Scrum members of the Rhodes Rugby Club ruck over the Ole Miss team, beating them miserably 22-4, despite torrential rain and a quagmire playing field.

Briefly . . .

The Oxford Scholarship Committee (Professors McEntire, McMahon, and Zastoupil) has awarded three **John Henry Davis Scholarships**, each in the amount of $2,450.00 to the following Rhodes students: Derek Nathan Duncan, Max Cortez Finch, and Daniel Lynn Taylor. The first alternate is Joseph Trent Scofield. These scholarships are to be applied to the tuition of BSAO, 1990.

A live interactive teleconference at Memphis State University on Tuesday, Feb. 13 will present facts on depressive illness and its treatment to students, administrators and counseling staffs.

"Depressive Illness on Campus," will be led by David Kupfer, M.D., chairman and professor of psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Two young people who have experienced depression during college will tell their stories of illness and recovery.

Kinney News: There will be a new tutoring program for Snowden School students, but it won't be at Snowden School. Instead, the after-school tutoring will take place at Evergreen Presbyterian Church's recreation center on weekdays. All Rhodies who used to volunteer at Snowden can still work with the kids. There is a great need for tutors, so call Ned Willard at 3487.

There will be a chance for all who like to sleep in on Sunday to stay in bed until noon, grab some lunch at the Rat, and **still** make church. Beginning this Sunday, Feb. 11, there will be once-a-month Come-as-you-are worship service on campus. Come to Tuthill at 1:00 p.m. for an hour of prayer and praise.

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Mr. Bismarck's Germany by Stuart Chapman

John F. Kennedy spoke a few words about it. Ronald Reagan danced a little jig through one of its openings. For twenty-eight years we displayed it as evidence against the great red menace. It was real. One could walk up to it and run his hand across its rough cement blocks, those blocks which strangled the life out of the unseen prisoners. We admired it, even almost revered it because it was something physically real, something concrete among the miasmic vortex of political ideologies. Once its blocks have turned to rubble, we said, no philosopher's argument can rebuild it. We longed for the day when people would stand on its top waving chisels and hammers, throwing chunks of its viscera into cheering crowds.

Well, the last days of the Berlin Wall have come and gone two months past now, and I'm not so sure we Americans wouldn't mind a new wall. Of course we did not mind East Germany announcing the dismantling of the Wall in November: East Germans were fleeing the country in droves, and Mr. Honecker and his cronies feared the possibility of ruling (and exploiting) an empty state. But one thing led to another, and now everyone's tossing around the idea of a unified Germany over there, and frantic diplomats all of the sudden are flying from Washington to Moscow to Berlin. This Germany thing is Ronald Reagan's dream, isn't it: to convince a communist regime that they are evil and have them turn on themselves?

Maybe ole Ronnie's happy — that is, if he doesn't mind these words: FOURTH REICH. As an American, you ask, what business do I have telling Europeans who can join with whom? I would be more than willing to offer advice to Mr. Kohl or whoever the current East German leader is, but I already know their reply: "Keep to your own hemisphere, Yank. Didn't some president leave you a Doctrine or something?"

Mind you, I am not telling you to beware of the possibilities of a unified Germany. History takes care of that. In the last one hundred and twenty years, a unified Germany has been the chief instigator of three major wars, two of which were world-wide. Historically, they have proven to be an economic force unparalleled.

But listen not to me nor to history. Listen to the words of their politicians. The words are there before us, headlining each morning's newspaper. First, Mr. Kohl shunned any talk of a unified Germany because it would only "destabilize" the modern, economic power of West Germany. Then, under pressure from Germans on both sides of the border, Kohl issued a ten-point plan for reunification laced with stringent stipulations. Each plan met with tacit approval from the East German leaders, who are unable to commit fully to any plan since elections in May will oust them from office. Finally, burdened by the weight of 2000 new refugees from the East every day, Kohl was forced to offer an unconditional union last week. The daily arrivals have become a great load for West Germany. Each newcomer is greeted with $55 of West German deutsche marks, provided by law, and then further depletes economic resources by attempting to compete with established workers. Indeed, there is a joke going around Bonn in which each East German refugee is offered 200 deutsche marks to leave the country, and 300 deutsche marks if he takes a Pole with him (for the Polish too have become a meddlesome burden). The situation has come full circle now: West Germany welcomed the refugees with open arms in November, while in February the country would not mind if they slipped out the back door.

All of this talk about economic burdens is very convincing. It is a real problem for West and East Germany. But, at the same time, it makes for a credible justification concerning the reunification of Germany. I'm not saying there are ulterior motives lurking behind the scenes at this time, but in a few years when everything is settled and people are agreeing that it wasn't such a bad idea to let the Germans reunite . . . who knows?

Marlowe Attends Moscow Conference

by Beverly Burks
Co-Editor

Kristal Marlowe, a Rhodes junior, recently journeyed to the Soviet Union for 10 days to attend the first Moscow International Model United Nations Conference. Marlowe was one of 50 students from the United States to attend the conference and one of 13 from the St. Louis Model U.N. area. Marlowe represented France in the exhibition.

Of the thirteen students in her group, Marlowe was the only one who spoke any Russian. However, that fact wasn't necessarily a big help. "My first 15 minutes in the country, I embarrassed myself. Going through customs took a really long time, because these people in military uniforms would look at your papers, look at you, look at your papers, look at you . . . This went on for like 15 minutes per person, and it was really intimidating. They were very stern. When it was my turn, I asked the man, 'Are there any questions?' in Russian. He thought I spoke the language, and he started rattling off all these questions at me. I just threw up my hands and said, 'I don't understand!' He cracked up.

During the course of the conference, Marlowe and her group wrote a resolution on the Palestinian problem. Surprisingly, said Marlowe, the resolution was vetoed by the United Kingdom.

One strange incident that occurred was Marlowe's introduction to a delegate from Iran, whom she was supposed to negotiate with in a model situation. "I offered to shake his hand. He held his out at first, then drew it back quickly, and started waving his arms and gesturing. I finally realized that he was a Muslim and couldn't touch a woman. He apologized to me, but he wouldn't negotiate with me," she said.

Marlowe did some sightseeing during her stay and said that she saw no blocks-long lines for food supplies. Russian students at the conference told Her that lines were only for the "good stuff". Most merchandise was readily available, but the quality was poor. She also reported that the beautiful tapestry curtain at the Bolshoi Opera contained, upon close inspection, a hammer and sickle pattern woven into the tapestry. Another thing she noticed was the proliferation of relics from the time of the Roman Empire.

In talking with the Russians at the conference and with some high school students, Marlowe discovered that many of them don't like Premier Mikhail Gorbachev because they feel that his domestic policies are not working fast enough. Also, they are afraid that someone more violent and reactionary might take office after him. "High school kids were asking

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"Rockers" Chosen; Rockettes Upcoming

by Will Mounger

The results are in. Memphis' future pride and joy, its new professional basketball team, has been named. Of course, it's only a team in the World Basketball League (WBL), but as loyal temporary Memphians, we should all be excited. The WBL is a new league which will consist only of players 6'5" and under. Memphis has known it would have a team for a while now but it was a nameless team. Not after weeks of contests, debate, and arbitration, a decision has finally been reached. We all now reside in the home of the Memphis Rockers.

A few weeks ago, the owners of the new team started a contest for the new name. After all the votes were recorded, the name with the most entries was, of course, the Kings in honor of Elvis. The owners decided that Kings was unacceptable because Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in Memphis. They then went through the rest of the entries and eliminated the ones that were offensive, impractical, or already taken. This process left seven possible names.

At a press conference, fifteen reporters voted on the names. Some of their possible choices, in addition to the Rockers, were the Meteors, the Matadors, and the Skywalkers. The reporters were told that they should keep in mind the possible marketability and theme of the name. To illustrate this point, the owners gave two examples. If the Rockers was chosen, there could be a dance team called the Rockettes, and rock music could be played. If the Meteors was chosen, there could be a dance team called the Meteorites. In the end, the press picked the Rockers, and the owners played "We Will Rock You" in a joyous celebration.

EDITORIAL

The Problems With A Democratic South Africa

by Scott Naugler, Co-editor

The apartheid situation in South Africa has added a new twist to the seemingly obvious question of what makes a democracy. Does it merely take majority rule to make a democracy, or does it include necessarily the principles of social equality and respect for all individuals within a community? If it is only majority rule, then it seems that South Africa could become a democratic nation easily (in principle) by just allowing all citizens a right to vote. The white ruling majority in South Africa, however, is extremely reluctant to set this sort of democracy in motion, and perhaps for good reason.

Giving every adult in South Africa the right to vote would make the nation a democracy in the narrow sense, but would it guarantee (or move toward) social equality and respect for all members of South African society? Probably not. For example, if everyone were given the vote, political power would rest almost completely in the hands of the black population (28 million blacks, 5 million whites in South Africa). The ruling power could then impose its own apartheid on the white population very ''democratically'' (I'm not saying this would happen, but the possibility would exist). That is an extreme reaction, but it is more probable that the white population would be oppressed in some way, perhaps much more subtle than apartheid.

Looking at the United States, one can see a similar parallel. The U.S. population is approximately twenty percent black (the South African population is approximately twenty percent white). In the U.S. every citizen has the right to vote, but does this mean equality for the black population? In law, maybe, but hardly in practice. The majority oppresses the population in a sort of subtle apartheid of our own. From the example of the U.S., it is easy to see that the setting up of a ''democracy'' hardly guarantees social equality and respect among all members of our society. Does it make it all okay just because we have ''equalilty''? Not right now. Perhaps we are moving more toward an egalitarian society, but indications of that movement are mixed.

The same concept applies to South Africa. The situation right now seems ridiculous to us: an eighty percent majority being oppressed by a twenty percent minority. But would it be better to have an eighty percent majority oppressing a twenty percent minority? Well, maybe, since fewer people would be oppressed. But there is still oppression.

Probably this phenomenon can at least in part be attributed to the theory that humans generally view different cultures as inferior. Naturally, if one thinks that someone is inferior to oneself (for whatever reason, in this case race and cultural upbringing), then one will treat that someone as inferior. The old fear-of-the-unknown bit. So it may be that in nations with more than one race or ethnic group the majority oppresses the minority(ies) unconsciously, even simply because of their cultural egocentrism. Thus, back to the question, can there be a true democracy where there are cultures that are minorities within a nation?

South African President F. W. de Klerk seems to be on the way to abolishing apartheid in favor of a system in which, he says, there would be no dominant single race group. This is clearly not a democracy in the way we see it, but it may be the only way to an egalitarian South African society. The major problems with this plan are that South Africa would probably not be viewed as a democracy by the international community (and therefore be looked upon unfavorably); and that it appears that the white majority, by not immediately giving the black population the vote, is simply trying to hold onto the power that they have held for so long (God knows it's difficult to give up power once you've got it).

It seems that the only true democracy (that is, a truly egalitarian society) will only be possible when every person truly feels other people in the society to be equal, regardless of race, sex, social background, etc.

1989-90 The 30th Anniversary of Rhodes' ''Integration''

by Laura Blankenship

The 1989-90 school year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the integration of Rhodes College. Unlike many schools at the time, integration at Rhodes (or Southwestern) proceeded smoothly. Coby Smith, Lorenzo Childress, and Mrs. Verdelle Northcross were the first three black students to attend Southwestern in September of 1964. As far as Memphis went, the city school system would not be fully integrated until 1966; Memphis State had integrated in 1959 and CBC in 1961.

The Honor Code at Southwestern prevented any overt threats, so for the most part, the students were spared harassment. Most of the white students, Coby Smith said, were anxious to get to know them. Part of the wide acceptance, he said, was due to the students' background and education. Most of the students were more well read than perhaps students from Memphis State or Ole Miss.

Tension, of course, was present. Sometimes, Smith said, he might sit down at a table in the library and people would get up, but someone would always come and take their place. There were always unwritten rules: they could not attend certain social activities and some groups ostracized them and those who associated with them. Black students, male and female, were discouraged from participating in Rush activities as it was unlikely they would be admitted to a fraternity or sorority. Most of the Greek organizations had ''White-Christian'' clauses, barring the pledging of black members, though not directly.

Though the students seemed to take very little notice of the civil rights movement, Southwestern was not without its incidents. In the spring of '67, Lorenzo Childress led a demonstration against a local restaurant. Southwestern students rallied on both sides. An article in the April 14 issue of the *Sou'wester* stated that four Southwestern students, including Childress, had sought service at Gibbon's Steak House on Summer Avenue. ''Restaurant manager Bill Taylor made it clear (to Childress) that he was refusing service to him because he was a Negro.'' The Southwestern student government tried to take action by passing a resolution recommending that students boycott the restaurant.

In addition to this incident, in 1968, the Southwestern chapter of ATO pledged a black, Larry Woodard. As a result, they were forced by their national organization to revote and he was depledged. It was discovered that, in the first vote, a member had actually voted against him, but was asked to deactivate so that the fraternity could pledge Woodard. National ATO did not honor the member's deactivation, but Rutledge Tufts, the chapter's president, refused to honor his vote or the blackball system. National ATO removed Tufts by requiring the chapter to hold elections. Woodard was also depledged.

Also during the first four years of integration at Southwestern, the sanitation workers went on strike in Memphis bringing, Martin Luther King, Jr. to the city. As a member of the invaders, Smith met with King and others to plan strategy. King's nonviolent strategy fell through as rioting broke out during the March 28th march. With the death of Dr. King on April 4, racial tensions again rose around campus as well as in the city. Rioting broke out again and a 24-hour curfew was imposed.

Despite the curfew, Coby Smith and Lorenzo Childress got together the night of King's death, and talked about their futures, where they were going in life. They sat in Smith's car, in front of Childress' house. While they were talking, two police emergency squads pulled up and made them get out of the car. After a bit of harassment on both sides, the officers told Smith to leave and for Childress to go inside.

There was as much change, Smith said, in the whites as in the blacks. Students approached him after King's death and asked him what they could do. Smith thought that many of the students never believed that someone could die, but the death of King opened up many communication channels. ''The price we paid was high,'' he noted.

Marlowe Attends . . .

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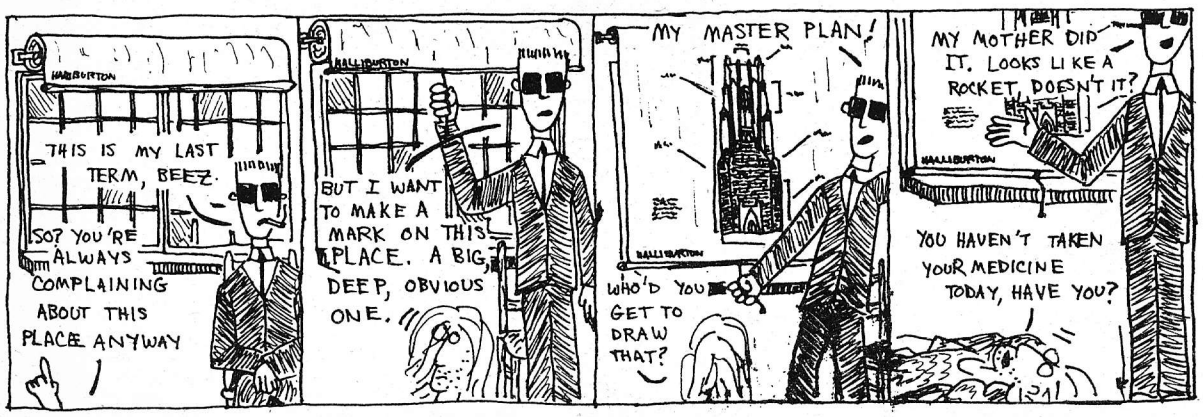
us about Stalin because they are just now learning about him. Typically, the Communists had history rewritten to cover up his misdeeds,'' she said.

A copy of **U.S. News and World Report** that Marlowe had was a hot commodity among her Russian friends. Marlowe said that during the time she was in Moscow, the embassy for the republic of Azerbaijan located there was attacked by Armenians. ''We didn't know about it until we left. I mean, they have news programs, but you only see what the state wants you to see,'' she explained.

One fun game that the convention participants played was called ''Let's Apologize,'' according to Marlowe. ''Someone from another country would mention Michael Jackson and I'd say, 'On behalf of my country, I'd like to apologize for Michael Jackson.' The Austrailians apologized for Paul Hogan and Kylie Minogue.'' She added that the United States got picked on since so much of its popular culture has been exported around the world.

FREHD COWEBALLT: Rocket Scientist

White and Whittle



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E. Aaron, Halfback

by David Brooks

Cool
and flashy halfback
Tupelo homeboy
couldn't hack it
and quit the team—
not before
he showed up on his cycle
and greased his way
into our locker room.
Number thirty-eight
E. wasn't so fat then
but he loved porkchops
as much as he ever would—
he should've run straight ahead
instead of dancing
and singing.

Humes v. Messick
we were at Messick
even the Panther girls
wanted E.
but he fumbled
three times that night—

Couldn't take a lick on the
field
off, he played
mean ones.
was just a chickenshit
in general,
no matter where he went

People loved E.
The team was glad
he went home to mama
when the coach made him
cut his hair
after the loss
he didn't come back
not even to our
twenty-fifth year class reunion
and everyone knew
the story
was that E. had eaten plenty of
and everything in sight
until
he was fat
and dead
at forty-two.

How To Be Evil, Part II:

Formals and Other Opportunities To Be Perfectly Horrendous to Friends & Loved Ones

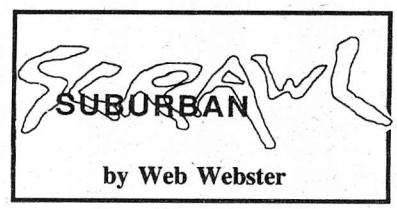
There is something patently unnatural about dressing in funny clothes, going out with your friends, and acting strangely. Most of the rest of the world does so once a year, to get it out of their system. They call it Halloween. But we choose to do things differently, as usual. We get some perverse thrill out of putting on funny clothes and acting scary as often as possible. We call it Formal.

Never in all of your life does there arise so perfect an outlet for sheer, unmitigated horridness than does when Formal season rolls around. Deb Party or PanHellenic Formal, the opportunities for utterly grotesque behavior to your fellow persons are damn near limitless.

Among your own circle of friends, Evilness is not tolerated. you'd no more allow yourself to say rude things about your friends aloud than you would spit in their water glass.

Yet stuff yourself into Black Tie or Party Dress and whatever rules were somewhat upheld before are thrown to the ground. Maybe we're just not used to drinking good liquor. Or maybe we react strangely to food that doesn't come from a place where you order at the counter. Either way, more heinous behavior takes place at a fancy-schmancy Formal than does anywhere on the planet.

For those of you who exercised this Beelzebub-given right, bully for you. You are the forward thinkers, perched on the cutting edge of hell. You've got what it's going to take to get ahead in the Real World of Business and High Finance—disregard and heartfelt contempt for everyone and everything.



by Web Webster

And for the rest of us, I offer these few suggestions.

Instead of talking to your date, get plowed. Nothing more guaranteed to elicit more responses of "Boy, is that person from Hell," than this. Conversation can be minimal up until your BAC is .1. Talk about classes and the random people in your dinner party sitting at the other end of the table.

Once you feel that warm, muzzy feeling slip in, clam up. Don't speak unless spoken to. Within mere minutes, your date will be raising Cain in the bathroom, either crying or about to punch in a wall. It's not a Formal until someone has a crisis in a public restroom.

Look at someone else's date. Wish you were with them instead of the date you are with now. Yes comma Troy this is a sure-fire hunka burning evil if there ever was one. When your date asks "What are staring at?," shake your head and say "Oh . . . nothing.
This is especially effective as you are basically covered. The person can't, after all, accuse you of anything now, can they?

Have one of your friends suffer a mild nervous breakdown. Not to be confused with "causing a ruckus in the restroom," this technique should be used only if you find your date odious to the extreme. "I need to go and see how (name here) is doing. You don't mind, do you?" Of course he or she won't mind. Not out loud, anyway.

Go off with your friends and abuse some substance worse than the one your date has chosen for mutual consumption . Nuff said. It works. Real good.

Drink a quart of something from a brown paper bag. For some reason, dates find this real disturbing.

One of my personal favorites is leaving the Pre-Bus Ride Cocktail Gathering to go to someone else's PBRCG

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God From A Machine

by F. Grant Whittle

Late night phone calls

It was late at night and I had already gotten into bed. It was raining really hard outside and the sounds of a hundred Sigma Nus had just recently subsided from upstairs. I was holding a cold compress on my head to soothe my headache which I had had all day. It was then that the phone rang. It was my editor and he wanted me to do an interview. His deep voice belied the pleasure he took in giving me this assignment.

"I have passes to the Zoo. you're going with God. You'll take her to Showbiz Pizza before you go."

"Thanks," I said, rubbing my shoulder to try to quell the pain.

There was nothing I could do about it then, so I curled up in bed and tried to think of something else, like the number fourteen.

I thought You were older

Which was exactly as old as She seemed when I came for her at the Peabody. It seems she was in the same suite that Satan had occupied just a week before. God was a cute, peaches-and-cream complected youg woman dressed in an Ozzy Osborne t-shirt and jeans. She stood only about five foot two.

"Hello," I said as She was walking towards me. "How are You doing."

God just smiled and extended her hand which I shook lightly, I noticed she was chewing gum.

"Ozzy?" I asked cautiously. It's hard to know what to do when you're dealing with the supreme being.

"Yeah, Satan sent it to me last week as a joke," she said. "He figured I'd never wear an ugly thing like this. He thinks I'm a real square, that I don't ever have fun. People are always getting worked up about Ozzy, but he's a real family man. Actually, he's probably hell-bound, but we're working on it in the salvation department."

"Salvation department?" I asked. "Oh, yeah. Heaven, that's what you all call it these days isn't it, is a big operation. Long ago we had to departmentalise. We've tried to keep the bureacracy to a minimum, though."

When we arrived at Showbiz, we ordered pepperoni and green olive pizza. She said they were her favourite, which was strange because it was mine, too. "I know," she said, pointing at her head and grinning.

"Beer?" I asked.

She shook her head. "Sorry, but I'm not old enough. Never did like the stuff anyway. I can't imagine why you people drink anything so foul tasting.."

"It's not the taste," I said.

"Well, there are drinks that do taste good and will lay you on the floor at the same time. I made sure of that when I put the world together."

Your lion?

After we had gorged ourselves on pizza, more God than I, I must say, she insisted on staying a few minutes to play the video games. "I wish I had come up with these sooner. Leonardo would have loved them."

"Leonardo?"

"da Vinci. You know, the painter."

At the zoo, God insisted on going right to the Feline House. "I really like cats." She handed me a couple

of quarters and pointed to the wax casting machine. "Get me one, please," she said. Who was I to argue with Her?

When I got back, I found there was a crowd of eighteen or twenty people around the lion's cage. They looked stunned and I was too when I saw what they were looking at. God was in the cage lying next to the lion, running Her finely-manicured hands through its mane.

"What the hell are You doing?" I screamed.

"It's my lion, I'll pet it if I want to." There was no doubting that. "Want to come in? She asked. He's really very sweet."

All I know was that the zookeepers were probably on their way and I was going to have one hell of a difficult time explaining. "Listen, God, could we go somewhere quiet and talk?"

Pralines and cream with hot fudge

After I got God to get out of the lion's cage, we left the zoo quickly. She wanted to ride the train, but I persuaded Her that that would be imprudent. "It's been a long time since I've been among humans," She explained. "I didn't recall you people were afraid of lions."

I decided we'd go to Baskin Robbins. "You know something that annoys me," she said. "Someone told me they changed the name of this place to Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream and Yogurt. Yogurt! I can't imagine why anyone would want yogurt. I tell you one thing, it sure wasn't my idea. I think that was something they came up with in the waste products management department."

She ordered an eight scoop pralines and cream sundae with hot fudge, nuts and about half a can of whipped cream. I ordered a scoop of sherbert. I was sure David Neubert would kill me when he got my expense account. "How do you manage to keep your figure?" I asked.

"I'm God," She said. "Remember?"

We took a table next to the window. "So, God, what about your role as supreme being? I mean, is it all it's cracked up to be?"

"You know," she said, wiping a dribble of ice cream off her chin, "I never really thought much about being the supreme being, I think all that was something you people came up with. As I see it, you all are the supreme beings. Without you, I'd be nothing. On the other hand, don't you think I am not aware of my power. I mean, I did make the earth in seven days."

"That was something that always annoyed me. Evolutionists say it couldn't have happened that way."

"I didn't take any breaks. I worked straight through. That's why I took the last day off. Even I get tired. This is not to say that they were seven of your days, of course. But seven days is as close as any other estimate I've heard."

"I interviewed Satan last week. What do you think of him?"

"He's fun to have around. We have our differences, he being always wrong, basically, but our conversations are never boring. He ends up thinking I'm conceited most of the time and storming off back to Hell. It makes me mad. I wouldn't mind having him around Heaven again, but it's just not his scene. He's way too rowdy."

"What about the fact that he's evil?"

"I think its really nice of him to take on the dirty jobs like being eveil and all. That way, I don't have to do it. I mean, you have to have evil after all. Free will and all."

I took God back to the Peabody and left Her in the lobby. I watched as she went up the stairs and felt relieved. The world was in good hands after all.

Peace.

Letters to the Editors

R.A. Gets Defensive

To the Editors:

In response to last week's letters to the editor regarding racial discrimination:

One letter cried racial discrimination when a particular black woman was not selected as an RA. Because absolutely nothing concrete was provided to back up this allegation, I feel I must speak in defense of Student Affairs and the RA staff. Frankly, I am annoyed at the assumption by someone not involved in the process that she can determine which candidates are most qualified. Not to mention offering a reason why this candidate was ''passed over.'' I wasn't aware that the job description called primarily for persons who are ''willing to take a stand.''

If anyone is really concerned about racial discrimination in the RA selection process, that person might ask any one of the four black women who are currently RAs if they saw any discrimination, having had input at both levels of the process. I think that the claim of racism in this process is completely absurd and ignores the reality that RA selection is a competitive process among many qualified applicants. The author of last week's letter exhibited no knowledge of what those qualifications might be. The fact is, I was involved in the selection process, and I am confident in saying that race was completely a non-issue.

As for some of the other allegations, I agree that there have been many clear cases of racial discrimination on this campus, particularly in some of the security guards. Unfortunately, some of the allegations mentioned last week lacked any clear indication that they were racially motivated. Knowing, as I do, that the incident with RA selection was clearly not racial discrimination, and in the absence of any specific evidence to support any of the allegations, I begin to question the validity of the other incidents as racially motivated as well. Publicly asking the question 'Is this a black thing?' when you feel mistreated can often be something along the line of crying wolf; if you are wrong, you risk losing credibility. And in this case, I think that is exactly what has happened. Again, I agree that there is racism on our campus, and that some of the incidents cited in last week's letters may well have been examples of that racism. But at least one was clearly not, and that opens the door to the possibility that none of them were.

One might argue that at least these letters help maintain an awareness of racism among both blacks and whites on our campus. I agree. Heightened awareness is one of the most important parts of the effort to put an end to racism. But if taken to extremes, you risk creating an atmosphere of fear, in which people no longer believe your claims of racism, and yet are silent about it for fear of hurting your feelings and being labeled 'racist.' I would also remind you that 'racist' is an insulting word, and one that should not be cast lightly about, lest you needlessly make enemies where there were none before. Personally, I really resent being implicated as a racist in a case which is completely unsubstantiated and so clearly wrong.

Mark Albright

Security Avoids Discrimination

To the Editors:

At 1:30 AM on January 20, Security received telephone complaints of loud music coming from a van parked unattended outside the west entrance of Robinson Hall. A Security officer responded, and waited about ten minutes to see if the person(s) responsible would move the van. The noise complaint was well founded; the sound system had been turned up to a very high volume level, and the van was parked in the fire-lane completely blocking the west sidewalk entrance to Robinson. In the meantime, further telephone complaints were received at Security.

The RA was contacted and asked to locate the owner of the van. The owner was found, advised that Security had received complaints, and was asked to relocate the van further back up the fire lane and to turn down the sound system. The owner complied. The RA was present during the episode. No allegations of racism or unfair treatment were made at the time.

Please note that Security did not initiate this incident. It began as a ''loud music disturbing''complaint at 1:30 a.m., which is at least the beginning of the middle of the night by most conventional standards

The fire lane in question is an official ''M.P.D.'' fire lane; vehicles parked there are subject to ticketing by the Memphis Police Department and/or towing by the Fire Marshall. Security regularly tickets vehicles parked here, and attempts to contact chronic violators to have vehicles moved.

During the past month or so, at least five unauthorized persons have been asked to leave the Library by Security. Four of them were white. One other particularly troublesome individual (also white) was formally barred from the campus in December. Population control, particularly after dark, is an important element of campus Security. The facilities of Rhodes College are reserved for the use of the campus community and their guests. Students from other area colleges may use the Library under the Greater Memphis Consortium agreement. The persons removed from the campus did not fall into any of these categories. For the safety of all, we must reserve the right to remove those who cannot show that they have legitimate business on our campus.

Since I came here in 1987, I have repeatedly made it clear that I will tolerate no hint of racism, abuse of authority, or improper behavior in my department. Anyone who feels they have been treated unfairly is encouraged to make a formal complaint, which will be impartially investigated. Two such complaints have been received since 1987. One resulted in Departmental disciplinary action. The other was reviewed by several levels of the administration and was determined to be unfounded.

Bill Nourse
Director of Security

Rat Respect

To the Editors:

My name is Ashley Daricek, and I am the student whom many of you see working the breakfast shift every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. I am writing this letter on behalf of my fellow co-workers and myself concerning the issue of respect. The following is not intended to be any more than an educational comment, but if it applies to you, please take it personally.

Although the Rat opens at 7:00 a.m. for breakfast, workers arrive anywhere from 5:00 to 6:30 a.m. to prepare food and the serving area. Excepting myself, these people work shifts that last through lunch. The point of this background information is simply to highlight the early hour at which many employees start their eight-hour day. Pity is not in order for anyone capable enough to work such hours, but respect is another issue.

The concern I would like to address is the problem we seem to have on a daily basis of closing the Servery at 10:00 a.m. Although the sign on the Refectory door clearly states Breakfast 7:00-10:00 am Monday- Friday, and although we have closed all year at 10:00 a.m., students nevertheless insist on entering the Servery during and after closing time.

For those of you who have entered after 10:00, the sight of three or four workers clearing out the area for lunch is a familiar one. What none of you seem to realize is that you are in our way. We clean the area immediately before 10:00 a.m. so as to facilitate our job, and each of you who ''only wants a bowl of cereal'' not only dirties the area again, but also gets in our way in different fashions. There are those of you who step directly between workers trying to clear out the salad bar, and those of you who take ten munutes to get your food and leave. In order to keep more students from entering the area, one of us must literally stand guard at a door to let you out. More often than not, letting one student out causes more to shove their way through the door. The one worker who stands guard is truly wasting her time and that of her coworkers as her absence only slows the whole team. Of course those of you who enter through the kitchen are just as problematic. Not only do you contribute to the general disruption, but you are also violating Health Department, ARA and school regulations that govern the operation of the kitchen. Your presence is not appreciated.

After having worked in the Refectory for over four months, I have come to view this problem as a simple lack of respect and consideration for Refectory workers on the part of the students. Your actions are not malicious but simply selfish. Everyone who enters after closing is only thinking of herself and not of the people who work extremely hard to keep the Refectory open for the majority of the day. The Refectory reopens at 11:00 a.m. whether we are able to finish or not; bear this in mind the next time you enter at lunch and do not find something restocked.

If you have any questions or problems concerning Refectory policy, please contact the director, Scott Ownby.

Ashley K. Daricek

Enough Enemas

To the Editors:

Okay. Enough is enough. It hit me Thursday night while reading the second in a series of enematic essays that the student government does not need an enema—but maybe the student body definitely needs a quick shot of responsibility.

A student government cannot exist effectively anywhere, not even in Gotham City, without one vital ingredient— student input. This means students actually attending an ODK input forum, a Roundtable meeting, or—dare I say it—a Student Assembly Meeting. Well, don't get your hopes up.

Let's take a look at Roundtable. First of all, Roundtable grew from the suggestions given to Student Assembly by the students through the Catalogue of Concerns developed two years ago. It gave every student the direct access to the administrators, deans and faculty that they demanded. No, it is not the free for all which Mr. Smoke seems to advocate—it is structured to give the student's concerns legitimacy and focus, forms in which they can be dealt with effectively. Yes, the students who sit on Roundtable are chosen by the selection committee of the Student Assembly, the Nominating Committee, but selected on the basis of their interest in the organization, their ability to communicate not only with the students but also with the various administrators, faculty, and deans which participate in Roundtable, and because of their awareness of the issues which are to be discussed. The nominating committee must present their slate to the entire Student Assembly at a meeting every student on this campus is welcomed not only to come to, but question the justifications of the nominating committee members for their decisions, and add any comments or suggestions of their own. Mr. Smoke was correct in one thing—the attendance is fewer than your avarage White-Ellet commons event, but that is a reflection on the responsibility and interest of the student body not of the accessibility of the Student Assembly.

How about Allocations Board, Mr. Smoke? Look at the facts. The student activities fee was collected to provide more adequate funding for groups on campus that can potentially benefit any student and every student. This funding is not a newly created ''tax'' on students, it already existed as part of tuition. The only difference is that the activities fee is now a line item or, in more simple terms, that portion of tuition is specially earmarked for the Allocation Board to distribute to the student organizations. Student Assembly created the Allocations Board to give the students the last say in which organizations this money was going to, and what it would be spent on. By its nature, the Allocations Board will not be a neutral body. Every student sitting on this board, every student on this campus, is affected by the money which it allocates, and it is the responsibility of the students to elect the candidates they feel can be objective when reviewing the budgets submitted by the student organizations elegible for funding, not Student Assembly's responsiblity. This decision was not particularly difficult this year—only eleven students ran for the ten spots open on the Allocations Board. As with any new organization, the Board is still developing and still defining more clearly its criterion for funding as it learns from its mistakes of the one year it has been in existence—they call them the terrible two's for a reason.

Serious changes are needed—changes in the attitude of the student body, and they can start with elections. As an ''average Rhodes student'', whatever that may be, go up and ask a candidate what he/she plans to do with the office, arming yourself with some salient issues by actually attending a Student Assembly Meeting or an ODK Input Forum. Voters are supposed to come to the polls educated, not look to 4''x 6'' cards for infinite wisdom and guidance. The next step is to actually exercise your vote, taking the responsibility to be concerned with the issues that are important to you and the environment you want to cultivate at Rhodes, not just complaining about them ex post facto. The time for forums has passed—to be exact, two years since the last forum on election restructuring, attended by two students outside of the Student Government Association members who were required to attend—and the time for student responsibility has come. To modify the words of Mr. Smoke, although I am not Dorothy, and this sure as heck is not Kansas, I'll go ahead and say it—there is no place like home, so let's try to take some responsibility to make sure the student body and Student Assembly are working together to make Rhodes a little more like a community and a little less like fighting neighbors.

Melissa English

Transcript Notation

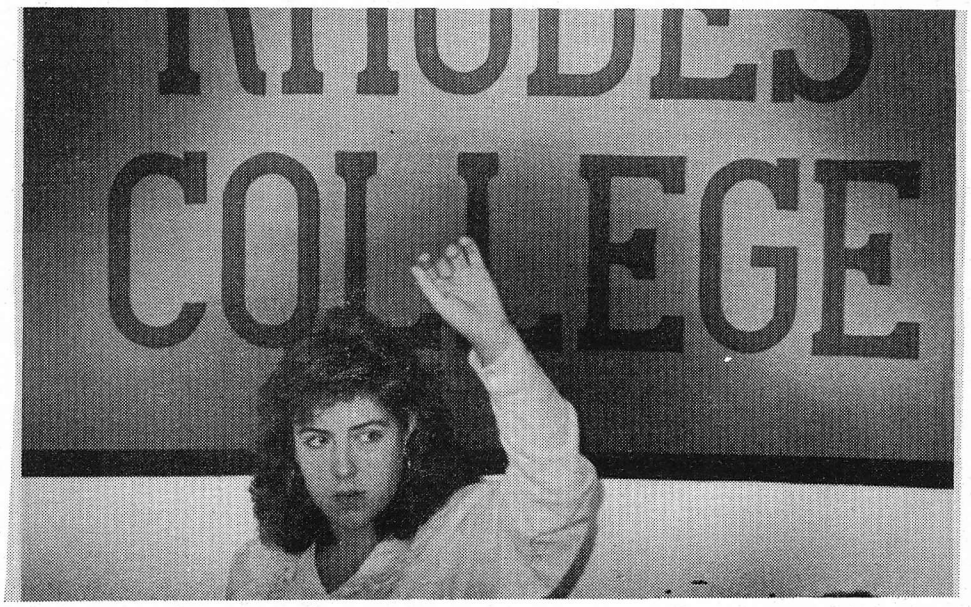
Note from President Daughdrill:

Here is the ''resolution'' to the Honor Council/transcript issue, in a nutshell:

Students expelled or suspended by the Social Regulations Council or the Honor Council during an academic term receive the grade of ''W'' in all of their courses. If the violation involves one of their courses, however, the grade in that course is recorded as an ''F''. In those cases where a final grade has already been submitted for the course, the grade is changed to ''W'' or ''F'', and the faculty member is notified.

A student who is dimissed or placed on suspension by the Honor Council or the Social Regulations Council is considered to be withdrawn from the College. If a ''Statement of Academic Standing'' is requested in these cases, a transcript will be issued in response to that request. If another institution makes an inquiry about eligibility of the student to return to Rhodes, the inquiring institution will be asked to request that information from the student involved.

In addition, Rhodes transcripts will include the following notation: ''This transcript represents only the academic work of a student at Rhodes including a record of probation or suspension as the result of academic deficiencies.''



Nikki Turner waits patiently for her question to be answered by representatives of Buckman Laboratories at the Dialogue on South Africa held last Friday in the Rat.

Divestment Dialogue Shows No Clear Answers

by Laura Blankenship

An issue of great concern is the situation in South Africa and whether or not U.S. companies should divest from South Africa and practice economic sanctions against South Africa. You may wonder how much Rhodes is involved or how much such sanctions or divestment may affect you. Well, probably, the situation doesn't effect you very much, but you may feel a moral obligation as a U.S. citizen or if Rhodes is involved, as a student, to take a stand against apartheid. Robert Buckman of Buckman Laboratories, a strong supporter of Rhodes College, came to Rhodes Friday, February 2, to discuss divestment and economic sanctions in South Africa.

Buckman and five panel members discussed the environment in South Africa, particulary in relation to their plant which is located in Durbin, South Africa. The plant employs 52 people, some of whom are black or other minorities, thus their hiring practices are fairly nondiscriminitory. Buckman stated that in their areas, the general opinion was not to divest, but that in other areas, such as around Johannesburg, the opinion was for divestment. Another panel member supported this by saying that in a poll of the United Workers of the Republic of South Africa, 79% of them were against divestment. "We want to be careful," he said, "in saying that South Africans should have sanctions and companies should disinvest when it's not going to hurt us."

The benefits, Buckman and the panel members said of staying in South Africa, is that they were providing leadership by setting an example of nondiscrimination in their hiring practices and in their education programs. Also, the jobs that would be lost would cause much pain and suffering. Aside from the example Buckman Laboratories was setting, there was little indication that they were doing much else. Many of the students attending the session asked Buckman many times about what his company was doing, but he often evaded the question.

The students offered suggestions as to what Buckman could do in South Africa if he stayed. Lynn Tiede suggested that they try to produce products which the South Africans might need, such as pharmaceuticals. Other students suggested that they make a public statement against apartheid or band together with other companies in the area to take a stand against the government. Buckman and the panel members seemed to take these suggestions to heart.

Mortar Board Week: Feb. 11-17

12th 8:30 p.m.	Win, Lose or Draw Game - Pub
13th 6-7 p.m.	A "panel" discussion of sorts where we will talk with freshmen and soph re: our insights, info, and the real truth on our particular majors and dept's - Clough 304 & 307
11th - 17th	Environmental Awareness Campaign - posters with educational facts will be up around campus each day of the week
11th - 17th	Collection of food, clothing, toiletries, etc. for Family Link, a shelter for teens, in all the dorms. There is the possibility of a field day type of activity with this group, also. More info later.

The first sign of the Revitalization of Western Civilization: Fridays, 9 p.m., CBS. A buttload o' Bradys.

Abortion: Weddington vs. Schlafly

by Kearsten Angel

Debates, typically, are considered to be an arena where two speakers possessing opposing views on a subject come together and present their views in hopes of persuading the audience that their logic and argument is based on sounder principles. Usually, this may be the case. However, when the subject is abortion and the combatants are Sarah Weddington and Phyllis Schlafly, you can imagine that sparks will fly, and anything but calm, cool, and objective evaluation of the speakers' viewpoints will occur.

Sarah Weddington graduated law school at age 19, won the landmark ***Roe vs. Wade*** case at age 26, and earned nationwide acclaim in her role as chief advisor to the President for women and minority concerns. One of the leading authorities on leadership, Sarah has been in the forefront of every major women's rights battle for the last fifteen years.

Phyllis Schlafly, who also holds a law degree, has been named one of the ten most admired women in the world for the past nine years by *Good Housekeeping* magazine. Her single handed defeat of the ERA movement made her the foremost woman in conservative politics. She is currently President of the Eagle Forum and regularly appears on television and is quoted in the national press.

The presentation styles of the two women differed markedly. Sarah Weddington entered the stage looking like a modern business woman ready to walk into any courtroom and make her case. Schlafly, on the other hand, looked like vintage June Cleaver. Though both women were equally articulate and persuasive, Schlafly seemed to have an electric presence when she spoke, and she was definitely the crowd favorite. She grabbed everyone's attention with her 10 minute detailed and graphic depiction of the current means of abortion. She also struck a chord when she evoked images of patriotism and the Declaration of Independence. "At the heart of this nation rests the ideas of freedom and the individual's right to order your own life. However, the government tells you when and where you can smoke. Why? Because it is interfering with someone else's rights. Your right to swing your fists stops where my chin begins. And in areas concerning one's own body and your family the government has deemed certain behavior unacceptable, for example, taking of drugs, spouse abuse, and child abuse," stated Schlafly. She went on to declare ***Roe vs. Wade*** the worst Supreme Sourt decision ever, for it legalizes killing. It deems the unborn fetus as simply the property of the mother who has the right to do anything to it she wants. For Schlafly, such an area is indeed within the realm of government to regulate, for it is "government's job to protect life, each and every one of us, for the Declaration of Independence declares it an inalienable right and to deny such of the unborn fetus is a crime and a travesty."

Though Schlafly's presentation was certainly very moving, she seemed to make too much of an address to one's emotions. On the other hand, Weddington avoided the essential moral and ethical questions centering around the issue of abortion and took a rational, legalistic approach to this difficult issue. Weddington argues, more convincingly I think, that the government has no business encroaching into this area, for only the individual can make such a decision. Her foundation for this view rests on the important Supreme Court case, ***Griswold v. Connecticut***, where the Supreme Court recognized for the first time the existence of the right to privacy. Though you will not find this important principle explicitly stated in the Constitution anywhere, the justices felt that its spirit and existence was inherent within many of the guarantees contained in the Bill of Rights. Also in this case, the Court stated that the decision to bear or beget a child is such a personal and individual one that it should be protected with the right to privacy. At the heart of Weddington's argument is the idea that the government cannot and therefore should not legislate morality. How can any one person or group of people decide for others what they should do in this situation? Any decision would be an imposition of your values and beliefs on someone else. And who is to say you are right or your way and beliefs are the best way? You, of course, and that makes it right for everyone? No, that makes it right for you.

Weddington also said: central to the idea of any democracy is freedom. Freedom of all types and for all peoples. This freedom encompasses the freedom to choose and to make decisions for oneself. In order to make such decisions, there must be an area of privacy. So examine your own life, the decisions you have made, the actions you undertake. You enjoy and cherish your right to privacy, yes? If this is the case, then you just allow others to enjoy theirs, for if you invade the rights of privacy of others simply because you disagree on ethical, moral, or religious grounds with their particular actions, then they can do the same to you.

Countdown to Earth Day. Pt. III: Taking the Green Ethic Home

by Tony Britten

Perhaps the first obstacle to becoming involved in "grassroots" environmental change is misplaced trust in government, experts, and industry as a whole to do the environmentally responsible thing.

It is not that these groups are inherently "evil". A number of factors can be involved in environmental management—complexity of regulations, cost of compliance, intense business competition, lack of funding for state enforcement agencies, institutional barriers, etc. Unfortunately there may also be an element of deceit involved. And we are often willing participants to this deceit.

For instance, we may be told that burying our waste in the ground is a completely safe and viable option for ridding ourselves of it. We are even allowed to bury highly toxic household hazardous wastes in dumps (a.k.a. landfills) which are not constructed to contain such wastes. We are told that these landfills will never leak into our groundwater,or it will take tens of thousands of years. This is Big Lie number one. All landfills leak, and in a recent article Memphians were made aware of some of the threats to our pristine water supply.

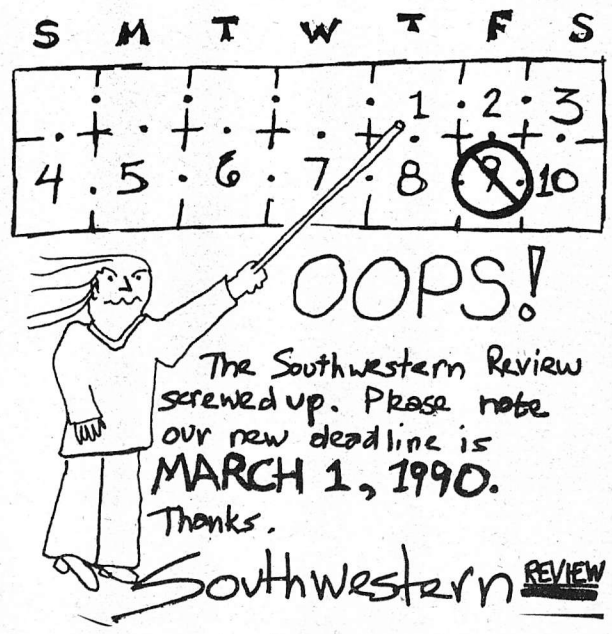
The older the dump, the more likely it is to be a problem. Many dumps have received large quantities of industrial hazardous wastes. This continues even now. A Channel 4 reporter, a cameraman and I were at Nashville's Bordeaux landfill when we saw 55 gallon drums come in on a garbage truck.

Despite the fact that we were standing right there with cameras rolling, the dumpster unloaded the barrels and a noxious fluid, which was labled as an isocyanate compound, poured onto the ground. How many times this has happened in the past is impossible to say, though residents of the lower income area have complained of such dumping for years. A formal complaint was filed, and a well known Vanderbilt chemistry professor commented on the potential for contamination. No remedial action was taken.

Improper dumping practices have been fairly commonplace in Memphis as well. The Hollywood dump served as a disposal site for many local companies for years. Numerous toxic dumps have been identified along area streams. Fish kills, involving as many as half a million fish, have taken place in Big Creek. Daily releases of millions of gallons of waste into area streams are permitted. Of course, fishing and swimming are out. The Mississippi River has been closed to commercial fishing for years, and the lower Wolf has been posted as well. Nonconnah Creek is little more than an unlined drainage ditch. Ask yourself—is this natural? Does this in any way resemble intelligent stewardship of our resources? Is it not scary when we poison a part of our food chain? Where else is this happening?

Do not be overwhelmed by statistics. It is not hopeless. Within your own community there is more than likely a core group of concerned citizens which is working on these issues and needs your help. You can learn your way around the state enforcement offices, and find out where toxic discharges are taking place. Dischargers are required to file for state permits which conform to the National Discharge Elimination Permit System (NPDES).

Hazardous sites should also be listed with the agency in your state which is responsibel for the distribution of *Superfund* clean-up money. In Tennessee, it is simply called the Department of Superfund, and it is under the TN Dept.of Health and Environment. Look in the government blue pages for names like the Dept. of Environmental Protection, or the Dept. of Environmental Quality. Call your local library or nature center to ask for a referral to one of the local citizen groups.



This Case is Black and White

by Jack Straw

After reading *Black Students Question Events* and *Black Man Harrassed* in last week's *Sou'wester,* certain complications arise from the foundation of the grievances asserted by the writers. It makes no difference whatsoever whether these student writers were black, white, or calico. The difference lies in the fact that two of the instances cited in the articles reveal individuals in violation of Campus Regulations.

First of all, the Rhodes Administration and community has established certain rules and regulations for individuals to abide by. We have the Honor Council to oversee the execution of certain rules in the classroom, we have RAs to maintain a livable environment in the dormitories, and we have Security Officers to make sure that we follow the rules inside and outside the academic and residential buildings. These Security Officers have as much responsibility to enforce the rules as we do to abide by them.

The writer of *Black Students Question Events*, seemed to ignore the fact that the "loading unloading zone" in from of Robinson Hall is also a firelane for emergency vehicles trying to service four Campus buildings. Now to be perfectly honest, I have violated this parking code as well. However, I only wish that the Officer had taken the matter up with me personally instead of ticketing me thirty-five dollars for my violation.

It's unfortunate that the Officer took a negative approach to dealing with this matter, but just like any given police officer the enforcement of the law often depends not on the color of skin but of that officer's personality. Some are hard-asses, some are lax.

In the instance of the black fellow being harrassed at the library, again the facts need to be put in proper perspective. We have had instances here at Rhodes where members of the Rhodes family have been harmed by individuals from outside the community. As a result the security around campus, and especially around frequently visited spots such as the library, needed to be tightened.

It seems as if the appropriate measures are being taken if people whether black or white who do not have proper validated identification are being asked to leave. This man's only crime was not "one of being a black man on this campus," but rather that of being an individual who was not in accordance with the regulations. Instead of condemning the actions of this security guard I feel that the Rhodes community should applaud him.

Surburban Scrawl

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and talk to the person you'd rather be with. This sets a nice, evil tone to the evening. If you work it right, you can make it, uninvited of course, into several PBRC's and talk to several different people. You have an ironclad alibi as to where you were, and you've made valuable contacts to ask those other people out next weekend.

Babble at length with someone you'd never consider talking to. Ignore them the next day. This is getting fun, ain't it?

Try putting these gemmies into practice. And always remember this catch-all apology for use Sunday night when the offended party comes over "to talk." "Oh (insert offended date's name) . . . I did that? I'm sorry . . . hell, I was drunk." Cheers and happy Formalling.

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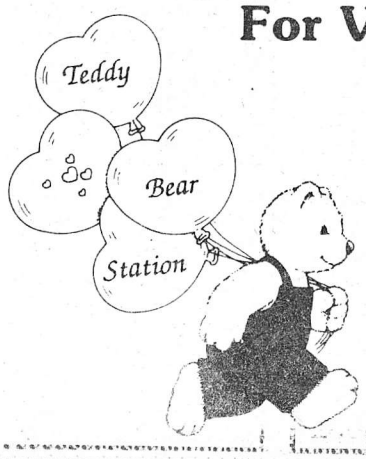

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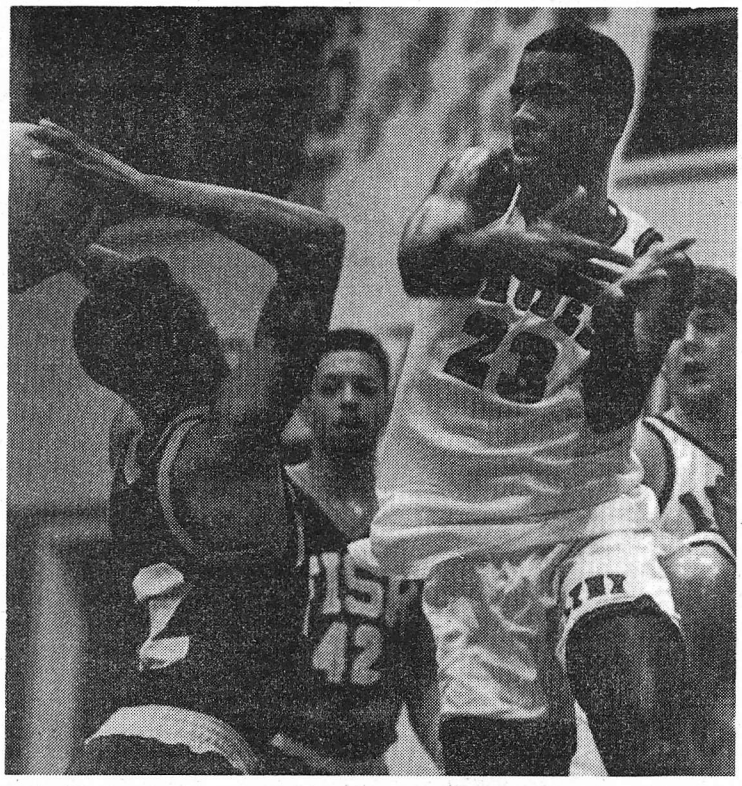

Rhynia Henry slaps at a shot from a Fisk offender.

Lynx Keep Title Hopes Alive

by Brad Todd
Sports Editor

The Rhodes College men's basketball team kept its Collegiate Athletic Conference championship hopes alive this weekend with victories over Trinity and Fisk at Mallory Gymnasium.

The Lynx (13-6, 5-2) still control their own destiny in the CAC race, needing only to defeat Centre twice and Millsaps once to claim the title. The Lynx host Centre this Sunday but must travel to Jackson and Danville in the season's final week.

Friday, Rhodes defeated Trinity 92-73 to avenge an upset loss to the Tigers January 20 in San Antonio. Junior center James Burden led Rhodes with 31 points and 11 rebounds.

Trinity jumped out to a 4-0 lead early on before Burden and Lewis each connected to tie the score. A Taylor Curtis 3-pointer with 17:30 left in the half gave Rhodes its first lead at 7-4. Rhynia Henry, Burden, and Wade Harrison scored on Rhodes' next three trips to give the Lynx a commanding 13-4 advantage.

Trinity cut the difference to four points with 4:10 remaining in the half on free throws by Josh Gardner and Matt Dussing. Curtis upped the Rhodes lead back to nine with 1:13 remaining in the half before Tigers Dussling and Tom Gerhardt connected to make the score 39-34 at intermission.

The Tigers cut the deficit to one point 3:32 into the second half on consecutive baskets by Gerhardt. Burden and Henry then responded for Rhodes to stretch the Lynx' lead back to five.

Trinity got within one again midway through the half before Curtis and Harrison answered for Rhodes. Two scores by Burden, a trey by Harrison, and a two-pointer by Fallin quelled the Tigers' threat and made the score 73-61. The Lynx outscored the visitors 19-12 in the final five minutes to record a 92-73 victory.

Against Fisk on Saturday, Rhodes rolled up a 41-32 halftime lead and then cruised to a 92-74 victory.

Lady Lynx Upset League-Leading Centre

by Robert Varner
Special Asst. to Sports Editor

The Rhodes College Lady Lynx basketball team went 2-1 on their recent homestand last Friday, Saturday and Sunday, keeping their national tournament hopes alive by beating Webster and League leader Centre, while dropping a game to Fisk.

The Lady Lynx (13-5; 6-4) got off to a good start Friday by pummeling winless Webster University 79-24. Rhodes registered three players in double figures as Amy Culpepper had 18 points followed by Andrea Ludwig and Betsy Greiner with 12 apiece.

Saturday, the Lady Lynx turned in one their best performances of the season, beating Centre 66-52. Clutch free throws down the stretch by Sarah Loyd and Ellen Thompson helped to thwart an attempted Centre rally. Amy Culpepper scored 23 while Ellen Thompson turned in a fine game with 22 points, as Rhodes knocked Centre's record down to 14-6.

Lynx Host Colonels in Key CAC Game

by Brad Todd
Sports Editor

The Rhodes College Lynx' second season begins this Sunday against the Centre Colonals at Mallory Gymnasium. This season is five games long and the Lynx need to win at least four in order to have a chance at a NCAA Division III tournament berth. To win the College Athletic Conference title, Rhodes must defeat Centre twice and Millsaps once.

That is a tall order in itself since Rhodes plays the Colonels and Majors on the road. The Colonels lead the CAC at press time with a 6-0 league record and have only two road trips, to Rhodes and Millsaps, remaining. The Majors are currently in fifth place with a 3-4 record, but can be tough to beat in Jackson.

In addition to the games with Centre and Millsaps, the Lynx host Lane (Feb. 14) and Washington & Lee (Feb. 17). Washington & Lee has been ranked in the Division III South poll at various times this year. Unless the Lynx defeat Centre this Sunday, all those games could be meaningless. Rhodes had six overall losses at press time (but played at Washington University Tuesday) and probably cannot get into the NCAA tournament with more than seven.

Rhodes head coach Herb Hilgeman said that Sunday's game with Centre was "huge" but he is looking forward to it. "I feel like we're a very good team at home and I think our playing them here first will help us. . .I'd like to see the students come out and support us. We need a real vocal crowd," Hilgeman said.

Centre and Rhodes are both inside-oriented teams with starting lineups that include virtually no returnees from last season. Rhodes' offense is centered around junior low post James Burden, the conference's third leading scorer. The focal point of the Colonel's attack is junior center David Hicks. Hicks leads the league in scoring with a 25.3 average.

Tipoff time for Sunday's game is 2:00 p.m.

College Athletic Conference Standings

Team	CAC	Overall
Centre	6-0	11-7
Rhodes	5-2	13-6
Sewanee	3-3	6-10
Fisk	2-5	3-15
Millsaps	3-4	6-10
Trinity	1-6	5-12

NCAA Division III South Poll

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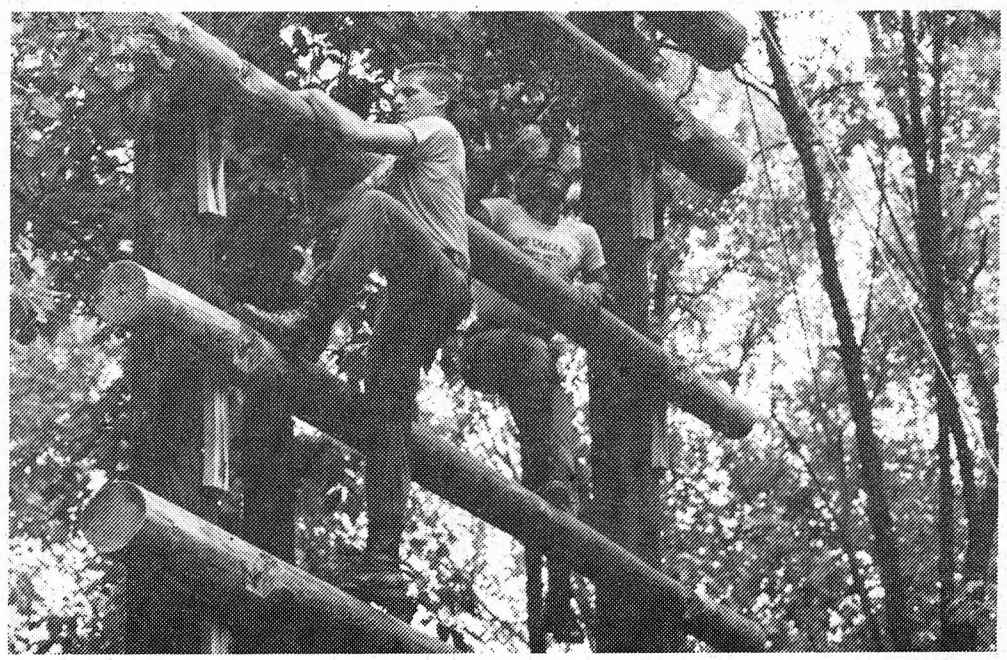

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SEXISM, THE FEATURE

Why You Need A Man

by S. Stinson Liles

Discrimination occurs across this country on a daily basis; this is quite obvious. If this problem did not exist, there would be no need for enforced equal opportunity employment laws and the like. These laws do exist, though, but one must look at them as symptoms rather than remedies. The fact that there are laws that make specific references to physical attributes shows that there is still a prejudice **throughout** the United States. Prejudice literally means ''prejudging'' and when an institution makes any laws or rules pre-judging someone's merits on the basis of his or her physical traits, discrimination has occurred. Webster tells us that to discriminate is ''to mark or perceive the distinguishing or peculiar features of'' or ''to make a difference in treatment or favor on a basis other than individual merit''.

American society, however, has conditioned us into believing that discrimination affects only minorities or traditionally underprivileged groups. Rhodes College and its policies are just small examples of the problems with this assumption. We have all seen how different policies and people discriminate against women and I agree that these are legitimate complaints. Failing to acknowledge, though, that men are victims of discrimination on this campus would be a grave error.

''To mark or perceive the distinguishing features of'' the sexes is not entirely wrong. We must recognize that the sexes will always be different to a degree (if you don't recognize this, maybe you slept through the film in seventh grade). Hence, we provide separate living facilities and restrooms. **BUT** when we begin to assume that certain skills or behavior are inherent in one gender's behavior, we are guilty of turning down the road of sexist discrimination. Rhodes, I feel, is showing signs of this.

One recent example (small as it is) that I noticed is a group of signs that have popped upon campus lately. They herald a self defense seminar sponsored by a campus Greek group and written on these signs is the statement ''Open to faculty and campus women''. I know I haven't read the paper in a few days . . . are men no longer victims of violent crime? Maybe the course offers special techniques that apply only to women. If so, when is the companion seminar ''open to faculty and campus men''? The fact that women are the victims of the more publicized assaults does not mean that only they need self defense counseling. Another Greek group sponsored a men's rights lecture last semester. This lecture, given by Prof. Mark Meusse, dealt mostly with social problems of which men are mostly the victims . . . yet this program was open to both sexes. I smell a double standard.

The most flagrant display of sexism against men (and the one that prompts the writing of this column) is the Rhodes College Housing policy for next year. Due to the tearing down of University Dorm, the college will experience a shortage of female housing. The solution that the administration offered involved turning male spaces in Stewart into female spaces and forcing men to live off campus. The townhouses, which never discriminated against sex and only judged the applicants by living/learning proposal, will become completely female as more males are forced to move off campus. I hope the logic here is not that women, because they are women, are more capable of drawing value from a living/learning residence program. I'm afraid the logic here (and also in the previous example) is that manly men must bear the brunt of the housing shortage because we are manly and can traverse distances in a manly way so as to avoid attack and should we be attacked we are by birth manly enough to do manly damage to our assailants. To assume that men by nature are all powerful violence-mongers is as bad as assuming that all women are dainty creatures in need of eternal assistance. That is ''prejudging''. A gun kills a man just as dead as a woman. Not to assume this is to ''make a difference in treatment or favor on a basis other than individual merit'' . . . and that, too, is discrimination.

From The Middle Of The Fence, Sort Of

by Mark Albright

Okay, I can see with this feminism thing, how women are mad and all. I mean any fool can look around here and see some pretty competent women, right? And I don't think female students are being prevented from doing things they want to do at this school. So I for one don't have any problem just going ahead and admitting that women are equal. Really. Everybody should just treat each other with respect and stop worrying about gender.

Now that that's settled, why is Liz Orr so mad? Is it true that women are getting turned down for jobs for which they are equally qualified? I mean I can see how there are fewer women than men in those higher positions. But are there currently as many equally qualified women as men applying for these positions? I mean are there right now in this country enough qualified female judges to expect to find as many women on the Supreme Court as men? Not that there shouldn't be in the future, but right now?

Anyway, why is Stinson mad too? I'm a male, and I don't feel oppressed. In fact I feel really great. Every time a girl asks me to hang blinds in her room or escort her across campus I feel really strong and powerful. Manly, even. I think there's a certain nobility in the fact that men are willing to live in spacious two-bedroom apartments with cable TV in order to protect the women of our campus who have been targets of violent crime lately. The Cabanas are a dangerous place, ma'am, but somebody has to live there.

On the other hand, maybe women would rather buy a can of mace and live in the Cabanas than live in Stewart. Of course, with all the talk they've been doing about danger on the campus, I wouldn've thought they'd be mainly concerned with safety. I just don't understand.

But to get back to feminism and the workplace: when will women be hired on an equal basis? Will it be at some date in the very near future when women are statistically as educated, assertive, and qualified as men? I hope so.

But, on the other hand, what do you do with the women running around here saying everyone is equal while they ask you to kill a cockroach in their room? Or the ones that wait for you to open big heavy doors for them? It seems to me there's more to equality than equal education. Like assertiveness.

Why Lingerie Sells

by Elizabeth Orr

As a liberal arts college, we should be on the ''cutting edge'' of controversy and striving to make things better, but are we? Rhodes College is a sort of haven from the harsh inequality of the real world but it still has a long way to go as far as equality between the sexes.

I hear that some men of Rhodes College believe they are discriminated against because of their sex. Well, if this is true, then, welcome to the other side. Western women have to face this problem every day, all their lives.

Some people complain that their job opportunities are hindered by Affirmative Action, a bill that forces companies to hire a certain percentage of female and black employees. Speaking to white males, how many of you are faced with the probability that you were hired specifically because of your sex and not your talents or abilities? Think of how it feels to realize that you probably wouldn't have been hired if it weren't for such a bill. Would it make you angry? Bitter, even? You bet. Let's examine the situation here at Rhodes. Look around you. How many women administrators do you see? How many women deans? Although Rhodes does have an ample amount of quality women professors, they haven't progressed very far at the administrative level.

The United States Supreme Court consists of nine justices, including one black man and one woman. Does this strike you as tokenism? These nine people, of whom eight are men, have ruled recently in their abortion decision, that women may not decide how to take care of their own bodies and have given that authority to each state. Women do not even have a choice about this decision. Take a look at how many women there are in the high governmental positions in each state. In most cases, the majority of people who make these kinds of decisions for the state are men. Men who will never have to experience childbirth or pregnancy or rape.

At a more local level, how many men are afraid to walk across this campus at night? Women are all the time. How many men have been raped on this campus? Attacked? This argument applies to sexism for the only reason that we are susceptible to attack by men because we are women. Rape is an act of violence the purpose of which is to degrade women. This is a fear women face every day which makes them afraid to walk alone at night only perpetuating the stereotype that we are frail, helpless and fragile. The idea of the administration that women cannot drive a car to the Cabanas without getting attacked only perpetuates this feeling of helplessness. Besides, women are already getting attacked *on* campus—as it looks now, the Cabanas might be safer.

And what about inclusive language? Tell me, does it take that much more energy to say ''person'' or ''people'' rather than ''men''? Maybe it *does* take a little more thought and respect for those around you, but it is necessary. The word ''men'' has never included women in with it so why should it now? The word ''men'' or ''man'' is just as specific as the word ''women'' or ''woman''. It refers specifically to males. Historically, the word ''men'' was added to professions because only men worked in them. Words like mailmen, firemen, policemen, etc. were used to include only men. Now that women are entering these professions, shouldn't we be included in name as well? Women are just as capable at these jobs as men so why leave us out? Words like people, person, individuals, human, etc. were created to include everyone, not just a specific group in society.

I've looked around and seen people cringe at the word feminist. I guess people view feminism as including only women who are radical and extremist. Yet, if you believe that women should be considered equally with men and that everyone in society should have the freedom to choose what they want to do with their lives, then you are a feminist. And contrary to popular belief, women can and do discriminate against other women and therefore themselves. It is not just men who are sexist by any means.

It is easy to get angry when you think things are wrong and unequal, the hard part is trying to do something about it.

The Home Of Rock 'n Roll Closes Its Doors

by Jonathan Smoke

The City Council that once actively sought to acquire the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame is now actively debating banning ''all such performances'' by encouraging the area convention centers not to book any hard rock acts. Moreover, they also sought Governor McWherter's support on the rock ban.

The incident that stirred up the fires of this debate occurred the Saturday evening of Pan Formal, when the heavy metal group Motley Crue performed before a sold-out crowd in the Mid-South Coliseum. Several complaints were reported to the mayor and to the council about the incident. It seems that Motley Crue used language offensive to some in their concert, and one member of the group apparently ''mooned'' the audience at one point during the show.

Though the council has not taken any further action, the debate is continuing, and it appears that they will not be happy until something is done to prevent the chance of any such action ever occurring again within the sacred city of Memphis.

While I do not condone the specific actions of the group, I cannot agree even in the least bit with talk of banning groups from Memphis. Besides the fact that Memphis raised the King of Rock 'n Roll and actively supported his actions which were also considered indecent at the time, it is also ridiculous for the city that is trying to revive its music industry to even speak of such an action. Can you say ''hypocritical''?

The people who complained surely knew what they were going to see and hear. Who else wouold be foolish enough to pay close to $20 for something that they couldn't stand? If they don't like such performances, I've got a solution for their problems: don't attend them. That will keep their billfolds full and their blood pressure low.

And from an economic point of view, I seriously doubt that the convention center's owners will agree with the council's moral conscience. After all it was a sold-out concert, not a weakly-attended one.

What would be next in the chain of let's-forget-separation-of-church-and-state? Censorship of all performances that are considered obscene or indecent to anyone?

If I have moral difficulties with heavy metal and other rock 'n' roll concerts, then I should not attend those performances. However, I do not have a right to force my personal beliefs upon anyone around me, let alone a city of almost one million people.