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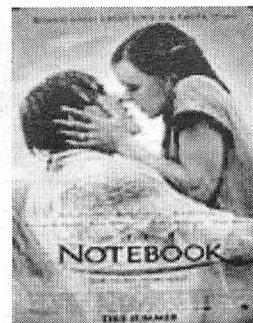
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First Book at Rhodes to hold first giveaway party

First Book to giveaway hundreds to books to children across Memphis

By Leah Kaye

On Saturday morning, February 19, over 900 books will find new homes with the children and youth served by First Book - Rhodes College. More than 500 kids participating in 14 nonprofit programs, such as Big Brothers Big Sisters and Girls, Inc., have been invited to attend the First Book giveaway party at the Memphis Shelby County Central Public Library.

The event will include storybook time with readers President Troutt, Dean Stackman, Dr. Rita Dorsey of the Memphis Police Department,

Chief Fire Marshall Ronald Brown, and other public figures serving on the city council and county commission. "We really hope that a lot of kids will attend. Not only will they walk away with free books just for showing up, but the party promises to be a fun one," said Adam Brewer ('05), Grant Coordinator for First Book - Rhodes College.

In addition, student volunteers will be painting faces and helping the children make bookmarks as they listen to the stories.

Members of the First Book-Rhodes College Advisory Board

have been planning this party since last November. The Board was founded by seven students in the middle of the Fall and they knew they wanted to have something big to kick off the semester.

First Book is a national nonprofit organization that is fighting illiteracy by providing new books to disadvantaged children throughout the country. The job of the campus Advisory Board is to locate those children served by literacy programs, after-school programs, daycares, and tutoring programs that qualify to receive books. The Board conducts fundraising events to earn the new books, and then give away between six and 12 books per child. In addition, each particular recipient program must go through a book grant application process.

The party is not only meant to give away books, but also to encourage various different programs, a number of which are currently served by Rhodes volunteers and tutors, to apply for a book grant. "I hope that we can develop strong relationships with the children and their teachers so that the grant process in the future will run as smoothly as possible, and we can give away as many books as possible," said

Rhodes receives grant to continue Learning Corridor

By Jonathan Wigand

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded Rhodes College a grant of \$250,000 to continue the Rhodes Learning Corridor for another year. The Learning Corridor began last year with the help of a similar grant to partner the college with neighboring schools and institutions in the hopes of enhancing the learning experiences of science students. "We want to spark an interest in kids who haven't thought much about science and also keep the kids who have thought about it interested," said Dr. Tony Becker, the Director of the Learning Corridor. "We want to show students the possibilities in science."

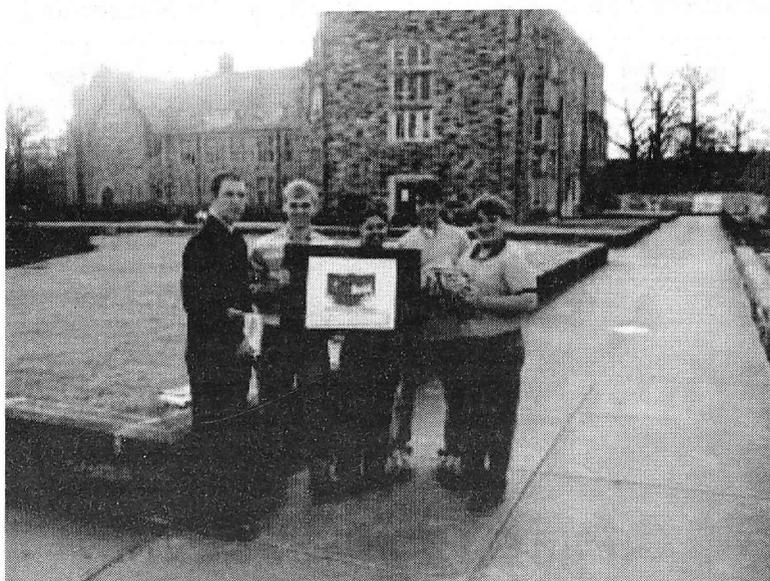
The Learning Corridor works with both Rhodes students and with elementary, middle, and high school students (primarily those who live or attend schools close to Rhodes) in programs that allow these students to understand more 'in depth' modes of science. These programs range from tutoring to field trips to research opportunities with faculty and science professionals.

The Learning Corridor will not only continue those programs which it already has, but it will also initiate a few new programs this year. One such program will be a certi-

fication program for middle school teachers who teach at Memphis City Schools. Another program will be a forestry project, which will be headed up by Dr. Becker. The project will research what is known as the 'old forest' in Overton Park, and will study invasive plants such as kudzu. This project will be funded mostly by a grant which Dr. Becker has acquired from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture's Forestry Division.

In addition, The Pink Palace Partnership, another new program, which is being initiated this summer, will partner Rhodes with the Pink Palace Museum to conduct two archaeology programs for students at Snowden School. Each program will last two weeks and will give students the opportunity to participate in field excavation work.

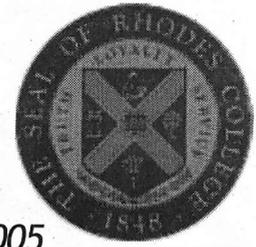
The archeology programs will be conducted at the Davies Plantation, a 640-acre plot of land which has been settled since 1821. There is evidence of a Native American presence long before that, and the students will have the opportunity to study the history of the area through archaeological research. Each program will end with a field trip to the



FIRST BOOK AT RHODES WORKS TOWARDS FIRST EVENT Photo by Marie Lindquist
Members Adam Brewer ('05), Andy Greer ('07), Leah Kaye ('05), Drury Morris ('08) and Douglas Lensing ('08) gather to promote this weekend's giveaway.

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America's future in Iraq

In late January Iraqi citizens were able to determine their future through open elections, for the first time in over 50 years. For the past two weeks officials have been verifying the authenticity of the election and computing the outcome. The results show the United Iraqi Alliance, a Shiite backed coalition taking nearly 50 percent of the 275 Transitional National Assembly seats.

If not for the frequent attacks witnessed on election day by eight suicide bombings in Baghdad, leaving dozens of innocent voters injured or dead, the elections' relative success suggests the framework for a stabilizing force in the country. Terror groups, in attempts to thwart the democratic ambitions of a majority of the Iraqi people, threatened that "the streets would run red with voters' blood." Based on past acts of merciless aggression, this threat was not taken lightly as U.S. and Iraqi security forces provided safe access to 98% of the polling sites, allowing millions of Iraqis to exercise their new freedom.

While not without chaos, the elections helped rein-

force what President Bush and his administration have been attempting to accomplish since removing Saddam Hussein. Bush's political opponents at home are even forced to view the elections with optimism, a stance Liberals have so far avoided. As purely political ammunition, Liberals use continued sui-

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cide attacks and rising death figures to show the lack of success Bush has made in Iraq. Cautious optimism should be introduced to the Liberal vocabulary, even in the face of continued bombings. All Americans should be

hopeful for a democratic Iraq as it means a quicker return of our troops and Democrats must begin pressuring Bush for a reputable time table to remove troops from Iraq and keep the administration fiscally accountable.

Conservatives, proud of November's domestic election results and of the recent elections in Iraq, should not view the situation in Iraq as anywhere near fully resolved. Using history as a predictor, the administration should be mindful of the pitfalls and dangers a young democracy must face. Liberals have good reason to continue questioning the apparent improvised strategy regarding Iraq's steps towards stability and autonomy. Will additional nations or multinational groups be asked to help in future peace keeping missions? Does President Bush assume that the Iraqis will be able to adequately provide their own security, especially in the face of terrorism?

There are other concerns Bush must face with the results of January's election. The interim Prime Minister, Iyad Allawi, finished third in the election, finishing off

the slight chance that Iraq would take on secular leadership. President Bush, while publicly applauding the Iraqi people for "defying the terrorists," privately must be worried about the winning parties' Islamic links with Iran—part of Bush's axis of evil. Who will Iraq turn to for important policy advice:

Western Christian nations or Iran and other Muslim nation?

The United Iraqi Alliance must now choose a presidential council, which will select the prime minister as well as other secretaries. In its most fragile time, the democratic process must be facilitated impartially, not manipulated by any outside actors, whether they are terror groups or the United States.

Once stability has been maintained, America must remove itself or face the possibility of sparking further bloodshed and provide additional ammunition for

terror group recruitment. If America continues to occupy Iraq under the guise of permanent military bases, it

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will perpetuate nothing but chaos and make Americans at home and abroad less safe.

The nearly \$300 billion price tag and cost of human life must result in a positive

outcome with a stable Iraq.

Whether or not the invasion was justified continues to be questioned by Conservatives and Liberals; only history will indicate the wisdom of that decision. Bush must implement a foreign policy that reflects his rhetoric, and view the Iraqi election results as an indicator of impending American withdrawal.

The ambiguous short-term success of the invasion of Iraq should not be a model for future conflict resolution in the region. Diplomacy that involves multiple nations is the only avenue for true mutual security in the 21st century.

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The Sou'wester celebrates Black History Month, part IV

Throughout the month of February this section has reprinted articles written in the 1960's by former Southwestern students. Reflecting on the controversial racial attitudes affecting their own lives, students expressed both segregationist and integrationist views in their letters to the editor. Previous editions of this section have focused on the University of Mississippi integration controversy and the perceived ramifications it meant for Southwestern.

In this final special edition, the editors have chosen articles that reflect a change in student opinion regarding the integration of the college, which took place in the fall of 1964. The last article, an editorial on the Sanitation Workers' Strike, suggests the coming violence after Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination and a turning point in the Civil Rights Movement.

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Council Member States Views (October 25, 1963)

CHRIS DRAGO (SENIOR CLASS REPRESENTATIVE)

This letter will state my views on the recent Student Council controversy concerning Mr. Hart's resolution and Mr. Webb's referendum.

I feel that the Student Council should take a positive stand on Southwestern's plan to integrate effective September, 1964. When Mr. Hart introduced his resolution, the Council should have supported this formal expression of opinion, which was very moderate and was in accordance with the beliefs of practically every

Council member. Instead of voting in favor of the proposal, the Council voted 15-2 for a similar motion That substituted a letter for the resolution. The main argument for this change was that the letter would not have to be read in Student Assembly, although there was no way to prevent the Sou'wester from reporting the contents to the students. To me, the reason is not sufficient to justify sending a letter in lieu of the assembly report. (The contents of the resolution and the

letter are the same.) Why did the Student Council not want to read the letter that appears in this issue of the Sou'wester to the student body?

In so far as I feel the students should be completely informed of the contents of the letter, I am in favor of the referendum. But I hope the students will carefully consider the matter at hand and vote to send the letter to the Board of Directors.

Letter to the Editor: Anti-Mississippi Polemic

THURMAN RAGAR (DECEMBER 6, 1963)

I have observed with delight the concern shown by some of my fellow students over the educational standards of Southwestern, which will be hurt if Negroes are admitted. It is good that there should be this concern. I would like, however, to call to the attention of the college community one glaring problem which has heretofore been unrecognized and which needs to be examined—the problem of Mississippians.

Allow me to say that I have nothing against Mississippians per se; some of my best friends are Mississippians. But the fact remains that Mississippians are inferior. This can be demonstrated scientifically.

The schools in Mississippi are admitted to be the worst in the nation. It quite plain that it is not due to any lack of money—there is plenty of money in Mississippi. Witness: the pirating of industry from her sister states by the building of plants with state and local governmental money (Socialism!). It is instead, the innate inferiority of Mississippians themselves which causes their schools to be so poor. Even

if Mississippians wanted their schools to be better it would not be possible, for the fact remains that the material with which the Mississippi Educational System works is inferior.

One sign of intelligence in men is a sense of history. Even a small child learns after putting his hand in the fire not to do it again. The Mississippians do not have this sense of history. They have evidently forgotten the debacle of 1861-65. Witness: Ole Miss last fall.

Another proof of the inferiority of Mississippians is that if it were not for the altruism of the other 49 states Mississippi would still be mosquito infested swamps and beast filled pine barren hills. Witness: the only worthwhile capital improvements in Mississippi are the federal highways and the federal built levees.

As it has been plainly pointed out the Mississippians are an inferior people. Steps, therefore, should be taken to preserve Southwestern's scholastic standing by excluding Mississippians. Anyway, would you want your sister to marry a Mississippian?

The Sou'wester Editorial (April 2, 1968) Reason Falls to Emotion

The macabre situation in which Memphis, Tennessee, now finds itself was caused by, and has generated, two sickening realities: the abandoning of rationality, and the extreme difficulty in discerning what has actually taken place—and qualify and defend what you will, there is, somewhere, the Truth in this disgrace.

Throughout the sanitation strike, people have been dealing in personalities instead of conflicts in ethics and policy. The standard procedure upon encountering one on the other side has become to lambast him as stupid and narrow-minded, instead of attempting to use Reason, and to seek common ground.

No goodwill or sincerity is assumed on the part of anyone with whom one differs. The mayor and city government have been skewered as idiots by the Negro community; men who have suffered much and are now fighting desperately for their manhood are deprecated as "uppity niggers."

The loss of reasoning is demonstrated by the riot. Negro youths, acting more as gangs—"excited like kids at a

football game," said the Rev. J.J. Jones—touched it off on Beale Street.

The police leaped in, some no doubt with relish, others without ample riot training, and over-reacted. Thus, they missed the chance to be what they constantly claim to be, and which would eliminate the ubiquitous "brutality" charge: restrained.

Questions: did the young Negro gangs start the window-breaking and looting, or was it the marchers? Did police incite the riot? What really happened at Hamilton High School? What about Clayborn Temple after the march?

These questions point to the second sickening obstacle: how can we determine what occurred?

Inane rumors are going to fly. But observe the varying reports of the institutions that purport and have the duty to be broadcasters of the truth. Listen to a WHBQ news program. Then turn to WDIA. Compare a **Commercial Appeal** editorial with a **Tri-State Defender** write-up.

How are such contradictions eliminated?

Ideally: fight problems with Reason, not personalities with emotion. The past has hideously clouded with prejudice the problem of working for one America. There has never been a greater need for the assumption and manifestation of goodwill.

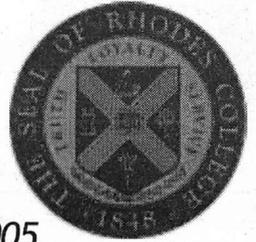
Perhaps most importantly, the news media of this city bear the gravest responsibility to dig for the facts and to make them known: political pressures and reporting geared to make a race look good must go.

When senseless violence leads to wanton plundering and the death of a young Memphis citizen (however he died), Negro militants, you are wrong.

When a city policeman clubs a little boy, Officer, you are wrong.

Whenever irrationality like this bites into the fight for justice, it is irrevocably incumbent upon the news media to report it.

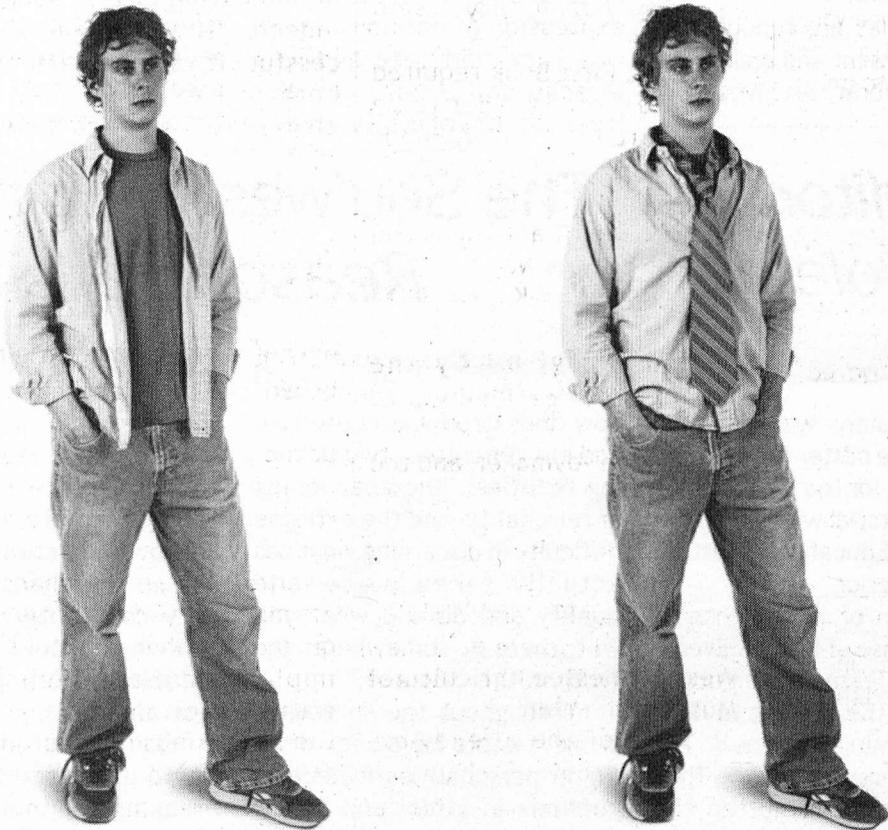
And it is the duty of all citizens to act reasonably upon these facts.



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02/07	4:48 a.m.	Report of a woman screaming in Hein Park. Hein Park area and the fence line behind East Village A and B searched; no one found.
	8:15 a.m.	Property damage to one of Physical Plant's vehicles. Director of Physical Plant aware.
	10:25 a.m.	Fire alarm: refectory.
	10:28 a.m.	Cause of alarm was excessive steam. Alarm reset.
02/08	12:09 a.m.	Several MPD officers in the Hein Park area responding to a 911 call.
	12:11 a.m.	MPD notified Campus Safety that the 911 call was a false alarm.
	9:00 a.m.	Attempted theft of a bicycle on campus. The owner of the bike and a friend chased down the would-be thief and retrieved his bicycle.
	5:40 p.m.	Student reported to Campus Safety that someone had entered his room and stolen his computer. Report filed.
	8:09 p.m.	Ambulance dispatched to campus to transport an ill student.
02/09	12:15 a.m.	Suspicious person, wearing all dark clothing with hood looking in vehicles on Tutwiler. Campus Safety followed the individual out of the area.
02/10	6:34 a.m.	Housekeeper stuck in elevator in the Math building. Physical Plant notified.
	6:00 p.m.	Report of an auto theft on Tutwiler. MPD notified. Report filed.
	8:30 p.m.	Fire drills under way for East Village, Rob/White/Ellett and Stewart.
	9:20 p.m.	Fire drills completed.
	9:50 p.m.	Report of a student striking a light pole on East Village Lane. No injuries to student, minor vehicle damage. Light pole dead at the scene.
02/11	9:25 p.m.	Spontaneous party registered for the Pikes.
02/12	3:15 a.m.	Report of an ill student in Bellingrath. Ambulance called. Duty administrator notified.

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Douglas Lensing ('08), Co-Chair of the Advisory Board.

First Book - Rhodes College is constantly recruiting new board members and offering the opportunity to make a visible difference. "Working with the Rhodes students on the Advisory Board has really shown me how effectively different, but brilliant minds can work together, and how we can affect the community," said Lensing.

Overall, First Book required some support in order to be able to run the party. Funds have been received by Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Sigma Nu fraternities, as well as Alpha Omicron Pi and Kappa Delta sororities. In-kind donations have been given by the Rhodes College Bookstore, the Residence Life Office, The Village Toymaker, and the Art Center.

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West Tennessee Agricultural Museum in Milan.

Some of the already-existing programs which will be continued this year include a tutoring program at Central High School called Science is Cool, the SWEEP program, the Young Scholars program, and the Rhodes/St. Jude Partnership.

SWEEP, the Storm Water Environmental Education Project, is a program headed up by Prof. Carol Ekstrom in which Rhodes is partnered with Cypress Middle School students and faculty to study the water cycle and pollution.

Similarly, the Young Scholars program is another summer program which provides area high school students with a curriculum that teaches them how to think like scientists. The program's goal is to prepare students for degrees and ca-

reers in science. Tuition is free of charge to participants. Meanwhile, the Rhodes/St. Jude Partnership allows a group of Central High students the opportunity to work with St. Jude doctors who volunteer to be mentors during the school year.

As well as being excited about each individual program, Dr. Becker believes in the success of the Learning Corridor as a whole. This grant is an indication of that success. Indeed, "If a program is successful, it receives attention both in the community and elsewhere. This grant means that the Corridor is getting attention from people who are interested in what we are doing," he said.

Moreover, as the Corridor continues to succeed, Dr. Becker is also interested in the growth of the program and which kind of growth would be of the greatest benefit. "Right now our main focus is on schools and students close to Rhodes, mostly in the midtown area. As we see that our programs are succeeding, the question is whether we want to implement more such programs at the same schools or the same kinds of programs in other schools farther away."

The initial proposal for the Learning Corridor was written by President Trout, who sees the Corridor as an opportunity for community outreach."Dr. Trout is very concerned about the surrounding community and what Rhodes can do to benefit that community," said Dr. Becker.

Lauren Bell receives the Jill Bumpus award

By Kelly Brier San Miguel

Lauren Bell, a senior at Rhodes recently received the Jill Bumpus Award for Service Leadership for work in the fight against nonvio-

lence. This award recognizes the excellence in a student's leadership in higher education service across the state of Tennessee.

As student Christine Coy ('05) says, "Lauren is organized, driven, loves to have fun, and mainly makes sure that programs get accomplished." It was this drive that led her to work to help make a difference in the children of Holy Community Shalom Project.

Bell took over this project when she was a freshman and helped to teach non-violence and good morals to the kids of at-risk areas in Memphis. Bell admits to how amazed she is of "how much potential so many children have despite the seemingly insurmountable circumstances they face." In leading this educational program for four years she showed how important it was to help teach kids nonviolence.

In addition, Bell demonstrates immense leadership in her role as a Kinney moderator where she and others oversee the organization of the Kinney program. She is also the coordinator for Teach for America, membership chair for the Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honor society, part of the leadership team of the Rhodes Peer Ministry Council, and a member of the Mortar Board and Theta Alpha Kappa and Iota Iota Iota honor societies.

In addition to college activities, Bell is an intern at the Memphis Regional Chapter of the National Conference for Community and Justice. Overall, the college feels that Bell's efforts at service and activity have provided a program for others to follow and continue to make a difference in the fight against nonviolence. Indeed, as Marie Lindquist points out, one of the most amazing things about Bell is that "she never does service for the recognition and would do it regardless. She works collectively to get things done. She also gives credit to others and doesn't talk much about her own involvement. She is driving force behind these projects."



MUSIC REVIEW

Trouble by Ray LaMontagne ~by Erin Kitchell

Ray LaMontagne lived exactly the gritty life one associates with raspy folk singers; one of six children raised by his single mother, he moved around a lot growing up—living in everything from cars and tents to a cinderblock shell on a, you guessed it, Tennessee horse ranch.

Four years after struggling to graduate high school, Ray found himself working day-long shifts at a shoe factory in Maine. One morning, his 4 a.m. alarm went off playing the song "Tree Top Flyer" by Stephen Stills. Shaken by the song, LaMontagne was permanently transformed. He plunged into music, quickly discovering Bob Dylan, Neil Young, Ray Charles, and Otis Redding. By the summer of 1999, LaMontagne had recorded his first demo. His major label

album, *Trouble*, was created from the demo and released in September of 2004.

This is the kind of album that you listen to all the way through. Granted, LaMontagne occasionally resorts to the

actually the ones you anticipated. Backed by mellow, blues-inspired guitar riffs, LaMontagne's vocals make for perfect mindless listening as one song lulls you into the next.

Although it seems to be missing whatever the touch is that marks true genius, this album is definitely a solid buy. LaMontagne's crooning is all back porches, fireplaces, starry nights, and foggy mornings. Not one prone to superficial judgments, I still admit to being won over by great cover art. This one certainly qualifies as a winner: supercool, yet unpretentious, a nice addition to a crowded desk top.



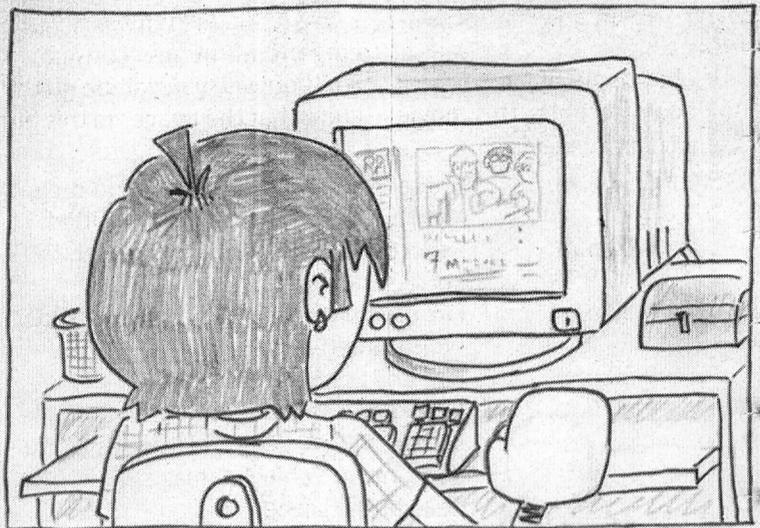
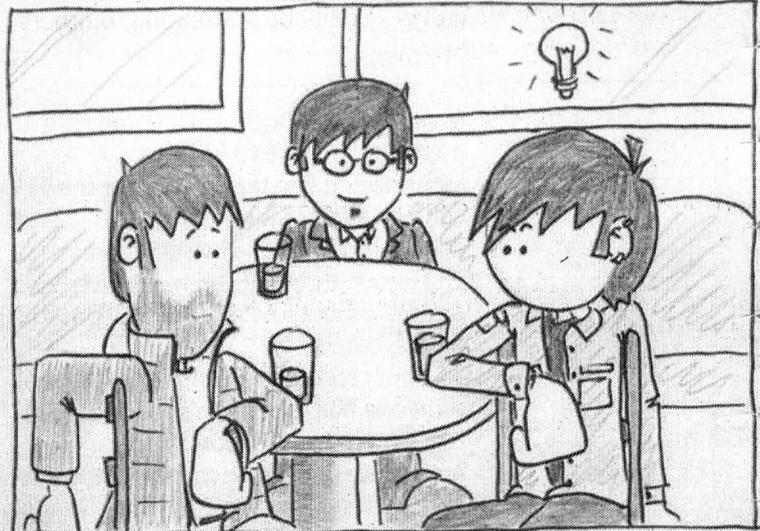
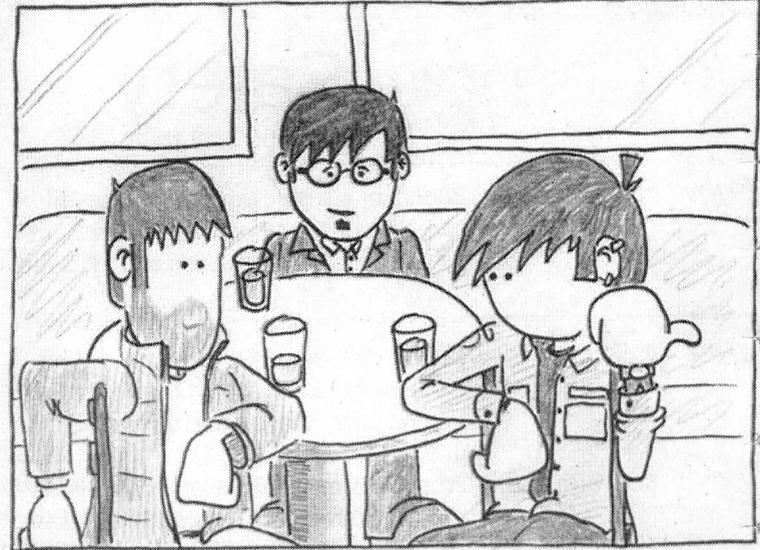
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overly easy rhyme, but he has the kind of voice that almost makes you not notice. He also still manages to deliver the types of lines that entirely capture the movement, leaving you more than happy that they're ex-

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THIS WEEKEND

by LOGAN WHEELER



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Photo courtesy of Professor Gail Murray

SAVING THE WORLD, ONE VAGINA AT A TIME

Five faculty members joined the cast of this year's Vagina Monologues production to raise support for the fight to end violence against women. Pictured from left to right: Mary Allison Cates (Minister to Students), Professor Rocio Rodriguez-del Rio, Professor Dee Garceau-Hagen, Professor Anita Davis, Professor Gail Murray.



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Dinner & a Movie

This week, Erin Kitchell reviews Highland restaurant *The Chinese Sub Shop*, and Leah Kaye reviews the movie *The Notebook*, newly released on DVD.

Sparks has fans crying over *The Notebook* for a decade

By Leah Kaye

On Friday night, I cried for a solid half hour while watching *The Notebook*. Although crying in front of a screen is not too unusual for me, and weekly episodes of *Extreme Makeover Home Edition* never cease to cause a tear or two to fall, this movie triggered one of my more unstoppable crying fits, the kind that leaves the eyes horribly swollen early the next morning.

The Notebook was recently released on DVD and is currently advertised as "the perfect Valentine's Day gift." I would venture to say that this commercial is not far from the truth. It presented the perfect opportunity to curl up on the couch with that special someone and actually watch him share in my tears for once.

If old people make you sick and uncomfortable, this movie just might change your mind; if you already have a special place for old people, then this love story will leave you looking for the perfect love that lasts a lifetime.

The story demonstrates the strength of love to overcome economic differences, disease, and the limits of life itself, all in two hours. While considered intense to some, it could potentially be nauseating to others.

Main characters Noah and Allie, played by Ryan Gosling (*Remember the Titans*) and Rachel McAdams (*Mean Girls*) find each other in love at first sight time and again due to the complications of Allie's Alzheimer's combined with the pulling strength of their recorded life story. While I have my concerns about the casting of Gosling as Noah - he does not exactly capture the mature, solemn, upright Noah Calhoun I have been picturing in my dreams since 7th grade - the two sure are hot together.

As the vast majority of my current audience consists of Southerners, you will be glad to know that the images in this film made me wish I were born around here, particularly to have lived through the '50s. While I cannot vouch for the accuracy of the hairstyles, clothes, and building facades of the time pe-

riod, I can admit that they were absolutely charming. The Southern etiquette, all the drawls and the plantation homes added to the mush and to my desire to be hopelessly in love during a time when life was a whole lot simpler.

As the movie is based on the bestselling novel by Nicholas Sparks, a review would not be complete without the book-to-movie comparison. The book was released nearly a decade ago in 1996, and had me crying way back then as well.

If you are one of the few that has not yet read the book, see the movie first. It only sheds a glimmer of light on just how sappy this love story can get, and just how much crying power you have in you.

The movie also skips over details that can only be made crucial in writing, such as the intricacies of their crab dinner. However, it does a good job of capturing some of the nature images that were emphasized in the book, particularly the boating scenes with the rain and the muscles and the swans and oh my goodness, it is just so romantic!

The book was certainly better than the movie (which also goes for *Message in a Bottle*, another Sparks movie-novel duo), but mostly because the book was one of my all-time favorites.

It still amazes me to this day that this story was created by a male, but it certainly leaves me with hope in finding my own Noah. For this reason, some men will not love this movie as I do. But I will venture to say that they will love the reaction that this movie as a gift will provoke in their Valentines, once the crying has stopped and the blotchy faces have been dried.

The Chinese Sub Shop attracts diners with more than the basic makings

By Erin Kitchell

Many of you probably spent Valentine's Day at a fancy, romantic locale complete with roses, red wine, and chocolate mousse. Well, that's all well and good, but this week's review is for a place that makes the best kind of date—one where you can wear sweat pants, eat with your hands and end the night incredibly greasy. I was driving down Highland the other day when, as always, I was struck by the incredibly odd caricature of a Godzilla-size Chinese woman with an equally monstrous sub in hand. Ahhhh, Chinese Sub Shop.

It's been awhile since I'd been back to this favorite Memphis haunt, but it was as inexplicably delicious as always. I know Lenny's has a virtual monopoly on the Rhodes sandwich eating crowd (I even have one friend who claims Lenny's is better than Gus's; clearly he needs help beyond what is within my capability to render), but the Chinese Sub Shop is the perfect dingy, character-filled alternative.

The food is absolutely amazing. All of the sandwiches are toasted and served with the place's special sauce. Honestly, I'm not sure why the subs are so incredible; they come in all the basic varieties with all the common ingredients, but somehow the sum really is greater than the parts. They

do also serve a range of Chinese food, but I've only known people to order the subs. The enormous chocolate chip cookies are also fantastic, especially if you like them just a little bit doughy and undercooked.

The inside is a little dark with low ceilings; it has the best whole-in-the-wall feel, complete with old diner booths. Last time I was in, I was served by a vaguely intimidating man who reminded me of Seinfeld's Soup Nazi. Don't worry though; he was more reserved than militant. Really he just added to the old school hash-slinging diner feel, admittedly with an unusual Asian twist.

The combination of weird facets here is enough to keep me coming back. Just drive by and look at their marquee. Believe me, you won't be able to avoid being drawn in by the silly smile of the gigantic visage over the door.

Genre: submarine sandwiches, Chinese
Location: 614 S. Highland
Prices: \$4-5 with drink
Hours: 11 a.m. - 8:45 p.m.
Phone: 324-3728

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2/16/05: Baseball versus LeMoyne Owen (2:00 p.m.)

2/19/05: Women's tennis versus Montevallo (10:00 a.m.)

2/19/05: Women's and Men's Basketball versus Hendrix (3:00 and 5:00 p.m.)

2/20/05: Softball versus LeMoyne Owen (12:00 p.m.)

2/20/05: Softball versus Rust (2:00 p.m.)

2/24/05: Baseball versus Bethel (2:00 p.m.)

Lynx baseball this past week: two perspectives

Early season momentum

By Chris France

Both games at Millsaps, although tough losses, were encouraging. As a team we finally broke out offensively and collected 23 hits in the double header. We did not do a very good job of turning those hits into runs, however. That is something that we improved upon dramatically against Rust. Several pitchers turned in strong performances at Millsaps.

Robert Flanagan ('08) and Chris Catalanotto ('08) both pitched well on Saturday, as did Collin Schultenover ('05). Today the team got off to a very slow start, possibly due to leftover disappointment from the Millsaps series. The bats woke up in the third and fourth innings, and stayed hot the rest of the afternoon. In the first game, we got four homeruns, including

two by Richard Hurd ('08), and three in one inning by first-years Matt Jack, Hurd and Daniel Vanaman. We started out a little bit slow in the second game as well, partly due to a Rust pitcher who threw pretty well for a few innings. Once again, however, the offense came to life, putting up 16 runs and winning in 5 innings by the ten run rule.

Travis Cox ('05) pitched well in relief in both games, and picked up wins in both games to improve his record to 2-0. Jeff France ('06) allowed only one run in the final three innings of the first game to earn his first save of the season. Today should give us some momentum for our game tomorrow against Lemoyne Owen, and will give us some confidence heading into this weekend's series in San Antonio.

Lynx Baseball captures double-header over Rust

By Eben Cathay

Rhodes captured their first win of the day with a 17-9 lead over local competitor Rust College. The match, clenched by a huge five run inning featuring back-to-back home runs from Matt Jack and Richard Hurd ('08) and an additional homer from Daniel Vanaman ('08), the Lynx demonstrated both excellent

early-season teamwork and individual prowess.

Hurd ('08) also scored two home runs over the first game. The Lynx continued to dominate in the second game as well, defeating Rust with a score of 16-6 in six innings. Travis Cox ('05) was the winning pitcher in both games. The Lynx next match-up will be against Lemoyne-Owen at home February 16.

Editorial: Competing in the larger race

By Will Corvey

Enter the weight room, violent music's blaring. The players, they're pumping. It's the same scenario on the track, on the court, on the field. It's an atmosphere of stress, of vanity, of posture, of chaos. Strangely, it's where our best qualities as human beings are meant to shine through. At a liberal arts college built for the purpose of creating citizens in the world, why play sports at all?

I can remember the age of innocence, now almost a decade ago, when the most pressing concern before a game was where the team would go to dinner afterward. Even at the Division III level, Rhodes athletes slam through between one and three practices daily depending on the sport in order to be fit enough for the season. Daily visits to the training room become a matter of routine. Injuries are expected; coaches imagine a few "casualties" each year. As a member of the swim team and former member of the cross country and track teams, I know firsthand the physical and mental stress of preparing to compete, not to mention the pressures of competition itself. Conventional wisdom tells us that such stress must be worthwhile, that "that which does not kill us makes us stronger." After over eight years of heavy competition, I must acknowledge

this approach as effective, at least in the short-term.

The dangers of this approach seem more apt to manifest in the years ahead. Few athletes I've questioned plan to compete in their chosen sport, one of their current primary focuses, for even a short time after graduation. The most dedicated plan to compete recreationally at best. The four years of Lynx play, despite their current valor and esteem, for many become a subtle, satisfying drug that brings a beautiful, ephemeral high that sucks away the underlying passions.

How, then, do we hold our own attention? Some, like recent graduate Chris France ('04), maintain their play through coaching. While this is an option some of us might consider post-graduation, likely many of us will not have the opportunity to coach for any team given our circumstance, much less our former college team as we pursue a graduate degree. Our conservation of interest, of joy, must start today; we cannot wait or hope for similar opportunities to convince ourselves of the personal relevance of our sport, or of its possible impact in our many remaining days.

As athletes, we must focus not only on team season goals or immediate personal marks, but on the way that strenuous physical activity forms our personality. It can make us violent, hostile, depressed, or, it can be our redemption, our ultimate retreat. As you go the practice field, the track, the pool, or the weight room, I urge you to focus not on the clock, on the players, or on the weight, but on yourself. Affirm with every bead of sweat, with every torn ligament, your personal convictions. Hold these moments dear, knowing that beneath the brash exterior there is a secret vulnerability precious beyond knowing, but so subtle it might be missed. Know that in five years, tomorrow's game won't have been about the other team, it will have been about yourself.