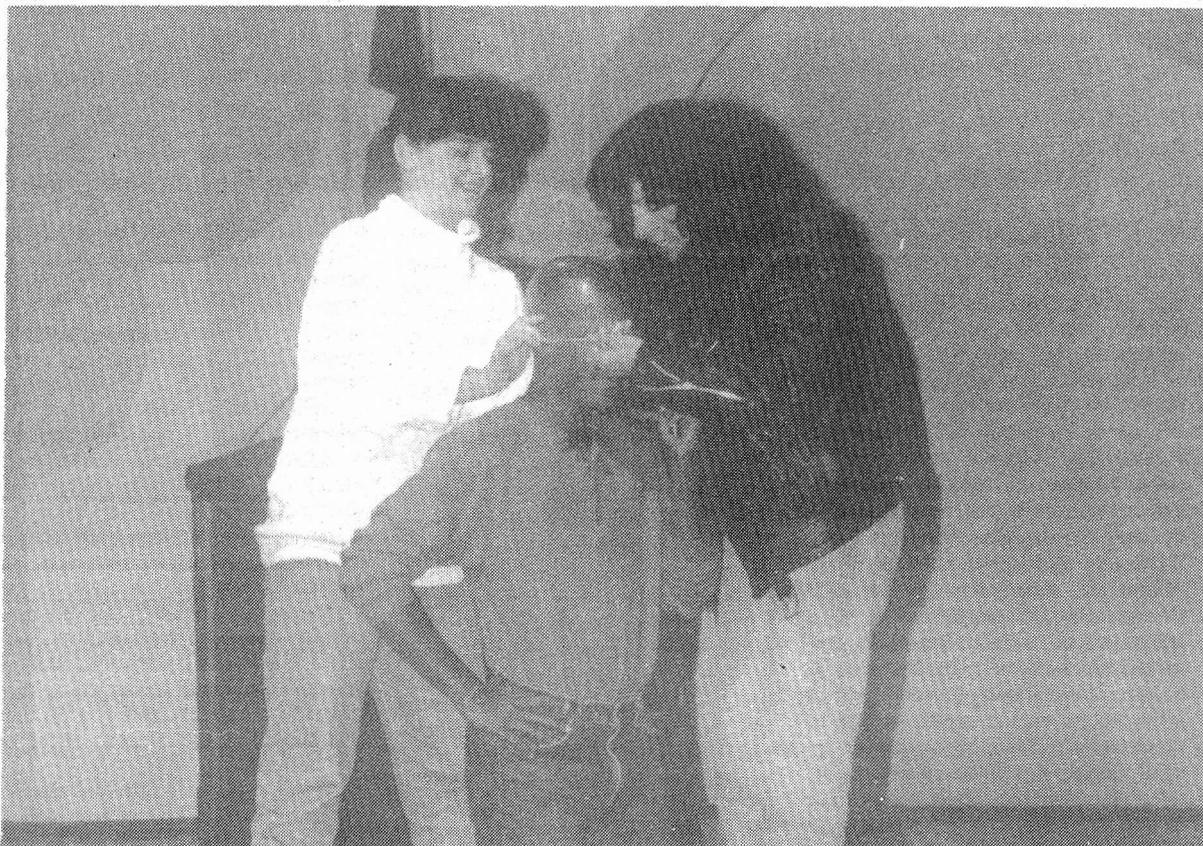
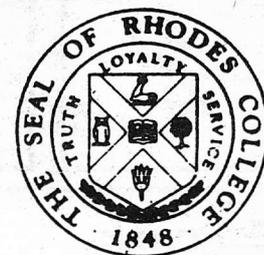


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Eric Dunning and Steph Monte help Suzi Landolphi demonstrate some of the lesser-known facts about condoms.

Despite Small Turnout, Suzi Landolphi Was Funny And Informative

by Brent Moberly

Looking more like twenty one than forty one, Suzi Landolphi stood before me wearing a black leather jacket over a tight fitting flowered top and a pair of blue jeans. "I notice you have a notebook," she said.

When I explained to her that I had been commissioned to write a review of her, she said, "forget the review, and write down everything I say so you'll know what to do in case you ever find yourself in a compromising situation."

Since there were not that many people attending Suzi Landolphi's show, "Hot, Sexy, and Safer," I thought I'd just rehash some of the things that I recorded in my notebook, but let me first start by saying to those of you who were not there, you missed a fantastic show: a sort of "group sexual experience," as Suzi Landolphi called it.

She began her show by joking with the students about their dress and their sexual habits. To one student, wearing a T-shirt with Bugs Bunny on the front, she remarked, "What's he going to do with that carrot?" She had a good sense of humor that I thought was more befitting a seventeen year old guy than a forty-one year old woman.

After this she began the serious part of the program, saying that she wanted to dispel a few of the common myths about AIDS. First, she said that contracting AIDS is not a death warrant. She added that a person with AIDS can

drastically increase his life expectancy by avoiding four things: drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and stress. She mentioned that aerobics are a good way to relieve stress, saying that the same chemical that runs through your body during aerobics is the same chemical released in your body during an orgasm. She also said that one orgasm has the power of twenty valiums.

The second point she made about the AIDS virus is that everyone is in the so called "risk group" for catching AIDS; everyone is susceptible to the disease. She went on to describe AIDS as a sort of PC disease that doesn't care whether you're gay, straight, male or female. "It affects all ages," she said, "even though I'm forty one, I'm still in the same boat as you guys." At the end of the program, she told us that her brother has AIDS.

She also stressed that there were only three ways a person could catch AIDS: Anal, Vaginal, and Oral intercourse. AIDS can't be caught through sweat, she told us, before she digressed into the origins of the mysterious suction noise that many experience during sex, but are reluctant to speak about. For those who have experienced this suction noise and are curious to know her hypothesis, she said that it was essentially caused by sweat.

Another thing she discussed was how to have more healthy sexual relations. Of course, she advocated the use of adequate protection not only during vaginal and anal intercourse, but also during oral intercourse as well. To em-

phasize her point, she had a student member of the audience come up and lick a condom. He said it tasted like winter-green bubble gum. To show the strength of a condom, she stretched one over a student's head, warning us as she did that we better not call him "dick head."

Communication, she said, is the beginning to good sex. "I want to dispel the rumor that says if you talk during sex, it ruins the moment." She said that if she has a problem with her partner about sex, then she wants to talk about because, "I know I'm good." She told the audience that it was possible for both a man and a woman to have an orgasm without having actual intercourse.

To conclude the program, she told us that she wanted us to be "the first generation who will be sexually proud and confident." To do this she said that we must fight for our rights to have access to information about how sex can be made safer — maybe somebody could put a list of every birth control method up by the list of sexually transmitted diseases in all the bathrooms for our reading pleasure. Also, she said that we must fight for our rights to obtain condoms that would allow safer sex. She said that we need to do away with homophobia, and take care of those suffering with AIDS. She thanked us all for our coming out to see her, and she said to Libby Robinson, "Libby, you have a lot of balls."

Suzi Landolphi was sponsored by Social Commission and SMART.

When A Quack Predicts A Quake

by Gayla Bassham
Associate Editor

This time last year, things were just beginning to settle down after the furor over Iben Browning's prediction of an earthquake on the New Madrid fault. Students who had gone home returned, and thoughts turned to finals instead of collapsing buildings. But Dr. Chris Wetzel saw the earthquake scare as an opportunity to study reactions to a failed prophecy and on Thursday, December 5, 1991, he presented his findings.

According to Wetzel, Browning (whom he called "a biologist gone mad") gained credibility by the media's presentation of his views. Rather than stating that practically the entire scientific community thought Browning's prediction was far-fetched, newspapers and television news focused on the potential effects of the earthquake if it did happen, barely mentioning scientists' rejection of Browning's theory. This media bias may also explain why the subjects of Wetzel's study — including students, faculty, and staff here at Rhodes — grossly overestimated the danger an earthquake would cause. Memphis. Students thought thirty-nine percent of buildings would collapse, faculty estimated twenty-three percent, and the staff guessed nineteen percent. The actual figure, according to the earthquake center, is three to eight percent. Wetzel said that people tended to

believe Browning's prediction more than they should have, although belief declined after December 3 came and went with no earthquake. In fact, the failed prediction seemed to have something of a "cry-wolf" effect; many people began to disbelieve in the probability of earthquakes occurring any time in the next ten years. On the other hand, even though Browning was wrong about December 3, and even after being presented with statistical evidence to the contrary, many people still believed that Iben Browning could forecast earthquakes better than geologists.

Once again, this may be due in part to media coverage. The media, according to Wetzel, made it sound as though Browning had correctly predicted the dates of other earthquakes. In truth, this is misleading. Early in October 1989, Browning said that around October 16, "there will probably be several earthquakes around the world, Richter 6+, and there may be a volcano or two." Sure enough, on October 17, San Francisco was struck by a very strong earthquake. However, an earthquake of that magnitude happens somewhere on the globe approximately once every three days. Browning made no mention of even a hemisphere, much less of California, so it can hardly be claimed that he predicted the San Francisco earthquake.

A Veritable Plethora Of Christmas Tunes

by J. B. Cormier

At 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 3, several of the voice students of Professors Blankenship, Kroeker and Rushing performed a delightful recital of selected Christmas songs before a packed Pub. It was a great time to open the Christmas season here at Rhodes among friends and fellow students with a fair share of talent.

First to sing was the duet of Chris Harrod and Kathryn Goodwin, who gave a delightfully amusing rendition of "Winter Wonderland." Following was Mary Virginia Slay who sang "I'll Be Home For Christmas" with a voice that was clear as a glass bell.

Next the Chamber Singers sang. This small a capella group was exceptional with the exciting and engaging "Hark a Rose" and the "Carol of the Bells." Jennifer Eason was next; she sang "A Child is Born" with a soft but emotional quality. Wendy Gilley followed with the pleasant and inviting "Have Yourself a Merry Little

Christmas."

Ben Scott and Lynn Crabb formed the second duet, giving a playful and strong twist to "Let It Snow." Then Erika Ragan sang a warm and heartfelt "Merry Christmas Darling." Brett Williams followed, singing "O, Holy Night" in a distinct, yet relaxed manner.

The next song, "Jingle Bones", a lively and comical account of a "witch's Christmas Day" was sung by Laca Tines who even showed up in costume, carrying a broom. Gabe Rikard followed with a very cozy "Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire."

Vicky Holland sang "Blue Christmas" with a pure, distinct voice. Warren Fincher then gave a light and stilling rendition of "Birthday of a King." Finally Amy Hill rounded the recital out with a mystical and grand version of "Jesu Bambino."

Dina Facklis and Ann Schilling were the announcers and David Ramsey accompanied.

Contact Prospective Students!

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Editorial:

Mister Daughdrill, Can You Spare A Dime?

by S. Stinson Liles, Editor

The addition of Buckman Hall to the Rhodes campus has benefitted us all in countless ways. Computer upgrades, state-of-the-art foreign language facilities, hi-tech lecture halls and, most important, added classrooms take academics to a new level at the college. The building's practicality is probably only matched by its beauty. The exquisite lobby and Daughdrill tower alone are breathtaking. As I look at all of the building's amenities, though, and hear that funds are already being raised for a massive new athletic facility, I am curious as to how much of this is done with the students in mind.

Once again, it seems that the ongoing corporate mindset of the administration grants us only the facilities that win praise from magazines, recruit students and woo would-be benefactors. I realize that this ensures a better tomorrow for the college . . . but what about a better TODAY. President Daughdrill has been building a better future since he came here in 1973. After nearly 20 years, we're certainly a better college. The problem is that after two decades, we start to wonder when the future gets here. We wonder when the state-of-emergency will be over and we can divert some of the satellite dish and alumnae banquet funds towards a minor improvement in the lives of the students.

Will Rhodes have to be the "number one" college in the civilized world before the students can get

- **A NEW DORM?** Unfortunately, "Up and Coming" lists don't mention how many former doubles are now triples or how many students live in "renovated" social rooms. Maybe if dorms begin to draw national attention like interactive Portuguese computer programs seem to do, we can get a new quality residence hall on campus and quit kidding ourselves with million-dollar cosmetic work on an existing (barely) dorm.
- **A DOCTOR (AS IN M.D.)?** Benefactors don't line up at your door because you have a top-notch infirmary so . . . we have yet to install one. One full time R.N. and a (very) occasional nurse-practitioner don't seem to be enough. I regularly hear stories from people who were told that they would have to wait as long three and a half days to see the nurse-practitioner. If you want to take a chance with your health, you can wait. Most of us, however, end up getting our checkbooks and going to UT.

I'm not suggesting that we stop striving for excellence. The question, again, is priority. I think that we can safely say that we have come far enough along that we can sacrifice a mahogany table here and a few ferns there in order to hire a doctor (if only just part-time, maybe five half-days) or build a dorm. I suspect that if a college treats its students as more than financial assets, THEY, through word of mouth and financial support, will ensure the future of the college.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I dropped into Memphis the Friday after Thanksgiving to visit Leigh Ashford '90 for the day. During my time in Memphis, I came across a copy of *The Sou'wester* which I read with delight. I notice that Bill Jordan is Contributing Editor now, and I read with interest his column, especially the part about the Masters of Accountancy.

While I believe that accounting is a useful profession, I have grave reservations about whether Rhodes should be granting any sort of graduate degree. Such a program as the Masters of Accountancy would be a threat to the fibre of our college.

First is the nature of accounting. Call me conservative (if you must), but I do not believe accounting is a liberal art. It is a useful skill, a means to a needed profession, a perfectly honorable and noble pursuit. But a liberal art? The education I got at Rhodes did not center on learning a trade. Instead, for four years, the program immersed me in the history and culture of our society (careful, or I'm going to be on the breast of one of those canon debates). I learned how to think better, construct an argument, talk intelligently about important issues — I learned lessons that have made me a better human being, not so much better at a particular trade.

I teach freshmen at Florida State University, which is not a liberal arts college like Rhodes, and I am fascinated, but also dismayed, by the attitudes of my students. Few of them seem concerned with knowledge for knowledge's sake. I hear my students complaining about all the distribution requirements they have to satisfy, how they're so ready to move on into their major, to specialize. The way I see it, graduate school is for specialization. Many of my students are in college to earn a trade — be it business, accounting, engineering, or filmmaking — which is perfectly fine, but not what

you should be looking for at a liberal arts school.

Back to masters programs. They're great — I should know, being a graduate student — but one of the things that makes Rhodes Rhodes is that it doesn't have a master's program. In that way, we're all on the same level, all working towards similar goals. The faculty can concentrate on one thing — educating undergraduates. If Rhodes were to have masters students, I can foresee the danger of them monopolizing professors' time, just from my own experiences.

Now if not having a Masters of Accountancy program means that we lose some students in that field, so be it. Rhodes cannot be all things to all people. A school is equipped to do some things well and other things not so well. If you're more concerned with getting your Master's of Accountancy degree rather than a solid liberal arts education, then Rhodes might not be for you. It seems snobbish to me for Bill to suggest that it is beneath a Rhodes graduate to take classes at MSU or whatnot. MSU is perfectly respectable, and in the area of granting Masters of Accountancy degrees, probably better suited to the task than Rhodes.

I hope I never see the day that Rhodes grants graduate degrees in anything. Even writing.

Peace.

F. Grant Whittle '90

To the Editor:

Early Sunday morning someone decided it would be a fantastic idea to hurl a bottle through the rear window of my car. Of course, this is not a rare occurrence in a city the size of Memphis. But there is a catch. My car was not parked on some dark and dangerous side street. On the contrary, it was parked on the "airstrip" in front of Hassell Hall. Now let me make it clear. I am not disappointed in our security staff, in fact I would like to thank them for all their help and support. No, it's not security, it's the immature 18-22 year-olds they have to baby-sit.

I really don't know who did it. That is not the point. I just wish someone could answer one simple question for me. Why? Why would anybody get that drunk? Or angry? Or vindictive? If there is someone out there who has an answer, please don't hesitate to contact me. I really thought that we were supposed to be living in a community based on trust and honesty. Even if it wasn't a Rhodes student, someone had to tell security to let them in, so I believe that this is a problem that should be the concern of the entire community.

Anyway, please don't think that I'm out for blood. The window will be replaced and the car will be as good as new, but I just hope that the individuals who were responsible for this senseless act realize that they have damaged more than a car.

Sean D. Lee, '93

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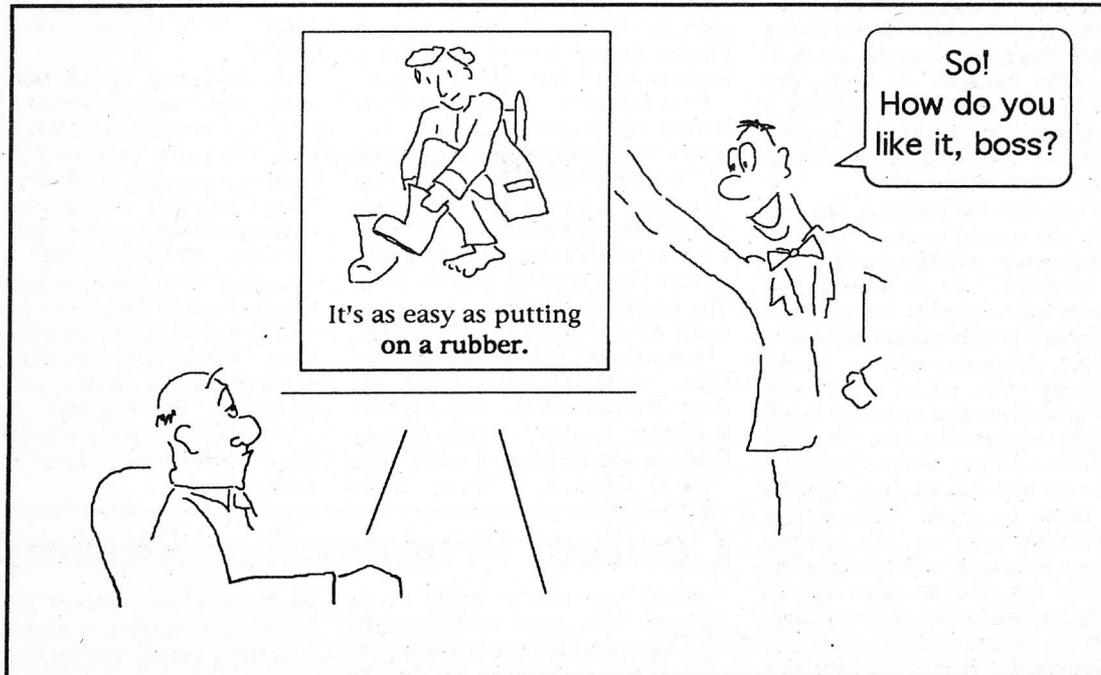
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A Christmas Break Primer

Bill Jordan, Contributing Editor

With exams upon us and Christmas Break fast approaching it might be appropriate to consider and prepare for the events which happen when you get the most extended dose of "family" and "home town friends" you have had in 4 months. This article was written to prime for the rather frightening events which occur when you return to the place where you believed you had lived a relatively normal life for 18 years.

1. Notice how many times people ask you, "How is school going?" To which you will, of course, reply "Fine, thank you" and then the person who asked you the question will say, "Good, glad to hear it—good to have you home," and will walk away. It seems that anything you can say about college will fall into that great small-talk conversation abyss. In order to avoid this, you may want to have some one-liners ready, such as: "College is great because (a) my girlfriend/boyfriend and I will soon be parents, (b) I drink a case of Schaefer every night, (c) I never have to go to class, or (d) I finally came out of the closet."

2. You will talk with your high school friends about life at their colleges, and you will soon discover that life at other schools is very different

than at Rhodes. Many of my friends from Northeastern schools spend much of their time protesting for gay and lesbian rights, unionization of workers, neutering of speech, strict hate-speech codes, or some other PC cause. Rhodes is certainly not the stronghold of the PC movement in the nation (which is probably why I am still here.) They also will share interesting stories with you about co-ed bathrooms. If you have friends at large state schools or at Sewanee they will tell you about how much they can drink in one night without going to the hospital.

3. Around January 4th or 5th you will begin to wonder why people were making a big deal about break being 3 days shorter this year when you finally get fed up with some family member and start yelling at him or her in the foreign language which you are currently studying. You may, in very extreme and often sad cases find yourself hungering for Rat food (at least Crunch Berries) or Pub cheese sticks — though this is probably a sign of mental instability.

4. Now that you have stopped growing taller you will find that grandparents will suddenly run out of things to say to you. Since they can no longer

Say things like "Oh, look how much you've grown" (this was usually immediately prior to a big kiss) they now will say things like "Oh, look how much weight you have lost/gained" or "Oh, you've grown your hair out 2 feet (for males) or you've shaved your head (for Sinead O' females) — How nice," they will kiss you. It is important to remember that grandparents like to kiss a lot. So be prepared.

5. Most likely, the conversations over break will center around a few things very essential to life — so you may want to do some research so that you look like you are really learning something at school. Topic #1 — the relatives. You must be prepared to discuss their jobs and income level, their love life or lack thereof, the length of their hair (a sure sign of hipness for the staid, conservative, southern family), their current police problems or criminal convictions, and their friends from home (this could be tricky since you may also have to do some research into the lives of your relatives' friends — just be prepared.)

Topic #2 — Food. Most holidays center around meals, or a series of meals, and so discussion inevitably turns toward food. There will be comparisons of meals with those in

the past — like when the turkey caught on fire or the year it was cooked upside down (these things really happened in my family), or there may be discussion about some strange event that happened during a meal — snowstorm, earthquake, etc. Just be prepared.

Topic #3 — Shopping. You must be prepared to discuss, and even participate in sales and malls and a bunch of other blood-pressure-raising retail experiences. For a person like me who has only been to a mall three times this year, I am never fully prepared for the Christmas shopping madness — but you should also be prepared for this.

Topic #4 — Politics. You may want to learn the names of a few people who have been in the news lately. Most family members realize that you have been on an academic island for four months, but some of them still have some strange notion that for \$16,000 we should also learn about current events. Just as suggestions, you may want to learn the names of Mario Cuomo, George Bush, Bill Clinton, and David Duke. You will also probably want to learn some jokes about Ted Kennedy and William Smith.

Topic #5 — Football, Football, Football. You will play family yard

football, watch college bowls and pro games, and attend bowl parties. There will be discussions about the previous season, jokes about Vanderbilt, and endless hours of munchie-eating, intellectually stimulating time watching John Madden draw circles and lines on your television screen.

6. Upon returning to Rhodes you will have approximately 312 people ask you at varying points over a four day period, and normally in the Rat line, "How was your break?" To which you will respond (as in #1 above) "Fine," and the questioner, satisfied that they have now asked the obligatory question, will move on to another victim. This vicious cycle of small-talk also repeats itself *ad nauseum* after summer break ("How was your summer" "Fine, I climbed Mt. Everest/lived in Bulgaria/tamed a wild lion." "Good - glad to hear it, Bye") and during Rush in an altered form ("Hi, what's your name and major" or "Hi, where are you from" - and after your response, "Good, glad to hear it - I bet you'd like to talk with Biff/Buffy while I go pretend to talk with someone else.")

So good luck on break — and be prepared. I hope it will be "fine." Merry Christmas.

A College Casualty

Sara Barnette

Lauren* sits quietly on her bed, clutching her pillow tightly against her small frame. She is usually very outgoing, talkative, and always smiling. She just hasn't been herself since she came back from visiting her friend Kevin a few weeks ago.

"I never thought this would ever happen to me," said Lauren in a soft, unsure voice.

Lauren, a first-year Rhodes student, talked with me just three weeks after she was raped by an "acquaintance." Lauren's story isn't unusual. According to a 1986 survey of rape victims in Ms. magazine, of rapes that occur on college campuses, eighty-four percent of the women knew their assailants and fifty-seven percent of

those rapes happened on dates.

"He began to buy me drinks, obviously I wasn't keeping track of how many. I also didn't notice that he was not drinking," said Lauren. She was really starting to "feel" the effects of the alcohol taking place. Alcohol is often a common factor in date rape. As stated in the 1986 Ms. survey, "seventy-five percent of men and fifty-five percent of women involved in acquaintance rapes had been drinking before the attack."

The friends she had come with had already left. John, who had been buying her drinks, said he would be glad to take her home, especially since she was in no condition to drive herself. Lauren didn't argue.

Lauren paused for a few minutes. "It is just really scary to recall a night like this one. Even though it is hard for me to tell, I feel that each time I do tell someone, it becomes easier for me to understand it and realize that it really wasn't my fault." As Lauren was saying this, her voice began to quiver, as if she were going to cry. She continued.

John said that he had to go by his dorm room first, to pick up something.

"I went into his dorm room, and sat down on his bed. I was having a hard time keeping my eyes open; I leaned back and closed my eyes for just a few minutes. When I opened my eyes, the lights were off, and he was sitting next to me, real close. He said, 'I'm letting

you rest for a few minutes, so you can get sober.' I leaned back again and closed my eyes. I guess I passed out. Quite a lot of time had gone by. When I woke up, I was lying down on his bed. He was lying next to me. My shirt was unbuttoned, and he had removed my shorts. I tried to push him away from me, and he fought back. He said, 'Trust me!'"

"I began to get really scared. I had never had sex with anyone before. Not only was this time against my will, but it was also a very frightening thing. I had always wanted it to be a special moment with someone special."

A lot of questions began to run through Lauren's mind. "Was this really happening to me? Am I just hav-

ing a nightmare? Is this what they call 'date rape'?"

Lauren paused again. She took a few deep breaths. Her eyes began to tear up, but she finished her story.

After he forced her to have sex with him by "pinning her down" he then loosened his grip on her and began to relax. She gave him another hard shove. He lost his balance and fell off of the bed. Lauren grabbed her shoes, shorts, and keys, and she ran out of the room. She got dressed in the hall.

"I cried the entire way home. I can't believe this! How could I let this happen to me?"

Lauren was told by a friend, a few days later, that John was purposely

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Al Gore Urges Tax Relief For Middle Class

(As delivered to U.S. Senate)

Mr. President, we are now 16 months into a recession. Some say we have entered the recovery stage, but most Americans have found it impossible to distinguish between the recession and the recovery. Finally, 16 months later, President Bush is at long last beginning to recognize what Americans on Main Street have known since this recession began: that is, something has to be done.

What's new is, in the last few days, we have seen evidence that a whiff of political panic has hit the White House. New public opinion polls make it abundantly clear that the American people have reached the conclusion that indeed this President does have nothing to offer. He has at least paid attention to the challenges facing this country in the international arena. He has not paid attention to the problems facing Americans here at home.

Some people say, "Okay, that is political rhetoric from Democrats." Mr. President, it is a fact that people in this country are hurting economically. A lot of Americans are wondering, when they go to the mailbox, whether or not they're going to have to worry about some pink slip. That's not rhetoric, that's reality. When is this President going to offer anything remotely resembling that kind of leadership? Look at health care. Polls indicate that's the number one concern immediately facing many families. A lot of colleagues here, especially on the Democratic side of the aisle, have put forward some imaginative proposals. I'm waiting for the first proposal from the White House on health care. Where is it? He has none.

Oh, wait a minute. He does have one proposal: another tax cut for the wealthiest one percent of Americans. We tried that one, all right, and look at where it has gotten us: in the worst recession since the Great Depression, coupled with astronomical budget deficits far beyond the worst nightmares of any financial analyst a few short years ago.

Seven months ago, I joined with Congressman Tom Downey, of the other body, to put forward the Gore-Downey proposal for middle income tax relief. In a budget neutral proposal, we explain how to get the money in the hands of those families, with children, who are having the most trouble making ends meet. Many have now begun to support this basic proposal. And I believe we can now see

a time not long from now when a measure similar to the Gore-Downey proposal can pass. In that connection, let me speak very favorably this morning about a proposal offered over the weekend by my colleague, Senator Lloyd Bentsen. And, in the process I want to again urge my colleagues to finally and decisively help to relieve this financial pressure squeezing America's middle income families. In the legislation that I introduced earlier this year with Congressman Downey, which I referred to a moment ago, we offered an idea that is also contained in this innovative new proposal from Senator Bentsen: tax relief for middle income families with children.

We're talking about putting money back in the empty pockets of middle income American families. President Bush is talking about giving more money to those who already have money.

We're talking about reversing a trend that's stuck middle income families with the tab. President Bush is talking about continuing that trend, worsening it, giving a free ride to those who have already skipped out on their fair share of America's bill.

The numbers tell their story. A recent survey by Citizens for Tax Justice provides a stark but not surprising picture. It tells us what we already know: working poor and middle income families—60 percent of Americans have less after-tax income today than in 1977. For those with an average income of about \$32,000, since 1977, there was a nearly 10 percent loss in after-tax income. Meanwhile, those with an average income of more than \$600,000 saw their after tax income increase by 136 percent between 1977 and 1992. Those are the ones who President Bush says need relief. He looks at those who are unemployed and he gets the bill from the Congress saying, "Look, they've paid into this unemployment compensation fund; it's waiting there for a rainy day, they need unemployment compensation benefits." And President Bush says, "No" and he vetoes the bill. I don't quite understand where he's coming from.

The American people are catching on to it. That's why we're getting this political panic beginning to build in the White House. And now, with Senator Bentsen's proposal, and with the ideas that have been advanced on middle income tax relief, we are on the threshold of having a responsible alter-



native here in the Congress that will do what the President has been unwilling to do.

He says "NO" to unemployed workers. He says "NO" to any effort to control skyrocketing health care costs. He says "NO" to real tax cuts for the middle income families who need them. If he's unwilling to step up to the plate, and go to bat for middle income families, it's time we did. The choices are clear: do we give something back to middle income families with children or do we let those who already have it, get more?

Mr. President, there are differences between Sen. Bentsen's bill and the Gore-Downey proposal. The bill would provide an \$800 tax credit for each child, for some taxpayers, more than doubling the value of the existing personal exemption, for all families, offering significant tax cuts. And, for working poor families, the Gore-Downey proposal offers a refundable tax credit and an incentive to keep working through an expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit. These are important provisions.

Each bill offers innovative approaches. But I cannot state strongly enough that it is the similarities of these bills that is most impressive. Not the differences. And, it is on these shared goals that we must focus if we are to successfully provide real tax relief for the middle income families who need it.

It's time these families got a break for a change.

College Casualty

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trying to get her drunk. The only thing she could say was, "Why didn't anyone stop him? I thought I was with my friends. Is it because I am a woman? Does that give him a right to treat me as a commodity?"

These thoughts are very common to many victims of date rape. They often don't know if what happened can be considered rape or not. According to Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, the definition of date rape is, "an assault in which a woman is coerced into sex-

ual intercourse by an acquaintance or boyfriend." The frightening thing is that only twenty-seven percent of the women surveyed by Ms. magazine in 1986, who were raped, thought of themselves as rape victims, according to the above definition.

Lauren still has a hard time admitting that she was "raped," but the more she talks about it, she begins to realize that she is not alone. It is not uncommon, especially on college campuses.

Although date rape is becoming more common, many of these cases are not reported. The Ms. survey

states that "forty-two percent of the rape victims told no one about their assaults, five percent reported them to the police, and only five percent sought help at a rape crisis center."

Lauren did not tell anyone of her assault until about a week ago when I talked to her. She has not yet reported it to a higher authority. Now that she is beginning to feel more comfortable in talking about her experience, she believes that she will eventually tell someone who can really help her. She may even get some counseling.

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Dr. Peter Hilton addresses students and faculty in Blount Lecture hall

Rhodes Receives Visit from Famed Mathematician and Codebreaker

by Jim Turner

Dr. Peter Hilton, professor of mathematics at the State University of New York at Binghamton and member of the Enigma mission during World War II, addressed a packed house in Blount Lecture Hall on Friday, Dec. 6. The lecture covered his work on the Enigma mission and his mentor, Dr. Alan Turing.

Dr. Hilton was an 18-year-old sophomore at Oxford University when he was recruited by the British government to help break the codes used by German U-boats. During his talk, he described the unlikely manner by which he was recruited into the project and the other unlikely members of the highly successful team, which made indispensable contributions to the Allied war effort.

The conclusion of the talk was a brief warning about the potential dangers of social injustice in the form of the story of Dr. Alan Turing. Dr. Turing, whom Dr. Hilton described as a true genius, was the leader of the project as well as a homosexual. Though he was not a practicing homosexual during the war, he would have lost his security clearance and his position, had his lifestyle been known to his superiors. After the war, Dr. Turing was discovered and convicted of homosexuality, causing him to lose his job and traveling privileges and contributing to his eventual suicide. According to Dr. Hilton, the policy of labeling homosexuals as security risks nearly cost the Allies their victory and did cost Dr. Turing his life.

Roundtable Focuses on Student / Faculty Relations and Globalization

by Stinson Liles

The members of the Roundtable last Wednesday addressed concerns about Faculty/Student relations and opening the campus to globalization. The Faculty/Student relations presentation and discussion took the majority of the meeting. Students and faculty members had been informally surveyed and asked to comment on the reality of relations on campus in connection with the advertised claims. Rhodes Admissions literature states that "they [faculty members] take the time to get to know their students as individuals and are available outside the classroom for help, counsel or just for conversation."

Faculty response was varied. Most of the answers, though, centered around the growing difficulty of allocating time to students. As expectations of faculty members increase (mostly the research/professional development required for tenure or promotion) there is less time outside of class for students. "If the administration truly wants the Rhodes faculty to be highly productive in research and publications," on said, "it cannot expect them to be constantly available to students . . . one or the other has to take priority." Other faculty members commented on administrative support for this desired relationship. "I have my classes over for dinner every year end . . . this gets a little expensive. It would be nice if the College could help out financially."

"If the college expects this sort of faculty behavior it should pay for all—yes, all—expenses involved, [including] compensation in time through reduced advising and committee loads."

Another concern was that students complain about professors never being around when they have "come by once or twice (possibly when the professor is in class) and not left a note."

The students surveyed were, overall, pleased with the faculty/student environment at the college, though some wondered why the advertised 12:1 ratio translated into much larger class sizes. Students enjoyed having been invited to professors' homes and stopping by their offices to talk. The few problems that students had were that the faculty eat in the Rat, but not with the students, they are not very involved in extracurriculars, the division among the faculty is spread to the students and the faculty, in general has an unfounded dislike for the Greek system based on the assumption that it is anti-academic.

The following discussion revealed time to be the largest concern. In addition to the questionnaire comments, it was noted that the absence of a campus-wide lunch hour and the surge in student organizations also decreased the likelihood of anyone having time for conversation. Also, it came up in the surveys and discussion from both members of the faculty and students that there is a fear of administrative suspicion of impropriety when social, off-campus meetings occur. The removal of beer from the pub has also taken away a common meeting place for faculty and students.

Vice President Harlow agreed to look into both financial support for class outings and the feasibility of scheduling a lunch break. The faculty agreed that most were ambivalent towards the

Greeks (except when parties were used as an excuse for absence or missing work) and Dean of Admissions Dave Wottle mentioned that the average class size (about 17) was advertised along with the 12:1 ratio.

The second part of the meeting, "Opening the Campus to Globalization" was presented by Dean Wottle. He outlined the efforts made by Admissions to recruit international students, fielded questions on why we are trying to recruit international students, and how the programs are paid for.

Dean Wottle linked the future success of our globalization efforts to a commitment equal to the commitment we made to recruiting black students. The attrition rate of black students is slowing because we have made a commitment to supporting them, Dean Wottle said. Offering support to International Students is equally as important because, in addition to the cultural differences they may experience between native customs and ours, they also experience legal problems with VISAs and the State Department and many come from countries in which formal education has an entirely different structure. All of these problems are compounded by the fact that they are so far away from home. The secret to recruiting international students is keeping international students, Dean Wottle said. We can't do this without a support system.

Roundtable is open to all members of the student body, faculty and staff. The next meeting will be January 8 at 3:45. Topics will be "The 1992-93 Budget" and "Curriculum Reform."

"He Said . . . She Said . . ."

by J. B Cormier

Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m., the Counseling and Student Development Center sponsored "He Said . . . She Said . . ." an interesting and thought-provoking program designed to facilitate a better understanding of the opposite sex through role-playing, aimed particularly at first-year students.

Lyn Dunavant divided those attending by sex and lead them in acting out how they imagined the opposite sex behaved, conversed, etc. in given situations. Matt Dean, Sports Information/Intramural Director and Mark Muesse, Asst. professor of Religious Studies assisted Ms. Dunavant.

The only short-coming was that after the skits, as serious discussion ensued on the differences

between men and women time ran out. From the eagerness and participation, the discussion could have lasted a much longer time than time permitted.

Before they broke into groups, a video was shown where some students on Rhodes campus were interviewed with questions such as: "what's casual sex?" "does quality or amount of sex have an impact on a relationship?" "what's the 'green light' to have sex?" and others to open up the subjects of discussion.

Then a group of RA's demonstrated what would take place that evening. A "girl" walked into the RAT and sat with two of her friends. They then talked about the night before when she "shacked." Then the "guys" talked about the

same subject. After the demonstration, the sexes, divided and performed the way they thought the other sex behaved in certain contexts. Following each skit, the members of the portrayed sex got to speak for themselves, pointing out the accuracies and inaccuracies in an attempt at recognizing and differentiating the stereotypical from reality.

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DECEMBER

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1. **Scientific Progress Goes "Boink,"** by Bill Watterson. (Andrews & McMeel, \$7.95.) Latest *Calvin & Hobbes* cartoons.
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New & Recommended

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- The New Russians,** by Hedrick Smith. (Avon, \$13.00.) Smith re-visits the Soviet Union for a remarkable new look at its people, politics and staggering internal turmoil.
- Getting to Yes,** by Roger Fisher and William Ury. (Penguin, \$9.95.) Offers a concise, step-by-step, proven strategy for coming to mutually acceptable agreements in every sort of conflict.
- My Son's Story,** by Nadine Gordimer. (Penguin, \$9.95.) Brings alive the anguishing pull between family life and political action, and the power of apartheid behind the changes in South Africa today.

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Itzhak Perlman To Play In Benefit Concert

Response has been enthusiastic for the Memphis Symphony's first annual Gala Benefit on **March 10, 1992**, featuring renowned violinist Itzhak Perlman in concert with the Memphis Symphony Orchestra. The occasion is a benefit for the Memphis Orchestral Society's annual fund. Approximately 1,000 tickets had been purchased as of November 1st for the performance, which will be held in **Dixon-Myers Auditorium at 8:15 p.m.**

The just-released program includes Beethoven's *Violin Concerto in D Major*, performed by Perlman, and the Orchestra in the Overture, Scherzo and Wedding March from Mendelssohn's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and Rimsky-Korsakov's *Capriccio Espagnol*. Tickets are now available at the Memphis Symphony box office.

The Memphis Symphony League will host a pre-concert dinner in the **Skyway Room at the Peabody Hotel**. Tickets for a limited number are available for \$150 per person including dinner, the concert and a tax-deductible contribution of \$85. Shuttle buses will be arranged between the

Peabody and Dixon-Myers for dinner guests. Ticket prices without dinner are \$75 (\$50 tax deductible), \$50 (\$30 tax deductible) and \$30 (\$15 tax deductible).

Subscribers to the Memphis Symphony's classical or pops series receive a special discount on the benefit concert alone. Instead of \$75, \$50 or \$30, subscribers pay \$60 (\$40 tax deductible), \$40 (\$25 tax deductible) or \$25 (\$15 tax deductible).

Born in Israel in 1945, Perlman completed his initial training at the Academy of Music in Tel Aviv, following which he moved to New York. A 1958 appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show brought Perlman worldwide attention. He studied at the Juilliard School with Ivan Galamian and Dorothy DeLay, and subsequently won the prestigious Levintritt Competition in 1964. Since that time, he has gained superstar status in the music world, appearing with every major orchestra and in recitals and festivals throughout the world. Perlman joined the Israel Philharmonic for historic concerts in Warsaw and Budapest in 1987, and again in 1990 for the or-

chestra's first visit to the Soviet Union.

His recordings on the Angel/EMI, Deutsche Grammophon, CBS Masterworks/Sony Classical and London/Decca labels regularly appear on best-seller charts and have won numerous Grammy Awards. His vast repertoire encompasses all standard violin literature, as well as music by contemporary composers, whose efforts he has championed. His presence on stage, on camera and in personal appearances of all kinds speaks eloquently on behalf of the handicapped and disabled, and his devotion to their cause is an integral part of his life.

Tickets may be ordered with VISA or Mastercard by calling the Symphony box office at (901) 324-3627, or may be ordered in person at the box office, 3100 Walnut Grove Road, Suite 205. Orders may be faxed to the Symphony at (901) 324-3698.

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At The Movies

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NOW SHOWING:

The Addams Family (PG-13) Anjelica Huston—Delightful recreation of the humorously macabre family; perfectly cast. (Good)

All I Want For Christmas (G) Ethan Randall—Two youngsters try to reunite their estranged parents; lame sitcom fare. (Fair)

An American Tail: Fievel Goes West (G) Disappointing animated sequel about the immigrant mouse family. (Fair)

Beauty and the Beast (G) Disney Magic reigns supreme with this dazzling animated feature based on the classic tale. (Great)

Billy Bathgate (R) Dustin Hoffman—Elegant but hollow saga about the decline of gangster Dutch Schultz. (Fair)

The Butcher's Wife (PG-13) Demi Moore—Clairvoyant affects her neighbors's lives; half-baked romantic comedy. (Fair)

Cape Fear (R) Robert DeNiro—Stylish flourishes add potency to this remake of the 1962 horror film. (Great)

Curly Sue (PG) James Belushi—Cornball comedy about a con-artist and orphan girl accomplice. (Fair)

For The Boys (R) Bette Midler—Sprawling, glitzy musical drama of song-and-dance duo who entertained the troops. (Good)

Frankie and Johnny (R) Al Pacino—Endearing tale of middle-aged little people who find happiness in the lonely city. (Good)

Highlander 2: The Quickening (R) Christopher Lambert—Ridiculous sci-fi sequel of alien warriors on earth. (Boring)

House Party (2) (R) Christopher Reid—Musical comedy sequel finds the teen rappers in college; continued nonsense. (Boring)

Little Man Tate (R) Jodie Foster—Fine directing debut for Foster in story of a child prodigy. (Good)

Other People's Money (R) Danny DeVito—Corporate raider seeks further gains; delightful mix of humor and economics. (Great)

The People Under The Stairs (R) Brandon Adams—Haunted House screamer offers effective scares and humor. (Good)

Strictly Business (PG-13) Joseph C Phillips—Stiff comedy of black man trying to succeed amid white establishment. (Fair)

COMING ATTRACTIONS

• Martin Short, Charles Grodin and Mary Steenburgen head the cast of the upcoming "Clifford", a comedy about a mischievous 10-year-old left in the care of his bachelor uncle. Orion Pictures will distribute.

• Emilio Estevez, Anthony Hopkins and Mick Jagger head the cast of "Free Jack." The Warner Bros. production is a sci-fi adventure about a race car driver who is deposited 20 years in the future.

NEW RELEASES:

LIFE IS SWEET

Offbeat British comedy that observes middle-class family life with a keen eye. The film is notable for its vivid characters and competent acting. Jim Broadbent and Alison Steadman play the cheerful but perplexed suburban couple who struggle to cope within the constraints of the Thatcher government. They also deal with their peculiar twin daughters (Claire Skinner and Jane Horrocks); one a plumber, the other a bitter bulimic. Tongue-in-cheek English humor at its insightful best. (No rating) GOOD COMEDY DIR—Mike Leigh LEAD—Jim Broadbent RT—102 mins.

MY GIRL

Tearful heart-tugger involving an 11-year-old girl who faces various crises while growing up in her mortician father's funeral parlor/home. Newcomer Anna Chlumsky is impressive as the tomboy who deals with death, jealousy and innocent romance. The many personal episodes, however, are haphazardly presented and tend toward the morbid and maudlin. Macaulay Culkin, the young hero of "Home Alone," plays second banana to the plucky girl. Also with Dan Aykroyd and Jamie Lee Curtis. (PG) FAIR DRAMA DIR—Howard Zeiff LEAD—Anna Chlumsky RT—102 mins.

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS

To address the film's title, two youngsters (Ethan Randall and Thora Birch) want their estranged parents back together for the holidays. The theme adheres to the warm sentimentality of "Miracle on 34th Street." The kids do their best with the limited material as they concoct various schemes to accomplish the goal. There are noticeable cameos from Leslie Nielsen as Santa and Lauren Bacall as the crusty grandmother. (G) FAIR DRAMA DIR—Robert Lieberman LEAD—Ethan Randall RT-92 mins.

TO THE NCAA

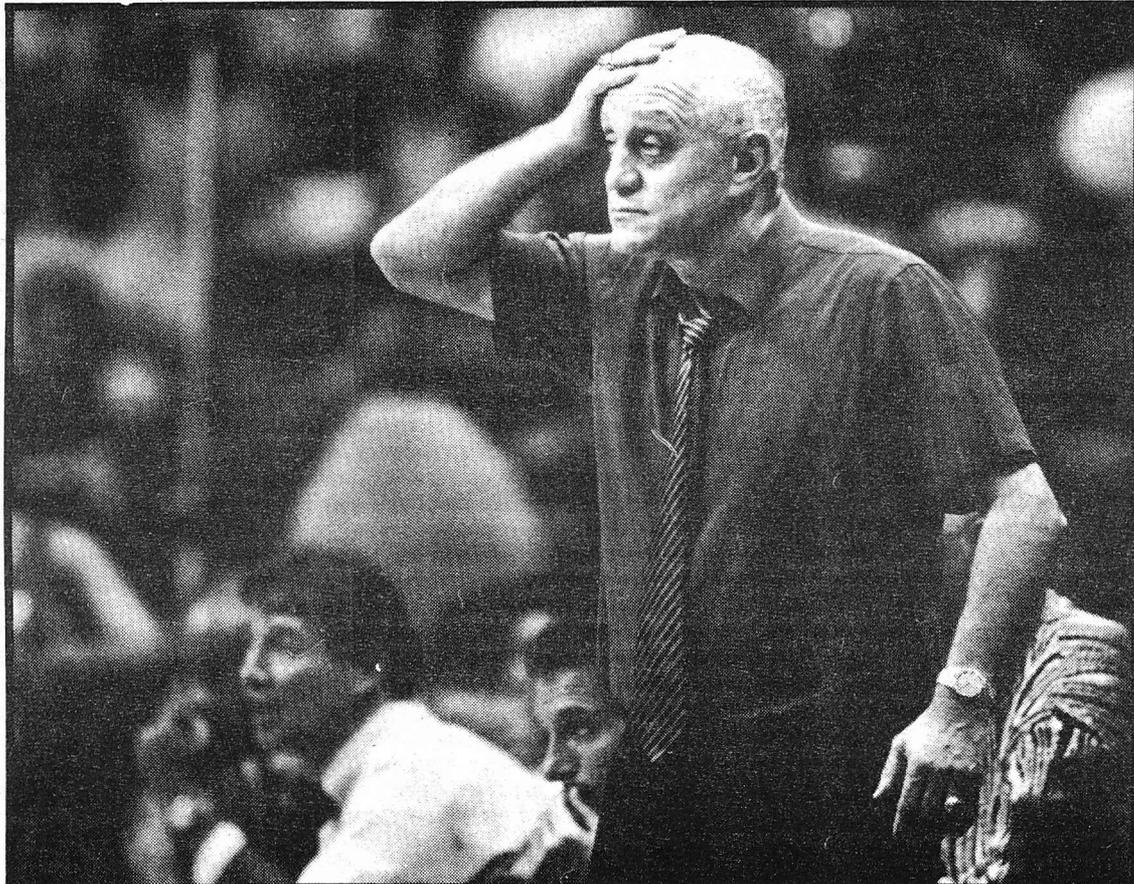


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University of Nevada - Las Vegas coach Jerry Tarkanian makes a gesture of frustration during a basketball game. For many, frustration continues off the court as the National Collegiate Athletic Association prepares for its 1992 Convention January 7-10 in Anaheim, California. Proposed changes have created fights over the NCAA's enforcement process and more stringent eligibility requirements.

Men's Basketball On The Road

by Thomas Johnson

Two weekends ago, while most Rhodes students were enjoying their days off, the Lynx men's basketball team and their coaches were braving the snow and the freezing cold weather in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It seems that the Lynx were opening their season on the road at the inaugural Carnegie-Mellon Basketball Classic. The hoops team had been working hard for over a month and had even blown-out the Rust College Bicycles in two scrimmages, and thus the players were in high spirits as they assembled at six in the morning to ride to the airport. Little did they know what really lay in store for them in the North above the Mason-Dixon line.

Sophomore forward Charlie Bauer, who transferred to Rhodes from TCU, made an immediate impact on the Lynx road trip. During a layover in the Charlotte airport, Chuck ran into a girl he knew who was also traveling to Pittsburgh. Chuck exchanged phone numbers with the girl and even convinced her to come out to one of the games at Carnegie-Mellon. When asked what he thought about this development, Lynx coach Herb Hilgeman said, "I knew the transfer from TCU would have a big impact on the Rhodes basketball program, but I didn't think it would be this soon."

As for the games, Rhodes played first against some team hailing from Colorado College. The Lynx Cats were going strong, even leading by

eight with twelve minutes left in the second half. But then disaster struck. Starting center Henry Lindeman went down with torn ligaments in his left ankle. Lindeman had had 14 points and 8 rebounds up to that point and his injury crippled the Lynx, who went on to lose by 21 points.

Hank's injury hurt the roundball team the next day as well, as Rhodes lost a close one by a score of 99-92 to the Carnegie-Mellon at Skibo Gymnasium. The Tartans also benefitted from some home-town officiating as all five of Rhodes' starters fouled out, including Charlie Bauer.

Due to his stellar play in leading the Lynx to two losses, ladies' man Mike Gonda received a plaque for making the All-Classic team. In a rare effort to be modest, Gonda told the team that the plaque really belonged to "the whole team." However, his roommate, Mark Loftis, countered by saying, "That's all right, Gonda, we don't really want it."

The only redeeming thing about the entire Pittsburgh venture was that the team got to meet that noted basketball genius Barry Jacobs, a man who helped to develop the open-post offense that the Lynx run."

Once back in Memphis, however, the basketball team got back on track. The JV team even picked up a victory over a junior college called the Lakers, behind Chris Cardwell's 28 points. The varsity Lynx also won at Mallory, while most Rhodes students were at

home anticipating their Thanksgiving turkey. Rhodes got by Principia 91-79 behind Gonda-Johnson's 52 points. Andy Pippenger added 15.

This past weekend, while most Rhodes students were enjoying their Thanksgiving break, the Lynx Cat basketball players were representing the school at the Maryville, MO Classic in St. Louis. The Lynx are 28-0 lifetime at this classic and this year's results proved no different. There were only two Rhodes fans at the classic (the girlfriend of St. Louis native and star guard Brian Coldren and some pro-stud from St. Louis who Chris Cardwell had met a week earlier during her campus visit), but that is all that were needed as Rhodes won both its games.

Despite not playing well, the courageous Lynx Cats came from behind to beat Westminster in a very close two-point game. Steve Smith, a Sigma Nu pledge from Atlanta, sparked the Lynx with 15 points and 10 rebounds off the bench as well as two clutch free throws to seal the victory. Thomas Johnson had a game-high six stitches after he busted his lip open. In the second game of the classic, Rhodes beat the host Maryville Mo's by a score of 83-74 behind Gonda-Johnson's 50 points. Freshman point guard Josh Morris also did a good job, drawing several charges.

The wins pushed Rhodes' record to 3-2 going into this weekend's Rhodes classic.

Lady Lynx Basketball Starts Out Winning

by Michelle Stuart

Their record is now 4-2 after 4 away games and 2 at home. The Lady Lynx opened their season on the road at St. Louis against Fontbonne College on November 23, and suffered their first loss. However, the next day the Lady Lynx went up against Webster in St. Louis and pulled in their first win.

The Lady Lynx then returned to Rhodes for their first home game over Thanksgiving break. Rhodes played host to Principia, and the Lady Lynx fought for their first home win and came out victorious.

Next, it was off to Atlanta where the Lynx went up against Emory University. The ballgame was neck and neck until there were 5 minutes left in the second half. Emory had pulled ahead by 10, and they had the momentum going their way, when Rhodes buckled down and began regaining the lead. They poured on the defensive pressure, and moved the ball well on offense, and before long the Lady Lynx were leading and in control of the ball game. The Lady Lynx showed great team effort and held their lead for their third victory. The Lady Lynx also played their first conference game (SCSC) that weekend in Atlanta against Oglethorpe. Here again, the Lady Lynx played good basketball and won their first conference game.

The Lady Lynx's final game before Christmas break was against Christian Brothers University here at Rhodes. At halftime the score was tied, but in the second half the Lady Lynx fell to CBU.

The Lady Lynx are now 4-2 and will return to school December 28 to resume practice and prepare for the rest of their season. Their next game is January 2 versus Maryville at home. The members of the 1991 Lady Lynx team are: Seniors Andrea Ludwig, Lane Patton, Jadon Taylor and Ellen Thompson; Junior Trista Branick; Sophomores Megan Dykstra and Valerie Webb; and Freshmen Emily Edson, Rachel Jacobs, Molly Pascal and Michelle Stuart.

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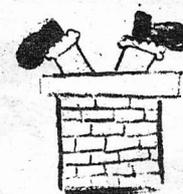


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Supreme Court Nominee Robert Bork is one of the 31 honorees slated to receive Honorary PhDs in May.

Bork, Wildmon to Receive Honorary Doctorates

The list of persons accepting Rhodes' invitations to receive honorary PhDs has grown by two more as of Wednesday morning. Failed Supreme Court nominee Robert Bork and head of the American Coalition for Decent Family Values Rev. Dr. Donald Wildmon will join John Birch, Adrian Rogers, the Reverend Bubba Wilson and 24 others on the stage for Graduation 1992 (May 10, at press time). The list of 31 honorees is a Rhodes record and tops 1991's list by 4.

Dean of Decorum Lloyd Templeton, in a press conference yesterday afternoon, announced that this change might make the ceremony "a teenie bit" longer than last year's 9 hours and 51 minutes. "I don't expect there to be any problem though," he said. "We've cut the commencement speaker, many of the awards and the faculty procession moves more quickly now." Dean Templeton noted that if any more of the Honorary Doctoral Candidates show up, though, the presentation of diplomas might be cancelled and handled by mail. "It took close to two hours to hand all those things out last year." The President confirmed the plan and added, "do you know how many

honorary doctorates you can give out in two hours? I tell you, it's more than I can count on my fingers."

The Rhode'ster caught up with President Daughdrill at happy hour at Applebaum's last night to get an interview. The President gave this prepared statement: "Can't you see I'm trying to have a beer with Lamar Alexander? He's my ticket outa here! You'll ruin everything!" After no success in getting any further information and fearing violence from an increasingly irritated VP David Harlow, the reporter left the premises and the threesome went back to telling diversity jokes.

Dean of Academic Affairs Harmon Dunathan offered to explain the situation, off-the-record. He is quoted here in full: "You've heard about the President's not-enough-conservatives-on-college-and-university-faculties thing? Well. What he wants to do is award doctorates to noted national conservatives for a number of years and, then, when we *coincidentally* have a number of openings in 1993 (47 to be exact), we appoint the honorary doctorates. Get it? Hey, why are you writing this down?"

Bork and Wildmon could not be reached for comment.

—S. Liles

Men's Studies Coffeehouse To Be Wednesday

The Men's Studies Committee has extended an open invitation to the campus and community for its first annual coffeehouse this Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. in the pub. Chuck Orvis, chair of the new department, has promised fun for all and has even agreed to open the festivities with his famous "alphabet belch."

Men's studies is all too often stereotyped," Orvis commented, "and people think of us as a bunch of damn tree-hugers. Me and the boys just want to resurrect true masculine art."

Mark Muesse, who has agreed to do his "Dice Man" impression one last time, agreed with Orvis. "Beer, dumbbells, footballs, home improvement and dynamic tension are all parts of the masculine mystique that aren't

really appreciated by the modern maculinity movement."

Tom McGowan, another professor active in the program, will display his rebuilt diesel engine collection. "The coffeehouse wouldn't have even gotten this far," he noted, "had it not been for the President. His temporary

suspension of the alcohol policy for the evening has really been the icing on the cake . . . I mean, what's Men's Studies without beer?"

"Even the Vice President is joining in," Orvis added. "David's firearm demonstration promises to be the high point of the evening." —S. Liles

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Experimental Medical Testing in the Small College Infirmary

This course is designed to give students hands-on experience by allowing them to participate in the actual medical research that goes on in the small college infirmary. The course emphasizes consistency rather than results and allows students to give their own theories a try. The semester culminates as the instructor involves students in the second seven weeks with her own research. Students will be divided among the infirmary's three works-in-progress: "Salt: A Modern Panacea," "The Sudafed Maximum Dose: Is There One?" and "Avoiding Lawsuits Can Be Fun and Easy."

Instructor: Nurse Gill

Legal

Consultants: Gatti, Keltner and Bienvenu

Enrollment Limit: 12

Time: 3:45-4:00 every third Thursday

Place: Moore Moore Moore Infirmary

Credit: Lab Science

NEW INTERDEPARTMENTAL INTERDISCIPLINARY COURSE

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Survey of the Great Alcohol Policies of National and World History

This course is designed to give an unbiased overview of the few great leaders who have had the guts to try to put an end to the sinful drunkenness of the planet. It will focus on the wisdom of the moral legislators and will attempt to enhance students' understanding and awareness of the true evil nature of liquor. Topics include: "OKTOBERFEST: A New Gomorrah in Germany," "How the Communists Destroyed American Prohibition," and "The Medieval Crusades as a Model for Modern Alcohol Legislation."

Instructors: James Daughdrill, Jerry Falwell, Robert Tilton

Prerequisites: None

Enrollment limit: 1,400

Time: Five consecutive Sundays from 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Place: Bellevue

Credit: Required for Degree