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Rhodes Turns Out For Habitat Fund Raiser

by Kirsten Witt

Last Saturday proved to be an ultimate day. It was Rites of Spring weather, warm and sunny. All the Rhodes students crawled out of the woodwork, away from their nintendo games, homework, and boring tv shows, to enjoy the outdoors. The great event of the day was the music festival at the shell, hosted by Rhodes Habitat for Humanity. Liz Dueker and Rob Wilcott planned and coordinated the festival in order to raise money for their house building project. The group raised $2,422.88. ". . . almost enough to build a house," says Liz, the co-chairman of Build Aid. Five bands donated their time, each playing for an hour. Nuclear Cafe, a band from Rhodes, opened followed by Sid Selvidge, Free World, and Come in Berlin. Kaya and the Welders, a popular reggae band, was also scheduled to play, but, Kaya canceled at the last minute due to an unknown "emergency." Even without Kaya's appearance, the music festival was a success. "It was better than Rites of Spring," said one student. There was no limit to the amount of beverages that the students could bring into the shell. The students brought well-stocked coolers and enjoyed a free afternoon beyond the limits of the formidable alcohol policy. However, by the end of the day some students experienced a few catastrophies as they attempted to lug their now empty coolers home.

Fortunately, the close proxity of the shell to Rhodes provided the students with the option of walking, rather than driving. But most important, the Rhodes students made a great showing at the shell and their support enhanced the already perfect day because now another house will be built.

Operation Feed Hunger Drive

by Lisa Mancini

Rhodes College Souper Contact is just one of the agencies which receives its food supplies from Memphis Food Bank. In fact, Memphis Food Bank supplies food to 94 food pantries, 8 shelters, 19 soup kitchens, and 83 additional agencies. Unfortunately, although hunger is a year-round problem, donations to the Food Bank are fewer after the Christmas season. The decline in supplies plus a 15% increase in requests for food require a commitment by the Memphis community to the hunger problem.

To help provide the needed food items to the Food Bank, Operation Feed has been developed. Operation Feed is sponsored by the United Way and the Memphis Food Bank. The goal for the city-wide food drive has been set at 200,000 food items. At Rhodes, the project is being coordinated by Kinney and the Chaplain's office. Your help is needed to reach our goal.

The food drive has been designed to be as efficient as possible. All members of the Rhodes community are asked to collect their food items from April 1 through April 12. During this time, all Rhodes students, faculty, and staff are asked to buy non-perishable food items and bring them to a Twilight Garden Party on the last day of the drive.

Kinney and the Chaplain's office have sought to ensure that there are food donations in all categories of food needed by the Food Bank. Therefore, groups on campus have been challenged to provide a certain kind of food. For instance:

All religious groups: tuna fish
All fraternities: beans
All sororities: pasta
Black Students Association: applesauce
Palmer Hall Administration: canned fruit and vegetables
Student Affairs/Bookstore: peanut butter and jelly

These challenges are not meant to limit the food donations. Anyone can contribute any non-perishable food item. There will be "pot-luck" collection boxes in the Rat.

This is a perfect opportunity for the Rhodes Community to show its commitment to the hunger problem in Memphis.

Join Operation Feed!

Phi Beta Kappa Announces New Members

by Terry Hill

The Rhodes College Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa (Gamma of Tennessee) is pleased to announce that the following students from the class of 1991 have been invited to join the Society as Members-in-Course.

Name	Major
Rebecca Lynn Allyn	German
Keith Jay Arnold	Music
Tracy Michelle Ballard	Psychology - Business Administration
Jennifer Kay Bishop	Biology
Deborah Christina Chan	International Studies
Derek Nathan Duncan	Religion
Max Cortez Finch, Jr.	Chemistry
Heather Marie Fitzgerald	History - International Studies
Christopher Somers Gaskill	Physics
Judith Lynn Glass	English
Charles Keith Hamilton	Political Science
Robert Kurt Heck, Jr.	Biology
Kimberly Sue Herbig	Economics - Mathematics
Janna Marie Journeycake	Biology
Peter Jung Kim	Chemistry
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Michael Leslie Miller	Chemistry
Erica Lee Moffett	Music
Arnel Molina Pallera	Biology
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William Andrew Srygley	Philosophy - Religion
Daniel Lynn Taylor	English
Kristina Marie Thoennes	Religion
Darol Craig Timberlake	Mathematics
Jennie Denise Vaughn	History
Kerri Kathleen West	Biology

Two other members of the class of 1991, Patrick Lindsay Stuart, International Studies, and Steven Todd Sullivan, Ecnomics, accepted membership in 1990 during their junior year.

The chapter is also pleased to announce the invitation to Membership-in-Course of the following students from the class of 1992:

Carol Annette Dubard	Religion
Johnny Nathan Copeland	Chemistry - Classics

Election to Membership-in-Course in Phi Beta Kappa is based upon a record of excellence in the study of liberal subjects. The chapter congratulates all the new members on their exceptional academic accomplishments.

This year, the Gamma Chapter is pleased to exercise its very infrequently used privilege to induct an Honorary Member into the Society of Phi Beta Kappa. The Person so invited is Dr. Harmon Craig Dunathan, Dean of Academic Affairs at Rhodes College. Dean Dunathan, a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University in 1954 and of Yale University in 1958, will be honored for his distinguished leadership in higher education, and for his accomplishments as a teacher and a scholar in his field.

New members of Phi Beta Kappa will be inducted in a ceremony, which will be held at 11:45 a.m. on Friday, May 10 (the day before the baccalaureate ceremony) in the Orgill Room. The occasion will be brightened by Dr. John Bruhwiler's reading of his poems. A luncheon in the refectory will follow. Members of the Rhodes College community are invited to attend both events. Persons wishing to make luncheon reservations should contact Dr. Terry Hill for details.

Security Gatehouse Opens

from Helen Norman

Big benefits can come in small packages. That's the hope, at least, for Rhodes' newest and smallest Gothic structure: the 65 square-foot-gatehouse that opened for business last week.

With the gatehouse and the new ironwork fence that encircles the campus, the college has tried to come up with a plan that balances the overall safety and security of the entire campus against the individual freedoms of those who visit, live and work at Rhodes. The idea is to limit and supervise the access to campus in late-night and early-morning hours (when crimes are more likely to occur) while at the same time allowing members of the Rhodes community and their guests to come and go as easily as possible.

It will take some time to get used to the changes: the post-9 p.m. locking of all vehicular gates except the Snowden entrance. Please be patient in the next few weeks as we iron out all the kinks in this new plan.

Everyone at Rhodes with a registered car needs to pick up the new Rhodes decal (available in the Campus Safety Office in Austin Building) and position it in the lower front windshield on the driver's side. The decal will automatically admit a car to campus anytime.

Editorial:
Manufacturing Community

by S. Stinson Liles, Editor

In a novel called **Slapstick,** Kurt Vonnegut writes as an aging ex-president of the United States who, by implementing a system of imposed middle names, unites the nation into small sub-families and virtually eliminates loneliness. While this proves successful on a national level in a work of fiction, fabrication of community in college-level reality doesn't seem quite as simple. Rhodes, however, has thrown caution to the wind and stepped out on a Vonnegutian limb.

In the wake of an era dubbed "The Year of Student Responsibility," we at Rhodes now operate under the "Standards of Community Responsibility" passed last year (Changed your life? Mine, too.) The problem, here, is not one with being nice. I'm all for being nice. I am not, however, in favor of an administration that feels that a courtesy mandate will solve all of our problems. Chanting "We are a community!" three times and clicking our heels together doesn't make it happen in this world. Yet, in a January memo to the President and Vice-President, Dean Shandley implies that the passing of the new "Standards of Community Responsibility" is one of the top reasons for the decline in dorm damages this year. Does anyone really believe that passing a "community" rule automatically creates community?

In his essay, "Community or Communities" (*Rhodes Today,* February 28, 1991), the president cites the growth of sub-communities at Rhodes and admonishes us to protect the larger community from erosion by the smaller clusters. Though he finally concludes that we have both small communities *and* a college-wide community, he along the way cites sources that see the opposite occurring on college campuses. "Many (groups) draw lines that divide, not ties that bind," one source says. "They emphasize the 'pluribus' in American society rather than the 'unum.'"

Community is an elusive goal. Token dealings with the problems, though, are not the answer. Lengthy documents full of standards and assumptions that conflict is virtually nonexistent are not going to work. Cosmetic solutions and frequent use of the word "community" may woo prospective students and parents. They may soothe alumni and benefactors. They may even impress other collegiate administrations enough to get you into a national news magazine. They don't, however, make things any different for those of us here on the oasis. The evidence is as close as the nearest vandalized bathroom stall, edition of the campus newspaper or memo from the Vice President. What, from the third floor, seem like "infrequent symptoms of alienation" look a lot more like polarization and factionalism down here.

The problems are not easy to solve and I don't have a solution. Getting our heads out of the sand, though, would probably be a good start.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the editorial by S. Stinson Liles in the March 21 *Sou'wester*. As a member of "the Search dinosaur," I want to offer a different perspective on the purpose of this interdisciplinary endeavor. I speak out of ten years experience as a member of the Search staff, with most of that time having been spent in the first-year level of the course.

First of all, the Search staff is fully aware that we cannot "cover a comprehensive history of the west and of western religious thought in four semesters." This is neither the stated nor the implied purpose of the course. The subject of the course is VALUES. The course attempts to open the eyes of the co-learners (students and faculty) as to what our current values are and where/how we got then, as well as to emphasize our responsibility in deciding whether or not we want to keep those values or exchange them for some different ones! Most of us are so enculturated that we are not aware of how completely other people have determined our values. In the Search course we attempt to challenge the values we hold to see whether they can stand up to close examination in the search for truth. Though the focus of the course is on the development of western thought, other perspectives are often discussed in colloquium sessions and an attempt is made to appreciate the values in other societies as well as our own.

I can certainly testify that ten years of considering values in the context of the Search course have opened my eyes to many new ideas and have helped me to move to a much broader understanding of the world than I had learned from my earlier Western Christian conditioning. I agree with many of Mr. Liles' comments about our need for a broader vision and experience in the campus community, but I believe his attack on the Search course is unfair and unwarranted.

Diane M. Clark,
Associate Professor of Music

To the Editor:

As Director of Campus Safety at Rhodes, it is incumbent upon me to clarify to all, the enforcement posture of the College's Alcohol policy, by our department.

The alcohol policy is based on and supports all applicable State and local laws of such. Violations of any law(s) carries with it, the risk and responsibility of consequences when and if discovered. Our policy is no different.

All should be aware that "attention" and "suspicion" will normally precede "detection". If a person calls attention or suspicion to a possible violation, and the violation is in fact real and valid, it will be detected and cited.

Having alcohol in a "generic" type container such as a cup, is as much a violation as if it were in an advertised container considering attention was drawn to it by suspicion or plain view observation. In other words, **HAVING LIQUOR/BEER IN A GENERIC CUP DOES NOT SANCTION ITS POSSESSOR FROM ENFORCEMENT.**

If, in the course of a "consensual" encounter, or in the course of a valid response to a situation or duty or while performing routine duties, officers detect a violation of the alcohol policy, they will cite it as such.

It is our posture to respect, as prescribed by law and the Constitution of the United States, the rights of all individuals and further, to conduct all enforcement measures of the alcohol policy in line with these laws. Officers have recently been well trained in this area and are expected to enforce all prescribed policies, laws, etc. with diligence, accuracy and responsibility.

I would like to invite anyone who has a question with regard to this issue to please come to the office any time between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or call #3880. I will be more than happy to discuss it further. Thank you all for your cooperation and assistance in this regard.

Ralph Hatley
Director of Campus Safety

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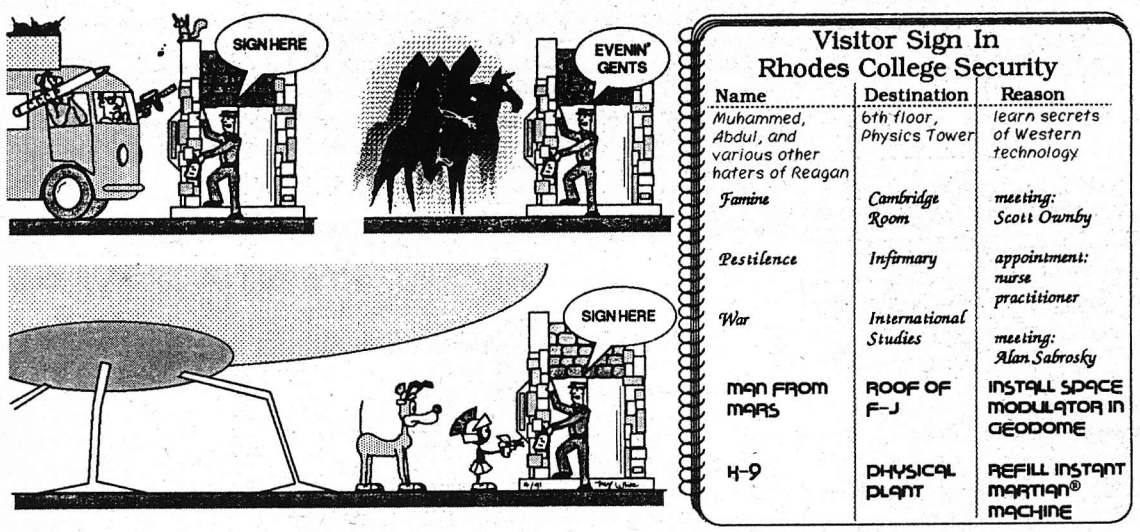
CORRECTION

Bill Jordan's article in the last issue of *The Sou'wester* was incorrectly titled. The heading should have read "The Politicization of Rhodes." We regret the error.



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Quotas And National Public Radio

by Bill Jordan
Contributing Editor

Perhaps many of you are like me when you drive. I enjoy listening to *All Things Considered* on National Public Radio which is a wonderful and insightful program even though it is amazingly biased toward the left. Anyway, I often find myself arguing with the commentators or the people being interviewed. This generally leads to many strange glances from passing cars since I seem to be arguing with myself (but I suspect that I am not the only person who yells at the radio.)

What made me think that others must also yell at this program is the stance NPR is now taking in the aftermath of the Gulf War. NPR interviewed the president of Union Theological Seminary and Michael Novak, a theologian and Religion and Public Policy Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute. They were debating the ''just war theory'' and the outcome of the Gulf War. The theologian from Union believed that the U.S. was unjust in killing so many Iraqis given the fact that they actually put up no fight. He also said that a part of the ''just war theory'' stated that there should be a small proportional difference in casualties between the two sides. Because up to 100,000 Iraqi soldiers may have been killed while the U.S. lost less than 200. Proponents of the theory believe that this proportion shows that undue force was used.

Mr. Novak saw the ridiculous nature of this claim immediately. He said that there was no way to know exactly how many had been killed. The coalition forces used enough might to minimize the damage our own troops and not the Iraqi troops. The forces took enough provisions for a six week campaign, so it seems strange that they believed that all the Iraqi forces had been beaten into submission. We should regret the loss of life on both sides, but we should be thankful that it was not greater.

This debate was very disturbing. It seems quite ludicrous to suggest that the war planners should calculate the precise proportional losses which could fit into their war plans. Would it have been more just if 20,000 American lives had been lost? Also, there seems to be no effective way to assess the damage which has been inflicted until the actual battle had begun. Are we to ask soldiers not to launch a missile or drop a bomb or fire a mortar shell at an enemy because it would throw the number of deaths out of proportion? The whole idea of proportional deaths appears to be very unrealistic in a time of war.

Yet this theory is even more distressing when one considers that it has grown out of a larger idea in society that everything in life should be statistically proportional. Factories are to employ people in relation to the demographic makeup of the surrounding area. Schools are required to have certain percentages of whites, blacks, Hispanics, and Chinese. Salaries and wages are to be evenly distributed over the demographic spectrum. Even pictures for the *Rhodes Today* and admissions material should show students mixed in manner suitable to the demographic makeup of Rhodes.

Any deviation from the requirement of statistical demographic proportionality brings threats of lawsuits and discrimination charges. There seems to be a rash of individuals who claim that they are being oppressed by some organization. Merit, efficiency, productive capacity, interpersonal skills, and leadership ability are falling by the wayside when hiring employees or obtaining admission into a college. Instead, one needs only claim to be a member of an oppressed group or claim to be oppressed and new laws magically open doors or purses for the ''victim.''

This new ''quota-think'' (as coined by John Leo) will be examined in greater length at another time. This new philosophy pervades our society, our college, our war theories, and our lives. As a new class leaves Rhodes, some will find that they will be aided by quotas and some will find frustration as the battle-cry of the oppressed hinders their search for a job. Quota-think is here. I don't think our soldiers thought about it much when they were fighting in the Persian Gulf, but our military analysts and our policy-makers are certainly thinking a great deal about it now.

Reverse Discrimination

by Louis Christian

Editors note: Mr. Christian is an ARA employee who added that, for health reasons, will be leaving Rhodes soon.

Back thirty years ago, when I was a boy, I thought like most Blacks that things would get better as more Blacks become a part of Local and State Government. Growing up in the Douglass community, I can remember Black and White water fountains. I can remember having to ride the back of the bus; and having to go to the side window when buying a hot dog or hamburger. There was a nation-wide segregation then; if a Black-man even looked at a White-woman you was dead. Blacks was the last hired and the first fired; Blacks couldn't vote and they had to be in the house at a certain time at night on Saturdays and Sundays. My uncle, who lived at Shaw, Mississippi, said that you had to tip your hat to White-people, when meeting them on the same side of the street.

As a teen-ager I picked cotton for people that said that they didn't like Black-people; but they liked me because I was a real friendly person and was a hard worker. I use to pick six and seven hundred pounds of cotton every day that the sun would shine. I could almost pick a bale of cotton in a day. I pray that the younger-Blacks don't think that all Whites mean them ill-will. I came up very poor and I had a many hungry days as a kid; being born with a nerve condition my Grandmother was not able to get me treatment.

White people brought me the first tricycle and bicycle that I ever owned as a youth. My grandmother and I have had White-people to bring us groceries on the week-ends. I can remember them doing this when I was a kid. There are good and bad people in every race. It's wrong to grow up hating any race of people. Many Whites are taught that they are superior to Blacks from birth and many Blacks are taught to hate all Whites from birth. Hate will destroy anybody. Eventhough you was called Uncle and Annie and Boy and Girl White-people respected your age; this was very true while working for them.

When we look at the Black on Black crime, blacks oppressing each other in the workplace it makes you wonder whether we love each other. Unlike thirty years ago, we have blacks in

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HOUSING AGREEMENT PROPOSED (PART 1 of 3)

Over the past few years, inquiries and concerns about certain housing policies have noticably increased. In response to the numerous questions and requests for clarification, a Housing Agreement has been drafted. The staff of ***The Sou'wester*** *has generously agreed to print this draft in installments so that the student body may be informed and respond with recommendations.*

It should be noted that the proposed Housing Agreement does not contain any ***new*** *housing policies. Rather, the purpose of designing such an agreement is to provide students with a document that organizes the housing procedures and policies that have always been part of campus life.*

It is our hope that students will take time to ask questions and suggest changes in the proposed Agreement. Both the Residence Life Advisory Committee and the Resident Advisor Staff have already critiqued the Agreement draft. In addition, I will attend an upcoming Student Assembly meeting to solicit student opinion. Additional student suggestions are encouraged and can be voiced to an R.A. or directly to the Dean of Student Affairs Office. It is our hope to make all necessary changes before the end of the semester and inform students of the final version prior to final exams. After the Agreement is revised, students will then be mailed individual copies for signature.

We hope that a Housing Agreement clarifies the housing policies including deposits, vacation closings, refunds, cancellations, responsibilities, keys, damages, etc. In sum, we are trying to solicit your opinion so that communication on such matters is more clear. Thank you.

Dean of Student Affairs Office

RHODES COLLEGE HOUSING AGREEMENT
(Room and Board)

Name of Student (please print)

Social Security Number

ASSIGNMENT: (Hall)

(Room Number)

This Agreement is between the above-named student (the "Student"), and, if the Student is a minor, his or her parent or guardian, and Rhodes College (the "College"). The term of this Agreement will be for either the regular academic year or for the summer term, as indicated on this Agreement. This Agreement will entitle the Student to the use of assigned on-campus or College-leased housing ("College housing") only in such manner as set forth herein and in accordance with the regulations of the College. This Agreement does **not** constitute a commitment of admission to or continuance at the College.

Students and their parents or guardians are urged to read carefully the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

By signing below I agree that (1) I accept the housing assignment from the Dean of Student Affairs Office and (2) I have read and agree to abide by the terms of this Housing Agreement.

Full legal signature of Student

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date

Full legal signature of parent/guardian if Student is under 18 years of age

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date

Full legal signature of Associate of Student Affairs

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date

TERM OF AGREEMENT

(check one)

_____ Academic Year

_____ Summer Term from_____to_____

I. ELIGIBILITY

Residents of College housing must be students who have been admitted to the College and who are currently enrolled and registered for classes at the College. Only full time students registered for ten hours or more per semester may reside in College housing.

II. PERIOD OF AGREEMENT AND OCCUPANCY

A. Term of Agreement.

(1) Academic Year. All non-summer College housing assignments are made for the ENTIRE ACADEMIC YEAR, or remaining portion thereof. The "academic year" is defined as the Fall and the immediately following Spring semesters. The Student, if enrolling in the College for the fall semester, agrees to reside in College housing FOR BOTH THE FALL AND THE SPRING SEMESTER and is financially responsible for the room charge for both semesters. Permission to move off-campus before the end of the Academic Year will not be granted to any student living in College housing, except as described in Section V.A. of this Agreement.

The academic year, with reference to College housing, begins on the day on which residence halls open at the beginning of the fall term (determined by the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs) and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the day following the last final examination of the spring semester.

(2) Summer Housing. Any summer housing assignment will be in effect for the time period specified in the Agreement. All parts of this Agreement applicable during the academic year will also apply during the summer occupancy period. DUE TO SUMMER CONFERENCES OR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE WORK, HOWEVER, STUDENTS RESIDING IN COLLEGE HOUSING DURING THE SUMMER TERM MAY BE SUBJECT TO RELOCATION.

B. College Vacation Periods and Official Recesses. During college vacation periods and official recesses, including Thanksgiving, Winter Break (Christmas), and Spring Break, all College housing will be closed, with the exception of residences designated as townhouses. All students must temporarily vacate their assigned College housing during these vacation periods and may not return until the official published College opening date following that vacation period. Occasionally, the College may designate one residence hall for women and one residence hall for men to remain open during an official vacation period. In that event, students who wish to remain on-campus must make their own arrangements to stay temporarily in the rooms of acquaintances residing in the halls designated to be open. Any student who stays on campus in an officially designated residence hall during any vacation period must sign in with the Security Office. Normal operating services are **not** available during such vacation periods.

C. End of Term Closing. Students must remove all of their personal belongings from College housing 24 hours after the last regularly scheduled College exam of the academic year (the "Official Closing"). Only graduating seniors and students associated with an official college function (and approved by the Associate Dean of Student Affairs) have permission to remain past the official closing until 12:00 noon of the day after graduation. Failure to abide strictly by these time limitations may result in a financial penalty or other disciplinary action.

When extenuating circumstances are present, the College may permit a student to remain in College housing beyond the deadline applicable to that student, but the student must agree to be relocated if necessary (along with all personal possessions) and will be assessed a $20.00 per night fee. Permission to remain after the end of the academic year due to extenuating circumstances must be requested two weeks before the official closing of the residence halls (24 hours after the last exam). This two week notice period is not waived even if the Student's roommate has permission to remain in College housing after the end of the Academic Year.

III. PAYMENT TERMS

Deposit. All students must pay $200 room deposit by February 1 to become eligible for the College housing lottery selection process for the following academic year. The $200 deposit is credited toward the Student's room fee and is refundable if the Student withdraws his or her application for College housing before May 1. Students who withdraw their application for College housing for the coming academic year after May 1 do not receive a deposit refund.

Based upon the availability of rooms, the College may, but is not required to assign a room in College housing to a student who did not meet the February 1 deposit deadline. Any such student must pay the $200 deposit within one week after notification by the Dean of Student Affairs Office of his or her tentative College housing assignment. Students who fail to return this Agreement with the $200 deposit within one week of such assignment will forfeit the space.

B. Room and Board Charges. All room and board charges for College housing must be pre-paid during the stated registration period at the beginning of the academic year. All residential students must take the full room and board package. There are no alternative meal plans available to students living in College housing.

C. Refunds.

(1) Prepaid Room Fees. Room fees for the academic year are not refundable unless the Student **a)** withdraws because of protracted illness, **b)** participates in a College-sanctioned, off-campus, academic program, or **c)** graduates. All requests for withdrawal from College housing for one of the above-stated reasons must be sent to the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs and approved by the Dean of Administrative Services. The date of this approval is considered the official date of withdrawal and any refund will be pro rated in relation to that date.

If the Student withdraws from College housing during the academic year and does not meet the conditions stated in the preceding paragraph, he or she is responsible for the entire room charge for College housing for the academic year. In such a case THERE WILL BE NO REFUND ON ROOM CHARGES.

(2) Board Fees. Board fees are refundable on a pro rata basis in the event of withdrawal from College housing for any reason.

Where can one experience
"God, Supernatural Kinds, and the Incarnation?

by Susan Ewart

At the Society of Christian Philosopher's Eastern Regional Meeting, lectures will cover topics from "Evil and Providence—Three Theories" given by Professor William Hasker of Huntington College to "The disconsolation of Theology: Ethics, Irony, and Putting Charity First" presented by Professor Tim Jackson of Stanford University. Professors from Baylor University, Vanderbilt University, Louisiana State University, University of Miami, York College, Yale University, and, of course, Rhodes College will be present. Students are also presenting Topical Sessions from University of Notre Dame, University of Arkansas, and Berry College. Although the comprehensive conference fee is $65, for Rhodes students and faculty it is free. MSU, Christian Brothers, Lemoyne Owen, Shelby State, and State Tech have all been invited to attend. The lectures and sessions provide plenty of interesting topics including "Could Abstract Objects Depend Upon God?," "Religion and Morality," and "Is Obedience Virtuous?" The First Plenary Session begins this Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Orgill Room and the sessions end on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in FJ A, B, and C. For more information about times and places contact Prof. Larry Lacey. The Society of Christian Philosophers "seeks to promote fellowship among Christian philosophers and to stimulate study and discussion of issues which arise from their joint Christian and philosophical commitments" and membership is open to anyone who considers himself or herself a philosopher and Christian.

Reverse Discrimination

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Government at local, State and National Levels and things haven't gotten any better for Blacks. Some believe a Black Mayor or a Black President will solve the problems facing Blacks. I believe like the Dr. Billy Graham that the problem is a spiritual problem; there is the lack of love among Black-people. There is a lot of greed, hate and jealousy, you can see this in the race for Mayor. We as Black-people have a serious problem, until we learn to love and respect each other we can't say anything about White-people. It's good to want to know about your Roots; but you must remember that most of those African Kingdoms both past and present was built up off of the blood of innocent people. Most of us would not be alive if we had not come to America. Who can question the wisdom of God? I believe that it was God's will for us to be here in America. There will always be problems among the races as long as there is a World; but what about the hate between Blacks and Blacks? A lot of our Black-leaders have been rocked to sleep by prosperity and when they wake up they have forgotten the dream of Dr. King. We have come a long way as Black people but still have a long way to go.

Planning For The Future: A Course Of Action From The Career Services Office

by Sandi George

Recruiting Trends (1990) reports that hiring for 1990-1991 is expected to be down by 9.8% when compared to figures for 1989-1990. With more than one million college graduates entering the job market this year, the competition for new jobs is likely to intensify. Many Rhodes seniors are now finalizing plans for post-graduation. For those students still contemplating future plans, the Office of Career Services suggests the following course of action:

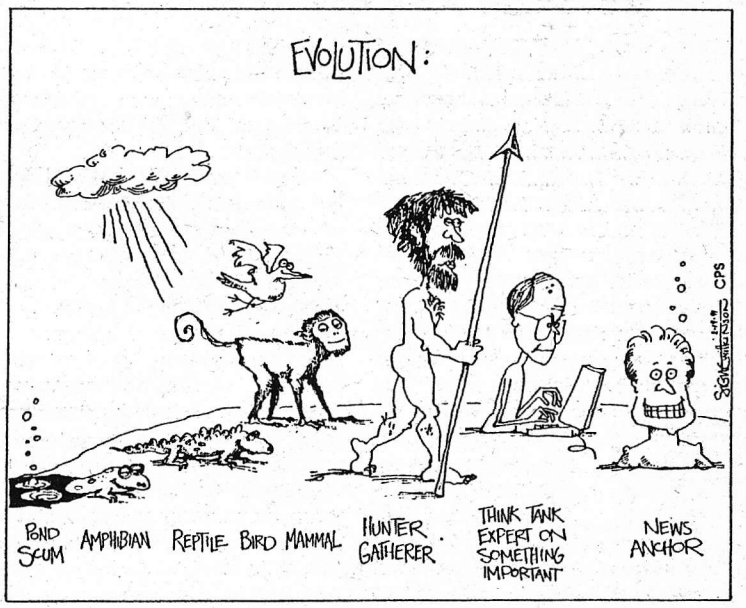
- Begin by evaluating personal and professional goals, values, and skills.
- Research targeted career fields.
- Meet with a Career Services staff member to discuss career strategies.
- Identify a network of professionals, family members, and friends to assist in the process.
- Write targeted resumes and cover letters emphasizing responsibilities and accomplishments.
- Utilize the resources available at Career Services including: job vacancy postings, employment directories, and on-campus interview opportunities.

USA Today (March 18, 1991) reported that the average job search lasts 6.9 months. Competition for top graduate programs is also escalating. Students should evaluate career options early and develop a detailed plan to achieve career goals.

Rising sophomores, juniors and seniors are urged to begin the job search process early. An internship during the junior year could provide valuable information about career fit while enabling the student to gain necessary skills and experience. During the senior year, the student should focus attention on one or several career choices. Informational interviews and relevant summer jobs can also provide the student with a competitive edge in the job search process.

The Office of Career Services provides many workshops to help prepare students for the job search process. This past year, workshops were offered on the topics of resume writing, interviewing skills, job search strategies, choosing a major, finding a summer job, careers in the foreign service, careers in service and non-profit, dinner etiquette, and marketing leadership skills. The staff also provides individual consultation appointments and information on local, national, and international career opportunities.

Career Services is located at 301 Briggs and is open weekdays from 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-5:00.



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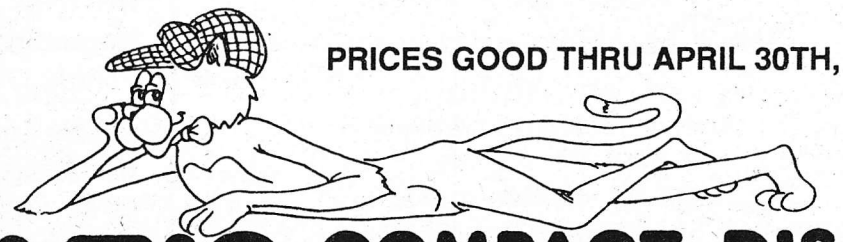

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Dicking Around

by Jason Vest

Spring break, that much-deserved interruption of classes which is a time to sleep and an excuse to vegetate, does have the benefit of putting time on one's hands. I took the opportunity, in my slovenliness, to screen a few films. Though I urge you to see *Die Hard 2* at all costs and perhaps rent *Darkman* if you want to see an interesting amalgamation of *Batman, Robocop,* and *Phantom of the Opera,* this week the kudos go to something I've wanted to view since last August and the first day I set foot on this campus. I didn't make it then, but the six month wait was worth every second. As I popped the videocassette into the VCR, I eagerly anticipated what has turned out to be a masterpiece: Jack Nicholson's long-awaited *The Two Jakes.*

This sequel to the equally masterful *Chinatown* was sixteen years in the making and the interim was obviously put to good use. In the original, Nicholson starred as Jake Gittes, a private eye who becomes involved in a complex web of deceit, murder, and sex with Faye Dunaway and John Huston. Written by Robert Towne with an evocative score by Jerry Goldsmith and direction from Roman Polanski, *Chinatown* is a special detective film, creating a sensual and confusing mystique all its own. Everyone realized immediately that a sequel would be hard-pressed to equal it and, true to form, everyone assumed that it wouldn't be. *The Two Jakes* effectively bashes that old film critic's maxim that the sequel is always inferior to the original and how fortunate for us that it does.

Jakes is set in 1948. World War II has come and gone, real estate is still the big business, and everyone has grown a little older. Gittes is still investigating instances of adultery for either the wife or the husband of an unhappy marriage. "I suppose you could say infidelity made me what I am today," are his first words, which characterize Gittes' approach to his trade. The other Jake is a client of Gittes who, as the picture opens, is rehearsing what he will say to his wife when he walks in on her in bed with another man. Gittes has set this up, but things go awry when the moment of truth comes. The client, nicely played by Harvey Keitel, shoots and kills the other man when he discovers it to be his business partner. This leads to another web of deceit, murder, sex, and scandal far too complex to describe or precisely remember.

I can tell you that it all ties into Gittes' past and the events of *Chinatown,* which provides the magic for the narrative as we further explore Gittes' character. Tightly scripted by Robert Towne and excellently directed by Nicholson himself, the real treat of the film is Jack's performance. Gittes has always been my favorite Nicholson role. Though he was brilliant as R. P. McMurphy in Ken Kesey's *One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest* and an absolute delight as the Joker in *Batman,* Gittes is Nicholson's best role because it's also his most human. This honorable private detective is a down-to-earth, slightly sardonic man and the closest to Nicholson's personality. Jack infuses his special brand of humanity and wryness into Jake just as he did in *Chinatown. The Two Jakes* is a different film from its predecessor, with a different but altogether engrossing mystique of its own. The supporting performances, especially Meg Tilly's, are marvelous and the camerawork decidedly romantic. Topped with Nicholson's portrayal, *Jakes* is a must-see.

Peter Travers nominated this as one of the ten worst films of 1990. Mr. Travers is entitled to his own opinion, though I submit he is exactly wrong. If I placed much value on such a rating system, I'd vote it one of the ten best. As it is, *The Two Jakes* is a viewing delight. However, don't take my word for anything. See it for yourself.

One word of caution: it will be impossible to fully understand *Jakes* without having seen *Chinatown.* If you skip down to the media center and pick this up, then run to Blockbuster and spend three dollars on *The Two Jakes,* you're in for an enjoyable evening of murder, mystery, and—best of all—Jack.

Beale Street Blues Society Is Born

MEMPHIS, TN — Beale Street has long been known as "the home of the blues," and the newly organized **"Beale Street Blues Society"** plans to make sure that the music continues to grow and prosper. "The Society is going to provide a new focus and energy center for blues music and the Mid-Southerners who love it", says society spokesperson Paul Averwater.

The Beale Street Blues Society joins the ranks of 70 blues societies operating internationally, all dedicated to the preservation and promotion of blues music and blues performers. Membership is open to everyone interested in or involved with blues music.

The society has a number of upcoming projects in the works including: a blues amateur talent contest and jam, blues cruises, promoting local and out of town blues acts, hosting benefits for blues musicians, promoting blues radio programming, publishing a local blues newsletter, and coordinating blues music education in area schools. These projects and others will be scheduled in an effort to perpetuate blues music and educate the public of the colorful heritage of the blues. The Beale Street Blues Society also plans to actively participate in blues events throughout the Mississippi Delta.

For information on the Beale Street Blues Society and its programs, call (901) 458-7151.

Blues Society Sponsors Weekly Talent Contest and Music Jam

In a continuing effort to preserve and promote blues music and blues performers, the Beale Street Blues Society is hosting the 1991 Blues Amateur Talent Contest and Jam. The jam and amateur competition takes place each Saturday and will continue throughout the spring at Blues Hall which is located at 174 Beale Street. The local winner will be selected at a final competition this summer, and will represent the Beale Street Blues Society at the National Blues Amateur Contest this fall as part of the Blues Foundation's Blues Week festivities. A valuable prize package will be awarded to the winning amateur blues act. Professional musicians are invited to participate in the blues jam which run from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. each week.

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Alternative Review: Material Issue: "International Pop Overthrow"

by Chris Pollette
Arts Editor

"International Pop Overthrow" is the new album from Material Issue, a new band with an old sound. Material Issue has the "garage band" sound so common to high school and college bands. The album is typical of a college record; it uses fast music, semi-poignant lyrics and a penchant for pain to make its point. Of course, these things are also what makes the album popular with its listeners. Material Issue has created an album using the classic song themes as well. Love is one of the most popular on the album: "Valerie Loves Me", the first single from the album, is about a guy who likes a girl, and she likes him back. This is fine, until, by the end of the song, the guy has decided that she is not good enough for him. Ah, life is hard, is it not?

Material Issue has a lot of potential, and their first album shows it. However, the band has to grow up some. The songs all begin to sound the same after the second or third time listening to the album. "International Pop Overthrow" is a good album, but the monotony and sameness of the music will have to change before Material Issue becomes a household name. The average time span of the songs is a little over three minutes; for a pop overthrow, the music seems to be more standard to the three-minute radio single than not. "Valerie Loves Me", "Renee Remains the Same" and "This Far Before" are highlights on this album, and there are no really bad songs. Still, once the listener has listened to this new album a couple of times, he or she will probably find it boring. One can listen to this record to determine how great Material Issue will be, once they mature as a band, but "International Pop Overthrow" is not going to have been their best work. As far as a rating goes, Material Issue rates much higher than "International Pop Overthrow". Better luck next time.

APRIL

Campus Paperback Bestsellers

1. **The Silence of the Lambs,** by Thomas Harris. (St. Martin's Press, $5.95.) FBI trainee stalks killer with help of evil genius.
2. **From Beirut to Jerusalem,** by Thomas L. Friedman. (Anchor, $12.95.) Account of the Arab-Israeli strife.
3. **Dances with Wolves,** by Michael Blake. (Fawcett, $4.95.) Civil War veteran joins the Sioux way of life.
4. **Saddam Hussein and the Crisis in the Gulf,** by Judith Miller and Laurie Mylroie. (Times Books, $5.95.) Hussein's invasion of Kuwait.
5. **All I Need to Know I Learned From my Cat,** by Suzy Becker. (Workman, $5.95.) Advice from a discerning cat.
6. **Desert Shield Fact Book,** by the staff of GDW. (Game Designer Workshop, $10.) Maps and facts pertaining to the war in the Gulf.
7. **Devices and Desires,** by P.D. James. (Warner, $5.95.) Inspector Dalgliesh is confronted by a series of killings on the Norfolk coast.
8. **Wiener Dog Art,** by Gary Larson. (Andrews & McMeel, $7.95.) More *Far Side* cartoons.
9. **All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten,** by Robert Fulghum. (Ivy, $5.95.) Uncommon thoughts on common things.
10. **Weapons of Desert Storm,** by Walter J. Boyne. (Publications Intl., $7.95.) Information about conventional and biological warfare.

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New & Recommended

A personal selection of: David Taylor, Indiana Univ. Bookstore, Bloomington, IN

Yaz, by Carl Yastrzemski and Gerald Eskenazi. (Warner, $4.95.) The story of the son of a Long Island potato farmer who gave his best to baseball – and bowed out as one of the true heroes of the game.

Skinny Legs and All, by Tom Robbins. (Bantam, $5.95.) Comic and controversial novel dealing with today's most sensitive issues as seen through the violently scratched lens of the Middle East.

Animal Liberation, by Peter Singer. (Avon, $9.95.) Offers sound, humane solutions to what has become a profound environmental, social and moral issue.

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★★ *Audition Notice* ★★

Germantown Community Theatre and Director Andy Saunders will hold OPEN AUDITIONS for A SHOT IN THE DARK, a comedy adapted by Harry Kurnitz from the play "L'IDIOTE" by Marcel Achard, on Saturday, April 6, at 2:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 7, at 2:00 p.m. Needed are three women (ages 20's to 30's) and five men (ages 30's to 50's).

Production dates for A SHOT IN THE DARK are June 7 thru June 23, 1991.

For further information, please call the theatre Box Office at 754-2680.

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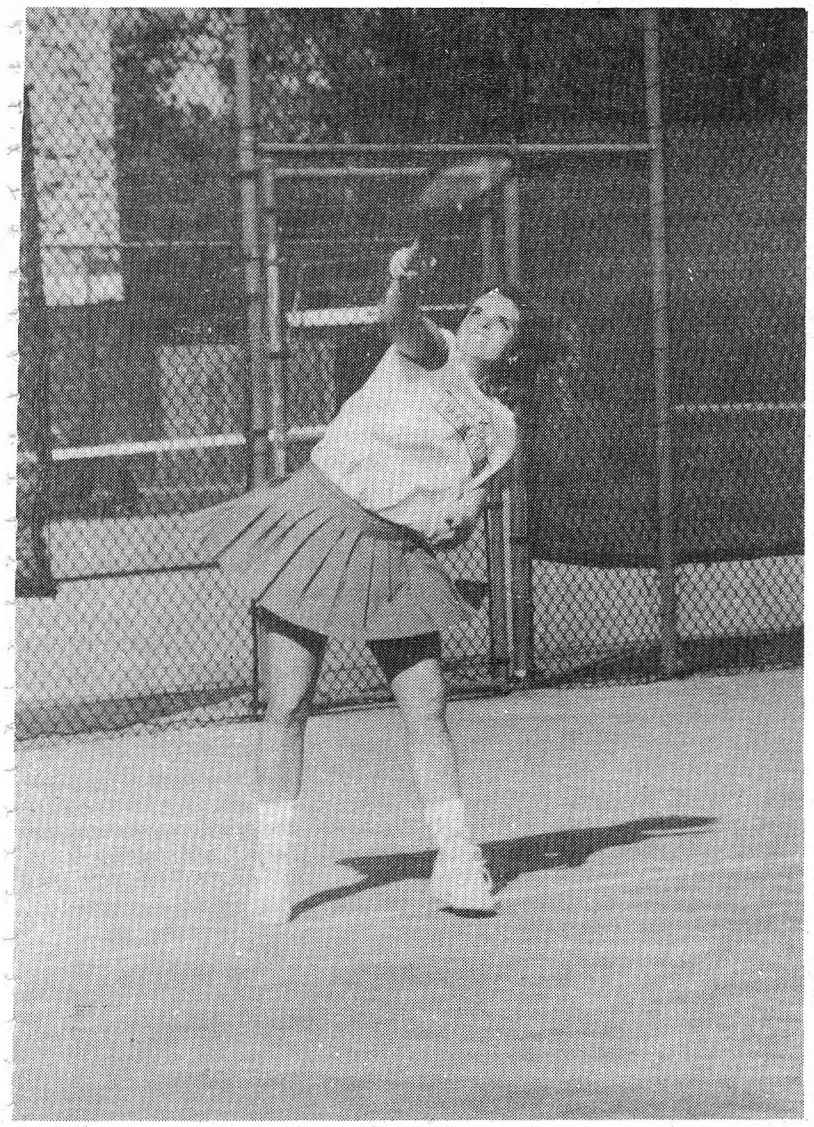
The Rocky Horror Picture Show will be shown in the Amphitheatre beginning at midnight on Friday, April 5, 1991.

The movie is being sponsored by the RA's who will also provide birdseed.

In case of rain Rocky Horror will be shown on Saturday, April 6.



Tennis team member Maureen McCabe on the courts.

Women's Tennis On The Road

by Ashley Mickle

The Rhodes College Women's Tennis Team opened the spring season March 14 strongly, posting a 9-0 win over Rust College. The team travelled the following weekend to Jackson, Tennessee and scored further wins over Union and Lambuth. After returning home, the Lynx continued their winning ways by defeating Fish and local rival CBU.

The weekend of March 21-23 saw yet another road trip for the Lynx. The team travelled to Jackson, Mississippi to compete in a Quad meet with Millsaps, Mississippi College, and Principia. Rhodes left Millsaps 3-0 for the weekend, extending their winning record to 9-0. The only defeat for the Rhodes women has been to the Mississippi University for Women, who pulled out a win over the Lynx March 26 with a 5-4 score.

The Lynx lineup, headed by senior Maureen McCabe, consists of Brooks Treadwell, Cheri Grosvenor, Aiveen Killian, Jackie Hamra, Elizabeth Hickman, Ashley Mickle, Kathy Ray, Andrea Mosely, and Sarah Cohan.

This weekend, the team will travel to Sewanee for matches against Sewanee and Emory. Their last home match is scheduled for April 16 against Union University.

Weekend Sports Events

Where To Find The Lynx This Weekend

Thursday —BASEBALL (Rhodes vs. MSU 7:00 MSU South Campus)

Friday — TENNIS (Men's Tennis vs. Millsaps Quad, Away)
(Women's Tennis vs. Sewanee Tri., Away)

Saturday — TRACK & FIELD (9:00 Emory Track & Field Invitational, Away)
GREEK GAMES (12:30 Back Forty)
TENNIS (Men's Tennis vs. Millsaps Quad., Away)
(Women's Tennis vs. Sewanee Tri., Away)
BASEBALL (Rhodes Baseball vs. Millsaps, Away)

Sunday — BASEBALL (1:00 Rhodes Baseball vs. Millsaps, Away)
TENNIS CLINIC (1:00-2:00 Students / 2:00-3:00 Faculty Staff)

Three States Take On The NCAA

(CPS) — State politicians joined the college sports reform movement in recent weeks.

Legislators in at least three states introduced bills that would excuse local campuses from following some NCAA rules.

Supporters of bills in Nebraska, Nevada and Colorado say certain NCAA rules abuse college athletes and coaches.

"They really don't do their jobs very well," Nevada Sen. John Vergiels said of NCAA officials.

Most recently, on March 1, Nebraska Gov. Ben Nelson signed a law that would let Nebraska colleges give athletes more aid than just sports scholarships.

The NCAA limits how much aid students can get from other grants if they accept athletic scholarships.

The new law could leave Nebraska schools that violate the NCAA aid rule shut out of NCAA telecasts, revenues and even games with other NCAA-member schools.

When he signed the bill into law, Nelson expressed "fervent hope that this voluntary national organization will do the right thing and allow both needy and academically talented young Americans to draw all the student aid for which they qualify."

At the same time, Nevada's Senate is debating a bill that would require the NCAA to hold recorded hearings and rule quickly.

Many in the state were upset with the way the NCAA handled its investigations of the University of Nevada-Las Vegas' (UNLV) men's basketball Coach Jerry Tarkanian and his team.

Last year the NCAA's Committee on infractions barred Tarkanian's team from the 1991 Division I championship as a penalty for alleged recruiting violations going on since 1977.

After hearing new evidence in October, the committee postponed the punishment, barring the team from the 1992 championships.

"If Jerry Tarkanian broke the rules he ought to be penalized like anyone else," said Nevada's Sen. Vergiels, who introduced the bill.

"But the NCAA denies any sort of due process," he continued.

"Due process," of course, would force the NCAA to make public any evidence of wrongdoing it might have, and to let the accused have a chance to defend themselves with evidence of their own.

Vergiels is especially upset that NCAA investigators are not required to record their conversations with coaches and players.

"They do a terrible, immoral thing by refusing to have a record," he said.

Last year Illinois lawmakers also proposed, but did not pass, a bill that would have forced the NCAA to use courtroom-style rules of evidence when investigating recruiting violations at the state's colleges. In February, the Colorado Senate killed and then revived a bill to pay stipends to student athletes at state universities. Currently the NCAA allows schools to pay only for athletes' tuition, room and board. Athletes are not allowed to hold part-time jobs during the school year. Objectors to the bills in each of the states note the NCAA could respond by placing sanctions on schools that comply with the state laws. Schools can lose their NCAA eligibility if they play against schools that don't follow the organization's rules, warned NCAA spokesman Jim Marchiony.

"What people and legislators don't understand is how much due process there is in enforcement of the regulations," Marchiony said.

"The rules are written by the (member) schools themselves, and can be changed by the schools," he explained.

Marchiony said state reform laws would either force NCAA members to change association rules or spark a series of punishments of member schools that comply with their state laws.

Nevada's Vergiels said there is no question that the NCAA must comply with state law.

"A state legislature has a responsibility to protect its citizens, and just because they're members of the NCAA doesn't mean they're not subject to state laws," he said.

Taking On The NCAA: Three state legislatures, including Nevada's are considering bills that would excuse local campuses from following some NCAA rules. Many Nevadans were upset with the way the powerful association handled its investigations of Jerry Tarkanian, basketball coach at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas.

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Protesters block entrance to Clough Hall

Campus Groups Protest Condom Ruling

by Dinesh D'Souza

After the Student Assembly voted to place condom machines in all dormitory bathrooms beginning next semester, the Campus Green representatives were infuriated. The few representatives present stormed out of the meeting and promised that there would be a protest.

Campus Green president Belinda Woodiel claimed that the Student Assembly had a lack of respect for the environment and failed to consider the ill effects which this policy would have on the Rhodes campus.

"We just feel that we cannot support any enlargement of the Assembly's power in this matter, and that we must protect the campus from any premature or hasty actions which might have dire consequences for the environment," said Woodiel.

While Campus Green stated that they did support any attempt to lower the population of the planet, they could not stand by and let thousands of condoms be added to the already shrinking landfill space.

"We gotta use them, but they just won't biodegrade," said another Campus Green member.

Presently, a recycling plan is being negotiated whereby used condoms may be deposited in many conveniently located receptacles around campus. The Student Assembly applauds the action of the Campus Green organization.

Assembly President Annie B. Williams stated that the Assembly wanted to clear up any misconceptions which might be associated with this policy and that all students are welcome at Assembly meetings.

"In fact," she said, "though the plan was formed under a veil of secrecy, the machines really fit in well with the added theme of protection at the school. We're trying to promote the confidence and security that changing conditions require. Condom machines are really just an extension of the fence."

Plans call for machines to be placed in all dorm bathrooms, and they will be checked weekly by a representative from Trojans, Inc. High use areas, such as the Robb-White-Ellett complex and Voorhies, will be refilled more frequently. Third floor Williford has opted not to use the machines since men are only allowed there between 4 and 4:45 p.m.

A training session will be held to instruct students in proper prophylactic usage by the Student Health Committee (aptly called SHAC) on April 8th in Nurse Gill's office. A sock will be used for demonstration.

Congratulations!

The following hard-working members of the Rhodes community have shown unwavering dedication to the preservation of their positions.

Professor **Steve Gadbois** was published recently in the March issue of *The American Journal of Probability and Applied Minutia*. His article, *"A Train Leaves New York Heading for Los Angeles: A New Twist to and Old Problem,"* has received rave reviews in the higher mathematics community and one of our own has been asked to comment on Dr. Gadbois' findings in a future issue of *AJPAM*. Shoney's Fellow and Department Chair G. Kenneth Williams has called the work "astoundingly and brilliantly obfuscating." In a related story, Assistant to the Cashier **Anita Butler**, will be the honoree of the new Math Building, Butler Hall, to be erected next February. Mrs. Butler's undying fervor for Accounting and Capitalistic Studies as well as her donation of the complete 7.4 million dollar construction fee led the Development Office to announce the honor yesterday morrning. Mrs. Butler's amazing wealth was unknown to most and, when asked how she made her fortune, she told *The Rhode'ster*, "I . . .uh . . . found it . . . not in the office or anywhere like that, no. Just . . . found it."

Kudos go to Professor **Terry Hill** who has recently published a book. **Don't Eat The Cheese** is the result of many long years of microbial research for Dr. Hill. In the book, he discusses microbiological evidence for a new theory of the chemical nature of the fermintation of cheese and offers insight as to which wines go best with said cheeses. He will be autographing copies in the bookstore next Wednesday.

Officer **Ed Ireland** was honored last week by the Memphis Association of Non-Gunned Law Enforcement (MANGLE) for his outstanding service at Rhodes. He was named this year's Grand Head Basher for espousing the very spirit of Campus Safety. Officer Ireland, also, will be giving autographs in the bookstore on Wednesday.

Professor **Jennifer Brady** gave a lecture at Princeton two weeks ago from her paper *Phillips, Behn and Bunyan: A Restoration "2 Live Crew."* Dr. Brady's ground-breaking work on the subtle similarities between rap and Restoration Literature have made her a very much in-demand lecturer across the nation. She has written essayus that have appeared in *The Journal of Pretty Old Literature, Modern Milton Monthly*, and the album notes to NWA's *Straight Outta Compton*.

Diehl Statue Removed: Rhodes Legends' Rep Questioned

by Arthur Schlesinger

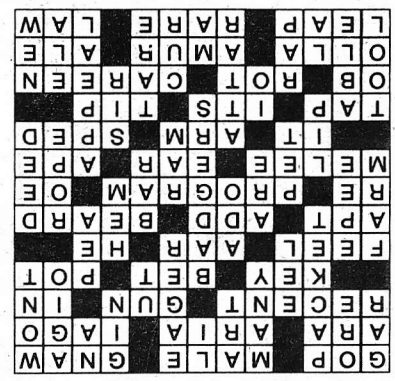
The Board of Trustees Special Committee for Collegiate Integrity and Regular Appearances on Naegele's Billboards ordered this morning that the larger-than-life statue of Rhodes hero Charles E. Diehl be removed and melted down into a satellite dish. The Committee released the following statement at a press conference just before lunch:

"A special sub-committee Task-force For The Early Detection and Prevention of General Naughtiness discovered that Dr. Diehl did not publish scholarly research steadily enough during his life to be honored with a statue at a school of such magnanimous magnitude. Documented evidence reveals he spent far too much time teaching, listening to and talking with his students and grading papers and examinations. This time so carelessly frittered away could have been more productively spent writing for journals with very long titles. His statue must go . . . effective right now."

Student and faculty outcries were soon hushed by rumors of a possible full-time naughtiness committee that would seek out other non-publishing "sluggards."

Plans for the dish were well-received, though. Especially happy is the English department who will, subsequently, be able to get HBO in the new non-lounge. President Daughdrill, always keeping the college's tight budget in mind, announced that most cost-effective route would be simply to replace the head of the statue with a likeness of the current president. Most faculty applauded the decision and special administrative assistants took down the names of those who didn't.

The Committee also revealed plans to investigate the college's "hasty" name-change. "I don't stumble across ol' Peyton Rhodes name in Waldenbooks that frequently either," one member said. When asked if anyone had published enough material to merit a statue or the college name, the same member replied, "I don't know . . . didn't Jim write a book?



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