

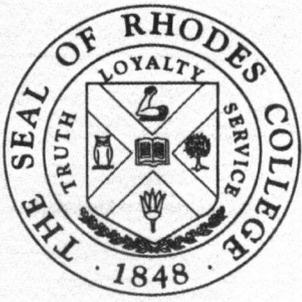
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## Career Services Set For A Semester Of Activities

By Ford Baxter  
Staff Writer

"Tell me about yourself. You have 45 minutes." How would you handle that or a myriad of other potentially deadly interview situations? Thinking on your feet is often much easier when you have already done the thinking. You are not alone in preparing for life after Rhodes, whether you are headed to law school, graduate school, medical school, or the real world. The Office of Career Services is here for your aid in this process, offering mock interview sessions, resume workshops and assessments, practice tests, internships, and opportunities to meet potential employers and graduate school admissions officials.

A series of important Career Services events begins Thursday with a "Resume Writing Workshop" at 4:30 P.M. in Buckman 108. Whether you are a first-year or a senior, whether you are preparing a business resume or a graduate school resume, this workshop is designed to show you the best techniques for your purposes.

Assistant Director of Career Services Pat Donahue points out that companies are increasingly moving toward scannable resumes which they can search for desirable keywords. "If you don't use the words a business is likely to search for," Donahue notes, "you can be out of luck."

Career Services researches such trends and in many cases is knowledgeable about a particular company's hiring practices. Following the workshop, the Career Services Office will conduct "Resumania" on Friday, reviewing and critiquing student resumes.

A great resume is not all you need, so Career Services hosts "Test the Test" on Saturday at 9:00 A.M. in the Buckman lobby, a chance to practice on shorter versions of the GRE, GMAT, MCAT, and LSAT. Kaplan Educational Centers will provide, ad-

minister and grade the practice tests. The five dollar fee will go to support Ronald McDonald Houses. Kaplan gets a promotional, charity gets a donation, and you get test taking experience - everybody wins. The GRE and GMAT last about 2.5 hours while the MCAT and LSAT will occupy you for a little over 3 hours. Still, it is a relatively "quick way to see how you're doing" in preparing for the real thing says Donahue.

Communicating with a personnel or admissions official requires skills quite different from those test-taking engenders. For one thing, you do not want to "conquer" the interviewer. Lest Rhodes students unintentionally treat the interviewer as an opponent, Career Services offers an "Interviewing Workshop" Tuesday, September 23 in Buckman 108 at 4:30 P.M.. There you can learn about everything from handshakes to interview small talk, as well as the importance of using the right body language. Career Services also offers the opportunity to practice these techniques monthly in a 30 minute videotaped mock interview. Make appointments now for the first date, Monday September 29.

On Thursday, September 25 in the Campus Life Center Ballroom, Career Services hosts the annual "Grad School Expo" from 4 to 6 P.M. This year 34 graduate institutions, including seminaries, MBA programs, architecture, fine arts, physical therapy, many law schools, and three medical schools will be represented. Representatives will be pleased to answer your questions, and you can pick up literature, catalogues and applications.

Career Services welcomes visitors anytime. You can consult their copious collection of guides and interview books that range from the straight-laced *Medical School Admission*, to the quirky *A Funny Thing Happened at the Interview*.

## Right Hand, Red. Left Foot, Green.

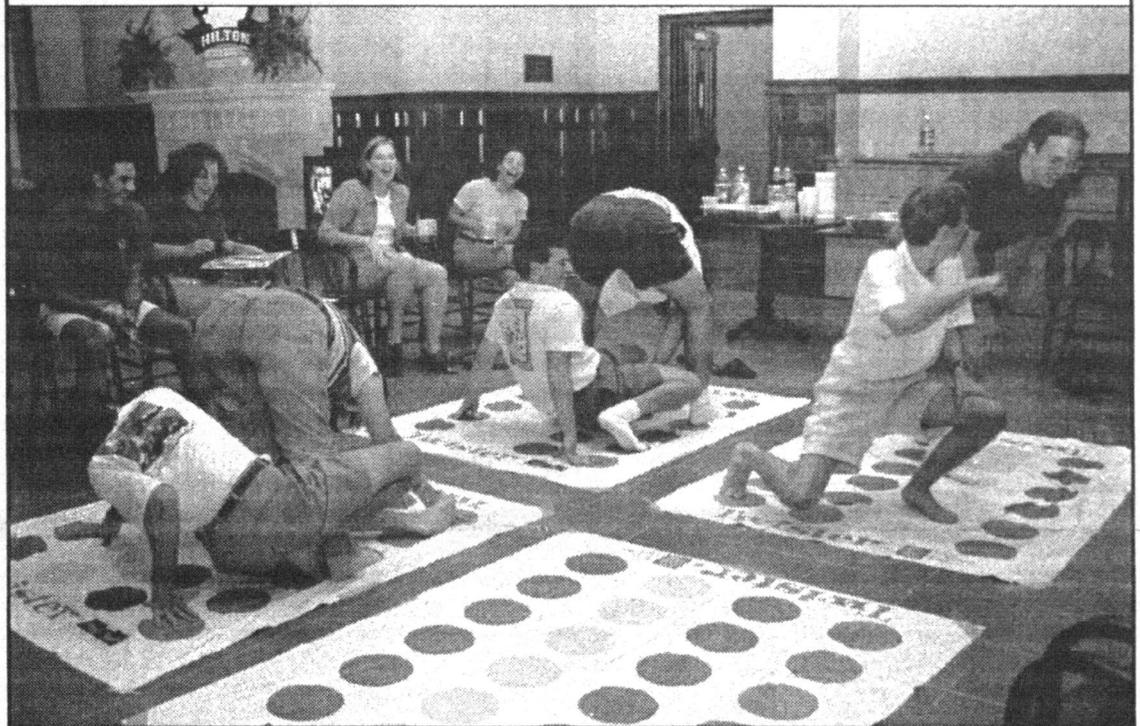


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**Rhodes Activities Board** sponsored a night of Twister on Friday. There was a Twister tournament with the brothers of Kappa Sigma taking home the Twister crown with the most victories. Following the game was the movie *Twister* starring Bill Paxson and Helen Hunt.

"Everybody had a good time and that is the most important thing," said Suchi Pakkala, RAB Chair.

## Kinney Program To Help Kids Clean Up Wolf River Wetlands Saturday

By Jennifer Durovchic  
Staff Writer

Cleaning up the environment, helping kids, and making a difference.

Rhodes students will be able to do all these things on Saturday, September 20.

Memphis Inner City Outings and the Wolf River Conservancy in conjunction with the Kinney Program will begin cleaning up the Wolf River wetlands.

This event is the kickoff for Kinney volunteers working with ICO, the outreach program of the Sierra Club.

The Rhodes volunteers will supervise children from inner city schools while they cleanup trash and

haul natural debris. The children will also learn about ecology and the value of the wetlands.

"It's great for Rhodes students who have a combined interest in environmental action and children," said Billy Newton, Rhodes's Chaplain and director of the Kinney Program.

The cleanup is one of the first steps in preparation for a future nature trail and nature center.

"ICO helps children who live in the city and don't have much opportunity to learn about the environment," Newton stated.

Although in the past few years ICO has not been very active at Rhodes, this year there will be a number of projects Rhodes students can participate in, including hiking,

camping, and other activities with the wetlands, said Newton. The Wolf River Conservancy has worked with the Kinney program for about three years.

The Bonner and Burch scholars BASIC group are working with the Wolf River Conservancy on Sunday September 21 to work on a river cleanup and to establish a canoe trail on the Wolf River.

If you would like to volunteer for the Wolf River Cleanup, meet at 9:00am at the corner of Russwood and Grey. If you would like more information about ICO and the Wolf River cleanup, you can contact Tim Hobbs of ICO at 441-3484.

If you are interested in helping the environment, Jenny Green is the campus contact for environmental action.

## LETTER-TO-THE-EDITORS

With the beginning of every new school year, there are two certainties in life. The police will be staking out all the liquor stores around college, and a whole new group of Rhodes students will be trying out their fake IDs at the Brown Jug. Last year it was Louisiana, the year before it was Wyoming, and this year it appears to be Washington, D.C. While we may have ridden into town on a turnip truck late one night... it wasn't last night.

Being a good neighbor to Rhodes is very important to me personally as well as for my business. I'll buy ads in all the sports programs, save you boxes when you're ready to move, cash the check that your Aunt Millie sends you for your birthday,

give you a safe place to come if you're ever out and feel threatened, give you someone to talk to about things you'd rather your parents didn't know about, and support your fraternity and sorority fundraisers when I can. One thing I won't do is knowingly sell you alcohol if you're under age. This is not because I enjoy being a jerk or because I want to embarrass you in front of your date, it's because I can't afford to get caught. The fines and attorney's fees for selling you one bottle of whiskey would pay for a year of my son's college tuition. While it's a game to you, it puts my livelihood in jeopardy and I get very serious about that.

Being a good neighbor goes both

ways. By coming in with your fake ID, you indicate to me that you have no respect for what I try to do to support the school, or for me personally. You'll have to pardon me if that offends me just a little bit. I know it's kind of a thrill to con some old fool into selling you something you're not supposed to have. All I ask is that you don't try to massage your ego at my expense.

I try very hard to treat Rhodes students like I would my own kids. Therefore, when it comes to buying liquor, I don't believe a word you say. If the address on your ID doesn't match your home address in Faces, I get very suspicious. If I can't tell that the picture is you, or your ID says you're 6" taller than you really are,

you're not getting served. No matter how much your Grandma says you look just like your older sibling, trust me, you don't. If you tell me you don't have a driver's license after you just drove up to the front of the store, you're not getting served. Above all else, please don't grab an attitude and holler that you're never coming back. This is the favorite tactic of cops when they're running stings, so all it does is convince me that I did the right thing.

If you can't live without buying liquor with a fake ID, let me know and I can give you some suggestions. There are a couple of my competitors that I would just love to see put out of business.

Steve Thomas  
The Brown Jug

# A New Oath For The Rhodes Community

MATT MARCOTTE  
IN DISSENT



The main event at this week's RSG meeting was the swearing in of new Senators. In his remarks to the Senate, RSG President Damon Norcross stressed the importance for all Senators to look at their responsibilities under the oath and abide by them.

The oath is a simple one—"I hereby pledge to faithfully fulfill the obligations and responsibilities that the stu-

dents of Rhodes College have vested in me. And I will strive toward the standards of excellence that the office of Senator represents. This I swear on my honor." While there's a lot of meaning in these words, I'd like to suggest a supplement—not just for the RSG Senators, but for every person involved in student government. I urge that we pledge to:

**Promote Diversity-** Some of RSG's most notable accomplishments over the past few years have been in the area of diversity. With the passage of the Nondiscrimination Statement and the Diversity Statement, we have taken great steps toward putting into words a fuller commitment to diversity. However, our work is not done. While the class of 2001 is diverse, there is still room for progress. We must continue our efforts to recruit outstanding students, especially those

who aid in the creation of diversity.

**Yet Seek Unity Within Diversity—** Diversity is all for naught if groups break up into their own little factions, be they the BSA, FOSTER, or any other group. The job of a liberal arts college is to create dialogue. The College Democrats and College Republicans should meet together and talk. FOSTER and the College Republicans should meet. They may not agree on everything, but I'm certain

proposed new Rhodes Outdoor Organization. I applaud these students' willingness to take it upon themselves to try to fill an existing need.

**Ask Questions—** All too often in student governance, we find a very limited level of debate or very few constructive questions posed. If you're not clear about something, ask! If you have doubts about something, ask! If you think an idea's a bad one, don't hesitate to express your opinions!

rectly and indirectly in the decision-making process. Also, seek out your constituents and find out what they want. Don't let the job of the Senate be restricted to the Senate.

**Promote Activism—** Through campus activism college students have gotten their colleges to fulfill various requests: divesting their endowments of stock in corporations involved in human rights violations; forcing schools to take steps toward making

all buildings handicapped accessible; creating a food salvage program that gives excess food to worthy causes; gaining a voting seat on the Board of Trustees. Only through con-

certed campus activism, promoted by RSG Senators and other leaders, will we be able to see these and other worthy changes.

**Yet Be Restrained—** Activism is important, but following the example of the students who chained themselves to the bell tower at UC-Berkeley is going too far. We must focus our activism and reach for worthy aims in a nonviolent and non-disruptive manner.

I invite every student, especially those in leadership positions, to join this oath with me. If you wish to pledge to this oath, I urge you to cut this article out and put it somewhere where you'll see it. Also, send me a card via campus mail so that I can see who else has committed themselves to these ideals. Hopefully we will all commit, each in our own way, and the campus will be better for it.

that promoting dialogue between groups is a critical step toward finding a unity as a college.

**Work Within the System—** In many cases there's already an organization that's either doing or should be doing what you want a group to do. For example, there is a movement to start an "alternative" newspaper on campus, when a fine newspaper—open to all voices, be they liberal, conservative, or any other stripe—already exists. There is no need to try to overthrow the system when there's already a way to work within it to achieve what you want.

**Yet Be Unafraid to Pursue Change—** There are some groups that don't truly exist on campus at this time, and probably ought to. Students have taken initiative in reorganizing Campus Green, the campus' chapter of Amnesty International, and the

**Yet be Unafraid to Find Our Own Answers—** We can't always trust the answers other people give us. When you're unsatisfied with something, examine it from all angles. Don't always take the word of others, especially when you have doubts.

**Work as a Senate—** Our Student Government is worthless if the Senate doesn't pass meaningful legislation that takes steps toward answering pressing questions, or if the Senate doesn't work well together. Learn about your Senators. Take steps to create compromises and agreements. Don't just sit there and vote when the time comes.

**Yet Include the People—** The Senate can't make every decision on its own. *Ad Hoc* committees and student forums on topics such as the Purpose Statement last year are essential to involving the people, both di-

### I urge that we pledge to:

- Promote diversity, yet seek unity within diversity
- Work within the system, yet be unafraid to pursue change
- Ask questions, yet be unafraid to find our own answers
- Work as a Senate, yet include the people
- Promote activism, yet be restrained

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### College Democrats And Republicans Prepare For A New Year

By Steele Means  
Staff Writer

The officers of the College Democrats will convene Sunday to discuss a plan of action for the 1997-98 academic year and to set a date for a general meeting. Jenny Greene, President of College Democrats, outlined possible activities for the coming year.

"We plan to remain a proactive group encouraging students to register to vote and stay politically aware," said Greene.

The College Democrats are also planning to update its members on Congressional issues throughout the year and conduct writing campaigns to Tennessee Representatives and Senators to express their position on various issues.

Greene said that the College Democrats would like to have an issues forum with local politicians as well to "see where they stand on young-people issues and why."

By Evan Williams  
Staff Writer

President of Rhodes College Republicans (RCR) Stephanie Shackelford laid the groundwork for another year of right-wing activity last Tuesday night.

"This year my goal is to make RCR fun, interesting and active," Shackelford said.

Judging from Tuesday night's meeting the "active" part will not be a problem.

RCR is teaming up with The Young Republicans of Tennessee, and The Shelby County Republican Party to get speakers on campus.

RCR hopes that Tennessee Senator Fred Thompson will make an appearance at one of their events.

Even if the Thompson cannot make it to Rhodes, a host of other talented republicans are sure to frequent the campus each month.

### CAMPUS SAFETY LOG 9/7 - 9/14/97

**9/7**  
4:35pm Glassell, 2nd floor: strange smoke detected by Resident Assistant  
Campus Safety Investigates. checked ok

6:40pm Bellingrath, 3rd floor: Fire Alarm. Campus Safety investigated. Smoke detector, checked ok

**9/8**  
11:20am Physical plant division reports three (3) portable fire extinguishers stolen from Cushman carts

5:20pm Palmer, 2nd floor: TV/VCR left unsecured. Campus Safety secured

**9/14**  
1:00pm Theft: Refectory/cash register

1:00pm Theft: Refectory/wallet from storage cubicle

3:00pm Stewart/Sparr: Two suspicious persons: One suspect walking around the Stewart/Sparr Parking lot, the other occupying a red small compact car. Both subjects described as young African American males. Suspects fled when detected, west on Tutwiler

8:00pm Noise complaint: White Ball Court

### Do these guys ever smile?

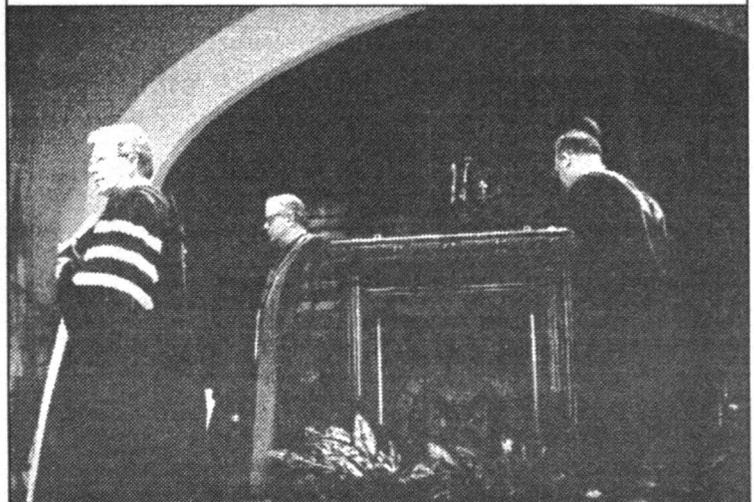


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**Dean of Academic Affairs** John Planchon, President James Daughdrill and Chancellor David Harlow at Founder's Day Convocation last Friday in Hardie Auditorium. Professor of Spanish Donald Tucker was presented the Diehl Society Service Award, which recognizes exceptional service to the college.

### CORRECTIONS 9/10/97:

In the page 1 story "First Year Elections Are In", the "Student Regulations Committee" should read "Social Regulations Council".

On page 5, in the story "Campus Hours" the correct hours for Burrow Library are as follows:

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am to 12:00 midnight

Friday 8:00 am to 9:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday 1:00 pm to 12:00 midnight

## Statistics On Class Of 2001

According to the Office of Admissions, the Class of 2001 is one of the most diverse and academically superior classes to be admitted to Rhodes. The following graphs show the number of students who applied, were admitted, and chose to attend as well as the ethnic composition of the entering class.

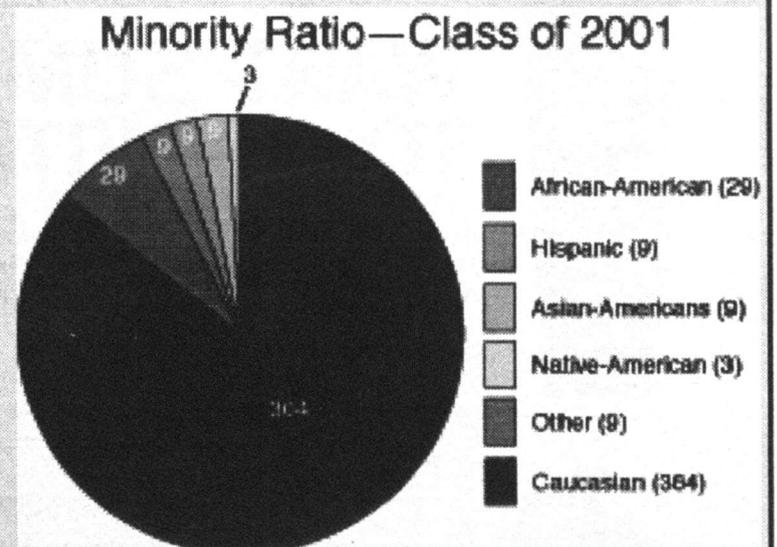
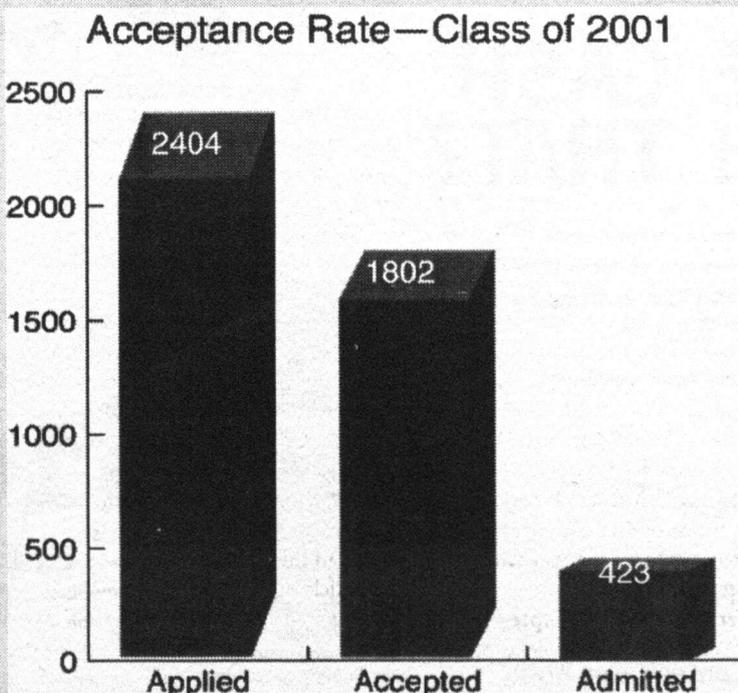
Also, the following information was available:

Of the 423 members of the Class of 2001:

32 were valedictorians or salutatorians of their class

The mean GPA of the class is 3.61 The mean SAT score is 1288. The mean composite ACT score is 28.

34 were presidents of their student government, 31 were editors of the yearbook or school newspaper, 49 were captains of a varsity athletic team, 188 were president or vice-president of at least one high school club or organization.



Graphs created by Jonathan Nolen and information provided by Dean David Wottle

# Copper's Latest Book Examines China

By Steele Means  
Staff Writer

International Studies Professor John Copper's 21st book, *Coping with a Bad Global Image: Human Rights in the People's Republic of China* primarily addresses the public relations problem which China has had in the wake of the Tiananmen Square incident, as well as the reaction and rhetoric of China towards the accusations of human rights abuses from the international community.

Professor Copper said that this book does not simply report the existence of human rights abuses in China, but rather seeks to explain why these things occur.

"This book assesses human rights

in China in terms of their political system and foreign policy," Copper said.

Copper asserts that the Western media and governments ignored China's human rights abuses before 1989 because the violations of such countries as South Africa and the Soviet Union were more "in the news." When the Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union ended in 1989, the general expectation was that China would "reform" like the Soviet Union and become democratic. This was, of course, not to be.

"All of the expectations of democratic reform in China burst after Tiananmen and China's image changed radically afterwards," Copper

said.

*Coping With a Bad Global Image* speaks in detail of China's human rights abuses. For example, China executes more people than any other country in the world. China also engages in the selling of the organs of those people who are executed by the government. Dissidents and minorities face repression within China as well.

Copper said that China has several tactics for coping with international condemnation and pressure. One method is to promote their own views on human rights. China, as well as other Asian countries, believes that economic rights, which are the rights to food, housing, and so forth, are

more important than political rights, which the West is apt to hold more dear. China claims that there cannot be a global standard for human rights and that their national sovereignty is being violated by international pressure and accusations.

Another tactic, according to Copper, is to make counter-accusations of human rights abuses. For example, China has criticized the United States for its large population of homeless people and prisoners as well as violations of women's rights.

"It is the responsibility of the international community to rebuke China for their abuses because their abuses degrade humanity elsewhere," said Copper. "China's claim that these

are internal matters cannot be substantiated."

In conclusion, Copper said that there are international standards of human rights and that the international community must "take a stand and say that abuses will affect our relationship."

While Copper believes that trade should be tied to human rights, the United States also should not completely break economic ties with China because the human rights situation has improved there under capitalism.

"Moving to the right helps the human rights situation in China, moving to the left hinders it," said Copper.

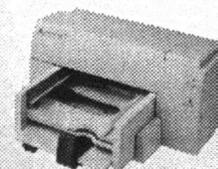
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## McCoy To Kick Off "Finale" Fundraiser

By Kate McWhorter  
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Beginning this Thursday, September 18, the McCoy Theatre's production of "Finale" will conclude the Annual Benefit Performance series that has graced the stage of the McCoy for the past ten years. The series features a different composer each year, bringing its audience an evening of the composer's music to raise money for the McCoy.

As a culmination of this McCoy tradition, the Eleventh Annual Performance features the best selections from the past ten shows, including pieces by such musical greats as Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, Cole Porter, Rodgers and Hart, Jule Styne, Noel Coward, and Gershwin & Gershwin. Each

of these composers has been showcased at one of the last ten benefits.

The proceeds from the show directly benefit the McCoy Theatre, covering expenses their regular budget cannot cover, such as new lighting. In the past, proceeds have also contributed to the Tennessee Williams Theatre Festival.

Directed by Bennett Wood, "Finale" features five performers and three orchestra members. Tony Lee Garner, conductor of The Rhodes Singers and musical director of "Finale," and Ann Sharp, have participated in the benefit every year since its beginning. Barry Fuller, choreographer and performer, Jude Knight, and Carla McDonald have also participated in several past performances. Also involved are David Ramsey, professor of music at Rhodes, who will play piano for the

concert; Kemper Durand, on the drums; and Matt LaFavor, student at Rhodes ('98), on the string bass.

Margo Raiford, of the McCoy box office, expects attendance by members of the greater Memphis community, as well as Rhodes students and faculty. Raiford anticipates sold out shows and recommends reserving tickets in advance. The performance for Sunday, September 21st, is already sold out.

Please note that admission to "Finale" is not included in McCoy Theatre Season Seventeen ticket subscriptions.

Tickets to the show are \$8 for students, \$12 for senior citizens, and \$16 for adults. Call the McCoy box office at x3839.

Opening night, September 18, is the gala performance. Tickets are \$30. A cocktail buffet will follow.

## Wrap It Up



photo by Amy Lawrence/Sou'wester

**Deidre Brady ('99)** weaves hair wraps at the Cooper-Young Festival, September 13. The Cooper-Young Festival is an annual event showcasing Memphis artisans and craftspeople as well as providing live entertainment all day. Acts included North Mississippi All-Stars, Poets Corner, 221B, Carle Wolfe Quartet, and others.

# Scene

## Rhodes Students Find Many Ways To Explore The World

By Brandon Barr  
Scene Editor

For students wanting to include a world view in their undergraduate experience, study abroad and world travel are perfect solutions, and — if the recent expansions in Rhodes study abroad opportunities are any sign — solutions that Rhodes students are willing to fit into their plans. Whether the experience is a well-planned study exchange program or a more nontraditional abroad adventure, time away from campus has seemingly become just as integral to the Rhodes experience as learning on campus.

Resources for Rhodes students wishing to study abroad center around the International Studies office in Palmer Hall. This year Katherine Richardson, Director of International Programs, has established two Rhodes study abroad programs: one an exchange with Rhodes University in South Africa, and the other an exchange with The University of Aberdeen in Scotland. Rhodes study abroad opportunities now exist in fourteen different countries, ranging from Japan to Belgium to Honduras. The programs are well-established and well-planned in order to offer the student

an opportunity to learn to live comfortably with other cultures.

One integral aspect of the International Programs Office's study abroad programs is the stress on planning and pre-trip preparation, an issue that has led Richardson's office to offer intensive mandatory pre-departure orientation sessions.

"It's important for them to know as much as possible about these cultures beforehand," Richardson said, "and the required course will accomplish that. When you go to another country there's a honeymoon period, then there's some down time — that's to be expected. There are also matters of currency conversion, shopping, the difference between men's and women's relationships. If we're going to put our name on a program, we want our students to be prepared."

Some students' experiences take on a more individualized form, but their adventures are also valid part of their Rhodes experience. For instance, Trent Pingnot ('00) deferred his admission to Rhodes for one year, and spent it traveling in the United States and abroad. He held

a summer research position with the Student Conservation Association in Northern California, and spent some time traveling in the US before heading to Australia.

Pingnot stayed in Australia between October and January, plant-

**"Your whole world view changes when you're hungry, and you have to hitchhike in the rain"**

ing trees and doing other conservation projects. In Australia, he also had a chance to explore the Outback, and do some scuba diving. Pingnot spent February in New Zealand before coming home.

After an eight day rest at home, Pingnot then began his 2162 mile backpacking trek of the Appalachian Trail that spanned over 5 months. Fourteen states, numerous rain and snow storms, 5 pairs of boots, and four Shoney's "All You Can Eat Breakfast Bars" later, Pingnot was through adventuring, and ready to start his Rhodes career. Since coming to Rhodes,

he has not stopped traveling. He went to Honduras this summer, and is planning an upcoming trip to South Africa. Pingnot says his traveling has been crucial to him.

"It gave me a lot of time to think," Pingnot said. "Your whole world view changes when you're hungry and you have to hitchhike in the rain."

Another pair of Rhodes students, Sean Lyttle ('99) and Elizabeth Watt ('00), expanded their world view this summer by travelling to Edinburgh, Scotland, to participate in the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, the largest theatre and arts festival on the planet, with (according to festival literature) over 9,000 people performing 15,000 performances of 1,400 shows.

Lyttle and Watt were members of the Lanka Lounge Theatre, a new Memphis theatre company comprised of Rhodes and University of Memphis students. The company traveled to Scotland in early August to put on their production *Weetzie Bat*, a narrative theatre adaptation of Francesca Lia Block's novel.

The show was reviewed well

both in an Edinburgh newspaper and on the World Wide Web. The performers garnered good audience support through their run, with comparatively large attendance. Since returning to Memphis, the company has been featured in *Memphis* magazine, and is currently planning several more shows to help offset the cost of their Edinburgh adventure.

Perhaps most valuable to Watt, a theatre major, was the practical experience she gained in Edinburgh.

"My trip to Edinburgh was a delicious experience of random adventures and challenging work," Watt said. "Faced with a month-long run of our show, I learned the difficulty of selling a show to the public like performing on the streets to attract attendees or designing and printing flyers to spread our name around town, maintaining the energy and flavor of the show day after day, and the perils of keeping our young company fiscally, emotionally and parenthetically together."

If you know of a story that you feel could use highlighting, contact Brandon Barr by e-mail at: [barbt@rhodes.edu](mailto:barbt@rhodes.edu).

# Lynx Seize Victory In Thriller To Win Home Opener

By David Lightburn  
Staff Writer

In a game with plenty of excitement, Rhodes' fans had many opportunities to show their support. After coming off a very forgettable loss to nationally ranked Washington University, Rhodes came out in their home opener against the Millsaps Majors with an intense hunger. It did not take long before the Lynx began to feast on Millsaps with a 22-19 win over the Majors.

After the conversion of a long fourth down pass from Brent Keller to Austin Jowers, the Lynx went on to score on a touchdown run by Darrell Brown. At this point, Rhodes seemed to be well on their way to evening their record at 1-1, but Millsaps begged to differ.

Behind a successful passing attack, Millsaps had several productive drives, which concluded with a touchdown pass and two field goals. After another Majors' touchdown made it 19-7 at half-time, Rhodes' fans grew weary of a second consecutive loss.

After a score early in the third quarter, Rhodes' cut the Millsaps' lead to five. The score was to stay at 19-14 until the last forty seconds of the game. While the Rhodes' offense was able to

came up with three fumble recoveries to keep the Lynx in the game. After a big hit forced a fumble with about two minutes left in the game, Rhodes offense took over at the Millsaps 40-yard line.

Patrick Williams, despite two interceptions, showed extraordinary poise and a short memory during the game-winning drive. Williams calmly orchestrated a heart-pounding drive with a series of passes, which landed his team at the 9-yard line.

With twenty-five seconds left and fourth down and five situation Williams took a time out to discuss

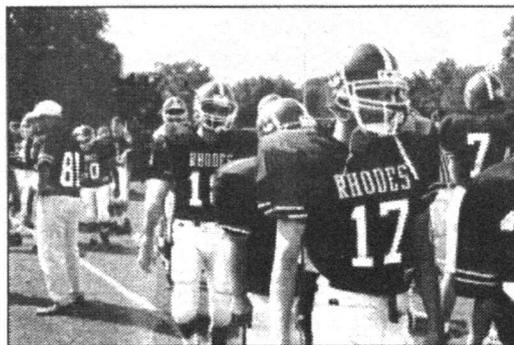
the final play with Coach Joe White.

Williams proceeded to deliver a beautiful looping pass over the outreached arms of a defender into the waiting hands of a jubilant Jowers in the left corner of the endzone.

Capping off the touchdown, Williams went back to Jowers again with a quick slant pass for the two-point conversion. Millsaps' last drive was thwarted by an interception to seal the game for the Lynx.

move the ball for most of the second half, they could not put the ball into the endzone. Two drives by the offense were abruptly halted in Millsaps' territory after interceptions by Millsaps.

When the game looked out of reach, the Rhodes' defense stepped up repeatedly in the second half to stymie the Majors. The defense gave up no points in the second half, and virtually shut down a Millsaps' offense that looked very good in the first half. During the second half, the Rhodes' defense



Photos By Ladye Jane Vickers/Sou'wester

## Volleyball Wins On Road

By Jason Hood  
Sports Editor

Rhodes' volleyball squad traveled for the second in a series of three grueling road trips this past weekend.

The women fared much better this time around than their previous outing, raising their record to 5-6 against the slate of opponents.

Coach Jonathan W. Gravois will take the surging Lynx to

Maryville College for a tournament Friday the 19th through the Saturday the 20th, where they look to surge over .500 mark for the season.

Rhodes efforts at this weekend's meet included four wins in five matches.

Three of the wins started off with first-set losses, requiring come-from behind poise and hot play down the stretch to produce victories.

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### Create Dorm Ambiance With Homespun Simplicity

By Angela Greeley  
Rhode'ster Dirt Devil

As we begin another year at ye olde "country club," it is a foregone conclusion that many of you are still ruminating on your decorating schemes. After all, your dorm room is your castle, and let's face it: image is everything. No girl would dream of coming to school sans coordinating bed ensemble and furniture—at the very least, she brings fabric swatches.

The average guy, on the other hand, seems to find that dorm living and artistry are mutually exclusive. Well, now, we wouldn't want our masculine counterparts to miss out on the wonders of interior decorating, would we? To this end, I have compiled a list of tried-and-true male decorating techniques with special consideration for their ability to attract women to the occupant's "bachelor pad." Please note that most of these effects can be achieved with everyday objects—all you need is creativity.

• **Athletic shoes**— When strategically placed outside your door, an ordinary pair of soiled Nikes will become a shrine to your masculinity. Women are especially fond of the fragrance they emit. Be sure to work out in the morning for long-lasting effects.

• **Swimsuit calendars**— Women like nothing better than to be reminded of appointments with their plastic surgeons or self-esteem workshops. Create a tasteful collage by skillfully arranging five or more such calendars and/or posters on the same wall, and you will undoubtedly receive more than your fair share of attention from the opposite sex. Just be sure to schedule your own plastic surgery appointment beforehand—women may try to run their fingers through your hair and accidentally catch your jaw in an uppercut.

• **Cigarette butts**— The colorful and aromatic ends of extinguished tobacco products can add a great deal of interest to an otherwise drab decor. Situate them randomly about the room to avoid that anal-retentive look which an ashtray might suggest, and keep in mind that less is not always more. (Note: When combined with the athletic shoes mentioned above, the scent is so delectable that you need not wear cologne, even when you leave the room!)

• **Dirty clothes**— Men often suffer from the urge to wash their clothes a bit prematurely. Resist the urge to maroon a pair of jeans in your closet after just a few weeks of

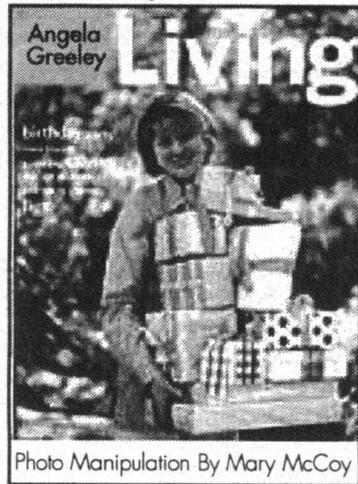


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wear—they can be arranged on the floor or draped over dorm furniture to mask scratches, dings, and dents. Women will be astounded by your ingenuity, and Terminex will congratulate you on your self-imposed pest control program.

• **Notebook paper**— Whether new or used, notebook paper is one of your most versatile tools. It can, among other things, be placed on floors to cover stains from beverages, bodily fluids, and the inevitable foot traffic. You may be interested to know that when placed under beds, paper has been shown to increase dustball growth by 50%! (If you name your pet dustball "Fish," no one will suspect a thing.)

• **Alcohol paraphernalia**— Gone are the days when you could impress women with a window display of empty bottles, especially since their collections may be more extensive than yours. Therefore, trend-setting guys everywhere have embraced the latest breakthrough since Bud Light—the inflatable plastic beer bottle. Not only is it lighter than its glass counterpart, but its jumbo size makes it visible at great distances; think of it as a beacon for partygoers. If inflatables are not quite your style, why not opt for a neon sign advertising your favorite brand of alcoholic beverages? As long as your RA doesn't see it, you have nothing to lose.

• **Pizza boxes**— After a Saturday night feast of Papa John's pizza and a tasty beverage, don't forget to save the boxes! They can be used as writing desks, end tables, or artistic displays. As an added bonus, the mold that eventually grows on the remains of your pizza will come in handy if you plan to take "Microbes in Human Affairs" or if you come down with a viral infection.

Of course, these are merely suggestions. Feel free to experiment on your own, providing your health insurance is paid.

### Take It From Someone Who's Been There...

By Barrett Hathcock  
Rhode'ster Old Man Grampus

Well, you fresh-folk have been here a few weeks now. You should be getting adjusted by now, but to help you along I have come up with my own list of things you should know about this place, these people, and the ways you will become more and more like them (horrors!) the longer you stay.

1. When you go home for Christmas, all of you will be fatter.
2. There are fines for everything here. The only fine that we don't have is a bitching fine. Take advantage of this, everyone else does.
3. You can always tell who the Board of Trustees members are; they're the ones with casts on their wrists from constantly patting themselves on the back.
4. Don't bitch about Campus Safety. They're the ones protecting that Beamer you've got out there.
5. If you aren't yet familiar with the term "pre-party," you will be.
6. Just like in the real world we have a whole bunch of subdivisions here. We've got the fuzzy liberals who whine about the Republicans. We've got the Republicans who whine about the fuzzy liberals everywhere. We've got the religious groups who are afraid of the pagans and the GSA (oops, it's FOSTER now). We've got a whole crapload of people scared to death of the RCF.
7. You're the most diverse class at Rhodes, and I guess that's good, because it makes all of us preppy white kids feel better.
8. In case you didn't notice, Rhodes is a country club.
9. FYI, your R.A. will give an A. V. if you B.Y.O.B. into the C.L.C., and the D.R.L. will haul you in front of the SRC who will contact the MPD who will give you a DUI and you will be SOL.
10. Eating at the Rat builds character.
11. Bring a pillow to all those Search lectures.
12. Unfortunately, you have to wait until you get into that sorority or fraternity to find out how much all those new friends are going to cost.
13. The multitude of flyers put up around campus come from the same people who want to save the trees.
14. Hard liquor becomes a delicacy after you check your bank statement.
15. The bookstore is a perfect example of a monopoly.
16. Along with Midtown's eclectic architecture and funky atmosphere comes crime, poverty, and a lot of "antique" stores.
17. If this campus were a human body, Glassell would be the ass.
18. If you've got a home town honey, you might as well break it off now, before you have to buy the Christmas gifts.
19. No matter how many people work in the mail room, they will always be slow.
20. Suite bathrooms means you don't have to wait in line to puke.
21. Girls' rush is hell. Guys' rush is free food and beer. Girls pledgeship is gifts and annoying door decks. Guys pledgeship is paddles and Mad Dog.
22. If this campus were a human body, Stewart would be a hang nail.
23. Say what you want to about the Rhodes Christian Coalition, but they have pizza at all their meetings.
24. The Rhodes Student Government will form an *ad hoc* committee at the drop of a hat. But I don't have a clue about what they do with them.
25. If you put your clothes in the women's laundry rooms, they'll fold them for you.
26. The only thing that doesn't cost money here is sleep.
27. Every conservative will say there are way too many liberals here, and every liberal will say there are way too many conservatives.
28. The latest catch word here is "diversity." Next month's word will be "quota."
29. All you Search people will curse the day you didn't take Life.
30. A lot of things here can be described in one word: pretentious.
31. You can sit in your room with FACES and make up your very own version of "The Dating Game."

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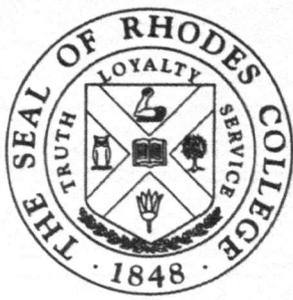
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## Nicorette-Rhodes Merger=Big Money! Smoking Violators Face Fines, Damnation

By Matthew Shipe  
Rhode'ster Black Lung

As of the beginning of this semester the official smoking policy of the school has changed. No longer can students can smoke to their hearts' delight outside of Buckman Hall, but now they must be standing at least forty feet away from all academic and residence buildings if they want to light up.

The reason behind such a drastic change is tied to an important but little publicized deal the college struck with the makers of Nicorette gum over the summer. For an undisclosed amount of money, the gum manufacturers agreed to be the official sponsor of Rhodes College.

There are several consequences of this deal, the first being that Rhodes will no longer be the official name of the school. The official name of the school is now The Nicorette Gum School of Gum Chewers/ The College Formerly Known as Rhodes/Southwestern/Clarksville Academy.

President Daughdrill justified and explained the ramifications of the sponsorship of the school in an interview given exclusively to the

Rhode'ster, saying, "The main reason why we struck this deal with Nicorette gum is money. They paid us a lot of money, I mean an ugly amount, to change our names to the Nicorette Gum School of Gum Chewers. Rhodes, I mean the Nicorette Gum School, or NGS as I like to call it, will still be one of the most respectable liberal arts colleges in the nation, and because of the funds being supplied by the Nicorette corporation, tuition will only have to go up by fifteen thousand dollars next school year."

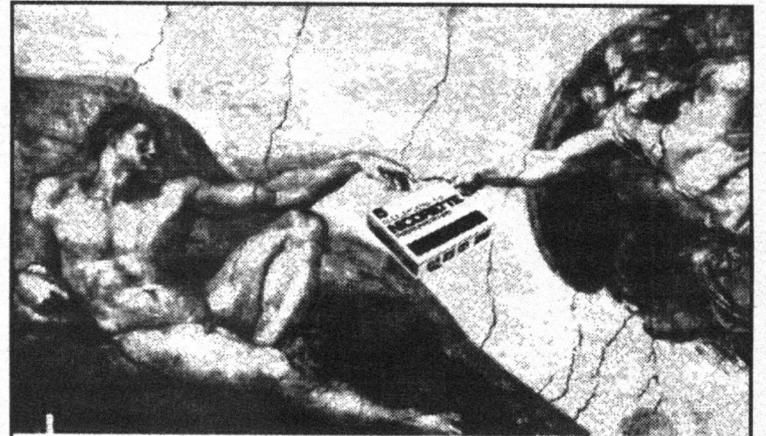
The President also admitted that Sewanee's recent merger with the Nicoderm patch last December influenced his decision. "Anything Sewanee does we have to copy. Also, it is my personal belief that no one can truly be serving God if they're smoking, and Nicorette will help prevent this ungodliness from occurring, but again the most important aspect of this deal is the large sums of money the college will be receiving."

There will be several policy changes as a result of the new sponsorship.

Chancellor Harlow elaborated on the specifics of the new policy in

a statement given to the Rhode'ster. "This new forty foot rule will be strictly enforced. The only legal place to smoke now is in the last three parking spaces of the McCoy theatre parking lot, which now will be renamed the Ashtray. Smoking anywhere else will not be permitted. The Campus Safety officers have been instructed to beat people senseless with billy clubs as they see fit in order to prevent students from lighting up."

The exact punishments for offenders of the new rule are spelled out in the new *Student Handbook*. First time offenders will be forced to chew Nicorette gum for twenty-four hours consecutively with damp towels over their heads. On the second offense, students will be required to pay a ten thousand dollar fine to the Nicorette corporation with a check signed in their own blood. On the third offense you will be made to go into counseling to discover why your inner child is rejecting the wonders of Nicorette gum and making you smoke. With the fourth violation comes automatic expulsion from the college, and the Honor Council will officially condemn your immortal soul to the



Artwork manipulation by Mary McCoy and James Spears

**President Daughdrill** cited religious texts in his recent decision to sell Rhodes, saying that it was the natural state of man to chew Nicorette.

third level of the Inferno. Said one zealous non-smoking Honor Council representative said, "Students will not pass 'Go,' and they will not collect two hundred dollars."

However, the change in the smoking policy is not the only change in policy caused by the sponsorship. The mission statement has been altered to include that Rhodes students will, "prevent the evils of smoking by chewing Nicorette gum daily."

The meal plan has also been altered so that students will get a pack

of the gum at every meal. Also, students will be given five t-shirts that say "Buy Nicorette", which they will be required to wear at all times during the school week.

Student reaction to the sudden changes has been rather non-existent. As Chancellor Harlow declared, "Criticism of the Nicorette Corporation will not be tolerated. People who jeer, make snide comments, or look they want to make snide comments about our sponsor will be dealt with by the proper authorities."

## News Briefs

By Bob Coleman, Steele Means, and Russell Young  
Rhode'ster Spin Doctors

■ Campus Safety is recommending an addition to the admissions policies of Rhodes College. This addition, if adopted, would read as follows: "It is strongly suggested that prospective students travel to Pamplona to participate in the running of the bulls before making a final decision to attend Rhodes College. If the student is able to complete the running unscathed, then he or she should have no problem in avoiding the stampede of sorority pledges on Bid Day."

According to Campus Safety, at least thirty people suffered injuries this year during the annual running of the new Greek pledges to their respective houses. This has

evoked concern for the safety of incoming independent first-years who do not participate in the running and may not be familiar with standard evasion techniques.

"Just as a working knowledge of firearms is necessary these days for a student's survival in public schools, so the techniques of survival acquired during the student's participation in the running of the bulls will enable him or her to have a happy, healthy four years at Rhodes," said a Campus Safety spokesperson.

Independents are enthusiastic about the new proposal and several have already been seen in the Williford quad waving red capes and bellowing, "Toro! Toro!"

■ Feeling that some of their native hobbies and pastimes were being slighted in an urban environment

like Memphis, several Rhodes students recently formed a squirrel hunting society. The group plans to open season immediately to eradicate the pest-ridden, rabid, and scab-covered vermin from the campus.

Said one of the founding members, "Back home, on a Friday night I reckon we might pile into the pickup, kick back a few forties, go mudding till we got the pickup stuck in a ditch, roll in doe scent, and take turns trying to kill buck with our bare hands. There is no place for that in a liberal arts education. And why the hell would we want to spend a Saturday night watching *The Breakfast Club*?"

As a general precaution, all students must wear orange vests when travelling across campus. Said one spokesperson for the new organization, "It would be in your best interest to avoid walking on the grass as well. Stick to paved walkways in order to avoid the excellently laid traps

hidden in the foliage."

In addition, a new class will be offered next semester on hunter safety. The versatile Campus Safety officers will teach this class. Because of the new organization, air rifles will now be permitted on campus. Taxidermy services for prize-winning squirrels will be offered in the Catherine Burrow Refectory.

■ Notice the unbelievably high quality of the Rat food lately? You can give your thanks to visiting gourmet chef Paul Prudhomme. Chef Paul has been working closely with the regular Rat chefs, and his expert guidance has helped the Rhodes cafeteria to become one of the country's best college eateries.

Prudhomme's world-renowned recipes for Charred Chicken Fried Steak, Soggy Pizza, and Uncooked Veal have now become Rat regulars that every Rhodes student can enjoy on a daily basis. In the future, other

famous chefs will visit and pay homage to the Rat's international reputation of producing mass quantities of gourmet food everyday.

■ In response to the discovery of startling coincidences between Pink Floyd's *Dark Side of the Moon* and *The Wizard of Oz*, enterprising individuals with too much acid and spare time on their hands have compiled a list of other seemingly dissimilar films and albums. Some of these pairings include Amy Grant's *Heart in Motion* played in conjunction with *Booby Call*, Beck's *Odelay* with *Navy S.E.A.L.S.*, and Public Enemy's *Fear of a Black Planet* with *Father of the Bride*.

Gerritt Lagemann, R.A. of White Hall, plans to sponsor hall events in the Rhea Lounge featuring the film-soundtrack series each weekend for the remainder of the year.