

Rittner Addresses Women's Suffering in Gilliland Lecture

By Jennifer Larson
Campus Features Editor

Dr. Carol (Sister) Rittner spoke during the second lecture of the 1993-1994 Frank M. Gilliland Symposium on Tuesday, November 2 in Hardie Auditorium. The title of her address was "Women, Suffering, and the Problem of Evil," which challenged the assumption that all suffering during the Holocaust was gender-blind.

Although not a survivor of the Holocaust, Rittner has made it her quest to explore the suffering of women during that time. Rittner herself is a member of the Religious Sisters of Mercy, an order of Catholic nuns, and the recently-named scholar-in-residence at Baltimore's Institute for Christian-Jewish Studies.

Rittner described the Holocaust as an event of horror that was humanly constructed for other humans to suffer through. She emphasized the runaway effect that occurred when too many ordinary people abdicated responsibility for public life; in this way, ordinary humans contributed to "an evil of great consequence."

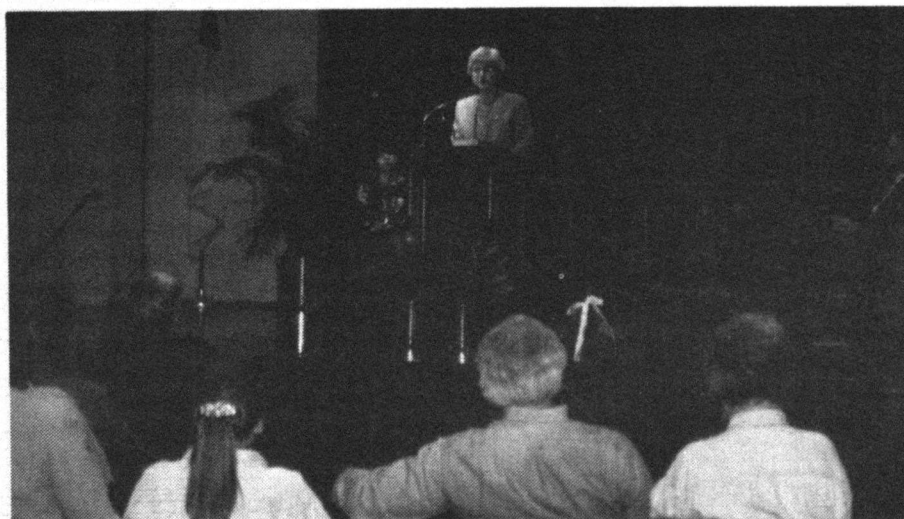
"People suffered one by one by one in the killing fields of Nazi-occupied territory," Rittner told her audience. Men and women alike suffered, but all too often, focus is only placed on the men's perspective. In the recent book *Different Voices: Women and the Holocaust* that she coedited with John Roth, Rittner explores a broader view that includes the particu-

larities of women's experiences of the Holocaust.

Rittner maintained that current views of the Holocaust have been shaped by the accounts of men, but according to Rittner, "women were everywhere during it; they targeted and destroyed women." Women and men both suffered unspeakable horrors, but women were never permitted to forget that they were female. Rittner admitted that some survivors believe that the terror overrode age, race, and gender, but the women-specific torment that existed points toward other conclusions.

"In Auschwitz, fewer crimes, if any, were greater than pregnancy. Only if a baby died, did a woman have a chance to prolong her own life." Rittner went on to detail the eventual fate of pregnant women and their unborn children in concentration camps that occurred because Nazis desired the elimination of the Jewish race.

Rittner discussed the numbers of women's autobiographies and personal accounts that are increasing. She wants the public to hear the women speak for themselves about their own experiences. These women, according to Rittner, need identity. Rittner concluded by reminding the audience that knowledge of suffering can't really be defined by mere statistics, and neither can the agony. "Each one, one by one by one, had a name."



Sister Carol Rittner spoke on "Women, Suffering and the Problem of Evil" in Hardie Auditorium for the second lecture of the 1993-1994 Gilliland Symposium (photo by Stephen Deusner).

Tennessee Legislator Chumley Speaks to College Democrats

By Rachael Rack

On Tuesday, November 2, State Representative Carol Chumley came to campus as a guest speaker for the College Democrats. She discussed her career as a politician and important issues that are being addressed in the Tennessee Legislature.

Chumley believes that it is important for students to become involved with local politics. A graduate of Memphis State where she was Student Government President, Chumley also served as Editor-in-Chief of the MSU Law Review. She began her involvement in the political scene when she helped with Al Gore's first senate race in 1984. In 1990, she successfully ran for representative of Tennessee's 89th district, and last year, she was unopposed for her second term. She is an attorney at Glankler, Brown when legislature is not in session.

Chumley is eager to discuss and answer questions concerning the work she has been doing. One of the most notable pieces of legislation she has been working on is the State Government Quality Improvement Act. Chumley believes that individual departments do not have incentives to save money, and this act creates a task force to develop ways to make government more efficient.

Chumley also initiated a Sexual Harassment Law that passed this year. It gives a clear definition of sexual harassment and requires a notice to be sent to all employers in Tennessee to make sure they are aware of these standards. This law also provides for workshops to increase awareness of the problem of sexual harassment.

The problems in education have been increasingly important in the state of Tennessee. Gov. McWherter proposes to increase state sales tax as a way to provide money to combat these problems. Chumley agrees with McWherter, but sees a need to remove the sales tax from food. The proposition of a state lottery to help fund education has engendered mixed feelings, and Chumley tends to support it. When asked if she thinks this is a regressive tax and will be detrimental to the poor, Chumley points out that the money is already being used on lottery, it is just leaving the state. To have a lottery, the state constitution must first be changed and then the residents of Tennessee can vote on it.

Other issues that Chumley addressed were health care, redrawing districts, and the environment. Chumley stresses the importance of getting involved, stating, "This is an exciting time to be a young Democrat."

Rack 'em...



Teammates Jason "Minnesota" Carmel and Maggi "cueball" Hornby (left) prepare for their impending victory over archrivals Welch "Pockets" Suggs and Shaila "the color of money" Mehra in 8-ball pool on the new pool table installed last week in the pub. Other additions include the Street Fighter and Golden Axe video games, all of which replace the remnants of the now defunct bar (photo by Stephen "Fats" Deusner).

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CAMPUS SAFETY ACTIVITY LOG

October 28, 1993 - November 3, 1993
(Incidents officially reported to/by Campus Safety)

Date	Time	Location	Incident	Details/Action taken
10/28	7:15pm	Campus/Overton Pk	Escort: Take back the night	No incidents reported, MPD in the area
10/29	12:15pm	Bellingrath/University	Suspicious Person Had been invited by unidentified student.	Campus Safety responded, located subject. Unable to locate student, subject escorted from campus.
	8:30am	Palmer, 1st floor	Smoke/Water	Report of smoke and water coming from ceiling of cashier's office. Campus Safety and Physical Plant responded. Determined steam pipe leak in ceiling. Repaired
10/30	1:46am	Gym lot	MPD on campus	Memphis police officers followed Rhodes students onto campus after witnessing debris being thrown from their car off campus. MPD checked occupants of car for intoxication. Subjects released, vehicle secured and MPD left scene.
	10:00am	Library	Alarm	Campus Safety responded. Accidentally activated by construc- tion crew in building.
10/31	1:35am	Williford, 2nd floor	Harassing Phone call	Campus Safety took report, to be investigated by Campus Safety and South Central Bell.
	1:40am	Voorhies/Townsend	Noise Complaint (party)	Campus Safety and Residence Life officials responded. All parties dispersed before arrival. Checked ok.
	3:30am	Lebonheur Hospital	Lost student	Hospital security called Campus Safety to report a Rhodes student wandering the parking garage appearing to be lost and intoxicated. Rather than call MPD, they allowed Campus Safety to send student representatives to his location to transport back to campus.
	11:30am	Stewart Hall, 1st floor	Vandalism/Hall Damage	Fire protection equipment tampering. Extinguisher found with contents empty and sprayed on walls and floor in area. Responsible party identified. Report filed by Residence Life.
11/1	6:07pm	University/Tutwiler	Attempted Motor Vehicle Theft	Student/owner of vehicle surprised two suspects attempting to steal vehicle. Both suspects fled west on Tutwiler. Campus Safety responded immediately and were unable to locate sus- pects. MPD called, searched area and took report.
11/2	8:12pm	Gym	Disturbance	2 males escorted off campus

THIS WEEK IN MEMPHIS

Career Awareness Week runs through Friday

Wednesday Aura plays at Antenna
Workforce 2000, 6:00 p.m., Orgill Room

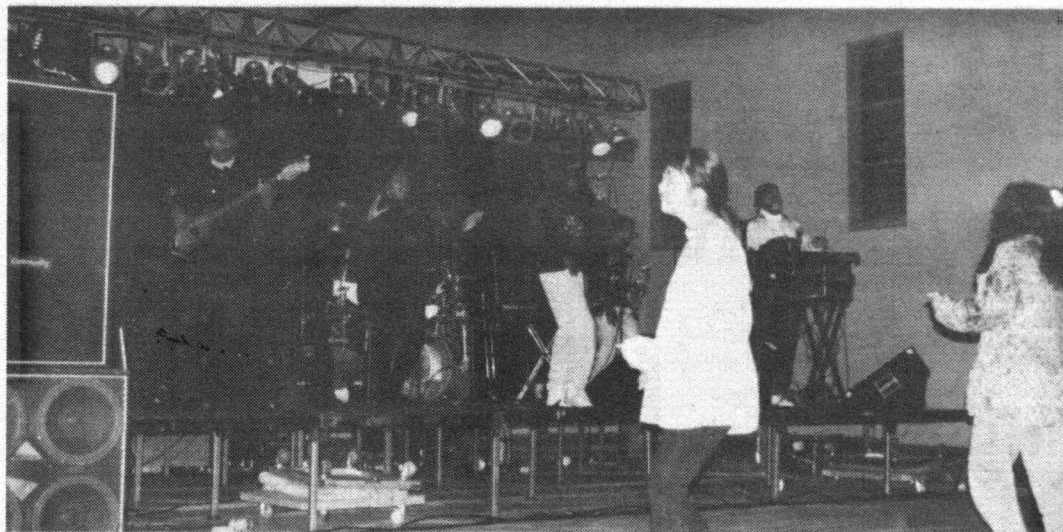
Thursday Veteran's Day
"The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie," opens at the
McCoy Theatre and runs through Sunday.
Showtime is at 8:00 p.m.
7:00 Greg Asay, from COOL IT!, hosts an open
discussion about environmental racism. Loca-
tion TBA.

Friday Cowboy Mouth plays at Six One Six
DDT and Punkin Head play at Antenna
Sky Cow plays at the New Daisy Theatre

Hedges, Starr, and Young play at Newby's
Gospel Extravaganza at Evergreen, 7:00 p.m.
Faculty Concert: Donna Poole and Charlotte McLain,
8:00 p.m., Payne Auditorium
Admissions Open House
Hunger and Homelessness Week begins
Guest Artist Concert: Stone's River Chamber Play-
ers, 8:00 p.m. Payne Auditorium

Also: Showing at the Circuit Playhouse is "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe," a
musical based on the book by C.S. Lewis. The show runs through December 22 and
showtimes are Fridays at 7:00 and Saturdays at 2:00.
"Songs of My People," an acclaimed exhibit of 150 works by African-American
photojournalists is showing at the Memphis Brooks through December 12.

The Sou'wester is the official student newspaper of Rhodes College. The Editors and Staff of The Sou'wester publish 22 times yearly throughout the fall and spring semesters, with the exception of holidays and exam periods.
The Sou'wester office is located downstairs in Palmer Hall. Staff meetings are open to the college community and take place every Tuesday evening at 9:00 pm in Room 103 of Buckman Hall.
Interested parties are invited—nay, vehemently encouraged—to write letters to the Editors. There is a Sou'wester folder on the Academic Server, which can be accessed from the Computer Labs in Buckman or from any computer on the campus network. All letters must be signed and must include the author's phone number for verification. Any letter for publication may be edited or rejected for clarity, length, and/or libelous content.
Student publications at Rhodes are under the aegis of the Student Publications Board, which is composed of the editors of all campus publications as well as class representatives and at-large representatives of the student body.
All business inquiries should be directed to Thomas Gieselmann, Business Manager. Ad deadlines are each Friday for the following week's newspaper. National advertising representatives are CASS Communications and American Passage.



Joyce "Dancin' Fool" Shin gets down to the beat of Familiar Faces, the Saturday night band at the Social Commission's Fall Fest last weekend. (Photo by Stephen Deusner)

Career Awareness Week Forces Hard Look at Workforce

By Liz Overholser
Local/National News Editor

Picture yourself in 20 years. Do you see yourself making multimillion dollar international business deals, earning hundreds of thousands of dollars as a neurosurgeon, writing best-seller after best-seller, or flipping burgers in McDonald's?

If you picked the last one, you are probably not alone. It seems as if one of the primary worries of students today is getting a decent job after they graduate. However, Rhodes students need not worry any further because Director of Career Services Sandi George Tracy and Assistant Director Pat Donahue are here to help, this week especially. This Monday kicked off the second annual Career Awareness Week sponsored by Career Services.

Career awareness week is a week long extravaganza of career oriented activities for Rhodes students. Throughout the week, there are various activities planned to help students become more aware of the resources available to them through the office of

Career Services and to think more about their own career goals.

The focus event, "Workforce 2000," will take place tonight at 6:00 in the Orgill Room. Mrs. Donell-Hurd, Director of Education at Southern Health Services, adjunct professor at LeMoyne-Owens and former Personnel Director at Goldsmith's, will speak on the changing demographics of the workforce and how students can be prepared to enter a more diverse workplace in the year 2000. The session should last an hour and includes a video and lecture.

Taking place Thursday night are two other very popular sessions. "Put Your Best Foot Forward," is a five course business dinner in which students practice the table manners that they may have lost in the Rat through the years. Also offered are videotaped Mock Interviews. Todd Bryant of ARA Food Services will act as an employer and interview interested students on videotape. He and the students then critique the video and see what improvements the students can make in

their presentation. Advanced sign-up for both of these events is required.

Friday, there will be a drawing for a Career Survival Kit, which will include an assortment of goodies, such as pens, coffee, resume paper and career guides. Students can sign up for this drawing in the Career Services office. Students should also expect to receive several promotional mailings from Career Services and are encouraged to stop by the Career Awareness Week table in the rat on Tuesday and Thursday.

As the job market for college graduates is expected to drop again this year, Career Services strongly encourages students to make use of their resources. As students often have big plans, "Career Services wants to put reality into those plans," says Tracey. A liberal arts education is great but it needs "complementing with interview skills and internships." Students can make appointments with Tracy or Donahue or they can browse through the Career Services library at their leisure.

Financial Aid Office to Offer Scholarship Search

From the office of Art Weeden

One of the questions most often asked of us in the Financial Aid Office is "Is there anything else available?" That is really a difficult question. The short answer is yes. The hard part is how to find out about those "outside" sources.

There are a lot of scholarship search services available. I'm sure many of our students have and will continue to receive solicitations from search services. Many of these charge \$60, \$75 or even \$150 to run a computer search for the student. Is anyone helped by these services? Sure. But the catch is how many?

Thousands of students use the service and a fraction of those students will realize any help. But, some students are assisted as a result. For most students it is an effort in futility.

Rhodes recently purchased a scholarship search database in an effort to further assist our students and our potential students. We have a \$3.00 fee for the service. There are no guarantees that any individual student will benefit. However, we feel sure that some of our students will get some benefit from this service.

We are offering as a service to our students for several reasons: 1) we are fully aware of the financial sacrifice required of many of our students and

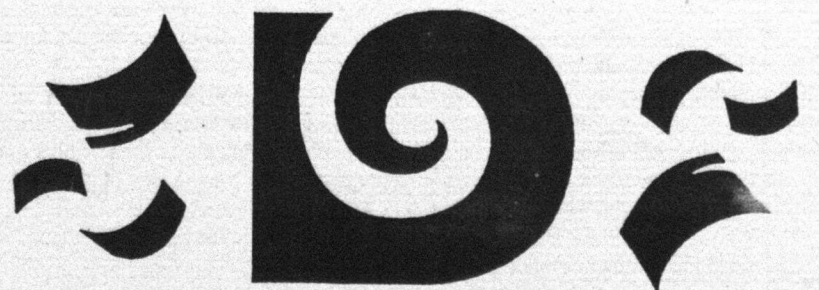
their families; 2) we feel we can offer the service for a nominal fee and help the students avoid getting fleeced by some other services; 3) some of our students will realize a financial benefit as a result of the search service; and 4) we feel the need to try to offer our students and prospective students every financial resource possible.

This is an effort to be of more service. The \$3 fee will go to cover the cost of the program, paper, and postage. If a student or a prospective student wants us to conduct a search, the student should obtain from the Financial Aid Office the scholarship search data collection form, complete the form realistically, and return the form and the \$3 fee to the Financial Aid Office. We will run the search and send you the printed results of the search through the campus mail for currently enrolled students and directly to the home address of prospective students. It should be noted that students intending to go to graduate or professional school may also benefit.

The database is to be updated once every six months. So, if a student does a search now they may want to do another search in six months to see if anything new turns up. Remember, there are no guarantees. But, who knows? You might be one who benefits from a \$3 initial investment.

Potential Law Students

A representative of Mississippi College School of Law will visit the campus on Monday, November 15, to talk with students who are interested in pursuing a career in law. The representative will be located in the Main Entry Hall of the Refectory from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



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Clinton's Unhealthy Health Plan

By Brian Faughnan, '95

As I lay here in bed feeling mighty ill, my thoughts begin to turn to health-care reform. I just can't remain quiet while the Young Social Democrats stuff mailboxes with pithy facts about the details of the Clinton health care plan. All of them seeming to end with something to the effect that universal health care is inevitable, so learn about it.

Well if memory serves me correctly, the man who ran against Ann Richards for governor of Texas got into a lot of trouble for saying that if rape is inevitable you might as well lie back and enjoy it. I am not going to allow anyone to be raped by this administration without putting up a fight.

Quite frankly, I have a lot of problems with socialized medicine and I don't think I'm the only one. Ask most of the people who live in countries that already have it. I may scare off a few readers when I say this, but I don't think that health care is really the central issue of this plan. I think the real concern is that this administration wants to initiate a redistribution of wealth in this country and sees this as an opportunity to place another 10% of the Gross Domestic Product into the hands of the public sector.

If the administration really believed that their plan would make people better off, why aren't they willing to entertain any notions of testing this plan on the nation's uninsured? More proof is the President's own statement that all of the details of the plan are open to revision and debate as long as universal government controlled health care can be implemented.

The reason can only be because the administration knows that the plan won't do what they claim. This past week the administration was at it again saying that anywhere between 15% and 40% of people will pay more for the same or for more services while everyone else will pay less for more services. When have you ever been able to pay less for more, especially when the government was involved?

The correct figure is that everyone is going to pay more for health care in the long run. Why is that you may ask? Because demand for health care is going to rise astronomically. What kind of car do you think you'd drive if you could have whatever kind of car you desired for free? People are going to go to the doctor for every little malady they might even think that they have.

The second argument for health care seems to be that it should be a fundamental human right. The First Lady has been real fond of saying that we are all just a pink slip away from having no health care. Well, aren't we also just a pink slip away from not being able to buy groceries, and, after all, isn't food more important than

health care? Why don't we demand employer mandated food supply. I think it's still true that starvation will kill you before cancer will?

Their reason still comes back to the fact that health care is a right. How can this be? If you make health care a right, then you are also obligating someone else to provide it for you. Just because I have the right to free speech doesn't mean you have to provide an assembly hall, audience and microphone for me to express myself.

It's these same people who tell you that people don't have adequate health care turn around and tell you that we have a pending overpopulation crisis. Another more specific problem with the president's plan for socialized medicine is that it will inherently lead towards a more totalitarian government.

I'll explain. People are going to be grouped into health care alliances according to where they live. Naturally, there is going to eventually become different levels of effectiveness in different alliances and people are going to want to relocate out of those inferior alliances into higher quality alliances. After all, if your premiums are higher in City A than they would be in City B due to factors beyond your control, aren't you going to want to move to City B? And I can guarantee you that doctors aren't going to want to practice in what is ranked as the worst health care alliance to live in. So, in order to stop the migration from poorer health care alliances, the government is going to have to tell people where they can and can't live.

How would that sit with the people of the largest democracy in the world? Big Brother saying, I'm sorry ma'am, but if you want to practice medicine and make people's lives better you are going to have to do it in this alliance in this city and that's that.

Finally, why in the world do we want to give our government more to do? Outside of the military and collecting taxes, what does the government do well? I'm willing to bet that you can't name five things including the two aforementioned duties. So, why in the world do we want to turn over the health of our nation to these same people? After all, if our health care system were so awful to begin with, how can you explain the fact that people who live in countries that have the kind of plan that the administration wants who can afford to come to this country to receive care do?

I guess all I have to say is when you hear how wonderful it will be when we turn over 10% of our GDP to the government. Think for yourself and consider the source and the agenda behind that source.

How I Can Run the Physical Plant Better than Brian Foshee

Now I can understand how some of ya'll are wondering how or why this is important. So, let me tell you.

If you have ever been in a dorm room on campus, odds are someone has been standing outside your window on a fresh Wednesday morning with a leaf blower. That in and of itself is not a problem. The problem comes around 6:45 in the morning when that damn blower screeches to methanol-fueled life and the guy holding it is standing in your bathroom, blowing leaves across the street. That isn't that big of a problem — well, not until that person comes back about 20 minutes later and blows the same leaves right back across the street. Then about 5 minutes later, especially if you live in Glassell, a guy on a tractor comes by and blows them back exactly where the leaves were in the first place! Hmmm!

I didn't move off campus because of the food, but because I'm afraid I'd shoot anyone in a fit of early-morning-hangover rage.

Now, I don't feel any animosity toward the poor guy who has to wake ya'll young kids up, and it really doesn't fall anywhere in the office of the people in charge of grounds, they are just doing their job.

My problem lies with Brian Foshee. I don't like him, and quite frankly, you shouldn't either. Don't worry, I'll give you plenty of reasons. I don't have a college degree yet, and neither does Brian, or so I hear.

The deal is, I can do a better job than ol' Mr. Foshee. Potential is a horrible thing to waste. There used to be a time when this campus was a good place to work. When it was an honor, not a curse, to work at Rhodes.

I worked for physical plant this summer, you know. Oh, by the way, Brian, if labor maximization rings any bells, when you changed our schedule because our boss's underling told you to, I spent the whole day making love to a six pack of tall boys and didn't paint a damn thing.

Let's see how to put this, The situation over at the physical plant, with Mark Fletcher being in charge has created a dual set of rules. Since Mark fears little repercussion from Brian for his actions, chaos seems to be developing. When your lodge brother is your boss, and your boss's boss is your lodge brother, you don't fear much, I guess. Just ask anyone who has had heating system problems whether they think the superintendent of engineering fears for his job like many do over there do. Makes me feel real secure that Dean Boone is doing everything in his power to uphold the community standards of Rhodes College.

Okay, now let me present a totally off-the-wall, pulled-out-of-my-ass hypothetical situation. Imagine that Stewart burns. Say that only one side burns. O.K., depending on the side, that only one person dies on that side that you really



hate and don't mind missing. I realize that is very unchristian, but diversity can lead to... well, anyway. More people would die than you wanted to, no matter how

many people you hate... Anyway, imagine that one of the people in Engineering, a certified professional in his field, told Mark and Brian 2 weeks before that the building is unsafe and would probably burn to the ground. (Don't worry, Stewart residents, it probably won't. At least, not this year.) Who, I wonder, is Brian gonna believe?

Hmmm, Brian, you had better be sending a whole lot of flowers, because parents of dead students are very critical, and your head would roll, and I would throw the party to drink the beer out of, as my father would say, "Your dead skull!" Now don't that make y'all feel safe.

But that is not the real issue. Physical Plant used to function as a group, a body who would help the different facets of the whole to conquer a common goal. Thanks to factions that have developed, no one feels compelled to help another group out when their own jobs are at stake. Tough, but true. Compared, nothing gets done anymore, and those that get things done are looked down upon. That, my friend, is wrong. Bad wrong.

What does this mean to you and me? People over at the Austin Building are being persecuted, whored as it were. They can't even file a complaint about the things they are put through, because all complaints about Brian and Mark seem to end up on (or off) Brian's desk. Wish I could do that!

Now you might be asking yourself if I'm not just making all this up. You might be wondering where all the testimony is to uphold what I've been saying. It stops with me. It's what I feel to be true based on what I know. People's jobs and livelihoods are at stake. I don't want people to be fired, I just want things to get better for the people who work there. Just don't let the fact that no one says anything convince you that it doesn't exist.

So next time that some physical plant worker comes to fix, clean, or inspect your room, thank them, because they are doing the job they do for you, not for anybody else. For that, they get my salute!

They should get yours as well.

Editors' note: We tried. Oh, yes, we tried. But if we failed, please remember that all opinions expressed in our pages are those of their authors and not of the students of Rhodes College, *The Sou'wester*, Welch or Jason, or virtually anyone else without Stiles' [necessarily anonymous] sources of information. Hey, if it's Cajun, it's gonna be spicy.

Letter to the Campus

We would like to clarify an incident at the Kappa Delta All-Sing in which one of our pledges wore a Delta Delta Delta jersey. This was not part of our planned performance. No negative attitudes or connotations were meant to be associated with the Tri-Delts, and we hope no one took any offense.

Thank you.
Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity

A Good Thing From Foley

Thursday, Senator Tom Foley effectively killed Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan's proposal to include outrageous tax increases on ammunition. This is the first time I have ever been thankful for something Tom Foley did, but I must offer my gratitude. This is not only because I am a gun owner and don't want to have to pay double (yes, it was a 100% increase on many types of ammunition) for ammunition. In fact, considering that I shoot very little and mostly use shotguns, whose ammunition would not have been covered by the tax, I personally had little to lose from this particular legislation. Like most things in politics, it was something deeper that inspired the fear and loathing I felt this week.

Moynihan's proposal was only part of a series of attempts to legislate gun control on a national basis. The supporters of such attempts seem to believe that urban violence, crime in general and health care expenditures will drastically decrease if only the wonderfully enlightened members of our Congress issue forth one more "thou shalt not" from their self-proclaimed Second Zion in Washington.

The proposals range from a ban on different types of guns (as if some inanimate objects were more evil than others) to all manner of registration schemes (which will defeat crime by throwing newly-filled file cabinets at criminals) to high taxes on guns and ammunition. Some even propose such ideas as government-set limits on the number of guns one can buy or the rate at which they can be bought, a proposal which invites state-supported paternalism on a scale rarely seen in this country.

The problems I have with gun control follow two arguments: First, it is government paternalism, and, second, it is avoiding the real issues of crime. Government paternalism is always, was always, and I firmly believe will always be an oppressive and self-defeating proposition. Think about the logical problem of paternalism in democracy: All people are created equally. The government is elected by the people and of the people. However, the government takes on a paternalistic role, which means that the people in government are telling the people outside of government how to live. That implies they know better than the outsiders, but how can they if all people are equal? The answer is, of course, they don't know any better and should therefore keep their schnozzes out of

RATIONALE By JIM TURNER

everyone else's business.

This really applies to most situations, but especially to gun control. Congress tells me that they are going to regulate my purchase of an object because someone else uses that object to hurt others. It makes no difference that I will never use a gun in a crime because they know better than I do. If the scenario fails to make sense to you, you are about twice as smart as many members of Congress.

That aside, gun control is not a viable way to reduce crime, and a few examples can illustrate that. Add up the number of Rhodes students who are 21 or older and compare that number to the number of Rhodes students who drink. Which do **you** think is higher? Apply this technique to speeding, software piracy, etc., and I think you might get my point. If that fails to shake you, ask yourself this question: If the equivalent of the Brady Bill had been passed by Congress in 1973, would it have prevented James Brady from being shot? It seems only the most myopic and naive supporter of gun control could say "yes" and believe it.

Crime is not caused by guns. In fact crime predates guns by a large margin. Guns do make killing easier, no doubt, but the control of guns, when tried in certain urban areas, has not been shown to decrease crime one bit. To be sure, many claim that there hasn't been enough time and that, to work, gun control must be nationwide. Such arguments, however, are generally the sign of a bankrupt policy.

So, to Tom Foley, thank you. Though we may not be on the same side of this issue for long, it was pleasant to have you over. And now, with one small victory, those of us with realistic views on crime and truly liberal views on personal liberty will continue fighting the good fight. We will win of course, for we have the most deadly and feared weapon of all on our side: the truth.

Gun Control: Will the Good Guys Pay More?

By Scott Covode, '94

If we can agree on the statement that crime is destroying our inner cities, then let us talk about a current and popular cure. Although heavily debated in our nation's capital, the issue of gun control is probably not what you thought of first. I want you to ask yourself if gun control is the answer. Let me present you with some facts and opinions.

Currently, there are bills on Capitol Hill that require a waiting period to purchase handguns, a complete ban on handguns and semi-automatic weapons, significant taxes on weapons and ammunition and repealing of the Second Amendment. These are all ways that our leaders believe that we can reduce violent crime in America. By removing the rights of the honest, law-abiding citizen, we can stop the drug murders and gang warfare. I do not believe this is the right approach.

By comparing some of the cities that have very strict gun control laws as opposed to those that do not we can see some significant differences. Washington, DC has the strictest handgun policy in the US; no handguns, but they also have the highest murder rate with handguns in the country.

However, Phoenix, which has very lenient handgun control policies which allow responsible, law-abiding citizens the right to carry a weapon and defend him or herself, actually has a very low violent crime rate. The point being that Good Citizen Joe is not out there with his fully automatic Uzi carving up inner city streets.

Good Citizen Joe cannot even get a fully automatic weapon without applying to the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and undergoing an in-depth background search and paying an outrageous fee. It is not Good Citizen Joe with his legally purchased and registered firearm who is causing the problems besetting the nation, but rather the criminal element in our society. Good Citizen Joe is actually

responsible for only .04% of violent crime with all handguns.

Who gets killed by handguns? Many innocent people are killed by **illegal** weapons, but they are killed by lawbreakers. Those people that ignore the law in the first place have no qualms about getting and using illegal weapons.

Who would benefit from very restrictive legislation? Illegal weapon users. They would still get their weapons and would not have to worry about Good Citizen Joe being armed and defending himself. If they can ship tons of coke, pot and heroin into the country illegally, what will stop them from bringing in a few AK-47's or UZI's?

Before you decide to come out and lynch me, here is my position. I do support a waiting period on the purchase of all weapons, I oppose the sale of armor-piercing bullets (cop killers) to the public, I support harsher convictions for the illegal use of weapons, and I would like to see a national computer background check established. But there is no reason to support a ban on all weapons or even classes of weapons that are **used legally**.

One final thought: if we can seriously consider the repeal of the Second Amendment, why don't we go all the way? Let the police search inner-city youth suspected of being gang/drug affiliated for weapons without probable cause. Let the police search homes and cars for illegal weapons in problem areas and take the weapons. If we take all the bad guys' guns away, what need is there for a ban on legal weapons? What? You say that infringes on our rights? If you are not doing something illegal, what do you have to worry about?

I'll tell you what you can worry about: the government forcing you to turn in your legal firearms with no guarantee that this will affect violent crime in any significant way. Here it is: if you outlaw guns, only outlaws will have guns.

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Smashing Pumpkins Rock the New Daisy

By Michael Long

Almost two hours before the doors opened, a crowd was already beginning to swarm around the entrance of the New Daisy Theater. The sub-freezing weather chilled them from their shaved heads down to their combat boots, but they were determined to get inside. As the crowd grew, conservative types who had seen the Smashing Pumpkins on MTV started to pile in with their dates and their college buddies.

When the doors were to open at seven, the mass of people had already clogged Beale Street for almost two blocks. Unfortunately, the Smashing Pumpkins requested an extra long sound check and the people were to wait in the cold for another half an hour.

Finally, a security guard opened a door and began to let people in. The cold and frustrated lot barely began to thaw when the Swerve Drivers launched into their set. The guitarists blared out chord after chord and relied on effects pedals for variety while the singer droned in with a rather bland musical commentary. The stage itself was simple, and the overall sound ranged from repetitive to obnoxiously loud.

The first band finally retreated to a fairly positive crowd reaction, fueled by both their fans that sprinkled the

crowd and by the universal sense of anticipation to see the Smashing Pumpkins.

After thirty minutes, the overhead lights shut down and a group of four lanky individuals wandered onto the stage. They carefully and quietly assumed their instruments and tested them out a little, as if it was the first time they had ever played.

Then they exploded. They didn't begin with a 1-2-3-4, but a with a spark that was sent telepathically through the band. Lights shot everywhere in a seizure of color. The lights knew the music as well as the frenzied fans and answered to every note and tempo change that the band threw out.

The songs gripped the emotions of the crowd and sent them through a roller coaster of sentimentalism, jubilation, and raw hate. The lead singer of the Smashing Pumpkins put everything that he had into every note and guided the audience through both recently released and older, more familiar material.

His attitude began to tarnish by the middle of the show for some un-

seen reason. His anger shot even more intensity into his performance and threw even more dynamics into their plan to "thoroughly kick the crowd's sass" with the band's onslaught of blistering tunes.

Finally, the storm calmed, and the audience was left stunned and screaming for more. The band took ten minutes to return to the stage for an encore, leaving the crowd waiting in the same way it had done before the show. When they did come back onto the stage, they wandered and stalled before tearing into even more explosions of sound.

The band then took off from the stage yelling at the crowd that cheered. The singer left the stage with his guitar set on a wailing reverb that thrashed the ears of the huddled masses until a uniformed technician was able to swat the antagonistic siren.

In all, the anticipation of the crowd and the dynamic anger of the Smashing Pumpkins led to an emotional experience that will not soon leave the minds of those who attended.

Model UN Club Attends Prestigious Penn Conference

By Trent Taylor
Editorial Page Editor

On Wednesday, November 7, six members of the Rhodes Model United Nations Club flew to Philadelphia to attend the University of Pennsylvania Model United Nations Conference, one of the largest and most prestigious in the nation.

Approximately 50 schools attended the conference, including Harvard, Yale, Princeton, the University of Virginia, Georgetown, the University of Chicago, West Point and Johns Hopkins University. From Rhodes, J.B. Cormier, Ann McCranie, Heather Moore, Rossanna Punzalan, Vimal Shah and Trent Taylor represented the nation of Switzerland at the conference.

Georgetown University and George Washington University took many of the conference's awards, in-

cluding those for best delegation.

Renard C. Francois, the Secretary General of the UPMUNC, stated the goal for the conference: "for four days and three nights, all of you will be able to engage in stimulating activities that will challenge your cognitive and diplomatic skills to the utmost... As this world's future leaders, we must all do what we can in early life to practice the fine art of diplomacy while encouraging trust, cooperation, and compassion between all peoples."

Students spent a total of twenty hours in committees debating such issues as national nuclear proliferation, the economic and military situation in the former Soviet Union, terrorism, the war in Bosnia, and other international issues.

Rhodes students also had the opportunity to hear speeches from ambassadors to the real United Nations. The Croatia Ambassador, the German Ambassador and a high-ranking Israeli official all spoke at the conference about current issues facing their respective nation and the rest of the world.

J.B. Cormier, head delegate for the Rhodes team, said this about the conference: "the International Affairs Association at the University of Pennsylvania goes to a lot of trouble...to make sure that all the students participating get the maximum educational experience possible, especially with the crisis simulations, which really force delegates to think on their feet, using all the skill and preparation they possess."

The Rhodes team all learned a lot about the prospective issues they discussed. Several of the Rhodes students learned from the other delegates there about how to best prepare for a conference and how to debate in an effective manner.

Publications Board Makes *Confluence* Official Student Publication

By Emily Flinn
Campus News Editor

In a recent meeting the Publications Board unanimously decided to make the journal *Confluence* an official College publication. *Confluence* is a humanities journal that publishes scholarly works and photographs submitted by Rhodes students.

"*Confluence* has been publishing for several years and is a well-known campus entity, and we welcome its contributions," said Publica-

tions Board Commissioner Chip Riggs of the vote.

At this same meeting a proposal for a "journal of community service," put forth by the Bonner Scholars, was rejected. This journal was intended to carry poetry, essays, etc. with the theme of community service.

Bonner Scholarships are awarded to incoming first-year students by the Bonner Foundation of New Jersey. Scholarship recipients must perform a specified number of hours of ser-

vice work per week and during the summer. The program at Rhodes is administered through the Chaplain's office.

According to Publi-

cations Board member Welch Suggs, there were two main reasons that the Board rejected the Bonnor publication.

"Most of us [on the Board] felt that there were better avenues for the Bonner Scholars to explore to publicize their work. We (*The Sou'wester*) would love to print more articles about the service work they're doing, and other publications already perform many of the tasks they wanted to use their journal for."

Furthermore, according to the Publications Board Constitution, editors of any school publication must be chosen from the student body as a whole. The Bonner Scholars wanted to limit the editorial positions to only Bonner Scholars.

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Morgan Leads Men to 4th Straight Conference Title; Women Runners-Up to Centre

By Welch Suggs
Editor

Jackson, MS - With their 4th consecutive Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference men's title and best-ever women's finish, the Rhodes College men's and women's cross country teams proved that their program is quickly becoming one of the South's best among small colleges.

With runners placing 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th, the Lynx men won a convincing victory in the SCAC over the University of the South by a score of 46-72. Coach Robert Shankman remains undefeated in his Conference career, having won 4 men's championships in his 4 years at Rhodes.

Sophomore Jon Michael Morgan led Rhodes finishers with his 7th place finish in a time of 27:42 for the 8-kilometer course. Also named to the All-Conference team were juniors Welch Suggs (8th, 27:54) and Eddie Dieppa (9th, 27:55) and senior Edgard Cabanillas (10th, 28:14).

CROSS COUNTRY Individual Results SCAC Championships

MEN	WOMEN
7. Jon Michael Morgan (27:42)	4. Charlotte Turnipseed (20:25)
8. Welch Suggs (27:54)	5. Billie Ann Snodgrass (20:30)
9. Eddie Dieppa (27:55)	9. Anne Hardwick (21:07)
10. Edgard Cabanillas (28:14)	10. Alyssa Browning (21:10)
12. Felix Vazquez (28:19)	13. Jennifer Farringer (21:48)
13. Sean Moran (28:21)	15. Kristin Oswald (22:07)
14. Brendan Minihan (28:22)	21. Meredith Neer (22:39)

The women lost a tight battle with Centre College, placing second overall. With a team composed entirely of freshmen and sophomores, the Lynx women are emerging as the team of the future in the SCAC.

Freshman Charlotte Turnipseed and sophomore Billie Ann Snodgrass led the Lynx with their 4th and 5th places finishes, with times of 20:25 and 20:30. Other All-Conference hon-

orees included sophomore Anne Hardwick (9th, 21:07) and freshman Alyssa Browning (10th, 21:10).

The Rhodes teams head to Fayetteville, North Carolina next Saturday for the NCAA Division III South/Southeast Regional Championships, taking on the region's best, including Emory University of Atlanta and Washington & Lee University of Lexington, Va.

Lynx Lose Heartbreaker; Take 3rd in Conference Tourney

By Eddie Dieppa
Sports Editor

Trinity University, the ninth best Division III team in the nation, beat out all their Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference opponents to take the Championship Title for the second straight year. Trinity defeated Sewanee, Rhodes, Fisk, and Centre to take the title and finish their regular season with a 29-5 overall record.

Rhodes had been ranked second coming into the Tourney, with an 18-10 record. Their only Conference loss was to Trinity University, and they were unbeaten in play against the other Conference teams. The Lynx were in a pool of four teams, which consisted of Millsaps, Hendrix, and Oglethorpe. The second pool was made up of Trinity, Sewanee, Fisk, and Centre.

On the first day of play, Rhodes suffered a tough loss to Oglethorpe, and then followed it up with wins against Millsaps and Hendrix. The next day, Rhodes faced Trinity, the number one team in the other pool,

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and lost. In the consolation match, the Lynx played Oglethorpe again and won convincingly.

By virtue of Rhodes' loss in the first match and Centre's victory over Oglethorpe, Centre took second overall in the SCAC. Oglethorpe had played Centre, the second ranked team in the other pool, and lost. Trinity won a regular game and then the final over Centre.

Kelly Mallett said that the team was "really disappointed with the third place finish." Beth Fulton added, "we should have come in no less than second in the Conference."

Individually, the Lynx received excellent performances throughout the season from Tori Taugner, ranked ninth in the nation in hitting percentage, and Jamie Roeling, who led the Conference in blocks.

Lynx Fall to Millsaps Majors in SCAC Contest 28-24

By Chip Riggs
Sports Editor

Despite leading 17-7 at halftime, the Rhodes football team gave up 21 second half points and fell to the Millsaps Majors Saturday at Millsaps 28-24.

Justin Ross opened the scoring

Intramural

By Alyssa Browning

The members Lady Lynx volleyball team aren't the only ones heating up the court this fall — every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night, at least two of Rhodes' eighteen men's and women's intermural volleyball teams face off against each other in a more laid back, but equally series contest for a place in the 1993 intermural volleyball playoffs, which will take place after Thanksgiving. Teams must have at least a .500 record to advance to playoffs, so the competition is fierce.

The men's "A" League consists of six teams. The SAE's are currently in first place with a 4-2 record, followed by N the House (4-2) and Kappa Sig I (3-3). Other teams competing in the men's "A" League include Kappa Sig II, Faculty/Staff, and Spikes I.

The Tri-Delts (5-1) currently lead the five teams in the womens "A" league. KSA (4-2) follows closely, and the other three women's teams, Gamma Phi Beta, Chi Omega and AOPi, continue to improve.

The men's "B" League consists

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for the Lynx in the second quarter when he caught a 12-yard touchdown pass from Jimmie Glorioso. Glorioso

threw another touchdown pass in the quarter, a 24-yard scoring strike to Brian Vandegrift. With only 14 seconds left in the first half, Andy Likes' 38-yard field goal put the Lynx up 17-7.

Glorioso's 24-yard pass to Rob Harrison in the third quarter closed

out the Lynx scoring. Millsaps quarterback Kacy Presley scored on a four-yard run in the fourth quarter to put the game away for the Majors.

Glorioso led the Lynx offense, completing 21 of 37 passes for 258 yards with three touchdowns and two interceptions. Vandegrift was on the receiving end of nine of Glorioso's passes, for 89 yards and a score. Jeff White caught five passes for 52 yards, Harrison three passes for 56 yards and a touchdown, and Ross three passes

for 53 yards and a touchdown. Joey Thomas led the Lynx rushing attack with 88 yards on 28 carries.

The Lynx (2-8, 1-2) finish out their season next week at Centre College.

Volleyball Under Way

of seven teams. Currently, Mishmash (8-1) is in the lead, followed by Big Digs (7-2) and KSA (5-1). Other teams in the men's "B" League are "V", Pike B, Leach Mob and Kappa Sig III.

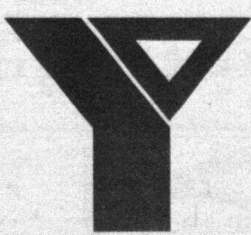
Ooof Ball is the next scheduled intramural event. According to Matt

Dean, intramural director, it is similar to volleyball except that the ball is thrown instead of hit or spiked. Consequently, no special skills are needed to play. Entries for Ooof Ball are due November 12, and play is scheduled to begin November 14.

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Auto Thefts Pinned on Daughdrill-Mafia Link

College officials are considering nixing Fall Fest and other future Rhodes festivities due to excessive rowdiness, revelry and the outside possibility of inebriation. The main factor in this decision, though, was the continued incidents of vehicle theft.

On Saturday, November 7, a mob of drunken first-year students stormed the Tuthill Student Activities Building, wrenched the keys from the hapless Safe Rides volunteers, and made off with the Safe Ride-Mobile. Vernon H. Humphries, Jr., safety officer for Rhodes College, said, "All I saw was this big white blur peel out through the gates. They were going so fast, I think they popped a wheelie on the speed bumps." Reports continued to come in that evening regarding the rather conspicuous white van with the "Red Cross" logo on it. The perpetrators were last seen outside of Silky's, asking if anyone wanted a joy ride somewhere.

What remains as the common theme for these thefts? President Daughdrill.

After most careful investigation of these incidents, the Rhode'ster staff noted that the parking space for Daughdrill often has different vehicles in it. Last week there was a shiny black BMW, the week before a pink Cadillac. Upon further probing, it was discovered that Daughdrill indeed had connections to the car thefts. In fact, he was the mastermind of the thieving ring.

According to reformed robber Rachel

Wortham, "I just couldn't go on with stealing. I mean, sure no one would suspect me of stealing cars—I just look too sweet and innocent. But I felt like he was using that façade for his own selfish gains. Sure, I got personal favors from President Daughdrill, but when you are a junior, you just don't have any problems getting into closed courses anymore."

Other vehicle thefts have included the Swann's Ice Cream truck, which was made conspicuous by the horde of angry kids running behind the truck and demanding their money back. This vehicle was retrieved, mostly due to the fact that the thieves did not know how to turn off the cheesy ice cream music.

Finally, Daughdrill, when confronted with the cold hard facts that all indicated his hand in the thefts, was typically evasive. "Look, I of course....don't know what you are talking about....but perhaps with some....ah.....incentive you might just want to forget this whole little chat even occurred.....Look, no matter what you write, the coppers won't be able to pin anything on me. And if you try to go public with this information, I might have to make you the next specimen for UT Memphis' 'Gross Anatomy' class, hmm? We Sicilians gotta stick together, you know. Now run along and play before I decide to call Mario (a.k.a. David "the Fish" Harlow) and Guido (a.k.a. Tom "Fingers" Shandley) to 'dispose' of you." Jill

Success Brings Publicity for Lynx Basketball

The Lynx Cat basketball players and coaches were extremely successful last season. And with success comes fame and celebrity. And with celebrity, of course, comes mention in the varied pulp magazines dedicated to delving into the personal lives, truthfully or not quite so truthfully, of famous people. Consequently, the Lynx Cat players and coaches have been hot subjects in the latest issues of *The SCAC Enquirer*, *The Weekly SCAC News*, and *I Think I've Got A Bad Case Of The SCACs*. Here is just a brief list of some of the recent magazine headlines regarding people related in some way or another to Rhodes College basketball.

*** Coach Hilgeman Gets Gameplans Telepathically From Elvis**

"For Lynx Cat opponents, Mallory Gymnasium is like Heartbreak Hotel. They feel so lonely, baby, they could die," sings Hilgeman.

*** Mike Gonda Displays Psychic Powers**

Lynx guard claims he predicted last season's SCAC championship — Before It Happened!

*** The Johnson Brothers Are Not Even Related**

Thomas is the love-child of Magic and Albert is the offspring of Lyndon Baines and "Lady Bird."

*** Assistant Coach Robinson Caught**

Stealing NASA Space Shuttle Diagrams

"I thought they were trying to duplicate our intricate open-post offense," T.R. defends himself.

*** Revealing Pictures Uncovered Of Ronnie Robinson And Princess Di**

The secret lovers were captured by an amateur photographer as they frolicked in Fisher Gardens.

*** Kem Conrad Catches Mysterious Case Of Melissa Burden Syndrome**

"Symptoms on the Lynx newcomer include his earring, his necklace, his bracelet, and his shaved legs," observes physician who also studied the SCAC point guard.

*** Steve Smith Seen Talking To A KD**

The Chi-Os, whose owl gave the Lynx swingman his nickname "Hoot," are furious.

*** Duane Robicheaux Proved To Be The Son Of Sasquatch**

"That explains the Lynx sophomore's hairy body and big feet," says scientist.

*** Extra-Terrestrials Force Luis Abascal To Take Lawn Furniture**

Alien life forms from outer space enter the Lynx center's body and make him do strange things.

"Si," agrees Abascal.



The Red Cross Saferides Van, the Safety Bike....Is your car next? Don't cross "Diamond" Jim Daughdrill, or you might find yourself part of the foundation for the new campus life center... (photos by Stephen "the twitch" Deusner)

An Editorial:

Gun Control: The Right Way To Do It

Gun control is a very serious topic, one that many people have strong opinions on. I've come up with some ideas on the subject.

First of all is gun control really to much to ask for? I say, if you can't control your gun, then keep it in your pants. I don't think that it's too much trouble to ask people to control their guns. I don't think we can allow people in society to go around shooting willy-nilly everywhere. Actually I believe that's one of the rules of gun owner responsibility #4, "Control your gun: don't go around shooting willy-nilly."

Guns are one of the leading causes of death in the U.S. (followed by eating bad fish and bus-related accidents). Some groups, like the NRA, complain that a mandatory 7-day waiting period on buying a handgun is too long. Now, if you're the kind of person that can't wait a week to buy a gun, then you are *exactly* the kind of person who needs to wait to buy a gun. If we make people wait 6-8 weeks for a Ronco Garden Weasel then surely a week isn't that long. You don't see people calling the Ronco company screaming, "Dammit, what do you mean 6-8 weeks!!-that's crap. I want my Garden Weasel now!!" However, you will find someone chastising a poor sales clerk who has the audacity to restrain himself from handing them a potentially dan-

gerous weapon.

I'm not advocating that guns be banned entirely. The NRA will say, "Guns don't kill people, people kill people." Well, that may be true, but its guns that makes those bullets go really, really fast. Therefore the focus should be on bullet-control. I'm sure carjackings would be more difficult to do with an empty .38. Bank robbers would be reduced to saying, "Alright, give me the money or I'll throw this thing at you really hard. This is a .357 magnum lady, it'll leave a helluva bruise!"

Some of you may be asking, "What about the good citizens who want to own guns?" Well I've thought of that as also. That is why I'm advocating the Barney Fife clause. This clause insures that every good, law-abiding citizen will get one bullet. They are free to dispose of this bullet as they wish (preferably by shooting that Sally Struthers on those late-night Christian Childrens Fund infomercials).

I believe that this will satisfy those on both sides of the issue. Those who want to own guns can do so. They can hold them, look at them, admire how pretty they are, but if you want to use it, better go next door and borrow another bullet. ED

ASK THE RHODE'STER

Due to the overwhelming amount of reader mail we've been receiving we have decided to add a new section. Each week the *Rhode'ster* staff will pick a reader's question and then we'll sit around and talk about it until we come up with an answer.

Q. I am doing some research for a term paper and I wanted to know what is the difference between sexual assault and statutory rape?

A. Well, we're not really sure. I think that sexual assault is when, y'know—you assault someone in a sexual manner. As far as statutory rape, anyone that's going around raping statues is a sick person and they need to be locked up.
(If you're doing this, for godsakes, stop it!!)

The opinions expressed here are strictly those of the Rhode'ster staff. They do not represent those of the College administration, professors, staff or fellow students—but they should!