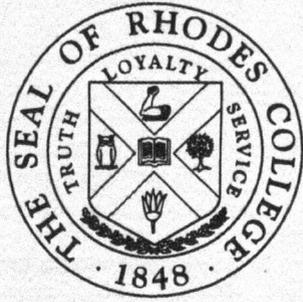


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Faculty Deliberate Tenure Procedures

by Erin Riches Editor-in-Chief

A statement made by associate professor of math and computer science Steve Gadbois addressing an administrative decision that granted tenure to a junior member of the faculty during the summer stimulated extensive discussion and controversy at the monthly faculty meeting in Blount Auditorium Sept. 18.

Acting Dean of Academic Affairs John Planchon recommended termination of the two-hour meeting when meeting attendance had disintegrated to the point that there were not enough voting faculty members present for quorum.

A portion of the statement regarding tenure presented by Gadbois was delegated to the faculty Tenure and Promotion Committee for further discussion. As of press time, the

faculty were scheduled to reconvene as a group in a special meeting that will specifically address this issue in Blount Auditorium today at 4:15 p.m.

Gadbois' statement, entitled "Some Concerns About Tenure at Rhodes", addresses two issues: the College's initiation of long-term, renewable, non-tenure track positions for some faculty members in the spring of 1996; and the conferment of tenure this summer, without the formal review process by the Tenure and Promotion Committee detailed in the Rhodes College Handbook 1996-1997. These events, according to the statement, "effectively destabilize tenure at Rhodes in the absence of a viable alternative."

"Professor Gadbois had previously circulated a memo," Bob Llewellyn, associate professor of philosophy, said. "He asked permission to make it official - it was granted."

"I had the hope that the faculty would have amended it and voted it up or down," Gadbois said.

Dan Cullen, associate professor of political science, raised two objections to the statement. The first pertained to language used in the final paragraph of the statement.

His second objection, however, addressed the second part of the statement that addressed the summer award of tenure. Cullen noted that emergency situations may arise in which standard procedure for tenure cannot be followed and advised against any resolutions that would restrict exceptions to standard policy in similar cases.

"One of the reasons I disagreed with the tone and substance of the statement was that it was committing us to an impossibly rigid proceduralism," Cullen said. "There are emergency situations in which

procedure cannot always be followed."

Approximately forty minutes of discussion followed Cullen's argument during which faculty members discussed numerous possible amendments to the statement.

"We got ourselves into a procedural nightmare," Llewellyn said. "It was difficult even for the close observer to know what was actually being voted on. I pointed out that we had lost our focus on the issue."

"After I was told that I could make a motion to clear the decks," Llewellyn added, "I made the motion to send the document to the Tenure and Promotion Committee. The committee could advise the faculty on any recommendations that needed to be made to the administration and the Board of Trustees."

Sandra McEntire, associate professor of English, concurred with this

decision.

"The statement was turned over to the Tenure and Promotion Committee as the most appropriate committee to be commenting on this dilemma," she said.

Peter Ekstrom, associate professor of anthropology, made the motion for the faculty to reconvene today.

Llewellyn noted, "Quite a few faculty members believe we have a serious matter here, and something needs to be said to the Board of Trustees quickly, but I do not think every faculty member agreed... I am not sure that anything needs to be said to the Board of Trustees based on what we know now."

Procedure for granting tenure is stated in Rhodes College Handbook 1996-1997 (chapter 3, section x, page (the other college) an answer.

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ADA Task Force Update

by James Spears Managing Editor

In the fall of 1995, Chancellor Harlow assembled a task force, under the supervision of Dean Mel Hokanson, to bring the college into compliance with the American Disabilities Act, previous campus violations of which were documented in a story by this newspaper last year.

The Task Force has been working over the summer to improve accessibility of the campus and to educate and raise the awareness of the students, faculty, and administrators to the special needs of students with disabilities. Director of Campus Safety Ralph Hatley, in conjunction with Physical Plant's Brian Foshee, developed a parking plan for the campus that allowed for better parking and closer proximity for people with physical disabilities.

Newer buildings, such as Buckman Hall and the Campus Life Center and Athletics Complex, were, by law, designed to meet the needs of the physically disabled.

The Task Force also sent a delegation to the Association of Higher Education and Disabilities conference, held in New Orleans this summer, to learn more about offering special services to students with special needs. Also, the appointment of Peggy Harlow as Disabilities Service Coordinator creates an office to which students with disabilities can address special concerns.

"We tried to make it an even playing field for the student [with this office]," Hokanson said. "And we're trying to involve them with the professors, instead of having an outside party do everything for them."

Katherine Owen Richardson, who serves as Director of International Programs and Assistant to the Academic Dean, has attended, taught at, and now serves as an administrator for Rhodes, and also is affected by a physical disability. Richardson expressed great satisfaction with the Task Force's direction and actions.

"I think the Task Force has made years of headway in less than nine

months' time," Richardson said.

Hokanson believes the Task Force's greatest achievement is in the heightened awareness of faculty and students when dealing with students with disabilities.

"The response has been great," Hokanson said. "Students and faculty have been volunteering to become more aware to the special needs of a student with disabilities."

Both Hokanson and Richardson believed that the campus has gone through a period of change with the introduction of the Task Force and more information about people with disabilities, adding diversity to a mostly homogenous, in terms of lack of physical or mental disabilities, community.

Continued improvements to the campus are currently being initiated or in the planning stage. Both Richardson and Hokanson were optimistic about the future.

"I no longer shake my head in dismay at the [limitations of the] campus anymore," Richardson said. "I'm very pleased with the progress."

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GSA Features Discussion with Chaplain Newton

by Henry Murphy Associate Editor

Tonight, at 9 PM in Tuthill, the GSA will welcome Rhodes chaplain Billy Newton into its public meeting, to discuss and inquire into the current trends of thought, and belief, concerning homosexuality that are prevalent in the Presbyterian Church. According to Newton, who attended the Church's General Assembly this summer, there is division within almost all of the church's

structures. The question of how to treat and define homosexuals has been an issue of increasing urgency and significance in all major religions in recent years, and even Rhodes has its own controversy. Chaplain Newton's main focus will be to expose Rhodes students to the differing, even competing, attitudes that affect Rhodes directly, due to the college's Presbyterian affiliation. According to Jason Bishop '98, a co-director of GSA, this forum was Newton's idea.

Re-evaluating The Honor Code

Sou'wester Staff Editorial

Recently *The Commercial Appeal* has praised the Honor Code at Rhodes, citing the maturity and strength of character reflected in such a policy. This is all well and good, but we have to ask ourselves if there really is anything present underneath the mantle of the Honor Code.

Certainly there is convenience. The privilege to complete exams without a proctor, the privilege to eat meals without the use of a meal card, and the unrestricted (so to speak) access of campus facilities are all made available under the Honor Code. Simply put: with trust there is a certain amount of privilege. But is this the full-force of the Honor Code. Certainly the signs around campus, the signs reminding you to "Know the Code," would make it seem that way. For practical reasons, the Honor Code is being re-evaluated. Honor Code violations are being committed, and the number is steadily rising over the years. Perhaps the biggest source of controversy is the refractory, and the stealing of food. A plan is being considered in which the refractory would require students to use swipe

cards to obtain food. Also, building security is tightening and access is more restricted in the past for reasons of safety. And last but not least, the new Campus Life Center and Athletics Complex will require students to show proof of identification if they wish to be allowed access.

The question of trust certainly is raised, but there is also the question of responsibility and of focus. Honor Code violations do occur, and they reflect upon the community as a whole. It is the responsibility of the community to act in a manner in which it wishes to be treated. This is not a moral plea, but rather an explanation of attitude. If you choose to break the Honor Code, Social Regulations Code, or even something mundane such as parking violations, you will be held accountable. This sounds like a lecture, but is a simple application of the responsibility and repercussions at work in a functioning society like ours (i.e. the 'real world').

But more importantly, there is the question of focus. As stated earlier, is freedom and trust all the Honor Code embodies? Or is there a deeper meaning? The founders of the Honor Code probably did not envision the freedoms concerning

food acquirement a student over 100 years later would enjoy while drawing the Honor Code up, but perhaps they wanted to promote a sense of academic integrity and a tradition that would garner the praise of the outside community. Have they succeeded? Well, the *Commercial Appeal* would believe so. But what about the people who promote the Honor Code to the community? They remind us of the rules, but not of the academic integrity and the sense of unity that might be a better way to unite a community rather than that of ethnicity, degrees of affluence, Greek affiliation, or a number of the other ways in which this community is homogenous. They speak of the penalties for infractions, but not of the possibilities for a personal growth within a system specifically designed for that purpose. Whether or not the system is outdated, effective, or even 'right,' is not the question, that is a personal decision. However, perhaps it should be reevaluated as to what the mentality for following and promoting the Honor Code is. Perhaps it does the Honor Code more of a disservice to look at it for the superficial, superficial reasons than it does to break it or disregard it all together.

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9) as such:
"Tenure is granted to members of the Rhodes faculty by the Board of Trustees on the recommendation of the President. . . The Committee on Tenure and Promotion is responsible for gathering detailed information on each candidate for tenure following the procedures contained in the College Handbook. . . The Committee's recommendation, with all supporting documents, is submitted to the Dean of Academic Affairs by February 1. The recommendation is also sent to the Chancellor and President by this date. The Dean of Academic Affairs makes an independent recommendation which is submitted to the Dean of Academic Affairs by February 15. The Chancellor's recommendation is sent to the President by February 18. These findings with all supporting documents help to inform the President's decisions."
Tenure decisions, therefore, occur annually at that specified time and in accordance with that process. The only exception specifically articulated is a provision for automatic tenure to senior academics appointed to the Rhodes faculty.
"The handbook makes provisions for an orderly evaluation of faculty for tenure and the conditions

under which exceptions may occur," McEntire said. "It is difficult for me to imagine exceptions being made for junior faculty when the whole purpose of the procedures are to protect both the administration and the faculty, collectively and individually."
Section x, however, establishes the Board of Trustees as the final authority in tenure decision making. Indeed, Chapter 2 of the Handbook affirms this fact "for all facets of operation of the College."
"Granting tenure is a careful, laborious process," Chancellor David Harlow said. "Our guidelines have worked very well in the past. But, sometimes we do not have the opportunity to do that [conduct a formal review process] if we have a top-notch professor with a fine reputation for teaching with the students who tells us on short notice that he or she is being vigorously recruited by another institution and they are willing to give him or her a sweet offer."
"We say, 'give us an opportunity to meet that offer,'" Harlow said. "When this happens in the summertime, it is difficult to do all the things like gathering the information when two days later this [faculty member] has to give them (the other college) an answer. It's a judgment call—we do not want to lose this person," he added.

Harlow said that he had, under the discretion of President James Daughdrill, and ultimately the Board of Trustees, negotiated with the faculty member to develop an acceptable counter-offer, in this case, tenure. The final decision was made via a conference call that included Harlow, Daughdrill and member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees.
"In my mind, as the handbook is written now, exceptions cannot be made for junior faculty," Gadbois said. "If the faculty and the Board of Trustees would like to discuss whether the handbook should be revised to allow for such additions, then maybe now is the time. But, in my mind, the handbook does not allow for it at this time."
"The handbook is silent on all sorts of matters so it doesn't govern us in those matters," he added. "But where it does speak, it seems that we have rules to follow."
Members of the Tenure and Promotion Committee, given their impending discussion, declined to comment extensively. Planchon was in London and unable to comment. Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs Kathleen Laakso declined to comment.

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Minimum Wage Nightmares



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THE LITTLE
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William Faulkner once said, "You can't eat for eight hours a day nor drink for eight hours a day nor make love for eight hours a day- all you can do for eight hours is work. Which is the reason why man makes himself and everybody else so miserable and unhappy." It's a sobering thought. Does this mean that it doesn't matter whether we have education, whether we work within our field, or whether we choose a job for love, for money, or for the gratification of our parental units? Between studying and class at Rhodes we all work eight hours a day, and most of us probably enjoy it in a sick way, but I have a sketchy feeling that it's not quite the same thing as the bad ole' world.

This summer, I was a maid at

what I believe to be the sleaziest Howard Johnson's in western Pennsylvania. I walked in on naked men. I touched foul bodily fluids with my bare hands ("Wait a minute.... that's not snot on the bedspread"). I saw first hand the glistening, sticky underbelly of human nature. And that was just the job itself. If it was only a matter of making beds and scrubbing toilets, I could probably do it again if I had to. But the thing that made the job truly unbearable was my co-workers.

I was not the typical HoJo maid, and my co-workers blatantly despised me because they knew I was escaping to Memphis at the end of summer. I worked with older women who had been stuck in the same job with the same minimum wage pay for five to six years. It's scary to see people who have lost hope, people who simply won't try to find a better job because they've fallen into a masochistic love of bitching about their situation. Then

there was the backstabbing, the comatose chain-smoking, the temper tantrums. We each dealt with things in our own negative way, I suppose, because when your boss swears at you, the guests assume you're stupid, and even the employees at the McDonald's across the street smirk when you order a Big Mac in your HoJo uniform, there's just no real incentive to get *all* of that hair out of the shower.

I go into this extensive detail about my summer job for two reasons. First, because I'm still psychologically damaged from it, and I need to get my hostilities out while I have a captive audience; and second, because I have a distinct feeling that most Rhodes graduates will never have to work as a HoJo maid. I say these things because I had the opportunity to live a life this summer that I do not want to live in the future. It was a wake-up call, if you will.

Am I waxing elitist? I don't think

so. I would go into a spiel about why we should not take for granted the opportunity for higher education and the fact that our families are willing to spend all this money to keep us here, but then I would feel like a tool. Even though having a college education eliminates many of my minimum wage worries, it's not enough.

Here's the thing. Even with education, how many of us are going to wind up with jobs we hate? My parent's friends would tell me this summer, "You hate your job? That's why you're going to college." Yes, I want a job that is cerebral, a job that doesn't require me to detach myself and sing Tom Waits songs in my head all day to keep entertained, but then why do I know so many intelligent adults who hate what they do? Or worse, the adults who exchange their time and labor for money with complete indifference to what their time and labor is worth?

These questions scare me, and

there are no quick answers. Work is real, and work is in the damn near future. Once a high school English teacher said to me, "Mary, the morning that I wake up and don't want to be here, I'm quitting." This seems to me the only way to think about work: as an exercise of free will. But ay, here's the rub. It requires something of us, a certain amount of courage and self-respect to be able to walk away from what is stable and certain and giving us a weekly paycheck and health benefits. For many, these things gradually become more important than idealistic notions of a perfect job, but frankly, my dear, I'm just not ready to contribute to Faulkner's view of man (and woman) kind. Our education is preparing us to make a lot of money, not to love what we do. The decision to do it for love is a personal one, but to be in it for the money, whether motivated by good intentions, fear of instability, or sheer greed is just a form of prostitution. Heavens, children... we're above that.

'Pott-holes' On The Information Super-Highway



BRADY POTTS
THE
MACHIAVELLIAN

Personal computers, it seems, are a lot like the British Monarchy. They never work and sometimes it's hard to imagine a use for them other than window dressing. Wondering exactly why I spent the profits of a two-job summer on my own personal 'HAL,' I set out to find a valid use for my large electronic paperweight, other than lining Bill Gates' pockets. I finally came to the conclusion that there are just two basic uses for this giant calculator on my desk. Option Number One:

Word Processing—Up until college, I had written any papers on a typewriter. Since using computers regularly, I've lost a few papers due to ill-placed surge protectors, and programs with a nasty tendency to freeze the entire setup; and after my friends restrained me from putting a few feet of lead piping through the overgrown abacus, I've had to redo each one. (Say what you want about

saving your work often, but if it was such an easy thing to do, why do the newer versions of most word processing programs have an autosave?) Option Number Two:

Keeping one from doing one's homework, housework, or paperwork - basically, from anything productive. Aye, there's the rub. Were it not for Pole Position, I'm sure I could get more done. If you had to choose between DigDug and Anthropology, which would you choose? Be honest. Don't even get me started on Doom. And even if I wiped every single one of them from my hard drive, I would still be able to spend a whole afternoon, as I did last Saturday, recording Beatles songs and playing them backwards on some sound utility - yes, Paul is dead - or mucking with my system setup until my computer thinks it's Shaft. By the way, my computer really does think it's Shaft. I wouldn't mind so much if it would quit telling me "Cut the crap, man" and "Git off my back." Then it struck me.

The Internet! Cyberland, Gatesville, the new frontier, the Information Superhighway, wave of the future and all that crap. And

where better to see the possibilities of the information age than on our own student server, the Colossus at Rhodes College, where the best and brightest denizens of the Net congregate. (Okay, that last bit was pushing it.)

After an hour of surveying every single page of the Student Web Sites, two words kept running through my head.

Dear God. (At this point it's only fair to say that had I not been locked out of my room wearing nothing but a robe for about 45 minutes before I sat down to write this, I might have been a little more forgiving.)

Web pages have a potential for ego extension exceeded only by, say, newspaper columns. (And despite what some may say about the info-dispersal capabilities of the Net, I can assure you that more people will see any issue of a print publication around here than "So-and-So's Hotlinks!") The question that any potential Webber must ask him or herself is, "Does anyone really care?"

And if the ostensible purpose of the Internet is to spread information, here's a thought: "Let's keep it useful, or at least not painful, okay?" If

there is in fact an Information Superhighway, then we are currently bums living underneath an overpass in cardboard boxes, cooking pigeons and humming "Dueling Banjos," while the average web site is a pothole.

As far as the appearance of these potholes: The layout designs for the most part had the aesthetic qualities of either Spam or the "brown acid" that caused such a brouhaha at Woodstock. Lines of text, followed by the amount of exclamation points usually reserved for dialogue in "Cathy". I have seen the future, and it is tacky.

The saving grace of a web page has got to be - now listen carefully - a front page that lets you *choose* what you want to see. Novel concept, right? Let me decide if I want to learn all about your major. Because quite frankly, I doubt that very many people do. (Am I being harsh? Don't worry, I wasn't referring to your page.) That way I can skip learning about your nicknames and favorite line from "Pulp Fiction" or "The Princess Bride" and get straight to the software and weird links, like the Shakespearean Insult or Random

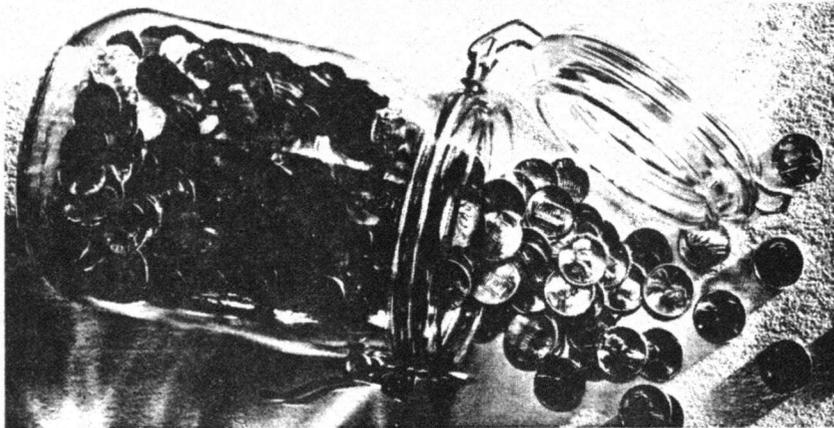
Eighties Lyric servers. Now that's entertainment. Some sites, in a stroke of genius, even went so far as to subdivide their links into categories like 'Useful,' 'Funny,' 'Computer Related,' etc. Now if we could get the Colossus staff to do that with the web pages, we'd be getting somewhere.

However, far be it from me to give a blanket condemnation to all of the Rhodes student sites. A number proved interesting, a few useful, and a couple of them even worth a giggle or two. To my great joy, there seems to be a jihad in the making against the squirrels around here.

This ill-founded belief that the Internet will be a technological boon and a forum for important discussion seems to be a load of hot Pentium chips around here, unless you consider the "Ross and Rachel" debate something that deserves bandwidth. Still, there was at least one site that gave me hope for the future of the Internet. The author simply said, "This would be the obligatory personal information that you don't give a damn about, if I'd bothered to write it. But I didn't. Neener-neener-neener." I think that says it all.

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Kennedy Urges Protection of National Parks

by Steven Perry
Staff Correspondent

Roger Kennedy, director of the National Parks Service, visited Rhodes last week as part of the annual Gilliland Symposium. His address, given last Tuesday night in Hardie Auditorium, dealt with the problems

generation to generation. This is accomplished by protecting the natural beauty of a place such as Yosemite for our children to appreciate, or by setting aside the "hallowed ground" of a place like Gettysburg to remind us of the errors of our past. As a result, the parks are not just a common patriotic bond, but also a shared reminder

that we have responsibilities to our children, our natural resources, and our nation.

His speech also dealt with the various policy concerns facing the Park Service. Kennedy described the various problems that cloud the future of the parks, the most pressing of them being the simple lack of funds. Due to this lack, historical sites have deteriorated and parts of some of the national parks have had to be closed. He candidly argued that taxes would have to be increased and fees raised to help pay for the much needed repairs. He pointed out that during the Great Depression the parks received twice as much money in proportion to visitors as they do today.



Photo by Enrique Espinosa

Roger Kennedy, director of the National Park Service, lectured at the annual Gilliland Symposium.

facing the National Parks and the prospects for dealing with them.

He began by telling the audience why we have national parks to begin with. Abraham Lincoln, who created Yosemite National Park, felt, said Kennedy, that parks could be a part of the "pursuit of happiness" that the Founders envisioned when they established this nation. As Kennedy put it, parks were to be a "Sabbath in space, not time". He continued by saying that the parks were the best of our lands, set aside to serve as a common bond for all of us, a great, shared pride in our nation and its natural beauty.

Kennedy went on to say that the parks were a part of "sustaining the American heritage and the American community," a way of preserving a part of ourselves from

With over 270 million visitors to the parks annually, Kennedy reminded the audience, there is obviously enough public interest. It is only a matter of pointing out the financial needs to the public and tapping into this group of interested people to create legislative action.

Kennedy went on to cover several other issues, such as a call for saving the Everglades, as well as ideas for changes to the current parks operations. Kennedy's hope is that our National Parks can be protected for the generations that succeed us. If this happens and the parks are saved, says Kennedy, we will be not only handing down to our children these parts of our American landscape, but our sense of responsibility and good stewardship as well.

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Change and Anti-Hazing Prevention Mark Men and Women's Rush

by Allison Lasiter
Layout Editor

This fall, formal Rush underwent further change and, hopefully, more improvement. These changes, which affected sororities more than fraternities, were discussed as early as February of last semester when the Panhellenic Council met with the elected Panhellenic representatives from each sorority and discussed possible changes and improvements to the women's Greek system. According to Ceatriss Smith, Vice-President of Panhellenic Council and of Panhellenic Rush, these changes the Council discussed resulted in a more open and diplomatic spirit between the sororities.

One of the most noticeable changes made in rush was the elimination of informal outings. These casual rush activities had been seen as a part of formal rush, and as such were excluded from the rush schedule as a result of approval from each sorority on campus. Smith said, "The absence of informal rush activities was most beneficial to the rushees. [Feedback from sororities] told us that informal outings made the rushees feel uncomfortable in conversations [with actives]." The exclusion of these informal outings resulted in a shortened formal rush, lasting one week, as opposed to the two and a half week period in previous years.

Other changes included limiting the number of sorority members that could be in a car with a rushee at one time, developing an upperclassmen quota, and limiting the amount of sorority members of the same house that could talk to a rushee at one time. These rules, discussed and voted on by each sorority, were a result of Greek students' concerns expressed at a rush informational forum held last semester.

In order to produce more accurate bidding and in-between formal party results for each house, a new computerized tally system was used. This system enabled the Panhellenic Council to spend more time planning Panhellenic events during rush and allowed rush counselors to spend more time with the students participating in rush. Also, tabulating votes from the houses and gathering rushee preference results required less time.

On Women's Bid Day, September 7, all Greek women were required by National Panhellenic Laws to remain with their respective sororities until midnight, as well as refrain from any activities that involved males or the consumption of alcohol until noon the next day. According to Lizzy Lokey, President of the Panhellenic Council, this rush was the first time that Rhodes' sororities were required to adhere to the National Panhellenic policy regarding Bid Day. Lokey said, "Enforcing this new rule was solely for the benefit of new sorority pledges and the sororities as a whole. This way, Bid Day was specified as a time for girls to be together as a sorority and spend a

significant amount of time together with the girls they had just extended membership bids to."

According to Frank Farmer, President of the Interfraternity Council, important changes were made to men's rush as well. In the annual review of the IFC's bylaws, the council moved to change a number of things in order to make rush more enjoyable and appealing to prospective new members of all fraternities. Those that were implemented included allowing all interested students to rush without having to pay a fee mandated by the IFC, and dropping the maximum quota standard that has been used in the past. In addition, all fraternities were able to accept as many new pledges as they wished, and the number of men a fraternity could extend a bid to was not determined by the IFC. Mitchell Klink, Vice President of IFC and head of Rush, said, "The quota in the past has served more to the deficit than the benefit of the Greek System, essentially limiting the total number of Greek [men]." In addition, Klink said that "the quotas and the plan of each house controlled the number of pledges, not the IFC."

IFC continued to uphold its policy of a "dry rush," which meant no alcohol was to be consumed at formal rush activities, walk-throughs, or rush parties that occurred during the fraternities' three week formal rush period. Klink said, "Because of the high-profile atmosphere for the Greek system during rush, it is especially important for the fraternities to put their best foot forward, show their true purpose, and correct any false impressions people might have. To this end, the fraternities agreed to hold events during which neither alcohol nor women were present." Although there was no policy regarding dry rush at weekend fraternity parties off campus, rush counselors from every fraternity were present at fraternity rush parties to make sure the rules were being upheld.

Bid Day, September 13, marked the end of men's rush. Unlike Greek women, men did not have to adhere to specific rules for the twenty-four hours following their Bid Day.

With new pledges now in the fraternity and sorority houses, both men and women will be conducting a series of pledge training and membership activities before their new members' initiation into the group. It is in these pledge activities that hazing could occur, and from incidents that have taken place within Greek groups, hazing is still seen as a problem. However, both men and women's Greek groups have strict policies regarding hazing of new pledges, and measures were taken at the conclusion of rush to re-emphasize these policies.

Men's anti-hazing policies were summarized and presented at a session sponsored by Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity on Monday, September 16, in which all men pledg-

ing in fraternities were required to attend. "Since a Tennessee state law has been passed declaring hazing activities a felony, we were concerned with making sure the men in Greek groups were aware of this [law] and the consequences of breaking it. We had a very good turn out from the fraternities, and I think everyone benefited from knowing the information," Farmer stated. Rhodes College also has policies that concern the treatment of hazing at Rhodes and continues to uphold its position in accordance with the Tennessee state law.

Women were also required to attend a hazing policy session, sponsored by Student Activities, Gamma Phi Beta, and Panhellenic Council, held on September 9. New sorority members were reminded of the college's policy on hazing as well as the state law. Smith remarked, "It was important that people knew the specifics. There are incidents that most people don't know about that are considered hazing and needed to be brought to their attention." In the week following the session, active members of each sorority were required to sign a statement verifying that they were aware of the consequences of breaking these anti-hazing laws and the school's policy, and that they agreed to adhere to these rules.

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Iowa Poetry Prize Winner Burns Reads From Collection

By Elizabeth Nichols
Staff Correspondent

On September 18, Ralph Burns, editor of the distinguished literary journal *Crazyhorse* and the 1996 winner of the prestigious Iowa Poetry Prize, gave an emotionally-charged poetry reading to a group of Rhodes faculty and students.

Reciting a varied array of his works in a soft, measured tone, Burns spanned the range of human emotion, delving into such difficult issues as the tenuous strength of family bonds, the motivation of random violence, the awakening of adulthood, and the fallibility of the Christian tradition.

Burns said that he does not approach his thematic choices purposefully, but that they "come out of the poems" as his work progresses.

When questioned about his influences, Burns expressed a great admiration for Milton and Shakespeare, and admitted the impact that American poets such as Frost, Whitman, and Dickinson had

on his development as a writer.

Burns' poems express a human bareness and honesty that is reminiscent of the work of such innovators.

He opened the reading with "Stella," a poem exploring the almost mythical relationship that Burns had with his grandmother. Burns followed with several poems from *Swamp Candles*, his most recent collection. These included "In the Bathroom Mirror," "First Flight," "Swimming Pool," "The Happy Story," and "To My Father in Heaven."

Burns surprised the audience by sharing several new works that he had recently completed. "Wildflowers of the Western World" was a tumbling play of words that evoked crystal-clear visions of varied plants, and "Comfort Inn" cast an ethereal atmosphere over the mundane events of everyday life.

Burns also commented on the structure of his poems, saying that although most do not hold to the conventional rules of rhyme, he oc-

asionally employs traditional methods to convey a needed tone, as in the acrobatic "Two Birds," or stylistic methods, such as long sentences.

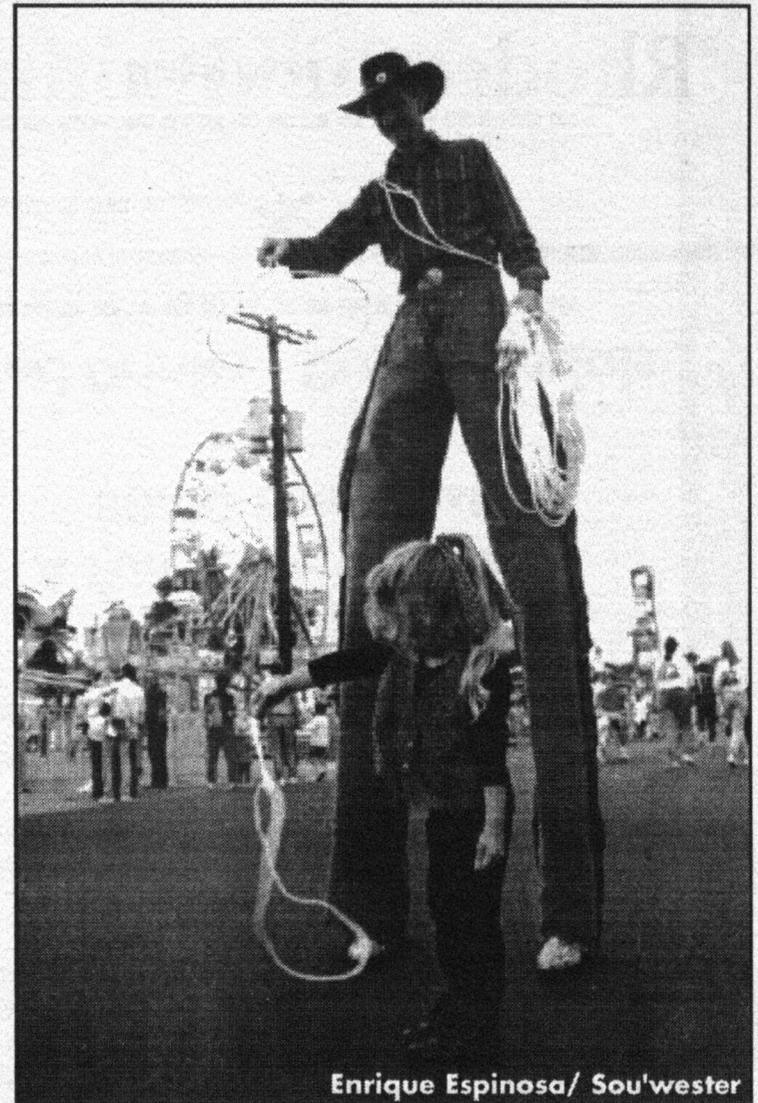
"I like to write as many long sentences as I can get away with," Burns said.

"Force," a poem that describes the random abduction of an innocent woman, consists of only one sentence, adding to its emotional impact.

Though Burns admitted that the material was shocking, he chose such heavy subject matter "because these things really happen."

Overall, Burns' reading demonstrated his adept understanding of human motivation and his ability to capture the essence of often complex situations in a few words. His distinctive rhythm and fascinating content made the session an engaging treat for lovers of poetry.

Burns is currently a professor of creative writing and English at the University of Arkansas and lives in Little Rock with his family. His works have appeared in *The Ohio Review*, *The Gettysburg Review*, *The Indiana Review*, and *The Graham House Review*. *Swamp Candles* is available for sale at the Rhodes Bookstore.



Enrique Espinosa/ Sou'wester

"The Tall Man" was one of many entertainers featured at the Mid-South Fair. Other attractions included carnival games, rides, live music, and arts and crafts by artisans from Memphis and the surrounding area.

McCoy Fest Rained Into Rat

by Elizabeth Watt
Staff Correspondent

On Sunday September 15, rain darkened the day and forced the McCoy Fest to move from the amphitheatre to inside the Rat. The McCoy Fest is an annual event that encourages students to support the theatre by buying subscriptions for the McCoy Theatre season, and is usually the event that generates most student ticket sales.

The event is normally held in the spring to promote the sale of tickets for the following season, but this year it was pushed to the fall because of time constraints.

"Even this fall it was a rush to get things finished with many students juggling two rehearsal schedules and classes," said senior Heather Tyler, who organized the entire event.

The McCoy fest was held during the dinner hours, between 4:30 and 6:30 PM. Senior Scott Miller and his band, Elysian Fields, volunteered to play for the evening, and the fest rocked with the acoustic sounds of various alternative covers and original songs.

Pieces of a large cake honoring the McCoy were handed out to all new subscribers. The cake drew the attention of many prospective buyers, but few were prepared to purchase subscriptions, and slices were handed out to only fifteen new subscribers, a less productive turnout than what was hoped for.

"Even though it wasn't as successful as in the past, it generated interest and awareness among students as to what was going on with the theatre. And we are thankful to Elysian Fields," said Tyler.

Students may still buy subscriptions for this season for \$16 and are encouraged by the McCoy to do so. The McCoy plans to have an exciting year with its four shows, "Pipin," "The Shadowbox," "Our Country's Good," and "Ernest in Love."

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Rhodes Still Waiting On Bryan Campus Life Center

by Brendan Minihan
Sports Editor

The entire Rhodes campus awaits the completion of the Bryan Campus Life Center.

Students can not wait to finally use the indoor track, pool and other promised recreational luxuries. Organizations are drooling over the idea of a new ballroom to throw parties in. Michael Leslie, English professor, can not wait to see how the colossal, Gothic structure affects the landscape of the campus.

Most of anyone though, Matt Dean, Campus Life Center Director, is ready for construction to end.

"We're all anxious," says Dean, "I feel I am speaking for the entire [athletic] staff when I say that we feel better because Building B is complete."

Building B is the addition to the old Mallory Gym. The training room and weight rooms occupy the first floor, and the coaches' offices are on the second floor.

"The students have been great putting up with the delays," says Dean. "We appreciate their patience."

Dean admits that there are inconveniences with the delays in construction.

"I want to get this place running," says Dean, "We're frustrated, but realistic that every project has delays."

So, when will the frustration be over?

According to Brian Foshee, director of Rhodes Physical Plant, the center will be completed by December 1, 1996.

Matt Dean is not as optimistic, projecting absolute completion by January, except for the outdoor pool area, which will not be open until Spring of 1997.

Dean hopes that the Lynx Lair, a grill and social meeting place, will make the students forget about the frustrations they had prior to its completion.

Dean is excited about the potential of using the new bar-coded identification cards distributed this year as debit cards in the Lynx Lair.

"You can come over and charge food or beverages to your account," says Dean. "The Lynx Lair will make [the student center] the focal point of the Rhodes community."

One promise Dean has fulfilled is the amount of work-study jobs available in the Center. According to Dean, 89 positions have been filled by student workers, including 12 trainer as-

sistants.

Dean is glad that about 60% of the Center work force is made up of athletes.

"Athletes know more about the building, and about what's going on [with sports]," so it helps having them in the gym, according to Dean.

Another bonus of the Center is the membership plan for recent Rhodes graduates.

Memberships are currently limited to Rhodes students, with a grandfather clause for the graduating classes of the past three years.

The Classes of 1994 and 1995 receive discounts on alumni membership, paying annual charges of \$180 and \$200, respectively. The Class of 1996 is allowed one year of free membership. Regular alumni membership is \$300 per year.

Students, faculty and student organizations will have to wait another several months before the center is finished, but Dean stresses that the current building is offering more to the

campus than the old gym ever did. Dean is confident that once construction is completed Rhodes will be proud of its new facility.

For more information on the Campus Life Center, contact Matt Dean at 726-3940.

Campus Life Center Shut Down

On Friday, the Campus Life Center was closed down by order of the City of Memphis Fire Department due to a failure to meet Fire Department inspection regulations by a pre-determined date.

Chancellor Harlow relayed the message to the faculty and staff shortly after noon on Friday: "There are several inspections pending that include the fire alarm system, sprinkler system and exit availability that need to be completed before it reopens. These issues will be resolved as soon as possible, however, there is a good chance the facilities will not be available until Wednesday, September 25."

An attempt to notify students through campus mail was made, according to Mel Hokanson, Dean of Student Affairs.

This hold-up comes at a time when students are aggravated with the continual delays in construction and frequent inconveniences of the gym. There is still an optimistic temperament, though, in facility directors and some staff.

"We are fortunate that we didn't have more home games this weekend, although the home soccer teams and recreational athletes were inconvenienced," said Hokanson.

A temporary training room has been set up in Tuthill until the CLC is reopened.

Cross Country Take On Div. 1

by Grant Gandy
Staff Correspondent

While last year's second and third place finishes for the Rhodes women's and men's cross country teams in the Division III Southeast Regional meet were the best in the history of the respective programs, Coach Robert Shankman and his teams are not about to settle for merely being "good." This year's goal for both teams is simple: qualify for the national meet by being the best team in the southeast.

The University of Memphis Invitational marked the first intercollegiate race of the season. Faced with a deep Division I talent pool, the Lynx were undeterred as they finished fourth overall for the women and seventh overall for the men, with both teams finishing first among Division III schools. Individual standouts were Nicole Horvath (7TH PLACE, 12:16 for two miles) and the trio of Dave Thomasson, Peter Quigg, and Brendan Minihan (23RD, 24TH, 25TH; 22:37, 22:40, 22:41 for four miles).

This past weekend the Lynx traveled to Nashville for the Vanderbilt Invitational. Intermittent rainfall and a waterlogged course produced slick hills, a few water crossings, poor foot-

ing, and slower times.

"[The course was] absolutely miserable, I felt like I was running in a fish tank at times," said first-year Michael Richardson.

The men topped Vanderbilt by one point to finish third overall behind Belmont U. and the Univ. of Memphis.

"We were hoping to beat Memphis and Belmont, but we are still psyched to have knocked off Vanderbilt," senior Dave Speas, co-captain, said.

Peter Quigg led the way for the men's team finishing the five miler eleventh overall with a time of 28:00. Senior co-captain Brendan Minihan was eleven seconds back in 15TH place, followed by Dan Spinnenweber (25TH, 28:54), Grant Gandy (26TH, 28:55) and Mike Wottle (28TH, 29:02).

The women fared well, too, beating cross-town rival Univ. of Memphis en route to a small schools division title and a fifth place overall finish.

Senior Nicole Horvath set the pace in the three miler for the women's team with her ninth place finish in 19:35. She was joined by teammates Diana Blythe (34TH, 21:12), Anne Hardwick (42TH, 21:38), Emily Ferguson (45TH, 21:44) and Megan Emery (48TH, 21:53).

Former N.F.L. Giant Mullady Inspires F.C.A.

by Anna Pinchak
Staff Correspondent

What lies inside the heart and mind of an athlete? Many athletes themselves often find this question difficult to answer.

Last Monday evening, Tom Mullady, the only Rhodes graduate ever to play in the National Football League, shared some of his struggles and triumphs from a spiritual standpoint at the weekly Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting in the Orgill Room.

When he was twelve years old, Tom Mullady had a dream. He dreamed of playing in the NFL. Football had always played a central role in his life, according to Mullady, and upon graduating from Southwestern at Memphis in 1979, he realized his dream and signed with the Buffalo Bills. He maintained the position of tight end throughout high school, during his years at Southwestern and while playing with the

Buffalo Bills and the New York Giants.

Mullady says that although he had achieved his goal of playing in the NFL, he was still not content. "Football had become the focus of my life, and on that day, football was not there for me," Mullady said, speaking of a day when he allowed an interception that would change the momentum of the game and create a loss for his team.

Mullady decided that his life needed to be re-prioritized. He and his wife, Cynthia, whom he had met during freshman orientation at Southwestern, were living from week to week, according to Mullady. "My future was being decided based on my performance in each football game."

Upon reflection, Tom Mullady discovered that he "had been following the wrong thing." He says he knew that he needed something real in his life.

"I looked to the Lord, and I re-

alized I didn't know him," Mullady said.

Mullady read, to a group of over twenty, Revelations 3:20:

"Behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me."

According to Mullady, he saw an image of Christ knocking on his door. "He wasn't forcing his way into my life. He was asking me to open the door," said Mullady.

After making the conscious decision to place God first in his life, Mullady was able to refocus and maintain his faith.

Mullady enjoys giving speeches to young athletes because he remembers his sports idols of his era speaking to him. He knows that when he was young, he gained much from the encouragement adult athletes gave him.

Mullady works in the Human Services Department of Federal Express, Memphis, and is an active supporter of Rhodes football games.

Rhodes Sports Scoreboard

Compiled by Dave Speas

September 15-21

Women's Soccer
Rhodes v CBU 6-0 (W)
Goals Scored by: Rachel Day (2), Jenny Ramp, Jenny Gunter, Angie Zinlus, Katherine Kopfler
Record: 5-2

Men's Soccer
Rhodes v Maryville, MO 5-0 (W)
Goals Scored by: Neil Brunetz (2), Kevin Carlucci, Jason Pierce, John Renahan
Record: 4-2

Football
Rhodes v Austin 35-0 (W)
First shutout for the Lynx since 1992 season opener.
Freshman Brendan Hogan gains 125 yards on 11 carries.
Lynx defense forces 5 turnovers.
Record: 1-2, 0-0

Cross Country
Vanderbilt Invitational - 9/21

Men's Team Scores

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| Belmont | 47 |
| University of Memphis | 76 |
| Rhodes | 84 |

Vanderbilt 85
Austin Peay 133
Peter Quigg and Brendan Minihan finish in the top 15. 22 seconds separate Rhodes finishers 3 through 8.

Women

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| Southern Illinois | 23 |
| Vanderbilt | 41 |
| Southeast Missouri | 85 |
| Tennessee Tech | 12 |
| Rhodes | 140 |
| University of Memphis | 173 |

Nicole Horvath finishes 9th.

Where Am I? Perspectives From The Class of 2000

by Melody Barnett
Scene Editor

This year, the Scene page will be focusing on different aspects of the Rhodes identity. In order to form a more accurate picture of life at Rhodes, Scene will address a variety of questions: Who are we as a college? What makes Rhodes unique? Who are the students? What are their concerns? In our first Scene feature, members of the Class of 2000 were asked give their first impressions of Rhodes. Discovering why these students chose Rhodes over other colleges is the first step towards uncovering the elements that make Rhodes unique.

"They treated you like a person rather than a number," said John Wayne McCants "I got a better feeling for the community [at Rhodes]." During his college search, McCants regarded the Honor Code as a feature unique to Rhodes. "I saw that it

worked at Rhodes, was important at Rhodes. I wanted to help keep it working." McCants was elected to the Honor Council last week.

"What really brought me here was the campus, and how beautiful it was," said Heather Wright, a first-year RSG senator.

"Everybody was really nice, so I didn't feel as intimidated as I might have felt somewhere else," said Wright. Like McCants, Wright wanted to get involved in some aspect of student government during her first semester.

Amy Killebrew was also impressed by the campus community.

"When I stepped onto the Rhodes campus, I knew that this was where I wanted to go,"

Killebrew said. "The classes, the students- everybody was so nice."

Campus tours and interviews played a large part in helping many of these students develop an idea of what to expect at Rhodes, both aca-

demically and socially.

"[Rhodes] is more liberal than I expected," said Wes Meador. "I thought it would have had closer ties to the Presbyterian Church." While Meador indicated that these two conditions differed from his expectations, he said that he did not regard the difference as necessarily positive or negative, but was committed to staying.

"I had high expectations, but I just wasn't really sure it was where I'd want to be," said Meador. "Now I know I'll be here for four years." Although Meador had visited Rhodes for a campus tour and an interview, he was not aware of the "Search" and "Life" requirements until he filled out his schedule.

While some students chose Rhodes for its aesthetics, others, such as Lisa Bentivogli, selected Rhodes sight unseen.

"Academically, it's what I expected," said Bentivogli. "It seems to

be more conservative than I had expected, though."

Campus tours, interviews, and view books may help students during their college selection process, but campus life on a page can differ from life in the dorm. How do expectations compare with reality, once you have become a part of the Rhodes community?

"I feel that the teachers really do care, that they actually take time out to show us individual attention," said Josh Solomon. "Since I've been here,

I've had the best time. I love the ability to make friendships here, to randomly say 'hi' to anybody."

Mark Anderson is proud to be a part of the Class of 2000, a class that he feels "wants to move Rhodes even closer to being the finest liberal arts college in the world."

"I'm very happy that I came here," said Anderson. "The campus is beautiful, the people are friendly, the professors are challenging. Most importantly, Rhodes has given me the opportunity to get involved."

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Shocking Truth Behind Bloody September Sixth Massacre Revealed

By Steele Means
Rhode'ster Manimal

"Let this serve as a more than fair warning to those who seek to destroy the spirit of our brothers and sisters in the animal kingdom. Vengeance is ours, saith SAAD" (Society for the Advancement of Animal Divinity). Forget the Masons, the CIA and even the Illuminati as the key players in conspiratorial designs to subjugate the world. This distinction now falls to the heretofore unknown Society for the Advancement of Animal Divinity. The society's agenda and philosophy have remained hidden to even the most experienced historian and researcher for untold centuries. However, the deadly secrets of SAAD can now be revealed. In addition to exposure of the society's overall designs, the shocking truth behind the November 6TH Massacre will be told as well as the horrifying evidence it contributes towards the thought that the Rhodes community may well already be under SAAD's influence.

On September 6TH, 1996 a group of Rhodes students gathered at a home on North Thomas for what had been termed the "Shoot the Dog Party". This meant that if less than sixty people showed up for this party, the dog pictured on the fliers advertising the event would be killed. Apparently, either many people didn't take this threat seriously or just didn't care, because well under sixty people bothered to attend. However, the coordinators of the party had every intention of carrying out their threat. This event had been organized by five members of the freshmen class, who believed that this would be their rite of passage into college life and prove them worthy to the upperclasspeople.

The party began at approximately ten o'clock at night. However, the dog was apparently not killed until midnight. At first, it appeared to be a normal college blow-out, except for the fact that two students, who had objected to any proposed killing of the animal, had been fed to the dog as its last meal. Around the midnight hour, the freshmen organizers, disgruntled and dismayed over the fact that only fifteen other freshmen had decided to come to the party, decided to make good on their threat.



Photo via WWW
Graphic Illustration by Allen Boudreaux

The Dog, the gun.

The dog was shot in cold blood, to the dismay of some and the drunken delight of others. What happened thereafter is too ghastly to imagine. The official police report of the story reads that at an unspecified time after the shooting of the dog, a group of militant animal-rights activists burst in and, purporting to avenge the dog's murder, turned the entire gala into a blood-bath. The Memphis police department has declined comment on this matter except to assure the parents of the victims that "All of the students died quick and painless deaths. Hell, they were too drunk to care anyway."

According to an anonymous source who recently defected from the group, "Shooting college kids crosses the line." According to this source, SAAD is a secret society whose central philosophy is that human beings have usurped control of the Earth and mocked the divine entity of the animal kingdom. They seek to return animals "to their rightful places as the twenty-six individual Gods and Goddesses of this realm."

According to this source, SAAD has three main organs. The first is the political wing, whose ultimate goal is the placement of the family pets of present world leaders into power. They are presently engaged in coercing the leaders of every na-

tion on Earth to place their pets into the public spotlight. This is being done so that these animals, when they do take control, have an idea of how to handle the media. The second is the economic wing, which is now in the process of infiltrating the world market by devaluing those items which make human life more comfortable, such as automobiles, while greatly raising the demand, and therefore value, for certain 'luxury items' for house pets. The third is the paramilitary force of SAAD, who bear responsibility for the September 6TH Massacre. The directive of this section of SAAD is apparently to forcibly prevent and apply retribution to any humans participating in efforts to subjugate and/or cause harm to the animal kingdom. Supposedly, this third wing has intervened and caused havoc in animal sacrifices, rodeos, pet shows, and kennels around the world.

Despite speculation to the contrary, SAAD is apparently unconnected to any other animal rights organization. "Some members of PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) or the SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) will undoubtedly be charged with the massacre. SAAD's influence reaches from the UN all the way down to every local government in the world. Trumped-up

charges against an easy and visible target like PETA won't be a problem."

Evidence of SAAD's influence in the media and in the economy has become apparent in the past several years. Our source pointed to the inordinate amount of media coverage for Socks, the 'First Cat' at the beginning of the Clinton Administration and the marketing of such items as air-conditioned dog houses.

"The Rhodes community has been unknowingly subjugated by SAAD's minions. They truly have connections in every corner of the globe. How else do you think they knew about this party?" said the source.

The source pointed out the fact that there are indications of SAAD's

influence all over the Rhodes campus. For example, seemingly innocuous pictures of 'family pets' grace the desks of various members of the Rhodes administration. The idolatry of the lynx as our mascot, demonstrated by the Lynx Statue as well as the person who puts on a lynx costume to rally the fans at football games, is also suspect. One can also not discount the possibility of Rhodes students being involved with SAAD. In fact, many students here sport T-shirts that blatantly idolize the lynx. No member of the Rhodes community was willing to comment on any of these allegations. The only exception was one young man who made some sort of secret sign with his hands, and said, "Go Lynx!"



Photo via WWW

Journal's three closest advisers

Riches Wreaks Havoc In Chicago In Name Of Rebel Democrats

by Rebecca Anderson
Supreme Rhode'ster Goddess

The 1996 Democratic National Convention showed resemblance to the infamous 1968 Convention when riots that broke out on the first night continued for three days. The cause of the riots are unknown at present, but speculation points to the presence of Sou'wester Editor in Chief Erin Riches as one of the instigators of unrest.

Riches, who gained admission to the convention on press credentials that she 'found' the night before, is suspected to be part of a covert movement within the Democratic party. This rebel faction, known on the inside as 'Boudreaux, Espinosa and Erin Riches' (B.E.E.R.) is linked to several other civil disturbances within the past several weeks. It is unknown whether the incidents, which include three failed car bombings and an unsuccessful attempt at bank robbery are connected to the groups political agenda.

According to an internally published manifesto, B.E.E.R. is committed to "The idolization of Ted Kennedy and all that he stands for." In accordance with this purpose, states the manifesto, all B.E.E.R. meetings are held within the confines of a sprawling, fence-enclosed estate and are "cocktail-included." To further protect secrecy, the group's estate, referred to affectionately as "the compound" is elaborately disguised as a private, liberal arts college and is located in the heart of an unknown major Southern city.

This year's Democratic National convention was the site of B.E.E.R.'s first attempt at direct confrontation with the rest of the Democratic party. According to eyewitnesses, Riches stormed the stage during a speech by Vice-President Al

Gore. Riches reportedly shoved Gore out from behind the podium and wrenched the microphone from his hands while shouting, "OK, spotted owl-boy! Let's see who's the tough one now!" Riches then proceeded to deliver B.E.E.R.'s first public statement to a crowd of stunned party officials and delegates.

"OK. We're B.E.E.R. and we're here to say we are not going to sit idly by

mands, Riches issued a call to action. She is reported to have tossed a live nuclear warhead into the crowd and let out a scream that in the words of one delegate, "sounded like a scizophrenic hyena being burned alive."

Riches' action is credited as the cause of the ensuing chaos. According to eyewitness reports, the convention hall quickly exploded into "a seething mass of anarchy." Allegedly, violent conflict among delegates, speakers and members of the press ensued with each side claiming that they were under executive order to "kick some major ass."

A delegate to the convention, who asked not to be identified, described the unexpected appearance of B.E.E.R. as "just what this convention needed. Sure, it's nice to be here and all, but these things do tend to get a bit dull. A riot was exactly what we needed to shake things up."

Another delegate concurred. Covered with blood and brandishing a sign reading "Alabama loves Bill" this delegate shouted "Now

maybe those Republicans will get the picture! You can't mess with a bunch of mad liberals!" The delegate then beat a concession stand worker to the point of death with his sign.

It is unclear whether Riches or any of the suspected members of B.E.E.R. will be issued any criminal charges. A special panel composed of top-level presidential advisors is currently determining the proper course of action. It is speculated that the members of B.E.E.R. will either be appointed to as yet undefined positions dealing with National Security, or all three will be publicly executed.

Riches then presented a list of B.E.E.R. demands to the party. Some of the items proposed in this 342 page document included tax breaks for anyone who consumes more than 200 Martinis each year, the execution of the current congress in its entirety, and increased funding for higher education.

After stating the group's de-



Erin Riches does Hillary Clinton.

and watch this country go to hell in a handbasket. We used to support Bill Clinton, but then that whole 'inhaling' issue came out. Besides, we got really sick of hearing that damn Fleetwood Mac song ad nauseum in '92. I mean, who wants to vote for a guy with such a lame campaign song."

Do You Know The Code? It Really Doesn't Matter Anymore

By Andrew Shulman
Rhode'ster Gimp

"I will not lie, cheat, or steal, and if I witness such an act I will report it." Recognize those words? Those are the words of the honor code, the sacred code that governs the students at Rhodes.

Each year the freshman class gathers at Evergreen Presbyterian Church to sign the honor code book, pledging the words above. Apparently this year, one of the freshman did not bother reading the inscription in the book. After the ceremony, it was discovered that the honor code book was missing. In its place was a note that read, "Here was the honor code book, now it's gone."

President Daughdrill immediately called in Campus Safety director Ralph Hatley to lead the investigation. Daughdrill also declared martial law on the Rhodes Campus until the book was found. SWAT teams armed with AK-47's and SCUD missiles were dispatched around campus, desperately trying to find the book.

Said one student, "I was so scared. One of the campus safety officers threw me up against a wall demanding to know where the book was. I asked him 'What book?' and he pushed me to the ground. I didn't know Rhodes had freshman hazing."

Campus Safety Chief Hatley said, "This year is going to be different at Rhodes. We will not allow the desecration of the honor code. We will find this perpetrator, and make sure that he pays."

Said another student, "I think that Campus Safety is going a little too far to find a book. Big deal, it's a book with our names in it. Can't we just sign another copy of the book? It's not like everyone since 1912 has signed this book."

When asked this Daughdrill explained, "It just isn't that easy. We don't that much money here at Rhodes to keep on buying new books. Those were high quality pieces of paper! It cost the college over \$1000 to purchase those books. And, besides everyone has signed this book from 1912 to the present."

Asked one student, "Can we steal now? Are we free to lie and cheat? Since they don't have record of my signing the book am I free to break the code?"

During the period between orientation and the present, the following honor code infractions were noted:

- Toilets in New and Williford were stolen.
- The water fountain from 3rd Floor Palmer was found on the ground.
- The statue of Diehl was replaced with an exact duplicate, except for the inscription on the bottom, which reads, "Knowledge is bad. Anarchy rules. Fight the power!"
- Campus Safety Officers noticed that a group of 30 students were trying to move the Burrow Library to the Intramural Fields. Campus Safety scared off the students and moved the Library back to its original position.

When the Rhode'ster asked a prominent Memphis lawyer about the legal ramifications of the missing book, and whether or not it was legally binding, he told us that, "O.J. should get his kids. If he only ate tapioca pudding, that would identify himself with the community. Plus the only way the Tennessee can beat Florida State is for them to run the option to the right side. And another thing, did you know that if you drop a hairdryer into a tub with someone inside the tub, it hurts a lot? By the way, \$100 for the legal opinion."

The question of who would steal the book still remains. What sort of perverted mind would steal the honor code book? We posed this question to professor of psychology Bette Ackerman. Ackerman said, "The individual, or individuals who did this are sick. They should go to Moore-Moore Health Center right away. I bet you Rat food did this to them. The only way to catch these criminals is to lay out a trail of pizzas leading to the Austin Building, where Campus Safety can nab them. These criminals must have had help on the inside, so they could find out the precise location of the books to plan the heist."

When asked about this, Daughdrill replied, "Help on the inside? I never thought of that. I guess it's time to go mole hunting." As a result of this 'hunt', Dean of Academic Affairs, Mark McMahon was asked to leave his post, and 'return' to teaching. John Planchon, who was required to pledge loyalty to the President Daughdrill, was asked to step in for McMahon.

The search for the book is still on. However, in the spirit of Rhodes, all freshman are asked to go to the Rat, and after eating a meal say, "This is the best food that I have ever had." If they say it with a straight face, they will be immediately expelled; however, if they laugh when saying it, it will affirm their allegiance to the honor code.

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'The Other One' Speaks Advice From Jesus' Little Bro'

by James the Nazarean
(Mary McCoy)

Putting in a guest appearance as this month's Rhodes'ter celebrity advice columnist, we have a young gentleman who hails from the little town of Nazareth. Now, who are we fooling, we tried to get his brother, but you know, things fell through with His people, our people, Yahweh had Him totally booked. So it goes. But all things aside, we're happy to welcome as an honorary member to the Rhode'ster staff, Jesus' little brother, James.

A few words about James, since he has been sorely neglected in the New Testament, and resultedly, has become immensely bitter. He hopes that his appearance in today's Rhodester will help fuel support for his research organization, Citizens Raising Unholy Cain In Favor of Relatives of the Messiah (CRUCIFORM). James attended Nazareth Junior College and earned degrees in tent-making and dental hygiene. He lives at home with his mother and works part time at Taco Bell. Sometimes Jesus lets him hang out with the disciples, but in his spare time he enjoys hot-wiring cars and dove hunting. Now, we turn our faithful readers and their troubles over to James and his patient ear.

Dear James,

Why is it that a good-looking, intelligent, sensitive man like myself

sits home on Friday nights while the chicks go for these jerk guys who treat them like crap? I have plenty of female friends, but they all think of me as 'a nice guy' or 'a big brother.' Do women still want to be respected, to have doors held open for them, to be taken out to dinner, or am I just living in the wrong century? Do I need to change myself to get a girl?

-Just a Friend

Dear Friend:

Want a little cheese with your whine? There's nothing on this planet that drives me crazier than guys like you. Are you a freshman? I know you are, so don't bother telling me otherwise. But believe me, I know where you're coming from. Try living with Jesus. The chicks dig Jesus so hard core. I mean, everywhere we go it's Jesus this and Jesus that. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. I feel like I'm on the frigging Brady Bunch. And they're all falling all over themselves to touch Him. They stand *in line* to frigging touch Him. And there's the ones who really get into it. I once saw this babe wash His feet with her hair. Her *hair*, you dig me? And here's the thing that's just prize; he doesn't care. Sometimes I get chicks, but it's just 'cause I'm Jesus' brother and all, and they're just using me to get to Jesus. Don't your problems seem frigging insignificant compared to that? Huh? Now, like I said, stop your whining. It could be worse. You could be related to Jesus.

Dear James,

I've always dreamed of being a carpenter, but my father is pressuring me to go into the ministry. What should I do?

-Confused In Nazareth

Dear Confused:

Very funny, Wiseass.

Dear James,

My boyfriend recently suggested that I move in with him. I know what Jesus would say, but I was curious... What do you think?

-Looking for a Loophole

Dear Loophole:

Kid, there's one thing I know for sure, and it's that Yahweh really has a thing about adultery. And the thing is, He goes and makes it more difficult than it is already. First, it was just "no adultery." Okay, easy enough. People were getting off on technicalities right and left on that one, until He runs His holy finger through the Bible and changes all of the "adultery" to "fornication." Then, if that doesn't narrow things down enough, He forms a conspiracy with the authors of Webster's Dictionary to write up a technical definition of fornication that basically gets you to the point where unless you're married—couple—lights—out—face—to—face—fifteen—minutes you wind up in hell. So, as far as I know, there is no loophole. Sorry.

THE RHODE'STER STAFF

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Sniffing Glue

Erin Riches

Making Herself Pass Out

Rebecca Anderson

Huffing Gas

Henry Murphy

Horking White Out

James Spears

Smoking Catnip

Allison Lasiter

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Melody Barnett, Bryn McDougal,

Rob Cole, Brendan Minihan

Eating Entire Bags of Pixy-Stix

Benji Hughes, Mary McCoy, Steele Means,

Brady Potts, Allison Rantis

Drinking Jolt Cola

Enrique Espinosa

Theme Song

Inna-Gadda-Davida

Drinking NyQuil

Allen Boudreaux

Licking Frogs

Rebecca Anderson

Sticking Their Fingers in Electrical Outlets

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Reaching the Rhode'ster

Raise your left hand. Now raise your right. As long as you're still doing what we say, go get us a turkey pot pie.

Introduction to The Rhode'ster: Section 101

by Reverend Brady Potts
Rhode'ster Spiritual Advisor

... Do not attempt to adjust your set. We control the vertical. We control the horizontal. Prepare to be taken to the Outer Limits of the first amendment, and the Twilight Zone of Journalism—welcome to the Rhodes'ter '96-'97 - and in the immortal words of Pvt. Hudson, "We're on the express elevator to Hell, going down!"

Greetings to all ye freshpersons (We at the Rhodes'ter are nothing if not politically correct.) In the name of Grand Bitch Editor Rebecca "I thought your first name was

Pamela" Anderson (Hey, you suck up where you work, I'll suck up where I work.)

Freshfolk, welcome to Memphis and welcome to Rhodes and classes and out-of-control campus safety go-carts. Feel free to stop by our offices in the ever-so-dungeonesque basement of Palmer and say "Hi." Love offerings are accepted. Fan letters are pinned on the wall. Hate mail is laughed at and then we flood your email with movie scripts and dumb forwards. We'll even let you work for us, if you ask really nice. It's loads of fun, writing for the Rhodes'ter, really. In the immortal words of a malevolent hillbilly, "Squeeeeee, piggy!"

Actually I think I heard that on men's bid night while walking past a certain house, but I'm not naming names.

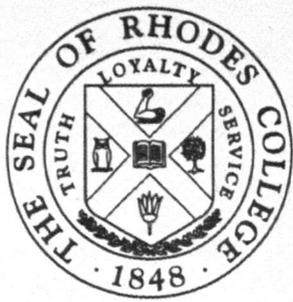
Let me tell you a little bit about myself and my editor. My official title is 'Reverend.' No, really, call the FBI and ask 'em to look up my social security number. We find that it helps when we're praying our mothers don't read any of the tripe we regularly publish. I am a dedicated tool of the Man, my favorite Power Ranger is Kimberly, and my hobbies include missing deadlines, using these articles as a vehicle for my enormous ego, being snide, and trying to catch whoever the hell has been going out

of the fire door on the first floor of Townsend. (And if you're reading this, I will catch you, and then Kenny McGhee, Matt LaFavor, and I will jump up and down on your head.)

The editor of this rag is the ever-so lovely Rebecca Anderson. Her official title is 'Bitch Editor.' Seriously, she'll even respond to it. Try calling her that, she likes it. I don't know any of her hobbies, other than theater, sending me threatening e-mail about the aforementioned deadlines, correcting her writers' horrid grammar, and chain-smoking Camel Filters. There are other people on the staff and had I felt like it I would have learned their names,

but hey, that's what bylines are for.

In closing, look forward to a year of inanity, slander, and sensationalist articles. We will do nothing short of something to ensure that you, faithful reader, have something amusing to read, our good standing around the school and financial aid allocations be damned. (Although you will notice that we rarely attack Art 'All Heart' Weeden, hallowed be his name.) The Rhode'ster's the name, muckraking's the game, and we won't stop until we're the most despised group on campus. And in the immortal, albeit slightly paraphrased words of Socrates, "We drank what?"



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Aliens Bent On Planetary Destruction Invade Rhodes

by Benji Hughes
Rhode'ster Special Agent

In a surprise attack by a race famous for the military might, attitude, and tactical genius of a dead Ewok, Rhodes College was chosen last week as the site of their first foray into terran territory. One of the captured, interrogated aliens explained, "We were looking to begin our advance at one of your world's great cultural and educational centers. But there was no parking at the Paris Theater, and it seemed such a waste not to attack something, so we just sorta hovered down the street until we saw a likely spot. And, incidentally, the phrase 'terran territory' sounds really silly."

The warlike beings arrived on campus around 3:00 PM last Thursday, in ships that, despite the obvious similarities in appearance, bore no relation to Little Debbie Oatmeal Pies. They had managed, through the strategy of waving and smiling winningly at the Campus Safety officer on duty, to attract no negative attention, until a group of physics majors—trapped on the roof of Rhodes Tower after the last terrorist/alien debacle (which, as regular readers of the Rhode'ster know, happen at least twice a week)—spotted the spacecraft.

"Huh, I thought," explains

Joanna Blankner. "There's a big piece of melba toast floating there. What? Oatmeal pie? Yeah, okay, whatever. Jeez, I hate reporters." The group quickly took action. "We sent out an e-mail, thinking that anyone

someone of a military bent to repel the menace, Campus Safety sent a voice mail ("Typical," said Syed) to Admiral Harlow, who quickly took command of the situation.

"He was like a great stallion," said

to him, as well as having his beautiful wife, Peggy, placed under a pile of rubble at the as-yet-uncompleted Bryan Hall, feeling it was his duty to fill the profound lack of pathos and drama the invasion had thus far in-

By this time said space invaders were in Rhea Lounge watching Cinemax, and bored to tears with the whole affair. Sou'wester editors and writers charged the lounge, pausing only, as one former staff writer put it, "to kick the tenure issue in the kidney a couple of times for good measure."

While the land units were otherwise occupied with the newspaper staff (and a fine Alyssa Milano feature, *Poison Ivy II*), salvation came in the form of Resident Computer Consultant Taylor Armstrong. The wily junior had been called to install ethernet cards on the aliens' ship, and, upon learning that the slimy beasts were running PCs rather than Macs, he and the other RCCS went on a murderous rampage within the belly of the craft itself, resulting in their own heroic deaths, and the splat-

tering of the aliens and their ship across Rhodes grounds. Posthumous fines for littering were waived by the generous, and otherwise uninvolved, Campus Safety department.

It is not yet known how this will affect the process of granting tenure.

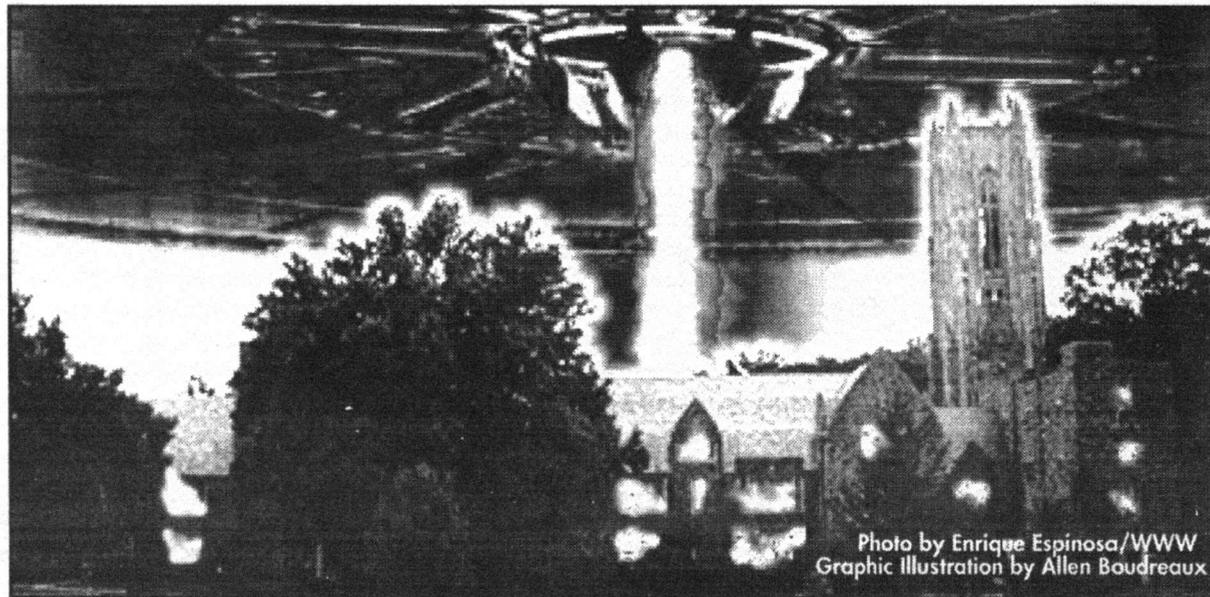


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who really prefers the voice mail system would be too stupid to help much," said Tehsin Syed. Soon after, another major realized that it was still possible to make real-time calls with the phone as well, and alerted Campus Safety to the invasion. They were fined for being on the roof.

Realizing that they would need

a spokesperson from the Chancellor's Office, "noble, majestic, a velvety sheen of manly sweat covering his nake—oh, you mean the Admiral. Yeah, I suppose he was noble and stuff too. I wasn't paying attention. Want an oatmeal pie?"

Harlow quickly arranged to have a fighter plane made available

spired.

He then called upon members of last year's Sou'wester staff, wisely thinking, according a spokesperson for the Chancellor's office, "that their experience beating dead horses would be just what was needed to turn the tide in Rhodes' battle with the aliens."

1996 Bid Day For Women Is A Bad Day For Lynx

By Allison Rantisi
Rhode'ster Pledge

In an interesting turn of events, the Rhodes Lynx football team was defeated on Saturday, September 7, by none other than a group of angry sorority pledges. Originally scheduled to play the Washington University Bears of Missouri, the Lynx were shocked when the mob of young Greek women stormed Fargason field just before kickoff. The Washington University team—eventually found in Williford, bound and gagged with beverage napkins of various origins—has refused to comment, except to say that Greek women are not to be underestimated, and should be considered dangerous.

Head football coach Mike Clary

declined comment. Playing without pads, and wearing casual wear suitable for being trapped in their respective houses for extended periods of time, the ladies jumped out to an early lead thanks to the passing ability of Chi Omega pledge Shelby Reed. The women of Gamma Phi Beta shocked the crowd when they single handedly broke the legs of 12 defensemen. For a moment it looked like the Lynx might just break through the tenacious defense that seemed to confront them at every turn. Actually, it never looked like that. What it looked like was a slaughter, the halftime result of which was: Rhodes Lynx—0, Greek women—32.

Perhaps the most exciting play of the game occurred during the first minutes of the second half. Tri

Delta pledge Braden Moon, with the help of Alpha Omicron Pi pledge, Renee 'Abs of Steel' Montminy, scored an unfortunately easy touchdown following an interception by Kappa Delta's newest bone crusher, Dottie Barker. The play was ingenious. Moon created a diversion by running up and down the sideline with pork products, while Montminy—following in the athletic footsteps of her nearly unknown brother, Joe—pranced (yes, she actually pranced) into the end zone, where she gently deposited the football and began to sing songs from the musical *Annie*. This brought the score to Rhodes Lynx—still 0, Greek women—67.

Further embarrassment came for the Lynx when a local senior citizen ladies' club offered their ser-

vices as auxiliary members of the offensive line. Once suited up, the ladies led the football Lynx to several near touchdowns, but were no match for the barbarous likes of post-rush Greeks. The final score of the contest was 147-0 in favor of the girls from sorority row.

The Lynx, however, are not without reasons to be thankful. There is widespread speculation that had the actives been allowed to participate, this otherwise friendly sport would have been turned into a hellish scene of death and devastation. When asked to comment, Rhodes cheerleaders and active Greeks Christina St. Clair and Kerry Kornblatt said: "Those guys are lucky the collegians aren't playing! Sister-

hood is like strychnine; it's great in small doses, while dancing wildly and handling snakes, but too much can really mess with your head."

When asked, a Rhodes player (who, for reasons unknown, asked to remain nameless) speculated on the Greek women's prowess in the athletically underrated sport of beverage consumption: "They may have been hot on the field today, but I've got a keg of Natty that says they can't out-drink us."

It's that kind of sportsmanship and motivation which make next week's contest against Mrs. Newcombe's third grade class a surefire crowd pleaser. Get your seats early, and bring your binoculars—those little kids are damn hard to see on the field.