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Safe Rides Ready to Roll

By Rachael Rack

One of the issues foremost in many minds last spring was the proposal of the Safe Rides program. After a spring and summer of negotiations with the school, the student-run program is set to get underway on September 16.

At a college such as Rhodes, where school policy severely curtails on-campus drinking, the problem of students drinking and driving has risen to epidemic proportions. In order to combat this problem at Rhodes, Safe Rides provides a safe, discreet alternative for students who choose to drink and need a ride back to campus. It is also an alternative for those who are riding with someone who has been drinking.

In years past, Rhodes has used the Care Cab program in conjunction with Yellow Cab of Memphis. Students who needed rides back to campus could call Security and have a taxi dispatched to them.

Cab fees then were put on their student account to be taken care of later. Though the general consensus is that this idea is a good one, the program was not utilized.

Many students felt uncomfortable about going through security with an alcohol related concern. Some found that they had to wait for the cab. Though no one ever received an alcohol violation while using Care Cab, many still had reservations.

Will Jackson and many other concerned students realized these problems and, seeing a need in their community, decided to take their own steps in doing something about the problem.

Associate Dean of Student Affairs Karen Silien applauds these students not only for having a great idea, "but for being determined and dedicated enough in seeing this idea through. Hopefully this will reinforce the idea that students can and do make a difference."

Establishing Safe Rides at Rhodes has not been a simple process. Jackson introduced the idea at a Roundtable meeting last January. He patterned many of the aspects of Safe Rides after a successful 10-year-old program from his hometown in Connecticut.

The Red Cross of Memphis has agreed to provide the van, gasoline, and insurance necessary for Safe Rides. They have also arranged for free training for the teams of volunteers, of which there are already over 12 teams with six to eight people on each.

Safe Rides will be in operation Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights from 10 to 3 a.m. To get in touch with Safe Rides, a student simply needs to call the phone number on the back of a Rhodes College ID card (726-3997).

Student volunteers directly handle each call, and the caller is just required to give their first name and a location. Two of the students on duty will pick up the caller as well as any other students that rode with him/her. They will be brought back to campus with no charge and assured confidentiality.

Safe Rides will begin September 16. Care Cab will continue to serve as an option for students who need a ride on nights other than Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

Critics of this type of program wonder if it encourages students to drink. However, Jackson points out, "Students sometimes make the mistake of drinking too much. Instead of making another mistake (of driving), these students would have an alternative with Safe Rides."

Dean Silien agrees: "Just because you give students the means to make responsible decisions does not mean you are encouraging drinking."

And Summer's Lease hath all too short a date...

The first day of college comes all too early, especially for first-year students and those ever-eager Williford stalwarts Jamie Bogner, Frank Pinkerton, and Eddie Dieppa. (Photo by Hunter Shepard)

It's Crunch Time for Memphis' NFL Drive

by Tim Ballard

Next fall, Rhodes students may have something more exciting to do on Sundays than sleep. When the National Football League names the two cities receiving expansion teams in October, Memphis hopes to be included. Last week, the city demonstrated its support by successfully completing its premium seat leasing campaign.

Memphis has leased all 100 luxury skyboxes and 8,302 "premium" seats for Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium. The price tag: $50,000-$60,000 for the skyboxes; $1,000-$1,500 for each premium seat. These premium seats entitle fans to enjoy an exclusive club inside the stadium, private bathrooms, and more extravagant concessions.

This show of support by hopeful Memphians has been matched by the other cities seeking expansion teams. Charlotte, NC has leased all of its 102 skyboxes and 8,314 club seats. Baltimore announced that its fans had scooped up its 7,500 club seats and 100 skyboxes. Jacksonville, FL is on its way to a sellout of premium seats, too, with fans claiming nearly 8,000 of 10,000 club seats, and all 68 skyboxes. St. Louis, however, has leased all 6,252 club seats, but only 70 of its 100 skyboxes.

The city of Memphis has attempted to show the NFL that it desperately wants a team. Several exhibition games in past seasons yielded sellout crowds. Memphis' efforts are headed by a financially strong ownership group, led by investor William B. Dunavant, Jr. Also, a $60 million stadium renovation is in the works if Memphis is, in fact, awarded an expansion team. Memphis has the pieces put together—fan support, wealthy owners and a stadium. The only thing needed now is a team.

Richardson named Associate Dean

by Brent Moberly

Congratulations go out to Katherine Owen Richardson, who has recently been appointed Special Assistant to the Dean of Academic Affairs.

Professor Richardson's responsibilities find her assisting in the daily operations of the Dean's Office, advising entering international students, overseeing the various campus lecture series, including the Gilliland, Day, and Olin symposiums, coordinating the study abroad programs and advising those who wish to study abroad.

"I mainly help carry out the work in the Academic Dean's office," said Richardson. "I feel that the most important aspect of my job is to see that students get the best possible educational experience from their four years at Rhodes," "I especially enjoy working with international students and students who have studied abroad."

"The most challenging part of my job," said Richardson, "is wading through the tremendous amount of information available to me and making it make sense."

Professor Richardson holds a B.A. from Rhodes College, an M.A. from Georgetown, and will soon receive her Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina. Prior to her appointment to the Dean of Academic Affair's Office, Richardson served three years as an instructor in the Rhode's International Studies department

Students hold Richardson in high regard. "Professor Richardson," said Jason Cormier, "has a genuine concern for students. She works really hard, looking out for their interests."

Richardson said it was too early to decide whether she enjoys her new job better than her old, but she added "I enjoy my job anytime I can work with students."

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What's new around here?

Changes Abound Around Campus

Rhodes connects to INTERNET

By Thomas Gieselmann

Our ivy might be isolated in a league by itself, but our computers will soon be connected to the rest of the World.

At the end of September/beginning of October the Rhodes College computer network will connect to the biggest academic and commercial network, the Internet. At a cost of approximately $30,000 for the first year, $25,000 of which were made available by a grant of the National Science Foundation, the Internet will replace Rhodes' current network, Bitnet.

Right now all the necessary equipment and software is on hand but the College is still waiting for a fiber-optic cable to be laid to connect our facilities to the MCI switching station close to Christian Brothers University. Once connected, the cable will be capable of transmitting data at a rate of up to 56 kilobits per second and is expandable up to 1 Megabit per second.

When Rhodes subscribed to Bitnet five years ago, it was the major net available, but Internet has since surpassed it in both technical capabilities (like searching university libraries around the world for literature on-line—the University of Heidelberg library will be searchable as easily as our own library!) and sheer number of connected hosts, which amounts to more than 1.5 million by now. Rhodes will continue to subscribe to the Bitnet for another couple of years.

Judith Rutschman, Associate Director of the Computer Center, is excited about the possibilities that Internet will offer to the Rhodes Community. Plans are underway to install a "gopher server" for example, which would allow students to easily search thousands and thousands of databases and databanks around the world and have access to data which would not be obtainable in any other way (at least not as fast, easy and most importantly: as inexpensive (free!). Once the cable is in place, the Computer Center will provide classes and documentation on the new possibilities that Internet offers to the Rhodes community.

Palmer Hall Gets Summer Facelift

by Emily Flinn

By now everyone has surely noticed that there is something very different about the second floor of Palmer. Except, of course, for those first-year students who are still trying to find Palmer.

The classrooms and offices of Palmer went through a major refurbishment this summer. A fresh coat of paint, as well as new carpeting, updates the classrooms from a purely cosmetic standpoint. New lighting also adds to the brighter look. The old hissing radiators and window unit air conditioners have now been replaced with central heat and air. Chalkboards were replaced with white marker boards, giving Palmer a look similar to that of Buckman Hall. Gone also are the old, creaky wooden desks, covered with the graffiti of English majors and fraternity members.

Offices in Palmer are being moved as well. The Registrar's office, formerly located on the first floor, will soon be relocated to larger space on the second floor, near the Student Affairs Office and the Academic Affairs Office.

These changes have caused quite a stir, upsetting traditionalists and sending professors on vain searches for markers during lectures. Many saw the facelift as necessary, however. According to Coleman Starnes, General Superintendent of Physical Plant, the changes were needed to make Palmer "more livable for students" and to make the building simply "look nicer".

Mail Room Seeks to Speed Delivery

by Brian Kuns

In the last few days, if you have received a slip of paper on your mail notifying you that your mail has been delayed as a result of a missing box number, you are not alone. The Mail Room has changed policies in an effort to expedite mail delivery.

As initiated last year, students will keep their mail box (and mail box number) throughout their stay at Rhodes, only turning in their key after graduation or in the event of a withdrawal from school. To prevent any delay in the mail delivery, it will now be necessary to have the box number printed on all incoming mail.

Mail box numbers will be printed in "Faces", and any student organization can go to the mail room (with a pre-formatted disk) and ask for a database which contains student box numbers and home addresses. With this database, students will be able to print out lists of addresses and/or make address labels.

Other changes have also contributed to faster mail delivery. Student mail boxes are now color coded by class; thus making it much easier for campus organizations which need to distribute mail to a particular class.

Mr. Lewis is pleased with the student response to the box numbers; he says only a small amount of incoming mail does not include a box number in the address.

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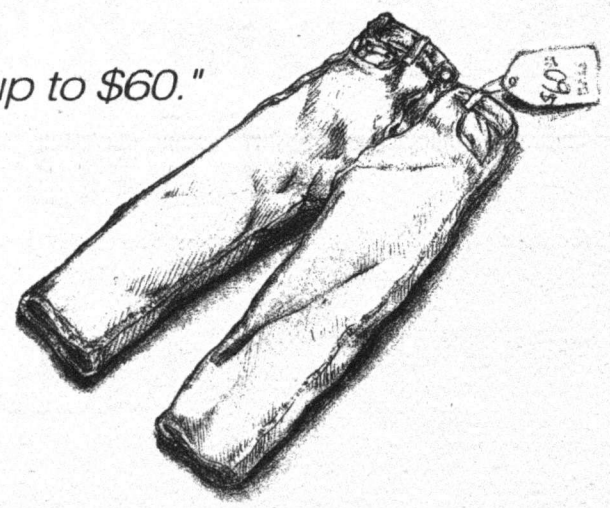
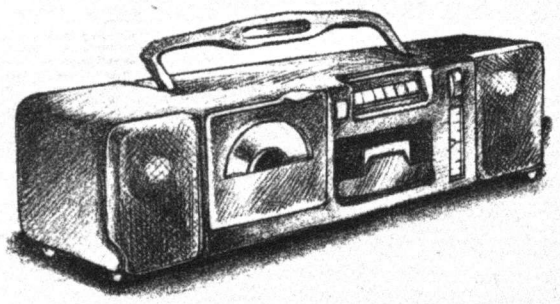
"My lab fees added up to $60."





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Orientation 1993: Perspectives

By Aparna Murti

The colorful balloons, humorous posters and dance music which enveloped almost every inch of the Rhodes campus on August 20th seemed to promise an exciting first day of Orientation for the first-year students. Little did the students in the class of '97 know that the fun had barely begun.

Part of the first day was dedicated to opening sessions to give new students and their parents an overview of Rhodes and an idea of what they should expect over the next four years. The rest of the day was geared specifically toward the students with a classroom search and sessions to meet faculty advisors and fellow peer group members.

The next few days were filled with activities to help the students get to know each other better. The most strenuous but enjoyable of these were the two sets of field games: Fairplay and Field Day. The various games and challenges (often fairly messy ones) gave the students a wonderful opportunity to meet their classmates.

Other activities included the skits and parties organized by the orientation leaders and residence assistants. The skits, especially "Late Night at Rhodes," were well-done and very entertaining. The parties were also popular with many first-year students, namely the one at 315 Beale Street with the band "Unexpected" and the Karaoke night at the Pub, which lasted into the wee hours.

However, Orientation had another side to it. Many of the afternoons were filled with workshops and seminars to help the students adjust to Rhodes academically. Students had opportunities to learn about the computer network on campus and to receive study hints and time management tips.

Many of the people involved in Orientation, students and organizers alike, agreed that it was a huge success. The primary complaint was that there was too much going on to give the students a chance to get settled.

How do we measure up?

Statistic	Class of:	'94	'95	'96	'97
Applications received		1946	2104	2085	2398
Number of acceptances		1402	1409	1573	1875
Percent acceptances		72%	67%	75%	78%
Entering class size		388	381	366	392
High School valedictorians		40	21	25	30
Mean High School GPA		n/a	3.51	3.5	3.54
Mean SAT		1185	1210	1202	1194
Mean ACT		27	27.4	27.4	27.3
Club/Organization Presidents		138	126	164	143
Nat'l Merit Finalists/Semifinalists		28	33	21	31
Yearbook/Newspaper editors		43	63	40	34
Athletic Team Captains		74	54	62	66
States represented		28	31	29	33
Nations represented		7	6	6	11
Percent from Tennessee		34%	31%	31%	29%
Total Minority students		38	41	42	40
African-Americans		n/a	22	14	10
Asian-Americans		n/a	10	16	20
Hispanic-Americans		n/a	8	10	6

The statistics at right were provided by former World Record Holder at 800 meters, Dean of Admissions, and all-around great guy Dave Wottle.

"All I Need to Know About Rhodes I Learned During Orientation"

By Ginger Crouch

As a ~~fresh~~ I mean, first-year student, I arrived on the campus of this stately institution early one Friday morning full of hopes, dreams and questions. Would Rhodes adequately prepare me for the future? Could I ever live up to the high standards of such a prestigious school? Would there be any cute guys?

To my delight, there was an army of faculty, orientation leaders and peer assistants ready and waiting to answer these questions for me (some better prepared than others). Throughout orientation, I learned some very important things about Rhodes. Being the generous person that I am, I have decided to share three important bits of knowledge that I have discovered.

1. Williford and Bellingrath are popular male hangouts. As I pulled up to the sidewalk in front of Williford that first day, I wondered how in the world I was ever going to get my refrigerator to the third floor. My fears were soon relieved as three gentlemen dressed in aqua T-shirts approached my van. I was moved into my new residence within fifteen minutes. Later I learned that the first year male halls had not received the abundant amount of assistance that Williford and Bellingrath did.

Since then I have noticed that the social room and ping-pong table in Williford attract a large number of first-year and upperclass guys. I realize that this attention has nothing to do with any particular charm of the females of the class of '97: we are simply "new territory." I am quite sure that after we have vacated these halls and the class of '98 has moved in, these locales will remain just as popular with the male population of the campus as the first-year class always has.

2. Salad is safe. Leaving home meant giving up many things — my friends, my own room, laundry service, and perhaps most importantly, home cooked meals. The reality of cafeteria food is truly shocking.

I am not saying that the Rat is all that awful. They do, however, manage to come up with some interesting concoctions which usually contain the unofficial veggie of the week. All I'm saying is that when nothing else is recognizable, salad is always pretty safe.

3. Never fall for the "I've got a three year old bottle of wine chilling in the fridge up in my room," line. This helpful hint comes straight from the fine performers of the Rhodes Mystery Theatre which entertained us one night during orientation. I guess this one is pretty self-explanatory. I just thought it was darn good advice.

So these are my three pieces of newly-discovered knowledge. I hope that they have sufficiently entertained all of the Rhodes students, first-year and upperclass alike.

Peer Assistant Loretta Lambert poses outside the Snowden entrance while Glassell-bound men gape in awe. (Photo by Hunter Shepard)

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Jesus Does Disco

'Jesus Christ Superstar' Descends upon Memphis

By Chris Palazzolo

Alright, alright, you've already heard "Personal Jesus," "Jesus Built my Hotrod" and better yet even MC 900 Ft. Jesus, so now get ready for the celebrity Jesus that predates them all in "Jesus Christ Superstar," the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical celebrating its twentieth anniversary with a successful run at Playhouse on the Square.

This is the Jesus of the disco era, an eerie image, I know, but trust me He fits in well. Director Ken McCullough has taken several liberties with this anniversary production such as portraying Judas as a black woman (Penelope Walker) and casting several women as Jesus' disciples. However surprising these alterations might be, they do blend in quite pleasantly within the framework of the musical.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's score reeks of disco and pseudo jazz rhythms. The electric guitar (often a wah-wah one) and drums play prominent roles in the music. The numbers themselves conspicuously reflect the musical styles of the seventies.

The story line is rather loose but correlates quite well with the last seven days from Bethany to Nazareth of Jesus Christ's life. The major events such as the trial and the crucifixion occupy the more elaborate sets and numbers.

As a church service would do, the musical leaves one with a feeling of affirmation and hope after such horrifying scenes rather than the sentiments of sadness and depression.

The choreography and ensemble acting that made up a large part of the performance was handled with great ease and wonder. The realism of the blood and the crown of thorns was absolutely stupefying. The representation of Jesus' cross can not be described sufficiently in such a review as this.

I urge Rhodes students to purchase a ticket (student ones are a good bargain compared to regular prices) and enjoy this flashback to the moods and music of the seventies that celebrates Jesus' life with great affirmation. Either you will think you are at a Baptist revival or at a disco while actively viewing "Jesus Christ Superstar" but don't worry: you will enjoy yourself. "Jesus Christ Superstar" continues its run through September 19 at Playhouse on the Square.

THIS WEEK IN MEMPHIS

September 9--September 15

Thursday:
Rhodes Volleyball vs. Trevecca

Friday:
Midnight Oil and Hothouse Flowers are playing at the Mud Island Amphitheater. Tickets are $15.25 and the show starts at 8:00 p.m.

Rhodes Cross Country at M.S.U. Invitational

Jesus Christ Superstar is running at the Playhouse on the Square through Sept. 19. Showtime is 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and at 7 p.m Sunday.

Saturday:
Women's Bid Day

Rhodes Football vs. Lambuth

Sunday:
Janis Ian is appearing at the New Daisy Theatre. Doors open at 7:30 p.m..

Tuesday:
Drivin-n-Cryin is playing at the New Daisy Theatre through Sept. 15.

Rhodes Men's Soccer vs. Christian Brothers

Wednesday:
Rhodes Women's Soccer at C.B.U.

This Week in Memphis compiled by Liz Overholser.

Photo provided by Davíd Garza.

Davíd Garza Rocks The Pub

by Stephen Deusner

Outside the Pub during the three-hour Davíd Garza concert on August 28, I overheard a girl next to me struggling for the appropriate superlative to fit the singer.

"He's great!" she said, but that was not quite what she was searching for. "He's...awesome," she continued, but that also was not the right word to describe Garza.

From Austin, Texas, Garza offered the audience joyful dance music, but without all of the synthesizers and electronic drums. His band members, bassist Clay Pendergrass, drummer Mike Hale and keyboardist Jim Cocke, threatened to steal the show from Garza.

The show consisted mostly of originals written by Garza himself, but throughout the two sets were an odd collection of cover songs, most notably John Lennon's "Give Peace a Chance," which was tacked onto the end of one of Garza's own songs, and the Blondie's "Heart of Glass." His originals outshined these classics however, as songs like "Young and Naive" and "Now You Can Open Your Eyes" provided driving beats that were more danceable than much of what is played in night clubs.

And dance they did. The floor of the Pub was full of students jumping and bouncing around, much more active and alive than at many Rhodes concerts.

The only gripe heard that night, besides the fact that the show was not quite long enough for some people's tastes, was the use of the Pub instead of the amphitheater. This inconvenience, of course, was due to the threat of rain (which never came). But even the naysayer who offered this assessment was not satisfied to call Davíd Garza just "great" and "awesome."

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Words of Wisdom from the Bayou

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Welcome back, folks. How was your summer? I hope y'all had a very productive summer. The times of lying in the sun are over and now you must return to the College of Knowledge. Now the feeling of "can't wait to be back" has settled itself and now you wish to be back where you were, doing what you were doing, wishing you would be where you are now.

Yep, you guys, you are freshmen. You have four years to go at this school and a portion of you will not graduate from here. You are at the bottom of the ladder. Hey, P.C. to me is Anathema. Things are the way they are. DEAL. But I am going to be nice about it and give you some advice.

First of all. RUSH-If you are going through, fine, if you choose not to, fine. But if you fall through and suddenly your professor has tenure. If he doesn't watch out. If he does watch out. See the damned if you do, damned if you don't thing setting up here, good, you got into this school for a reason (but don't rely on that too much).

Everything at this school is merit-oriented. Even if you are taking it just to get credit, watch out, G.P.A.'s at this school seem to plummet when Intro to. . . classes jump on the scene. Now what if you are in these dreaded classes and your prof. is untenured? You are on the mechanical bull on the highest setting.

Why? Why is this bayou idiot slamming these folk? Well it is like this. If you are one of those students who can learn without making good grades (Yep folks it is possible!) you might be in for some hell in an untenured prof's Intro to . . . class. They have to be tough on the bottom half of the class to make their A's look good so maybe someday they can be part of the elite 75% of Rhodes faculty that can do almost anything they want and not lose their job. So study, and then study some more. Cause the worst thing that can happen to you is three days after Christmas when grades come due. No matter where you live, this is the coldest place in America.

DRINKING- I am going out on a limb here, I drank too, O.K., way, way too much as a freshman. Way, way, oh boy, out there. It was none to healthy. None. It got so bad towards the end I couldn't remember stuff that happened just days before. No good when in a whole slew of Intro to. . . classes. See above. The pressure to seems to be there. It is sometimes hard to resist. But think about it this way. Indulging, getting your feet wet so to speak, is not a really big deal.

However, imbibing to the point of loss of bodily functions is not recommended. You see, getting blitzed has few merits. It only takes few times of waking up next to some really ugly, unattractive, smelly fool you spent the night with and wondering, "What in the hell happened last night?"

You really don't have to get soaked to have a good time. If you don't believe it, drink a pot of my coffee, go to a party and watch all your friends puke. Nothing better. If you do, watch yourself. If you don't, don't feel you have to!

Edward Rogers Powell 1972-1993

Edward Rodgers "Ned" Powell died August 31, 1993 of natural causes. Ned left behind a loving family, including his parents and two brothers. Whether you knew Ned well, just a little, or maybe just heard his name in passing, his sudden death shocked us all.

When I remember Ned, I think of a person studying to become a high school biology teacher. I also think of a fierce competitor on the lacrosse field. Ned had never played the game before coming to Rhodes, but through raw determination, he molded himself into a player. His will to win was never broken, and he never gave up or quit just because we were down a few goals.

Ned was a proud Sigma Nu: he always put the fraternity before his personal needs. He never shied away from doing a little work around the house, and he always did more than what was asked of him.

And lastly I remember Ned as a person who was comfortable with all of us and would come by our rooms just to hang out for a while. If I were by myself in the Rat, it would not be long before Ned would probably come join me.

Ned did so much for all of us here in the Rhodes community, as well as for the people who loved him in his hometown of Anderson, South Carolina. This is what makes his death so unfair. I miss Ned a great deal, as all of us do.

Ned was a good man, and he will never be forgotten.

John L. Mackall

A Statistic Speaks Out

RATIONALE
JIM TURNER

I became a statistic this summer.

A few days after moving into my fashionable midtown apartment, the deluxe Chevy truck I had borrowed in order to move in was stolen. It was recovered, and about a week before it was out of the body shop, my beloved car was stolen. Thankfully it was recovered, and didn't even have any bullet holes. Not surprisingly, I spent a lot of time this summer thinking about crime.

One possible explanation for the crime that affected my life this summer is that crime is a function of cost/benefit analysis. The people who stole the truck carefully stripped it of an odd assortment of parts. For them, stealing the truck could actually have been a rational decision. That does not, however, explain much other crime.

The ones who stole my car were joy riders. (Why else would they have been pulled over for speeding fifty miles west of Memphis?) Joy riders are not acting rationally. Neither are the drive-by shooters that are now invading small towns. Neither are those who have forced our schools to become armed camps. For these varieties of criminals, as well as many more, there is something much darker at work.

All human beings have a dark side. We all have the potential deep within us to be criminals, or even to be killers. However, most of us have buried these evil instincts beneath a personal code of ethics. For most of us, this code includes abhorrence of theft and murder, working for a living, and taking responsibilities for our own actions. Some, like myself, believe these rules of behavior were revealed to us by God.

When the United States was founded, people were expected to know and abide by these rules. Somewhere along the way, we have stopped expecting people to know them.

America has traditionally attempted to separate government from religion. I personally think this is one of our wisest principles. However, we have begun to mistake separating organized religion from government with separating moral values from government.

We now have sensitivity training replacing moral guidelines in our schools. We read about how theft is considered a form of free speech at the University of Pennsylvania. We hear L.A. residents justifying riots as a way to express discontent. Basically, we took a good idea way too far. And now we're paying for it.

The only solution to our nation's crime problem that I see is a very difficult long-term process that takes a lot of self-discipline. We must recover the entire concept of evil. We must raise our children to believe that some things they do are evil. When one steals, one is doing evil. When one refuses to take responsibility for one's life and well-being, one is walking down an evil path.

Children who resist accepting basic morality are not "troubled," they are problems. It may seem harsh and it may seem insensitive at times, but it is necessary. Maybe you'll agree the next time your car is stolen.

What is Rush, Anyway?

By Chris Gilreath
Greek Issues Editor
Interfraternity Council President

The term "rush" brings mixed emotions to hundreds of Rhodes Students every year. To some, it is a time of pressure and anxiety. To others, rush means meeting new people and building close friendships. What is it about this time of year that brings out such strong feelings in people?

To find the answer, one should understand why rush is so important to Greeks. Like any student organization, members come and go because older ones grace our presence for four years and are then lost to graduation. Rush is known as the "lifeblood" of the Greek system because finding new members is essential to keeping its membership alive. In addition, rush offers fraternities the opportunity to make new friends and find potential members to add depth and character to their organizations.

Next, understand that I am speaking from the perspective of an active fraternity member. Rush means two very different things for rushees and actives. For new students, fraternity members can be seen as salesmen, trying to get rushees to buy into their organization. Rushees, of course, are the ones getting the pitch. Being part of the Greek System, all fraternities offer similar opportunities. The differences appear in the type of members found in a house and what types of activities each stresses.

How does one keep from getting swamped by the pressure of rush? Approach it like you are simply trying to find your f iends at a new school. Be genuine and simply try to make friends. Fraternities are social organizations, but you do not have to be someone's fraternity brother to be his friend. Sure, there are lots of social opportunities, but with membership comes responsibility.

Fraternities require your support, both in terms of money and commitment. Time is always a crucial commodity at Rhodes, and the Greek System definitely requires a good chunk. They are groups of people who have bonded together for similar reasons, wishing to better themselves and their community.

Opportunities for leadership, community service, scholastic achievement, and fellowship abound in the Greek System. If you aren't willing to support others and the system as a whole, then maybe fraternity life is not for you. If you do not think that you can commit time and energy to an organization that will test your abilities as a leader and a friend, then maybe Greek life is not for you.

Fraternities are much more than groups of friends. They are student organizations, just like any other group on campus. Because of the nature of college life, they must look for new members each year. Due to the uniqueness of the Greek System, simply setting up a booth during an Activities Fair would not convince someone to join a fraternity. The decision you make will be with you for the rest of your life.

Some people are against the Greek System, saying it prevents people from truly being themselves. I strongly disagree with this judgement, and challenge you to look at who is in a fraternity and who is not. Who are the people most active and most visible at Rhodes?

Rush is the first step to finding your place here at Rhodes. How much do you want to make of your college experience? Answer that one, and I think you will be able to decide whether or not fraternity life is for you.

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Lynx take the field in

Lynx Athletes Welcome Schwab

by Eddie Dieppa
Sports Editor

With the departure of Brian Gerry, the Rhodes community welcomed Glen Schwab, of Litchfield, IL., to the athletic staff. An alumnus of Eastern Illinois University ('87), Schwab completed his graduate studies at West Virginia University ('89) and has Physical Education/ Athletic training degrees.

Schwab spent four years as an assistant trainer at the Virginia Military Institute (V. M. I.). At V. M. I., Schwab worked primarily with the soccer and wrestling teams during his first three years, and with the football and track team his fourth year, in which he was the head trainer for both teams. His duties included travelling with the teams and preparing them for their games and meets: no small task with a football team of 135 players.

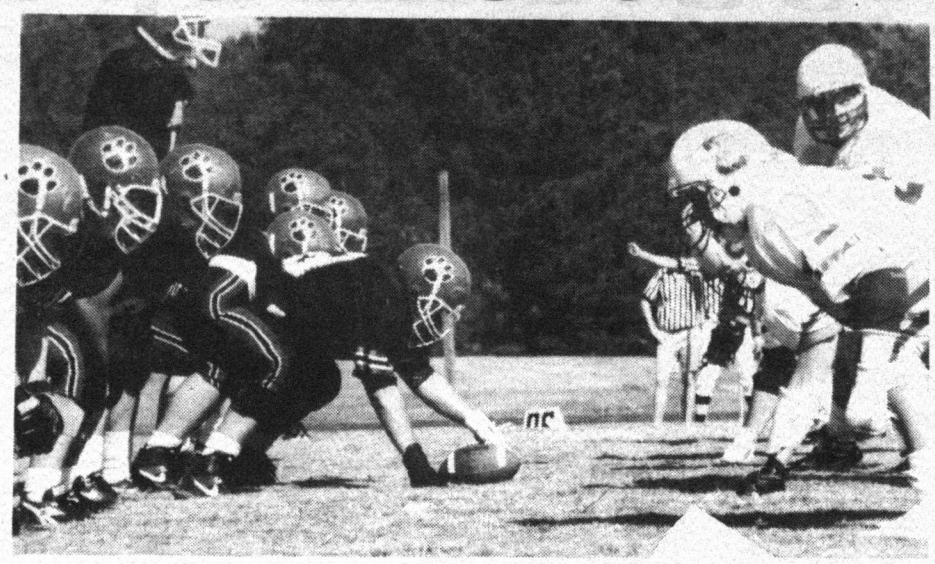
Schwab received his certification with the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) upon his completion of undergraduate studies in 1987. To be certified as an athletic trainer, one must meet a minimum of 1500 hours volunteering under a certified trainer.

Schwab is familiar to the big time, as well as small time, programs. As an athletic trainer to the football team, Schwab went to the Fiesta Bowl in 1987, when West Virginia played against Notre Dame. He also attended the Olympic festival in San Antonio, Texas this summer.

Schwab feels that Rhodes has an exciting program on the rise: several teams, he thinks, have the potential to qualify for national level tournaments or games.

In preparing Rhodes for its athletic events, Schwab employs several student-trainers who work in the training room as well as attending competitions with teams.

The training room has regular hours, and Schwab stresses that appointments are available at any time.



The mighty Lynx hope they are ready to knock heads in , nference gridiron championship. (Photo from files)

Lynx Football:

Rhodes Attempts to Return to Previous Level of Dominance

by Thomas Johnson

For most schools a 5-4-1 record in football would be something to celebrate. It does, after all, constitute a winning season. But at Rhodes College, where during the almost decade-long Clary era the football team has had high winning percentages, conference championships, national rankings and NCAA tournament appearances, such a shaky record as last year's leads to concern—especially after the team started off the season with 4 wins and 1 loss.

The 1993 season for the Lynx Cats should then prove to be an effort to reestablish their position as one of the top football programs in both the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) and in NCAA Division III. And, if nothing else, the new season will provide one more opportunity to defeat Centre College, whom Rhodes has not beaten in four years.

Achieving these lofty goals, however, will not be easy, even for the proud Lynx. They will have a difficult time replacing quarterback Drew Robinson, 1992 SCAC Offensive Player of the Year, and record-setting MVP running back Greg Ritter.

In addition, Rhodes will have to endure an extremely tough schedule, playing six out of ten games on the road, including a murderous four-game stretch in which they are away from the friendly confines of Fargason Field.

Even athletic director and head coach Mike Clary has dedicated himself to this season, holding harder preseason practices, scheduling more meetings, and discouraging freshman players from going through Rush so that they can better concentrate on football.

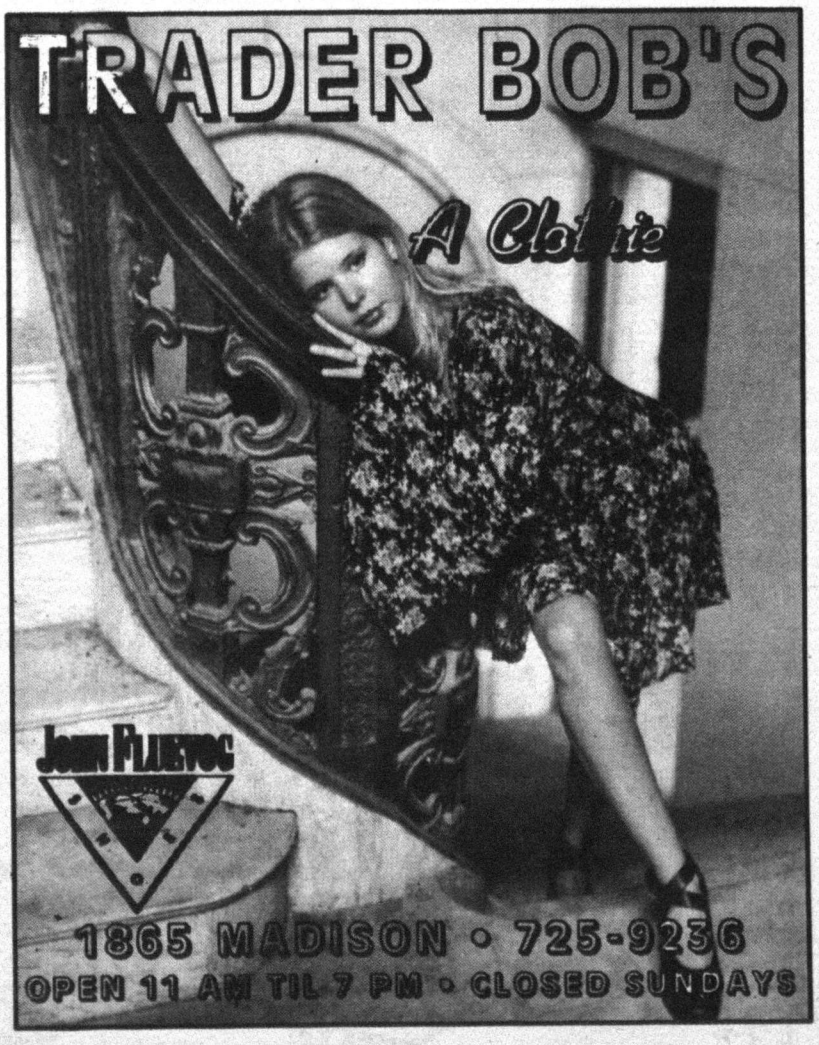
Coach Clary could not be reached for comment.

The strengths of this year's team appear to be its wide receivers, its offensive line, and its defensive backs. At receiver Rhodes returns preseason all-American Brian Vandegrift, who set a conference record last year with 78 catches, as well as Jeff White and Justin Ross, better known as Alf because of his great hands.

Preseason all-SCAC pick, senior Rob Walker, anchors the offensive line this season from his right tackle position. He is joined on the line this year by newcomer Terry Ursin, who played clarinet in his high school band until he decided to play football two years ago. Why did he do that? "He's big," said sophomore defensive back Danny Ellinger. Walker elaborated on Ellinger's assessment of his new offensive line mate, exclaiming, "He's huge."

In the secondary, Scott Franklin is also a preseason all-SCAC selection, and senior Daniel Newton returns from a knee injury to play safety. Another freshman of influence is Kevin Bennett, who is slated to start at defensive tackle. And placekicker Andy Lykes has just one more last final year and then he can't play football for Rhodes ever again.

At any rate, the 1993 gridiron Lynx should be fun to watch, and if all goes well, should be highly competitive in the highly competitive SCAC. Their season opener is Saturday, September 11, at 1:30 p.m. at home at Fargason Field. But if you can't make the game, you can always listen to it locally on the radio on WSMS-FM 92.



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Lynx Cross Country:
Harriers Anticipate Continued Run at Success

By Eddie Dieppa
Sports Editor

As another cross country season approaches, both Rhodes' men's and women's teams look to be extremely competitive in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference.

On the men's side, returning leaders include Felix Vasquez, Eddie Dieppa, and Edgard Cabanillas. Also returning are Sean Moran and Welch Suggs, who both sat out last season. Vasquez, Dieppa, Cabanillas, Moran and Suggs are All-Conference runners from previous years.

Other veterans include Tom Oberding, Jon Michael Morgan and Myles Bogner, and with five freshmen bring the team total to 13 runners. Coach Robert Shankman said that this squad is "one of the strongest groups, as well as close-knit."

According to Coach Shankman, "the top 10 or 11 runners are battling intensely for top 7, and a trip to Fayetteville." Fayetteville, North Carolina is the site of the Regional Championship.

In previous years, Rhodes has dominated the conference, winning the past three straight, and performed moderately well at Regionals. With the addition of the talented freshmen to an already formidable group, Rhodes has a legitimate chance to go to the National Meet at Grinnell, IA. in November.

The women's team also has a legitimate shot at a Conference title. This group also returns all of last year's runners, including Billie Ann Snodgrass, an All-Conference selection from last year. Bonnie Binkley returns for her 3rd season of cross country.

Returning for their second season are Kristin Oswalt, Elizabeth Irvin, Jennifer Farringer, and Meredith Neer, and Pam Baugus.

Their goal this year is to win the Conference meet outright, which is usually dominated by Centre College. Coach Shankman believes that this group is strongly dedicated and are "racing to win," rather than just coming out to run.

Lynx Volleyball:
Rebuilding or Reloading?

By Chip Riggs
Sports Editor

1992 will be remembered as one of the most successful seasons ever for the Rhodes women's volleyball team. The Lady Lynx finished the season with a 25-11 overall mark and came within two victories of dethroning Trinity for the Conference title. With the departure of six seniors, the 1993 version of the Lady Lynx will be markedly different than the '92 squad, but the only question now for the program is not whether the team will be good, but instead how good they will be.

According to head coach Julie Bowen, the 1993 Lady Lynx will feature five freshmen and two new upperclassmen. All of the freshmen will challenge for starting jobs, as Bowen feels that this group is "the most talented recruiting class I've ever had at Rhodes." According to Bowen, Lady Lynx fans should especially keep their eyes on two freshmen: Beth Fulton (Birmingham, Al) and Kelly Mallett (St. Louis, MO). As second setter, Fulton will rotate with senior Jane Anne Alwood and should get a lot of playing time. Mallett should start at outside hitter.

Among the returning players, two seniors will be expected to lead the Lady Lynx. 3-time All-Conference athlete Tori Taugner is a three-year starter and provides the Lady Lynx with leadership and stability in the middle. "Tori is an excellent passer from the back row, and one of the best blockers around on the front row," says Bowen.

Jane Anne Alwood started during her freshman and sophomore years but spent most of last season recuperating from torn knee ligaments. Bowen is counting on her steady passing to give the hitters shots they can finish.

According to Bowen, the Lady Lynx might take some time to "get used to each other and, for the seven new girls, the new system," but she said that she expects the team to come together by mid season and, barring unexpected problems, Rhodes should once again challenge for the SCAC women's volleyball title.

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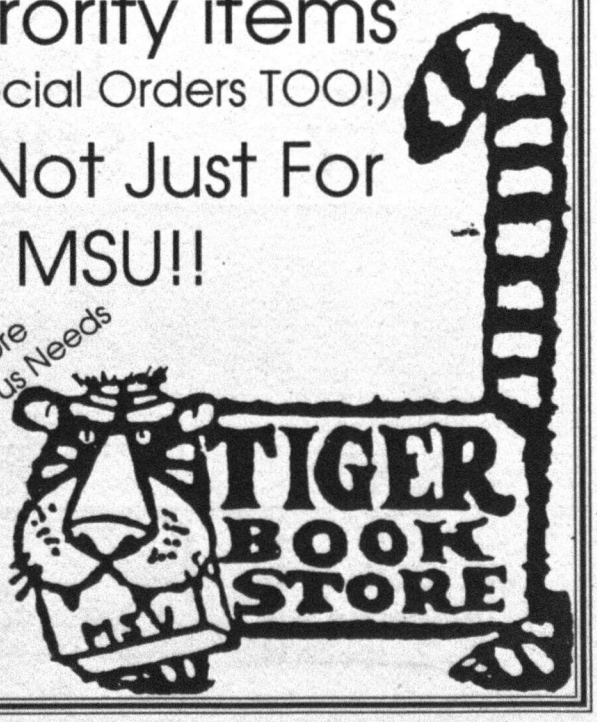

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THE DANGER OF DIVERSITY

It has recently come to my attention that Rhodes College is attempting to increase the number of foreign and minority students on campus. Obviously I, like many of you, think this sucks.

I came to Rhodes to get an education, not meet people that weren't like me. Therefore, in an attempt to overturn this ridiculous diversity crap, I've established a new weekly contest- "Ethno-Joke".

Clearly this contest is only open to those who feel like I do. All you have to do is send in your best racially-insulting joke. Subjects include, but not limited to: Hispanics, women, blacks, homosexuals, Jews or any other group that you feel has the audacity to live on the same planet as you. From observing all the Confederate flags on campus I know that there's a lot of you out there who will agree with me. I'm anticipating great responses considering that I've already heard countless numbers of great one-liners since I've been here.

Of course in order to win you'll have to sign your entries so we'll know exactly who should get the credit they deserve. So stop hiding your talent among your friends or behind other peoples back, come out and share your true self! Simply write your best joke, drop it in the inter-campus mail addressed to: Rhode'ster c/o "Ethno-Joke".

The staff will select and announce the winners next Thursday. First prize is a round-trip, expenses-paid excursion to the Simon Wiesenthal Holocaust Memorial in California. Second prize is a round-trip, lunch-provided visit to the Civil Rights Museum in downtown Memphis. Third prize is a one-way ticket to Jackson, Tenn.

Good luck to all contestants and remember, have fun with it!

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Daughdrill assigns task force to limit drug trafficking through Tennessee stating, "It's detrimental to the genuineness and excellence of Rhodes College and by golly I plan to put an end to it!"

Jackson Molestation Investigation Finds Link to Rhodes

The *Rhode'ster* has recently uncovered several links between Rhodes College and the allegations of child abuse by Michael Jackson.

Yesterday, the Los Angeles Police Dept. recovered several copies of academic files from Jackson's estate in Encino, California. Although many of the records are incomplete, there is enough substantial evidence to link Jackson and several members of the Rhodes community.

An undisclosed source from the LAPD recently commented, The investigation is progressing nicely and we're certain that Rhodes College plays a major role."

Investigations in to the Registrar's Office have shown that Jackson did attend Rhodes College for three semesters during the '84-'85 academic year. Despite repeated denials from campus administrators of any connection, several faculty members have come forward.

Director of Rhodes College Singers Tony Garner had several interactions with Jackson while he was at Rhodes. "I remember him clearly, he was a really good singer except for all that crotch-grabbing stuff. I ignored it for a while, but when he came after me, he had to go." Garner continued by stating that he felt, "very violated".

Chester Newby, Jackson's ex-roommate commented, "He was kind of quiet, never really said much. I remember I came back to the room one day and he was in the shower singing 'Beat It.' Well, I don't know about you, but I'm not gonna room with some guy like that."

Even though several people have corroborated existing evidence the Rhodes College administration has been adamant in denials of any link.

Vice-President and Former Rear Admiral Harlow commented, "You know its all a bunch of crap, its political! The Viet Cong tried the same thing—I know!! I bet there's some latent communism behind all this! You think you can trust them, but you can't. They may look like us—but they're not!! They tried to make me talk, but they couldn't. You gotta get up pretty early in the morning to pull on me—so don't try it now!!"

At the time of this writing Mr. Harlow has taken a leave of absence and is resting quietly at Shady Pines.

Further comments from the administration alluded to the fact that the *Sou'wester* editors Welch Suggs and Jason Carmel wouldn't know, "their asses from a hole in the ground."

While Jackson's extracurricular activities were well-documented, the academic portion is less well-known. However, several faculty members have contacted the Rhode'ster for comment. Philosophy professor Dr. Larry Lacy stated, "He was a good student, excellent attendance but there was something strange about him so I failed him." Professor Pohlman of the Political Science dept. added, "He was as dumb as a brick and he kept grabbing his crotch. I can't stand that!! There's nothing I hate more than a dumb crotch-grabber!!"

The *Rhode'ster* has failed in its attempts to reach Michael Jackson personally. However, his manager Mr. Frank Mitchell delivered the following statement, "Mr. Jackson's attendance at Rhodes College is his own personal business and it is irrelevant to anything important at this time." When questioned about Jackson's history of crotch-grabbing Mr. Mitchell responded, "You guys are some sick people and you need help. You need to go ask that Daughdrill guy."

With the increased exposure of the Rhodes-Jackson link, several members of the Board of Trustees are scheduled to meet this Friday to discuss possible action. Despite the rising problems President Daughdrill issued the following statement to a faculty-parent forum, "There has been no substantial link established between Mr. Jackson and Rhodes College. He has never been a student here, nor will he ever be. Also the allegations that I know Mr. Jackson personally are ludicrous. I would never tolerate all that crotch-grabbing on either a personal or professional level. I have never condoned crotch-grabbing in my administration. However, I did meet Tito Jackson once, but that's a whole other story."

The Rhode'ster will keep you informed of any further details or developments.

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How do we measure up?

Special Facts about the Class of '97

43% ate lunch with the senior class president
66% were athletic team captains
74% had sexual relations with an athletic team captain
55% can spell the word valedictorian
39% can drink their own body weight in beer
87% understood everything in their school yearbook
32% think pro wrestling is real
58% kicked the bejeezus out of a Nat'l Merit Finalist
39% are currently out on bail
62% don't wash their hands after urinating
73% read an entire issue of their high school newspaper at least once
31% can find Tennessee on a map

Statistics provided by Long Dong Silver; former world record holder at...well, we don't want to get into that. (margin for error +/- 2%)

WOMEN'S RUSH TURNS UGLY

What has traditionally been a pleasant and exciting experience for many young women has now become a sad, pathetic affair. Recently, several unidentified members of various campus sororities and freshman came to blows over Labor Day weekend. Apparently the violence was a result of the posting of a "cut-list" used to match prospective freshmen with the sorority of their choice. Several sources said the violence was unimaginable as hundreds of disgruntled sorority members ravaged the campus and attacked the unsuspecting freshmen who had chosen not to join them. One woman was severely trampled during her attempt to quiet the angry mob.

"I've been here for 25 years and I ain't never seen anything like that", commented Security Director Ralph Hatley, "They just went plumb crazy, I can't understand it-maybe it was just that time of the month." Upon hearing Hatley's comments the feuding sororities quickly joined forces, attacked and beat Mr. Hatley to death outside of the security building. Tri-Delta President Robyn Thiemann offered an explanation, "He deserved it! If anyone else says any more crap like that we'll kill them too!"

Despite the carnage many students were ambivalent about the entire incident. One junior commented, "I was going to go to the Deja Vu Mud Wrestling Classic, but I figured why waste the money when I can see it here for free." Another student expressed disappointment over missing an opportunity to see an entire mob of "women in ripped clothes, smacking each other around."

Even though the investigation is still ongoing many have refused to allow the violence to curb their enthusiasm. The parties are still scheduled as planned even though there will be a 9 o'clock curfew and metal detectors will be installed in the doors of all sorority houses.

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