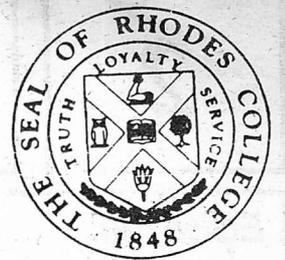


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Rains continue to drench the Rhodes campus.

## U.S. Education Department OKs Minority Scholarships, But Students File Suit

(CPS) — Amid congressional hearings and a student lawsuit that claimed schools discriminate against white people, the U.S. Department of Education came full circle in its view of minority scholarships March 20.

Now it is OK again for campuses to have special scholarships set aside for minority students.

In one of his first acts as U.S. Secretary of Education, Lamar Alexander advised schools to ignore all changes made in the department's policy on race-exclusive scholarships before he took office on March 18.

But just a day after Alexander approved race-based scholarships, a group of students filed suit to force public campuses to stop offering them.

The controversy has been brewing since December, when a department official sent a memo noting that "minority-only" scholarships in effect discriminated against white people and could cost schools their federal funding.

Since then the Education Dept. — which oversees most federal college programs — has issued a series of clarifications.

The clarifications, however, have confused the issue of what the department considers discriminatory, many campus aid officials say.

At a March 20 press conference in Washington, D.C., Alexander promised to end the confusion, adding a committee will review the policy over the next six months.

"Colleges and universities should keep doing whatever they're doing,"

Alexander said. "Work with us to develop a policy. Then we'll have a policy, and we'll work with them to help them make any adjustments at that time."

Yet six months is too long for seven white students who sued the department March 21 to try to force it to bar tax-supported colleges from awarding minority scholarships.

The six students are from the Universities of California at Los Angeles, Iowa, Virginia, Texas and Southern California and Mercy and Macalester colleges.

Their lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court by the conservative Washington Legal Foundation on the students' behalf, said minority scholarships violate the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which bars awarding financial aid "based solely on the race of the recipient."

"I think this administration would like this issue to go away," the students' attorney, Richard Samp, told the Associated Press.

The students are upset that Alexander reversed the decision announced by Assistant Secretary of Education for Civil Rights Michael L. Williams on Dec. 4, 1990.

In a letter to Fiesta Bowl officials in Arizona, Williams warned that the "minority-only" scholarships offered by the two schools participating in the Fiesta Bowl violated the Civil Rights Act.

He said schools that awarded race-based scholarships could lose their federal funding.

A political outcry followed, as campus officials and civil rights groups worried the policy would hamper efforts to recruit more minorities to college.

On Dec. 18, Williams announced campuses were free to award scholarships on the basis of race if the money for the grants came from private gifts, not public tax funds.

Alexander negated Williams' Dec. 18 reinterpretation of the Civil Rights Act at his press conference, held the same day Williams testified before a House Government Operations subcommittee investigating the whole controversy.

At the hearing, Williams reacted angrily when Rep. Ted Weiss, D-N.Y. suggested Williams' aide, Richard Comer, had written the controversial Fiesta Bowl letter.

"I am the person responsible for that office," Williams said. "I am the person who signed the (letter). I can interpret the law."

Meanwhile, Alexander tried to calm the fears of those who say the department is trying to keep poor students, often minorities, from attending college by changing scholarship rules.

"When we get right down to it, even a casual look at this suggests that there are dozen of ways for university presidents to help disadvantaged Americans go to college," he said at his press conference.

"So there are plenty of ways that anybody with a warm heart and common sense can find to help disadvantaged Americans come to college."

## Rhodes Joins "Time To Read"

by Gayla Bassham

Rhodes College is one of the newest participants in a nationwide volunteer project, "Time to Read." "Time to Read" is a reading and discussion program for adults, designed to improve reading skills. It was launched by Time-Warner, Inc. (the company that publishes *Time* and *People*) in 1985. At first, the only discussion leaders were a handful of Time-Warner employee volunteers; now there are over two thousand leaders. The latest volunteers are Rhodes students.

Monica Allie, Debby Glenn, Hilary Wells, Julia Meiman, Lina Parikh, and Tracey Boney all attended an initial training session in October; there was also a follow-up session in February. Most of these students are now working with adults or teenagers in the Memphis community.

In addition, a program has been started on the Rhodes campus. Ten members of the staff have joined the group, which is led by Anisa Cottrell. One of the greatest benefits of the campus project is the increased interaction between some staff members and students.

Each member of a "Time to Read" group receives a one-year subscription to *Time* and one other Time-Warner publication of their choice, a dictionary, and a book bag. Sessions primarily emphasize discussion; learners read only a little in the group, but are encouraged to do outside reading. The results are outstanding: 95% of the participants said that their reading skills had improved due to "Time to Read."

However, "Time to Read" is not a literacy program; it is not for illiterate adults. All participants in the project are able to read on at least a fourth-grade level and often much higher. The program focuses on improving the reading skills of people who are already literate. The discussion format gives the members of a group a forum to express their opinions on world and national events.

The Memphis branch of "Time to Read" is sponsored by Memphis Cablevision and coordinated by VISTA worker Nardine Aquadro. Rhodes College volunteers work through the Kinney program.

## Ron Jewell Celebrates Fifteenth Season As Mark Twain With Performance At McCoy Theatre

Rhodes College's McCoy Theatre will play host to "Mark Twain at-Large" starring Memphian Ron Jewell on Saturday, April 27, 1991 at 8:00 p.m. With this public performance of his one-man show at the McCoy, Jewell celebrates the completion of fifteen consecutive years portraying America's greatest humorist. Jewell has performed Twain's classics more than a thousand times to audiences across the country. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for students and can be purchased through the McCoy Theatre Box Office at 726-3839.

Though Sam Clemens died more than 75 years ago, his works come to life as Ron Jewell draws from such

classics as "Life on the Mississippi," "Roughing It," "Huck Finn" and the ever-popular "Adventures of Tom Sawyer." Jewell's Twain, portrayed at around 70 years of age, welcomes the audience to his Stormfield, Conn. home to wait out a rain storm and reminisce a bit.

Ron Jewell returned home to Memphis seven years ago from New York City where he had worked in arts management and public relations. Since returning to Memphis, he has spent the past six years in marketing and public relations for the Memphis Symphony Orchestra. For additional information, call 726-3839.

## The Women's Theatre Project: The Life and Times of Lizzie Jones

by Susan Elise Ewart

Thursday night at 8:00 in Tuthill lights grew dim as the Women's Theatre Project production began with Lizzie Jones, age eight, standing before the audience telling her story. The production followed the life of Lizzie Jones, a fictional character created by the Project. After surveying people around Memphis and collecting early memories of gender depiction, the project incorporated these memories into their story. The actresses and actor that brought the story to life were Heather Spurlock, Stacy DeZutter, Lisa Dowda, Allison Wemmers, Trista Branick, Gretchen King, and Burt Godwin. The audience watched Lizzie grow into a teenager,

a college student, and a married woman. As Lizzie matured, the actors portraying her switched. Issues were brought to the surface concerning the treatment of boys and girls. Lizzie was told not to go down the slide because she had a dress on, not to speak loudly, and not to catch the ball in kickball because the boys wouldn't like her. The 30 minute play concluded with Elizabeth having a child of her own, leaving the audience to speculate how the second generation will teach their children. A discussion followed where audience members could question, comment, or criticize the performance in order to add more insight to "Life of Lizzie Jones" and what she represented.

## Editorial:

## Time To Bring Campus Safety Up To Date

by S. Stinson Liles, Editor

Rhodes finally seems to be considering taking student security seriously. Midtown has definitely undergone a change since the college moved here and the administration has been slow to adapt the campus to these developments. In the past two years, however, they appear to have been trying to make up for lost time. The guardhouse, hopefully, will curb the staggering number of car thefts on campus. The fence will cut down on the local pedestrian traffic. These have been the easy (read: cheap) changes, though. The gatehouse was a one-time expense. The fence, too, was a one-time expense and, I expect, will pay for itself in insurance savings in no time.

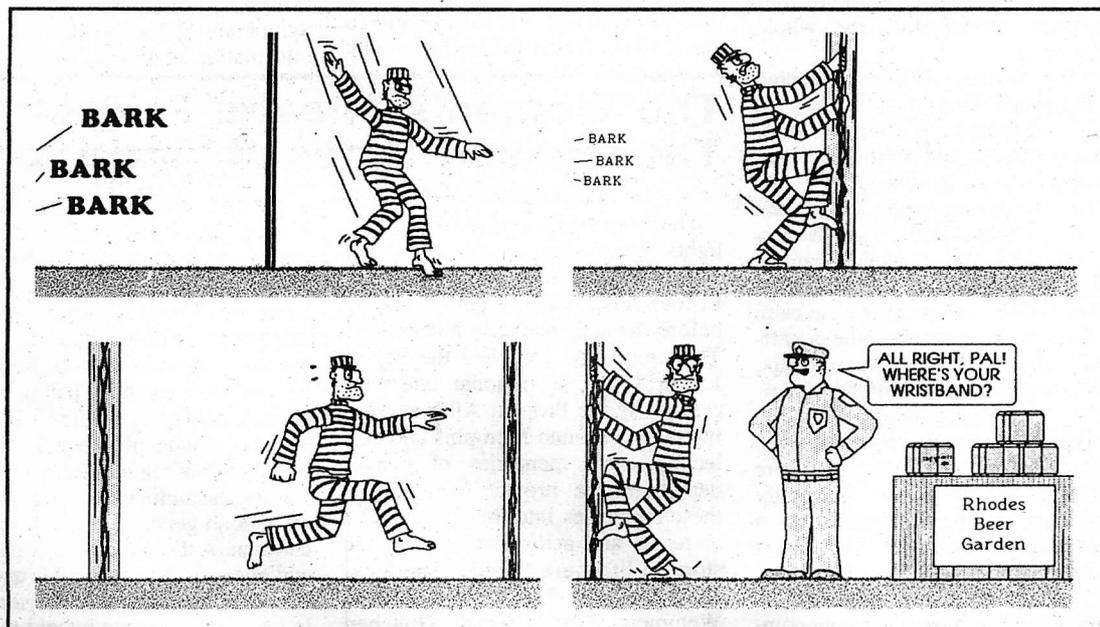
The commitment the college seems unwilling to make is the most obvious one: a much larger security staff. Granted, a few new officers seem to have joined us and the college has hired a dynamic new director. One can do only so much, though, with the minimal resources Campus Safety seems to have. We could hire General Douglass MacArthur as director and he'd still have a handful of guards and a retired mail jeep. FACES lists twelve guards. If they all work full time, that's three on duty at any given moment. After dark, the gatehouse requires an officer as does the hut. Does this leave only one officer to patrol the campus all night long? If I were an assailant, would I simply have to call in a phony access request across campus?

Traditionally, Rhodes has answered this problem with work study labor. Student dorm attendants, patrols and access workers have assisted the security force in protecting the campus. Anyone who has been on campus for any length of time is probably chuckling already at the idea. To the Administration, the program costs little (the government, I believe, pays a large percentage of work-study wages). To them, it looks good on paper. According to Security material, for example, these are a few of the duties of dorm attendants: —All persons without a Universal key are to be stopped and identified. —Each resident hall attendant will make periodic checks of all exit doors every fifteen (15) minutes to ensure that no doors are propped open. —Persons who cannot be identified as members of the Rhodes community may not enter a residence hall unless they know the names and numbers of the students they are visiting.

Strangers to dorm life are probably commending this policy, right now. Veterans of dorm life are probably having trouble breathing from excessive laughter. This is because, in reality, here are few (if any) door checks or questionings of visitors. Very frequently dorm attendants and access workers are television attendants and social room workers.

This severe bending of the rules was acceptable when midtown was Hein Park as far as the eye could see. The situation has become more serious now and it seems about time we started really treating it that way.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

The first time I had a problem with this new security gatehouse at the Snowden entrance, I thought little of it. The second time I had a problem with it, I thought, "Man, this is ridiculous." The third time it happened, I decided something needed to be done. So, I am letting the numerous readers of the *Sou'wester* know about the inefficiencies of this new system.

On Monday, April 1st, my father was giving me a ride back to the campus somewhere around 11 p.m. As we pulled into the driveway, we had a very brief encounter with the security guard on-duty. With the headlights shining, it would have been virtually impossible to get a clear look as to who was in the car. There is no form of Rhodes College or University Cabanas identification on my father's car. When the guard stepped out of the hut, he was looking at his clipboard. He took a one-second glance at the car and waved us on by. I don't think he even looked up to see the model-name on the back of the car. I'm sorry, but looking at the color and number of doors on a car does not seem like a thorough security check to me.

The gatehouse is supposed to be occupied by a security guard between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. On Friday, April 5th, I returned to the campus at about 4:15 or 4:30 in the morning with a car-load of people who were upset about the service we had just received at Perkins. I was trying to think of what to tell the guard at the hut, since I was driving the same unidentifiable car, without a student ID on me. This turned out not to be a problem. I proceeded onto the campus without being halted by a guard because there wasn't a guard around. In the middle of a Friday night, the security gate was deserted. Imagine that.

On Monday, April 8, once again my father was giving me a ride back to campus late in the evening. As we arrived at the gatehouse, a different guard on-duty stepped out to check the car. She peeked in the driver's side

window. I told her my father was taking me to my dorm, and she asked what my name was. I answered, and she said, "OK, I recognize that name. Go ahead." I easily could have been someone else who happened to have discovered the name of someone on campus. On the other hand, this was the most thorough check up-to-date.

Don't get me wrong. I applaud the efforts of Ralph Hatley and the jeep patrol. The security problems were getting out of hand. Something needed to be done, and progress has definitely been made. However, they should at least take the steps far enough to have an effective breakdown of infiltrators on the campus. If I'm not mistaken, Memphis State University has the students present their ID cards at the gate in order to get into a parking lot. This is a much more satisfactory method of doing security checks. It could cut down on a large percentage of would-be lawbreakers getting onto the campus. If Officer Hatley wants to shut down on campus instigations, he should shut it down for good.

Tim Olcott

To the Editor:

This past year, by no doubt, has been one of success and discontent with the alcohol policy. The sentiment of success is attributed to the administration and the Board of Trustees. The discontent has been among students and alumni.

To illustrate, I was talking to one particular alumni a couple of weeks

ago who felt that she was no longer welcome at this school and that the school had changed so much that she could not relate to it anymore. This alumni was so devoted to Rhodes College that she even graduated with the award of being in the Hall of Fame. Now, she feels that she can no longer be a part of an institution where she is no longer welcome, particularly when it comes to donating money. She even spoke of a recent reception held for Memphis alumni where she felt alienated and insulted by particular members of the administration, because she voiced such frustration. Is this familiar among alumni? I get the impression that it is. Will this be familiar with future alumni, namely current students? I get the impression that it will be.

The alcohol situation has gone beyond extreme, it is ridiculous. The alcohol policy is, supposedly, to protect us from losing federal aid. But, it protects us from having a sense of community, which conveys a sense of pride in the school. Fraternities, sororities, and individuals lose community when they are levied fines and probations. Such common events lead to frustration and resentment. Frustration and resentment that Rhodes cannot afford.

I am mainly addressing my points to President Daughdrill and the Board of Trustees. You are the decision-makers and the ones who determine such pride, frustration, and resentment.

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## The Sou'wester

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## Safety Notes!

by Ralph Hatley, Director of Campus Safety

### SPRING TIPS

There is an element of our society that will take advantage of us if we're not careful. As long as there are nights and days, there will also be "good guys" and "bad guys". Please consider, for your own safety, the following:

- **WHEN WALKING OR JOGGING AROUND CAMPUS:**
  - Don't walk alone, especially at night.
  - Use public walkways that are well lit
  - Look alert and be aware of your surroundings, notice possible threats to your safety.
  - Keep your purse tucked closely under your arm and don't overload yourself with bundles.
- **IF YOU ARE EVER FOLLOWED**
  - By someone on foot, cross the street, change direction, and vary your pace. If person persists, seek help ASAP.
  - By someone in a car, for

sometime, seek assistance from the nearest emergency or public location. Driving into a fire station or a very public area will help.

- **IF YOU ARE ROBBED**
  - If no one is near, hand over your valuables quickly and quietly.
  - If persons are nearby, you might consider screaming and running towards the people nearby. This may protect you.
  - As with any of the above incidents, report immediately to the campus safety officer and/or police.

### SUMMARY:

- **BE ALERT:** for suspicious characters, dangerous situations.
- **BE CAUTIOUS:** so you won't become a crime statistic.
- **BE SECURITY CONSCIOUS:** Watch out for others and their property.
- **BE RESPONSIBLE:** Report all crimes (actual, attempted or suspected) to your campus safety office.

**REMEMBER "SECURECORD" #3576.** Twenty-four hours each day. Leave your message or information on the "securecord" recorder.

**Very Important Notice to all Students Faculty/Staff for Rites of Spring Weekend, 4/19/91; 4/20/91; 4/21/91.**

During the Rites of Spring this weekend, Library Lane and Refectory Lane will be closed to all vehicular traffic during the event. If you have a car parked there during the Rites of Spring event, you will not be able to exit through Library Lane or Refectory Lane unless an emergency and you notify the Campus Safety Office. If you plan to use your vehicle during this time, I suggest you move it to the north part of the campus before Friday's beginning of the Rites of Spring; otherwise it will be confined to that area until the Rites of Spring events are over each day.

## Letters, Continued

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Obviously, one of the three have been neglected. For your information and for students, Rhodes has the strictest alcohol policy out of 25 schools surveyed by the Student Assembly. Sewanee and Millsaps are a few examples which, I would expect, stress community due to their small student Enrollment. Plus, Rhodes is the only one, besides one other school, who

levies monetary fines for the first offense.

You will have such an opportunity over the summer. As most policies and changes are done over the summer, there is an opportunity to revise the alcohol policy and make it beneficial and practical. As it is written now, it is neither of these. Finally, I do not wish to convey the wrong impression that I have towards the administration. Many beneficial changes have taken place within the past couple of years. However, I wish to stress that change

is essential only when it is necessary or only when it can be done gradually, especially when it deals with something so delicate as the freedom of the students and alumni. Please take heed to these words. Hopefully for the school's benefit, this will prevent a possible generation gap of alumni who do not give money to the school because of unnecessary changes and a policy which provoked a loss in community, which eventually led to a loss in pride and support.

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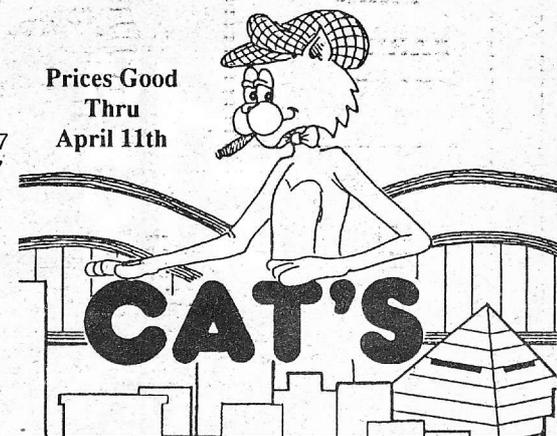
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The College reserves the right to make all initial room assignments taking into consideration the results of the room selection lottery described in Section III. A. hereof and to make any subsequent assignment changes or transfers it considers necessary. Room assignments are made without regard to race, creed, color, or national origin.

B. Roommate Requests. Roommate requests must be mutual, and, while every attempt will be made to honor requests, such requests are not guaranteed. Where no roommate is made, assignments are made at the discretion of the Associate Dean of Student Affairs.

C. Room Changes. All changes in room assignment during the term of this Agreement must be pre-approved by the Assistant Director(s) of Residence Life and the Associate Dean of Student Affairs. A checklist of procedures necessary for initiating a room change, including the signing of certain paperwork, is available in the Office of Student Affairs. Students making an unapproved room change without proper notification, approvals, and paperwork will be fined \$50.00 and may have the proposed room changed negated.

D. Vacancies. In the event that a vacancy occurs in a room, the Student who remains agrees to accept an assigned roommate or move to another room upon the request of the Associate Dean of Student Affairs. Where there is a vacancy in a room, the room must be maintained by the occupant(s) in a manner that will allow another student to move in at very short notice.

E. Reservation of Rights. The Associate Dean of Student Affairs reserves the right to: (1) assign applicants to available space in College housing, (2) alter any assignment at any time, in the case of administrative or disciplinary action, and (3) deny the privilege of College housing to any student who has demonstrated behavior that significantly disrupts the residential community.

## V. CANCELLATION OF AGREEMENT

A. Events of Cancellation. Once the Student checks into his or her College housing residence hall at the appointed time for any given term, this Housing Agreement may not be canceled except as specifically provided herein.

Any refund of room and board charges in the event this Agreement is cancelled is subject to the refund policy stated in Section III. C. above. This Housing Agreement will be canceled for the remainder of the academic year in the following circumstances.

1) If the Student fails to register;

2) If the Student registers for less than ten credit hours in any given semester;

3) If the Student is required to live in non-College housing by virtue of participation in an academic program officially sanctioned by the College. The College does NOT guarantee College housing to a student returning from an officially sanctioned year or semester off-campus. Students who participate in a sanctioned off-campus program may return to College housing on a space-available basis only;

4) If the Student marries during the period of agreement;

5) If the Student takes a leave of absence from the College for any reason;

6) Upon the completion of graduation requirements by the Student, unless the Student continues to be enrolled and registered for ten hours or more per semester;

7) If the accommodations assigned to the Student are destroyed or become otherwise unavailable and the College does not furnish substitute accommodations; and  
8) If, in the opinion of the Dean of Student Affairs, the Student fails to meet the full terms and conditions stated herein, or if the Student violates any College or residence regulations as stated in the Student Handbook or the College Bulletin, which are both, by reference, hereby made a part of this Agreement.

B. Eviction. Upon the cancellation of this Agreement for any of the above reasons, the Student will be required to vacate the room within the period of time prescribed by the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs at the time of withdrawal, which will be not less than twenty-four hours and not more than one week. Within the applicable period the Student must vacate the room, remove all personal property, sign a Room Condition Check-out Form, and return all keys to the Office of the Dean of Affairs.

## VI. RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ROOM

A. Condition of Room. Residents are responsible for the condition of their assigned room and room furnishings. All residents will complete a Room Condition Form in the presence of the Resident Advisor when they begin occupancy, at which time all existing damage and missing furnishings must be noted on the form. Damages occurring during the period of occupancy beyond normal wear will be assessed to the individual(s) responsible, as will any unusual cleaning charges. Upon request of the College, residents will promptly reimburse the College for all damages to the room and any fixtures, furnishings, or other furnished properties (including the interior of doors, windows, walls, ceilings, floor, furniture, etc.) provided under this Agreement. Any student responsible for such damage or destruction will also be subject to additional disciplinary action.

B. Room Furnishings. College-provided furnishings must not be removed from the room without the authorization of the Associate Dean of Student Affairs.

Resident(s) will bear the cost of

repair or replacement for damaged or misplaced furnishings.

Sofas, chairs, or love seats belonging to the Student are permitted inside the Student's assigned room but must be removed at the end of the year. Refrigerators are permitted inside residence hall rooms but may not exceed four cubic feet in size. Only extension cords with circuit breakers are permissible. Neither water filled furniture nor any type of loft is permitted in any residence hall rooms. Pets, other than fish kept in aquariums with the consent of all residents of the room, are not permitted in College housing at any time.

Any non-College property left in the Student's assigned room at the end of the term of this Agreement will be discarded and the resident(s) of the room will be charged for the expense involved in discarding such property.

C. Room Security and Keys. In the interests of personal security, residence hall rooms must be locked at all times. Room keys are NOT to be duplicated under any circumstances and must be turned in to the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs at the time of room check-out. The Student may not lend his or her residence hall key to anyone at any time (whether a student or non-student). The College will issue a replacement key if the Student loses his or her residence hall key only after the Student pays a \$20.00 fee. In the event of a lost key, the Student must also pay for the cost of changing the locks.

D. Summer Storage. Very limited summer storage is available, subject to space, but only boxes are accepted. Refrigerators, furniture, carpets, or unboxed items may not be stored. The College is not responsible for items stored over any vacation periods.

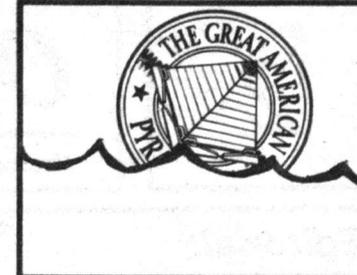
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Recent showers have made the New-Robinson-Williford quad a perfect playground for local fowl

## Theologians Point to Heavens

# Floods Sweep Campus

by Sid Schlenker

The Rhodes College campus has been under siege for over a week now. Since last week, four thousand cubic inches of rain have fallen on the campus as a whole, six thousand in that little area in front of the Rat.

The situation has been called, "Terrible, simply terrible!" by Ned McWherter, Governor of Tennessee. He added, "This situation is indicative of the problems facing education in this state. If we had higher taxes, there's no way we'd get soaked like this."

Many Rhodes students are reported as missing, having attempted to complete "the 8:00 a.m. walk of shame" both on Saturday and Sunday mornings amid torrents of rain. It is believed that several could be found at the bottom of the new duck pond in the Williford-New-Robinson quad. Extra security staff has been hired to begin dredging the pond for the missing bodies.

A 1972 Summer Olympic Gold Medalist tried to outrun the rain Saturday on the campus, but on the way to the Rat he was caught behind a slow prospective family on the inside lane. Dave Wottle, also the Rhodes Dean of Admissions, declined to answer when *Rhode'ster* reporters asked if this meant the track star was all washed up.

Further confusion was created when other guests came onto the campus Sunday for the International Rain Fest in the Rat. One confused group could no longer see the road because of the rain, and they also couldn't figure out

which road was open and which was not since they didn't have the trusty road openings and closing list preciously issued by Security, and they wound up driving through the front of the Rat. Scott Ownby commented on the incident by saying, "It scared me to death—it was just one bad, wet dream."

Although no respectable climatologist will comment on anything since the New Madrid earthquake fiasco last December, the Society for Christian Philosophers reconvened this week to explain the situation by way of the supernatural.

Andy Srygley, student representative of the group, revealed his thoughts on this continual act of the Real, *an sich*. "I believe in the traditional, orthodox belief that rain comes from God when he/she/it is sad—it's God's tears." He further commented, "God is really upset."

When asked about the reason for God's sadness, Srygley declined to comment, but Derek Duncan was standing nearby and said, "It's because it looks like Bush is a shoe-in in '92."

Though this explanation seems plausible, a more rational explanation exists: the rain really comes from the Heavenly Hosts relieving themselves. It seems that some local distributor cleared out their stock of Foster's, a fine Australian lager, and "several dudes wearing white purchased some 144,000 cases." Rhodes students who were there at the time of the large angelic purchase believed it was some weird fraternity group at CBU.

## Iben Browning Predicts Flooding Of Memphis in Two Years

by Willard Scott

The Great seismic prognosticator/doomsayer, Iben Browning, has predicted yet another calamity for Memphis. Citing the tremendous increase in oceanic evaporation, Browning states that "there is now a new season for Memphis—the Monsoon season."

The climactic phenomenon will affect the Memphis area every year, with its intensity getting exponentially greater. At the rate of rainfall, Browning says that the Memphis area will become part of the Mississippi by 1992.

Browning's conclusions were made during a conference in Memphis during the last two weeks at which Browning exclaimed "See! Look! It's raining outside just like I said. Man, is this wet weather!" He believes that this physical proof is all that is needed to show that the Monsoon season is upon the Memphis community.

When asked why such bad things seemed to be happening to Memphis, Browning responded, "God just doesn't like Memphis. You built a pagan temple downtown, so if He is not going to get you with the earthquake, He'll just flood you out. I'm the prophet here to warn you. Shlenker must be sacrificed. One way or another, the pyramid is going to crash into the Mississippi and float to New Orleans."

Panic has begun to spread through the populus. Yet a group of citizens, led by Fred Smith and Dick Hackett believe that the flooding of Memphis will be to the city's advantage.

"We're always competing with Nashville—The Athens of the South. Now we'll be Memphis—The Venice of the South. Just think of the tourism possibilities."

Dean of Development Don Lineback stated that the President has already approved plans to construct the Buckman diving center in the amphitheater and a water skiing course on the back forty.

"We will be the only up-and-coming, highly selective, metropolitan, Presbyterian liberal arts college which is underwater. This should be a great admissions gimmick," said Helen Norman, Director of Public Information.

## The Move to Buckman Brings Chaos to the Campus

In conjunction with Math Awareness Week, Allen Boone announced that the opening of Buckman Hall will be a change towards general chaos. "We're moving people and things everywhere. Even I don't know who's goin' where!" quipped Boone to a crowded Voorhies Chapel. "Let chaos reign, dudes!"

Buckman Hall will house the political science, international studies, and economics and business departments, though not necessarily in that order. Computers will be dispersed throughout the building intermittently. There will also be new, technologically advanced language lab for students to sit in and do their homework, listen to music, or generally waste time.

With the new classrooms in Buckman, students will no longer attend full classes in Evergreen, though various Latin, History, and English classes will be required to walk there first on days when it is raining.

The focus of the chaos will be in the Briggs Student Center. An escalator will connect the roof to the basement, but it only will go down, and it will only operate when Refectory Lane is open.

The area now used for the bookstore will be turned into a Campus Green paper recycling storage room, and a new, yet still inefficient mailroom will be erected on the back dock.

Student and faculty will both get their mail there, but not at the same time. The bookstore annex will not be used, and slowly but surely Campus Green will tear it down and recycle it.

The alumni staff will go on vacation for an indetermined length of time at a nearby hunting lodge. The English department will take over the third floor of Palmer where no one will ever have to see them again. The vice-president's office will be located somewhere around there.

The Development Staff are developing some film on fourth floor Gooch Hall; fortunately, no one knows where that is. They will be moving next year to the second floor of Milman, and they will be renaming the building "Mooch Hall."

In addition, Cookie Ewing and Frank Bradley will move to the Kennedy compound, since Kennedy will probably be going to jail. All but twelve of the foreign languages faculty will jump off of the Physics Tower; and at least some of the religious studies department will be saved.

## SAFETY NOTES

By Alph Hinkley, Director of Campus Safety

In order to prevent further cases of obscene/harassing phone calls to students in campus, the Department of Campus Safety has joined with LDDS to apprehend obscene phone call perpetrators.

The system will require that students give their personal identification

number (PIN) derived by multiplying the first three numbers of your social security number by your on campus 4 digit extension and then dividing it by your freshman year (sic) GPA. Without this number, callers will get the computerized LDDS operator, who will take their call, deter-

mine its nature, and will either transfer the call to you or take a message.

This way, obscene callers will vent their lusty desires on the automated operator instead of innocent students.

Remember: "It's a real sin to give out your PIN!"

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## Editorial:

## Let's Revamp Search

by Kitty Kelley, Editor

I hate Search. It's bad enough they used to call it "Man," a title which surely oppressed women and all other minority groups to the point of not doing as well as the AWAMs (Alive White American Males) in the class. But now the ultimate has occurred—William F. Buckley likes it. And as Ted and Michael say, if it's good enough for Buckley, it ain't good enough for me.

I have a better idea — let's revamp search into a new course: The Search for Oppression Wherever It May Exist and the Joy of Indoctrination. To begin with, we will start with a lecture and a follow-up feel-good discussion about the racism that exists at Rhodes. Of course we aren't overtly racist, but I hate the fact that as a pale West-European-American I am oppressed by tan and naturally olive-skinned West-European-Americans. I want this stopped, so let's teach my ideas and values to every first-year and second-year first-year student.

Next, I want to indoctrinate the plebes on sexism—you know like continually electing a woman to student assembly president, yet continually having her harassed by a MALE editor of the paper. To make it even worse, the new editorship is one person, a male, and a Greek male at that, who placed deserving women in a position of subservience under him. Men suck. Five men can't do the job of one woman, so who needs them? Except of course around formal week, but that's only once a year.

We can throw in a study skills class while we're at it, because all oppressed people never do well on tests. This class will focus on ways to cheat and get around the Honor Council, especially since the president is a fascist.

To top it all off, we will climax the experience with a class on Date Rape. This class will tell people that it's okay to call sex that isn't good rape. After all, if you didn't enjoy it, you probably didn't want it subconsciously, and that's a good enough reason.

The class can have many more parts, if I like them. It will be required of all students, starting now. You won't get any hours credit, but the grade you get in the class will be your automatic grade point for all four years at Rhodes. And best of all, professors won't teach it—I will, along with my closest and dearest politically-correct friends.



## Where Are They Now?

Graduate F. Grant Whittle has taken up residence in northern Nevada where he is founder and Grand Prophet of the Free Transcendental Socialist Church. Brother Whittle's sect is rapidly growing and, experts predict, will have a church in every continental state by 1996. It is then, many say, that the Free Transcendental Socialists will put Whittle on the presidential ballot.

Former chaplain Steve Musick is on a national tour of the National Rifle Association. His documentary last spring, "Why God Gave Us Guns," catapulted him into popularity among firearm regulation foes. It was then that he coined the popular catch-phrase, "Guns don't kill people . . . I do."

To the Editor:

I am writing to complain heartily about Baccalaureate being held in the First Baptist Church as opposed to a nice liberal Presbyterian Church as in the past.

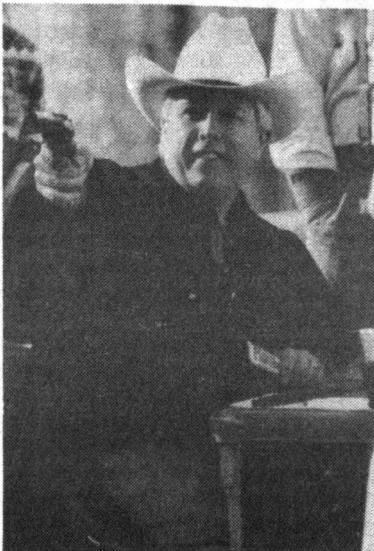
I mean, we are a Presbyterian College — aren't we? Besides the fact that we actually have to drive all the way out to Parkway and Poplar (what's wrong with nice old closeby Evergreen?) I resent the fact that I have to rejoice and praise God for my graduation in a Baptist church that oppresses everyone all the time! After all, they're the ones that don't drink, right?

If First Baptist really wants to hold our ceremony, let them make some changes! They can form committees to make decisions on whether or not to make decisions, create general assemblies that make general statements about everything and let them hold pizza Bible studies on Hip topics and Youth Group trips to campgrounds on relationships. Sure, why do we have to do all the changing around here?!

Sincerely,  
A Concerned Presbyterian

To the Editor:

Hell. That's where Rhodes is headed. It has been a while since I've writ-



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ten to your liberal left wing smut-peddling humanist rag, but my duty to the Lord must be restrained no longer. I woke up last night in a cold sweat thinking about the spiritual torment that the few God-fearing American youth on your campus must be experiencing.

First it was the war. The secular socialist majority of the student body (corrupted, obviously, by the radical atheistic prison furlough supporters on the faculty) persecuted the few proud Americans among them for supporting their country and their God. Persecuted! Lo, how frequently we who speak on behalf of Bush (and the Lord) are persecuted by the hedonistic hell-bound liberals. "Peace!" these Willie Horton loving pornographers about. The only way to peace is the destruction of all those that oppose the Lord and his chosen super-power. It is unpleasant that we have to kill those poor sinners (and, HOOOOEEEEEE, didn't we kill a mess of 'em!), but at least few Americans had to die. Thank Jesus for Bill Jordan.

Then it was condoms for the practice of illicit, pre-marital sexual positions. As the drug-addicted devil worshippers spread the plague of AIDS across the nation, we don't need to be instructing our youth in the ways of fleshly corruption. The Lord is exacting just penalty on those reprehensible illicit homosexuals. Serves 'em right.

Now . . . the liberal baby-killers of your once-respectable institution are urging the students to publicly insult and protest the Baptist Church. I say let those feminist communistic family-wreckers go sit in a pew with the lady preachers at Prescott . . . who needs 'em. They are disrupting God's ordained order and are reserving us all front-row seats in eternal fiery damnation. If we let them sway us now, it will only be a matter of time before they will want to be able to vote. If you're so smart, tell me who will raise your babies when the women are out in the world, you effeminate, welfare, McGovern clones.

I write for the benefit of those that may still have a glimmer of decency in them somewhere . . . turn back before it's too late!

I can tell you how to save your soul from the influence of the marijuana-cigarette smoking secular humanists in higher education—just send \$69.95 to "The Reverend Brother Wilson, c/o The Poplar Avenue Church of the Discreet Monetary Plea." I will gladly send you my video, "Fighting the Long-haired Left-Wing Communist Evolutionists With the Automatic Weapons of the Lord." Specify VHS or Beta.

Love,  
The Reverend Brother Wilson

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## OPPRESSION STUDIES LAUNCHED AT RHODES

by  
Herman

At the end of last term some faculty members felt that the Rhodes campus would benefit by the development of a new interdisciplinary major, Oppression Studies. The program will be run by members of the Religious Studies, Psychology, Anthro/Soc, and English departments. A few other faculty members will also be allowed to teach some courses, but they first must pass through the committee's rigid inspection.

Program founder Valerie Ziegler stated that the country club aspect of Rhodes lent itself to the creation of an aura of "little yuppie kids thinking that they know more than those of us who experienced the 1960's. We know what it was like to see oppression, feel oppression, and think oppression. This is why we can recognize it. And we must teach the bourgeoisie students that op-

pression at Rhodes or in the world cannot be tolerated."

These sentiments were echoed by fellow oppression teacher Marsha Walton-Wetzel. Walton-Wetzel stated that "everyone is oppressed by something, be it white male descendants of slave owners, President Daughdrill, the TV newscaster, or the evil capitalist system. The goal of this course is to find everything that can be oppressive and rid it from our lives." She then went on to say that though many of the things she mentioned were oppressive, Jim Daughdrill stood head and shoulders above the crowd.

The nature of the courses involved will be: Oppression by Men in Literature, Oppression by Language (i.e., any descriptive adjective which has been used for more than 2 years), Oppression

by Economics and Men in Business, Oppression by Democracy and All Things Which Aren't Equalitarian, and Oppression by Unsympathetic Campus Newspapers. The Committee on Oppression is also considering making at least two of the classes mandatory for all First-Year male and female students in order to show them that they have been guilty of oppression of the poor, lower classes, and many others (how else could they be at Rhodes?). Other courses included in the curriculum will consist of anything in the Women's Studies department, Hunger, Plenty and Justice, and any course on Deconstructionism in Literature.

Mark Muesse also signed up to teach a course entitled the Oppression of Academics by Other Academics who Think They Are Being Oppress-

ed by Everything. Muesse said that he just "wanted to have a course that didn't label men as the root of all evil." The Committee on Oppression is unsure if Prof. Muesse's course will be allowed.

Gail McClay, the only professor at Rhodes who can simultaneously put on lipstick and talk about the oppressive nature of education, states that "the goal of the committee is to insure that the primary goal of the committee is to see that those who are oppressed will not be oppressed, that the oppressed are identified, and that those who are guilty of oppression be silenced. We are a very elite group, you know."

Anyone wishing to enroll in this course must submit their photograph, admittance essay, and income statement to the Committee by May 5th.

## MORE RIGHTS AT RITES OF SPRING

**N**EW REGULATIONS have been created for this year's Rites of Spring to ensure that all students/faculty/staff/administration have a safe and more enjoyable time. Says social commissioner Cindy McCraw, "It'll just be a lot more fun this way!"

A chain link fence will enclose the inner part of campus and will run from the Student Center to the Physics Tower to Clough to Palmer to Kennedy and then back to the Student Center. Enclosed in this fence will be three fenced off areas called gardens where students and other people in the Rhodes community may enjoy themselves in a carefully guarded way.

To enter the fenced in area or any of the gardens within the fence you must obtain a wristband given out by social commissioners at the Kennedy entrance at 5 p.m. Friday. All other bands that are needed to enter the gardens will be given out upon approval at the gate.

Regulations concerning armbands for the first gate are as follows: First-year students must wear blue bands, Second-year first-year students wear mauve, Fifth-year fourth-year students wear red, and everyone else wears green. This band will get you into the inner part of campus where the bands will be playing and everyone who can't get into gardens will be sitting.

Those wishing access to the three fenced off gardens within the fence must wear additional bands and present one form of identification from each group:

GROUP A: Social Security Card  
Drivers License  
Birth Certificate

GROUP B: 1989 tax form  
American Express Gold Card  
A Season Subscription to McCoy Theater

This year three gardens will be available to students possessing the correct identification. The Beer Garden, which will be the fenced-off area around the geodesic dome and is open only to those 21 or older or those who have really good fake IDs. To enter with your alcoholic beverages, you must wear the white band given out at the entrance all week.

In addition to the Beer Garden, the Drug Garden will be open to all qualifying members of the Rhodes community where students and other members of the Rhodes community may drop acid and partake in other recreational drugs during Rites. To enter the garden, you must be able to recite all the members of the Grateful Dead, be a great white ball player, and wear the black arm band given out at the gate in addition to the other bands.

For those romantically inclined students, the rose garden will be fenced off as the Copulation garden. To enter, you must be 18 years or older, have ample prophylactics, be educated in the dangers of contracting AIDS and have a blanket. Those entering this garden will wear a multicolored band.

Reminder: To get into any of the fences, these bands must be worn all weekend. Removal of such bands will result in serious penalties and fines.

IN CASE OF RAIN: The bands will play in Neely Hall in the RAT—all the gardens will be dispersed into the other rooms of the RAT.

## A Line Drawn in the Sandwiches

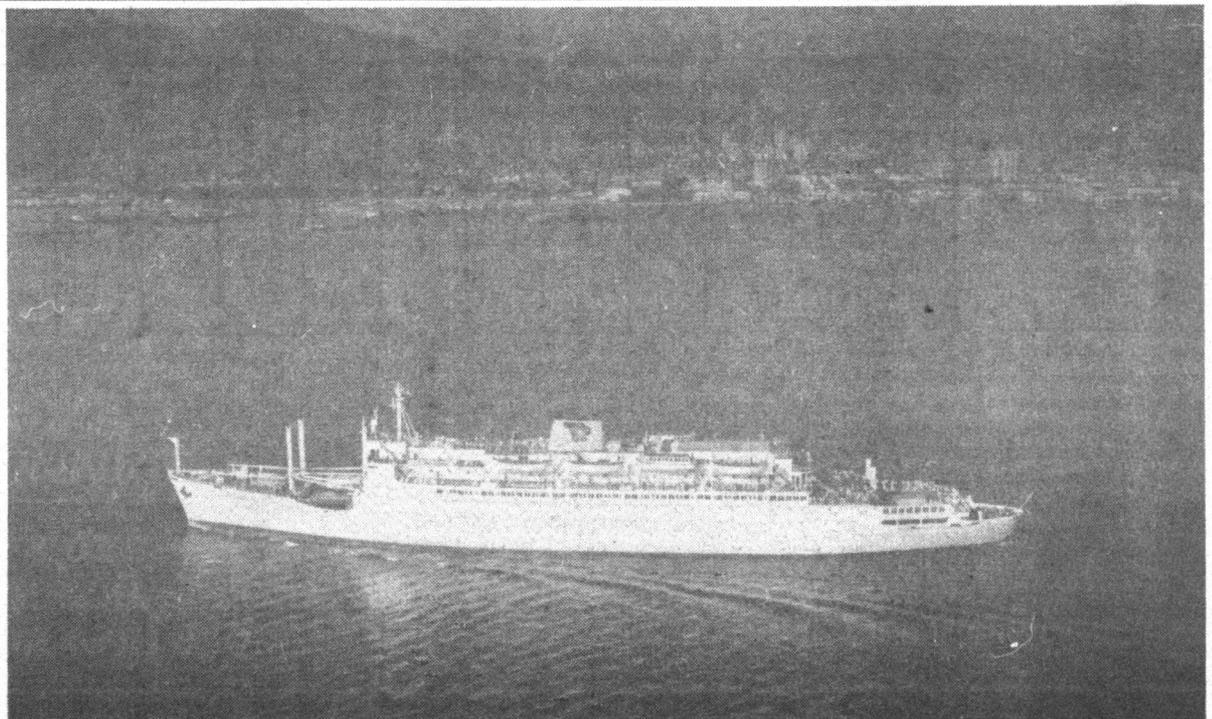
Operation "Dessert Storm" Premieres at Rhodes

On April 16 at 12:15 p.m., a massive coalition of Rhodes students began a daring mission to retrieve the Rat from the teeming hordes of high school students who had violated the sovereignty of the cafeteria and severely interrupted the flow of lunchtime traffic. With the cry of "We're taking it back!" approximately 600 Rhodes regular forces stormed Servery A, scattering skinny, bespectacled math competitors everywhere. Special "provisional" forces from what was formerly the ASE table, moved into servery B to flank the more clever high schoolers who had discovered its existence. One of the scenes of heaviest fighting occurred along the 40-meter line created by the high-schoolers directly in front of the microwaves. One soldier remarked "It's like the road to Basra, man. The Christian Philosophers better be glad they left when they did."

At the same time, another set of Rhodes forces in specially camouflaged Ford Econoline vans led by Gen. Scott Ownby made an ingenious assault upon 4 local high school cafeterias. In the words of Gen. Ownby, the purpose of the attack was "To deny our enemy the opportunity to continue to make lunch against its peaceful neighbors." General Ownby would not comment on suggestions that the Rhodes forces in the Rat were, "liberating an inherently nondemocratic institution." His response: "Show me a democratic institution on that campus."

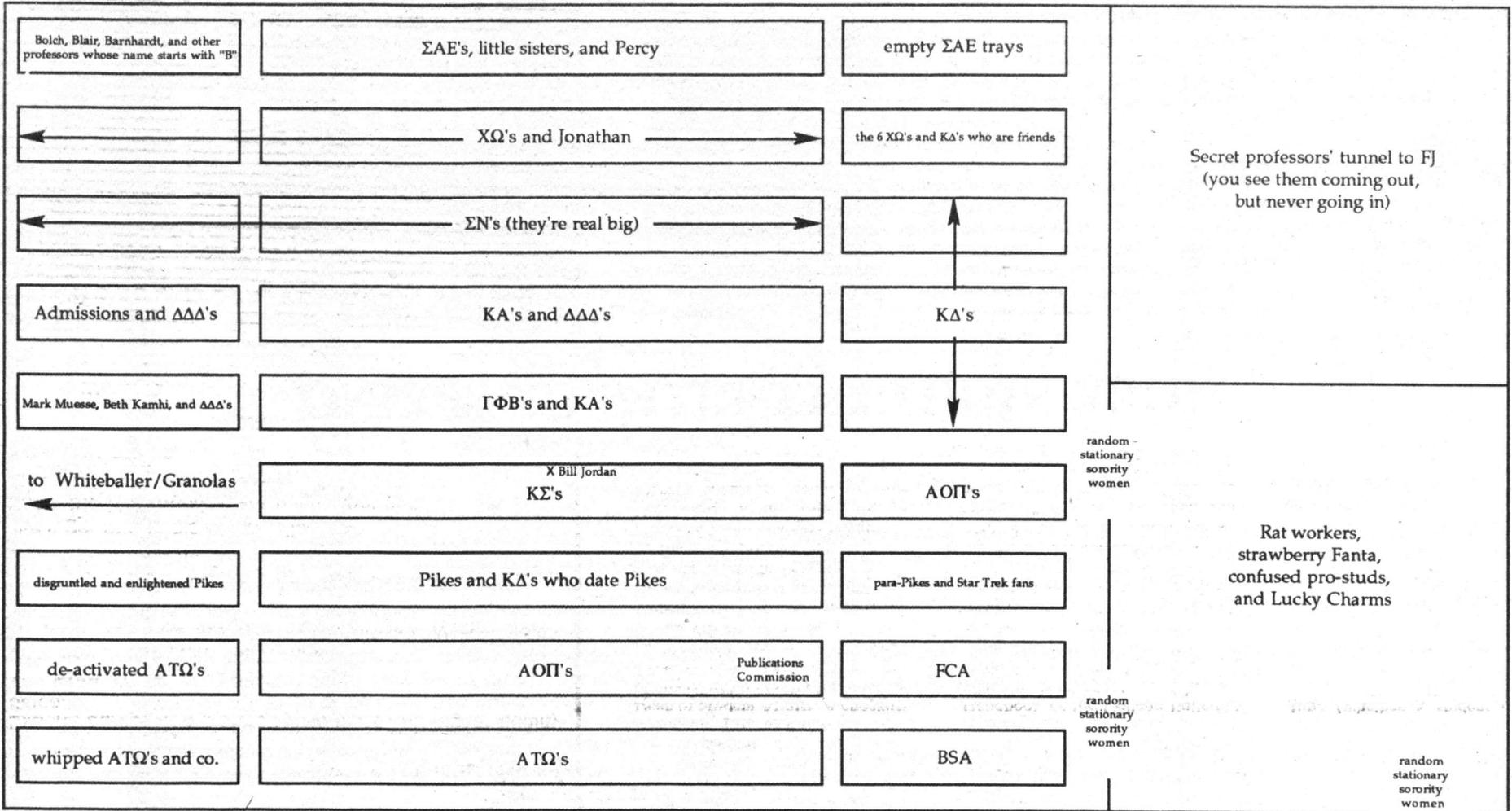
At least in the Rat they had 'edible' cards."

There is very little additional information coming directly from the scenes of battle, as there has been no local radio for quite some time preceding the original occupations of the cafeteria. Discussion on the topic has been quite heated, though, and this reporter understands that the Food Commissioner's Special Adjunct Deputy to the Faculty Advisory Committee has convinced said committee to enact sweeping administrative changes on the basis of a few (obviously morally correct) students' opinions. Student Assembly met and made several recommendations to the faculty and students; a separate meeting to discuss the relevance of the original meeting will occur sometime next week. One suggestion made at Student Assembly was that such a military undertaking not be pursued in the future unless it can be guaranteed that comparable numbers of Rhodes students would be killed, "to be fair."



Due to a colossal budgeting error the graduating class of 1991 will be cruising out of the country on a two week Pacific Princess cruise that will travel ironically to the Virgin Islands. Each departing senior will be given a two-room state room complete with a Queen Sized water bed, walk-in closets, and a bar fully stocked with all the non-alcoholic wine and beer left over from the festive 1990-91 academic year. The cruise will depart May 13, 1991 at 6:00 a.m. from the dock at the back of the student center due to the current rain trends. In addition, a crawfish dinner will be held Monday during senior week in honor of the graduating seniors and because of an excess of funds.

## West Rat



## East Rat

