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Religious Right Converges On Memphis Republican Presidential Candidates Discuss "Grass Roots" Issues

By Erin Riches
Sports Editor

In addition to the many evangelists and advocates of the Conservative Christian agenda, the 1996 National Affairs Briefing attracted several Republican U.S. Presidential candidates who emphasized their commitment to grass roots issues in a steady procession of speeches during the two-day event at the Pyramid January 19 and 20.

The candidates appealed to the right-wing stance of their audience which hovered around 3000 (totaling approximately 12,000 for the weekend) as they outlined their own agendas regarding tax reform, welfare, education, foreign policy, abortion, homosexuals in the military and funding for federal programs.

Each was quick to note the campaign boost Ronald Reagan received from a strong showing at the 1980 National Affairs Briefing, often recounting Reagan's famous quip to the audience.

"I understand that you cannot endorse me, but I am here to endorse you."

Each successive recitation brought roars of approval from the audience at the briefing which, rather than plugging one candidate (it being difficult to satisfy all the criteria of the organization), seeks instead to showcase conservative candidates who can affirm their allegiance to key issues.

Those candidates who attended included Senators Phil Gramm (R-Texas) and Dick Lugar (R-Indiana), noted Conservative Pat Buchanan, U.S. Representative Bill Dornan (R-California) and Alan Keyes, a conservative Tennessee radio commentator.
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1996 Presidential Candidate Phil Gramm of Texas speaks during a crowded Press Conference after a speech he delivered to the National Affairs Briefing that was held in the Pyramid in downtown Memphis on Saturday.

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RSG Reinstates Neal, Denies Resolution

By Clement Massé
Staff Correspondent

Last Tuesday, the Rhodes Student Government (RSG) met in the North Dining Hall of the Refectory and discussed several matters: RSG's office hours, the upcoming student government elections, Ginny Neal's request to be re-included into the RSG, S.I.R.s, and the first-year class's resolution.

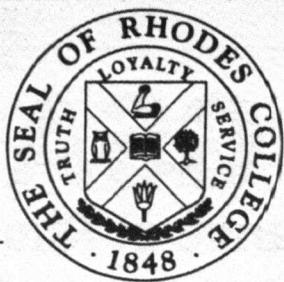
The RSG first agreed on office hours to meet with their peers. General office hours will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. More specifically, senior representatives will hold their office hours Mondays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00pm, juniors on Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., sophomores on Wednesdays

from 3:00pm to 4:00pm, and first-year students on Tuesdays from 11:30am to 12:30pm.

RSG also discussed the upcoming elections which will be held in February. The positions to be filled are the presidents and the vice-presidents of the RSG, the Honor Council, and the Social Regulations Council, as well as class representatives to, and other members of, each organization. Officer elections will be held the second week of February (11-17) and the general elections during the third week (18-24). Applications for RSG Senior Senator are available on the RSG board in the Student Center from Friday, January 19 until Friday, January 26. All applications must be returned to Melanie Smith (Box #2322) by January 26.
RSG also considered Ginny Neal's

request to be reinstated to her position as Parliamentarian. Her removal from her position had been decided by the Student Government near the end of last semester, after she had exceeded by one-third the number of allowed absences, which is three. In her appeal, she explained to the Student Government that the reasons for her absences were due to sorority meetings. Neal is the President of Chi Omega. She added that her absences had occurred on minor meetings held on Sundays and that they did not interfere with her position in the Student Government. She also said that her sorority duties would change this semester, which would enable her to attend Student Government meetings regularly. Members of the Student Government then decided to reinstate her in her position.

Another debate was over the instructions given to students before they fill out the SIR's (Student Instructional Report) at the end of each semester. Many expressed the view that changes had to be done, especially in the procedures. "Some people would fill out the forms before they were read the instructions," said Senior Class Representative Van Savage. He added that it is important that "students hear the statements to know what it means." Also, about 10% of the students were absent when the SIRs were filled out, which upset some teachers who felt that the high absenteeism could hurt their evaluations. Savage said that the Student Government was looking for solutions to these problems, such as having SIR forms evaluated only when signed and pledged.
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Decision undermines credibility

In spite of a student population that hovers below 1500, Rhodes, owing to the varied aptitudes of its students, offers a wide selection of clubs, organizations and athletics outside of the academic arena. When such vast opportunities beckon students, choice-making becomes an imperative.

Although they represent a smaller percentage, students who have not only the ability but also the motivation will typically gravitate toward leadership positions in one, or possibly several, of the organizations in which they are members.

Even the most driven individuals, however talented they may be, possess limitations at some level.

With the time constraints an academically demanding college like Rhodes places upon its students, along with a widespread tendency among its students to ask far more from themselves (than students, for instance, at a large public university), maintaining leadership positions in several organizations is impossible for most people.

Further, maintaining a leadership position constitutes more than a title printed on a piece of paper; rather, it involves fulfilling an instrumental role in the activities of an organization.

Add to these demands the deeply-rooted passion of most college students for an active social life, and there comes a point at which even the best of us groan, "This is too much."

Even more unsettling is the case in which individuals hold leadership positions in typically time-consuming organizations which have schedules that often conflict. To allow one organization to take precedence over another is neither just nor acceptable to the members of the organization on the losing end of the decision.

Individuals who hold multiple leadership roles must also consider the unwritten hierarchy which exists, fair or not, among campus organizations.

A case in point: last week the RSG, by at least a three-fourths majority vote, reinstated their Parliamentarian, who had lost her position due to an inordinate amount of absences from meetings. These absences occurred when the RSG meetings coincided with sorority meetings; to this student, duty to the sorority came before duty to the RSG. To a majority of the students in RSG, this was acceptable.

The Greek system at Rhodes carries great influence on campus, as it claims a majority of the student population as members and facilitates the planning of the majority of social events. But despite its contributions (social, philanthropic and otherwise), the chapters of the Greek system are still, for all practical purposes, social organizations.

Rhodes Student Government, conversely, is the governing body of students at Rhodes College. Its decisions weigh heavily on the future of all students and certainly have influenced faculty and administrative decisions in the past. Student organizations endorsed by RSG are far more likely to come out winners in administrative decisions.

When an individual holds a leadership position in a Greek chapter and in RSG and time obligations therefore conflict, there should be no question that the RSG agenda should take precedence. Better yet, an individual should plan ahead and choose one position or the other, preventing neglect or the appearance of neglect in either organization.

Above all, RSG should not permit an officer who routinely chooses to attend the activities of his/her Greek chapter in favor of RSG meetings to continue in that office. Such violations of RSG's liberal absence policy undermine that officer's credibility and ultimately that of the entire RSG.

Such behavior should be unacceptable not only to RSG officers but also to the student body, as the students, in this case, are the ones truly being sold short.

88 And Counting...

JAMIE BOGNER
STRAIGHT, NO CHASER



Warning: This is not another one of those self-congratulatory "I normally write overly critical columns so now I'm going to say something nice, trite, and boring about the administration" columns.

Well, I never thought I'd see it, but the day has come when Rhodes can acknowledge that difference does exist here. For those of you who haven't seen the latest publication put out by the Student Affairs and the Admissions Offices for prospective students, it is quite a groundbreaking piece of work. Eighty-eight student groups and activities are listed, from varsity sports and the Baptist Student Union to the Neo-Pagan Student Union and the Gay Straight Alliance. Yeah. The Gay-Straight Alliance. In material to prospective students.

To those of you who are sophomores and first-years, this may not be such an impressive feat. But for those juniors and seniors who were here in the Spring of 1994 when the GSA was first denied recognition by the school, this is quite a step. And for those of us who witnessed the altering of the entire registration process in order to justify the denial of funding to the GSA, this is an even bigger move.

Finally, the Student Affairs and Admissions Offices are taking a small (but significant) step towards recognizing and celebrating difference at Rhodes.

While it doesn't seem like much, this mention of the GSA and Neo-Pagan Student Union is valuable in that it is not simply a recognition that these groups exist, but a positive use of these groups in recruiting for Rhodes. The Student Affairs and Admissions Offices are effectively saying that if these things interest you, then there is a place for you at Rhodes.

This carries with it a huge responsibility. For if we are recruiting students to come to Rhodes using the "allure" of groups such as these, and relying on them to establish the diversity of student groups at Rhodes, then these groups should enjoy all the benefits of other campus organizations. This includes the right to apply for funding from the student allocations fund, and the right to post signs without that annoying "Rhodes does not sponsor, endorse, etc..." notice.

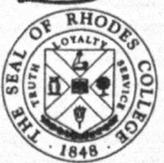
One would think that if such groups could appear in admissions material without such a notice, then they could post signs without making such a disclaimer.

But despite these hurdles, the appearance of these groups in the admissions material is a big first step in admitting that the Rhodes student population is (somewhat) diverse, and that diversity is something to be cultivated.

A decision like this to include these groups in the portrayal of Rhodes to prospective students is a big one, and surely involved people at all levels of the administration. So to those members of the administration from Student Affairs, to Admissions, to the Chancellor's office who had a stake in making this decision, I say thank you.

However, this is just another step in a process that is hardly begun. There is still much work to be done.

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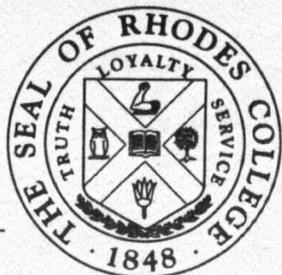
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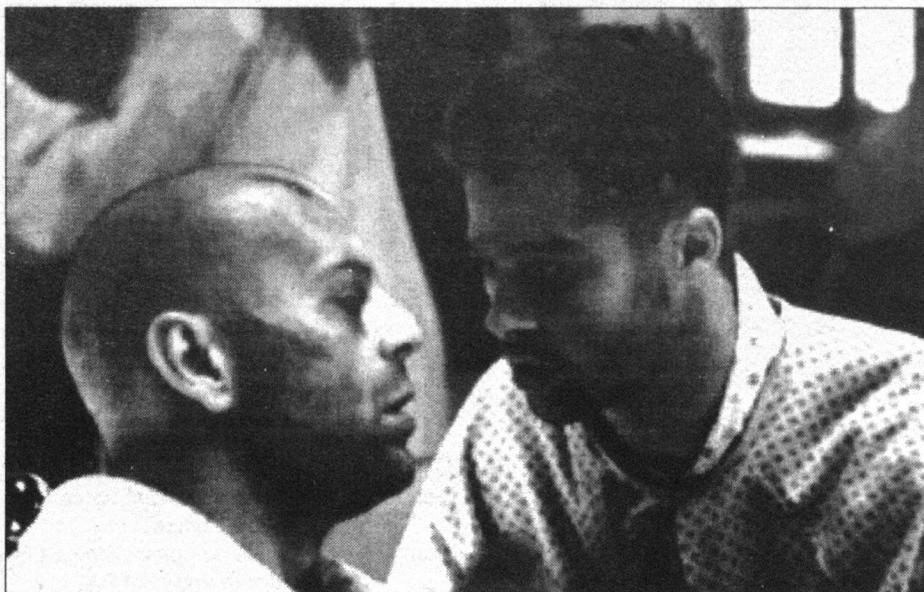
Back to the Future, sort of: *12 Monkeys* Reviewed

By Stephen Maloy Deusner
Staff Correspondent

Terry Gilliam has built a reputation on bizarre, often kooky images of the future (*Brazil*), equally strange themes dealing with insanity and how society views and diagnoses it (*The Fisher King*), and on a metafictional technique with which he uses other texts to guide his own. This is evident in *The Adventures of Baron Munchausen* and even more so in *The Fisher King*, when Robin Williams' Perry constructed a reality based on King Arthur's search for the Holy Grail (Gilliam began his career as the animator for Monty Python, whose best known movie is also based on the search for the Holy Grail). His new movie, *12 Monkeys*, is his best work yet, because it combines all these elements flawlessly.

The story, inspired by Chris Marker's short film *La Jetée*, follows James Cole (Bruce Willis) as he "volunteers" to be sent back in time to 1996 to collect samples of a virus that will eventually wipe out 99% of the human race. He is accidentally sent to 1990, where he is arrested and institutionalized. Here he meets Jeffrey Goines (Brad Pitt) and Dr. Kathryn Raily (Madeleine Stowe), whom he later kidnaps in his search for the Army of the 12 Monkeys, which is thought to be the cause of the virus. Along the way Cole is plagued with doubts about his sanity: Is he really from 2035 or is he "mentally divergent?" That the audience too becomes caught up in his doubts is due to Gilliam's skillful direction and the incredible script, by David and Janet Peoples.

Gilliam coaches top-notch performances from the three principal actors. Brad Pitt demands re-



Universal Pictures

Actors Bruce Willis and Brad Pitt exchange their respective versions of the Army of the 12 Monkeys. *12 Monkeys* was tops at the box office this week, grossing more than \$ 30.7 million.

spect (despite *Legends of the Fall*) as a mad animal rights activist; he plays it up wonderfully, flailing his hands about him, chewing on his third finger, climaxing every line he says into a twisted political speech. Madeleine Stowe gives her best performance since *Short Cuts* as the psychiatrist who loses her faith; she adds strength and intelligence to a role that could be played merely to complement the others. Bruce Willis lives up to

the potential he showed in "Moonlighting." He captures the audience up in his doubts about his insanity as his determination to follow orders dissolves into confusion and desire to stay in the past.

But it is Gilliam who is the star of *12 Monkeys*. His rendering of Peoples' script provides a circular plotline, which is marked by animals running free in Philadelphia, and Cole shopping in a department store and meeting Jeffrey Goines. This

technique not only helps the story to unfold naturally but it allows Gilliam to juxtapose the two societies and to further raise doubts concerning Cole's sanity. Furthermore, Cole's dreams, which begin the movie with a child's haunting stare and foreshadow the movie's airport climax, become reality as the movie ends. This in itself is phenomenal.

Gilliam uses modern texts to comment on the characters and their actions. In the asylum, the camera pauses to show a Tex Avery wolf go crazy over a woman; it is a short but effective critique of psychology, upon which Kathryn later expands. Hiding out in a hotel room, Cole watches a Woody Woodpecker cartoon about time travel. Later, he and Kathryn disguise themselves during a festival showing of Hitchcock's *Vertigo*. Even the actors themselves are references to other movies, most notably Brad Pitt, star of the recent hit *Seven*, in which a killer takes pieces of classic texts and uses them to construct his own art. That movie showed a society that had lost its faith; it is no coincidence that the tones of the scenes in *12 Monkeys* in the year 2035 are very similar to the dark, claustrophobic atmosphere of *Seven*.

One of the scientists who choose Cole to volunteer tells him that he is qualified for the mission because he is a good observer and retains information. That is what director Gilliam is asking of his audience: that they observe and analyze what they see, for this is the only way to fully grasp and appreciate the intricacies and complexities of *12 Monkeys*. But the effort is certainly rewarding in this challenging and incredible movie.

Colin McLain Risks Absurdity in Latest Show

By John Weeden
Special to the Sou'wester

In the first solo opening of his career, Colin McLain displays a variety of abstract figurative works in a manner of genuine feeling often dismissed by the sometimes apathetic art pieces of today's market.

The work I saw last Wednesday night took me by surprise. These paintings and drawings of the last year were not only incredibly cool to look at in their respective color contrasts and sinuous lines, but they also had a sense of purpose, confronting the viewer with commentary on modern life-situations and personal perspectives on human potential and responsibility.

Colin requires his paintings to be "out of control," both in the physical appearance and gestures of materials, and of the action taking place amongst the images within the canvases. The cartoon-like figures are depicted in the middle of chaotic situations beyond their control, forced to deal with unexpected predicaments as best they can. Some deal with danger better than others.

"Sure Shot," 72x156, ink on milk carton paper, portrays a group of three utterly confused figures scrambling for cover from a laughing gunman entangled in a jumbled knot of plumbing

pipes. The scramblers seek protection from the already flying bullets by hiding under and behind flimsy folding chairs, meeting their sudden ambush with a defense of irrational panic. Action is suspended in a moment of anxious tension; the object of destruction is seen in midair, the scramblers grabbing anything that might delay the imminent, the gunman in his roost, cackling at the surprise, and his pal peeking in from the right to get in on the big joke. In between the attacker and those hiding is placed an electric fan pointed toward the pipes. The pipes and fan are recurring images in many of Colin's works, perhaps representing wind and water, and the human effort to harness these unpredictable, and potentially destructive, forces of nature for benefits of urban comfort. Comfort is denied here; the amenities of life provide no safety in this sticky situation.

"Some Heroes," a series of seven small panels done in oils, is perhaps my favorite of this show. The title seems to bear an almost double meaning the more one thinks about the figures portrayed and actions performed. One wonders if it is almost a sarcastic label, maybe not an assertion of fact or demonstration of heroics, but rather a questioning of both. Composed of simple, but engaging, color schemes

and cartoon lines, the figures convey a wide range of attitudes and personalities through facial expression and bodily gestures. All figures are caped, by virtue of their "superhero" status, but are otherwise dressed in normal clothes, and are again caught in differing circumstances with specific reactions to their hero's fate of responsibility. Especially interesting is panel three; looking disgusted, face in repulsion, cape falling off, fist thrown out, this guy's fed up with the responsibility super powers bring and is about to say "to hell with it all."

Taking an opposite attitude, figure five holds a paint drenched brush, a tool to dispel life's demons, trying to make sense of it all, and possesses a gaze of fearful determination while realizing the magnitude of the peril-fraught mission that is about to ensue. All in all, it is a series of human empowerment and how one's potential is realized or denied through the acceptance or rejection of a resolution to give a damn. Both activism and apathy take place in intriguing detail within the context of this rare series that actually strives to accomplish something instead of just being pretty.

Finally, "Modern Times," 78x72, oil on canvas, (after the Charlie Chaplin movie), throws an inextricable mess in

front of the viewer to decipher; no, the painting is not sloppy, but the scene shown confronts the audience with a set of happenings that must make one think, and feel, to comprehend and appreciate. A man hangs by tangled cord in front of a clock-like image, totally helpless as to how to better his circumstances. Striking contrasts in color will make you stand back and stare, watching how bright reds and oranges mingle and mix with shades of green, blues and darker blacks. It really is one of those once-in-while paintings that a person can come away from, amazed at its message, as well as enjoy on an aesthetic level.

This is a show of true quality, not the 'art-crap' I've seen so much of in the past.

When I asked Colin what he hoped

to convey by this one-man show, he said he "hopes people get a generous feeling," from it, but generous without being gratuitous. He is giving people something to look at and think about; he's honestly interested in how audiences react to his work and what they have to say about it. 'Recent Paintings and Drawings' is an exhibit that can make you think about your life and how to get off your ass and live it. Go see these works; it's a show you won't soon forget.

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Campus Safety Activity Log

Jan. 14-20 1996

1/14	4:15am	Vandalism refectory (Neely Dining Hall). Report filed.			
	10:45pm	Assistance from Campus Safety requested by RA Voorhies. Investigation revealed strong smell of perfume and possible illegal burning of incense. RA to file report.			
1/16	3:47am	Eight prop door violations Stewart noted and report to DOS office.			
1/17	7:50am	Suspicious person monitored University until clear of campus area.			
	7:40pm	Theft of tennis bag from refectory. Report filed.			
1/18	2:05am	CS officers discovered evidence of injured person Robb. Investigation found injured party visitor of Rhodes student and incident occurred off campus. CS officers had student transport visitor to hospital. ADRL Rosolino informed of actions.			
	12:20pm	Smoldering trash can fire 1st floor Buckman restroom caused by lighted cigarette. Extinguished.			
1/19	9:35am	Theft of calculator from ARAPUB. Investigation in progress. Report filed.			
1/20	12:46am	Noise complaint White Dorm 2nd floor. Investigated by RA and CS officer.			
	1:12am	Noise complaint Stewart Dorm. Loud music turned down prior to arrival of RA.			
Access	130	Jumps	7	Traffic Citations	138
Propped Doors	15	Escorts	15	Traffic Warnings	0
Visitors	252	Av's	0	Cars Opened	0

Future Of Saferides Dismal

By Amanda Garrigan
Staff Correspondent

Four years ago, Saferides was founded on the Rhodes campus with help from the Red Cross. At the time, the only method of transportation for stranded students was CareCab, and many students were not satisfied with what Rhodes had to offer as a means of assisting students who needed to get back to campus. Although the administration did not view Saferides as necessary and denied funding, the Red Cross stepped in and made the service possible. Since then, Saferides has been coordinated by students, and has thrived successfully, providing rides to students on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights.

Recently, however, leadership at the Memphis area Red Cross changed hands. The new management feels that it is inappropriate to fund the Saferides activity on the Rhodes campus. Due to the fact that the Red Cross of Memphis is funded mainly by donations from Red Cross clubs in area elementary schools, the liability of the Red Cross and their use of funds could come under close scrutiny in the event

of an accident.

In the past, Saferides was funded almost fully by the Red Cross. Rhodes was provided with use of the Saferides van as well as free First Aid and CPR certification for all volunteer van drivers. Under the new rules, the Red Cross will not fund any of this. This means that in order to keep Saferides running, students need to raise funds to cover certification costs for volunteers, which costs approximately \$80 per volunteer, as well as enough to cover use of the van.

Although the future of Saferides certainly seems bleak, Saferides Chairman Bryant Benson '97 remains optimistic, "It is going to be tough, but definitely not impossible. . . I do not see Saferides going under," he said. In order for Saferides to remain on campus, much effort on the part of students is necessary. Saferides leaders plan to schedule a meeting late next week to organize volunteers and to come up with possible ways to raise funds to keep Saferides going. It will be heavily publicized, and anyone who would like to volunteer or hear how they could help is encouraged to attend.

RSG

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These changes will be discussed later on in the year. Meanwhile, the Student Government will notify Bill Berg, Director of Institutional Planning at Rhodes, about this need for improvement.

The biggest issue of the evening was the examination by the Student Government of a resolution proposition from the first-year class, concerning the possibility that Rhodes students would be required to carry a magnetic ID card 24 hours a day, at least when they are on campus. Kevin Willoughby said that this idea of a magnetic card was proposed to him for discussion at an RSG meeting by Rhodes Director of Campus Safety, Ralph Hatley, before Christmas break. Such a card would enable campus safety officers to check quickly whether someone on campus is from the student body. This card could later on be used by students to access buildings, pay for their snacks at the Pub and so on. Before Christmas, the Student Government had already denied support

to such a proposition. Kevin Willoughby said that the main reason for the denial was that RSG feared it "would hinder students' sense of freedom and homelessness, respect, trust. . . that it would be kind of condescending." He says his position in the controversy is "neutral." Yet, he feels that Hatley's proposition is "not completely out of line, especially in a private school." According to Willoughby, the reason for discussing this matter a second time last Tuesday was Hatley's feeling that he was liable for students' safety. After the rejection of the resolution this time, Scott Brown, President of RSG, expressed the view that the Student Government had done the "right thing," especially since "Campus Safety has the option to ask students [if they study at Rhodes] and verify." Brown added that there is now "no real reason" to have students carry such a card, "maybe later for access in buildings on campus."

The RSG meets regularly on Tuesday nights. The meetings are open to the student body.



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Art Hays, Jr. of Memphis supports the Religious Right outside of the Pyramid Saturday as the National Affairs Briefing was held inside, while protesters T.W. Buchanan of University of Memphis and F.W. Jermyn of Memphis protest the ideals being shared within the Pyramid.

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President Bill Clinton, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole (R-Kansas) and House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Georgia) were invited but never materialized. Controversial Republican candidate Steve Forbes and Libertarian candidate Harold Browne were scheduled to speak but cancelled.

The installation of a flat tax, which would tax every American's income at the same rate, was the consensus among the candidates regarding reforms in the Internal Revenue Service.

"The IRS taxes labor income and exempts investments," Gramm said during a press conference following his speech. "That produces a \$400 billion budget deficit.

"That makes it harder for working families," he continued. "The Republican party is a party of working families. A flat tax taxes all income at the same rate.

Gramm noted further, "If the best we can do is the Forbes' proposal, we cannot sell it. The flat tax submits all income to taxation."

Dornan views the flat tax as the intermediate step between the current tax system and his own proposed consumerism tax which would entail abolishment of the IRS.

"I have been for the flat tax since 1970—that is why I do not talk about it," he said in a post-speech interview. "We will use the flat tax to get to a consumerism tax. We will have to administer the interim answer for three to ten years; then, we will let the states administer taxes under federalism."

Keyes, in comparison, dismissed the idea of a flat tax, calling for an end to the income tax.

"The flat tax is an effort to distract people from the real thing," he said during a press conference. "With the income tax, families' self-reliance is brutalized. . . We need to abolish the income tax. Government would be funded from a national sales tax."

The fate of the welfare program is another key issue among conservatives.

"Welfare is a state of being, not a check from D.C. to a deadbeat who can work but won't work," John Hagee, a San Antonio, Tex. television/radio evangelist, declared to the audience.

"If you want the opportunity to have your own job, a good job, to earn self-respect, to earn a paycheck, to go to the grocery store to buy your own groceries, then I'm your man," Gramm said to the

audience in affirmation of the conservative platform regarding welfare.

The conservative education agenda involves decentralization, reallocation of funds and removal of the ban on school prayer.

"We should put education back into the hands of the parents," Keyes said. "We should not let the government do anything the private sector can do."

"We will repeal Goals 2000 and eliminate the U.S. Department of Education," Gramm said in his speech. "It is too important to be left in the hands of the federal government."

"Of the \$32 billion we spend annually on education, we will give half back to the parents and the other half back to the states," Gramm added during the press conference.

Gramm and Keyes coincided on their plans for reform to federal college aid programs, which would involve increasing available funding by collecting on defaulted student loans.

On current foreign policy, Gramm said, "We do not have a vital national interest in Bosnia. If we have troops there at my inauguration, on January 27, 1997, I will begin the process of bringing the troops home."

All of the candidates claimed to hold the unwavering stance of conservative Christians against abortion.

"I am for the Reagan pro-life plank of the Republican platform," Gramm said.

The candidates pursue a stance just as rigid concerning the Clinton administration's 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' policy.

"I wrote the only legislation to counter Clinton's move to keep homosexuals out of the military," Dornan boasted to the audience.

Other tidbits from the speeches included Gramm's vow to do away with affirmative action.

"I will issue an executive order to end quotas and set-asides in America," he said. "There is only one fair way to decide—merit. I support equal and unlimited opportunity. No one is more committed than I am to enforcing civil rights laws."

Jerry Falwell, president of Liberty University, spoke of the damaging effects of the "politically correct movement."

"I advertise that Liberty is a politically incorrect university," he said. "Politically correct need not apply at Liberty University."

A candlelight vigil and rally in protest of the National Affairs Briefing were rumored to be scheduled during the weekend but never materialized.

More Rhodes Dorms To Go On-Line Next Year

By Melody Barnett
Staff Correspondent

Rhodes Residence Life has teamed up with the Computer Center to equip more dorms for ethernet access for the 1996-97 academic year. Spann Place, Moore Townhouse, Bellingrath (women), and Robb, White, and Ellett (men) will be wired during the summer. Students will select rooms this semester. Wired rooms will be available for both incoming and returning Rhodes students.

There has also been a change in

the room selection process. Students who turn in their room deposit late (after February 1) can no longer use their roommate's confirmation number to secure a room. They must wait until after regular room draw (March 19-20) is completed to select a room.

One ethernet connection for each bed will be provided in the rooms of Spann Place, Moore Townhouse, Bellingrath, Robb, White, and Ellett. There is a minimum configuration required for computers to function on the network. Students with a Macintosh

must have at least a Macintosh LC with system 7.1 and 4 MB of memory. The minimum configuration for a PC compatible is a 386 processor, 4 MB of memory, and the Windows operating system. Students who do not have computers may still live in wired dorms if at least one of their roommates owns a computer.

There will be about 120 ethernet connections for returning women, and about 110 for returning men. About 150 connections will be available for incoming students.

While the dorms scheduled to be wired this summer consist of one women's dorm and three men's dorms, the number of connections to be established (equal to the number of beds) in Bellingrath (124) is greater than the number of connections in Robb, White, and Ellett combined (111). The Residence Life staff and the Computer Center are doing their best to maintain a balance of wired men's and women's rooms. This effort is complicated by the varying numbers of rooms per dorm. The college hopes to complete the wiring of Rhodes dorms in the next three to five years, in order to

provide ethernet access to all residents.

The selection of on-campus housing for 1996-97 will involve two applications: wired housing applications, and regular room draw for students who do not wish to occupy a wired room.

Wired housing applications are available now in the Residence Life office, located on the fourth floor of Haliburton Tower. Those who wish to apply for wired housing must pay a \$25.00 connection fee per person with their application. Ethernet cards are also required in order for a student's computer to be recognized on the network. Prices of these cards vary; a price list is included in the wired housing application.

If the number of students applying for wired housing is greater than the number of connections available, the Residence Life office will use lottery numbers to make room assignments. All students who wish to live on campus next fall must pay a deposit of \$200 on or before February 1, 1996 in the Bursar's Office. The deposit is refundable until April 6, 1996. Those who do not receive wired rooms will

be moved into the regular room draw. Regular room draw will take place on March 19 and 20.

The Residence Life office will assign lottery numbers randomly by computer for both wired room selection and regular room draw. Rising seniors will select first, then rising juniors, then rising sophomores. Students who do not pay the deposit on time will not get a lottery number. All students who participate in room selection on March 19 and 20 will have had to pay the deposit on time to select a room. A student who deposits late may not use the lottery number of another student to select a room. Students who pay their deposit late may select a room after March 20.

Charlie Landreth, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, provided the information on the changes in the room selection process and the wiring of the new dorms. "What I'm most interested in," said Dean Landreth, "is seeing what the interest level is going to be among the students. This is brand new technology, and it will be interesting to see how many students take advantage of it now that it's available."

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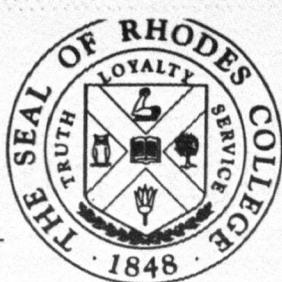
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Above: Carpenters Danny Pons and John Crawley assemble scaffolding to support a concrete form that will eventually be the second floor of Bryan Hall, the new Campus Life Center. Due to unexpected problems, construction has been delayed. Right: Construction worker Zeaman Lee Alcorn, Jr. places a block on the third level of Bryan Hall, under construction at the north end of campus. Projected completion date for the center is Aug. 1.





THE SOUTHWESTER SCENE

January 24, 1996

Gay Students Face Challenges At Rhodes

Groups At Other Schools Face Similar Issues

By Amy Lawrence
Staff Correspondent

Behind the Greek system and the Kinney Volunteer Program, the Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) is the largest student organization on campus. The purpose of the group is to facilitate discussion about sexual issues and about problems facing students of every sexual preference, as well as to plan social events and community service projects. With a current membership of 122 people, the GSA is a rapidly growing group, which is especially surprising when one considers that the group receives no funding or recognition from the college.

"Gay-Straight Alliance is open to anyone," said Milton Johnson, one of GSA's directors. He explained that gay, straight, and bisexual men and women are welcome to participate in events and attend meetings.

However, each participant is asked to respect three ground rules which are an integral part of the group and its aim. First, attendees must respect other people's opinions at all costs. During a meeting, no one is required to declare a sexual preference; if one chooses to do so, the group will respond with support and understanding. Finally, confidentiality is given heavy emphasis—open discussions and the names of people at meetings must not be repeated at any time.

The GSA was established at Rhodes in 1993 by Jason Cormier, a senior at the time. With only six original members, the GSA was then only a tiny group. "Now, there's obviously a lot of people who support GSA. I think things are better than two years ago, when it first started. It's doing a lot of good," said Johnson.

The organization tries to balance its social activities and its many community outreach projects. In November, GSA co-sponsored the Second Annual Eighties Dance with Group, another student organization on campus, and was also involved with Perspective On AIDS Week. The GSA has also sponsored a

food drive in association with Friends For Life, a local outreach group for people with AIDS and the campus showing of *Jeffrey*, a film which attempts to present an honest portrayal of gay life in the 90's, in conjunction with the Rhodes Film Society free film series. Playhouse On the Square's play *Angels In America*, which opened last Friday, has also benefited from the involvement of the GSA.

Despite the efforts of GSA and its extensive involvement with both members of the campus and Memphis communities, its members still feel that homophobia is an issue facing the Rhodes campus. "It might not be as prevalent as it once was, but the fact that the organization is not recognized treats us as if we are some kind of deviant group," said Carrie O'Dell, another director of the GSA. "Whose voice is actually recognized on the Rhodes campus?"

When asked about what GSA presently faces as an organization, Johnson said, "probably the biggest problem is not coming from the administration or the faculty, but from the students themselves."

O'Dell recalled one specific incident which happened last year. "At the IFC [Interfraternity Council] Formal, two of my male friends went together, and people were yelling 'faggot' at them. They were rude to them, and even hit them. They weren't dancing, they were just there as a couple."

However, other students have not been faced with such hostility. "I also know that a lesbian couple went on European Studies in Oxford last year, and not one person on the trip had a problem with it."

The Rhodes Student Government (RSG) has developed a committee on diversity that will, among other things, research prejudice against racial minori-

ties and gays, and hopes to come to an understanding about this hostility and how to work through it. The diversity committee will provide education and open discussion groups about race and sexuality.

GSA was the cause of major ongoing controversy last year—specifically as a result of the college's lack of recognition and funding of the organization. Classified as only a registered group of the

more than hurting it. It brought us a very high profile. Recently, we were able to raise several hundred dollars on our own, without school money. Sure, the money would be nice, but I wouldn't want to sacrifice anything to get that money. Yet we are not really struggling without it."

While not officially "recognized," the GSA was included among other student organizations by Student Affairs and Admissions in their most recent publication for prospective students (see *Jamie Bogner's column, page 2*).

Chancellor David Harlow and Dean of Student Affairs Mel Hokanson both declined to comment on the GSA.

Previously, one reason cited for Rhodes' position regarding the recognition of the GSA was the college's affiliation with the Presbyterian Church (USA). As of now, the Church does not ordain homosexual ministers or allow them to hold elder positions. However, the Presbyterian Church is currently studying issues of homosexuality and plans to come to a

decision on its policies involving these rules in 1997. Despite this, gays, lesbians, and bisexuals are welcome to join as members, and are accepted as Presbyterians, regardless of their sexual orientation.

The validity of this reason for not recognizing the group at Rhodes has been at the heart of the controversy, and it remains unclear if the GSA's standing as an organization will be changed following the Church's conclusions in the next few years. According to O'Dell, "The Presbyterian Church has been very tolerant about discourse on homosexuality. The questions have involved the issue of ordaining gays, and has not recently been

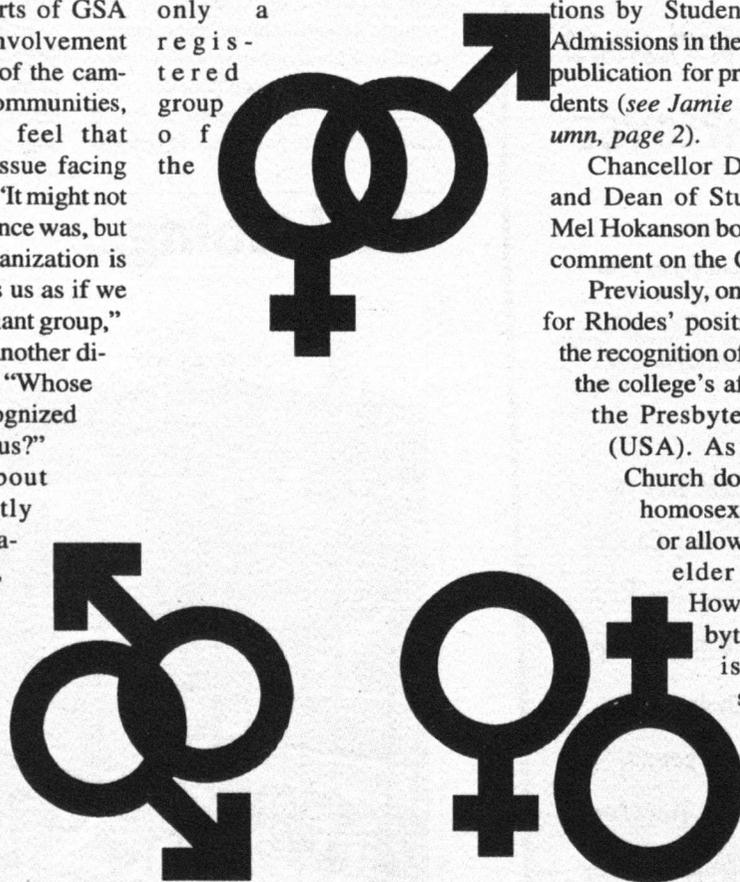
about saying that homosexuals will all go to hell. It has not been about silence. And I think this is an issue of trying to silence people. The administration is using the church as a definite crutch."

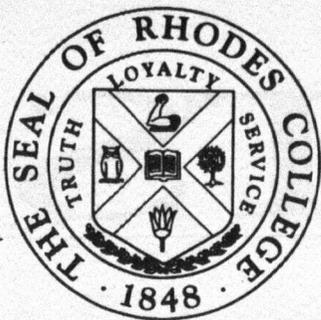
Other groups at Rhodes, such as Amnesty International, College Democrats, College Republicans and Neo-Pagan Union are also not recognized by the college for a variety of reasons. However, the RSG is at work on a proposal that would turn matters of recognition and registration decisions over to the students, instead of the Board of Trustees. This would give more power and responsibility to the students, and not, as O'Dell said, "allow the Board of Trustees to base funding decisions on the fear of offending crusty old Memphians." RSG president Scott Brown was unavailable for comment on this matter.

At other colleges across America, gay, lesbian and bisexual organizations have met with harsher reactions than the non-recognition issue at Rhodes. For example, at the University of Notre Dame and St. Mary's College last spring, officials informed a group similar to the GSA that it could not hold meetings on school grounds as it had in the past. This action resulted in the intervention of the American Sociological Association on behalf of the angry students.

In another case this year, Boston College President J. Donald Moran denied gay students the right to form a registered student organization, stating that sexual orientation is "a private matter" and that organizing groups based on sexual orientation is "reductionist."

Although the GSA and its position at Rhodes has not faced the same type of resistance and harshness as some other schools, there is still a lot of work to be done in dealing with this issue. According to Johnson, the most important thing is that "there are people supporting these kinds of causes, trying to make everyone on campus feel as though they are accepted and wanted."





THE SOUTHWESTER SPORTS

January 24, 1996

Rugby At Rhodes Delivers Own Appeal

By Michael Long
Staff Correspondent

Over 150 years ago, legend holds that a young soccer player at the Rugby school in England picked up the ball and began to run with it with "fine disregard of the rules" of the sport.

The man's name was William Webb Ellis and the sport that he invented is called rugby.

Today, the Rhodes rugby club still pays their respects to the roots of the game.

The captain of the club, Frank Barnes, refers to the sport as a "gentlemen's game."

In order to illustrate this point, Barnes mentioned that only the captain of the team may talk to the referee and he must use the title of "Sir."

"After the last whistle blows," Steve Griffith the teams co-captain, claims, "the two teams become the best of friends," even though the matches consist of almost two hours of rigorous physical contact.

After the game is over, the two teams, as well as the referee and the fans in attendance, usually retire to an after party. During these parties the spirit of brotherhood and tradition become apparent through the clinking of pint glasses and the singing of traditional songs, such as the one below:

In Dublin's fair city,

where the girls are so pretty
I first set my eyes on sweet Molly Malone
As she wheel'd her wheel barrow
Thro' streets broad and narrow

Crying "Cockles and Mussels alive, alive O!"
Alive, alive O! Alive, alive O
Crying Cockles and Mussels Alive, alive O!

The basic game of rugby involves 15 players on a side.

The object of the game is to score as many points as possible by carrying, passing,

kicking, and oval ball in the scoring zone at the far end of the field called the in-goal area.

Grounding the ball is called a try and is worth five points.

The following conversion kick is worth two points and penalty kicks are worth three points.

Play only stops when the ball goes out of

play, a try is scored, or a penalty is called.

In a scrum, the opposing forwards bind together in a unit and push against the other forwards, trying to win the ball with their feet.

Despite the fact that the game seems to have so many rules and technicalities, the sport remains to be an extremely high-contact game. "Anything is legal as long as the ref isn't look-

ing," Griffith claims. "You'll have guys punching each other in the face whenever they get a chance."

The Rhodes has eight weekend playing times for the fall season (see schedule).

Barnes and the other rugby gurus highly encourage attendance.

"Other schools come from three hours away and bring twenty guys, when Rhodes students just have to walk across the street, and there are only two of them there," Barnes said.

The team practices at Snowden's football field from 4 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Barnes has realized the importance of this warm-up time.

"I don't care if it's raining or snowing or blizzard or deluge," he said.

"We practice anyway because if people don't go to the practices then we are going to get killed in the games," Barnes added.

Neither experience nor size is a requirement for the Rugby club.

The only thing that is asked of those interested is that they be in shape and that they have the ability to "take a hit and to give one."

For those interested in joining the rugby club, the semester fee is \$35.

Contact Steve Griffith (x3183) for further details.

RHODES RUGBY SCHEDULE

Spring 1995

Jan. 27	Arkansas State	HOME	11:00 a.m.
Feb. 3	Ole Miss	Away	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 10	Memphis State	HOME	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 24	Mississippi State		
	Round Robin		
	- Dry Gulch		
	- University of Waterloo		
March 16	Dry Gulch	HOME	1:00 p.m.
March 21	Memphis State	Away	7:00 p.m.
March 23	Hendrix	HOME	1:00 p.m.
March 30	Arkansas State	Away	1:00 p.m.

The uniform consists of tough shorts

and cleats.

Although this may seem minimalistic for such a rough sport, the club suffered no serious injuries last year.

A mouthpiece is also recommended in order to protect your teeth from the other team.

Barnes joked that he went for a year and a

Women Seek First SCAC Win

By Erin Riches
Sports Editor

Critical is the only way to describe the importance of the upcoming week to the Rhodes women's basketball team.

After an inauspicious 0-5 start to their conference season which dropped their record overall to 4-10, the Lynx are desperately seeking two quick wins against Centre Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. and Sewanee Jan. 28 at 3 p.m.

"We really need to win to get ourselves motivated," sophomore forward Kate Maffei said.

"I really think we are going to win—I know we are better than Sewanee," she said.

"Against Trinity (Jan. 21), we played so well," she added. "We are

really going to be ready."

Southwestern blasted the Lynx 90-66 Jan. 19, while Trinity slipped past them 68-60 in a close game Sunday.

"Against Southwestern, it just did not come together," Maffei said. "We concentrated on the inside for defense, and they scored outside."

"In the Southwestern game, we did not execute well on offense or defense," Sarah Hatgas, Lynx head coach, agreed.

"Usually, our defense keeps us in the game. They were very strong and physical and very, very quick, and they had good outside shooting," Hatgas added.

Rhodes' performance against Trinity was more encouraging.

"We played so much more aggressively than against Southwestern,"

Maffei said. "We played to win. We all out attacked inside and outside."

Hatgas noted that Trinity typically scores 75 to 80 points off their opponents, while the Lynx held them to just 68.

"We played very well—we just did not score," she said. "Most of our shots were in the paint."

The Lynx can expect a full or half court press from Centre for the majority of the game Friday, according to Hatgas.

"They are scrappy, and they play good defense," she said. "Their perimeter shooting is a little suspect."

Sewanee, Hatgas said, poses little threat outside offensively.

Rhodes will utilize the press against them to exploit their poor ball handling skills.

Men's Basketball

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game was a "step up from the Southwestern game."

On the other hand, senior Albert Johnson admitted, "We did not play as well as we have or as well as we were capable, but I feel that we were able to come together as a team and win."

Junior David Norton described Trinity as a "good team with talented players and good outside shooters." However, he pointed out that "Rhodes was able to work both inside and out," which gave them the overall edge.

The Lynx face two more big games at home, with Centre this Friday at 8 p.m. and Sewanee this Sunday at 1 p.m., both conference games.

Centre has won one game in conference, but has played extremely well.

Sewanee, with three good perimeter shooters, has a strong team this year and are coming to Memphis as one of Rhodes' biggest rivals.

Coach Hilgeman has stated

that the team needs to "play hard and get after it."

Albert Johnson is more optimistic and believes that "if we keep playing the way that we have, I think we should win those games."

Senior Duane Robichaux stresses the importance of those two games and says that the team needs to "get it together and do what it takes."

Norton, believing defense is the key, offered the old adage, "The best defense is a good offense."

He also said that "once Rhodes gets everybody healthy, we are going to be hard to match."

After these two conference wins, the Rhodes team has turned its conference record around and gained the momentum that is required of a championship team.

Results of Rhodes' afternoon game versus Yeshiva University (New York, NY) at home Jan. 22 were not available at presstime.

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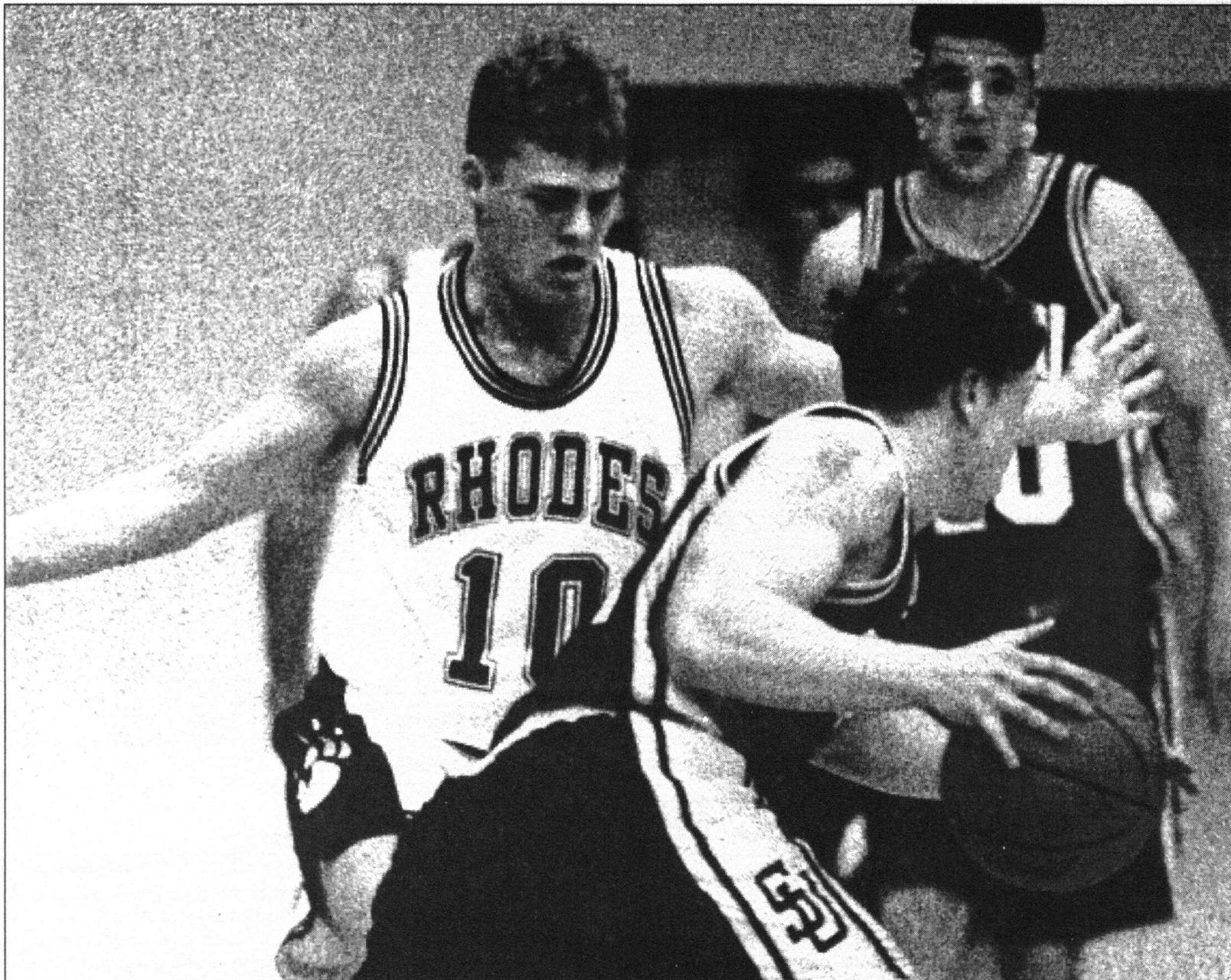
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Junior David Norton cuts off the driving lane of a Southwestern University player during a game at Mallory Gymnasium Jan. 19. Rhodes edged past Southwestern 78-71. Below, senior David Parker waits to dish off a pass.

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Lynx Earn Two Quick Wins

By Michael Long
Staff Correspondent

The Rhodes Lynx won both of last weekend's conference games, moving their overall record up to 12-3 and their SCAC record to 3-2.

Both of these games were important in putting the Lynx back on track on their way to the national tournament.

On Friday night, the Rhodes team was forced to play without starting All-American Albert Johnson, who was injured.

Despite this handicap, the Lynx were able to defeat Southwestern 78-71 with strong offensive support from Brendan Beehan and Dave Parker, who had thirty and nineteen points respectively.

According to junior David

Norton, the team was able to "step up and play well enough to win."

Coach Hilgeman described Beehan as an "offensive weapon" that Rhodes was able to use because of the poor post playing of the other team. David Norton added that "not many people in the conference are able to guard him" and that "when he's hot, he's the man to pass to."

Unfortunately, Beehan got into foul trouble and was forced to sit out for much of the second half.

"When Brendan got in trouble with fouls, the rest of the team were able to lend offensive support," Junior Mark Cheney said.

Beehan himself described the victory as a "good team effort"

and was grateful for the fact that the coaches were able to look at him for support in the absence of Johnson.

Sunday afternoon's game against Trinity was perhaps the most important game of the season up to that point. Two weeks ago, Trinity was ranked number one in the region. Entering the game, Trinity was ranked fourth. Coach Hilgeman acknowledged the fact that the Lynx "had to play well to win," and that they needed to work as a team.

The Lynx's starters all were able to go into double figures offensively against Trinity, resulting in a 98-91 victory. Senior Dave Parker believes that the team "plays to the level of the competition" and that Sunday's See MEN'S BASKETBALL, page 7

