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High Season For Hiring: Faculty Replacement At Rhodes

by J. B. Cormier

As many have noticed, recently there have been many presentations, lectures, discussions, etc. relating to the hiring of faculty. According to Dean of Academic Affairs, Harmon Dunathan, "this is high season" for hiring faculty here at Rhodes.

Currently the dean's office is looking at filling seven tenure-track positions in the faculty to replace those who are leaving or are retiring. These positions are as follows: English — Film and Writing; Foreign Languages — Spanish and Japanese; History — African-American History; International Studies — Latin America and National Security and Foreign Policy. The Physics department has already found a replacement for a retiring professor. She is an astrophysicist who visited the campus earlier this year.

A few of these positions merely have been empty for some time and it was decided that now is the time to fill these vacant posts. The media position is one such spot that is being filled for next year. It was decided that this position should have primary emphasis on film and should be lodged in the English department.

The Faculty Executive Committee advises Dunathan in general terms what positions need to be filled, who then makes his recommendations to the President and Executive Vice President. At this point a small search committee is established. This is composed of faculty from the department where the replacement is being made as well as perhaps one or two from other departments.

The search committee for the media candidate, for example, was composed of two English department members, one from art and one from the foreign languages department.

The search committee begins as early as possible, usually around September, developing its strategy and makes announcements and advertisements. Then usually a member of

the committee will, at a conference, interview some of the candidates. Fifty-six people were interviewed over Christmas for the media position.

Of this number, two were invited to campus last month, where they met the faculty and students at dinner and lunch. They also gave lectures which were open to the campus.

The search committee solicits the students' opinions before making a recommendation to the Dean. Dean Dunathan stated that there is a little disagreement as to whom the position should be offered, with the faculty and students usually settling on the same candidate.

At this point, the Dean passes the committee's recommendation on to the President and Executive Vice President with a suggested salary and contract. If they approve the candidate, s/he is called and notified that a contract is in the mail.

All positions needed for next year should be filled by mid-February.

At one time, Dunathan claims that 400 or more people would apply for a position. The committee would only look at about a hundred of those, among whom 30-40 would be excellent choices, making for a more difficult selection. This is no longer the case. Now only about one hundred people apply for available positions.

One of the concerns regarding hiring new faculty is the turnover rate. Dean Dunathan has just completed a seven year study of the situation at Rhodes and has found that two-thirds of those leaving left because they were only temporary replacements for a faculty member who was taking a leave of absence. For example, the Math and Political Science departments are currently looking for temporary replacements. Loss of faculty due to retirement and those wishing to leave has been reduced and Dunathan believes will continue to do so.

Orientation Intern Position Created

The Student Activities office is seeking one person to fill a newly created Orientation Intern position. The orientation intern will work with the Director of Student Activities in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the new student orientation program.

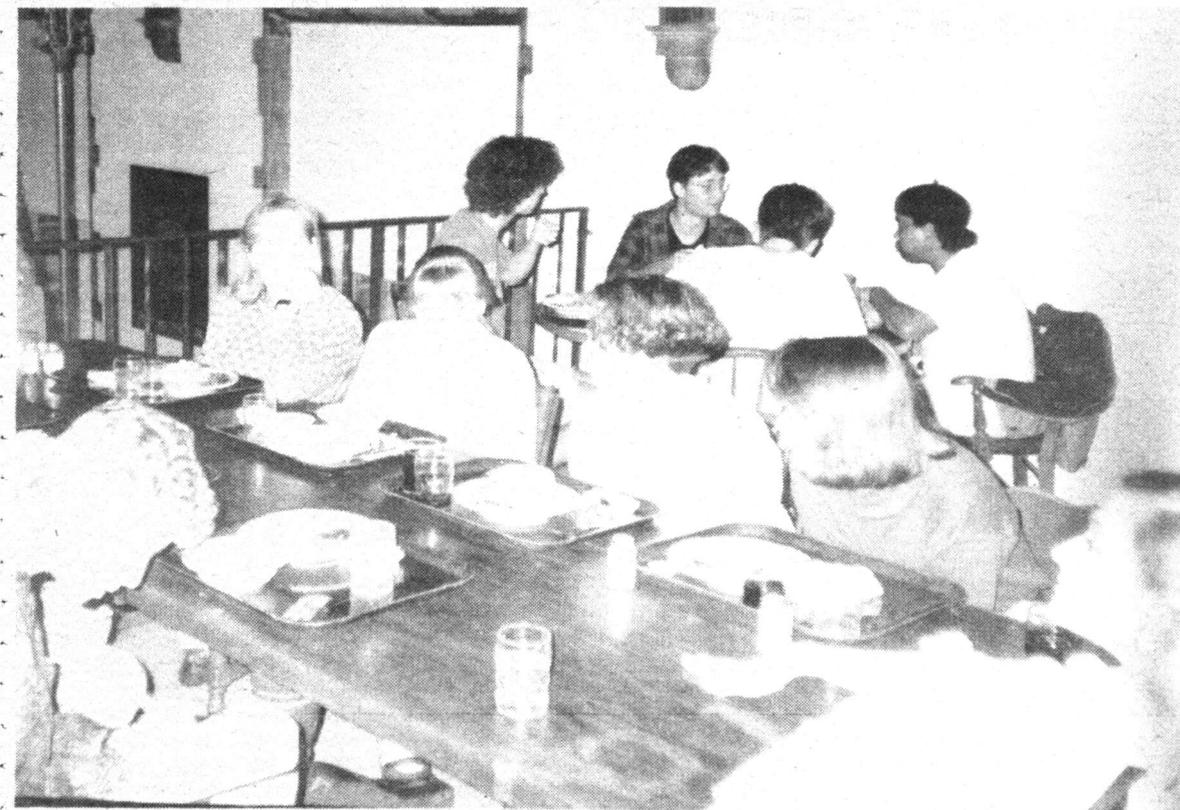
Minimum qualifications include enrollment as a full-time student of junior or senior status as of the '92-'93 academic year and a minimum 2.8 grade point average. The Orientation Intern must have good organizational, leadership, team-building and communication skills, creativity and self-motivation, and the ability to work with a wide variety of campus constituencies.

Preferred qualifications include

former orientation leader experience and experience with the Macintosh computer.

This position is a paid position through the summer months but requires training and work during the Spring term in preparation for the Summer. Remuneration for the summer includes free campus summer housing and a stipend of \$1250, payable in Summer only.

Interested students must complete an Orientation intern application. This application may be obtained from the Student Affairs Office and must be returned by 5:00 p.m. Monday, February 10, 1992. Any questions, call Laura Miller, Director of Student Activities at ext. 3552.



Most students eat in the Refectory regularly. It has been suggested, though, that a rash of student illnesses may be connected to last Wednesday's meal.

Investigation Continues Into Refectory/Illness Link

by Stinson Liles

The Rhodes campus was struck with a rash of stomach illnesses that many people link to ARA service at the Burrow Refectory last Wednesday. The condition, requiring hospitalization in some cases, is under investigation by a number of parties, ranging from the Health Department to an ARA Registered Sanitarian specializing in Microbiology. Investigations so far have not proven a connection.

First hints of a campus-wide problem came Saturday evening. Security received reports of students suffering from stomach cramps, vomiting and diarrhea. According to Director of Campus Safety Ralph Hatley, Security personnel drove six students to the hospital that night and another one the next day. "We don't normally do that," he said, "but under the circumstances, we thought it appropriate." Hatley reports that Security called the duty-nurse and helped the students who didn't have rides get to the emergency room, but characteriz-

ed the role of his department as merely the emergency handling of the situation. Campus Safety, generally, does not handle medical issues.

The charges against the refectory came as students realized that their conditions were not isolated cases. Many suggest that the illnesses struck too many people at the same time to be anything other than the Refectory food and cite examples such as the two McCoy actors struck during the same performance. There seemed to be little animosity, though. "You can't avoid things like this," said one of the students still feeling the effects. "When you serve that many people, it's bound to happen sometime." At press time on Monday, some students reported that they were still experiencing stomach problems.

Despite allegations, however, there is currently no medical evidence to link the outbreak to campus dining and "it will be another week before we know anything," reported Nurse Doris Gill of Campus Health Services

on Monday, referring to the processing time of the medical tests. "In fact, there is evidence that (the outbreak) may be viral; we're still getting new cases in."

Food Services Director Todd Bryant says that he, too, has trouble linking the illnesses to the Refectory. Even after compiling a database of all the pertinent information, he could not find one item or even one meal that all of the effected students had in common. "One person didn't even eat here at all," he notes. The tests that had come back from the Health Department Monday indicated that the illnesses were not very likely food-borne illnesses . . . and as far as viruses go, ARA has tested all of its facilities and employees. "Basically," he said, "it's all over, as far as I can tell."

The full report from the Health Department, which will show the results of the remaining tests on Wednesday's food and refectory conditions, should be released by the end of the week.

Philanthropy Fellowship Available

The Indiana University Center on Philanthropy seeks qualified applicants for its Jane Addams Fellowships in Philanthropy program. Now in its second year, the fellowship program was created to help maintain the vitality and integrity of America's philanthropic tradition.

The program consists of ten months of work and study at the Indiana University Center on Philanthropy.

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The application deadline is February 15, 1992. All applicants must be recent undergraduates who have not yet completed graduate degrees. For further information and application forms, please contact the Indiana University Center on Philanthropy, Jane Addams Fellowships Program, 550 West North Street, Suite 301, Indianapolis, IN 46202-3162. (317) 274-4200.

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Editorial:

In Search Of The Rest Of The Story

by Stinson Liles, Editor

As I was laying out this week's front page on Monday, I reached the point at which I had to put the headline on the cover story. Though I had written the story earlier, I had run into difficulty in trying to title it. By Monday night, I realized that the difficulty was not in encapsulating the story in one phrase, but rather in encapsulating the story in one *interesting* phrase that would catch your eye.

I have noticed, by watching circulation of both *The Sou'wester* and other periodicals, that "interesting" has come to mean "sensational" and that editors seem to have to choose between integrity and a popular edition. Sensationalism, though, is more than last week's episode of *A Current Affair* or Jennifer Flowers in the *Star*; sensationalism is made of subtle scare tactics and malicious spins on the news that make communication secondary to something akin to entertainment value. *Refectory Officials Continue to Deny Food Poisoning Allegations* would probably be more widely read, but I can choose to use a less sensational headline because I don't lose a dime if the stack of papers sits untouched in the Rat until next semester. For editors that have to sell papers, the decision is a little tougher.

The decision gets even *tougher* when one wants to sell more than papers; writers and editors face a bigger dilemma when it's a crucial bit of information one wants to spread . . . or a warning for the future. Environmentalist Stephen Schneider of the National Center for Atmospheric Research, in a 1989 *Discover* magazine, admits to having played this game. "On one hand," he says, "as scientists, we are ethically bound to the scientific method, in effect promising to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but — which means that we must include all the doubts, caveats, the ifs and buts. But on the other hand, we are not just scientists but human beings as well. And like most people, we'd like to see the world a better place . . . To do that, we need to get some broad-based support, to capture the public's imagination. That, of course, entails getting loads of media coverage. So we have to offer up scary scenarios, make simplified, dramatic statements and make little mention of any doubts we might have. Each of us has to decide what the right balance is between being effective and being honest."

While I sympathize with Dr. Schneider and scientists everywhere that feel the need to exaggerate for the public good, I think it is this ongoing simplification and dramatization that foster the public's desire for exciting headlines. For Dr. Schneider to rationalize even the marginal acceptability of this process reveals a devotion to something beyond the cause he espouses. Temporarily shelving of "the rest of the story" may stir up momentary support, but the sentiment rapidly fades as soon as the four-color dramatic headline appears on the next day's *USA TODAY*. The final result is a society that feeds on the drama of the news rather than the actual facts. We, the consumers of media, can't complain about sensationalism. Only by asking questions and daring to find out if the truth is really all that exciting, can we guarantee that we aren't being told what to think. The primary reason that we have stopped getting answers, it seems, is that we have stopped asking questions.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The following letter was not included in last week's paper due to lack of space.

To the Editor:

Last week's *Sou'wester* contained a letter from Kris Boring which caused us much concern. We do not desire to attack his religious beliefs or personal moral doctrine; to be sure Mr. Boring's viewpoints are respectable; however, we do feel the need to air our concerns over certain aspects of the letter.

There are no simple solutions to the global problems concerning sexually-transmitted diseases (hereafter, STD's). A strict code of moral ethics as stated by Mr. Boring is certainly a worthy suggestion, but it alone is not very practical. The problem lies in the fact that many people do not subscribe to a lifestyle of sexual abstinence, and all the "religious" preaching in the world, as desirable as it may be, will not change that. What is needed today is more than a code of morals, the world needs people like Suzi Landolphi, who are willing to stand up and educate the sexually ignorant or misinformed. Mr. Boring's doctrine is good, but it is Utopian. What is real is A.I.D.S. and other STD's. While preaching a doctrine of morality as suggested by Mr. Boring might "save" a small percentage of people from contracting an STD, it will not help those who already have A.I.D.S., nor will it help those who are unwilling to listen. If, on the other hand, people openly educate others on the possible consequences, only then will the door to prevention be opened. People, like Suzi Landolphi, who speak openly and honestly about sex, are not proponents of filth, they are rather commendable persons trying desperately to stop the onslaught of a disease which is attacking our world with frightening proportions.

Another concern over Mr. Boring's letter is the idea of freedom. In his letter, Mr. Boring states that "it is good that we can hear and express diverse

opinions at Rhodes," and he "commend[s] the groups that bring speakers to campus to present different viewpoints and attempt to create an awareness of social problems." Yet Mr. Boring contradicts his own argument, by saying that Suzi Landolphi should be banished from our campus! We are glad to be able to live in a society where freedom and not oppression reigns. No one forces Mr. Boring to attend such events, and according to his self-admitted stance on sex, he would not need to attend them anyway; however, there are people who do need to be informed. We do not necessarily agree with Mr. Boring's viewpoints, but we do not call for the barring of Christian-related events from our open campus.

It is time we stopped turning the other cheek to the massive problems which confront ours and future generations. Certainly religious codes of conduct are good, but more practical solutions are in order if we want to win the fight against A.I.D.S. We cannot ignore these problems and hope that everyone adopts a "Christian" lifestyle. It even seems to us that someone of the "Christian" faith would applaud a Suzi Landolphi, because she is helping others who need help in critical times. Suzi Landolphi is not telling people to have sex, she is telling them how to exercise caution and use good judgement, because people are having sex *anyway*. We think that Kris Boring has the right to express his comments, but we also feel that they are too narrow and unrealistic in to-

day's world. Sure, if everyone adhered to his viewpoints A.I.D.S. or other STD's might not even exist in the first place, but not everyone does; therefore other measures must be taken. Do not ban campus events, just do not attend them if you feel you might be offended.

Bruce Zacharuk
Bobby Lahiere
Class of 1992

To the Editor:

To all those who have not yet seen *God's Country*, please do—it is a play well worth \$3.50 and two hours of a Rhodesian's busy schedule. For those of us who have seen it, let us not allow *God's Country* to be pushed to the back of our minds. We were shown the extreme forms which racism can, and does, take in this country. We cannot walk away from this production with the opinion that these extreme cases are so rare that we can only view them from a distance. Hatreds of this kind exist and, yes, are abundant in our DAILY life (even on *gasp* Rhodes campus) although to a lesser, or perhaps more subtle degree. It would be easy to walk away from *God's Country* with a self-righteous, "I would never condone such things" attitude while allowing Jewish, African-Americans, Hispanics and others "unlike us" in our own community to be constantly slighted.

These things are not as distant as we would like to think. They deserve our attention.

Dionne Law

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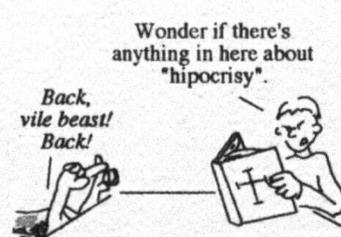
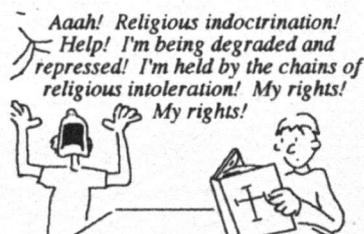
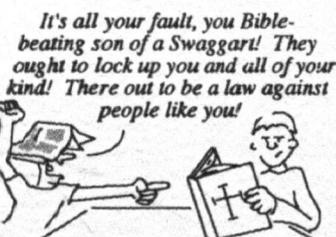
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What's The Deal With The Greek System? The Effect Of The Alcohol Policy

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Contributing Editor

Is the Greek system falling apart? Will fraternities soon be a thing of the past at Rhodes? Will this year's IFC become the first body to find itself with no constituency? The answer to these questions is probably (and hopefully) no. Though some faculty members and students wish some of the answers were yes, I do not think these things will come to fruition. However, there is little doubt that something is seriously wrong with the fraternities on campus. Blame can easily be placed with several entities for the current woes of these organizations — IFC, the individual fraternities, the members of the fraternities, the alcohol policy, overzealous campus police, the national fraternity organizations, or those people who value beer more than brotherhood. Most likely, the collapse of the fraternities is due to all of these things.

Surely it was a foreseen consequence of the alcohol policy that some fraternities would be driven off campus. The Sigma Nus cannot use their house, the Pikes had a schism of drinkers

vs. brothers, the Kappa Sigs may be in danger (it is unknown what will happen at the time of printing), and the other groups have all been cited for infractions of the school's alcohol policy. The procedure which leads to fraternities leaving Rhodes is something like this: fraternity throws a party, fraternity gets caught by overzealous campus police on the late shift, fraternity goes to IFC, IFC gives a severe penalty, fraternity gets mad but has no more parties on campus, fraternity has parties off campus, party-goers drive under the influence of alcohol, wrecks increase, fraternity desires a house off-campus, and the entire fraternity or a group of the fraternity members breaks away from Rhodes.

Isn't this strange? People are leaving Rhodes to do something illegal. However, though the consequences of drinking off-campus are much more severe than those of drinking on-campus, the chances of getting caught are less. So individuals are willing to drink and drive or move completely away from Rhodes because the prob-

ability of getting caught is less.

Rhodes would be foolish to think that it can stop drinking by those under 21 by handing out alcohol violations. Rhodes realizes it can't. The problem is that the alcohol policy has only displaced drinking to another location — off campus. In the early stages of the alcohol policy, there was only individual displacement as students went to bars rather than to Social Commission events. Now the displacement is on an organizational level as some groups which value beer more than brotherhood, or groups which simply cannot stay out of trouble, are forced off-campus.

Hopefully the migration away from campus is only temporary. However, the fraternities at Rhodes are likely to find that they will be smaller, faced with constant surveillance from the campus police, and forced to pay staggering amounts of money to an already-bloated IFC. The groups which can survive this — those which emphasize brotherhood and fellowship as oppos-

ed to alcohol — will find that they are a closer group, while those which cannot will find their organization disintegrated. One thing is for certain — as more and more people are forced away from campus, drunk driving will increase and more students will become injured in wrecks, and it is this that is the most frightening change that I have witnessed in 3½ years at Rhodes.

The fraternity system at Rhodes is changing rapidly. The penalties are too stiff for many of the groups to remain on campus, so they will leave. Other groups will attempt to stay on campus, try to outwit the campus police as long as possible, and then accept their penalties until they become too much of a financial drain.

The alcohol policy is not the only reason that the fraternity system is collapsing at Rhodes, though it is probably the primary one. Next week I hope to explore some of the other problems which plague fraternities, and how some of the groups can overcome those problems.

Greeks At Rhodes: Part I of III

by Teri Sullivan

This is the first of the three-part series on the Greek system. The other two articles will deal with students not involved with the Greek system and the faculty and staff respectively. The purpose of this article is not to raise anger, but to raise discussion. Most of the information gathered is from opinion surveys and should be treated as such.

"I think it monopolizes all of social life; nearly all the people in prominent campus positions are Greek (or deactivated Greeks)." This was the comment of a member of a sorority from Rhodes when asked whether she believed that the Greek system on this campus was too powerful or not powerful enough.

Out of ten surveys (five male and five female) or students who are members of the Greek system and one who deactivated, three said that it was too powerful with one describing it as almost "social suicide" to be non-Greek on a campus as small as Rhodes. Three agreed that it was just about right, although it is sometimes seen as too powerful, especially by non-Greek members. Two members of Rhodes fraternities believed that it was also neither too powerful nor insufficient in power, but it "could be more powerful." The other two Greek members chose to justify the power rather than classify it. One idea argued that "the Greek system is very

powerful, but without the power, it would be oppressed by its aggressors like faculty and other disgruntled members of the student body. Power is a necessary evil." Another opinion stated that "I believe, as with all power, that it can be abused. I feel that for the most part, this abuse lies in the discrimination that may occur because of the system."

Among those that were named as the top reasons for joining a fraternity or sorority, the most frequent answer found in the surveys was brotherhood or sisterhood. Other top reasons mentioned were social reasons, leadership and scholastic opportunities, and traditions in the families. One sorority member described one of her reasons, saying that "it is a 'base', a circle of friends in an unfamiliar surrounding." This idea seems to tap into that sense of loneliness and fear that one often encounters when beginning college. This year 63% of all women at Rhodes college are enrolled in a sorority. This is a slight increase from last year's 62%, but still quite under 1989's 66%. Males continue to be more evenly divided at 55% this year. This figure remains consistent with the decline of fraternity pledging from 1990 at 56% and 58% in 1989.

Seven Greek members out of the ten surveyed were satisfied or at least somewhat satisfied with the Greek system as it is. While one mentioned

that "the Greek system (at least sororities) is making an effort to emphasize philanthropies and volunteering as well as the social aspects," the others seemed to disagree on the exclusiveness of the system against both non-Greeks and other sororities and fraternities. Some other problems which plagued a Greek member who had deactivated was the amount of alcohol consumed and the preoccupation of the Greek system, "there's probably as much (or more) Greek paraphernalia in the 'book' store as there are books." However, the most agreed on problem in the Greek system was rush.

Two things must be kept in mind when considering rush. First, many students join a fraternity or sorority after having fallen through rush, so it is often hard to assess the fall-through rate. Secondly, there must be a distinction between the types of sororities. Black men who wish to choose a black majority fraternity must join a fraternity at Memphis State University. Sororities are different. The Panhellenic Council (NPC) at Rhodes is the largest of the two sorority councils. It is historically white and tends to be strongest in college. NPC is the council one generally speaks of when talking about rush. The Pan-Hellenic Council (BPHC) at Rhodes consists of two sororities and does not hold a "rush," although interested students can get information

at the NPC rush and an Open House is held for all sororities on campus.

This year out of 180 women who rushed, nineteen fell through. In 1990, twenty-four women fell through out of the 192 who rushed. Twenty-one fell throughout of the 181 who rushed in 1989. Many agreed that it isn't quite fair for people to fall through and that "everyone should have the opportunity to join a Greek organization if they would like to."

When speaking of the issue of Greeks versus non-Greeks, it was noted by several Greeks that they thought that "a separate student structure (not 'Independents' and not 'Greeks') should sponsor more social functions." However, one member of a fraternity stated that, "I think independents are jealous of the Greeks." With all of the debate that has arisen, the issue of the Greek system seems to be run into the ground quite often. However, the debate between those who have chosen to join a Greek organization and those who have chosen not to still serves to separate much of the campus and can not be "run into the ground" until it finds a middle ground, if there is one. One sorority member added that, "I wish some people would realize that most people in sororities and fraternities don't judge those that aren't — so why should we be judged for being in the Greek system?"

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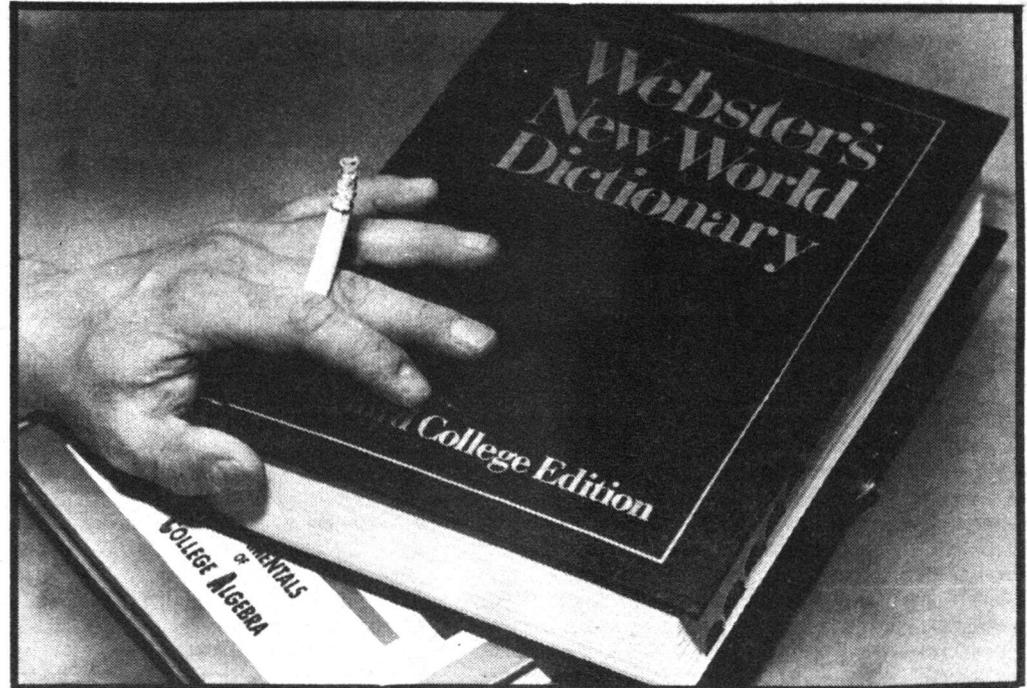


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Smoking and studies no longer mix on some campuses.

Blowing Off Smoke On U.S. Campuses

by Karen Neustadt

(CPS) — The glamour of smoking is in ashes in the 1990s, and college campuses are taking a hard look at policies, some with an eye toward creating an entirely smokefree environment in the future.

Many schools are dumping vending machines, removing ashtrays from sight, and banishing smokers either off campus, or to small, contained areas away from nonsmokers.

Tucked in the back of school newspapers are advertisements claiming to help students quit smoking habit. "You Can Do It" and "Let Us Help You Kick That Nasty Habit" spur the headlines encouragingly.

"I don't think smoking among college students is considered cool," says Randy Hurlow, director of communications of the American Cancer Society in Washington state. "It's that they start before they are 18, and by the time they are in college they are addicted."

Yet, many college students continue to smoke.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, a recent survey reflects that in the 20-24 year age group, 31.1 percent of males smoke, and 28.1 of females also have the habit.

In December, three studies published in the Journal of the American Medical Association found that the Camel logo, "Joe Camel," captures the fancy of more children than adults, and is as readily recognizable as Mickey Mouse by many 6-year-olds.

According to a Dec. 23 article in Newsweek magazine, Camel's cigarette sales to young people rose sharply from \$6 million a year prior to using the logo to \$476 million today.

While nearly half the students were smoking after the war, since the '60s, smoking trends have fluctuated among college-educated adults over 20, with smoking at its peak in the mid-'70s.

After warnings from the U.S. surgeon general and federal crackdowns on glitzy tobacco advertising, there has been a decline in smoking among people with some college education, from 42 percent to 26 percent between 1965 and 1987, according to the American Lung Association.

The facts about smoking are grim:

- Based on data from the National Center for Health Statistics, smoking is the single largest preventable cause of premature death and disability in the United States and kills more Americans each year than cocaine, heroin, alcohol abuse, drugs, auto accidents, homicide and suicide combined.

- Americans still smoke 600 billion cigarettes yearly.

- Though there have been many lawsuits filed against the tobacco companies by smokers, recently a \$5 billion class-action suit was filed by a group of cancer-stricken flight attendants charging that secondhand smoke caused the disease.

- Only 13 percent of lung cancer patients live five years or more after diagnosis.

What are colleges doing to extinguish smoke on their campus?

At the University of Washington and other state colleges, young smokers will soon be targeted by a statewide anti-smoking program funded by a \$7.1 million grant. Washington state competed with 37 other states to receive part of a \$115 million federal grant to research smoking problems in the state.

In August, and for the first time in Kirkwood Community College's (Grand Rapids, Ill.) 25-year history, smoking is not allowed anywhere on campus. A student survey showed the response was overwhelmingly in favor of a smoke-free campus.

Anti-smoking posters line the Kirkwood hallways. The school also is offering smoking cessation classes and support groups for those trying to

kick the habit.

The transition to a smoke-free campus is not always so smooth.

Tempers flared at Mesa State College in Colorado when Gov. Roy Romer officially declared "no smoking" in state-owned buildings, ending plans for a new smoking lounge in the college center.

The ban has created controversy surrounding the legality of the declaration, and many question whether the governor can ban smoking in a building that has been supported by student fees.

Though Mesa State can apply for an exemption, it has not done so. According to the Criterion, the school's newspaper, President Ray Kieft inquired as to whether the college center was eligible for an exemption and was told it probably wasn't.

Angry students staged a "smoke-in" in the fall, converging on the student center and smoking furiously for one hour. Their statement: The governor has no right to ban smoking in a building paid for with their money.

"This all started when one student wrote a letter complaining about smoking to the governor," said Richard Reeder, a mass communications student at Mesa State.

Smoke-free campuses are not for everyone.

At the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay, the student senate said a loud "no" to a policy that would make that campus smoke-free.

Chancellor David Outcalt devised a smoking phase-out plan last spring and asked for the student senate's input by Oct. 1. The senate sent a resolution to the chancellor requesting that alternative filtration systems be researched and that ashtrays be placed outside of buildings.

The Tobacco Institute, citing an industry-wide policy not to communicate with college students, declined to say what was being done by the tobacco industry to counter such anti-smoking policies.

SAFETY NOTES:

CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY

As a member of the Rhodes Campus Community we all have responsibilities to help prevent fires. It's a must for us all to be aware of special fire hazards around the campus and to cooperate with R.A.s, Campus Safety and Physical Plant authorities in their fire prevention efforts. The recent smoldering furniture fire in Ellett has served to awaken us all.

HOW CAN FIRES START

- Smoking materials such as cigarettes, matches, etc., usually account for many residence hall fires.
- Flame: Candles burning unattended or too close to combustible materials can lead to fires.
- Decorations: Some types of decorations ignite easily and enable a fire to spread rapidly. Such decorations include holiday decorations, posters, filmy curtains and flammables tacked to ceilings.
- Trash: Accumulations of trash and newspapers, especially in halls and stairwells and storage closets are a hazard. Bedding, mattresses, etc. in storage create even more hazards.
- Flammable liquids: Common materials such as paint removers, hair spray and duplicator fluid are hazards if handled and/or stored improperly.
- Furniture: A cigarette or incense that falls on an overstuffed chair or mattress can smolder for hours and then suddenly burst into flames and deadly smoke.
- Appliance: Special hazards include - HOT PLATES, ELECTRIC BLANKETS, IRONS TOASTER OVENS, HAIR DRYERS, PORTABLE SPACE HEATERS

DID YOU KNOW?

- Arson is, statistically across the country, the leading cause of campus fires. Arson is a serious crime that can result in needless deaths.
- Vandalism to fire extinguishing and alarm equipment can indirectly cause tragic and needless death to innocent people.

IN CASE OF FIRE

(If you smell smoke, see flames or are alerted to a fire, act FAST)

- STAY CALM—think out what you have to do. Then act—every second counts.
- SOUND ALARM—to warn others. Pull the alarm box. If there is none, shout and pound on doors as you leave. Never ignore an alarm. At Rhodes, New Robinson and Stewart are equipped with smoke/fire detectors that sound the alarm automatically. However, other residence halls are not, thus an alarm must first be pulled to notify all. Note Smoke detectors are installed in strategic rooms and other residence hall locations campus-wide. IF YOU SEE EVIDENCE OF FIRE AND DO NOT HEAR THE ALARM SOUNDING, PULL THE ALARM. DON'T EXPECT SOMEONE ELSE TO DO IT.
- IN YOUR ROOM?—When you hear the alarm, first FEEL YOUR DOOR, If its hot or if smoke is seeping in, DON'T OPEN IT. STAY IN YOUR ROOM. If it's cool, open it a crack—but be ready to slam it shut if you find smoke or flames. Leave if corridor seems safe.

IF TRAPPED IN ROOM

- Keep door closed.
- Seal cracks around door with tape, clothes, sheets, etc.

by Ralph Hatley

- Open windows slightly. If no smoke is seen outside, open at top to vent smoke, at bottom to let fresh air.
- Tie wet cloth over nose and mouth to aid breathing.
- Stay low (where air is fresher, smoke rises)
- Signal rescuers by waving a sheet or clothing out window or telephone for help.
- Don't jump if you're higher than two stories.

IF YOU CAN EXIT

- Take your key and walk to nearest exit if there's no smoke. If there is smoke or if its dark, crawl to exit, counting doors so you don't get lost.
- Close all doors behind you.
- Don't use elevators—they're death traps in a fire. Use stairs and hold onto rails.
- Turn back if you encounter heavy smoke (its deadly) look for another exit.
- Outside—report to your meeting place and R.A. if you can't find other people that should be there.

WE ALL HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PREVENT FIRES—YOUR LIFE AND THE LIVES OF OTHERS DEPENDS ON IT.

Fire—Let's P.A.C.K. together to prevent Campus fires.

P - Plan ahead in case of fire

A - Aware of what are potential fire hazards

C - Careful with smoking materials, electrical equipment and combustibles

K - Know safety features and equipment in buildings if needed

The AIDS Memorial Quilt Comes to Rhodes

In June of 1987, a small group of strangers gathered in a San Francisco storefront to document the lives they feared history would neglect. Their goal was to build a memorial for those who had died of AIDS, something that would make the country and the world understand the devastating impact of the AIDS epidemic.

Today, five years later, the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt stands as a powerful international symbol of the health crisis in our midst. More than 14,000 individual 3-foot by 6-foot memorial panels from every U.S. state

and 26 countries—each one remembering the life of someone who has died of AIDS—have been sewn together as a visible reminder of the tragedy we continue to face.

On April 3-6, portions of the Quilt will be displayed for the first time in Memphis in the Rhodes Mallory Gymnasium. Sponsored by Local AIDS organizations and co-hosted by area colleges and universities, the display will involve approximately 800 Quilt panels on the floor and walls of the gymnasium.

Volunteers are still needed for the display to

serve as ushers, readers of the panel names and to assist with merchandise sales, display set-up and breakdown. Interested volunteers or student organizations are encouraged to attend a sign-up meeting on Saturday, February 15 at 2 p.m. at the Red Cross Building (1400 Central Ave.) During the 4 day display, new panels will be accepted by the NAMES project. For information on how to make a panel or request that a certain panel be included in this display, contact Dr. Libby Robertson, Rhodes Counseling and Student Development Center (Ext 3849).

Student Assembly News

At last week's Student Assembly meeting, President Annie B. Williams reported the successful completion of two projects: reflective tape for speed bumps and increased campus lighting. She will continue to work with Vice-President Harlow on obtaining twenty-four hour computer access. A committee is drafting an Environmental Consciousness Plan, which will be revealed at the April Board meeting.

This year's College Bowl tournament will take place on February 14-15. Applications are available on the Assembly board in the student center. In other sports-and-leisure news, the Pub will soon be the home of a large-screen television with cable.

The Multicultural Awareness Committee is coordinating a new campus discussion program called FOCUS. Small groups will meet twice

by C. Annette DuBard

monthly with a facilitator to tackle issues of concern pertaining to racial, ethnic, religious, and sexual diversity. All members of the Rhodes community are strongly urged to participate. Anyone interested should contact Annette DuBard or Nicki Thomas

Assembly welcomes Jay Wardlaw as the new sophomore representative.

FALL 1991 HONOR COUNCIL ACTIVITY

DATE	CHARGE	PLEA	VERDICT	PENALTY	TERMS
9-15-91	Lying	NG	NG		
9-15-91	Lying	G	G	Probation	1
10-07-91	Lying	NG	NG		
11-04-91	Lying	G	G	Probation	2
11-13-91	Cheating	NG	NG		
11-21-91	Stealing	NG	NG		
12-10-91	Plagiarism	G	G	Suspension	1
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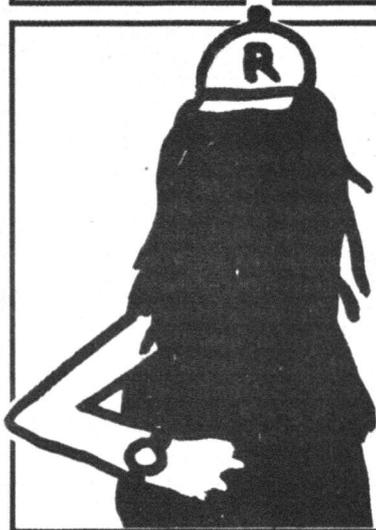
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African-American History Month

In recognition of February being African-American History Month, the Black Student Association of Rhodes College is sponsoring a series of events that emphasize the heritage and culture of African-Americans, as well as their contributions to society.

*As part of the Rhodes adopt-a-school project, the BSA is sponsoring an essay contest open to junior students (7th-9th graders) enrolled at Snowden Jr. High School. All essay entries are required to focus on the theme "I WILL SUCCEED DESPITE . . ." and prizes will be awarded for first place, second place, and third place. Deadline for entries is Friday, February 14, 1992. Winners will be announced at the African-American History play on Sunday, February 23, 1992.

Monday, February 10, 1992 - 6:30 P.M. Frazier-Jelke A

GENEALOGY FAIR: Come learn how to trace your family roots. Dr. James Johnson, manager of the History, Travel, and Genealogy Department of the Memphis Public Library and Information Center, conducts a genealogy workshop.

Tuesday, February 18, 1992 - 7:30 p.m. Buckman Hall
Blount Lecture Hall

SPEAKER: The Elks Oratorical award winning orator Patricia Russell McCloud delivers the topic: "Diversity: A Competitive Advantage." A graduate of Howard University Law School and President of Russell-McCloud and Associates, a motivational speaking and training professional association, Russell-McCloud will address global society's efforts to identify, tolerate, and understand differences and will demonstrate how diversity provides one with a competitive edge.

*A reception, sponsored by Omicron Chi Chapter and Beta Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., immediately follows in the lobby of Buckman Hall.

Thursday, February 20, 1992 - 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Catherine Burrow Refectory

AFRICAN & AFRICAN-AMERICAN CUISINE NIGHT: Come enjoy a variety of cultural dishes and listen to the music of Exodus, Memphis' own Reggae band.

Sunday, February 23, 1992 - 4:00 p.m. Hassell Hall - Payne Recital Hall
AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY PLAY entitled . . . *And the Story Unfolds*. Written by Rhodes students, this play captures the journey of African-Americans in the past up to the present, and utilizes the tools of narration, oration, song and dance.

*The winners of the essay contest sponsored by the BSA at Snowden Jr. High School will be announced at this event.

The BSA of Rhodes College welcomes everyone to all of this month's activities. Admission to all events is free. For further information, please call 726-3396.

Nuclear Café Doing It In The Pub For Amnesty

On Wednesday, Feb. 12, Nuclear Café will be playing a benefit for the Rhodes College Chapter of Amnesty International. The concert will be from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with a \$2 admission. The money raised will be used for postage for Amnesty's letter writing campaigns. Information on Amnesty work and letter writing opportunities will be available at the concert.

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Review:

God's Country: A Stunning Production

God's Country which opened at the McCoy on Friday, January 31 is a show which must be seen. I have never seen a better performance in my life. Its intense power and frightfully chilling nature will alter your perspective and change the way you think about the racial issue in America.

I cannot say that I enjoyed the play, because it is not enjoyable. The play vividly and violently illustrates the racial hatred and intolerance which is a frightening and real aspect of American society today.

I left the theatre with such a cold sense of fear that I had to read a book several hours after the show before I could safely go to sleep. I was afraid because while I had already known the extent to which hate groups exist in America, I had never met a violent white supremacist. In the McCoy that night I met, not just one, but several.

The play is performed an ensemble

cast whose artistic integrity is unrivalled. This was a true ensemble. All too often, there are a few North Stars that out-shine the other performers in the sky of the stage. Here in this performance, this does not happen. The artistic level is constant and very, very high. The actors utilize their abilities and the talents of their comrades in a very tight riveting performance.

Rarely do members of a cast so totally immerse themselves in the roles they are portraying that the reality of what is happening on stage is completely unquestioned. There is no vestige of the actors' identity in the performance, only the cruel, hating nature of the character portrayed.

Each monologue, each scene had the power of an earthquake registering a nine on the Richter scale, whose aftershocks are felt again and again. The tension between the actors and the audience was equally as phenomenal.

I found myself caught, desperately wanting to get out of this fiendish nightmare of hate.

The worst horror of it all is knowing that what we see on this stage comes from court transcripts, radio broadcasts, letters and eyewitness accounts of real events which happened surrounding the murder of Denver radio talk-show host, Alan Berg.

Shane Beeson, Chip Campbell, Rita Cooper, Dina Facklis, Vickie Hardy, Jimmy Myatt, Tim Olcott, Jason Potter, Anne Schilling, Gary Simmons, Cliff Spencer and Eric Underdahl star in this magnificent production which Frank Bradley directs and Kevin Collier assistant directs.

The show will run for one more weekend and is followed by discussion where the audience is invited to share its reaction with the cast in an attempt to encourage better understanding of our world.

Review:

Discovering The Undiscovered Country

by Jason Vest

For *Star Trek* fans, Christmas came early last year (yes, last year—it's 1992 now). Quite early, as a matter of fact. On December 6, to be precise, Trekkers everywhere sat under the film screen, their collective Christmas tree, and eagerly awaited the arrival of the projectionist, the cinophile's Santa Claus, so that they could unwrap a gift which they had been awaiting since early summer. What was the gift?

My dear reader, where *have* you been for the past twenty-five years?

Nothing less than the final mission of the original crew of the Starship Enterprise.

Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country is, to say the very least, a wonderful film, brimming with energy, excitement, and emotion. It is a warm, journey into the future, by way of fondly recalling the past, with characters who have been, as a promotion for the film rightly proclaims, our guides, our protectors, and our friends. According to *People* Magazine, Gene Roddenberry died a mere two days after screening the final cut of this film. I can assure you he died a happy man.

The story opens three years after the events of *Star Trek V* and a few changes have occurred. Sulu is now captain of the *Excelsior*, Kirk and his crew are due to stand down in three months, and the *Enterprise* has been repaired and refitted, accounting for some new set designs, particularly that of the bridge. However, the most galaxy-shaking event is that the Klingon Empire has fifty years of life left to it. The Empire's largest energy-production facility, a moon named Praxis, has been destroyed in a massive explosion which shakes up the *Excelsior* and is a special effects bonanza for the wondermakers at Industrial Light and Magic. This poisons

the Klingon homeworld's ozone layer and threatens to deplete its oxygen supply in fifty years.

Thus begins a grand adventure which, at its most obvious, is a modern parable about detente, peace, and the breakup of the Soviet Union. At a deeper level, it's a story of endings and old friendships reaffirmed through the acceptance of passing from one stage of life into another. In this adventure, as in the preceding one, the characters are thrust into their own internal world as much as the external one.

Viewing the Klingons as thinly-disguised Soviet representations comes as no surprise to Trekkers. The comparison has often been made in the past and is readily apparent in some of the original episodes. However, the interplay between the characters and the effect this entire situation has on them is far more interesting than the obvious parallels.

The flawless melding of tension and playful comedy is what makes *The Undiscovered Country* such a glorious movie. Even in the midst of an overwhelmingly serious situation, there is time to laugh. Most of the humor is nostalgic, recalling the audience's shared history with the core group of characters. As expected, Kirk again ends up in a fistfight, but triumphs by unwittingly kicking his opponent in the balls. There are also refreshing moments in which the screenwriters reveal that they are cognizant of the manner in which *Star Trek* has previously told stories. The best is Kirk's comment toward the end: "Once again, we've saved civilization as we know it."

The performances are superb all around, with a remarkable supporting cast. Kim Cattral would make any Vulcan proud in a calculatingly cool performance as Lieutenant Valeris. Christopher Plummer is engrossing as the Shakespeare-quoting General Chang. Michael Dorn, Mr. Klingon

himself, plays Colonel Worf, defender of Kirk and McCoy at their trial, with the same impressiveness and booming voice that he does Lieutenant Worf, the *Next Generation* Security Chief and grandson of his character here. Above everyone else, though, it is to William Shatner that I must give the highest praise. At first completely diffident to the Klingons, Kirk comes to see that they are a proud people with as many similarities to the Federation as differences. I'm also happy to announce that, finally, after years of bit plays in episode after episode and film after film, SULU HAS A GREAT PART! George Takei is more than up to the challenge, playing the *Excelsior's* captain with a dignified air through a lunar explosion, a photon torpedo blitz, and a surprise cameo by a great up-and-coming actor who's about to hit superstardom.

The storyline is intense — one part action flick, one part comedy, one part detective mystery, seven parts drama — and thoroughly entertaining. It comes as no surprise to me that it's still as fresh as ever.

The film ends with a sequence in which the original castmembers sign their names on screen, providing a sense of farewell and finality. This brings a tear to the eye of more than a few Trekkers. The sequence is also reason to reflect on the impact of *Star Trek*. It has always taught us something about ourselves—about our humanity, about our compassion, and about our courage. It shows us that we humans can live together, in peace, with all our wonderful, myriad differences. Such a potent message has come to us from all the writers, directors, and technicians who have worked on *Star Trek*, but from no one more than Gene Roddenberry and, in this case, the original cast. There is only one way for me to simply, warmly express my gratitude to these, my old friends.

Thanks, guys.

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Ode to Lynx Cat Basketball

If you are a Rhodes College basketball fan you probably know by now,

That your very own Lynx Cats are nationally-ranked and how.

Coach Herb Hilgeman's team has won seventeen games in a row, And they have won in all kinds of weather, except snow.

This past week's games proved no different, as we'll see With Lynx victories over Fisk College and Centre C.

Both of the games were at home in Mallory Gym, So the chances for the visiting teams seemed very slim

Fisk and Centre C. were very good teams in the competitive SCAC. So it would be very hard to beat them back to back.

But the Lynx feature such players as Kemper, Loftis, and Hank So any Rhodes fan might as well take these victories to the bank.

I can't really think of a very good rhyme,

But the game with Fisk went into overtime

It was an extremely close game, but when it was through, Chris Cardwell and the Lynx Cats had defeated Fisk too.

When asked what he thought about the overtime win, Transfer Taylor Tagg said, "I think that we got lucky as sin."

The Centre C. game was played the day after Pan And all of the players had had dates, except for Michael Fultan.

But despite the party the night before, 81 to 70 was the final score.

Rhodes College has won once again—a great win maybe, And Centre coach Tom Brady went home crying like a baby.

Center Carlton Austin was a major reason for Rhodes' success, But after the game he went out with a girl who wore a dress.

Thus the Lynx Cats moved into first place in the conference of SCAC, Having eaten Colonels and Majors and Stormy Petrels as snacks.

For this reason fans of the internationally-ranked Lynx would rather stand than sit,

Because as Hammer says in Matt Dean's favorite song, they are "Too Legit to Quit."

The only game this week is against Trinity College, who is also in the league

Come out tomorrow night at 7:30 to watch Josh Morris, the team's only Kappa Sig.

But on this note I end my ode, I have to go to another practice.

THE END.

NCAA Approves More Academic Reforms

ANAHEIM, Calif. (CPS) — Academic eligibility standards for freshmen athletes will be even tougher beginning in 1995. The change is one of many approved by the National Collegiate Athletic Association at its 1992 annual convention.

The new academic requirement involves increasing an incoming student athlete's minimum grade point average to 2.5 in 13 core curriculum courses and establishing a sliding scale that balances standardized test scores with his or her grade average.

For example, the scale would allow an athlete with a 2.0 to compete if he or she scored a minimum of 900 on the SAT or 21 on the ACT. If the student has less than a 2.0 grade point or scores less than 700 on the SAT or 17 on the ACT, he or she would not be eligible to play sports.

Previously, Proposition 48 stated that athletes must have a minimum 700 on the SAT or 18 on the ACT with a minimum 2.0 grade point in 11 core curriculum courses. No sliding scaled existed.

Ride Across America With Bike-Aid

This summer, six groups of twenty cyclists from around the world will set off from Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Austin and Montreal on Bike-Aid '92. All routes will converge in Washington, D.C., at the end of August. Bike-Aid is an annual transcontinental trek sponsored by the Overseas Development Network (ODN), a national student based organization, which involves individuals in addressing global problems of poverty and injustice. Bike-Aid '92 will emphasize Native American awareness by visiting with Native American communities and doing service projects.

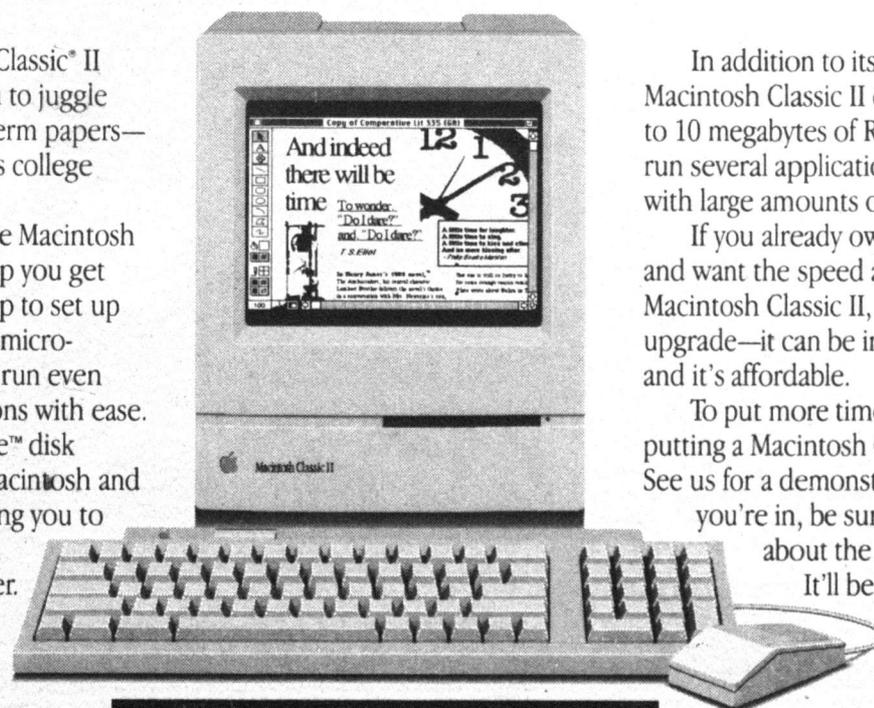
In the past six years 600 cyclists have raised over \$750,000 in support for domestic and international grassroots projects. Riders of all age groups and walks of life—students, teachers, community organizers and professionals participate in Bike-Aid. This year Bike-Aid expects to have riders from Asia, Latin America, Africa and Europe.

Bike-Aid '92 is recruiting riders now for this summer's trip. The application deadline is March 31, 1992. Call Bike-Aid '92 office at (415) 431-4480 for more information.

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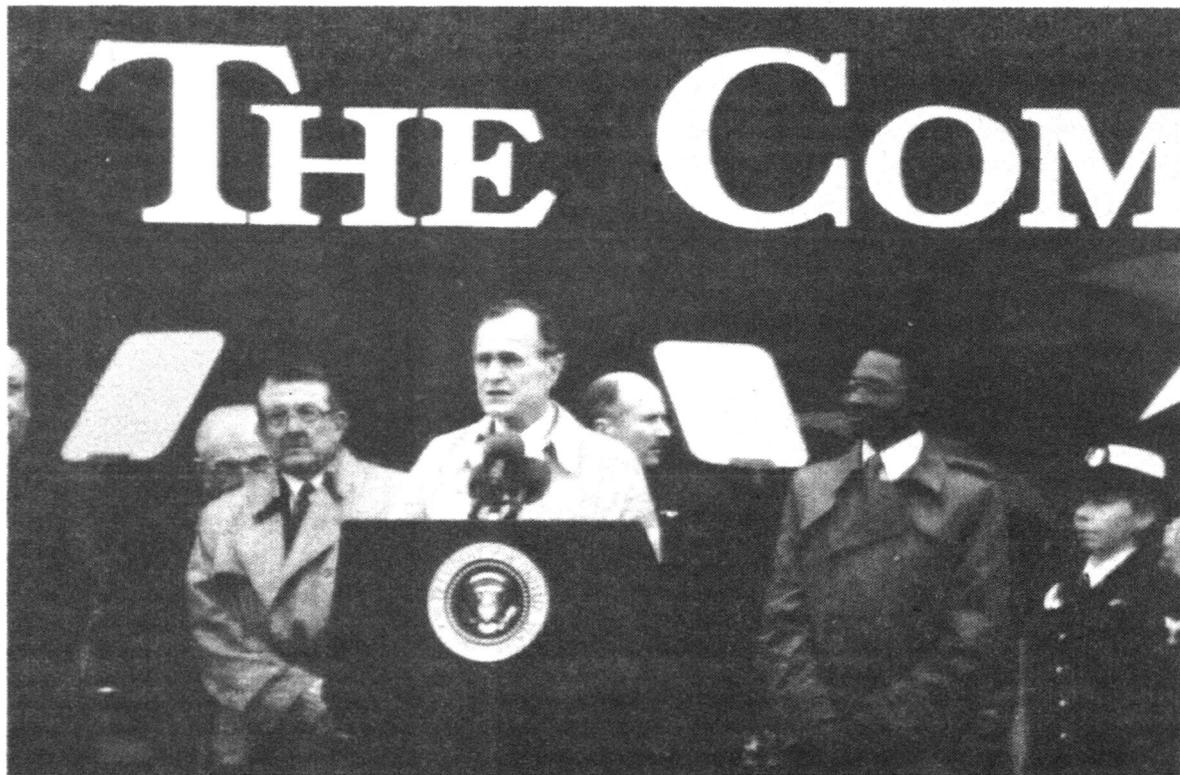
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President Bush speaks at the city's other newspaper prior to visiting Rhodes (where the assassination attempt occurred.)

Math Department Under Alien Control Results of a Rhode'ster Investigation

After an arduous three-month investigation during which our jobs and our very lives were threatened, *The Rhode'ster* has discovered that the math department of Rhodes College is, and has been for some time, under the control of an alien force.

The investigation began after a strange event occurred in the Calculus I class of Dr. Teri Lindquister. During a lecture in early November, Dr. Lindquister began writing explanations in an unknown alphabet or symbolic language. She quickly erased the symbols before any of the students could copy them and explained the symbols as being part of a shorthand used in abstract algebra. However, when asked about the symbols, no abstract algebra student could identify any type of shorthand fitting the description of the symbols used by Dr. Lindquister. Further research revealed that symbols very close to what Dr. Lindquister used have been found in and around Stonehenge, certain Inca ruins, and Prince Mongo's Planet on Front Street.

Over the next month, students in the classes of Dr. Robert Militello, Dr. Kenneth Williams, and Dr. Thomas Barr reported the appearance of more strange symbols on chalk boards and even on an exam given by Dr. Militello. When asked about the symbols, the professors gave responses ranging from typos to copier machine glitches.

The Rhode'ster uncovered the possible alien link when following up a lead on the symbols at King Mongo's

Planet. According to King Mongo, who himself is from the planet Zambodia, the symbols appear to come from a planet known to him as Xanthria. Said His Highness, "I hope I'm wrong, though. Xanthria is home to a very warlike people who have been known to subvert entire worlds with only a few agents and a couple of tough math tests. If it is Xanthria, Zambodia may have to step in to help." King Mongo suggested that we monitor all transmissions coming from the college.

The Rhode'ster monitored all radio transmission coming to and from the college for 72 hours. What we discovered was a highly focused beam of very high frequency radiation aimed straight into outer space. Though the transmission could not be deciphered, it seemed to support King Mongo's hypothesis.

After word of the monitoring project leaked, trouble for those involved began. One *Rhode'ster* reporter was abducted on Friday night, returned 24 hours later, and has been completely incoherent since, saying only, "Stay away from the brown ones! Just like Woodstock!" All members of *The Rhodes'ster* staff taking mathematics courses failed (a sure sign of foul-play).

The major break in the investigation came early in January. Four students were able to witness the math department assembled on top of the Math building. The professors were glowing and a brilliant beam of light was emanating from them into space. The

eye witnesses videotaped and photographed the event, but all film and videotape was ruined, presumably by radiation. The four witnesses have since disappeared without a trace.

Though convincing evidence is still yet to be found, it does appear that the mathematics department is under alien control. The college will not launch an official investigation of the matter. Dean Harmon Dunathan would say only, "They're here all right. I hope we can fight back before it's too . . . too . . . ackkk! I'm sorry. I have no comment. Please leave."

The only action taken on the subject so far has been the Student Assembly's resolution to form a special committee to recommend placing the matter on the agenda. Until further action is taken, Rhodes students are advised to take the following precautions;

- Wear sunscreen to any math class (preferably factor 25 or above)
- Notice if anyone in your immediate area is glowing or humming.
- Do not, under any circumstances, accept any faculty or administration members' invitation to come and join their "secret club."
- Do not have sex without using a condom.
- Do not drink and drive.
- Avoid Stag Beer.

These precautions can only delay the alien takeover of the school. In order to vanquish it, we must fight back! We merely need to soberly address the problem and constantly keep our faculties about us. Then again, maybe all is lost.

— J. Turner

Campus Assassination Attempt

ARA Food Services director Todd Bryant was arrested last Wednesday for attempting to assassinate President Bush, who made an appearance at Rhodes on a surprise visit to Memphis. Unbeknownst to most students, President George Bush, First Lady Barbara Bush, and First Dog Millie visited Rhodes last Wednesday where president Bush was the speaker at a banquet honoring the Rat as one of his thousand points of light. President Bush, before coming to Rhodes, visited other places in Memphis, most notably *The Commercial Appeal*, where he gave a speech consisting only of his repeating the phrase 'Desert Storm' 150 times, and the Comedy Zone, where he watched the opening night of his old friend, Mikhail Gorbachev.

President Bush then attended the lavish banquet at the Rat on the Rhodes College campus. President Bush was seated next to President Jim Daughdrill, and the two chatted amiably throughout the meal. Bush, during his speech to the audience at the Rat, praised the Refectory for its achievement in providing Rhodes students with the best food on any college campus in the nation. Student representatives, upon hearing this

remark, burst into hysterical laughter and had to be removed from the room. President Bush then sat down to eat the main course. Midway through the meal, Bush appeared faint, and the collapsed into President Daughdrill's lap where he vomited. Secret Service agents rushed to the President's aid, and helped him to his feet. Barbara Bush ran screaming out of the room, and was later found walking down Poplar, mumbling something about 'the vomit president'.

After several minutes, Bush stood up and remarked, "That ham was bad! Bad! Bad!" Todd Bryant was immediately arrested for attempting to assassinate the President, and for murdering First Dog Millie.

Bryant was sentenced to six years as Jeffrey Dahmer's cellmate. When President Bush was asked for comment, he replied, "Rather than the Refectory being one of the thousand points of light, it is actually one of the billion points of darkness in this nation. We need to come to a common juncture if we want to blah blah blah blah . . ."

When President Daughdrill was asked for comment, he shrugged his shoulders and said, "Oh well! I'm for Pat Buchanan anyway!" — T. Taylor

Student Sues After Losing His Arm

An anonymous student that lives in Glassell Hall announced today that he intends to sue the school for \$26,000,000.00 due to inappropriate medical care. He claims that his problem was misdiagnosed and improperly treated, which in effect led to the amount of physical damage incurred. According to him, this is how it began: "Last Monday I was sitting in Kamrava's class, and then all of a sudden, I just felt this terrible pain in my right arm. My bicep was convulsing uncontrollably, and my elbow felt like it was being wrenched to pieces." Immediately he left the class to go to the Moore-Moore Infirmary. Upon his arrival, he was asked to fill out a form explaining his problem, but he was unable to because his muscles would not stop twitching. Finally, Nurse Gill came over and looked at his, and said, "What exactly is the problem?" Whereupon he showed her his arm. She then told him to go home and gargle some salt water, and if he wasn't better by the next day, to come back.

The next day it still wasn't better. He had gargled the salt water, but for some strange reason, it hadn't worked at all. In fact, his arm was worse. Purplish knots had started forming around his elbow. He went to Nurse Gill begging her to do something, and she asked him how much he had gargled. She perceived that he had indeed gargled enough and set up an appointment with the Nurse Practitioner for a week from Thursday as that was the nearest timeslot open.

The next day, when the boy woke up, his arm was severed from the elbow down. He immediately got up and went to the Infirmary (carrying the other half of his arm with his left hand), and showed the nurse what had happened. Terrified, Nurse Gill relented, saying that she guessed she could "cancel that girl with severe iridocyclitis for today."

When he returned, the Nurse Practitioner took him into the examining room and flashed a light into his eyes. "Well, it's definitely not pinkeye." Perhaps a prescription for Neosporin will do the trick. But if it doesn't, then you should probably go to Baptist Minor Medical Center." She gave him the prescription and a 10% discount coupon for Walgreens.

Finally, on Friday, after no improvement he took a taxi to Baptist Minor Medical Center, where the doctor looked at him for thirty seconds and told him, "Son, you've got a viral infection. I had the same thing last week myself. I'm afraid there's nothing we can do for you. You'll just have to tough it out."

He decided to go to the Mayo Clinic. The doctors were amazed he was alive. Apparently he had a strange and rare disease that is created through excessive stress: the fear and anxiety that he experienced over trying to see the Nurse Practitioner.

When Nurse Gill was told about the boy's decision to sue, she was confused and indignant.

The boy hopes to come back to Rhodes next semester.