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Proposed Student Assembly Constituion Nears Completion

by Eric May

Staff Correspondent

The Student Assembly has kept itself busy this year, tackling prominent campus issues ranging from the parking situation to the housing problem. However, the Assembly has devoted itself to one important matter in particular for the 1994-1995 academic year. In an effort to make the Student Assembly more accessible and responsive to student's needs and concerns, the Assembly has decided to draft a new constitution, spending a great amount of time to produce something that the students can be proud of.

The current constitution was written in 1991 and, according to Student Assembly president Clyde Henderson, "is geared more to student programming than to proper student representation."

In the past, students have been frustrated and upset with the role and functioning of an assembly which many believed to be plagued by bureaucratic red tape. Members of the Student Assembly have recognized this problem and voiced their concern about the situation. Henderson echoes the sentiments of many assembly members when he states, "the constitution is not very functional and is too constraining to deal with the issues which are being brought before us."

In an effort to redirect the Student Assembly, members proposed a new constitution in the fall of 1993. Under this constitution the organization is to be streamlined, removing the problematic bureaucracy and becoming more involved with the students it represents.

The primary concern of the assembly, according to Henderson, is to "create something that will last . . . a flexible framework for the future of the Student Assembly." The proposed constitution moves the organization away from its programing role of the past and focuses the members of the Assembly on the representation of the Rhodes student body. Henderson hopes that this constitution will facilitate a more effective and communicative Student Assembly.

The proposed constitution profoundly affects one of the Executive Committee offices in particular. Under the new constitution the president of the assembly would be removed from the chair position to be assumed by the Vice President. This action not only increases the voting power of the President, but gives the position a new voice and a larger representative role. No longer confined by the chair position, Henderson believes the presidential effectiveness will be greatly increased, allowing the "interjection of comments and opinions into discussions" and engaging the president in a more participatory role.

The president will also have an active presence in the area of appointments. Unlike its predecessor, the new constitution will empower the president to appoint members of choice to the cabinet. Such appointments will come from a pool of qualified applicants who are subject to assembly approval.

The streamlining process of the Student Assembly is greatly facilitated through the proposed constitution. Members of individual commissions within the assembly will be held directly accountable to the president. Henderson believes that such a measure will ensure "that things get done and that we do not just talk about them." He feels that this organizational technique will aid the productivity because it will give the president a course of action against the commissioners if work is not be carried out.

Modifications will also take place within the commissions themselves. Catherine Cuellar, a member of the Social Commission, believes that the move is an important improvement from the current situation. According to Cuellar, under the proposed constitution the Social Commission will receive two representatives from each class. These representatives will be coordinated under an elected general administrative president. Such a move places more responsibility in the hands of the Social Commission which will be expanded to encompass the current Cultural and Intellectual Commission. As a result there will be a more diverse committee, responsible for social activities, lectures, and cultural events. Although this involves more work for the new commission, Cuellar believes it will be increasingly more effective.

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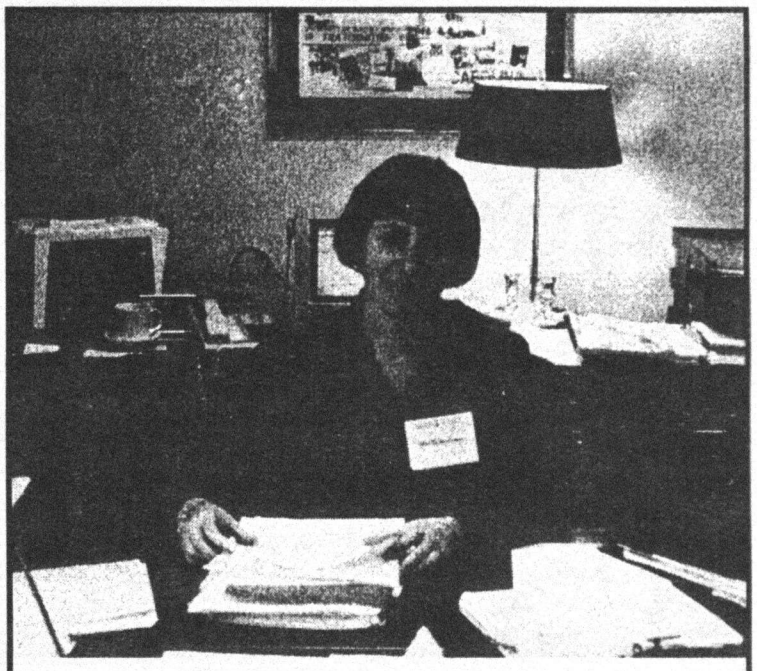

Rhodes has named Melody K. Hokanson dean of student affairs. Her appointment ends a seven-month nationwide search to fill the position.

As dean of student affairs, Hokanson oversees all aspects of student life, including the residence halls, athletics, career services, personal counseling, health services, campus safety, multicultural affairs, religious life, and student organizations Hokanson replaces Tom Shandley, who held the dean of student affairs post for six years. Shandley left Rhodes to become vice president of student life and dean of students at Davidson College in North Carolina.

King Cotton Leads to Changes in Tuthill and Student Office Space

by Rob Marus

Staff Correspondent

Tuthill Hall will soon receive a new look as well as an expanded purpose courtesy of the American Cotton Shippers Association, which plans to renovate the building to hold equipment necessary for its nine-week, summer International Cotton Institute. Campus organizations that depend on Tuthill for office and storage space, however, will soon find themselves relocated as a result of the deal.

Cindy Pennington, director of student affairs, revealed and discussed the ramification of the Tuthill renovation plan with representatives of various student organizations last Wed., Jan. 18.

Office space in Tuthill, currently occupied by several student groups such as the Baptist Student Union and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, will be reduced this summer from nine offices and closets to six offices.

The closets are being removed as part of the remodeling that Tuthill will be undergoing in preparation for the new American Cotton Shippers Association International Cotton Institute as Rhodes College. The remodeling is necessary to accommodate the heavy cotton-classing and -processing equipment the Institute will be using this summer in Tuthill.

The building is one of many sites on campus where the Cotton Institute will take place. Classrooms and other campus areas will be utilized in the training programs of the Institute.

The school is the latest incarnation of the Memphis Cotton Exchange Classing School, for the past 14 years held every summer in the Cotton Exchange Building at Front Street and Union Avenue. Cotton "classing" is the process of evaluating the "class," or quality, of cotton. The teaching of this art has for years been the focus of the school. However, as automation and other advances in technology have made classing a less-vital part of the cotton business, the school has sought to expand its curriculum. They began to look at what Rhodes could offer them.

"The American Cotton Shippers Association wanted to upgrade the curriculum and make it a comprehensive educational experience," explained Sally Thomason of the College's Meeman Center for Special Studies. "They talked to Rhodes; we saw it as an excellent opportunity to attract international students to Rhodes; approximately 50% of the Institute's students will be from other countries."

The College will provide facilities and some personnel for the teaching,

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Campus Safety Log
Nov. 1-Nov. 6, 1994

1/13/95

11:15AM Vehicle found parked in Bellingrath/Ellett temporary zone w/left rear window smashed out and brick laying in rear seat. Owner located and vandalism to vehicle occured off campus.

1/14/95

11:22AM Routine building checks found minor leaks in FJ and basement of Alumni lodge. Neither leak required calling in of maintenance personnel.

1/15/95

2:10AM Student caught speeding and spinning tires in gym lot. Student taken to Austin building and counselled by shift commander in regards to speeding and reckless endangerment, subject released.

7:21AM Extensive damage to lawn areas along east side of campus discovered during routine patrol. Investigation conducted, evidence gathered and subject responsible found.

11:51AM Five unauthorized rollerblade skaters entered campus through ARAMARK service entrance. Subjects rounded up and escorted off campus.

2:20PM Campus Safety notified of assault incident. Investigation, statements and reports written. Matter turned over to Student Affairs for action.

6:20PM Report received of smell of unauthorized substance/incense coming from 1st floor Williford. Investigation found only strong smell of perfume. Message left with RA on results.

1/16/95

11:25AM Student reported vehicle break-in on University, car phone stolen. Evidence left in vehicle by thief. MPD vehcile arrived, took report and evidence. Report also filed with Campus Safety.

7:20PM Prank phone calls received by student Voorhies. Report taken and material turned over to DOCS.

9:10PM Speed limit sign Phillips Lane found damaged and propped against Bellingrath dorm. Sign turned over to maintenance for action.

1/17/95

12:10PM Campus Safety Officer assisted student with flat tire, North side Snowden.

1/18/95

1:10AM Suspicious person reported University. Officers dispatched and subject shadowed until clear of campus area.

11:08AM Suspicious vehicle McCoy lot. Officer dispatched and occupants identified as ARAMARK personnel.

2:22PM Students vehicle broken into earlier on University broken into again in gym lot. No items missing. Report filed.

8:30PM Student dislocated finger in gym. Student treated by trainer to reduce swelling. Student later transported to Baptist Minor Emergency Clinic by a friend.

1/19/95

12:35PM Accident Tennis Court Dr., involving Campus Maintenance truck and student vehicle. Minor damage with no injuries. Report filed.

1/20/95

1:30AM Student reports unknown males banging on Bellingrath Dorm entrance doors. Campus Safety Officers dispatched and outer area and all floors of Bellingrath checked without locating suspects.

2:15AM Students stopped on campus for excessive speeding. Individuals counseled by shift commander as well as MPD officers that were on campus doing routine courtesy patrol. Students lived off campus, vehicle was parked and individuals were driven home by a friend.

11:40AM Student reported theft from room Glassell. Report filed.

1:40PM Unknown person observed walking incoherently down University toward N Parkway into traffic. MPD notified.

8:03PM Spontaneous gathering (non-alcohol) registered with Campus Safety Office.

9:50PM Student reported vehicle stolen from Stewart lot. Report filed.

10:10PM Alcohol Violation issued Sigma-Nu House occupant

1/21/95

12:27AM Suspected substance abuse report 2nd floor Townsend. Investigation conducted with no evidence of substance abuse found

2:10AM Stolen vehicle gym lot. Report filed.

2:15AM Report of fight 1st floor Glassell. Campus Safety responded. RA issued alcohol violation. Alcohol confiscated by Campus Safety Officers. South wing Glassell found trashed and water fountain torn off wall. Dorm RA to file main report on incident.

-compiled by Ralph Hatley, Director of Campus Safety

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Gay-Straight Alliance Going Strong Despite Lack of Official Recognition

by Emily Flinn
Associate Editor

It has been one year since the Gay-Straight Alliance at Rhodes College first met. Since then, the group has applied for and been denied "official" group recognition by the College. However, despite the fact that the College does not "sponsor, endorse, or officially recognize" GSA, the group has been granted the use of campus space and the ability to advertise (albeit with the above disclaimer). Even with these setbacks, the group has gained a strong membership, led by Chris Robinson, Karen Jones, and Catherine Cuellar, and they are quickly becoming an active presence on campus.

The GSA has attracted a large following, with a mailing list of 75 and an average attendance of about 30-40 at meetings, according to Cuellar. The group also receives strong support from many faculty members and administrators. According to Cuellar and Robinson, there are many alumni as well who are supportive of the group and concerned about Rhodes' stance towards GSA.

GSA has been busy in this last year working within the group and the College as a whole. Cuellar stated that they have done lots of work to maintain the stability of the group itself, to ensure that they remain a fixture on campus even after the founding members leave. They have already revised their constitution, and every member is on one of various standing committees. GSA "is here to stay, recognized or unrecognized," Cuellar said.

The group has also focused on internal concerns of the members. According to Robinson, the group "provides a forum for them [GSA members] to express themselves openly. It's an affirming environment." They have also addressed the issue of sexual harassment, and have supported and will continue to support any student who is harassed because of his or her sexual orientation.

GSA has also worked on campus to increase the number os people who are aware of the group. Hot pink flyers to advertise meetings, as well as group t-shirts, have been used as publicity. The group also sponsored some of the activities for AIDS week, and they plan to hold more activities in the future, including speakers, movies and a Valentine's Day dance.

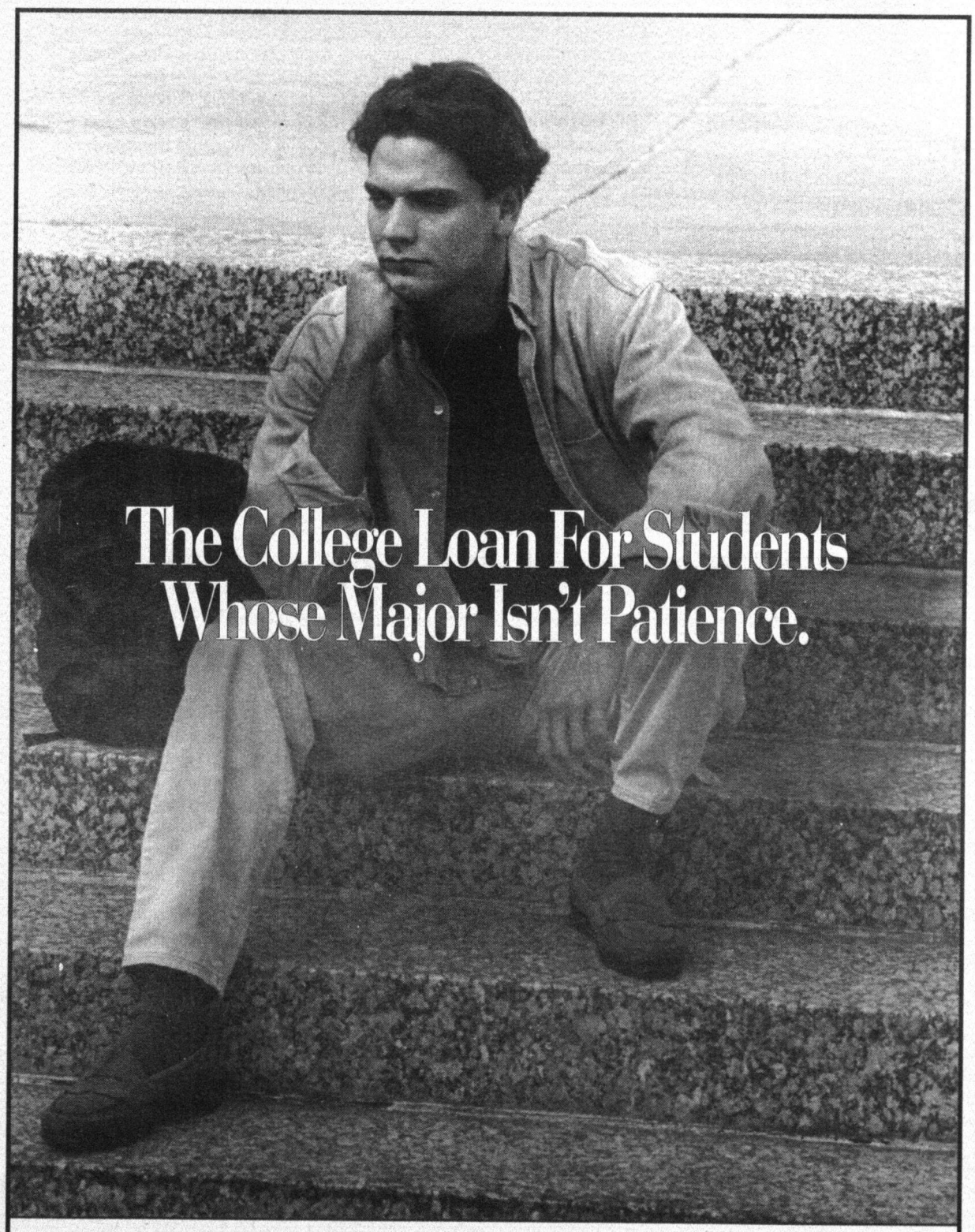
Robinson stated that the publicity the group received after being denied recognition was in fact "the best thing that could have happened." He believes that the controversy created the excitement and energy needed to get the group going.

Essentially, the only things denied the GSA after the ruling were the use of the College name and the ability to apply for money from the Student Activities Fund. A new group category was even made this year to accommodate groups which are not recognized. The College Democrats, Republicans and Amnesty International are all under this "Third Category." Cuellar is concerned with the fact that there is no student voice as to what groups end up in which category. She also points out that this means that if any of the groups use the College name, such as saying "The Rhodes College Democrats," they would be committing an SRC violation. Cuellar would like to see all of these groups work together to ensure that the students have some say on this issue.

GSA will appeal the non-recognition at the Board of Trustees meeting at the end of the semester. Cuellar cites many inconsistencies in the school's argument, especially in the use of its Presbyterian ties as an excuse for the decision.

These inconsistencies are also addressed in the Student Assembly resolution to support GSA. The resolution points out that the Presbyterian Church itself decided in 1993 to "foster dialogue on homosexual issues for a period of three years," which seems to align with the purpose of the Gay-Straight Alliance to "bring together people interested in gay, lesbian, and bisexual issues and...to raise awareness of these issues at Rhodes."

The mission statement of Rhodes states that "Rhodes helps students to acquire an informed understanding of the world, cultivate an appropriate set of dispositions and sensibilities, and develop a comprehensive personal philosophy." The GSA maintains that its intentions are the same. The group hopes that the Board will recognize this when reconsidering the issue of their recognition.



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Notes on the Balanced Budget Amendment

Throughout the campaign and in the Congress over the past week, the proposed balanced budget amendment has been at the very forefront of the debate. Decades of resentment by the populous at having the government of the world's richest nation indebted to parties across the globe seems to be finally culminating in what could be very decisive action by the Congress and state legislatures to end the situation. However, the questions of how best to do this and why it should be done are far from decisively answered.

The fact that the United States of America has a running debt is not a bad thing in itself. All successful corporations have a debt, most successful people carry some amount of debt, and nearly all nations have debt obligations of one type or another. Having debt merely means that you are betting on having more money in the future, a fairly safe bet if you use the money borrowed today to invest in productive assets. By that standard, it makes very good sense for a government to borrow money to build or repair a road system, develop an efficient port system, or make other expenditures to improve its economy. Even the now famously defunct Denver airport baggage system was a very good reason for a bond issue. The Denver story merely points out that all debt implies some level of risk.

Problems arise when debt is taken on to pay for current consumption. If you are maxing out your credit cards to pay everyday expenses, you are in bad shape. Of course, if you know that your bonus is coming in next month, then it's still not that bad. This is the Keynesian conception of national debt: a government should borrow its way through recession and pay the debt off during expansion. This is supposedly what the United States has been following through most of the century.

Our problem is that we're borrowing money to support consumption and continuing to borrow even in good economic times. Even this isn't necessarily bad. The United States is the standard for riskless investment. No one can lower our credit rating because all other credit ratings are based on it (it's the finance equivalent of the speed of light).

However, we must pay interest on this debt, and that is a very real cost. Also, having unlimited debt capacity removes an important check from the government: it can spend as much as it wants to impose its will. Finally, there is always the risk of trying to pay off interest or debt by printing money. Though this is widely recognized as the surest way to destroy a monetary system, there is always some smart politician who thinks that he or she can get away with it.

So the dangers and costs are there. The U.S. government's debt could reasonably be defined as a problem at this time. Probably not as big a problem as most people might think, but a problem all the same.

Jim Turner

Rationale

Now, assuming the problem is big enough to require drastic action to control (which is in itself quite a leap), do we need to change our constitution to do so? A very good question, and, once again, there is no good answer.

The arguments in its favor are very good. Politicians seem to lack the political will to control their own appetites or the appetites of their benefactors, be they large corporations or lobbies defending the "defenseless." Thomas Jefferson, who had opposed just such an amendment early in his political career, came to favor it for just that reason late in his life. Also, the amendment could provide very strong protection from economic intrusion by the government into everyday lives, something we need right now.

However, as good as the reasons are for such a measure, there is a difficulty that might just prove fatal to the success of a balanced budget amendment. If the amendment is to work, it must have teeth. These teeth must be in the form of some mechanism to recognize and rectify a deficit in a budget passed by Congress. This presents two problems.

First, to recognize a deficit in a proposed budget, one must be able to predict revenues. To do that, one must be able to predict the level and composition of the GDP in the coming year. These two bits of information are so difficult to gauge, though, that its debatable whether or not such figures are known, with any accuracy, for last year, or the year before, or even the year before.

Second, to rectify the deficit, the amendment must mandate specific changes in the budget. Yet, budget deficits are very individual matters, and what would be sensible in 1995 would have been crippling in 1985. Specifics cannot be written into the amendment without inordinate risks.

Yet, if we pass the amendment without teeth, we junk up the marvelously streamlined Constitution of the United States of America, impairing and diminishing what is possibly the greatest governing charter ever written. It will be even worse than the whole idea of making prohibition constitutional.

I do agree that the deficit must come down. I also agree that the current Congress has a much better chance of doing it than at any time in my life. But, a constitutional amendment is probably not the answer. As corny as it may seem to say, New Gingrich may be our best hope. By that I mean a speaker who is committed to spending control and committed to controlling the rest of Congress, as Speaker Gingrich seems to be, is the best way to keep the budget balanced, or reasonably close to balanced. He may not be a nice guy, and he may use dirty language around his mother (however justified the allusion), but when it comes to budgetary discipline, he just might be the solution.

Narrowing the Generation Gap: Your grandparents may not be as 'old' as you think

For as long as I can remember my grandparents have participated in the annual geriatric migration to the beaches of sunny Florida. And so, every January since I've been away at school, they've always made a detour through Memphis and generously taken their second-youngest grandson out for a good meal. Last week, for example, they happened to arrive on my birthday-eve and took me out for a small celebration. The night began typically enough. We arrived at the usual restaurant, ordered our food, and, like most proud grandfathers who believe that everyone should be just as interested in their grandsons as they are, announces to the waitress in his slow Alabama drawl, "Honey, this is mah grandson. Plays the Blues down on Beale Street. Harmonica, you know." The waitress, probably keeping her tip in mind, attempted to look interested. "I just play occasionally, Paw-Paw," I said, and ate another crouton. Who knows? Maybe he thought she might have heard of me. Anyway, from that point on, the dinner conversation, as usual, kept mainly to news at home, as well as my classes and activities at school. Then, after dinner, with enough meal leftovers to feed a small, third-world nation packed into a styrofoam box under my arm (I think my grandmother is concerned that I'm not eating well), we retired to their hotel room.

Now, throughout the past year or so, my grandfather has been given to issuing pretty straightforward comments or opinions—usually out of the blue—and then waiting to see how his young grandsons will respond. Such comments are usually made to provoke discussion about a certain topic, usually pertaining to things like politics, current issues, or even theology. This time, however, the conversation was a little different.

"You know, " he began, "Ah bet there are more AIDS cases in San Francisco than anywhere else in the world." This statement (I'm pretty sure) was prompted by my comment that I was considering going to California after graduation if I didn't find anything in Memphis that I wanted to do, occupationally speaking. He made his statement very matter-of-factly but I could tell that this was something on which he had probably already made up his mind. It just so happened that I was armed with a semester's-worth of Chemistry 105 (the AIDS virus topic class) and thought that I might, very simply, take the opportunity to do a little educating.

"Well, I can see how you might think that," I said, confident in my English major's chemistry knowledge, "considering that's where many of the first AIDS cases surfaced, but I think you will find now that because so many lives have been lost to AIDS—especially in the gay male population—that people in San Francisco are especially cautious. Unfortunately," I surmised, "most of the people who contracted the AIDS virus in the late seventies and early eighties—before we knew that the disease could be transmitted sexually—have most likely already died."

Now, at this point I realized that this conversation could go in several possible directions—none of which I was really keen on discussing with my septuagenarian and octogenarian grandparents (and I felt that the feeling was probably mutual). I also really didn't feel like going into an explana-

Chris Robinson

The Gospel According to Blowfish

tion of "safe sex." So, at this point I tried to steer the conversation in a slightly different direction.

"Actually, according to the Center for Disease Control, the most reported cases of AIDS are in Africa and Thailand. Boy, you remember when I went to Thailand?" I digressed, attempting to remind them of my summer abroad after my high school junior year. I realized, however, I wasn't going to get off quite that easy.

"Now, what ah don't understand," my grandfather continued on, "is what the diff'rence is between being H-ah-V positive and having AIDS." I could tell that this conversation wasn't going to be over any time soon as both of my grandparents sat down on the bed opposite me.

OK, I thought, this is simple enough. "Well, Paw-Paw, being HIV positive means that you have developed antibodies to the virus in your bloodstream—in other words, through a blood test, they've managed to detect the presence of the virus in your system. AIDS means that someone is HIV positive *and* they have an opportunistic infection." I then went on to describe some of the uncommon infections and diseases that people get who are HIV positive, even going into some detail about T-cells and immune system response. They seemed to be following along.

My grandfather then told me that he believes HIV can be transmitted through saliva. I responded by saying, "No, saliva is not one of the ways by which an individual may contract HIV. There are actually only three ways that virus can be transmitted from one person to another. First of all, there's—"

"Unprotected sexual intercourse," my grandmother interrupted, sitting next to my grandfather on the bed. At this point they're both looking at me as attentively as two fifth graders about to learn the answers to their next social studies exam.

"Right," I said, slightly taken aback, "as well as through an injection of infected blood—like using a contaminated drug needle—and also HIV can be transmitted from mother to child, either at birth or through nursing." At that point, I realized I had been so proud of myself and my scientifc knowledge that I had managed to steer that tractor trailer of a conversation, break lines cut, right onto a burning bridge.

"Now, why is it," my grandfather began, "that so many of the—uh, queer population got hit so hard. Is it because of the, uh, oral contact?" he said as he

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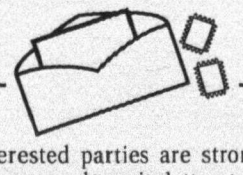

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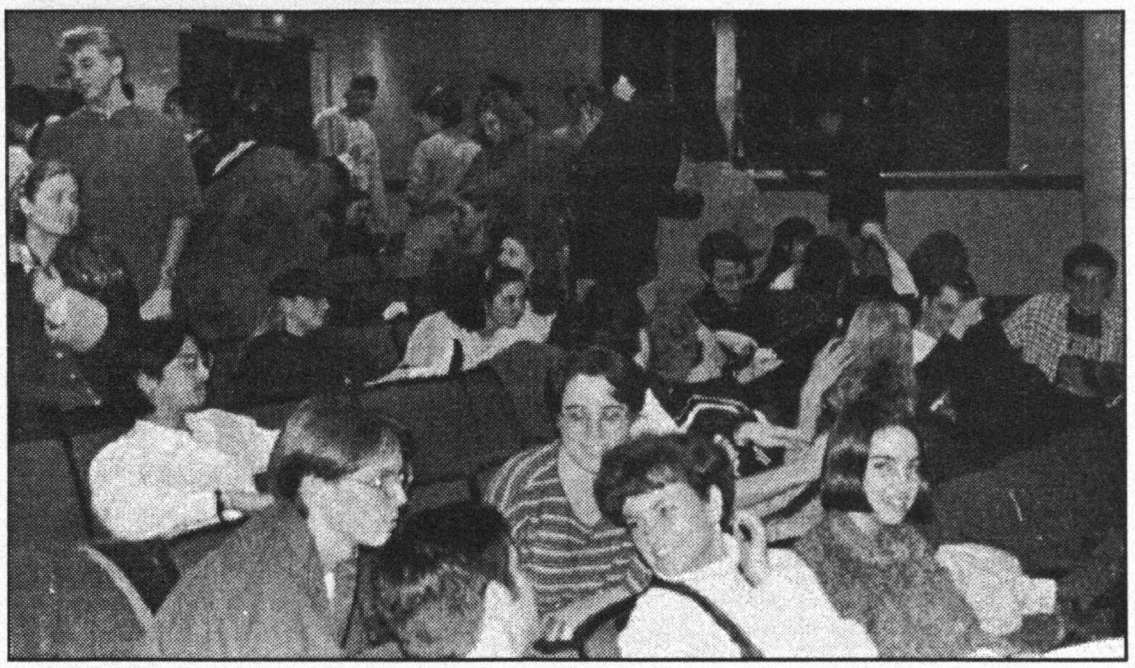

Quite a crowd gathered Friday night in Blount Auditorium for the Film Society and Social Commission's presentation of "The Princess Bride." (photo by James Spears)

A Woman's Scorn

by Henry Murphy

Staff Correspondent

Bridget (Linda Fiorentino), the protagonist of John Dahl's new movie *The Last Seduction*, is a bitch and a half, and not afraid to show it. When her sleazy husband (Bill Pullman) makes $700, 000 on a drug deal, she walks off with the money while he's in the shower and heads to Chicago, but gets sidetracked in a small town called Beston (near Buffalo, New York) when she picks up a local (Peter Berg) at a bar there. On advice of her lawyer (an unfazed J.T. Walsh), she settles in Beston for a while: takes a job at a local company, rents a house, and establishes Berg as her, as she puts it, "designated fuck." As she tells him, she's not interested in a relationship. She doesn't want to get settled down. Meanwhile, Pullman is out for blood; he needs the money to pay off a loan shark who's already broken one of his thumbs.

Like Dahl's last movie, the terrific *Red Rock West*, *The Last Seduction* has a sense of humor as well as subtle menace in the form of Fiorentino, who proves a spry match for anyone trying to move on her. The character is too thin for probably anyone to endow with depth (who is this woman, and where does she come from, and how did she get so evil?), but Fiorentino doesn't try too hard, and thank goodness; she keeps throwing dagger eyes at everyone, and delivers her pungent lines with snap. She portrays a woman playing different roles with considerable skill; both Fiorentino and her character will do what they have to to get what they want.

The difference between the movies comes in the form of *Seduction*'s script, by Steve Barancik, and Dahl's more leisurely direction. *Red Rock West* was driven purely by the many, many plot twists, but *The Last Seduction* is propelled by the character of Bridget; we hang on to see what awful thing she'll do next, and then how she'll cover it up.

Barancik makes her as hardboiled as they come, and the result is wickedly entertaining; at one point, Berg, outraged, says, "But you were talking about murder!" to which she replies, "Yeah? So?" She almost completely rules Berg's character, although she can't quite convince him to murder her husband by himself.

She gets a little help from his character's past, which is the weakest plot point in the film, but unfortunately, one of the most pivotal. That's a glaring emotional loop in the script that can't really be covered by anything Dahl or the actors could do.

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"A larger number of people will be involved and so the students will have a greater voice and there are more people to get the work done."

Cindy Pennington, Director of Student Activities, also feels that the proposed constitutional change is a positive measure because it places more power and control in the student's hands.

Other commissions will be affected by the constitutional change, but in varying degrees. The current Religion commission will be eliminated. Due to the large number of religious organizations on campus, Henderson believes that this will not have a profound impact upon the campus community and will help alleviate the competition between the various organizations and the Student Assembly for student programming. The Publications Board will remain basically untouched along with the Election Commission while the current Food Commission will be expanded to cover external services. Its responsibilities will include all relations between off campus services, such as ARAMARK and the bookstore, and the Assembly.

Currently the new constitution is in the process of refinement and fine-tuning. It will go before a vote of the Student Assembly in two to three weeks and then must be approved by President Daughdrill. The constitution, following approval from these officials, must then be voted on and approved by the Student Body with at least a three-quarter majority vote before taking effect. Henderson sees this as taking place by mid- to late February.

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RA Applications are avail. Jan. 26 (Thurs.) Dean of Students Office

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Applications are due Feb. 10 (Friday)

Townhouse applications are avail Feb. 6 (Mon.)

King Cotton, cont'd

administration, and housing of the school. The total cost will be $7,500 for the nine-week residential program.

The remodeling in Tuthill means that much of the student organization materials that will be in the building after the office re-allocation will have to be relocated for the summer, and therefore may be unavailable to student groups for the duration of the remodeling.

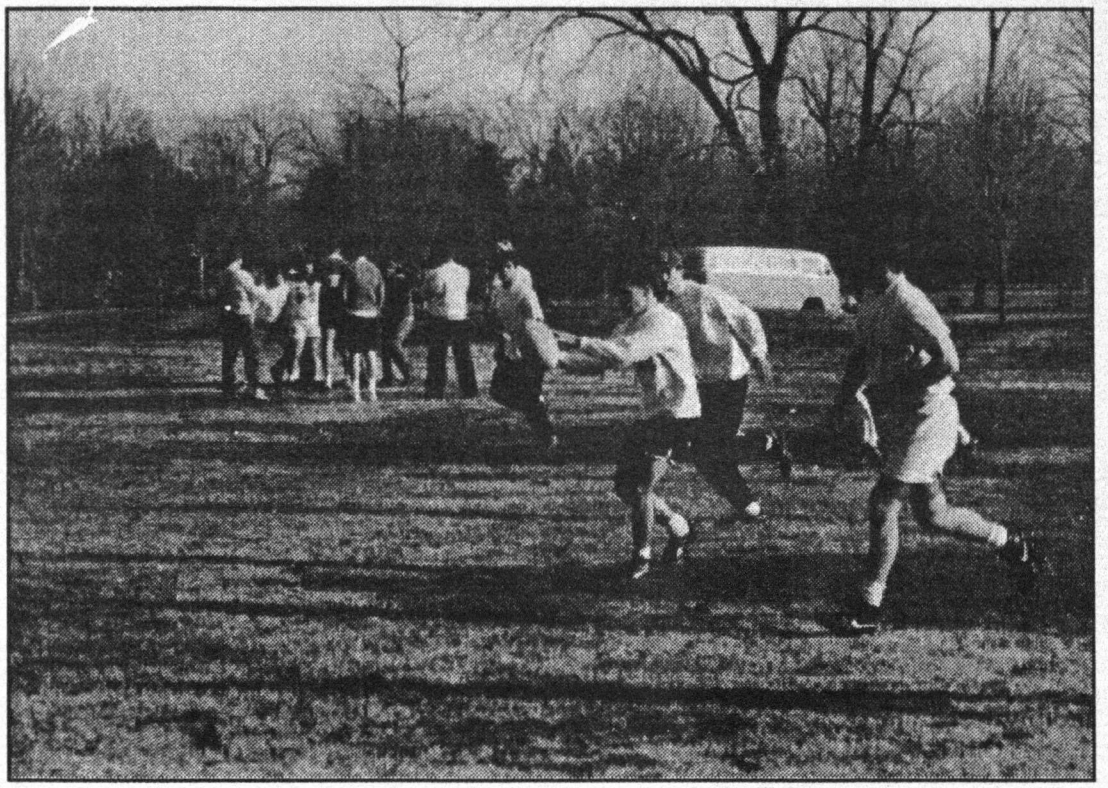
"Chances are that your stuff will be moved," said Pennington. However, she wanted student organizations to know that she would help them throughout the entire re-allocation and temporary storage process.

"I want your group to have as little inconvenience as possible; if you have any questions or problems, feel free to address them to me in the Student Activities Office."

Pennington also said she does not foresee any problem with student organizations not receiving requested space.

Student Assembly President Clyde Henderson echoed Pennington's concern and stated, "We want to help you find a space suited to your group's needs."

"If your student organization desires office space in Tuthill," said Pennington, "but was unable to attend this meeting, you can pick up an application in my office anytime during office hours."



Despite the bitter cold, the Rugby Team was still out practicing Saturday afternoon on the back forty. (Photo by James Spears)

A Woman Scorned, cont'd.

Berg's work is satisfying- he plays a confused, lusty kid well- but his moments of drama don't work as well as they should. Pullman is funny, tough, and scummy.

Despite some shortcomings, *The Last Seduction* is an overwhelmingly satisfying entertainment, hardbitten and smart, with intelligent and astute performances.

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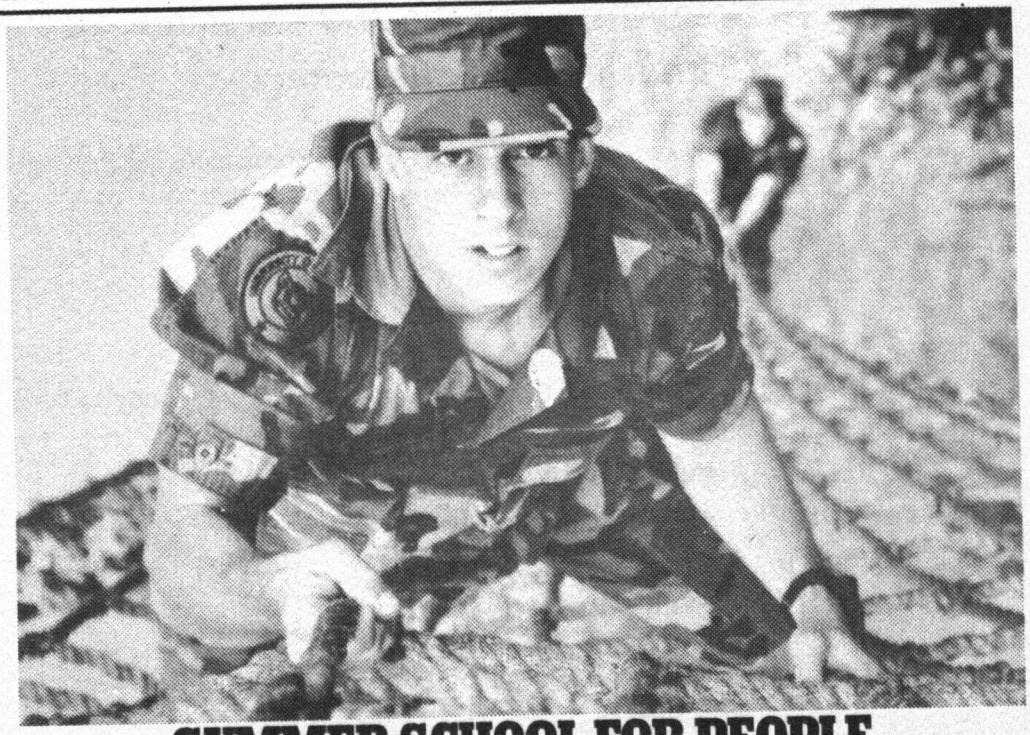

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This Week In Brief...

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
6:00 P.M. Student Assembly Orgill Room **8:00 P.M.** Students Talk About Race Relations (STARR) Discussion Group Orgill Room **9:00 P.M.** FCA Tuthill	**6:00 P.M.** Student Diversity Panel Blount Lecture Hall **7:00 P.M.** Rod Building Class and Fly Tying Class Buckman 110 **8:00 P.M.** Black Student Association Meeting Orgill Room **9:00 P.M.** BSU Tuthill	**6:00 P.M.** Women's Basketball at Sewanee	**2:00 P.M.** The Music Academy Recital Payne Recital Hall	**1:00 P.M.** Women's Basketball at Centre **3:00 P.M.** Bonner Scholars: Monthly Meeting Orgill Room **5:00 P.M.** Catholic Mass - Catholic Students Orgill Room	**3:30 P.M.** Rhodes College Singers Rehearsal Hardie Auditorium **9:00 P.M.** Mortar Board Chapter Meeting Frazier Jelke D	**7:00 P.M.** Habitat for Humanity Meeting Frazier Jelke A **8:00 P.M.** Faculty Concert Series: Diane Clark, Soprano, Voice Recital Payne Recital Hall

The World According To Blowfish, cont'd

pointed to his mouth.

Now, I don't know if homosexual intimacy is a regular topic of conversation that you have with your grandparents, but I must confess that I wasn't quite sure how to answer that one. But, hell, my grandfather had asked a question and there was no turning back now.

"No, Paw-Paw," I said, once again, in the most scientific tone I could muster, "the reason that the HIV was transmitted so quickly throughout the gay male population is that, through anal sex, semen is released directly into the blood stream, which increases the chance of infection a hundreds times more than through heterosexual intercourse. It's just that during the homosexual sexual revolution of the mid to late seventies, more men were having sex with other men, and, unfortunately, the disease spread very quickly."

Not really believing that those words that had just come out of my mouth, I looked across at my grandparents to see if they had caught anything I had just said. But they just sat there, nodding their heads, as if I had merely told them about my plans for Spring Break. From there, my grandfather went on to talk about an article that he had read about "patient zero," the flight attendant who supposedly had sex with thousands of men on several different continents, transmitting the virus world-wide.

After having, possibly, the most surreal, frank conversation that has ever taken place between a grandson and his grandparents, my grandfather ended the conversation by just shaking his head and saying, "It's just a tragedy. But they've figured out a cure for everything else, ah guess it won't be long before they find a cure for AIDS too."

Since they arrived last week in Florida, I'd bet my left big toe that my grandfather has begun some of the most interesting conversations that have ever taken place among the 60+ crowd in Holmes Beach, Florida. But I must say that my grandparents' annual visit was not only, as usual, an enjoyable experience for them and me, but it also gave me newfound faith in a generation that is often easily stereotyped by us twenty-somethings as being just plain old-fashioned and out-of-touch. I realize, of course, that my grandparents may also be an exception to the majority of their generation. But, more importantly, (if I may get seriously cliche here for just a moment) it does remind us that regardless of how old we are, we're never too old expand our minds.

So, if you think that your grandparents aren't keeping up with the latest current events, next time try working "opportunistic infection" or "anal sex" into your conversation. You could be surprised.

Report of Honor Council Hearings—Fall Semester, 1994

Bryan Coker, Honor Council President

Date	Violation	Plea	Decision	Penalty
10/5	Plagiarism	IN violation	IN violation	Probation-6 terms Student fails course
10/30	Lying	IN violation	IN violation	Probation-3 terms
11/2	Plagiarism	NOT in violation	IN violation	Probation-4 terms
12/8—(Hearing with 3 accused students)				
1	Lying (2 counts)	IN violation	IN violation	Probation-2 terms
2	Lying (2 counts)	IN violation	IN violation	Probation-2 terms
3	Lying (3 counts)	IN violation	IN violation	Expulsion***

***Expelled student had previously received 6 terms probation with the Honor Council in 2 prior Honor Council hearings.

New IS Journal Seeks Submissions: Deadline Jan. 31

The submission deadline for the new International Studies Journal has been extended to January 31. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to submit, provided the topics relate to international affairs in some way. In other words, any interested student can contribute to this journal regardless of their major. There is no specific size expected; the journal will be composed of shorter opinion pieces and editorials as well as longer essays and research papers. Submissions are to be no longer than twenty, typed, double-spaced pages and should be turned in to the IS office in Buckman Hall. A student committee will select which submissions will be published in the journal.

The Southwestern Review Seeks Original Works of Fiction, Poetry, Photography: Deadline Feb. 20

The Southwestern Review seeks original works for publication in its Spring 1995 edition.

Students can submit works of poetry, art or fiction through the academic volume, in submission boxes placed in the Student Center and Refectory, in the box outside the review office in the basement of Palmer, in the library, or by dropping them off at 316 Voorhies.

The Rhodes College'ster

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Daughdrill learns the "Trixie" of the trade

In a scandal that has Rhodes College's founders rolling over in their graves, *U.S. News & World Report* has listed Rhodes at the "top of it's class" in the category of "administrative personal expression." This honor is bestowed upon Rhodes' own President James Daughdrill, known to many as "Trixie."

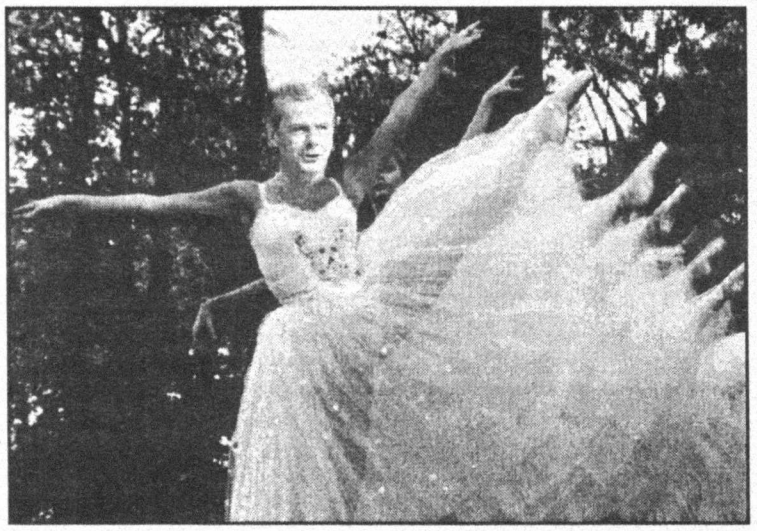
With requisite investigative skills, the Rhode'ster has discovered that Daughdrill, while excessively heterosexual, has felt the need to express his "more delicate side" of his personality for as long as he can remember.

In his youth, Daughdrill remembers donning his mother's paisley gabardine dresses while his father and brothers were bullying the livestock on their Georgia farm.

Although initially ashamed of his inclinations, Daughdrill believes that his senior prom, in which he wore a coquettish lime chiffon tea-length dress, embellished with flirty eyelet lace about the plunging neckline, marked the moment in his life where he finally affirmed himself as a "person with many dimensions."

Although much more subdued since becoming Rhodes College's president, Daughdrill still finds time to stay in tune with his alter-ego, Trixie. Often times, President and Mrs. Daughdrill can be seen walking arm- in- arm to a ladies social, laughing like bosom buddies.

Of his wife, Daughdrill could only say, "After my mother, Libby has been my guiding light. I feel like I have become closer to her. I suppose the adage that says 'You can't understand a person until you've walked a mile in their support pantyhose' certainly holds true."



Sadly though, reaction among other administrators has been mixed. The Board of Trustees, in a closed-door meeting, voted to not "officially recognize" Trixie, Daughdrill's alter-ego. However, he/she may attend board meetings as long as he/she does not wear any article of clothing that advertises any connection with Rhodes College (tug,tug).

Other administrators are more accepting of Daughdrill's "flights of fancy." Rear Admiral Harlow has even been spotted wiping his brow with a lace hanky, after a long day of plowing through his "large pile of things to do."

Director of Counseling Services Libby Robertson, in an attempt to accommodate Trixie and her situation, has established a support group to recognize, discuss, and deal with any problems that might occur in Trixie's initiation into the Rhodes College community.

The Panhellenic Council likewise has recognized Trixie, and with due haste, all sororities have extended invitations for walk-thoughs, complete with sporty t-shirts for the occasion. And, if Trixie is not dropped, the remaining sororities will perform special skits and perhaps throw a preference party in his/her honor.

JS, EF

The Freudian Corner

The Triumphant Return; or, Why You Shouldn't Pinch Your Ear Lobe Unless You Call Your Wife "Mommy"

Hello, all you old friends out there in Neurosis Land. I can't tell you how good it feels to be out of retirement, and for such a noble purpose. Yes, it's time to dust off the old couch, take the notebook and pen off the hanger, and get to work. The reason: Our esteemed president needs a couple of hours in my office.

As most of you are probably aware of by now, President Rev. Dr. James H. Daughdrill, Jr., sent a memo to the faculty and staff last week about a proposed further modification to the name of Tennessee Masonic University, since called Southwestern at Memphis and Rhodes College (tug, tug). Pres. Daughdrill wishes us to call our home and institution (and let me tell you how well those words go together sometimes) Rhodes, to bring us into line with such well-known educational cornerstones as Harvard, Duke, Davidson, Yale, and State Tech. In his own words, "I AM WRITING TO ASK YOU TO MAKE A CONSCIOUS EFFORT TO SAY 'RHODES' JUST AS OTHERS REFER TO THEIR ONE-SYLLABLE INSTITUTIONS AS 'DUKE,' 'BATES,' 'YALE,' OR 'REED.'"

This in itself is disturbing. Rhodes [College] has always been an individual in its approach and attitude, yet the very man who has promoted this individuality is trying to get us to conform. Why?

I think I can sum it up in two words: "bell tower." Look at it. Come on, some of you stare at it all the time. Just look at it. It's phallic, yes? It's very phallic. Just a great big ol' male organ sticking up into the sky and ringing its bell every hour.

Over the years, this symbolism has become acutely obvious to the subconscious of J. H. Daughdrill, Jr. He sees it sticking out, and he transfers it to visions of himself sticking out, everyday living in fear that he will begin to resemble the bell tower in a very socially offensive way.

The yellow neckties were an early attempt to distract the eyes of others to his chest, but in the tortured mind of Dr. Daughdrill, it's not enough. So, he comes upon this plan to make the entire college stop sticking out. Once the conversion of the name to a monosyllabic form is complete, no one will notice the difference between us and any other school. No one will notice the bell tower. And, hopefully, no one will notice Pres. Daughdrill.

Really, I'm here to help. Come to my office for a few hours a week, and those fears will be all gone. Then you won't cringe with fear of a child's intensity every time somebody says "Rhodes College."

Of course, we also need to address the whole ear thing. As he writes, "I'M SUGGESTING A GIMMICK TO HELP EACH OTHER. IF YOU HEAR SOMEONE SAYING 'RHODES COLLEGE' REPEATEDLY IN CONVERSATION OR IN A SPEECH OR PRESENTATION, SIMPLY PINCH YOUR EAR-LOBE SO THEY WILL SEE YOU AND BECOME AWARE OF WHAT THEY'RE SAYING."

This adds a new dimension to the entire problem. The ear is one of our most sensitive erogenous zones (and ain't that a beautiful thing). He is suggesting that we pinch it, and pinch it often. A little touch of pain to one of our pleasure centers. This betrays a very interesting aspect of our president. It's not necessarily a bad thing; just accept the preference...and please be more discreet in the future.

And so, the conclusion is painfully obvious. A little counseling and our Pres. Daughdrill will no longer be haunted by his fears of sticking out like a sore thumb (or sore something or other), and will be able to enjoy his own unique sexual preference with careless abandon (as long as he uses proper safety equipment). The beneficiaries will be all of us here at Rhodes College (tug, tug, oooooh ahh!).

JT

Daughdrill Memos That Never Made It To E-Mail

...WHY DO WE DRIVE ON A PARKWAY, BUT PARK ON A DRIVEWAY? I THINK THIS IS BECAUSE OF A HABIT OF INCONSISTENCY IN OUR SPEECH WHICH SHOULD BE ADDRESSED.

IF YOU ARE IN THE HABIT OF PARKING ON DRIVEWAYS, I AM WRITING TO ASK YOU TO MAKE A CONSCIOUS EFFORT TO CORRECT YOUR TERMINOLOGY.

SINCE WE CONFUSE "PARKWAY" AND "DRIVEWAY" UNCONSCIOUSLY, I'M SUGGESTING A GIMMICK TO HELP EACH OTHER. IF YOU HEAR SOMEONE CONFUSING PARKWAYS AND DRIVEWAYS REPEATEDLY IN A SPEECH OR CONVERSATION, SIMPLY BLUDGEON THEM ABOUT THE HEAD A BIT WITH A TWO-BY-FOUR. THIS WILL MAKE THEM AWARE OF WHAT THEY ARE SAYING....

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...WHY DO PEOPLE INSIST ON REFERRING TO PHILLIPS LANE AS LIBRARY LANE? MR. PHILLIPS BOUGHT IT FAIR AND SQUARE.

SINCE SOME ARE SIMPLY NOT ACCUSTOMED TO THE NEW NAME, LET'S HELP THEM OUT. IF YOU HEAR ANYONE IMPROPERLY CALLING IT LIBRARY LANE, CALL THE POLICE AND REPORT ANONYMOUSLY THAT THEY DISTRIBUTE HEROIN. HOPEFULLY, THEY WILL BECOME AWARE OF THEIR ERROR AND MAKE THE NEEDED CORRECTION...

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...WHILE MEDITATING AT 5AM THIS MORNING, IT STRUCK ME THAT I AM MISUNDERSTOOD ON CAMPUS. TO CORRECT THIS, I THOUGHT I WOULD TALK ABOUT MYSELF FOR A WHILE SO YOU COULD GET TO KNOW ME BETTER.

AFTER ALL, I'VE HAD A PARTICULARLY FASCINATING LIFE, EVERY MOMENT OF WHICH I WILL NOW TELL YOU ABOUT.

I WAS BORN ON A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT...

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...WILL YOU PEOPLE STOP IGNORING MY E-MAIL? I KNOW THAT YOU ARE GETTING MY MESSAGES...

AMV

The Jungian Corner

Hey J.T.- How much beer does it take to shut down your superego? You need to get in touch with the collective unconscious, and stop touching, well, you know... (ha, ha, ha)

JB