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## Rhodes Eliminates Japanese Program

By Matt Marcotte  
Staff Writer

As of the end of spring semester 1999, Rhodes will no longer offer a full-time Japanese program, according to Associate Professor and Chair of Foreign Languages Valerie Nollan.

"The program was not cancelled for any single reason, and it was a difficult decision to make," said Nollan.

Senator Chip Hodge ('00) reported the cutback to RSG, which in turn referred the matter to the RSG Academic Affairs committee. Senator Kate Bishop ('99), the committee chair, spoke on September 11 with Dean of Academic Affairs John Planchon concerning the changes in the academic program.

According to Bishop's report of her interview with Planchon, the Japanese program will indeed be re-

moved from the college curriculum, but "Japanese 201 will be offered [fall semester 1999] so that anyone currently enrolled in Japanese 102 can complete the core language requirement."

Enrollment in the Japanese program has declined by 33% in recent years, according to statistics supplied to Bishop. There are currently three students on the campus with declared minors in Japanese.

One concern expressed by Hodge in his comments to RSG was a perceived lack of student and faculty input in making the cutback decision.

Bishop's report states, "Tenured faculty members of the Foreign Language Department along with the Curriculum Committee consulted to decide where the department wanted to go in terms of courses offered. . . Both faculty and

students that will be affected by this change were notified last May."

Despite the elimination of the Japanese program, opportunities for the study of Asian languages will not be eliminated. Next year, the college intends to offer a full program in Chinese.

Bishop notes in her report that, according to Planchon, "the College is seeking a Ph.D. with a broad base of knowledge in Chinese culture and language, so that more cultural and historical classes may be offered rather than strictly language classes."

The expansion of Chinese is intended to complement already existing programs in Chinese history and international politics.

Planchon did not respond to *The Sou'wester's* inquiries before press time. Japanese Instructor Kumiko Inden refused to comment.

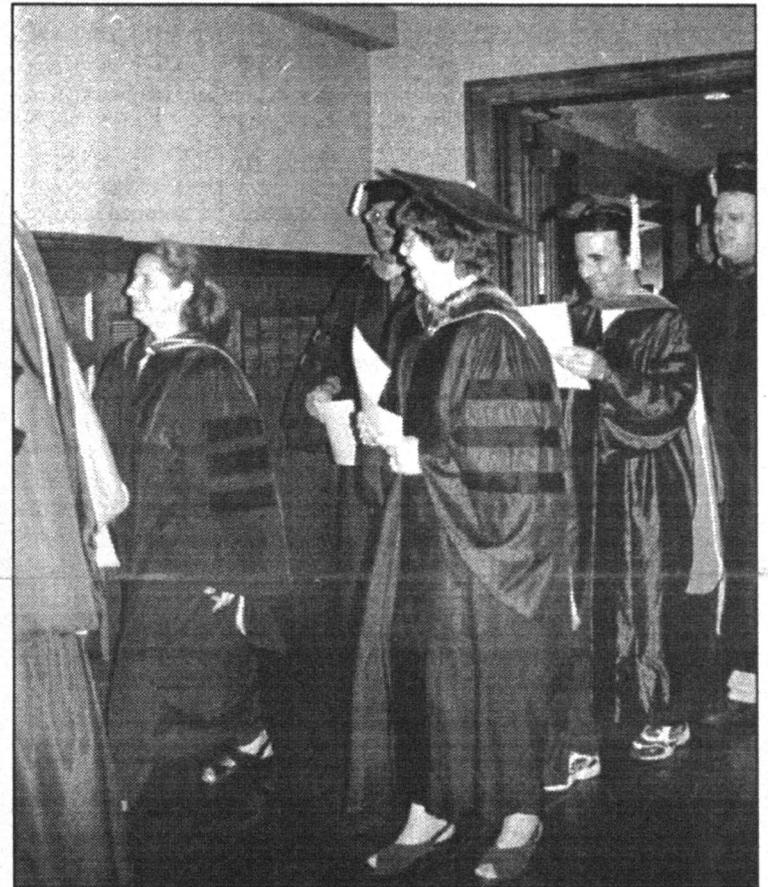


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Professors file in for the 150th Founder's Day Convocation. The address was delivered by Associate Professor Steve Wirls.

## Seidman Award To Be Discontinued

By Heather Lockridge and  
Kathryn Royster  
Staff Writer and News Editor

Rhodes' prestigious Frank E. Seidman Distinguished Award in Political Economy celebrates its 25th and final anniversary this year.

"I want to conclude [the award's] presentation while it is at an apex," said P. K. Seidman, who founded the award in honor of his brother, a political economist.

"[The award] has fulfilled its mission . . . [It] has both memorialized Frank E. Seidman and recognized 25 eminent economists, five of whom are Nobel Laureates," stated Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus Mel Grinspan, who has directed the award for 22 years.

"I think we need to look at [the cancellation] positively," said Associate Professor of Economics Chuck Orvis. "All good things must come

to an end."

Seidman "had good reasons" for cancelling the award, remarked Professor of Economics Marshall McMahon, referring to Seidman's belief that the award had fulfilled its purpose. "P. K. Seidman did us a favor [by funding the award]. I'm just grateful," McMahon said.

The award has brought "some of the greatest academicians in the world" to Rhodes, according to Grinspan.

The program's \$25,000 honorarium is thought to be second only to the Nobel Prize, and, according to Rhodes President James Daughdrill, the award has enhanced Rhodes's academic reputation.

"It has meant a lot to me and the department and the students," said McMahon. "It has been a mechanism by which the department has had contact with very prestigious

economists. I will miss that."

Regarding whether Rhodes will replace the Seidman Award with a comparable prize, Orvis said, "We hope to see something in the future, but at this point we don't know."

Daughdrill remarked, "We are most fortunate that [P. K. Seidman's] interests will continue in other academic programs, including the continuing Seidman Town Hall Lecture Series."

The final Seidman Award will be presented to Jagdish Bhagwati, a Professor of Economics and Political Science at Columbia University, on September 19 at a banquet in the Bryan Campus Life Center.

Bhagwati will give a public presentation on international trade and the Asian economy on September 18 at 3:00 p.m. in Hardie Auditorium.

A panel discussion will follow

the presentation. Panel members include Rhodes's Distinguished Professor of International Studies John F. Copper and Nobel Laureates Dr. Kenneth Arrow, Dr. Robert Solow, and Dr. James Tobin.

Bhagwati earned degrees at Bombay University, Cambridge University, and MIT. His research interests include international trade, particularly free trade, and

immigration and policy reforms. He is the author of *Protectionism*, published in 1988, and the upcoming book *Feuds Over Free Trade*.

According to Grinspan, Bhagwati is one of the foremost international trade theorists of his generation. He has made contributions to political economy, developmental theory and policy, public finance, and immigration.

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EDITORIAL OF THE SOU'WESTER

## Most Students Not Eligible For "Big 8"

The article "Postgraduate Scholarship Committee Directs Students" in this issue of *The Sou'wester* raises some interesting questions about opportunities for postgraduate fellowships. The Office of Academic Affairs has established an unofficial Postgraduate Scholarship Committee to help Rhodes students apply for prestigious scholarships such as the Rhodes, the Fulbright, and the Marshall. There are actually seven scholarships for which the Committee helps Rhodes students apply (see article, page 5), which include the following:

- Rhodes Scholarships
- Marshall Scholarships
- Truman Scholarships (awarded to juniors)
- Fulbright Grants
- Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA) Fellowship Program (awarded to juniors)
- Mellon Fellowships
- Madison Fellowships

If a student is interested in applying for a postgraduate scholarship or fellowship other than the "big eight" (the eighth scholarship is the Rotary Scholarship, which is handled through Wendy Rotter), he or she must go to Career Services for help. The Post-Graduate Scholarship Committee does not review applications for other scholarships.

To have a competitive application, students applying for many of these scholarships need to have a GPA of at least 3.75. While this is not the only factor the selection committees consider for these scholarships, it can be the factor which takes many qualified students out of the running. This leaves a large percentage of the Rhodes community without a comprehensive sounding board for their scholarship applications.

Career Services is making several efforts this year to help seniors prepare for life after college. But can they really provide the same guidance a specialized committee can?

Rhodes students who are applying for important, prestigious scholarships that fall outside the "big eight" are denied this kind of guidance.

According to the Office of Academic Affairs, ten students (six juniors and four seniors) applied for "big eight" scholarships last year. No students are applying for Rhodes Scholarships this year. According to these numbers, the Committee's efforts serve a very small percentage of the student body. While we do not deny that their efforts are helpful to this handful of students, we question the effectiveness of a program that serves so few and leaves so many without an extensive application screening process.

We are pleased to see that the Office of Academic Affairs is contacting members of the classes of '00, '01, and '02 to begin early preparation for prestigious scholarships. It is very likely that the number of students eligible to apply for these awards will rise over the next few years.

These students will need to be

well-prepared if they are to be competitive candidates for the awards. Perhaps the Office of Academic Affairs should provide more detailed information on these scholarships, particularly profiles of past winners. For example, if students had an idea of successful candidates' GPAs, undergraduate courses of study, campus involvement, and application proposals, they might be more able to determine if the scholarship is, in fact, a good match for them.

Despite the steps that the Office of Academic Affairs has taken to inform students of the scholarships early, this does not change the fact that the class of '99 has in some ways fallen through the cracks. Even those who might have been qualified for these scholarships have found that it is too late to apply for the biggest awards, and that they are unable to receive assistance in applying for smaller ones.

Perhaps the Office should begin with a less exclusive focus before making a selective push towards the "big eight."

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## Get Money For Your Organization

◆ The Allocations Board will assign fall funds to Rhodes student groups on Sunday, September 27, at 1:00 p.m.

◆ An Allocations Training Session will be held Sunday, September 20, from 12:00-2:30. The location will be announced. A treasurer or financial representative from each organization must attend.

◆ Interested organizations must have a constitution that has been ratified by their group and approved by both RSG and the Administration.

◆ Approximately five to six thousand dollars are available. These funds are earmarked for organizations that missed spring 1998 allocations.

◆ Contact Jason Javarone at x3388 or JAVJA for further information.

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## The Secret To Becoming A Mythic Hero

MATTHEW SHIPE  
WATCHING  
THE DETECTIVES



Most columns have a point. That is the nature of the medium. To express a point of some kind, whether it is of incredible significance or of the highest degree of triviality. Or, if they don't have a point, they at least try to promote an agenda of sorts that represents the beloved ideals of the author. The writer of the column is often referred to as the columnist, but he or she is

not always limited to this nomenclature. Many have been known as freaks, hate-mongers, geniuses, morons, zealots, boring, egomaniacs, baby-haters, Barry Manilow fans, etc.

Now, you as a reader are probably wondering what in heaven is this fool babbling on and on about? I mean, a columnist should have a point, and he or she should have bloody well gotten to it by the second paragraph. You could almost be finished with the pa-

per or you could be rereading the brilliant article about the international students for the fifth time (I'm not above shameless self-promotion) if it weren't for me and my rambling column.

Well, good people of Rhodes, I will not waste any more of your precious time. Let me be honest with you. I don't have a point. I ran out of points on Wednesday. So, instead of trying to use my space to inspire you to go out and fight "the Man" who hovers over the Rhodes community, or to enlighten you on some brilliant meta-

*On Thursday, the gods unanimously spat in my face.*

physical revelation that came to me while watching *The Dating Game* alone in my bed at one in the morning, I will use this space to communicate how I sort of went insane earlier this week. You see, dear reader, you won't have to draw any points or moral truths from my little tale.

On Thursday, the gods unanimously spat in my face. Challenge upon challenge was thrown in my direction. On Thursday I had 'stuff' to

do. Now all of you who have been at Rhodes for more than four minutes know what having 'stuff' to do means. It means that all my professors and organizational leaders had a conference Wednesday night where they discussed how to give me more 'stuff' to do in a forty-eight hour period than was humanly possible.

This was what was assigned to me over this two day period in no particular order: I had to read a chapter of biology, read Thomas Pynchon, think about Pynchon, write my newspaper article, memorize the lyrics to

*52nd Street*, put out Cereal Info, write a column, blow up the

second Death Star, swim across the Atlantic while talking with the dolphins, do a solo performance of *The Barber of Seville* in the amphitheater, etc.

Now I may be exaggerating a tad (I only had to perform the first half of *The Barber of Seville*), but you should get the picture that I had a lot to do. You may ask yourself, "Did he get all of this done? No. The thing is that, instead of actually getting anything accomplished, I panicked and

then slowly fell into insanity. I sat alone in my room listening to *Born in the USA* and eating these candy bars that Res Life gave me to give out to my residents (Sorry, guys—there are two left in my room. First come, first serve).

Anyway, it's sufficient to say that I slowly slipped into madness. The first thing to go was my hygiene. I won't elaborate anymore on this. I then became convinced that I was a godlike figure that should be worshipped by my residents. This ended as soon as Residence Life sent someone to kill me, and then I realized that *Heart of Darkness* was actually a rather tedious text, and that Kurtz is in no way the ideal archetype for an R.A.

I then became convinced that I was a mythic hero and destined to follow Joseph Campbell's archetype for the mythic hero (I still hadn't done my homework). So, I packed up my bags on Friday, slipped *Born to Run* in the tape deck, and set off to my beloved homeland of Northport, Alabama. I had to travel through the dangerous underworld of Mississippi, where I had to battle with unimaginable creatures.

But that's for another column, or, perhaps, an epic poem that will be sung in Old English.

Not much happened at home. Saw some old friends, talked to one person who thought I hated her (which I don't), and watched Alabama football. I was also told that I wasn't a mythic hero by the majority of the people I met. The ones that I tried to fight were especially vocal. However, I came back here and pulled an all-nighter. End of story.

Now you maybe wonder, "So what?" Well, readers of *The Sou'wester*, I'm afraid I lied to you. There may have actually been a point to this. Not much of one, and I don't think I successfully communicated it, but, nevertheless, I honestly believe a moral might can be drawn from this. Here it goes: It's good to go home sometimes. I was able to pick up some jeans for the upcoming winter months and I was able to see some of the people that I haven't seen for a while. Now, this is probably what I should have written this column about, i.e. the values of going home, etc., but you've all heard that a thousand times.

None of you, however, knew I was a mythic hero.

## Include Health Insurance In Aid Packages

LISA BENTIVOGLI  
WHAT DO  
YOU THINK?



It wasn't that long ago that we were all up and coming first-years on our way to Rhodes. The months before our arrival in Memphis were probably full of worry in our attempt to cover all of our financial bases before classes began in the fall. While filling out loan and scholarship applications, we took a trip down a new road of anxiety. After the tuition was accounted and paid for, we arrived at Rhodes for the first time, faced with the unexpected high costs of books and health insurance rates that would hit our wallets like a ton of bricks. All students enrolled at Rhodes are required to have health insurance, but where are we going to find the money to purchase the Rhodes health insurance plan?

As an independent student (like other dependent students, I'm sure), I held a full-time summer job that helped to cushion the expenses wait-

ing for me upon my arrival back at Rhodes. Many students work hard over the summer to have enough money to purchase books and to avoid having a debt looming over their heads from the bookstore.

After paying for books, car insurance, phone bills, travel expenses, car maintenance, everyday living, credit card bills, etc., many students are faced with having to purchase a medical insurance policy with increased rates and decreased coverage.

I understand that the cost of insurance has increased with the number of accidents rising and Mother Nature making her presence known around the United States, but many of us are unable to pay out-of-pocket for the cost of medical insurance through Rhodes.

Lots of Rhodes students are fortunate enough to be covered under their parents' medical insurance through their jobs or through private plans, but there are some Rhodes students whose last resort is to purchase a plan through the College. The plan isn't half bad, but the cost to purchase the plan may be too high to pay up front. Students in this situation are

faced with the fact that every student who is enrolled at Rhodes must have health insurance. Without it, they cannot be enrolled as students.

The Health Center at Rhodes may sometimes grant a student temporary enrollment clearance with the understanding that he or she will be purchasing insurance within the following week. Students in this situation have a few options.

One, they can purchase the Rhodes plan for each semester.

Two, they can call the insurance company that handles Rhodes and tell them their situation. A possible monthly payment plan to cover the cost of the insurance might be discussed at that time.

Three, temporary health insurance may be purchased through the company handling Rhodes' student insurance. It is short term and can be purchased in 30- to 185- day increments. This will give the students health insurance and also allow them

to be considered enrolled for the current semester. Let's face it, Rhodes is taking a big risk if something were to happen to an uninsured student.

There is a lot to think about financially when one is attending college. In times of financial stress when dealing with college costs, I often think about how some of that stress can be alleviated.

With the issues of purchasing books and health insurance, I often

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wonder if changes could be made to offer options to the financial package here at Rhodes. To alleviate the immediate stress of buying books and health insurance up front, it would be nice if Rhodes offered to include the cost of health insurance in the financial aid package.

We are required to be on the meal plan if we are living on campus; this

cost is included in the financial package. We are also required to have health insurance in order to attend classes at Rhodes. If a student chooses to go with the Rhodes health insurance plan, why not include it as an option in the financial aid package? Why not add the cost of books to the package as well?

Some of us cannot afford to pay up front for our books. If we are unable to dish over the cash, we are faced with having to pay the bill before the opening of the next semester. This must be done in order to pass enrollment clearance and to receive our grades at the end of

each year. Maybe an option of \$300 or \$350, for example, can be added to the financial aid package per semester to cover the cost of books, because we all know we are required to have these in order to get through our classes.

An option in the Rhodes financial aid package to include the cost of books and Rhodes Health Insurance - what do you think?

## Meet The Class Of '02 Representatives

**Activities Board  
Kelly Hoover**



"Over the course of the next year I hope to incorporate my familiarity with the city and the opportunities it has to offer with the students of Rhodes. I am very excited about the activities we will hold in the coming year, especially Rites of Spring, which I am confident will be a huge success. Most of all though, I am looking forward to working with such an incredible team of people, including my fellow first year members. I just want to assure everyone that I will work my hardest to make this year a success with the Activities Board!"

**R.S.G.  
Lisa Bloom**



"My goals this year are to increase students' awareness of RSG and what we can and will do for them. Many students are not aware that all Student Government meetings are open to the entire campus. I want students, especially first-years, to know that their opinions and concerns interest me and the organization. One of my personal goals is to learn how to effectively serve the Rhodes community through RSG. This will involve discovering school and student issues and subsequently improving policies. Basically, I want to make sure our campus is comprised of an informed and satisfied student body."

**R.S.G.  
Bess Elliott**



"I am thrilled to be a part of Rhodes Student Government and will work hard to carry out my duties as a first-year representative. My hope, as an RSG Senator, is that I can glean from my peers their feelings and opinions concerning certain issues and voice those opinions. One goal I have for the coming school year is to assist my peers in writing a mission statement for my class and to help my class work toward fulfilling that statement. I hope that all of you feel that you know me and that you can talk with me, and I look forward to heightening that relationship."

**R.S.G.  
Jonathan Russom**



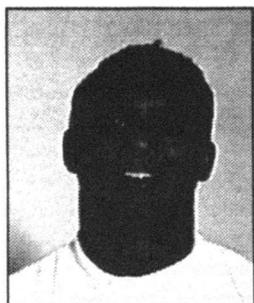
"My personal goals for RSG are undefined at best right now, because I haven't really had an ample opportunity to see how RSG works on this campus... Before I can state any definite or specific goals, I will have to work for a while with the other, more experienced members and observe the activity of the Student Government on this campus... For now, my main goal is to establish and maintain communication with the students who have elected me. I want them to know and understand that I am here to serve their needs. I am the vehicle for their opinions and ideas regarding the Rhodes community."

**R.S.G.  
Elizabeth Tyson**



"I feel privileged to have been elected to Rhodes Student Government as a freshman Senator, and I would like to thank everyone for their support. I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for the Class of '02... It is my hope that, through Student Government, students will continually be exposed to the numerous services, activities, and opportunities Rhodes has to offer. I plan to pursue every route to ensure that freshmen are aware of Rhodes as the rich resource it is. Freshmen, I am here to serve you, so feel free to contact me with your concerns and ideas. Again, I am honored to represent you, and I believe we are going to have a fantastic year."

**Honor Council  
Nadeem Malik**



"As a freshman on the Honor Council, I have a slight idea of what to expect. The number one aspect to keep in mind is the Honor Code...As my duties go, I have to evaluate and analyze each situation that arises that has some connection to the Honor Code, and being a judge on the council, I cannot form biased opinions to those I know. I must be impartial. As I start my term on the Honor Council, I will try to do my best to get a grasp of the whole idea of the Honor Council. The Honor Code is very sacred to those who attend and uphold it here at Rhodes. I know that I will do my very best to uphold this sacred tradition."

**Honor Council  
Lauren Ferrari**



"What's on my mind most are the new students at Rhodes who did not have an honor code in their high schools. To many of them, the idea of a honor code is kind of strange and sounds restricting. I hope that through this position I can share with them what a wonderful thing the Honor System is and how, rather than restricting us, it gives us the freedom to trust each other."

**Social Regulations Council  
Elizabeth Serex**



"My goals for this year are to listen with an open mind, to be fair in my decisions, and to uphold the social code through my words and actions. I believe that this mindset will not only help the SRC as a whole to function smoothly and justly, but it can also serve as a model for all Rhodes community members in their everyday dealings with other people."

**Publications Board  
Kenneth Lukas**



"The most pressing problem seems to be participation, and that should be addressed first. Rhodes has such an active student body and so many opportunities for community involvement that a lot of interest in publications is siphoned off. Maybe publicizing different opportunities a bit more around campus would help... I'd like to explore the possibility of launching a bi-monthly political/foreign affairs journal."

**Social Regulations Council  
Heather Kemp**



"Basically, I plan on trying to give out fair and impartial justice when the social rules of the college are broken. Also, I plan to protect our liberties. In my opinion, the best way to rule is with as light a hand as possible. I want to uphold the freedoms that we have and avoid any further restrictions on what we can and cannot do. As I said in my speech, I style myself a conservative in the sense that the less the government intrudes in our lives, the better our lives are, so I would oppose any further regulations that are unnecessary. All in all, I support a fair and small governmental role in social activity at Rhodes."

Biographies for the following newly elected representatives were unavailable at press time:

Robert Bender (Activities Board)  
Cisco Bertorini (Activities Board)  
Stuart Turner (R. S. G.)  
Nathan Lowe (Social Regulations Council)

Class of '02 biographies compiled by Steele Means, Scene Editor.

## Campus Safety Log

9/7/98 TO 9/13/98



9/7/98	6:15pm	Bailey Lane: Accident. No injuries, report taken.
	11:55pm	Stewart Area near Snowden: Suspicious person reported "hanging around" outside hall. Checked area completely, found no suspicious person as reported.
9/8/98	1:25pm	University Street: Suspicious persons (2) observed by Campus Safety looking into cars parked along University Street. Officers observed subjects until out of the area.
	7:20pm	Spann Quad Area: Suspicious person (1) going door to door in the area. Campus Safety checked the subject, found to be soliciting for the morning newspaper. Asked to leave area, checked okay.
	8:26pm	Buckman Lot: Injury. Transported for treatment by family member.
9/9/98	12:20am	Obscene Phone Calls: Number traced by phone system and caller identified. Prosecution pending.
	7:30am	Computer Center: Alarm — temperature control alarm. Maintenance advised.
9/10/98	NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY TO REPORT	
9/11/98	2:10am	Spann Quad: Noise complaint. Late night football game. Participants asked to stop for the night.
	6:35pm	CLC: Alarm. Faulty smoke detector, checked okay.
9/12/98	NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY TO REPORT	
9/13/98	NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY TO REPORT	

### STATISTICS

VISITORS:	1019	CITATIONS:	100
CARS BOOTED:	2	ESCORTS:	10
ACCESSES:	113	JUMP STARTS:	5
PROPPED DOORS:	5	ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS:	0

## Postgraduate Scholarship Committee Directs Students

By Kenneth Lukas  
Staff Writer

Rhodes seniors could be eligible for free or almost free graduate studies.

Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Terri Lindquister is eager to help them: she coordinates student applications for various post-graduate scholarships.

The unofficial Post-Graduate Scholarship Committee, which helps interested students prepare scholarship applications, is composed of Professor of German Horst Dinkelacker, Associate Professor of History Carolyn Schriber, Associate Professor of Foreign Languages Kenneth Morrell, Assistant Professor of History Michael LaRosa, and Lindquister.

As part of the Committee's attempt to interest more Rhodes students in applying for awards, all students received a pamphlet entitled "Are You a Candidate for a Rhodes, Marshall, or Fulbright Scholarship?" While those three may be the best-known scholarships, there are others.

The Truman Scholarships, PPIA, and Mellon and Madison Fellowships are all highly competitive and provide substantial opportunities for graduate study.

Detailed information about awards can be found on the Internet; relevant website addresses are listed in the Committee's pamphlet. Each

Committee member has extensive experience with one or more of the scholarships.

"Knowing the nuances of the application process is very important," Lindquister said.

Lindquister urges students to keep this in mind and inquire about scholarships no later than the spring semester of their junior year. Although all the awards have different requirements, most of the fellowships require applicants to submit a plan of study for which they can demonstrate sufficient undergraduate preparation.

Prospective applicants must be endorsed by their educational institution before applications are submitted. Lindquister encourages applicants to confer with the members of the Committee to receive advice about applications. The Committee conducts mock interviews advises students on writing personal statements and building a strong course schedule.

"We try to make [mock interviews] very thorough, complete interviews, so when [students] get to the real thing, they feel like they've had some legitimate practice," Lindquister said. She added that, especially for better-known scholarships, editing and re-writing the personal statement can be a long and arduous process.

Kathryn Royster ('99), who hopes to obtain an M.A. in

children's literature at Reading University in England, has been working on her application for a Marshall Scholarship since April. "I've put in probably 75-100 hours of preparation," Royster explained.

"Dean Lindquister has assisted me by obtaining information on the Marshall for me and by arranging mock interviews and critiques for my personal statements," added Royster.

"It might not pan out—the Marshall is very competitive. But if I hadn't applied, I would always wonder if I had cheated myself out of a once-in-a-lifetime experience just because it required going out of my comfort zone."

With the committee's help, Trieu Pham ('99) successfully applied for a PPIA fellowship last year.

"Dean Lindquister got all the information I needed. She even proofed my application and 'Fed Ex-ed' it to give me more time," said Pham.

This summer, Pham attended PPIA's seven-week Junior Institute, where he took classes in economics, public policy, international affairs, and writing.

Pham now has the opportunity to undertake an internship or attend language school next summer. The fellowship will also provide at least \$30,000 toward an M.A. or M.P.A.

"This is a wonderful opportunity. My whole postgraduate outlook has changed," said Pham.

## Habitat House Under Construction

By Brandon Barr  
A&E Editor

For the first time in 10 years, Rhodes's Habitat for Humanity chapter is solo-sponsoring the building of a house. Construction of the house is part of Rhodes's year-long 150th Anniversary celebration.

Rhodes's Habitat for Humanity chapter was one the first collegiate chapters in the country, and in 1988 it became the first to solo-sponsor a house. Since then, the chapter has worked on houses for the Memphis chapter and helped area groups like the Vollenstone-Evergreen Community Association (VECA) with construction and clean-up.

The new house, which will be located near Rhodes, will be constructed entirely during the month of October, with work days on weekends from October 9 to November 1. The

Rhodes community will provide all funding and volunteers for the project. Memphis Habitat for Humanity coordinators will help organize the worksite, and professional subcontractors will be called in for more complex jobs, such as wiring.

Chapter President Diane Faires ('99) estimated the cost of the house to be around \$38,500. Rhodes' chapter has raised \$13,000 so far. Donors can buy a "square foot" of the house for \$38.50, but Faires pointed out that any donation, no matter how small, will help their efforts.

The chapter plans several other fundraisers for the fall and hopes to pay for the entire house by the time construction is completed.

Faires said that campus interest in this year's project has been great. Over 190 people showed interest at the Kinney Activities Fair, and many

groups have already volunteered to help with construction. Individuals wishing to help will be able to sign up at a table in the Refectory within the next few weeks.

"Every year since I've been here it seems like interest has been growing," Faires said. "More and more people every year want to get involved, but it seems like there are a lot more people this year who are willing to commit and say they'll do something."

Groups that have volunteered include Campus Green, Friends of VECA, the Rhodes softball team, the College Republicans, the Mortar Board and Omicron Delta Kappa honor societies, and the Alpha Omicron Pi and Kappa Delta sororities. Three halls in Glassell, Stewart, and Williford Halls have volunteered their support, as has one of Associ-

ate Professor of History Lynn Zastoupil's classes.

"It's really neat to see the whole campus want to get involved," Faires said. "I think they realize there's a concrete goal, and since it's a Rhodes thing, they can pull together and get something accomplished."

Faires stated that the project has been helped by the administration's

push to make it a Sesquicentennial event.

"It would have been a more long-term goal for just the student chapter," Faires said, "but with the support of the Board of Trustees and the administration, we could do it a lot faster — so we have it this year, instead of three or four years down the road."

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## Film Society Hopes to Regain Following

### PRESIDENT HOPES VARIED LINEUP WILL HELP ATTENDANCE

By Amy Holcombe  
Staff Writer

The votes for the movies that the Film Society will show this year have been cast, and those chosen represent a variety of genres that will hopefully draw more viewers than in past years.

The first Film Society meeting this semester was held last Thursday, September 10, at 6:30 p.m. in Blount Auditorium, with sixteen students in attendance. Fifty people signed up for membership during the Kinney Activities Fair, which is a good number for an organization that has not had very strong participation in the last few years.

Film Society President Cody Nash ('99) hopes that new organizational tactics will bring the numbers of viewers at movie showings up. An e-mail voting system was used to determine which films were in highest demand among students, and the final choices were made at the meeting.

Based on a lack of participation in previous years, the Film Society's 1998-1999 budget was cut to \$1500, compared with last year's estimated \$3000 allotment. According to Nash, the lower budget limited the movie selection. The films the society shows must be obtained from a distributor, so

brought the best turn-out of students."

Film Society members hope that by showing a mainstream movie like *Apocalypse Now* at the start of the fall semester, viewers who come to see it will return to see some lesser-known movies, and find those entertaining as well.

The added flexibility of three showings per weekend is also aimed at increasing involvement.

Nash and other members want to coordinate with other student organizations such as Rhodes Activities Board, Residence Life, and Multi-Cultural Affairs, to possibly co-sponsor viewings and jointly provide refreshments.

The tentative list for the fall showings includes *Apocalypse Now* (September 18-20), *The Dark Crystal* (October 2-4), *The House of Yes* (October 23-25), *Pet Sematary* (October 30-November 1), *Dead Poets Society* (November 6-8), and *Blue Velvet* (December 4-6). Showings will be in Blount Auditorium at 10 p.m. on Fridays, 7 p.m. on Saturdays, and 2 p.m. on Sundays.

*Apocalypse Now* (1979, directed by Francis Ford Coppola) is

*"In the past, the organization has mainly leaned toward more artsy and obscure films, and that hasn't brought the best turnout of students." — Cody Nash, Film Society President*

the cost of some movies caused their omission.

Deciding which films to show presented a problem to members.

"It was important to get everybody's input and to find out what the majority of students wanted to see," said Nash. "In the past, the organization has mainly leaned toward more artsy and obscure films, and that hasn't

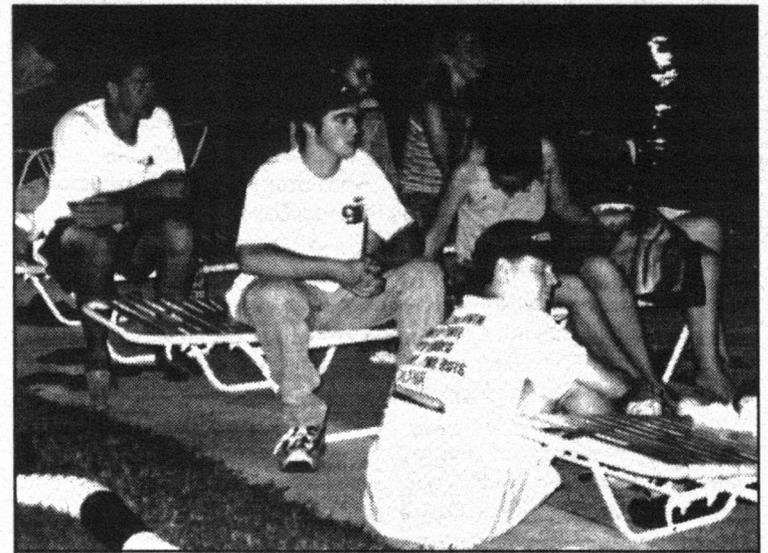


Photo by Brian Choate

Students watch *Happy Gilmore* at the Dive In movie on September 12. The event was co-sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs and Group.

an adaptation of Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness* set in Cambodia during the Vietnam War. Captain Williard (Martin Sheen) is sent on a quest to find a maddened renegade Green Beret (Marlon Brando) who has established himself as a god among a local tribe.

*The Dark Crystal* (1982, directed by Jim Henson and Frank Oz) was the first sci-fi feature film from Jim Henson's Creature Shop. It involves a battle between good

and evil among two groups of magical creatures. A missing shard of a sacred crystal must be replaced so that good in the world may be restored.

*The House of Yes* (1997, directed by Mark Waters II) was originally a play by Wendy MacLeod. Marty (Josh Hamilton) brings his fiancée home to meet his family, but his delusional twin sister, Jackie-O (Parker Posey), is none too happy about the marriage, and she is determined to stop it in a very disturbing fashion.

In *Pet Sematary* (1989, directed by Mary Lambert) kids bury their dead cat in a nearby Native American burial ground, but it comes back to life. This film's real horror lies in the destruction of a family after their wish to have their dead child back comes true. The film is a thriller based on the novel by Stephen King.

In *Dead Poets Society* (1989, directed by Peter Weir) the new English teacher (Robin Williams) at a boys' boarding school inspires his students to make the most of their experiences — encouraging them to read Whitman and "sound their barbaric yawps" on an otherwise conservative campus. This drama takes a serious turn when the group of friends must wrest with an event that leaves them forever altered.

*Blue Velvet* (1986, directed by David Lynch) follows the story of a small town disc jockey (Kyle MacLachlan) who finds a human ear near his house. The daughter of a detective helps him find a sinister undercurrent of drugs, murder, and kidnapping. The vivid visual style typical of David Lynch films (*Twin Peaks*) helps carry its chaotic themes.

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### picks of the week

#### video

*My Dinner With Andre*

Wallace Shawn, known to most as the Sicilian with the lisp in *The Princess Bride*, is also an accomplished playwright. He and Andre Gregory co-wrote and co-starred in this 1981 film: two old friends sit down to dinner together and catch up on each other's lives. There are no fancy camera tricks, jumpy narratives or explosions. But the gutsy script and bare-bones direction make this perhaps the most daring film ever made.

#### recording

Medeski Martin and Wood

*Combustication*

This hard-to-categorize jazz trio has developed quite a following since forming in the early 1990s. Their blend of neo-funk organ, Latin drumbeats and Mingus-style bass lines has yielded some great albums, and *Combustication* is no exception. Their albums are wacky rides, but well worth it.

#### event

Cooper-Young Festival

October 19

It's time again for the annual arts and crafts festival in the trendy Cooper-Young district. The festival closes down several blocks of the intersection in all directions to make room for booths which display artisans' wares. Music, food, beer, and a plethora of antique dealers round out the celebration. A great study break.

## International Students Bring Added Flavor To Rhodes

By Matthew Shipe  
Staff Writer

Rhodes has grown much more diverse this year with the arrival of 16 new international students. The students hail from all parts of the globe, from Belgium to India to Hong Kong.

This year's corps of international students include Fiona MacLeod, from Scotland; Christopher Leroy and Dirk Beeckman, from Belgium; and Marian Mertens, who hails from Germany. Stephanie DeSormes, Christelle Fagot, Damaris Giezendanner, and Tochau Tran are all French citizens. Other international students attending Rhodes this year are Natalia Nagree, from India; Bjoern Dymke, from Germany; Anya Breitmeyer, from the Czech Republic; Evugueni Krynetski, from Russia; Dominika Idzkowski, from Germany; Clara Cheung, from Hong Kong; Megan Gaylord, a U.S. citizen who has lived

in Germany; and Stephanie Carrez-Mazoyer, a TA from France.

The new students seem to be enjoying what the Rhodes community has to offer them. Natalia Nagree, who is from Bombay, India, said that Rhodes has been great so far.

"After twelfth grade most people get out of the country to go to school because our colleges aren't so good," Nagree said. "I came to Rhodes because of its reputation as a liberal arts college. I also like the personal attention you can get here."

Fiona MacCleod, who plans to major in English, stated that she has enjoyed the liberal arts education that Rhodes offers.

"I enjoy the wide diversity of classes offered here at Rhodes and I like that I am going to a small college," MacLeod said.

Damaris Giezendanner has also enjoyed her Rhodes experience.

"I've enjoyed it a lot so far. I also have had a chance to bring out dif-

ferent sides to myself since I've been here," Giezendanner said.

"This year's students are really great," said Katherine Owen Richardson, Director of International Programs. "Each one is a delight from Evgueni, who just got his U.S. drivers license today, to Dirk, who drove some of the [international students] to New Orleans this last weekend."

This year the Office of International Programs has worked in conjunction with the newly created International Townhouse to help the new international students get adjusted to the Rhodes environment.

"The International Townhouse has been a tremendous resource," stated Richardson. "The people in the townhouse began their work by picking up the international students from the airport and helping them get settled in their rooms. Also, each person in the townhouse has

been assigned an international student to be their buddy."

Jessica Anschutz ('00), President of International House and a member of the International Townhouse, said that her work with the international students has been nothing but a positive experience.

According to Anschutz, "Upon arrival at Rhodes on August 16 I have been busy making preparations for International House. We welcomed 16 international students to campus and their orientation included a tour of Rhodes, an introduction to many of the College officials, a trip to Wolfchase Galleria, the Brooks Museum, and Graceland."

Anschutz went on to comment that, "The international students have adjusted very well and have become an integral part of the Rhodes community."

Jaime Hook ('00), vice president of International House and a mem-

ber of the International Townhouse, is also excited about working with the international students this year.

"I'm really excited that Rhodes has so many international students this year", said Hook. "In the past few weeks, we have had so much fun getting to know the international students and since I am not going abroad, I appreciate the opportunity to expose myself to different cultures and make friends from all over the world".

The Office of International Programs plans to do a lot with the international students this year.

"International Programs is fortunate in having the Memphis Rotary Club to sponsor as well as plan events," Richardson said. "So far we've been to a Redbirds game, a trip down to Mud Island, Graceland, and we plan to have a dance on October 10th. Also, we are having a reception for the international students on Wednesday, September 16th."



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## Rhodes Scores Twice In Historic First Game

By Iain Juden  
Sports Editor

On September 9th, 1998, the Rhodes women's field hockey team made athletic history. In their first and only home game of the season, and first game as a varsity sport, they were defeated by the University of the South Tigers by a score of 9-2.

The first Lynx field goal ever was scored by Jill Peterfeso ('00) with forty-five seconds left in the first half. After a series of nice passes up the field and a failed corner by Sewanee, Betsy Perky ('02) passed the ball between two defenders to Peterfeso who beat one more Sewanee player before scoring.

"I am glad we could score so that the crowd had something to be excited about and to provide something positive for some of the newer girls," Peterfeso said of her

goals.

Peterfeso also scored Rhodes' other goal in the second half off of an assist from Adrienne Ballew ('99).

Goalie Allison Tetreault ('01) also excelled, making eighteen saves while being peppered by a more experienced Sewanee team. Rhodes only had six shots to challenge the Tiger goalie.

The Rhodes field hockey team, which was a club sport last year, has twenty-two players, fourteen of which are new to the team. Having lost two captains, Amy Berlin ('98) and Amanda Flaim ('01) from last year, the team is a young and inexperienced group, with only three players having previous experience.

However, with the return of captains Ballew and Libby McCormac ('99), along with Tetreault, Peterfeso, Laura Ann

Barron ('99), Leslie Sait ('00), and Emily Parkinson ('00), the Lynx have a group of solid athletes.

The game was especially exciting for the returning players who participated only in scrimmages last year due to the team's club sport status.

"The team is taken more seriously this year," Ballew said.

"I am really proud of how much everyone has worked and improved in the last two weeks," Coach Heather Soto said.

For Soto, the score was not the important part of this historic game. She quoted men's basketball coach Herb Hilgeman, saying "Even though we lost, we really won just by having this game."

It marked a new period in Rhodes athletics and according to Peterfeso, "I think it's cool that we have introduced the sport to the South."

## Lynx Cross Country No Match For Bears

By Grant Gandy  
Staff Writer

Four days after Mark McGwire's record-breaking ball returned from its St. Louis orbit, the Rhodes cross country team laced up their spikes in their own pursuit of greatness. While the success of the team will not be known until November, Saturday's races were a step in the right direction.

Running their first full length meets - five kilometers for the women and eight for the men - the men finished second behind host Washington University and the women finished third behind Washington and Lindenwood University.

Emily Ferguson ('99) (6th, 19:42) and Lydia Gibson ('02) (8th, 19:45) paced the women's team.

The remainder of the women's top seven came in the large pack of Anna Pinchak ('00) (20th, 20:47), Meghan Bromert ('02) (23rd, 20:59), Megan Emery ('99) (24th, 21:02), Joy Johnson ('99) (26th, 21:15), and Julie Auwarter ('01) (28th, 21:22).

Assistant Coach Kris Bouy said that the women needed to narrow the gap between their second and third runners.

"The gap will close as the second group gets faster and with the return of Kelley Thompson ('01) and Jill Baker ('01)" Bouy said. Thompson and Baker did not run on Saturday.

Despite five teams lining up at

the start, the men's race turned out to be more of a dual meet between the 17th-ranked Washington Bears and the Lynx. The two teams claimed 13 of the top 15 finishers.

The Lynx were again led by Kosta Dalageorgas ('01) who completed the five mile course in 27:28 to finish in 7th place. The trios of Dave Thomasson ('99) (13th, 27:48), Grant Gandy ('99) (15th, 27:58), and Patrick LaRoche ('02) (16th, 28:09) and Mark Loeffler ('02) (18th, 28:23), John Knight ('02) (20th, 28:34), and Dan Spinnenweber ('99) (22nd,

28:38) filled out the top seven for Rhodes.

"I was pleased with the way we ran today. We showed a lot of resolve and did well for our first race at this distance," Coach Robert Shankman said.

The men put their top seven runners within 70 seconds of each other, a time that should decrease with the return of Mike Wottle ('99), the number two runner for the Lynx for much of last season.

The Lynx head to Tuscaloosa, Alabama this weekend for the University of Alabama Invitational.

## 4th Quarter Surge Falls Short For Rhodes Football Team

By David Lightburn  
Staff Writer

Hoping to avenge a discouraging defeat at the hands of Depauw last week, the Rhodes football team treated fans to an exciting game against Wabash before falling victim once again, 41-34.

In a game that looked similar to the loss against Depauw, the Lynx rallied late in the second half, only to fall a touchdown short.

Wabash started the scoring in the first quarter after a 7 play 90-yard drive, capped off by a one-yard touchdown run.

Rhodes answered early in the second quarter with a 45-yard touchdown

pass from Patrick Williams ('00) to Patrick Finley ('00).

Wabash went on to score on their next 3 possessions amassing 330 yards in total offense in the first half. Up 27-13 at the half, Wabash extended their lead to 41-13 midway through the third quarter.

Showing poise and newfound intensity, the Lynx ran off 21 unanswered points, whittling the lead down to 7 points with

touchdowns coming off passes from Williams to Finley and John Ferguson ('00) and a 3-yard run by Williams.

On the other side of the ball, the defense held Wabash to 14

points and 170 yards total offense in the second half, giving the offense a chance to score some points.

In the end though, it was the offensive line of Wabash and running back Michael Stewart who were too tough, running out the last 4:02.

Rhodes could only watch helplessly with no remaining timeouts as the time and their hopes dwindled after a first down run by Stewart late in the game.

Despite a running game that left a lot to be desired, Williams had a huge game, throwing for 293 yards and 3 touchdowns.

Finley had 114 yards receiving and 2 touchdowns and Kila Wilson ('01) added 5 catches for 84 yards.

With the second half surge, the Lynx left fans excited about the game next week when conference rival Centre College comes to Rhodes at 1:30.

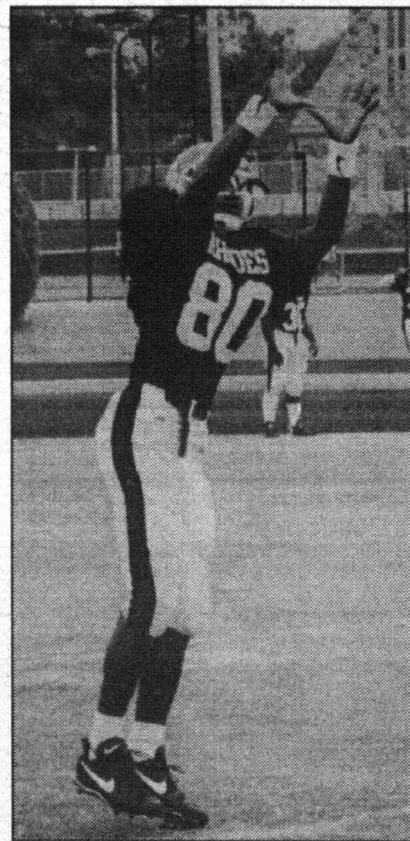


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**Kila Wilson ('01)** stretches to make a catch while warming up for Saturday's 34-41 loss to Wabash. - Wilson had 5 catches for 84 yards.

## Down and Dirty...

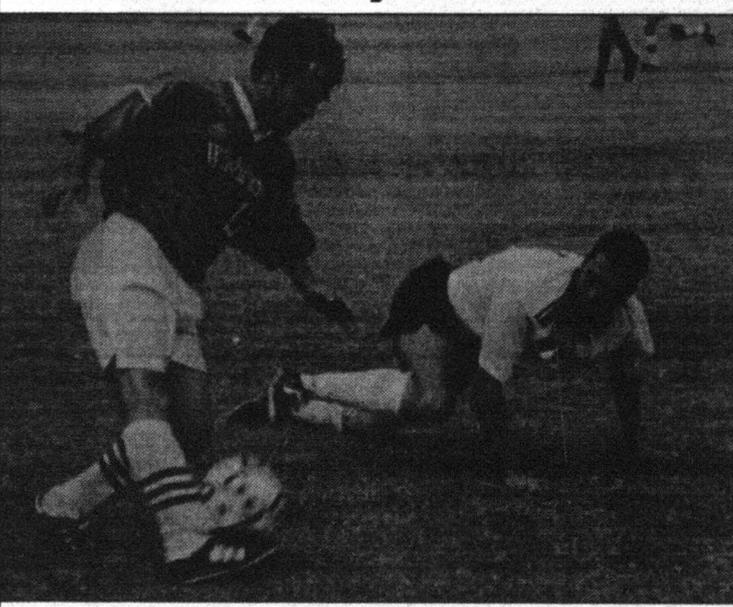


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**Josh Kleine ('01)** scrambles to his feet to challenge a Washington University defender. Rhodes won the match 1-0 on Saturday.

## The Homerun Race

Mark McGwire

Sammy Sosa

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