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Gay-Straight Student Alliance Awaits College Approval

By Emily Flinn
Campus News Editor

Rhodes offers students the chance to take part in a wide variety of student organizations and special interest groups, everything from the College Republicans to Campus Green. However, unlike many, if not most, colleges and universities today, there is no group specifically devoted to gay and lesbian student issues. This void has led senior Jason Cormier to try and start a Gay-Straight Alliance at Rhodes.

According to Cormier, the group's purpose is to bring together students interested in gay/lesbian issues and to promote awareness of these issues on campus. It's open to anyone, heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual, male or female. The group has already met once, and the students attending were in fact a mix of all kinds, joined together simply out of an interest

in these issues.

The group will maintain confidentiality, meaning that what is discussed at the meeting is open, but not the names of who attends. Participants' right to privacy will always be respected.

As Cormier sees it, the group will meet and simply talk about life, life at Rhodes, issues, concerns, and ideas. It will also be a networking group, providing information about Memphis, including supportive churches and organizations.

All these ideas are still in limbo, however, as Cormier waits for approval in registering this group. As stated in the College Handbook, groups must register with the Director of Student Activities before being able to reserve campus facilities and publicize on campus.

According to the handbook, "although composed of Rhodes students, registered groups

are not representatives of the College...this registration process implies neither approval or disapproval of the purposes of the group and is not an endorsement of any such organization's purposes or activities."

Cormier's efforts to start this group have been put on hold for the time being, while he awaits the completion of this registration process. A registration form was turned in 2 weeks ago to David Hester. It was then passed on to Dean Shandley and finally to Executive Vice President David Harlow.

Dean Shandley stated that the request is being considered by Harlow, and that he intends to speak with Cormier about it soon.

Harlow himself would only state that "I have in fact received a registration form for 'A Gay Straight Student Alliance'. It is in my very large stack of things to do. I have no background on the request other than it has been submitted with one name on it. What the goals, expectations, intentions, etc. might be I do not know and until I am better informed it would be totally inappropriate for me to speculate...."

Cormier feels that there is enough support from students, faculty, and some members of the administration to warrant the founding of this group. However, only when and if the registration is approved will the group be able to legally exist on campus.

Rhodes Establishes Exchange Program in Dijon, Poitiers

By Jason Carmel
Editor

The French Department at Rhodes recently announced the availability of a new year-long exchange program offered to French students who are interested in studying abroad in the cities of Poitiers and Dijon in France.

"It's a true exchange," said Professor Malkin-Baker who has acted as the departmental liaison to the universities at Poitiers and Dijon. One student from Rhodes will travel to Dijon and another to Poitiers, and a student from both of those French universities will attend Rhodes for the same academic year.

The program will cost the same as tuition at Rhodes, in addition to visa fees and roundtrip airfare. "The thing that's great about this program," added Professor Malkin-Baker, "is that by arrangement with Dean McMahon, the scholarships a student receives from the college would apply to the exchange." The students themselves will dispense comparable room and board money in France to live in an apartment or with a French family.

"We have been attempting for over a decade to institute an exchange program in France," said French Department Chairman Professor James Vest. "Thanks to Professor Malkin-Baker's good efforts, as of next fall, Rhodes may actually have two exchange programs in France."

Hank Marchal, a sophomore International Studies and French double major, will be study-

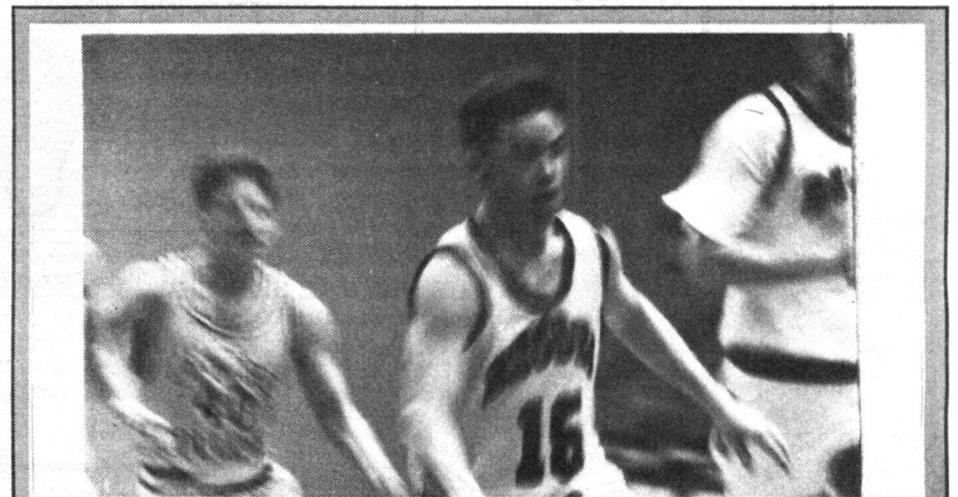
ing next year at the University in Poitiers. "I'm thinking about working abroad for a living," said Hank, who has been to France for a month during his junior year in high school and has worked for three months in Switzerland last summer. "By spending eight or nine months abroad, I'll be able to figure out if that's what I want to do."

While at the universities, students will be able to get academic credit from a wide variety of courses, from International Studies to French literature to art history to theatre.

Details for the program at Dijon are still being determined, but Professor Malkin-Baker remains confident that the department will be able to implement the program for this fall.

All those who are interested in learning more about either exchange are encouraged to contact Professor Malkin-Baker before mid-term. Professor Malkin-Baker will be travelling to France in early March "to get a sense of what it will be like for our students," at the universities, and to provide accurate course listings and syllabi for the students.

However, only those students who have strong academic standing and are very comfortable with the French language should apply. Exchange programs are challenging, but extremely rewarding, said Professor Malkin-Baker. "I'm very excited about it. I think it's an opportunity not to miss."



Albert Johnson leads the fast break for the Lynx as the basketball team returned home to face Centre. (photo by Dan Millner)

Rhodes Career Fair to Give Job Information, Opportunities

By Pat Donahue
Career Services

Have you ever wanted to network with your future employer? Discover job openings before others started looking? Or just learn more about the wide world of work? Now's your chance.

The Rhodes Career Fair will be held in the Orgill Room on Wednesday, February 9 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Representatives from over 20 companies and organizations will be on hand to discuss career possibilities and to respond to questions from students. The event will be the perfect opportunity to gather career informa-

tion, make valuable contacts, and polish interviewing skills.

Companies participating in the Fair include Merck & Company, Shelby County Schools, Northwestern Mutual Life, Youth Villages, Mutual of New York, Graceland, First Tennessee Bank, VISTA, Tennessee Department of Employment Security, U.S. Marine Corps Officer Programs, Fritz Companies, Inc., American National Insurance, The Peabody, IDS Financial Services, J. H. Shoemaker, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Associated Recruiters, ServiceMaster Consumer Services, Harrah's Ca-

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CAMPUS SAFETY ACTIVITY LOG

January 18 through January 24, 1994

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	ACTION TAKEN
1/18	1:10am	White Hall, 2nd flr	Noise Complaint	Campus Safety and Res. Life responded.
1/19	5:05am	Stewart	Alarm Malfunction	Reset
	1:05pm	University/Tutwiler	Theft from car	MPD/C.S. took report; no suspects
	2:35pm	Library	Alarm Malfunction	Reset
1/21	12:20am	Library	Property recovered	Turned over VISA to C. S.
	6:45pm	SAE house	Burst Water Line	Physical Plant turned water off
1/22	Unknown time	University/Tutwiler	Auto Theft	MPD/C.S. scene/report; no suspects
1/23	1:05am	Campus area	Suspicious Persons	C.S. spotted 2 subjects in red/blue station wagon, Tn #BNN588 circling outside of campus. Called MPD and monitored until gone.
	3:01am	East Campus	Suspicious Person	Report of subject climbing tree, C.S. searched area - unable to locate.
	3:30am	New Hall	Noise complaint	R.A. responded
	3:45am	Trezevant Lot	Theft from car	C.S. located 2 suspects breaking into a student's vehicle. Campus Safety chased suspects through east campus wood until they jumped fence between Charles place and Tri-Delta house. MPD on scene to assist search. unable to locate again. Partial recovery of stolen property: suspects dropped near fence when running.
1/24	9:45pm	Broadway Pizza	Prank calls	South Central Bell took complaint
	11:30am	Bellingrath, 1st flr	Theft	C.S. took report
	11:45am	University/Tutwiler	Suspicious persons	C.S. monitored 2 subjects until far from campus.

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Jump Starts: 14
Alcohol Warnings: 0
Propped doors: 0

Accesses: 130
Visitors: 67
Alcohol Violations: 0

The Sou'wester is the official student newspaper of Rhodes College. The Editors and Staff of The Sou'wester publish 22 times yearly throughout the fall and spring semesters, with the exception of holidays and exam periods.

The Sou'wester office is located downstairs in Palmer Hall. Staff meetings are open to the college community and take place every Tuesday evening at 9:00 pm in Room 103 of Buckman Hall.

Interested parties are invited—nay, vehemently encouraged—to write letters to the Editors. There is a Sou'wester folder on the Academic Server, which can be accessed from the Computer Labs in Buckman or from any computer on the campus network. All letters must be signed and must include the author's phone number for verification. Any letter for publication may be edited or rejected for clarity, length, and/or libelous content.

Student publications at Rhodes are under the aegis of the Student Publications Board, which is composed of the editors of all campus publications as well as class representatives and at-large representatives of the student body.

All business inquiries should be directed to Thomas Gieselmann, Business Manager. Ad deadlines are each Friday for the following week's newspaper. National advertising representatives are CASS Communications and American Passage.

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sino Tunica, and St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Some of the representatives will be recruiting for full-time, part-time, and summer positions, while others will be providing information on future job openings and training programs.

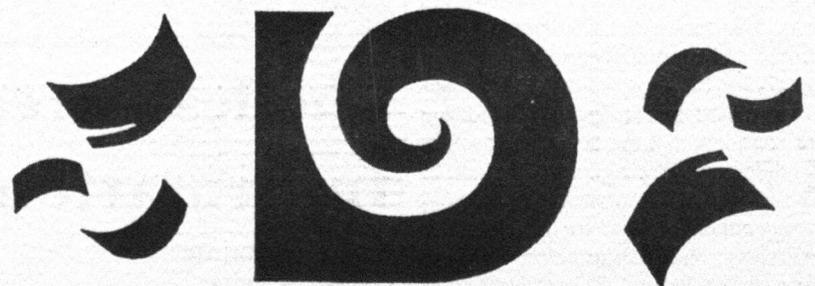
Representatives will also describe the types of skills and experiences employers are seeking in future job candidates.

Although employment opportunities will be available, the Rhodes Career Fair is not just for seniors. Juniors, sophomores, and first years exploring career options will learn about the wide range of career fields available, and the types of majors, work experiences, and campus activities that attract employers.

Information booths will be set up in the Orgill Room where company representatives can display information and brochures. Interested students and faculty who want to swap information are invited to browse and meet with representatives.

Since students will be visiting the Career Fair between classes or during lunch, Career Services emphasizes that professional dress is NOT required. Seniors who are presenting a resume to an employer may want to dress in typical interview attire.

The Career Fair is co-sponsored by the Student Assembly, Black Student Association, and Career Advisory Team. For further information, contact Pat Donahue in Career Services at x3800.



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Black History Month Activities at Rhodes

From the Office of Karen Conway

It's that time of year again! Time to resurrect the past and acknowledge the present contributions African Americans have made to this country. These contributions should be acknowledged 365 days a year and not resurrected on February 1

and laid to rest again on February 28. Rhodes College will kick off its Black History Month Activities with a Soul Food dinner and entertainment featuring the Nubian Dance Troop, whose program consists of African American dances which focus on African culture. The dinner will begin at 4:30 in

the refectory. Entertainment is scheduled from 5:00-5:30 P.M. The program is scheduled on Thursday, February 3.

Another program will offer a chance to examine the contributions made to Memphis by African Americans, including rechartering the city after the Yellow Fever Epidemic, Beale

Street, businesses, churches, etc. The program is scheduled for Monday, February 7, at 4:15 P.M. in the Orgill Room. The speaker for the evening is Elaine Turner, co-founder of Heritage Tours (a company that studied the contributions African Americans made to the city of Memphis).

Choir rehearsal is scheduled on Wed. February 9 at 7:00 P.M. at Evergreen Presbyterian Church for faculty, staff and students interested in participating in a worship service sponsored by the Rhodes Campus Community Worship program.

New Dance Team Seeks To Impress

By Eddie Dieppa Sports Editor

This Friday, Rhodes will see a new group performing at the halftime of the men's basketball game against Trinity University. This group, the Rhodes Dance Team, is actually in its second year, although most of the members are new. The team was organized by Jennifer Foster and Natalie Bailey, both members of the

original group.

Last year, eleven women got together as a team to dance at halftime of the men's basketball games. The team had no official status or support from the school, something that will be a goal for the new squad. The group formed when several friends, specifically Gretchen King and Denise Ceule, wanted to dance and decided to find other interested people.

According to Foster, this group will have more jazz dance than last year's group. Many of the dancers have modern dance and tap experience, and they will also combine this with hip-hop and jazz. She emphasized that the performance will be very different for the Rhodes community.

Foster and Bailey are joined by Hillary Gottemoeller, another returning member, and five new dancers: Heather Tyler, Susan Ashe, Lizzie Lokey, Amy Parratt, and Amy Lonkar. Gottemoeller is serving as treasurer of the group, and Foster and Bailey are co-chairs.

As signs went up for tryouts, the organizers received encouragement from students who wanted to know when the group would perform. Foster stated that "we want the crowd to enjoy what they are watching."

The group hopes to get Club Sport status and receive money from the Allocations Board to buy costumes, shoes, and music for next year's performances. They would also like Physical Education credit for participating in the future. This year, the team expects to have two halftime shows at Friday games, where they will hope to get a large audience and boost interest in the team.

Mock Trial Teams Reach Gold Flight in Regionals

By Jason Carmel Editor

The Rhodes Mock Trial Team returned this weekend from the National Intercollegiate Mock Trial Association regional meet at St. Louis University, where the two teams took fifth and sixth place out of 17 teams, earning them a spot in the National Gold Flight competition this month in Des Moines.

Ryan Feeney, Karen Jones and Gina Yannitell won awards for most outstanding attorneys with Trey Hamilton taking an honorable mention, and Melissa Berry, Robert Browning and Eric Dunning took awards for most outstanding witnesses.

The case involves a fictitious state called Midlands which accuses a Reverend Pat Bobson, a man with very outspoken beliefs against a particular ethnic group, of instigating a hate crime. As the spiritual leader of an individual who burns a sacred statue of the ethnic group, Reverend Bobson faces charges of aiding and abetting criminal mischief in the first degree. The teams alternate defending and prosecuting the Reverend throughout the competition.

"We lost a lot of good attorneys

and witnesses," said two year veteran Ryan Feeney. "It's a rebuilding year. I thought we performed really well for a relatively inexperienced team." Last year, the two Rhodes teams finished third and fourth place in the Atlanta regionals and went on to take fourth place in the Gold Flight and fourth place in the championship flight as well.

"I thought we did well overall," said witness Melissa Berry. "We dropped two ballots in the first round because of bad judging." The questionable judging and a series of "bad breaks" contributed to the team's inability to reach the championship flight.

However, Feeney expects the teams to perform well in the Gold Flight at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa at the end of February. "We have two teams that are really competitive, especially after we review our mistakes and fine tune things."

The mock trial program is offered by the Political Science Department as a Trial Procedures class for academic credit, taught by Dr. Marcus Pohlman.

THIS WEEK IN MEMPHIS

- Wednesday** Art Exhibit featuring works by Pinkney Herbert and Remy Miller at the Clough-Hanson Gallery through Friday
- Thursday** Dr. Richard J. Wattenmaker, Director, Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution speaks on "Dr. Albert C. Barnes and the Barnes Foundation," as part of The Lillian and Morrie Moss Endowment for the Visual Arts lecture series, 8:00 pm, Evergreen Presbyterian Church
- Admissions Symposium through Friday**
- Friday** Master Class featuring Mary Karen Clardy, flutist, 10:00 am, Hardie Auditorium
Men and Women's Basketball vs. Trinity
Kappa Sig Pledges in the Rat
- Saturday** Rummage Sale to benefit the Rhodes Habitat for Humanity Spring Break Work Trip, 8:00 am-12:00 pm, Hyde Gymnasium
Memphis Flute Society High School Flute Choir Concert, 7:00 pm, Hardie Auditorium
- Sunday** Men and Women's Basketball vs. Hendrix College
Elaine Turner, co-founder of Heritage Tours, speaks on "Contributions of African Americans to the city of Memphis," as part of Black History month, 3:30 pm, Blount Auditorium

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While many of us often have a hard time remembering it, the purpose of college is to turn us into educated people. In order to help Rhodes students become more aware of the academic opportunities available to them, The Sou'wester is examining some of the issues at stake in the typical Rhodes education.

Good Advice: The Role Of Rhodes Advisors

By Chris Knight

Student opinions of the role of an advisor range from a surrogate parent who is responsible for every aspect of the student's life to a quiet rubber stamp in charge of bullying other professors into allowing her/his advisees into their classes of choice. The truth, of course, lies somewhere in between.

Advisors are actually charged with the responsibility of assisting students in choosing appropriate courses, fulfilling general degree and major requirements and solving problems on both academic and personal levels. Confidentiality is also a major issue in

the advising process, as advisors must work under the guidelines of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

Students are assigned to advisors during the summer before their first year at Rhodes. Using the areas of interest for study indicated by the students, Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs Kathleen Laakso and the chair of the Committee on Advising of Students, Stephen Haynes, match students with a faculty advisor. Although faculty members are requested to serve as advisors of first-year students every other year, they are under no obligation to do so. However, one-

fourth of the pay increase decision is based upon a faculty member's service, of which advising is listed as the best example.

Advisors of first-year students attend a two-hour lecture the day before orientation on various aspects of advising. They then receive a folder for each student containing the student's schedule, achievement test scores, enrollment clearance card and a student information sheet. Advisors also receive information concerning course openings and the language exams. Advisors then meet with their students to help them arrange their schedules.

When a student declares a major, which must be done by the conclusion of the sophomore year, s/he is assigned an advisor from the department of the major. Upon declaring a major, students must fill out a form in which they must indicate their planned schedule for the full four years. Advisors are responsible for assisting students with this schedule planning.

Students unhappy with their advisors can either speak with the advisor or with Dean Laakso or ask another professor to serve as advisor. "Many of the faculty advisors came to Rhodes because it is a small school, which allows us to get to know our

students," said Dr. Robert Strandburg, assistant professor of psychology, who is carrying a heavy advising load of 32 students. "Advisors want to be of help to the students, so a change in advisor for an unhappy student is best for both the student and advisor."

Strandburg also notes that registration requires the most time for advisors, since they must often preregister students for courses in their major plus conduct two sessions with each of their advisees and handle and last-minute problems that occur on the day of registration. Advisors also receive mid-term reports for each of their advisees.

Graduate Schools Offer More Than Respite From the 'Real World'

By Brent Moberly, Associate Editor

When you're a first-year student, you hear seniors joke about those who have jobs after they graduate and those who go to graduate school, but midway through your sophomore year, you realize that graduate school is indeed a viable alternative—not just somewhere to go if you have no job.

While those with aspirations of being professors, doctors and lawyers have always been required to attend graduate school, the increasing competitiveness of the job market has forced a greater number of students to consider two or more years of

pursue. (Most medical schools, for example, require the MCAT). Just like the SAT, you can take any of these tests more than once, but some are quite expensive. Career Services suggests that you start taking these tests by the end of your junior year.

You might also want to start thinking about recommendations. Most graduate schools require that you submit at least three letters of recommend-

ation. All academically oriented programs require recommendations from academic faculty, and some other programs require recommendations from certain professionals (journalism school, for example, asks for recommendations from either professional or college publication editors).

One last thing you'll want to think about is your transcript, and you'll want to think about it early. The first law of college and graduate school acceptance is that a high GPA is directly related to your chances of getting accepted to the college or graduate school of your choice.

How is the best way to start your graduate school search? We suggest you visit Career Services. Not only can they help you find the graduate school that is perfect for you, but they can also help you decide if graduate school is, indeed, *perfect* for you.

34% of all Rhodes students pursue some form of post graduate education. Of these...

- 89-90% of students applying to Med-School are accepted
- 87% of those applying to Law School are accepted
- 83% of those applying to MBA programs are accepted
- 100% of those applying to divinity school are accepted.

post-graduate education. Anyone who wants to pursue a career in one of the natural sciences, for example, should seriously consider graduate school.

You have almost as many graduate school options as you had college options, but you won't have as much help finding them. You'll have to do most of the research yourself—but Career Services will be glad to help get you started.

If you're even thinking about graduate school, you'd better take the GRE (short for Graduate Records Examination). Essentially, it's an advanced version of the SAT. You might also have to take such tests as the GMAT, LSAT, MCAT and NTE, depending upon the discipline you wish to

Major Considerations: A Few Things To Think About When Choosing Your Major

There are generally two types of students on any college campus: those who know their major well before they declare it, and those who don't. No matter which of these two categories you fall into, this section is for you. We have, after some consultation with the Career Services, compiled the following list to help you choose your major. If you don't know what your major will be and haven't thought about choosing one, you'd better take a long hard look. Even if you think you know exactly what your major will be, it might be a good idea to peruse this section anyway. It could save you some misery later on.

By Brent Moberly, Associate Editor

1) For Major's Sake, or for Money's Sake?

Be honest with yourself: majoring in a subject because you're genuinely interested in the subject, or because it will provide with big bucks later on. If you chose the latter, then you might want to reconsider your major. If your heart isn't in your major, you might not be miserable just during your college career, but you might be miserable for the rest of your life. And if your only goal in life is to make lots of money, you should probably reexamine your values.

2) Is Your Love For Your Major Unrequited?

Unless there's truly nothing else you're interested in, then you should avoid majoring in subjects in which you do poorly. Let's face it, if you can't make a "c" in 151, then how do you expect to do in a 400 level class? Save yourself, your professors, and your fellow majors a lot of grief and major in subjects in which you expect to perform well.

3) How Do You Get Along with Your Major's Faculty?

How do you feel about the faculty members who make up the department in which you're planning on majoring? You'll do better in a major where you like and respect all your professors, so if you think one of your professors is a total dweeb or if you got into a fist fight with another, then it probably would be a good idea not to major in that department. It is also a good idea to gauge a department's professors' ideological positions. If you are a staunch Communist and all your department's professors stay up late watching Rush Limbaugh, then you might be happier in another department.

4) Don't Forget About Your Fellow Majors.

Talk with some of the current majors in the subject you want to major in. Sometimes you can tell a lot about a department simply by talking to its majors. Excited majors could signal a strong and expanding program, but disillusioned majors could mean a weak and unstable program. Also gauge the majors' personalities and intelligence. You'll be spend-

ing a lot of class time with them, and you'll want to avoid being in a class with a bunch of idiots.

5) Make Sure You Have A Back Door and Leave it Open.

Let's face it: everybody makes mistakes. Try to select an alternative major and take enough classes in that major so that, if your first choice of a major falls through, you won't have to take 42 hours of summer school just to graduate on time. If your major works out fine, then you can always minor in your alternative.

6) If All Else Fails, Visit The Second Floor Of The Student Center.

First, there's the Career Services Center, which can give much needed help to those who have difficulty defining their majors and their interests. Second, there's the Counseling Center, which can provide much needed stress-counseling for those who wait until the last semester of their sophomore year to begin thinking about their majors.

One Year Later: President Clinton's State of the Union Address

By Charles Bone
Organizational Vice President
Tennessee State Federation of
College Democrats

President Bill Clinton, boasting his highest approval rating since taking office at nearly 60%, delivered his first State of the Union address Tuesday night. The stellar 64 minute speech was interrupted 66 times by applause as he praised his Administration's first year and laid out plans for 1994.

The President, as expected, began by taking credit for ending gridlock and for the improvements in the economy. During his first year, 1.6 million private sector jobs were created, more than all of the jobs created under President Bush. The praise was shared with Congress for its efforts in '93 from NAFTA to the National Service Program. The most emotional moment came as Jim Brady, President Reagan's Press Secretary, was thanked for his part in making the Brady Bill become the Brady Law.

Congress was challenged to bring about welfare reform. As the President said, welfare should be a second

chance and not a way of life. This welfare system must be overhauled. Children having children should not be encouraged to move away from home, but be presented with an incentive to remain at home with their families.

President Clinton and his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, should be commended as they have won the first battle on health care reform, proving that there is a problem and that something should be done about it. Lately Republicans have said that there might be a health care problem but that there is definitely no crisis. Maybe to Republican United States Senators, like Sen. Bob Dole who has guaranteed governmental health care coverage, there is no crisis. But to the 58 million Americans with no health care coverage and to the one million Americans who have left the workforce to return to welfare to insure coverage for the children there is a huge crisis. This Administration has pledged its full cooperation in developing a plan all can live with as long as coverage that can never be taken away is pro-

vided for every single American.

The American public has identified crime as our number one problem. "Crime and the fear it provokes is crippling our society," as the President said. The President has pledged an additional 100,000 police officers to our streets, which will be an excellent start. Sen. Trent Lott's (Miss.) "Three Strikes and You're Out" plan was also endorsed. Lott's plan would mean life in prison if found guilty three times of a violent crime.

Despite the President's ups and downs he had an excellent first year. If the President and his staff can carefully navigate Congress through health care and welfare reform while enacting tough crime legislation, we can expect an even more successful 1994. In November all 435 House members and 34 of the 100 Senators will be up for re-election. This should provide a Congress willing to work with the Clinton Administration, but also mindful of their political futures. If the President is successful in these three areas he will assure himself of another six years.

State of the Union Not Yet Clinton's

By Buck Knott

I must acknowledge the fact that President Clinton has made several moves throughout his first year in office that have impressed me very much. He has gone beyond partisan politics in several of his high level appointments in order to chose the best person for the job. In addition, President Clinton jeopardized his reputation by throwing himself behind NAFTA, a program that was supported by more Republicans than Democrats and not assured of passage. By supporting NAFTA, President Clinton demonstrated his genuine desire to do what is best for our country and I applaud him for it.

In spite of the respect I have for President Clinton, I found it quite difficult to maintain my composure during The State of the Union Address as our President took credit for the improved condition of our economy. In general, Clinton tried to convince us that his administration pulled the U.S. economy out of the depths of a recession caused by twelve years of Republican leadership. In particular, he took credit for the low level of inflation and the low interest rates that our country is now enjoying. Our new president has an inflated view of his powers and a deflated view of our intelligence, if he thinks we believe that.

The economic recovery was already well under way before Clinton took office. Reports that the economy was slowly improving began to surface before Clinton was inaugurated and they continued to surface throughout his first few months in office. There

is absolutely no way that Clinton's policies had anything to do with the economic recovery. Many of his policies have not yet taken effect. In addition, because the effects of economic policies take time to become visible, the results of those that have taken effect will not be known for quite some time. Clinton has just not been in office long enough to have had an effect on the economic recovery. One can only hope that, when his policies do begin to take effect, they do not send our economy out of control again.

As for the low level of inflation and the low interest rates that are allowing Americans to refinance their homes, they were characteristic of the Reagan-Bush years and are the crowning achievements of Republican rule. If the economy looks better now than it did when Clinton took over, it is because it is naturally continuing the process of recovery and because of the policies of the Fed. The Fed's policies remained fairly constant as our government changed hands and they are not subject to direct presidential influence. Clinton can no more claim credit for the economic recovery than his daughter can.

I will continue to respect President Clinton, though I will not agree with many of his policies. Also, I realize that any other president would have taken credit for the economic recovery as Clinton did. It is a shame, however, that one cannot take the words of our leaders at face value. Unfortunately, that is how our governmental system works.

Clinton's China Policy: Carter's Second Coming

By W. Judd Peak

The Clinton administration, with its attitude toward China, has lived up to its infamous reputation of flip-flops. Throughout the first year of Clinton's presidency, he stressed that free, fair trade was the catalyst for economic growth. He vehemently pushed for the passage of the NAFTA and the Uruguay round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. He was fond of reminding the public that free trade benefited all parties involved. But after the successful outcome to the NAFTA and GATT, Clinton seems to have flipped attitudes on trade with his recent declarations on the Most Favored Nation trading status for the Republic of China.

This June, Washington must decide whether or not China's MFN status will be renewed. By law, the status must be reviewed each year and approved again. Lately, the administration has given warnings that China's human rights policies must be improved upon before their MFN status will be renewed. Lloyd Bentsen, President Clinton's Secretary of the Treasury, has been adamant that China's human rights improvements over the past decade have not been enough to justify their trading status. Together, their rhetoric has emphasized that unless dramatic, swift reforms are made, China can kiss their number two trading partner goodbye.

President Clinton is making the same mistake former President Jimmy

Carter made in his one term. He is making idealistic standards the norm for foreign policy. Carter did it with his human rights agenda in the late 1970s. Consequently, he abandoned Iran (an American ally at the time) and allowed a revolution by anti-American forces to succeed. What Carter did not realize is that the way to affect policy in other nations is not to lambast and abandon them, but to praise and push reforms that have already been implemented.

China has certainly come a long way in the last several years. Human rights (especially since the Tiananmen Square fiasco) have improved steadily, and they continue to do so. Even the question of human rights is vague. Most tests of human rights in China include their control of the region of Tibet. To ask China to give up Tibet would be parallel to the United States giving up formerly Mexican territory. It is unrealistic to base trade policy on it. China was already dealt a blow last year when the 2000 Olympics were given to Sydney, Australia, at the behest of the U.S. Another fatal wound would push China into isolationist antics, and it would be naïve at best to assume human rights would improve.

This week, Senator Max Baucus (D - Mont.) addressed a U.S.-China business group about the MFN status. He reminded them that negative actions would be detrimental to ourselves too. If China's MFN status were not renewed, the average tariff on

their exports would rise from 8% to almost 40%. This would price most of China's goods out of the American market, and their exports would decrease by 38%. If they respond with similar tariffs, as they have promised, the U.S. would lose \$10.5 billion worth of exports, or around 215,000 jobs. This is a loss we cannot bear to have.

Already this past year, Japan passed the United States as China's largest trading partner. Are we to accentuate that loss by denying China our markets? (And, consequently, denying us theirs?) Economic measures sometimes work, as in the case of Haiti, when we have no economic interest in that country. In China, however, our interests are large and numerous, and pouring salt in their wounds would work against us. Have we, as a nation, not learned the mistakes of

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A Departure From Format Social Upheaval at Rhodes

Though I generally stick to national and international issues, this week I would like to return back to Rhodes for a while. This week's subject is something that is very rel-

RATIONALE
Jim Turner

levant to the entire world, but I primarily aim to examine its implications for the Rhodes community. This issue that I aim to examine is prejudice.

The Leadership Rhodes class resumed its sessions this past Thursday with a seminar on prejudice. However, this session wasn't just about prejudice in the way that we normally think about it, i.e., prejudice against different ethnicities or nationalities. This was about prejudging people based on their most apparent attribute, whether that be race, political affiliation, Greek affiliation (or lack thereof), or anything else. The point of the exercise was, of course, that judging a book by its cover is impractical, sub-optimal, and lacking in class. Along the way, however, some startling revelations were made.

The revelations stemmed from an exercise we did in which each person was assigned an identity that the person did not know about. Everyone then had to go about the group, ask questions about others' attitudes toward this identity, and guess what his or her identity was. The identities included "conservative Republican," "Asian American woman," "wheelchair-bound person," "fraternity male," and the like.

At the end, when people tried to guess what their identities were, the results ranged from comical to frightening. The person labelled "sorority female" guessed that she must be either a prostitute or a lesbian. The person labelled "fraternity male" had guessed he must have been an alcoholic. Our "redneck" was told she was unintelligent and unpleasant. Finally, one person told the "skinhead" that she would be left to die if in need of CPR. Now, these responses were not always the most genuine. Many in the class responded with prevailing stereotypes in order to help people figure out their identities. Of course, these were the prevailing stereotypes at Rhodes.

As enlightened as we may be, such attitudes about other people will be the shackles that hold each one of us back from fulfilling our destinies. Unless a person is willing to accept, as William James said, "each person is my superior in some way," and that we can all learn from each other, advancing the cause of our civilization is

an effort made in vain. And this transcends issues of race and gender. You may not agree with Rush Limbaugh, but you shouldn't immediately condemn him as a human being. I

may not like the policies and actions of Bill Clinton, but I will not use that as an excuse to join in making fun of Chelsea. And no matter whether or not a person is a member of the Skinheads or Earthfirst! (both openly advocate the reduction in the numbers of human beings not like them), if that person is in need of CPR, I'm going to administer it.

The revelations of the Leadership Rhodes class alone weren't quite enough to move me to write, though. After the class I reread something I got in the mail that day. It was a little yellow pamphlet entitled "Calvin and Hobbes' Guide to a Swingin' Winter Formal." When I first read it, I merely thought it was condescending, but I feel that way about a lot of the helpful literature that I get in the mail. On second reading, though, I discovered another reason not to like the innocent looking pamphlet. It is about as prejudiced as you can get on this campus.

The helpful hints in the pamphlet were generally divided into advice for the "Women" and for "Guys," already a departure from equal respect for the sexes. The pamphlet admonishes women (who we know to be made of sugar and spice and everything nice) to be assertive in telling their dates that they don't want to drink or shack. The guys (snails and puppy dog tails that they may be) are told to respect their date's wishes on drinking, to remember "no" means "no," and to, "Let your date set the pace." Only as an afterthought is it mentioned that a guy might not want to drink and nowhere is it acknowledged maybe that not every guy wants to shack on every date. A friend of mine read the pamphlet and said, "This makes me think that all guys want to do is get drunk and shack."

I recovered from the insults of the pamphlet and had a wonderful time at Pan, relying on my own judgment to keep me from being an Ogre. However, if this is the attitude that exists on campus, and it is accompanied by other attitudes I got glimpses of Thursday, then I have serious doubts about the ability of some of my fellow Rhodesians to adapt to life outside of the "greenhouse," where their opinions are neither shared nor appreciated.

It is amazing how important space is to the average individual. Everyone knows about personal space, that comfort-zone around everyone, which when crossed, takes an encounter to heights of agony. For each individual, this comfort-zone is a little different. It varies among cultures as well. Some cultures are a lot more "touchy-feely" and hug and kiss even casual acquaintances. Others don't even shake hands.

Something has arisen at Rhodes, however, that may be unique (at least, I've never heard discussion of it, nor read any literature on it). At Rhodes, there seems to be something which one might call "group space." If you're uncertain of what I'm speaking, look at the main dining hall in the Rat. Everyone entered the Rat one day to find out that a relatively minor cosmetic change had occurred; the tables were completely reconfigured.

What is interesting, is the response that this evoked. Outrage, anger, moral indignity and frustration seem to have been the loudest. Just look at the comment cards posted in the Rat. Questions like: "What have you done?!" and statements like: "Put things back the way they were!" make up the bulk of the comments posted so far this semester.

Why did this occur? Why did a simple rearrangement of space cause such an uproar? There is no less eating space. The food isn't being served on the floor. We're not being asked to eat dog-food, yet from the student response, one might think that we were told that we'd be eating Purina for the rest of the semester.

It seems that student complaints

(pushed to the limit a little) run along the lines like this: "My life has been ruined! I can't find my place; I don't



Delusions Of Grandeur
Jason Briggs Cormier

know where I belong anymore! My table is no longer there and I feel lost and out of touch with my environment. If I don't eat with people I know, then I won't eat at all. How can I be expected to eat next to someone I don't like, or even worse, someone I don't know?! This must be some sort of Marxist scheme put together by the Evil Administration to weaken the student body by throwing it into chaos."

I admit that I have pushed that a little far, but stop and think about it. Is it really that different and illogical than the complaints made by students? If you don't know for certain, go read some of the comments posted in the Rat. The tables were rearranged in order to save the school some money by changing the amount of wear-and-tear placed on certain segments of the carpet. This advice came from the people who know something about carpet, but even common sense suggests that this makes sense.

Many students, however, got into a complete fit because their patterns of social interaction were slightly disrupted. To me, this sounds a little similar to pulling some insect out of its home and dropping it into a completely alien environment. Come on

people, we are humans, with a more intricate and highly structured brain. We have other things, such as reason and logic, as well as complex emotions. Our lives shouldn't be such rote patterns of existence, that a simple change in scenery completely unsettles our whole constitution.

Is adjustment to a new group dynamic so difficult? What has happened to us here at Rhodes, that has produced such a "group" mentality in the first place? Don't get me wrong, it's not just the main dining hall that has this problem. Nearly every student at Rhodes fits into this problem. Almost everyone is identified by group with which s/he is associated. Rather than focusing on an individual's personal characteristics, s/he is joined together with the people with whom s/he is seen most. Is this fair to anyone?

To be honest, the rearrangement in the Rat hasn't been a blessing for me. Looking for a place to study at breakfast is a little more challenging and finding a friend or two is now all but impossible because I don't know where they sit in the new dining hall. At the same time, I believe that it has told us a lot about our campus and the way the student body works as a collective.

In fact, it's told us that we don't work as a collective or as individuals, but rather as smaller sub-groups which don't seem to intermix well. And for all of you students who are thinking that I'm completely wrong, that there are individuals at Rhodes, that not everyone appreciates being grouped and classified, well, you've just made my point.

Blowfish on Letters to the Editor

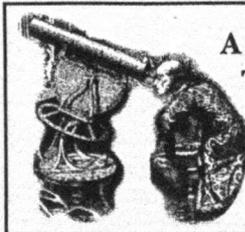
Although I won't be writing a full column until next week, my fellow malt-liquor consuming hunter-gatherers, I felt the need to express to you the absolute, ecstatic euphoria which both my friend

and boss, Welch Suggs, and I have shared since receiving an actual editorial response to our most recent *Sou'wester* articles. I tell ya, just knowing that there's somebody out there who would actually take the time to sit down and write us a reaction to what we have to say in our editorials—it almost makes us wanna bust our bleeding-heart britches. Anyway, I had to let you know just how happy it makes us so that, hopefully, in the future, we can expect even *more* letters to the

editor. But, just as a little "rule of thumb" for future letter-to-the-editor-writing: although tangential references to impres-

sive-sounding economic publications (ie. *Road to Serfdom* (?)) are not necessary, we do however encourage faculty and students to actually read the articles before commenting on them. And even if you forgot to follow this important guideline, as did, apparently, the author of last issue's letter to the editor, Welch and I still wanna say: "hey, thanks for the effort, anyway!"

Have a cynical week.



A Cynics Guide
To the Galaxy

Chris
Robinson

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Carter, who mistakenly thought that strict measures would change the behavior of a nation? China's politics are already moving in a direction that we favor. Threats will do nothing to speed that process, but instead will foster resentment and hostility. President Clinton needs to formulate his position on trade policy. Let us hope he chooses the right one.



Men's Basketball Team Struggles Against Conference Opponents

By Chip Riggs
Sports Editor

The Rhodes Lynx blew past Fisk University 89-58 Sunday at Mallory Gymnasium, shaking off a 3-game slump in the process. Rhodes dropped two games on the road a weekend ago, losing at Sewanee and Oglethorpe. Friday night, the Lynx lost at home to Centre College 78-71 to fall to 2-3 in conference play. With Sunday's win, the Lynx still have hopes of getting a bid to the NCAA tournament in March.

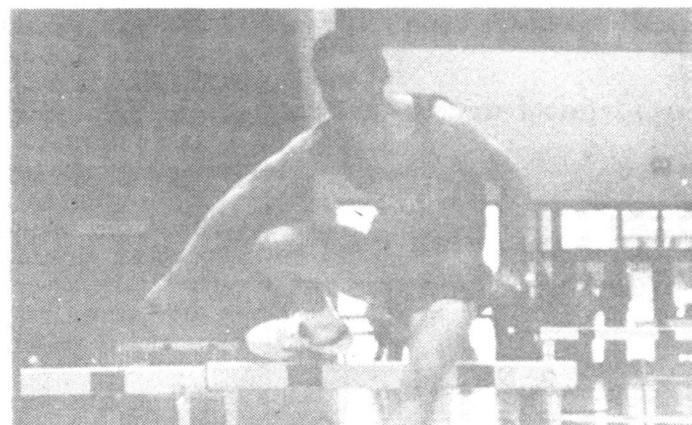
The Lynx were led Friday night by Mike Gonda, who returned from an ankle injury to score 21 points. Poor 3-point shooting (5 for 26 as a team) did the Lynx in, as did an overabundance of Centre free throws (25-31 for the Colonels to 4-8 for the Lynx). Ronnie Frames led the Colonels with 27 points, and Mark Holbrook added 24. For the Lynx,



Thomas Johnson scored 13 points, Albert Johnson 12, and Luis Abascal 10.

On Sunday, the Lynx took a 45-30 lead into halftime, and blew the Bulldogs out of the gym early in the second half, outscoring Fisk 25-3 to start the second period. Every Rhodes

player saw action, and 16 of 17 Lynx players scored. Ronnie Robinson led the balanced attack with 23 points and 11 rebounds. Thomas Johnson added 12, and Albert Johnson 8. Carlton Austin and David Norton scored 6 and Mark Cheney 5 off the bench for the Lynx.



(Left) Thomas Johnson traps his Centre opponent (photo by Dan Millner); (Above) Scott Hollensworth runs hard over the hurdles as the track team performed well in their first meet of the 1994 campaign. (photo by Edgard Cabanillas)

Results: Harding Invitational

WOMEN		MEN	
High Jump		4. Kati Randolph	8.3
1. Vachelle Brackett (UAPB)	5'4"	5. Mollie Mills	8.5
4. Mollie Mills	5'0"	200 Yard Run	
Two Mile Run		1. Shyonna Rolle	2.28
1. Kelly Jensen (Harding)	12:43.9	4. Charlotte Turnipseed	2:35.5
2. Billie Ann Snodgrass	13:32.6	6. Pam Baugus	2:44.2
Mile Run		Mile Relay	
1. Charlotte Turnipseed	5:52.7	1. UAPB	4:23.7
2. Billie Ann Snodgrass	6:11.7	2. Rhodes #1	4:42.7
3. Jennifer Farringer	6:26.9	4. Rhodes #2	4:53.3
400 Yard Dash			
1. M. Churnp (UAPB)	62.8		
2. Kati Randolph	70.0		
4. Allison Whittle	71.8		
6. Kristin Oswald	74.1		
60 Yard Dash			
1. Jometta Buckhannon (UAPB)	7.5		
		Shot Put	
		1. Andy Holt (Harding)	46'0.5"
		4. Brian Creech	42'4"
		Pole Vault	
		1. Dwayne Whitten (CBU)	14'6"
		3. David Osler	12'6"
		Two Mile Run	
		1. Welch Suggs	10:16.1
		4. Erik Berry	10:48.8
		5. Brendan Minihan	10:52.8
		7. Edgard Cabanillas	10:59.1
		400 Yard Dash	
		1. Jess Wiley (Harding)	54.9
		5. David Osler	57.1
		Mile Run	
		1. Sean "The Man" Moran	4:39
		4. Welch Suggs	5:01
		5. Felix Vazquez	5:03.5
		7. Edgard Cabanillas	5:09.8
		Mile Relay	
		1. Ouachita Baptist	3:42.9
		5. Rhodes #1	3:56.2
		6. Rhodes #2	4:07.4

SCAC Standings

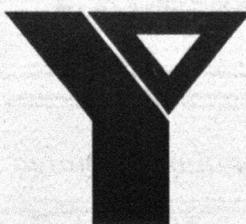
As of Sunday, January 30

Team	Conference Record	Overall Record
Oglethorpe University	6-0	14-3
Centre College	6-1	9-5
University of the South	4-2	8-7
Trinity University	4-3	11-6
Rhodes College	3-3	13-4
Hendrix College	2-5	6-10
Fisk University	1-6	1-12

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Excerpts From Admissions Office Handy-Dandy Guide to Rhodes for Pro-Studs

No-no's.

1. NEVER shack without taking a hat with you (toothbrush is a good idea, too).
2. NEVER piss Welch or Jason off (specially if you forgot your hat or toothbrush).
3. NEVER assume that any seafood in the rat is consumable.
4. NEVER do anything that Jason or Welch didn't expressly give you permission to do.
5. NEVER trust a grinning orientation leader on field day. (You may not understand now, but you will. Trust me.)
6. NEVER assume that you are as cool as Jason or Welch.
7. NEVER try the pick-up line, "Hey, baby, what courses are you taking?"
8. NEVER go to the Port-O-Lets over Rites of Spring.
9. NEVER think that people are oblivious to the fact that you are a freshman.
10. NEVER use the word "freshman" — it's "first-year student."
11. NEVER think you can get away with picking your nose in a lecture class. (Those professors are QUITE perceptive at times.)
12. NEVER assume your RA is stupid. (Chances are, it's a good possibility, but don't take the chance....)
13. NEVER turn your back on your roommate, especially for the first couple months.
14. NEVER use the social rooms (especially in Williford or Glassell) as make-out stations, unless you want to make this a paid event.
15. NEVER hit on seniors. (just let them hit on you...)
16. NEVER pick up guys in Overton Park (this comment is directed at both genders).

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A discussion about the top social locations at Rhodes for first-year females — by a typical R.A., Eddie Dieppa,

"Social fun = 012 Stewart North."

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New courses added Spring 1994:

1. Brownnosing 101, the Art of Impressing People While Saying Nothing, TBA, 329 Palmer
2. Topics in Suburban Studies — Malls: The Myth and Mystique
3. Hell 101: Bridging the Psychology/Quantum Theory rift.
4. Interdisciplinary Studies 231: Chaucer meets the Toxic Avenguerre. (Literature/Sociology bridge)
5. Post-Repressionist Art 311. (J. Daughdrill, posing)
6. Biology102: The Idiosyncrasies of Jimson Weed. (With lab)

Opposing viewpoints:

First-Year Retrospective at Rhodes College

Rhodes has nurtured and developed me in ways I shall never quite fathom; however I believe I will be reaping the benefits of my experience at Rhodes for many years to come. The staff here REALLY cares about me and my goals and do all they can to brib—er—advise me as to which medical schools I might have a chance of entering.

I have been challenged academically, resulting in a new, enlightened way of thinking about humanity and why everybody revolves around me. Perhaps the world would just be a much better place if EVERYONE could go to Rhodes.

As for the financial aspect of Rhodes, I didn't need any financial aid, being an mid-upper-class Euro-American female whose family assets predate the Revolutionary War throughout New England. But I hear that lots of people that don't have any money or nice cars and stuff can get a couple thousand dollars, which I think is just TERRIBLY nice of the staff here. See what

I mean about nurturing and caring?

The last aspect of Rhodes that I really like is the social scene. I mean, WOW. Who would have thought that so many cool people would be Greek? I really thought they were all Euro-American like me, but I guess they trace their ancestry WAAAY back. All those pleasant swaps are nice, too. I mean, all those nice boys wanting to carry on intellectual conversations with me over a beer (just one or two, of COURSE).

In conclusion, I think the environment here at Rhodes is one to be commended on its diversity and caring for the students. You can really find your clique—er—niche here.

-Mary Ashley

I'm so pissed off. My new BMW hadn't been parked 5 minutes when someone put a ding in the door. I knew I should have gone to Vanderbilt.

-Biff

Places to go in Memphis

1. The Mississippi River/Sewer
2. Home.
3. Millington Air Force Base
4. Eddie Dieppa's room.
5. Overton Park at night - (Carry lots of cash.)
6. New Orleans
7. Hell - also known as the Sou'wester Office
8. MSU - see Hell
9. Memphis Zoo - (Or just stand in front of Buckman on a windy day.)
10. Rhodes (note: admissions price is slightly more than the zoo's)
11. Paris Theatre
12. Deja Vu - take a bible
13. FISH
14. The Sex Townhouse
15. Tunica
16. Top of Haliburton Tower

Rhode'ster Staff Breaks Editor's Will

We here at the Rhodester have run into a bit of a problem lately. You see, we have had no editor. Some of you are probably saying, "What about Welch and Jason?" Others of you might be saying, "Well, how big of a problem can it be? I mean, I am reading a published work, right?" And still others of you are probably saying, "What's for lunch, dude?" Well, that's all fine and well. (Burgers.) But we here have had to deal with the problem firsthand, and in the fine American tradition, I'M HERE TO BITCH ABOUT IT.

Sure, everybody is busy now and again; I can understand that. But our editor - (I don't want to hurt anyone's feelings so I'll use a pseudonym... Let's just call him Eric) - seemed to be relentlessly slacking off. He just never showed up. But we fine Rhodes students know

just how to deal with slackers.

Now I feel that I must say here that I am not going to stoop to the level of some smutty 'World News'- grocery-checkout-line-type tabloid to sell newspapers. I'm gonna do it for free!

Well, first thing we did was find the little rat. As usual, he was holed up in his room watching late-night talks shows. Our crack(ed) staff promptly stuffed him into a bag and brought him to our fine office in the bowels of Palmer Hall. Next, we tied him to a chair and made him listen to Vanilla Ice through headphones for 48 consecutive hours. To our great surprise, he survived the ordeal. Obviously, the situation called for tougher measures.

Our next tactic was sure to work, or so we thought. We argued with Welch that Rush Limbaugh was a god - then we locked Welch

alone in the room with Eric. We couldn't believe that Eric made it out alive. (I still can't believe it.) Finally, having exhausted our alternatives, we decided that we would have to use the heavy stuff on him. (I'm almost ashamed of what we did, but I keep telling myself that it was for the common good.) At 11:00 Saturday morning, we dropped him off at the main gate to Graceland, all expenses paid. This finally broke him. By the time he called begging for us to come and pick him up, he was offering to write out every single copy of the paper longhand.

And so, all of this is to say that we have dealt with the problem once and for all (we hope,) and the rest of you can now go on living carefree. What's the moral here? Why, it's crystal clear isn't it? GRACELAND = TORTURE.

JS²

Mr. Obnoxious says:

•Repeatedly call people by a name other than their own.

•Hang up on people.

•Talk like Beavis and Butthead.

•Burp in someone's ear.