacking any kind of recent praise from respectable media sources, I imagine your hired eunuchs to scurry about the internet

and look for new compliments on the blogs of greasy-haired geeks who are next in line to shoot up their schools. I imagine that you howl into your large intestine when not even the most hopeless of losers can find anything nice to say about "American Dad." We miss the funny Seth McFarlane, the man who pushed boundaries instead of egomaniacally bullying the line until nobody knew where the hell they were anymore and could only curse as another one of your musical numbers fired up. Nobody seems to have told you this before, but fart jokes do not get all that much funnier when put in melody or rhyming scheme. I should also note that while the cultural references might make perfect sense from the confines of your own colon, your younger audience neither gets them nor finds them remotely humorous.

I would say I am not writing this letter to berate you, but that is not the truth. I want you to be humiliated because any human being producing the filth that you have created should be embarrassed. As you say in one of your earlier, actually funny episodes regarding Stewie's potty-training: "You're a naughty boy and that's concentrated evil coming out the back of you." So truly this letter is an attempt to appeal to your humane side, an intervention to find the man we lost when he became intoxicated in his own noxious assumes and went on one of the world's longest jenkem trips. Come back, Mr. Macfarlane, come back, or soon your best days will be recorded strictly by Cartoon Network—and that's when your soul will be lost forever.

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Live tennis not for the faint of heart

By **Ralph MacDonald**
Associate Editor

I arrived at the Memphis Racquet Club at about the same time as a man suffered a heart attack. He was no more than two Ben and Jerry's trips away from 350 pounds, so while he might have been working toward this event for a few years, it was eventually the fifth game of a Lleyton Hewitt-James Blake match that pushed him over the top.

It was my first live tennis match, and I was amazed by how differently the game looked from my bleacher seats 25 yards away from the court.

Blake was controlling the game early, hitting a number of precise backhands past Hewitt and managing a very effective serve that was about 10-15 miles per hour faster than Hewitt's.

But Hewitt managed to keep it close during the first set by dominating Blake's second serve and grinding out several long rallies and deuces before eventually giving up the set 6-3 to Blake.

The turning point in the match came during Blake's first serve in the second set. After hitting an apparent ace, James was rattled by a belated "out" call from the linesman. Irritating Blake even more so was the fact that the lady had ducked out of the way of the ball, rendering her ability to see the ball at slim to none.

Up to that point in the match, Blake always seemed to be able to get his adrenaline going in adverse and intense moments. However, after the belated out-call, Blake promptly hit a far-too-hard second serve into the net before complaining to the head referee about the linesman's call.

For the rest of the match, Blake attempted to bring back the fire that got him through the tough first set—but to no avail.

He dropped the second set 6-1 after missing several easy shots and looking generally upset on the court. By the time he lost the third and final set 6-4, it was clear that Hewitt had simply worn him down with superior endurance and a far better mental game.

Hewitt did let out some Aussie yells during the match, including "COME ON," a call for the crowd to stop rallying around the American and support him during his first match point against Blake.

The Aussie just needed one more game, though, after the referees seemingly blew a pretty easy call on Hewitt's second match point when Blake hit a ball that the entire stadium thought was long. But the world's former No. 1 never got truly rattled and managed to hold serve to win the match 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Ah yes, and at last I heard—the heart attack victim will live to eat another day.



Photo courtesy of Associated Press

Lleyton Hewitt stretches out for a forehand during his three set win against James Blake.

Charles Barkley right in the end

By **Ralph MacDonald**
Associate Editor

"I am not a role model...I am not paid to be a role model...I am paid to wreak havoc on the basketball court...parents should be role models...just because I dunk a basketball...doesn't mean I should raise your kids."—Charles Barkley Nike Commercial

It has been over 25 years since that commercial came out, featuring a young, skinny Charles Barkley rebounding and dunking in black and white. A lot of people were upset about his statement, but several DUI's and hundreds of thousands of dollars in gambling losses later—do you not hope that people listened?

Barkley was right, not only about himself, but about athletes in general.

Barkley, Jordan, Phelps, Vick, Bonds, Magic, Ron Artest, Pac-man, Travis Henry, Shawn Kemp, Latrell Sprewell, Kobe, O.J., A-Rod. A list of drug users, gangsters, philanderers, poor husbands—name a vice and there are probably several athletes who have it.

Most athletes work hard at what they do, and I would say that most athletes are probably good people, but they dedicate their lives to playing sports and selling shoes—which, respectively, is probably unrealistic and undesirable for your children. Athletes are really the only entertainers we expect to be role models for children, which is about as ridiculous as asking singers, movie stars, and other celebrities to keep their personal lives clean. If you expect young men, making more money than they ever dreamed of having, to be role models for your children, then you are setting yourself up for disappointment.

Rant over. Notes for the week:

1. Pat White's solid combine performance was not only important for him but it was also important for Tim Tebow and other dual-threat quarterbacks coming into the league. Wildcat formation quarterback is looking to become a new position in the NFL, and Pat White will probably be the original prototype—at least until Tebow arrives.

2. The more I think about it, the more excited I am that the NBA trade deadline passed without changing the balance of the league. We have four contenders who are nearly even: the Lakers, Cavs, Spurs and Celtics, and two wild-cards in the Nuggets and Magic. It's going to be a very exciting play-off for basketball fans.

3. I bet there's one team not too excited about spring training—the Pittsburgh Pirates are going into this year tied with the Philadelphia Phillies for the longest run of losing seasons in baseball history. Unless the Pirates have a miracle turnaround, they will be all alone in the record books with 17 consecutive losing seasons.

Memphis soaring below the radar

By **Andrew Mullins Williams**
Staff Writer

It's approaching that time of year again. As of Sunday, we are officially only four weeks away from selection Sunday—and the kickoff to the most exciting sporting tournament of the year.

One year ago, the Memphis Tigers took the country by storm, going 38-2 and losing in the title game to the Kansas Jayhawks. After losing Derrick Rose and first team All-American Chris Douglas-Roberts to the NBA draft, the 2008-2009 Tigers were

expected to be in rebuilding mode.

The frontcourt, consisting of 6'9" Robert Dozier and 6'10" Shawn Taggart, was supposed to be a weak spot for these rebuilding Tigers. However, both men are averaging over 1.5 blocks per game and scoring double figures. Taggart especially has improved his all-around game from last season by continually attacking the basket and showing aggressive rebounding, recording 7.1 rebounds a game.

The backcourt has always been one of Memphis' strengths, and this year has proven to be no different. While the individual talent has certainly been reduced with the subtraction of Rose and Douglas-Roberts, they have gotten fantastic play from freshmen Tyreke Evans. His 17.1 points per game and his 2.1 steals are both tops for the Tigers.

But what exactly can be expected from these "rebuilding" Tigers?

Certainly a repeat to the Final Four is asking a lot, but Memphis has the pieces to make a run deep into March. Due to the weak Conference USA schedule, Memphis can be expected to receive a two or three seed entering the tournament. Based on that fact alone, a sweet 16 trip is very a plausible expectation.

Perhaps one of the Tigers' biggest assets is the ferocious man-to-man defense that John Calipari has installed. The most points Memphis has allowed all season is 79—in an overtime loss to Georgetown. Since the start of conference play, they have

not allowed 70 points to an opponent, and they have allowed 50 points or less in 13 out of 27 games this season.

Calipari's decision to move Evans to point guard is another reason this team has been so productive. After finding themselves out of answers with an anemically slow start on the offensive end, the Tigers have rolled off 18 victories in a row. By letting Evans handle the ball at the point position, Calipari finally has his dribble-drive offense in the hands of his best play maker.

By slowing the game down a bit—in comparison to previous years—Memphis is actually forcing people to play defense for 40 minutes. This tactic has inherently worked to their advantage.

In hindsight, it is really hard to judge just how good the Tigers really are. As we saw last year, they usually hold their best games for March and put season-long issues, such as free throws, to rest. With that said, they have only beaten one ranked team all year—which was a beaten down and lack luster Gonzaga squad.

They have a limited bench and do not have viable options when players get in foul trouble. Their free-throw shooting is anything but spectacular. And when they can't hit three's, they sometimes can get frustrated.

However, their defense and athletic ability will keep them close with the nation's best. And depending on how the ball rolls, the Tigers could find themselves in the thick of it come late March.

Upcoming Sporting Events on Campus

Friday, February 27th
Baseball vs. LaGrange College
2:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 28th
Baseball vs. Emory University
10:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 1st
Baseball vs. Millsaps College
2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 3rd
Women's Tennis vs. Lambuth College
4:00 p.m.
Men's Tennis vs. Lambuth College
4:00 p.m.