



Members of the Campus Community turned out in full force last Thursday to see the football players off to Colorado Springs, where the Lynx played their first game without Coach Leland Smith against Colorado College. See story, page 10. (Photo by Stephen Deusner)

Rhodes Security Nabs Car Thieves; Suggest Student Security Tips

By Jason M. Carmel
Editor

On Tuesday, September 28 at 2:00 pm., Commander Ed Ireland and Sergeant Bil Fortune of the Rhodes Campus Security department, after responding to an anonymous tip, captured a thief attempting to steal hubcaps in the McCoy Theater parking lot.

Commander Ireland and Sergeant Fortune located three black male suspects in their early-to-mid-twenties, one actually in the parking lot who was arrested with the help of the Memphis Police Department, and the remaining two in a car that fled immediately upon detection.

The Memphis Police advised Ralph Hatley, Rhodes Director of Campus Safety, that the three suspects were responsible for similar thefts in another midtown area earlier that morning.

Hatley, who served ten years with the Memphis Police and 4 years with the Shelby County Sheriff's Department before assuming his current position at Rhodes in 1991, stated that the suspect would most likely be charged with attempt to commit a felony, which carries a sentence of one to three years in prison.

The situation on the 28th mirrors a similar incident this summer, in which three suspects of similar description attempted to steal a car in the Trezevant parking lot. Commander Ireland, an 18-year campus safety veteran described as "an institution" at Rhodes by Hatley, and Ser-

geant Fortune, a four-year veteran recently named "officer of the quarter" by the Safety department, prevented this crime as well.

Hatley is aware of the disturbing trend of attempted and actual car thefts and break-ins, citing 30 attempts during the 1992-93 year, seven of which were successful car thefts. There were approximately 16,000 car thefts in Shelby County last year.

Commander Ireland suggests locking doors, parking on campus, and hiding personal belongings to prevent car thefts. He adds, "Another way students can help security, and its a minor detail really, is to put the Rhodes decal sticker on the car."

Hatley further recommends that students report all things that appear suspicious to the Campus Safety Department (x3880). "Anything from a car parked in a strange place to someone standing next to a car; anything out of the ordinary should be suspicious," said Hatley who gave much credit to the anonymous individual who tipped off the attempted theft. "We don't even need a name. We just need information."

Hatley was also quick to praise the officers involved in the arrest. "Not many people will put themselves in jeopardy for what they do. [The security officers] really like what they do and they love this place," said Hatley.

Stanford Economist Wins Seidman Award

Anne O. Kreuger, former vice president of the World Bank and a professor of economics at Stanford University, received the 20th annual Frank E. Seidman Distinguished Award in Political Economy, this Saturday, October 2, in Washington D.C.

Economist James Buchanan, the 1984 Seidman Award recipient who later won the Nobel Laureate in economics two years later, presented Dr. Kreuger with the award and its \$15,000 prize at a banquet in her honor in the capital.

Dr. Kreuger, an authority on international economic development, is the first woman to receive the Seidman honor since the program began in 1974. Memphian P.K. Seidman established the award to memorialize his late brother Frank Seidman. Nominations for the annual award come from economists worldwide.

In accepting her award, Dr. Kreuger spoke to the banquet audience on the topic of "Lessons from Developing Countries about Economic Policy". She will also visit Rhodes next spring under the auspices of the Seidman Award program.

Prior to joining Stanford University this fall, Dr. Kreuger was for the previous seven years the Arts and Sciences Professor of Economics at Duke University.

Dr. Kreuger's political economy background includes four years as vice president of economics and research for the World Bank prior to her accepting the faculty position at Duke. Before the World Bank post, she was a professor of economics at the University of Minnesota, while also serving as a consultant to the U.S. Agency for International Development, U.S. Treasury, Harvard Institute for International Development and the National Science Foundation, as well as to several private and multilateral organizations in the U.S. and abroad.

Dr. Kreuger has worked on solving problems of international trade and economic development in a number of countries, including Turkey, Korea, India, Brazil and New Guinea, and has chaired the National Science Foundation's 1991-92 task force on international economic research related to global warming.

She holds her Ph.D. and M.S. in economics from the University of Wisconsin and B.A. in economics from Oberlin College.

Dr. Kreuger was recommended for the award by a selection committee which includes three Nobel laureates: James Tobin, who was the P.K. Seidman Distinguished Professor of Political Economy at Rhodes in the fall; James Buchanan; and Kenneth Arrow.



Some 60-70 students enjoyed a taste of the "big time" last Thursday in Hardie Auditorium as "Blizzard of Bucks" rolled into town. See story, page 4. (Photo by Stephen Deusner)

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Townhouses provide living, learning experiences

By Amy Hall

Many first year students are probably unfamiliar with the Special Interest Residential Program and its purpose here on the Rhodes campus. The program is intended to provide "students with the opportunity to build and share an experience in community living" dedicated to a certain academic or community service theme.

Currently, the Spann Place Townhouses and two other residences in Moore and Townsend serve as the so called "laboratory" of the program. One of the philosophies of the program is that living together equals learning together because "students are empowered and able to create their own residential world." The participating student groups also work with an advisor who is selected by their relation to the group's proposed venture. The actual groups are chosen to participate on the basis of a submitted application containing their goals and specific objectives that is evaluated by staff and faculty members. In the past there have been residential groups of common majors, support networks for minorities, miscellaneous awareness organizations, and general project groups such as the staff of Cereal Info.

In the case of Rhodes senior Ayesha Vawda, the residential experience proved to be better than average. She and the rest of her residence group were of various Asian backgrounds and worked with local Vietnamese and Cambodian refugees whom they prefer to call "newcomers." While sharing their unique ethnicities with one another, they also had the benefit of focusing on their new project, which they still participate in today. She stated, "We were always good friends

with each other, and we got to learn one another's religions and backgrounds. Also, we were united in helping the newcomers to adapt to the American way of life. We always kept an open mind in our work with them, because they taught us a lot through the year."

Presently, there are six student groups taking advantage of the Residential Program. One group is working at the local St. Jude Hospital, while another titled P.A.C.E. (Positive Attitudes Change Everything) is striving to promote better attitudes for better performance not only in academics, but in maintaining a healthy self image and mind-set. K.S.A., a group on campus well known for their school spirit at athletic events, has also opted for communal life this year. There is also a sexual awareness group named "Our Bodies, Our Minds" that is working to promote increased knowledge about issues such as safer sex, sexual crime, and health. Lastly, an organization called "Group" is composed of individuals who do not drink alcohol and organize alternative activities that do not entail drinking. Obviously, the Special Interest Residential Program offers a broad opportunity to all Rhodes students. This living experience is more demanding than typical dorm life, as all the participants clean their living area themselves and are responsible for several other tasks. However, there are also many benefits to those who undertake it. Any students interested in taking part in this unique opportunity next year should note that applications are out in January. Also, Dean Karen Silien in Student Affairs is available for any questions about the program.



The inhabitants of Townhouse #2 are hard at work fulfilling their Townhouse obligations on a quiet afternoon. (Photo by Stephen Deusner)

The American Marketing Association will be holding an organizational meeting TONIGHT at 6:30 pm. For more information, contact Mark Strickland at x3475.

Post-Graduate Fellowships Information Meeting Tomorrow

On Thursday, October 7, 1993, from 7 PM until 9 PM in the Orgill room, representatives from the Marshall, Fulbright, Rotary, and Mellon post-graduate fellowship programs will be on campus to provide information about their programs and answer any questions students may have. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are especially encouraged to attend.

HOMECOMING 1993

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Winners may collect their prize money in the Alumni Lodge on Monday, October 17 after 9:00 a.m.

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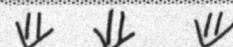
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Service Opportunities on Campus

Kinney Program on the Rise

By Heather L. Tyler

Recently, there has been a varying amount of criticism given by students to the administration of Rhodes College dealing with seemingly misleading information in catalogues and ambiguous references in letters. This criticism has addressed the misrepresentation of Christian principles in the daily routine of the college.

The belief that Rhodes is being hypocritical is one's own personal view; however, there is a program on campus which represents a "Brother's Keeper" attitude, and thus has not abandoned its Christian principles.

In 1957, Professor Laurence F. Kinney became the "guiding light" for students wishing to make a difference. He set the precedent and planted the idea in several students' heads of a campus-wide community service program. Some 26 years later, Rhodes boasts the Kinney Program for Volunteer Action and Community Service, as well as an awakening by Rhodes students to the significance and necessity of volunteer community service work.

The Kinney Program is "in the midst of restructuring," according to Trent Taylor, chairman of the organization. What began as 50 student volunteers has risen to between 300 and 400, and 80% of campus students participate in some form of community service that relates to the Kinney Program during their 4 years at Rhodes.

With this escalation in the number of volunteers, more student leadership was needed. Chaplain Billy Newton, director of Kinney, ex-

plained that, "We outgrew the old structure of having a staff director and only one or two student coordinators." Instead, eight students were elected to the position of coordinator, and one student, Trent Taylor, also assumed the role of Chairman/Moderator.

The eight coordinators each head specific "focus groups," which break down the different areas of community service into the following:

- Literacy & SCALE
- Hospitals & Health Care
- Human Services
- Peace & Justice, Env.
- Adopt-a-School
- Crisis & Counseling
- Hunger & Homelessness
- Children-Youth-Recreation

The responsibilities of the focus group coordinators include recruiting students, assisting those students in choosing which program(s) they would like to volunteer, helping to find transportation and training for the volunteers and coordinating special events.

Apparently, Rhodes is having an effect on surrounding areas. The Kinney Program is one of (if not the) largest, most successful community service program on college campuses in the nation, and Rhodes has been given the honor of being the facilitating school for community service projects in this area of the country. Other colleges look up to Rhodes as being the "national model."

Chaplain Newton elaborated that "The real breakthrough (is that) Rhodes has really devel-

oped a culture of community service. Students come here expecting to be involved. It's so much a way of life."

Community service work is beneficiary in many ways; to begin with, it can be coordinated with a student's major. For example, a pre-med major might volunteer to work in an emergency room. A psychology major could be a peer companion to someone with mental illness, a student in education could work with tutoring and literacy programs, and someone interested in sports could help with Special Olympics. All these service-oriented activities will count as experience later when filling out job applications.

Being a Kinney Volunteer certainly has its privileges. Working directly with Career Services, there are possibilities for community service jobs soon after graduation. These range from the Peace Corps to Vista to Teach for America. Or, short-term service jobs to the community are available during the summer months with a salary or stipend.

But perhaps the most important thing a student can gain by volunteering with the Kinney Program is what Chaplain Newton pointed out; that hopefully, involvement "will help shape a person's choice of career and help them to set a pattern of community involvement, whatever their area may be."

SOUPER CONTACT: Rhodes-sponsored Soup Kitchen

By Stacey Greenberg
Director of Souper Contact

I know that most people have heard of the Soup Kitchen. What I do not know is what they have heard. Probably something like, "Soup Kitchen? It's cool." It is cool, but it is more than that. Our soup kitchen is souper!

Like most soup kitchens across the country, we serve a hot meal to hungry people. Unlike other soup kitchens, we really care about what we are doing. Our soup kitchen constantly strives to improve itself. Last year we eliminated the usual line up/slop on serving style characteristic of most prisons. We serve our meals restaurant-style. Each table is covered by a student/waiter who is responsible for meeting the needs of each person at the table (i.e. seconds, water refills, fresh napkins, "to-go boxes", etc.).

Our soup kitchen is also about contact. Meals are served at 5:00, but most people arrive at 4:00. We spend this hour interacting. This could be anything from playing cards to coloring to simply talking.

If a student does not feel comfortable mingling, there is always plenty to do in the kitchen. This can have its advantages too (i.e. learning secret recipes, doing dishes, sweating, etc.). We also plan activities to increase

contacts between students. Just recently we had our first official Soup Kitchen Date Party. The purpose was to recruit new volunteers by having regulars bring someone of the opposite sex who had never been to the soup kitchen before. It was quite a success despite Cindy Crawford's last minute cancellation as Trent Taylor's date.

If none of this interests you, at least come for a free meal. Our food is guaranteed to be better than the Rat, and conversation at the table won't cover yesterday's biology test or who grubbed with who last Saturday.

My four years with the soup kitchen have given me much more than something to add to my resume. The people at the soup kitchen are fascinating and unique. There is no neat definition of what it means to be homeless. Each person has his or her own special story. Stories you will not hear in class or read about in a textbook.

I encourage every student to come to the soup kitchen at least once before graduating. We operate every Tuesday from 4-6 at St. John's Methodist Church on the corner of Peabody and Bellevue. Need a ride? Sign up in the student center and we will get you one. See you soon.

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Mike and Vicky Bring Blizzard of Bucks to Rhodes

By Ginger Crouch

Would you like the opportunity to humiliate yourself in front of your peers, to play games that involve oven mitts and baby bottles for the chance to win painters' caps in nifty neon colors or relatively small sums of cash?

About 60 Rhodents had all these fantasies and more fulfilled in Hardie Auditorium last Thursday night as the sequin-bedecked Mike and his lovely, saran wrap-clad assistant, Vicky, brought "Blizzard of Bucks" to Rhodes' campus.

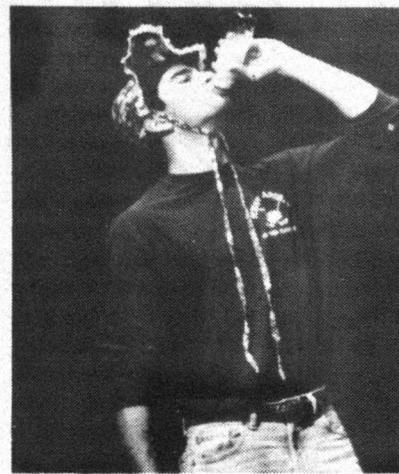
A quick interview with the appropriately blond Vicky before the show revealed some information about this wild and zany game show. Hired by the Kramer Agency, the twosome travels around the country, luring unsuspecting students to compete for a shot to grab some money in their walk-in, money blowing machine shaped vaguely like the elevator in Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory.

Although the publicity posters boast prizes of up to \$500, Vicky admitted that the one lucky person who gets to enter the Blizzard of Bucks Booth usually only wins between \$50-\$100.

The game was divided into three rounds, consisting of four contestants who were each chosen by random drawing. The participants had to perform potentially reputation-destroying feats such as stuffing balloons in their pants while doing their best imitation of M.C. Hammer. The winners of each round received \$25 and were then able to go on to the semi-final round. The final two contestants competed in a race to find a piece of bubble gum buried in a cream pie (using only their faces, of course) and blow a bubble with it.

The lucky winner of the whole night was first year student Catherine Carter. Including the money she won in her first round, an excited and quite messy Catherine walked away from Hardie \$128 richer.

Anything for money...

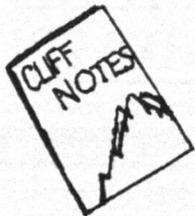


(Left) Sophomore Ned Crystal reverts to childhood and sucks orange juice from a baby bottle in a bid to win up to \$500. (right) Sophomore Kevin Gideon is comforted by the host of "Blizzard of Bucks" after losing a close clown-dressing competition to the eventual champion. (photos by Stephen Deuser)

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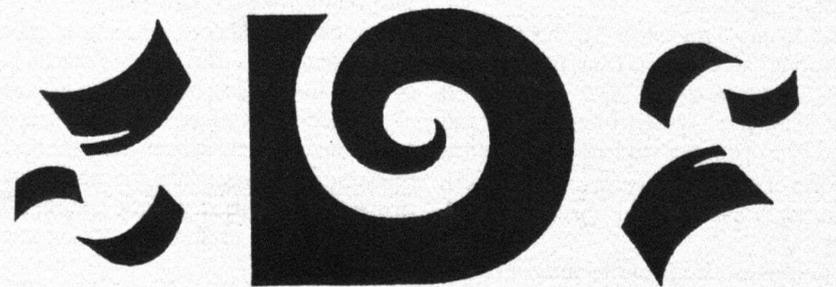
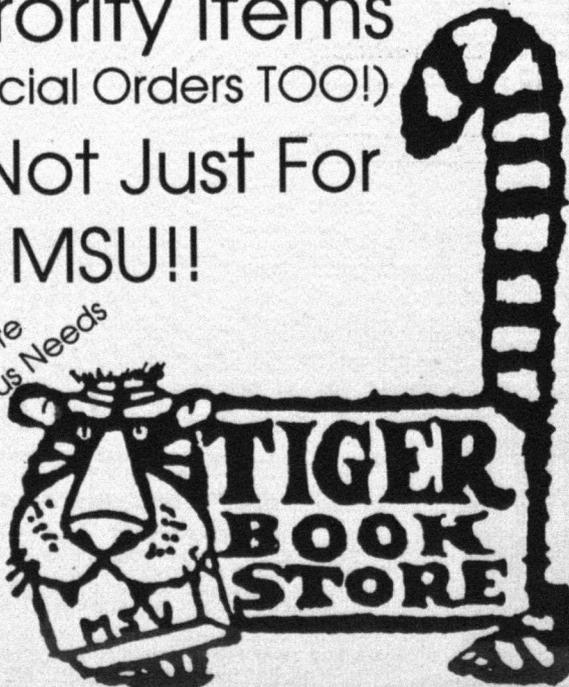
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"Wigging" and American Culture in the '90's

By John Hershberger

I recently stumbled upon an episode of Oprah that did not profess to solve my problems with my three bisexual marriage partners, but rather provoked my thought on some issues that hit very close to home for me and many others.

The camera showed two small ten-year olds sporting baggy jeans that hung lower than their knees, Cypress Hill T-shirts, black hightops with fat white laces, and fitted baseball hats worn backwards. As the television audience was "zoomed" in for a closer look, the camera revealed that both boys were relatively clean-cut and from the same middle-class neighborhood. I was then informed that the child on the left, who happened to be white, was called a "wigger." Which would make his best friend standing next to him, who happened to be black, a . . . ?

Their fashion statements derived from black urban culture combined with their racial makeup were at issue. The black kid was dressed OK (within his culture) but the white kid was apparently not dressed OK (influenced by black culture). Additionally, the label "wigger" was developed to describe him. The term, supposedly indicated that this kid "wanted to be black." As I watched I became alternately self-conscious, angry, confused, and embarrassed.

The gist of the argument was that hip-hop clothes styles worn by white kids incensed many African-Americans in the audience because they viewed the dress as a cultural rip-off, that these kids were in some way pretending to be involved with black history and the struggle of the people of color in this country. The clothes angered many white parents because they considered the style slouchy, degrading, and offensive (ironically similar characteristics to those assigned stereotypically to black males by whites).

Memphis is not a town on the cutting edge of much of anything, so it is not surprising to me that I know very little about urban fashion. Furthermore, this town does a pretty good job of segregating itself so that there is little danger of any substantial cultural mix, especially for the Rhodes clique. By college age we are largely set in our ways of dress, and for many Rhodies the L. L. Bean/J. Crew catalogue order departments are the place to shop. The issue of cross-culturalism is one that we generally do not have to deal with but one with which we should struggle and will have to increasingly in our careers and daily lives.

Many students at Rhodes are unaware of the culture that exists within blocks of the school. We live in a small island of predominantly white middle-class culture surrounded by neighborhoods that are predominantly African-American and of varying socioeconomic class. There is a rich culture around us with which many Rhodes students cannot identify beyond media-hyped notions of crack houses, robberies, and drive-by shootings. However, we cannot use our exclusivity as an excuse for our ignorance; we are in a multi-cultural world and most of us pretend we are not.

The violence of the inner-city is not a chimera, but it is an aspect on which we concentrate too much of our attention. We, speaking for the white majority at Rhodes, use the distance of the television screen to superficially experience different cultures, while we often do not make the effort to do so first hand. We

isolate ourselves because it is convenient and because we have become rigid in our ways.

Hip-hop clothing styles sold in "mainstream" stores, the growing popularity of rap in non-black audiences, and the propagation of black sitcoms, all within young, flexible demographic groups seem to be somewhat of a breakthrough in changing our attitudes about multiple cultures. If hip-hop clothes are being worn by white middle-class kids, the same kids that Ice-T claims buy 70% of his relatively hard-core and politically reactive rap albums, then it appears that we are reaching a cusp in the meaning of ethnic diversity. It signals the recognition of the power of the black community, the beauty of blackness, and the attractiveness of color.

A majority of African-Americans on Oprah, however, were outraged. One woman said she did not mind people wearing hip-hop clothes but "[didn't] like it when people try to talk black." What I saw as a hopeful signal was a bone of contention for many African-Americans. It seems the black community feels it had creativity, ingenuity, and value before the recognition of the white community, and justly so.

At the same time, beyond the emotion-laden battles of racism and equality that are continually waged in the legislature and in the workplace, the black community cannot ignore that it is part of a larger whole. Moreover, economic recognition of the black community is probably the most promising indicator that black culture is becoming ingrained in a more encompassing American culture.

Similarly, I can understand the consternation of white parents whose children pick out clothes the parents find strange and offensive. These children are challenging their parents' expectations, and the parents have no paradigm with which to frame their reactions.

The larger question concerns the limits of

cultural diversity. At what point do cultures mix enough that there is an established understanding between groups while maintaining a cultural identity and roots? To this end, though they were perhaps the most inarticulate of the people on Oprah that day, the two little kids wearing clothes they liked probably made the most profound statement of the afternoon. With all the anger that surfaced in the audience they were laughing and confused more than anything else for a simple reason: they had no history with which to compare their actions, they had only each other.

A realization of perhaps even more gravity, which occurred to me only after I had time to organize my thoughts, was that these two children had little or no concept of the issue that everyone was debating so heatedly. The boys did not understand any problem existed.

I do not think simple answers exist to such a monolithic social debate as cross-culturalism. I can suggest that we each do our part by questioning our social values and remaining tolerant of others, but the Rhodes studentry will have no striking and overwhelming reason to listen to me: most of us "Rhodes Scholars" will be self-sufficient and, many of us, wealthy. The nature of privilege is to extend itself to the next generation, as our parents did for us. We will always be able to move to another suburb, away from a multi-cultural existence. Our alternative is to quit running from urban culture and to accept it. Though we can afford, in monetary terms, to separate ourselves from other cultures, by the time we are our parents' ages I suspect we will not be able to afford, in social terms, to do so.

As apocalyptic as it sounds, the L.A. riots of last summer are an indicator of happenings to come, and as the educated, privileged few, we have a decisive role in determining the nature of these happenings. Will we choose to embrace

the different, the uncomfortable, the "other," or will we choose to flee it as, in many cases, our parents have?

This question broadens into countless others. Will we place our children in private schools and divest the public school system of much of its brain power or will we become involved in local government and improve our school systems so that we will be happy for our progeny to attend there? Will we encourage our children to sample other life-styles unlike our own? Will they learn different languages and appreciate the fruits of different cultures? Will rap and hip-hop styles, whatever they are by then, be welcome in our houses, or will we use the inflexible "get a haircut" attitude our parents used on us?

Time will tell, and someone once said "the only thing that does not change is change." In some sense, we are the physical embodiment of change. An idea not entirely different from Clinton's ideas about change, but not entirely the same either: it is something in which we are all implicated, which we will be a party to whether willing or unwilling, whether white or black, yellow or red.

Returning to Oprah from this mighty ideological perch, I hope nobody thinks I suggest that hip-hop clothes or the music suburbanites (the middle-class) like will change the world, but certainly they are some sort of indicator of what will come. What we must decide is whether this indicator will be an origin of understanding or an exodus to fear and hate; as Robert Frost suggested, the road will split many ways. The two kids on Oprah chose the higher road, and the social forces which developed the term "wigger" chose a different road. We have that same decision to make, and we are empowered, and responsible, to take the appropriate course. All we have to decide is which it will be?

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GREEK ON GREEK

Guys' Bid Day was on a Sunday this year—one of the better ideas since Napoleon decided to invade Russia or since David Lee Roth decided to embark on a solo career. Now I know that IFC tried to schedule this year's Bid Day so that the greatest number of fraternity members and pledges could attend, but why hasn't this been such a major problem in the last two years? I'm not trying to blame anyone—just curious.

Soon after reading Cereal Info Observations, we were all reminded that some first-years say some funny things when they haven't the faintest idea what they're talking about. The message here? Silly conservative people who use all three of their names to try and appear more credible need to be more informed before they attempt to slam their classmates and the Rhodes College admissions staff. When people use half-truths and falsified information in order to support some blue-collar paranoia, they hurt feelings and piss people off. Obviously, I'm a firm believer in free speech. Just remember that when you're vindictive and incorrect, be prepared to look stupid. All I'm gonna say.

Also, the past week or so has brought the Saferides program. Now I must admit, when the idea was first introduced to Roundtable, I was a bit skeptical. In concept, it sounded great. I first figured that since so few people took advantage of the CareCab program (for whatever reasons) that people would treat Saferides the same way. But I was wrong. Saferides has been getting an average of ten to fifteen calls per night, Thursday through Saturday, producing safe college students on a nightly basis. In fact, a real close, personal friend of mine (yeah—that's it) just used it last Saturday night. They were prompt (one minute early), concerned, and got their "customers" home (wherever they wanted to end up) relatively quickly. To the saferides people—keep up the good work. And to the students—USE IT (726-3997). It ain't bad at all.

Today's lecture, boys and girls, is on the Greek System and how it affects the social climate at Rhodes College. Now, if you were like me you learned the words "fraternity" and "sorority" about the same time you learned the word "college." My dad went Greek; my mom went Greek; both grandfathers, both grand-

mothers, two aunts, three uncles, four cousins, family friends, family friends' dogs, and family friends' dogs' mother's second-cousins-twice-removed all went Greek. The point is that everybody I knew who had gone to college joined a fraternity or sorority. This included my brother who was in a fraternity, at Rhodes, just three years before I arrived. So, as far as I knew, Greek life was college and college was Greek life. After all, some of the first mail that I (and every other incoming first-year male) received from Rhodes, were letters from all the fraternity presidents welcoming me to the college and inviting me to go through rush. So before I even went to college, in my mind, you either had to be antisocial or a major "loo" not to go through rush.

And so I came to Rhodes, went through rush, got one of the first early-bids from my fraternity, took it, watched most of my friends pledge something else or "go independent," went to Bid Night, got annihilated, urinated alongside my "new brothers," threw up, crashed hard (on what I thought was my bed), and got up with a hangover from which I still haven't recovered. It was Greek, it was wacky, I was a part of it, and I was loving it.

But after Bid Night, the excitement, for me, seemed to wear off. I pledged my brother's old fraternity because, as a rushee, I already knew many of the actives. As a result, I hung out with them during rush (without even considering any of the other fraternities) and, consequently, failed to get to know any of my potential pledge-brothers. But besides not knowing any of my new pledge-class, I was also, all of a sudden, treated differently by the actives. All the attention that I received during rush was suddenly gone, and instead of them kissing my ass, I was treated, well—like a "pledge." For a nineteen year-old with more than the average nineteen year-old ego, the transition was not easy.

Over the course of the next year, I got to know both my pledge-brothers and the actives

better. Some of them I hit it off with immediately. Others I didn't. I learned the creed, attended pledge-meetings, went to swaps, took dates to parties, drank lots of beer, and did all that fraternity stuff that I had been looking forward to since I first saw Animal House. And then, for the first time in my life, I questioned whether or not the whole fraternity thing was for me. On one hand, I actually found the concept of a "social brotherhood" appealing. To me, in ideal form, a fraternity was a group of people who supported, as well as socialized, with each other and who remained loyal to one another, regardless of circumstances, personal beliefs, or differences of character. (Oh yeah—I also dug the swaps and parties.)

On the other hand, however, there was reality. While there were individuals in my fraternity whom I considered some of my best friends, I was also calling people "brother" whom I didn't particularly care for, and who probably felt the same way about me. "Brothers" would cut other "brothers" down—not always in jest or in good nature—and not-so-inclusive cliques seemed to form. People didn't always listen to what others had to say. And on top of everything, I was paying \$50 a month for it all. In short, I came to believe that this ideal-fraternity-brotherhood-thing was just not going to be.

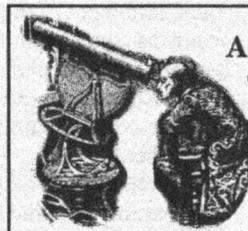
After extensive deliberation, I finally decided to go ahead and initiate, on grounds that I could always de-activate if things never got better. At the beginning of my sophomore year I was determined to get out and meet more people, ignoring fraternity or Greek barriers. Consequently, I started hanging out less with the fraternity as a whole, and more with the people that I wanted to get to know better. I was a helluva lot happier, and, as a result, things began to change. My fraternity took a great pledge class at the beginning of the year (I took partial credit for that) and most of my fraternity brothers that I didn't like either got better or

became more obscure. In a nutshell, I finally figured out that fraternity and Greek life in general, should, in no way, be the end-all and be-all of your college experience.

So now, in an effort to end a tiresome battle between independents and IFC officers, let me lay it down: If you're not in a fraternity, it's difficult to get a complete Greek perspective. Every member of the Greek system has their own individual experience. Some have found the brother or sisterhood upon which the idea of a fraternity or sorority system is based (Yes, even at Rhodes). And, for them, you must be happy that they have found something which will, hopefully, enrich and add fond memories to their college days. Also, if you went through rush, and did not happen to find a fraternity or sorority with mutual interest, it ain't no big thang (in case you haven't figured that out already). Get out and get involved in non-Greek activities. Besides, fifty dollars per month buys a helluva lot more than just swaps and parties.

And now to the members of the Greek system: fraternities and sororities are not for everybody and nor should they be. If you are making Greek life your entire life, you need to get a life. It's that simple. If you aren't good friends with someone with different Greek letters or no letters, you are missing out on most of your college life. And finally, think carefully about your Greek affiliation and, after giving it some time, if the Greek life isn't giving you as much as you think it should, then drop it.

So there are some humble words of wisdom from someone who has experienced both the ups and downs of the Rhodes College Greek system. I can't predict what my Greek status will be one year from now. Fraternity life may turn into one of the best aspects of my college experience. I may also come to decide that it's not worth the financial obligation. Right now, however, I still have aspirations that there will be more good experiences than bad during the upcoming year. In the meantime, I encourage everyone, regardless of Greek affiliation to keep expanding their social horizons. Get crazy.



A Cynics Guide To the Galaxy

Chris Robinson

In the Aftermath of Political Correctness

By Welch Suggs
Editor

One of the most significant trends in academe over the past twenty years, especially the past decade or so, has been the trend towards multi-culturalism in curriculum and college life. Multi-culturalism, for my purposes here, may be loosely defined as a desire to better represent groups traditionally excluded from normal discourse on college campuses.

Oops. Sorry about that last sentence—I'm starting to sound like a philosophy major or something. What I mean by "multiculturalism" is an attempt to make people aware that individuals who aren't necessarily white, male, or Europeans have just as much to contribute to culture as those who are.

However, many people, including many at Rhodes interpret this movement as an attempt to impose the so-called doctrine of political correctness on our speech and thus on our minds. The backlash against the "P.C. move-

ment" has been felt much more strongly here than it has at schools in what we consider to be our peer group of colleges, which includes small liberal-arts colleges in the Northeast and Midwest as well as the South.

It's pretty obvious that our campus, particularly the student body, is overtly conservative. This is not necessarily a bad thing, as annoying as it may be. However, the conservatism of the campus has caused us to miss out on the trends that fall under the general umbrella of multiculturalism that have swept across college campuses throughout the rest of the country over the past few years, trends perceived as "liberal" by people who feel threatened or insulted by them.

These trends, which include most prominently feminism, the gay rights movement, environmentalism, inclusivism and a whole lot of other "isms" that are usually scoffed at as being merely shows of political correctness. The P.C. movement's one contribution to life at Rhodes

was the substitution of the word "first-year student" for "freshman" in College material before my dear fraternity brother Bill Jordan shot the entire concept to hell in the spring of 1991, before I was even here.

P.C. has become an epithet for people and ideas whose goal, it is thought, to enforce some code of speech and behavior on unsuspecting individuals who use a certain language that others could find offensive. Similarly, the move for multiculturalism has been decried, even this year, as an attempt to enforce a new form of discrimination upon the admissions process and curriculum based on selective diversity and lowering standards.

This sort of backlash, some of which is admittedly deserved, has become as hot and controversial a topic in educational circles as the original, "liberal" move towards incorporating language, standards, and practices which better reflect the diversity of society around us. The irony is that at Rhodes, we haven't really experi-

enced, to any great extent, the impact of the original politics of inclusion.

In her book *The Morning After: Sex, Fear and Feminism on Campus*, Princeton graduate student Katie Roiphe does an excellent job of attacking the radical fringe of the feminist movement for its transformation of the date-rape issue into a forum for a culture of victimization. Claiming that this element of feminism has grossly distorted rape statistics and blurred the definition of rape to include any form of sex which does not include explicit consent on the part of the woman, Roiphe uses vignettes from her experiences as the child of '60s feminist Ann Roiphe, her undergraduate career at Harvard, and her graduate experiences at Princeton to show feminism at its most excessive.

When we begin discussing Roiphe's book in the Sou'wester in the next few weeks, I imagine that most of our writers and most people at Rhodes, regardless of whether they describe

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Misconceptions about Rhodes:**After One Month: First-year Perspectives****By Michael Long**

The night before I came to Rhodes, I rested my head on a cold and unfamiliar pillow at the French Quarter Inn with my thoughts racing about what the next four years of my life would be like. I tried to piece together all of the College experiences that I have heard from my friends and relatives with all of the images and experiences that I had seen as a Prospective Student. Gradually, a detailed picture of what life at Rhodes would be like rose up from countless thoughts.

Today my mind leaps with thoughts of the weekend and midterm exams. Campus has become home, and I have officially detached myself from my family. Now I can look back at the image that I had of Rhodes and put it up against the reality that I have found.

Here are just seven of the preconceived notions that I had and how they have held up (or fallen through) so far:

1. There is no way that I can possibly spend over forty dollars a week, unless I went out every night. I have always heard that forty dollars a week is the average amount that college students spend. Whoever started that rumor did not go to Rhodes. I dread the day that my parents get my bank statement. The first weeks here money leapt from my hands to pay for room decorations, furniture, food, and (ahem) beverages. As the weeks turn to months, though, I find myself getting closer and closer to forty a week. By the end of the year I know I will have to pinch pennies to make my summer savings last.

2. There is no way to get around if I don't have a car. I have also found this to be far from true. Quite a few first year students are in the

same boat, and asking for a ride amongst first year students has become an art form.

3. My classes are going to be hard, and I will have to study all of the time. The classes, so far, aren't much worse than high school, and the studying is about the same too. One thing that I have learned is that an hour studying in the Library after class gets a lot more done than an hour spent after coming home from Silky's at 1:17 in the morning, if you know what I mean.

4. My professors are going to be old men with foreign accents that have no personal interests in their students. From what I have seen, my professors want us to learn. Most of them are friendly, and I can see how they could even have lives outside of the classroom. They make it possible for this Private School dog to learn quite a few new tricks.

5. The food will be bad. Yep.

6. The people will all be from the South, listen to Travis Tritt and hoist Confederate flags. This one worried me the most. I am from a large Northern town, and I had serious doubts about fitting into a small Southern school. What I have found is a lot of diversity, and even the people from the deepest South can still share a lot of the same interests. Just ask Charlie.

7. Fraternities will be nothing but beer-guzzling football players.

Of course not, there are basketball and soccer players that get just as drunk. Seriously, the diversity that I have found throughout the various fraternities is amazing. Everybody has their own thing going.

By Michael Irby

"So do you like it here at Rhodes?"

This question is apparently the only line of questioning available to Rhodes upperclassmen (you'll have to excuse the lack of P.C., I'm not in the mood), as it was the most frequently used question during all of orientation and sadly every time thereafter. I say "used" rather than "asked" because it was plainly a rhetorical question serving no purpose other than a quick, painless instigation of conversation; and when I gave the unexpected response "NO," the tears welled up and doubts of personal value consumed them.

"You don't like it here in our perfect little harmonious society; but we say hello to everyone and smile all the time... what have we done wrong?"

All I can say is stop whining, and don't take it personally. Rhodes just isn't for everyone no matter how much you smile at them.

I applied to Rhodes from a long list of Southern Liberal Arts schools; "long" because I was too busy to make a decision, "Southern" because I had to stay close to home, "liberal" although it really doesn't go with "Southern", and "arts" because I was tired of technology and science. I accepted at Rhodes for only a few reasons: it's windy here, the buildings are neat, there are lots of trees, Memphis ain't bad for a Southern city, and they offered me the most money.

Clearly these aren't the best premises for choosing a college, but my options were limited. As you may have guessed, I was in for a shock when it came time to realize that I had chosen this place to live and grow for four years, and it wasn't quite what I thought it would be.

My first misconception was about diversity. I knew Rhodes wasn't very diverse, but I thought that was due to everyone being from the general area of the South. I was wrong. The majority of students here are from private, Southern boarding schools; and if you can stomach my stereotype, that puts a large fraction of students into a class of their own. As for students not born into this existence, silver spoon and all (again it's not your fault) they tend to faction off into their own little diverse groups and shelter each other from the cold, harshness of reality. The real world isn't like this (so I've been told), and I don't think a true education and an adequate world view can surface in this environment. Unless, of course, you wish to remain in the South forever.

That was my biggest misconception about Rhodes, but I am quite certain it goes with any

Southern Liberal Arts College. My second misconception was money. Sure I knew the price tag, but I thought it was worth the money. So far, classes aren't that small, students rarely participate in lectures (if participation is even considered), and strict requirements have placed me in classes that are far from anything I really want to fill my brain with.

"If you think education is expensive, you should try ignorance." Yes, yes I've heard this before and I think it's true, but as you can tell I would rather spend my money at a college that gives me more freedom over my education and that I at least enjoy. After all, if I am going to graduate in debt, I at least want to be happily in debt. And no amount of smiles here can really make my debt look any better.

The last major misconception is that Greek life is big, but hardly required to be included in life at Rhodes. It's true that there isn't much pressure to join, but unless you like spending every weekend searching Memphis for entertainment you had better label yourself with those silly little letters and wear silly outfits and scream really loud and get really drunk.

Which brings me to another point. The administration knows that students drink and that they drink a lot. The R.A.'s know that students drink; after all, they drink with them. Now I am not much of a beer drinker (I simply don't like it, thank you) but why, if drinking is such a reality of college life, does the administration compose so many rules against it in order to create an illusion of education, morality and community.

Let's face it, when the weekend comes, most of Rhodes hits the kegs, shots and cocktails regardless of what the rules say; in fact the rules probably encourage drinking. Isn't that what youth is for, a time to break all of the ridiculous and proper rules of society, before we are forced to join them. Why the administration likes to create such a false image of Rhodes is beyond me. Perhaps they enjoy living in their false sense of reality along with the rest of the South. They take their religion, their college and their lives as ideals without allowing any room for error. Open your eyes, the world's not so perfect.

So I am not too happy with Rhodes. Don't worry, I'll find another college. Just don't get so upset and worry about our individual unhappiness, as you often do, when I or one of the other misplaced few tells you that we don't like it here. It's not your fault. If you are happy, then you picked the right school. But as for me... I'm getting out of here.

The Price of Beauty**By Leah Barker and Gretchen Wright**

The eleven new teak wood benches that are located around the Rhodes campus are a much appreciated addition for many students and faculty. They were donated by a generous friend of the college and by the class of 1993. But do we know how and why these benches came to be accepted as a gift to Rhodes College?

Teak wood is one of the most valuable timbers renowned for its strength, durability, and the lastingness of its beauty and, consequently, is often used in the manufacture of fine furniture. It originates in the tropical rainforests of South America and Southeast Asia. Therefore, we must be aware, as an institute of higher learning and social consciousness, that rainforests are an integral part of the ecosystem and that their destruction due to the harvesting of timbers such as teak wood may have worldwide repercussions. This knowledge leads us to the questions, "How environmentally responsible must Rhodes College be in the acquisition of gifts?" and "To what extent are the students involved in this process?"

These teak wood benches were manufactured by the Smith & Haken Company of California, and the timber originated out of a teak wood plantation in Java. Dr. David H. Kesler,

Associate Professor of Biology at Rhodes, voiced his concern that these plantations were possibly created out of existing rainforests and, consequently, contribute to the destruction of the aforementioned ecosystem. He is also concerned that students are not made aware of such information about gifts and are not included in the decisions regarding their acceptance. These seem especially valid concerns in light of recent heightened awareness, both locally and globally, of man's devastation of the environment.

What does this information leave us to do? We must certainly appreciate the generosity of this donation and the beauty of the benches. In the future, however, we must strive, as an environmentally aware student body and administration, to work together in the decision making processes that serve to enhance the beauty of our surroundings and the quality of our education. As Thoreau explains in *Walking*, "...in Wildness is the preservation of the World. Every tree sends its fibers forth in search of the Wild. The cities import it at any price. Men plough and sail for it. From the forest and wilderness come the tonics and barks which brace mankind." Let us learn to appreciate this Wildness in our continuing struggle for its preservation.

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themselves as liberal or conservative, will applaud Roiphe's astuteness in her portrayal of the feminist movement. The images she presents of individual students will fit right in with the mainstream's view of feminists (and outspoken members of minorities in general) as power-hungry, off-the-wall, and generally distasteful.

Here is the irony: Roiphe is describing a movement which barely exists at Rhodes. We have no concept of how extreme the individuals she describes are because, to most of us, all feminists are extreme. Being described as liberal on this campus is a quick way to be written

off and excluded from the conversations of the mainstream, and so liberals who desire a voice in that conversation must disguise themselves in the most moderate outward appearances possible.

This is not an earth-shattering truth: one of the rules of any community is that one must avoid angering others in order to gain their attention and their respect. However, the conservative tenor of the Rhodes campus has created an atmosphere in which conservative extremists such as Rush Limbaugh and Dan Quayle are indulged and in which liberals of all stripes—

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The Sour Cocktail

Well, here we go again. It is time once again to dig up the horse and begin to beat the old nag like we used to. This time it is about drinking. What?, you say not

more about the one thing that has been harped on for such a long time! I have problems with the situation here at Rhodes College, and it deals with the booze policy here at our little subverted alcoholic playground.

Uh, you wonder, what, has this kid been drinking too much of his own special Cayenne beer? Or what? Why do we need to bring this up again? I think that pointing out some information about drinking that falls skewed in comparison to the way I feel it out to be handled.

First of all, I would like to preface this with understanding that I drink a good bit. I don't mind if you don't drink, just don't tell me that I can't. That really annoys any good and pure alcoholic.

I experimented with alcohol at a young age. I was first introduced to the wonderful corn concoction of Moonshine. Possibly the worst possible inebriatory substance ever invented, ever. Now one interlude with this blinding potion cured me of ever wanting to drink too much ever again. A lesson, save a few instances, I have followed remarkably well. When I got progressively older, alcohol was not viewed at my household as an evil thing just for grown-ups, it was something real, that you would have to face one day, not when you turned 21. I didn't drink too much at home, even when I became legal. I live in Louisiana, where you can die for your country, ruin your country (vote), and DRINK at the age of 18.

Then I came to Rhodes. I don't think I have ever viewed such a horrible handling of alcohol. There seems to be a rule, condoned by the Administration that allows anyone under 21 to drink as free as

they like, just keep it in a cup. I was recently extremely angered when I attended an Amphitheater party and was told to "Get rid of my beer". I was drinking an Oil Can of Foster's Lager. Something that just doesn't taste good

The Ragin' Cajun
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from plastic. But why did this anger me? Well, Being of legal age, I can buy beer and drink it nearly all over the world. But I can't drink out of a beer can while 1000 walleyed, piss drunk 18-20 year olds stagger around the amphitheater? I see a fundamental problem here.

Call me crazy, but when your orientation leaders tell you how not to get an Alcohol Violation from Security guards and R.A.s that don't really want to give you one, then there seems to be a real problem. I mean big. When you can sit in your room and drink all the beer you can afford, alone, but not go and play some football on the back forty while imbibing, there seems to be a system of promoting alcoholism instead of inhibiting it?

There is a horrible double standard developing in our little saloon that bothers me greatly, and quite frankly, it should bother you too. I can't drink a beer from a can, but a freshman can shoot a bottle of tequila in his room and get a free trip to the Med? (Alcohol Poisoning, for those who have problems with 2 and 2). This is somehow wrong in my mind. But I am sure that it is O.K. in the long run, and in the good interest of the College.

HA!

Yeah right

P.S. We'll be having a keg party off campus, be sure and drive, maybe you'll knock the gate house down on your way back!

part of the establishment to prevent African-Americans from attaining positions of power, rather than discussing a required course on non-Western values and religion, rather than addressing the date-rape crisis (or lack thereof) after we've had the chance to experience college life, we debate whether or not a spring rush would be a good idea or whether we should have condoms on campus. Hmmm.

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think of Bill and Hillary Clinton—are ridiculed.

Throughout my life, I've been in this sort of educational environment, in which the political and social environment is conservative enough so that people who are conservative, or who, at least, have been brought up by conservatives, feel right at home. The rest of us are often looked at strangely when we voice opinions contrary to those found in the Wall Street Journal or in Limbaugh's speeches, and heaven forbid that anyone might start questioning Bob Dole!

And so we have an atmosphere which isn't especially conducive towards developing a non-conservative outlook on life or on politics, and that I really don't mind. The problem is that since little respect is paid to those on the left end of the spectrum, a great many people go through their college careers without having their views and their life-style seriously questioned, leaving open the possibility that they may find themselves rather disillusioned in 10 or 20 years.

And so here at Rhodes, rather than considering whether or not there's a conspiracy on the

The Unhealth Plan

First of all, let me try to bring up a few positive words about the health care reform plan that President Clinton is in the process of presenting to the nation. First, in his address to Congress, the President did pay lip service to a lot of the right things such as freedom of choice, market allocation, and responsibility of the beneficiary. Second, the idea of health coverage not be tied to a single employer improves worker mobility, something that can have very positive effects on the dynamics of our economy. Thirdly, the idea of trying to reform this most tangled of economic sectors and at the same time expand participation in it to more Americans is a very honorable goal no matter what one's ideology is. That being said, I feel I am perfectly justified in shredding all of the remaining elements in this plan and, hopefully, shredding those who conceived it at the same time.

On the top of my list of problems about the plan is: It will inevitably lead to a completely socialized health care system (like the ones in Romania, the Soviet Union, etc.). This path to a single payer system begins with the formation of the health care alliances. The alliances will decide what types of insurance plans individuals may choose from. However, instead of letting the members of these alliances set their own standards, the federal government will set these standards (wouldn't want too much democracy to interfere with the formation of our great society). These standards include exclusion of any health care insurance plan that costs twenty percent more than average no matter what the benefit package is. The effect of this will be to immediately drive out smaller companies, which in most industries tend to offer specialized products to a smaller market. This will leave us with a much less competitive insurance industry being managed by the government. These larger companies will have neither the incentives to remain efficient nor the ability to cope with change (yes, even in the post-Clinton world of regulated health care, there will still be a very real need to deal with change). The health of the insurance industry will deteriorate, causing more regulation, causing more deterioration. At the end of this vicious cycle, the government will end up formally nationalizing the insurance industry, thus creating the socialist ideal of the single-payer system.

The next problem is that, despite the President's rhetoric about choice, the plan places severe restrictions on the way people will be able to choose their health care. First of all, even if you are perfectly capable of choosing your own health care plan, you must buy into an alliance. Though the alliance will offer you a choice of insurance options, if they don't offer one you like, you can't purchase one outside the

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alliance to replace or even supplement the alliance-approved plans. Also, if you wish to get more health care by going to a doctor on a fee-for-service basis, you won't be able to since the plan is designed to drive all physician out of true private practice and into the HMO's. Basically, the administrators of the HMO's and the alliances will have the power of life and death over the individual. In no way is this "putting people first."

The third problem is the way the alliances are created. The will be based on geographic regions, the borders of which must be drawn by the states. The court battles that ensue from the drawing of these districts will dwarf even the worst battles over Congressional gerrymandering and city annexation. Also, the plan mandates community rating, which, plainly put, means everyone in an alliance pays the same for health care. Though this sounds very fair, it fails to recognize the effects of our conscious and knowing decisions concerning our health such as: smoking, drinking, overeating, reckless driving, or even gang membership.

Number four: In the current weak economy, the last thing we need is to add to the cost of labor, and yet we are going to place huge new payroll taxes on employers to pay for the plan. Even with subsidies reimbursing the small businesses that account for seventy-five percent of our economy, the rational business owner will only use a portion of that for labor. We will have a whole new class of jobless citizens with no hope of providing for their health needs or any other needs.

Finally, the outline of the proposal is 239 pages long. We can only guess at the length of the plan itself. How on earth can the President expect to reduce administrative costs when the very plan reducing the costs is so complicated it takes a full time administrator just to know what is required?

I realize that I've only scraped the surface of the plan, its cons, and its pros (it must have some). However, I, along with nearly everyone else, am still struggling to understand the plan and what it means to Joe Six-pack and Jane Doe-Six-pack. In other words, expect more on this issue as it continues to unfold. In the end, though, I hope you will write your senator's and representatives and tell them to kill this plan in favor of something less in the tradition of Karl Marx.

**Designs are now being accepted
for Fall Fest T-Shirts.
All designs should be submitted
to Champ Lyons, Social Commissioner,
via Campus Mail, Box 1807.**

IFC Introduces Awards Program

By Chris Gilreath

Last Monday, the Rhodes College Interfraternity Council introduced a proposal to create an awards program to representatives of the 6 on-campus fraternities. Though the program was alluded to several weeks ago, specific details were not released until the plan was officially introduced.

The program itself, titled the Dean's Award for Chapter Excellence, is set up so, hypothetically, all six fraternities could earn the award. Rather than comprise a completely competitive award, the program is structured so fraternities must simply meet the criteria enumerated in each of the nine areas. In addition, for each of the nine sections, the fraternity that excels the most in an area will be given a separate certificate for their endeavors. The program is broken down as such:

I Scholarship Chapter maintains at least a 2.7 GPA for both semesters and has a yearly GPA of 3.0. Chapter submits evidence of a scholarship program.

II Intramurals Chapter fields teams for at least 85% of all intramural sports in either the B or A leagues. Two teams must be in the A league.

III Community Service/Philanthropy Chapter creates and participates in at least two

service projects per semester, one of which must be done with another student group. The chapter should average eight hours of service per active member, not including pledge projects.

IV Campus Involvement Chapter members must show proof of participation in different organizations. In addition, the chapter should sponsor two events that involve another student organization or the entire campus.

V Interfraternity Involvement Chapter actively participates in events sponsored by the College and/or the Greek System. Such events include, but are not limited to: Homecoming yard decorations; sorority and fraternity open service projects; Spring Fling. The chapter should hold swaps with all Panhellenic sororities. The chapter should be in compliance with all IFC policies, including the timely submission of all requested material by the IFC and the Office of Student Affairs.

VI National Fraternity Involvement and Recognition Chapter is involved with its national/international local founder's day celebration and regional conferences, with a minimum 50% participation rate of both pledges and actives. The chapter should hold an event with another chapter of the same fraternity. Chapters should apply for national/international awards.

VII Internal Organization and Planning, Property Management Chapter holds at least one leadership/brotherhood retreat per year. Chapter and committee goals should be set each semester. Chapter submits a budget for

each semester. Chapter has an active House Corporation that meets with the chapter. The chapter has at least one house improvement project per year. Chapter committees submit regular reports at chapter meetings. Chapter holds regular cleanup sessions and is in good standing with the College concerning the yard maintenance agreement. The house chairman has written, established house rules and policies.

VIII Alumni Programs Chapter produces an alumni newsletter at least once per semester and sends it to alumni. Chapter holds at least two alumni-undergraduate chapter activities and programs during the academic year.

IX Pledge, Member Education Chapter is in compliance with the Rhodes College hazing policy. Chapter has a written pledge program that meets the approval of the chapter and includes a variety of activities that involves the

entire chapter. Some components of the program should include: a chapter history session; an explanation of all offices in the fraternity; chapter standards; service projects; team-building non-degrading activities designed to build chapter unity; interfraternity involvement; scholarship; respect for chapter property and other members. The chapter should conduct a series of educational programs held within the chapter and open to the campus.

Besides encouraging active, progressive fraternity chapters, the program, if accepted, would be the culmination of a year of Greek activities, facilitated by IFC, Pan and the Rhodes chapter of the Order of Omega, a Greek honor society. Though the plan is yet to be adopted by the Interfraternity Council or Pan, the Interfraternity Council executive officers, David Hester, and Dean Shandley are hopeful that the plan will be approved.



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Lady Lynx Maintain Undefeated Streak

By Holly Miller

The Rhodes women's soccer team remains undefeated. The ratio of goals we've scored to goals opponents have scored now stands at 55:5 (simplified by use of Marcinko math, that's 11:1—good).

Since last you read about the Lynx women, we have defeated Christian Brothers University 3-1 and MacMurray College 4-0. And then there's Hendrix College, whom we defeated a whopping 15-0; now you may be thinking, "How horrible—they've added unnecessary disgrace to defeat," but really, fifteen goals was extremely merciful, and also they asked for it.

Next we traveled to Sewanee, Tennessee to defeat the University of the South 4-2, and then we moved on to Atlanta to defeat Oglethorpe University 5-1. Back at home we were nice to Hendrix: we only did a 4-0 job on them (it was raining, okay?). We played them twice because...well...we played them twice.

The defense is protecting our goal well, for, as Coach says, protection is the name of the game. He didn't really say that. Hallie McNeill has recorded six shutouts so far as keeper; she has sacrificed the skin off her legs for us, and she has repeatedly attended early-morning keeper sessions with assistant coach Darren "Premsyn" Ambrose—this, I assure you, is not easy. Kelly Holdbrooks, our freshman sweeper who is a genuine Energizer bunny in all aspects of her life, has a low tolerance for opposing forwards, and Amy Cooper, who will, by the way, name her firstborn son "Hooper", looks out for Kelly as our stopper. Defenders Kristie Lavender and Mary

Margaret Hines are rapidly recovering from the wrath of vindictive plants and an injured ankle, respectively.

At midfield Mo Martin and her bazooka left foot are back and playing better than ever (we're grateful, Mike), and Amanda Gatlin and Rachel

***"Don't be dumb, get you some...goals."
—the not-so-secret motto of the women's soccer team***

Day consistently antagonize opponents with their sharp skills. Rachel was just recently voted Conference Player of the Week.

Our dedicated and somewhat stubborn about her health forward Courtney Poole leads the team with 13 goals so far this season. Jenny Gunter and Katherine Kopfler are also wreaking havoc upon opposing defenses.

The bench is very supportive.

The true test of our ability falls upon Friday, October 8th at 2:00 p.m. We realize this is the beginning of Fall Break, but we would greatly appreciate the attendance of the student body (at least one). So cancel your departure plans and witness the peak of our season, please. Thank you for your support.

Colorado College Crushes Lynx, 51-10

By Chip Riggs

Colorado College's Nick Mystrom caught nine passes for 142 yards and four touchdowns and kicked a 47-yard field goal and six extra points to lead the Tigers to a 51-10 victory over Rhodes at Colorado College on Saturday.

Rhodes was playing its first game since the death of defensive coordinator Leland Smith last weekend.

"It has been a tough week for our players," said Lynx coach Mike Clary. "However, before the game, we were ready to play. We're not going to use the events of this past week as a reason for us not playing better football.

"I'm proud of our seniors and our football team for keeping their heads up and staying together. I firmly believe on Monday our players will have a strong desire to improve."

Quarterback Jimmie Glorioso led the Lynx offense, completing 19 of 39 passes for 203 yards and the only Lynx score—a 24-yard pass to Justin Ross in the third quarter. On the day, Ross caught six passes for 105 yards. Senior all-American Brian Vandegrift also caught six passes, for 48 yards.

Andy Likes hit his only extra point attempt and made his first field goal of the season—a 26-yard kick on the first play of the second quarter.

Michael Breeden led the Lynx on defense, recovering a fumble in the first quarter to set up Likes' field goal.

Rhodes College.....0 3 7 0 - 10
Colorado College.....17 14 7 13 - 51

CC- Lutz 24 run (Mykstrom kick)
CC- FG Mykstrom 47
CC- Mykstrom 14 pass from Knox (Mykstrom kick)
RC- FG Likes 26
CC- Mykstrom 11 pass from Knox (Mykstrom kick)
CC- Lutz 3 run (Mykstrom kick)
CC- Shelton 5 pass from Knox (Mykstrom kick)
RC- Ross 24 pass from Glorioso (Likes kick)
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Volleyball Team Still Over .500 With Weekend Wins

By Alpesh Patel and Eddie Dieppa

The Rhodes College Volleyball team marked their return to Rhodes from the SCAC Western Division Conference Tournament with the defeat of LeMoyné-Owen College. The Lady Lynx raised their record to 8-7 with their triumph over Le-Moyne Owen on Oct. 1st.

Millsaps hosted the tournament on September 25th in Jackson, Mississippi. At the tourney, the Lady Lynx boosted their conference record to 2-1 after victories over Millsaps and Hendrix and falling to the defending conference champs, Trinity University. Trinity won the Conference championship at home last year with a tough victory over Rhodes.

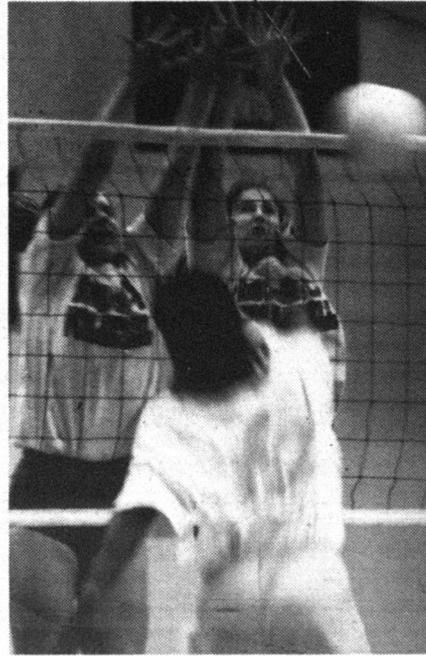
When asked about the LeMoyné-Owen game, Coach Julie Bowen felt that it provided "a good chance for the younger players to get some experience." She also added that this

week's Player of the Week, and last weeks' Co-Player of the Week, was four-year veteran Tori Taugner, whose attack-kill ratio was 37%. As of Sept. 21, the first SCAC report, Taugner was leading the conference in blocks per game.

Rhodes faces Lambuth, the next opponent on the schedule, on Oct. 5. Lambuth has already tasted defeat at the hands of the Lady Lynx earlier in the season at the Christian Brothers Tournament. The game will be hosted by Lambuth in Jackson, TN. Rhodes will also face off against Freed-Hardeman University that night.

The Lady Lynx will be hosting the SCAC Cross-Divisional Tournament on October 15 and 16. They will have a match soon afterwards against Harding University on Oct. 19, to be held at nearby at Christian Brothers

Lynn Hargrove and Amy Herrin block an attempted spike in their match against LeMoyné-Owen College on October 1. (Photo by Dan Millner)



This Week in Sports

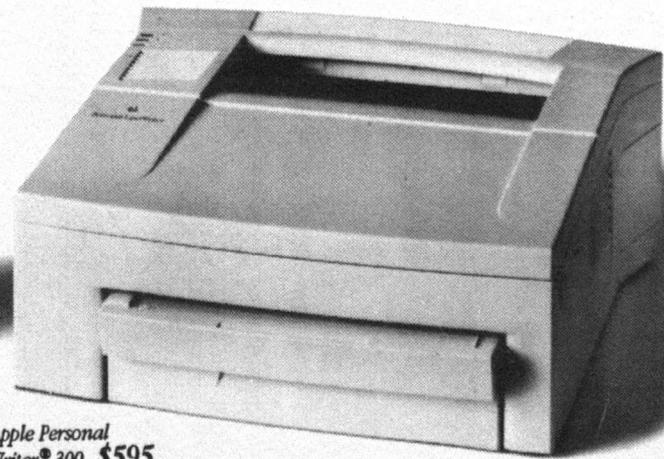
October 8: Women's soccer vs. Trinity College, 2:00 pm, Home; Men's soccer vs. Trinity College, 4:00 pm, Home.

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Rhodes Victimized by Terrorist Action

Last month during women's bid day Rhodes College fell victim to a growing international problem, a problem with no easy solution: terrorism.

The incident has long since passed, however, only recently have Rhode'ster investigative reporters uncovered the magnitude of the action.

While details are still sketchy, it appears that several of the streakers were linked to the of the California-based, right-wing group N.A.K.E.D. (National Association to Keep Erections Developed) The purpose of the attack is still unclear, the group has no known political affiliations. A representative of N.A.K.E.D. commented, "We really don't have any political platform-it's fun. We like seeing all the girls screaming and running around."

Although the attack on Rhodes campus was not violent, the group's history has shown them to be very aggressive. "There's the IRA, PLO, and these guys", commented Security Director Ralph Hatley, "These are dangerous people and they must be stopped!-I almost caught on of 'em." The incident was the fifth attack on campuses throughout the Mid-South Lemoyne-Owen, and Memphis State recently suffered similar attacks. One MSU administrator stated, "You guys got it pretty hard, when they were over here they just stood around fondling themselves."

There are some concerns that such activities will cause Rhodes to be considered a dangerous campus, thereby lowering the number of prospective students. Asst. for College Relations Sheila Daily addresses such concerns, "Originally we thought it would hurt, but applications from females has increased 273%"

Even though there were no violence several students have reported to the Health Center with nudity-related injuries. Nurse Gill explained, "Any intense exposure to the human genitalia is bound to be traumatic. One girl got a rash and another one sprained her eyes." One of the student seeking treatment described the ordeal, "I was running, and I turned around and there he was- running right at me!! His...his...thing was wiggling around and he was making the most awful noise—then I passed

out." However, other students were not so distressed. One sophomore stated, "It was kinda fun, I've done a lot of things, but trust me you haven't lived 'till you've been run over by three naked men."

Other witnesses had mixed reactions concerning the incident. "They were buck naked!!", stated one female student, "I've never seen anything like that! I had no idea college was gonna have sick stuff like this—I love it!!"

While student reaction has been mixed, some campus organizations have expressed anger. A representative from the Women's Forum commented last week, "You see!! THIS is the kind of crap we're talking about, it's sick. How'd you like it if some of these sororities stripped of all their clothes and ran around?" Surprisingly, several fraternities have supported the idea of the women staging a retaliatory action.

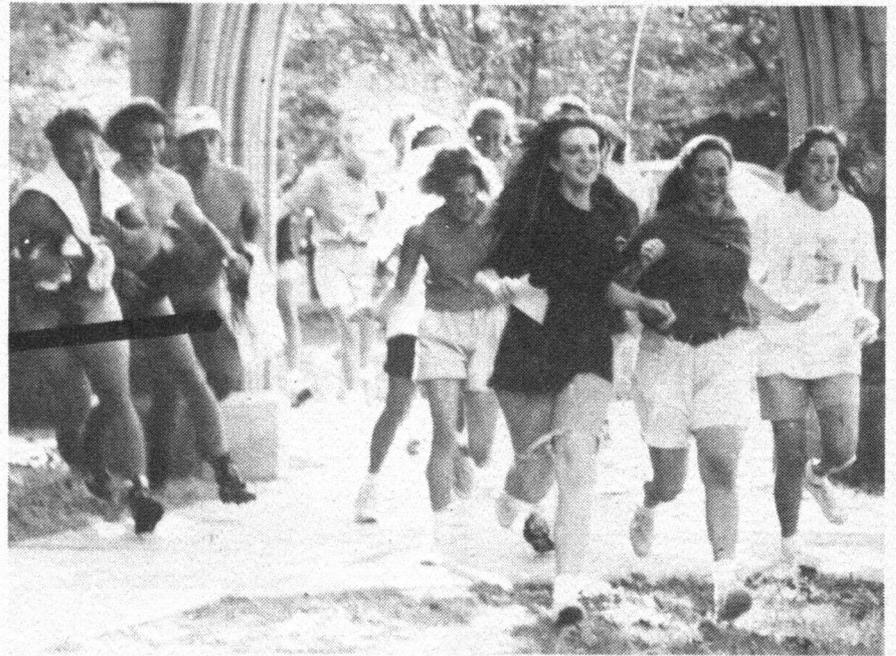
Interfraternity Council president Chris Gilreath commented, "I think this is the kind of thing that will bring the community together, women running around naked, if they're drunk it'll be even better!"

Panhellenic Council president Meryl Taylor responded to Gilreath's proposal, "He's a sexist pig!" Ms. Taylor also alluded to the fact that she hoped Mr. Gilreath would die soon.

Several members of the Student Assembly are considering taking action as well. "I'm outraged at the idea", commented Vice-President Erick Johnson, "There will be no naked people running around on this campus if I have anything to say about it! I'm sure there's something illegal about all this-I'm not sure what, but I'll find out." Student Assembly president Nancy Turner agreed with Johnson, "Damn right!-we'll fix this."

There has been no official response about the attack from the administration. Tom Shandley, Dean of Student Affairs, did comment briefly, "That's wild. I can't believe it! In my day we covered up with socks, but kids today I tell ya..." President Daughdrill was unable to be reached for comment, having left for California to take care of "personal business".

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Members of N.A.K.E.D. are caught "red-handed" as it were, just before their disruption of Women's bid-day festivities last month. (Photo by Hunter Shephard, who is currently undergoing treatment at the Midtown Mental Health Center to get rid of a nasty twitch incurred as a result of the incident.)

Sororities Prepare for New Panhellenic Awards Program

The Panhellenic Council recently established an incentive program, similar to the Inter-Fraternity Council's award program.

This Greek women's program is based on the structure of the IFC's new award system. Like the men, the women will strive for excellence in several areas. However, unlike the men's program, only the one sorority which meets these high standards will be awarded a plaque by Rhodes College President James Daughdrill.

Gamma Phi Beta House Business Manager Joy Al-Jazrawi commented, "I think this program is just super duper. I mean, wow, this could be great! We could all get together and make Rhodes an even HAPPIER community for everyone, because some of us aren't the happiest people all the time and I think people should be happy ALL the time, whether they want to or not. And besides, this program will give us stuff to talk about at the swaps."

Kappa Delta member Susan Masson, who subsequently still believes that Elvis lives on 4th floor Bellingrath, disagreed with Ms. Al-Jazrawi, "I just think this award stuff will make for so much more work for everyone. And who has time for more charity work or academics? I mean, this is a sorority, for crying out loud."

The specifics of the award program have been formatted so that the sororities have to meet a certain level of excellence in each of the seven areas. The areas are the following:

1. **T-shirts division.** The sorority with the best T-shirt design for any given activity will receive this award. Suggested submissions are "Chi-O's Go To the Mall," "Tri-Delts Turn the Music Up Real Loud in Their House on a Monday," and "Gamma Phi Beta's 'Homeless' Swap With Sigma Nu."

2. **Humanity division.** This award goes to the sorority with the most humanity. Possible

suggestions for humanitarian activities include using pump hairspray instead of aerosol, buying only Ethiopian-made products for a week, and taking a day off from work at Deja Vu.

3. **Snappy division.** The sorority with the clearest, loudest, "you go, girl!" finger snapping wins this award.

4. **90210 division.** The sorority with the most Brenda, Donna, and Kelly look-alikes will receive points in this division. Extra points are awarded if the look-alikes are dating Brandon, David, and Dylan look-alikes.

5. **Door-dec division.** The cutest — and most adhesive — door-decs receive points for this division.

6. **Congeniality division.** The sorority which is the friendliest to the visiting fraternity members at swaps will win this division. "Congeniality" includes offering beverages to visitors, pretending to be interested what the visitor has to say, or just being darn friendly to her fellow man.

7. **Small furry animal division.** This division will go to the sorority which uses the most small furry animals in their extremely top-secret initiation rituals. Examples of small furry animals which are INELIGIBLE are chinchillas, geese, and assorted rodents (mice, ferrets, gerbils, etc.).

Through this academic year, sororities will be striving to meet these goals of excellence set before them. Student response to this incentive program appears to be positive, and the sororities are excited about competing for this high honor. As a matter of fact, several sororities have already posted door-decs and started new cheers in honor of the competition.

In addition to receiving a plaque, the winning sorority will have an all-expenses paid "President Daughdrill Came By to Visit" Swap. Will the excitement never end?

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