

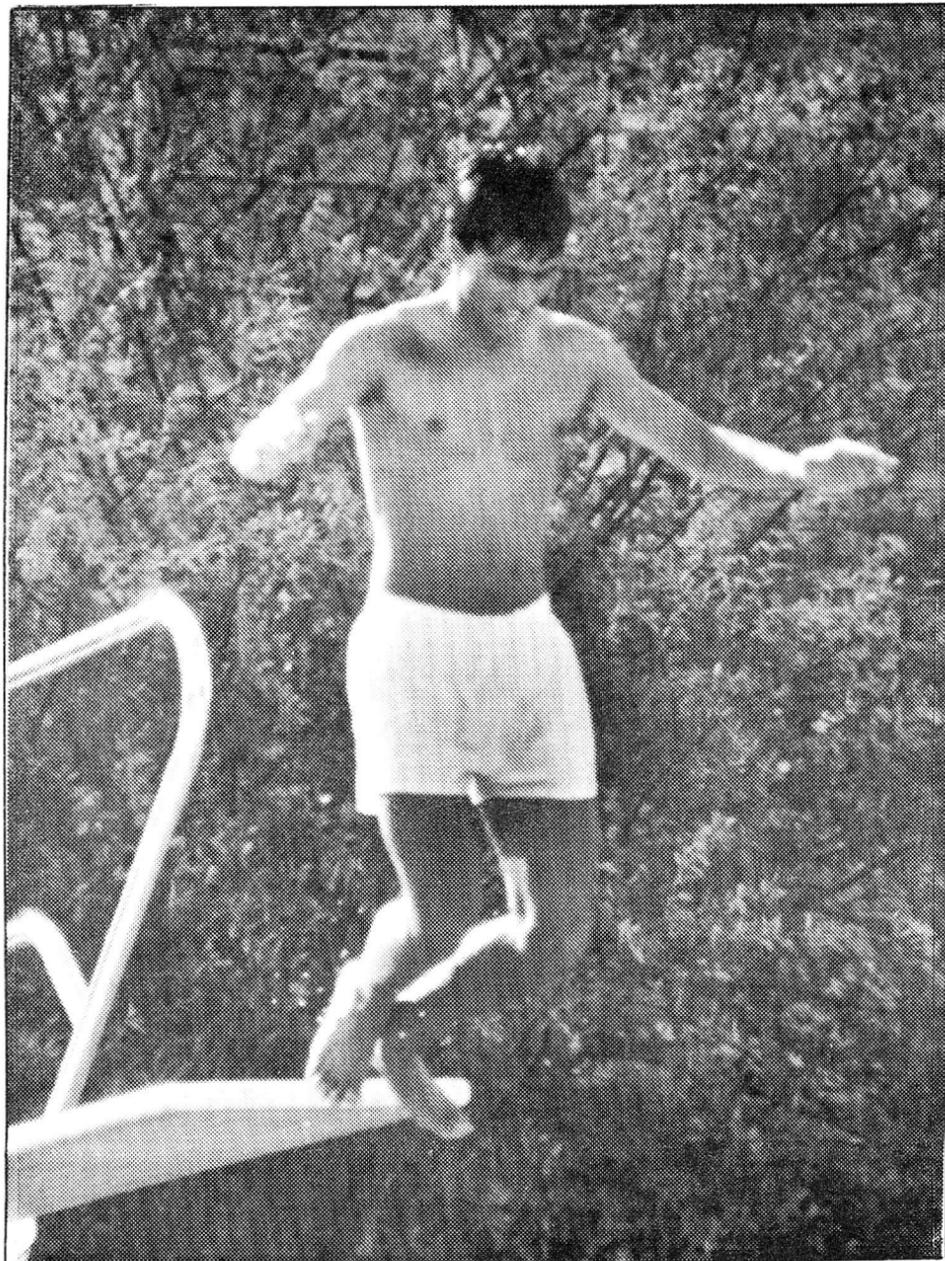
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Freshman Septarsi Ganguli takes the plunge on a recent sunny afternoon. The weather finally warmed up last week in the true Third Term spirit, allowing students to make their long-awaited visits to the pool.

Memphis Joins "Hands Across America"

by HAL PRINCE

"HANDS ACROSS AMERICA" is sort of a USA for America," said John Freeman, director of HAA college program for Memphis. As the Mid-South headquarters for HANDS ACROSS AMERICA, Memphis will play a major role in this upcoming project that will stretch a human chain from New York to Los Angeles, and Rhodes has been asked for support.

HANDS ACROSS AMERICA (HAA) is a project of United Support of Artists (USA) for Africa, which recently drew attention for its Grammy-award winning "We Are The World" single from which profits were used to alleviate the hunger in Africa. HAA is designed to combat hunger and the homeless here in the United States in much the same way.

On Sunday, May 25, 1986,

an unprecedented nationwide linkup will attempt to do this. A coast to coast human chain over 4,000 miles long with over six million Americans will join hands at 2:00 p.m. central time.

Over 165,000 residents of Tennessee are expected to participate in this human chain. The chain will start at South Fulton, Tennessee (highway 51, North) and go down to Memphis and cross the Mississippi River to Arkansas.

Rhodes has been asked to participate. The Religion Commission of the SGA is coordinating the role of the college in this project. The SGA feels that several Rhodes students would be willing to help and estimates that more than fifty people from the college will join in.

We're looking for a big response from the different groups on campus" said

Evelyn Edwards, Religion Commissioner. "We're going to speak to student organizations and seek their support."

SGA plans to start asking for donations Tuesday, May 6 in the refectory. Donations will be \$35 for a certificate, T-shirt, visor and pin; \$25 for a certificate and T-shirt; \$10 for simply a certificate. But the student government hastens to add that any contribution will be appreciated.

"We need students to give anything, even if its below \$10," said Mark Wells, Religion Commissioner. "You can be in the chain without paying, and you can donate without being in the chain. All efforts will be helpful."

Students are encouraged to support and participate in HANDS ACROSS AMERICA. For more details contact Evelyn Edwards or Mark Wells.

Washington March In April

Students Rally In D.C.

by MEG BEESON

Ten students from Rhodes College, shouting "Money for tuition, not for ammunition" and carrying umbrellas with holes in them, joined an April 17th march in Washington, D.C. sponsored by the United Campuses to Prevent Nuclear War. The umbrellas were supposed "to symbolize the inability of Star Wars weapons to protect the American population." Since it rained during the march, the drenched students experienced firsthand the hazards of such inadequate protection.

Dr. James Olcese of the biology department originally proposed the trip and sophomore Warren Hill was its student coordinator. Other participants included Rene Helms, Kim McAfee, Jenny Cushman, Montie Davis, Julie Douglas, Darren Gibbs, Louisa Landwehr, Maggie Hu, and Dian Nelson, all members of the Committee for Political Awareness. Professor Jean Sizemore of the Art Department also attended the rally.

The march was only one of the events of "Lobby Day '86," the official name of this student activist gathering. It included briefings with lobbyists and speeches by members of Congress such as Rep. Pat Schroeder, Democrat from Colorado, and Rep. Bill Green, Republican from New York. Students also had the chance to talk with their Senators and Representatives about issues of defense.

As junior Rene Helms explains, "We told them we were concerned with the Star Wars issue, the test ban, and First Strike Weapons... We are against Star Wars and First Strike Weapons, and we would like them to support the comprehensive test ban."

For example, these students argue that the deployment of first-strike-capable weapons, such as the D-5 missile, should be halted be-

cause these weapons are so much more accurate and fast than our present weapons. They reason that, knowing of these improvements, the Russians would be "fearful that they must use their weapons first if they are to use them at all...(they would) put Soviet nuclear forces on computer alert and make it much easier for nuclear weapons to be launched in a hurry" increasing "the chances of nuclear war by accident or miscalculation."

The students met with Rep. Don Sundquist and Sen. Albert Gore, as well as with associates of Reps. Harold Ford and Ed Jones. Sundquist's voting record shows that he opposes the positions advocated by these students. He voted for the MX missile and Contra Aid, and against the Anit-Apartheid Act. Concerning their interview with him, Freshman Jennifer Cushman said, "He was a tough character. He knew a little bit more than the others, but he was on the wrong side." She also said that since Sundquist argued that the U.S. needs these defense strategies for national security, the student delegation questioned him about the technical feasibility of the projects rather than about moral issues concerning them. Cushman was impressed that Gore seemed to think that the "Strategic Defense Initiative was a total waste of money."

The student delegation from Rhodes also had a chance to meet with other students from around the country. Warren Hill said that he "was amazed at the political organization at other campuses" especially concerning such issues as apartheid and divestment. The Committee for Political Awareness hopes to organize its own chapter of United Campuses to Prevent Nuclear War here soon.

Geyer Gives Hearty Speech

by JIM HEDGES

On Monday night in Hardie Auditorium after a beautiful reception held in East Lounge, Georgie Anne Geyer ("Gigi") captivated a packed crowd telling tales of her many exploits as an international correspondent for numerous publications in the U.S.A. Her talk was the last of the Seidman Lectures for this school year. She is definitely an innovator in her field being a woman in the male dominated field of journalism. "Gigi" delighted in telling the crowd that women are supposed to be "disruptive", and she proved herself worthy as a woman as she recounted many tales of her trail-blazing career.

Fluent in several languages, Ms. Geyer has traveled the world over on the trail of many important, news-worthy stories. She told the crowd of her exploits with a too friendly general in the Chilean junta, her late night ice cream breaks with Fidel Castro, as well as her shrouded meeting with an aging apparition, the Ayatollah Khomeini. Her career has been star-lit with an international who's who of political figures.

Toward the end of her discourse, she changed the subject far from her "first revolution" to her opinions and ideas concerning the on-going state of affairs in Libya. Describing Khadafy, who she has met twice, Ms. Geyer called him a "geo-political genius", an "evil man", as well as a "desert mystic." She seemed to leave the crowd with an bit of her own optimistic outlook on the world. "Gigi" answered many questions, and made many good impressions as the relaxed but energetic reporter she has always been known as.

"Assassin" Invades Campus

by JODY CASELLA

Freshman Jay Kennedy enjoyed watching TV in Stewart social room. Looking over his shoulder, he hid in the safety of the couch. In a split second a figure appeared with a machine gun clenched in his hand.

After firing two shots, the figure disappeared leaving Jay Kennedy behind, dead.

Is this for real?

It is, if you were one of the thirty people playing "Assassin," a more complicated version of tag. It was started at the University of

Michigan and since then has spread to numerous other college campuses, including Rhodes. This particular variation of the popular game was masterminded by Freshman Steve Hutson. Steve has played or organized the

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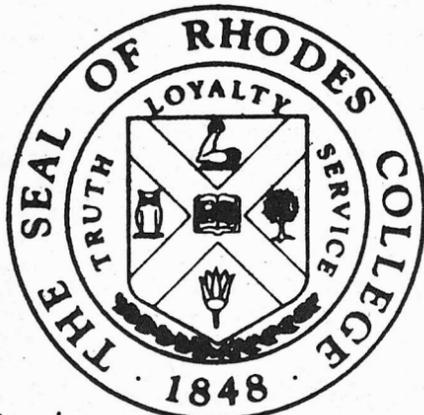
As is often the case in International relations, we are never sure what the outcome of our decisions will be until we have tested them experimentally. But just as often we forget that there are ethics involved in our experiments. While we don't always feel the immediate effects of an air-raid on Libya here in Memphis, we must still endeavor to see the effect it has upon others, and, ultimately, upon our nation as a whole. To view the current situation in this light, we need to keep in mind that terrorism didn't just begin a few weeks ago; rather, it has been a constant problem that has plagued many countries, not just the United States, for many years. So why did our President decide that now is the time to bomb a country that sponsors terrorism? This is a good question-one for which a clear answer is not readily available.

To begin with, we must clearly delineate what type of terrorism we are fighting. There are basically three types, one of which the U.S. has chosen to deal with militarily. There is individual terrorism, a means by which individuals with special interests try to get those interests recognized through a fear of their acts. Next, there is state terrorism, which we have found no effective way to deal with (because it involves rebel groups who use organized terrorist raids). Finally, we have state-sponsored terrorism. This type of terrorism allows a state, such as Libya to strike fear into countries which are more powerful (militarily) and thus their demands will be recognized. Considering these types, we see that the source of terrorism is a deep-rooted POLITICAL problem which stems from a variety of factors, including the perception of the U.S. in the Middle East for the past several decades. Many Middle Easterners perceive the U.S. as an imperialist government which uses its influence to manipulate their governments and people into a state of economic dependence. They do not see the U.S. as making the world safe for democracy or any of the other values that WE assign as reasons for our attack on Libya. This does not mean that they want the U.S. destroyed! It merely means that they have asked the U.S. to respect their political and religious autonomy. Many Middle Eastern countries have made repeated pleas for such sutoomy, something which we tend to forget when we look at the current state of affairs. Then what is a country in this situation going to do? Unfortunately, the terrorism is a means for the militarily weak state to make her cause known to the world, and especially to the U.S. Our media places terrorist stories first and foremost on their agenda, so it comes as no surprise to me that many use terrorism as a means to accomplish their goals.

Secondly, what has the military action solved? Terrorism has not ended. In fact, it is becoming more frequent. Our military action has only escalated the problem. We cannot change an ideology with a few bombs. The Reagan Administration has told us that striking back against terrorists now will save us the cost of terrorism in the future. They have not made an attempt to make their policy on terrorism clear or even the type of terrorism that we are going to fight. If the Soviets say that they are behind terrorism, will we bomb them too? I think not. It is such inconsistencies that I find difficult to support. Trying to flex our military muscles made us a target of terrorism in the first place (e.g. the Marines in Beirut). I severely doubt that more of the same will get us out of this mess.

Another factor to examine is the division of our allies over this issue. This has been something that Americans have been scratching their heads trying to figure out. I think the answer lies in the fact that they (the allies) feel that the U.S. did not exhaust all of its diplomatic channels and that we are merely looking for a "quick-fix" type solution to terrorism. We often forget that our allies have a right to their own positions on international matters. Europe has been the ground upon which most terrorist acts occur.

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Matt Lembke

On The Right

Reaction To The Libyan Mission

Two weeks ago, American fighter bombers carried out a mission against Col. Khadafy's terrorist infrastructure which was both necessary and justifiable. For five years, the Reagan administration has watched Khadafy wreak havoc all around the world. Numerous Americans have been the target of Libyan sponsored terrorism, and the President has warned terrorists that the United States would retaliate when the perpetrators of the violence were found. When Mr. Reagan finally obtained Mr. Reagan finally obtained conclusive proof that Khadafy was responsible for the La Belle disco bombing in West Berlin, he properly acted in self-defense by ordering U.S. jets to hit terrorist facilities in Libya.

Khadafy had been warned and Reagan had exhausted all feasible non-military options in attempting to deal with Libya. Our nation had broken off diplomatic relations with Libya, originated economic and political sanctions against Tripoli, and even engaged Libya in a military confrontation in the Gulf of Sidra when Khadafy declared that body to be his own. All these actions led nowhere. The violence continued, so Reagan ordered the strike. It was the President's only real option, and it was necessary for American credibility.

The military end of the

action was a success. Unlike operations in Iran and Viet Nam, the military of the United States proved it can strike when needed. The loss of one plane and its crew of two was unfortunate, but the lives were lost fighting for a safer world.

Needless to say, the doves have been out in force decrying the action. They say that it will only encourage more terrorism sponsored by Khadafy. These people obviously have not learned the lessons of Munich. Vacillation in the face of evil can only serve to forment more evil. The bombing will assuredly have a short term effect of increasing terrorism, and we must be prepared to hit Libya or Syria or Iran again if they or anyone else can be linked to acts aimed against Americans. Col. Khadafy and his friends will never listen to lovely, polite requests to desist. He is a cold blooded killer who must be responded to with equally cold force. The argument that we discredit ourselves by responding with force is ludicrous. Was it improper for the U.S. to kill Nazis in World War II? Of course it was not.

Perhaps the most disturbing element of the attack was our Allies' response. Only the courageous Margaret Thatcher came to our aid, and her people did not approve. Can this be the same Britain who we provided critical intelligence and

military aid to during the Falklands War against our ally Argentina? These Britons certainly have short memories. Thankfully, Mrs. Thatcher does not forget a friend.

Our other European allies acted shamefully, especially the French. It is inconceivable that we have 300,000 troops stationed in Europe to protect them and they will not allow us the use of their air space. How can they forget that it was the good old U.S.A. who saved them twice this century from the Germans? I think the President needs to think twice before coming to the aid of France, Italy, or Spain in the future. If they will not support a U.S. action against a tyrant like Khadafy, can we count on them to come to our aid if America itself were ever invaded? No! Perhaps if we had gotten some cooperation from Europe on sanctions against Libya, the whole action would never have been necessary.

The military action was a triumph for America. It showed that we cannot be pushed around by a two-bit country like Libya, and it served notice to Mr. Gorbachev that America of the 1980s is no patsy. The European response is disturbing. Once again, we see that the spirit of Chamberlain is alive and well in Europe, and for that reason alone, Khadafy has something to smile about.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

My first Term III experience has thus far been wonderful essentially because I have been able to broaden by educational pursuits. Regardless of this, the Rhodes hierarchy stupidly or even sinfully eradicated Term III--one of the last truly unique liberal arts components of this institution. Nevertheless, as a result of the different study opportunities provided during Term III, I was able to enroll in Political Science

151 taught by Dr. Grunes. Needless to say I have been enjoying his class and considered attending some of his other classes in the future until I learned that this term will be his last at Rhodes.

Oh, I've heard the rumored reasons why the administration callously discarded him, but those reasons simply just do not hold water. Is the administration searching for someone with a doctrine more suitable to their beliefs to fill his

vacancy? Is this ideological bigotry just grounds for ousting a certainly competent professor?

Am I in the minority on this position? I don't know; I'm just confused. However, it seems to me that we students could support Dr. Grunes--if we cared. We lost Term III, shall we also lose our favorite professors for the administration's "new plan of excellence?"

CLAY MERCHANT

Dear Editor:

In response to a small article on the front page of last week's Sou'Wester by Editor Emeritus Gray Tollison, I find it hard to muster such enthusiasm, as the article suggests one should, for my college being merely recognized, although nationally as "nifty." Three cheers for our "energetic" President Daughdrill! He has performed a veritable coup for the financial records of the school; however, what has happened to the quality of learning? The article suggests that "Rhodes is going in the right direction", but no

mention of goals or desired ends is made. What is the "right direction?" That article's assumption that top colleges become so only under the "leadership of energetic presidents" overlooks a rather important factor, the students. I feel certain our school would not have been so likely to make Time's article had the author detected the blatant apathy on campus. Would Time have been impressed with the very mundane academic atmosphere here at Rhodes College, where the desire for doing more than what is required is pitifully miniscule? Finally, would Time

have selected Rhodes due to our nifty system of campus overcrowding?

I do feel that President Daughdrill has made an undeniable difference at Rhodes; however, let's not break our arms patting ourselves on the back. Rhodes, her faculty, staff, and students all have a long way to go before we start believing some random praise. Our self-perceptions and philosophies need to change before our national perception and reputation will!

Sincerely,
 JIM HEDGES

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Campus News



Dr. Ann Loades

Rhodes Welcomes Loades

by KATHRYN E. MURPHY

Professor Ann Loades comes to Rhodes College to exchange teaching responsibilities with Professor Michael McLain, Chairman of the Religion Department here, during Third Term. She currently holds a teaching position in the department of Theology at the University of Durham in England, from which she received her own academic degree. Her degree in Theology followed the traditional course of study, including work in Greek, Hebrew, and Latin texts, and in the origins of Christianity. After receiving her undergraduate degree she trained to teach, because at that time graduate study in Theology was not encouraged. She taught for two years, after which she became a graduate fellow in Religion at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario. Later, having returned to Durham, she taught in one college and in one department (considered a split position) before assuming her present position as a professor and a graduate supervisor. She teaches "Philosophy and the Christian Religion," a required course for students of Systematic Theology, and the elective courses "Philosophical Texts," "Systematic Theology," "Ethics," and one quarter of "Medieval Theology and Spirituality." As a supervisor, she serves as advisor to six masters and four Ph.D candidates, guiding their reading and study to fit their particular interests, hearing and discussing papers (usually submitted weekly), and referring her students to faculty members in specialized areas.

At Durham, an undergraduate would attend lecture courses similar to our own, but would be responsible also for considerably more essay work. Undergraduates are required to submit an essay every seven to

ten days unifying and discussing in detail some aspect of their recent independent reading. In the department of Theology each student works under a Director of Studies, responsible through his or her degree work. Rigorous requirements in the undergraduate department can provide exciting interchange between the director and his/her student, and allows the director to see a student's strengths and weaknesses. Assessment of students is usually not done on the basis of individual assignments, which are often presented and defended orally to the director, but students are judged on the basis of their ability and their improvement throughout their course of study, rather than at the end of the assignment or at the end of the term. The system at Durham (and at most British Universities) involves more independent work and discussion, and much less time in lecture classes. A candidate for a masters' degree might attend a few lectures but primarily prepares a thesis. Students preparing for their doctoral degree might meet in seminars with other candidates occasionally, but work independently on their theses under the direction of their supervisor.

Professor Loades considers undergraduates to be much the same everywhere. She is pleased by the diverse backgrounds among her students in Religion and Literature here. In Durham, she teaches second and third year courses and so works with students who are all at the same position in their studies, but who have a wide age range and different life experiences. Here, her class contains all grade levels but she finds not as much of a common core of knowledge among her students.

Visual Arts Society Begins Campaign For Art Awareness

by JULIE OEHLER AND JIM HEDGES

Art at Rhodes has played a less than important role in campus life. In response to this alarming state, a group of students has decided to help improve the artistic atmosphere on campus. Tentatively calling themselves The Rhodes College Visual Arts Society, they are striving with many goals in mind, to increase enthusiasm and awareness of the art world, and the role a progressive campus can play in that world.

The Visual Arts Society is making efforts to promote the exhibition of student art on campus throughout the entire year. By sponsoring tours and outings to the Memphis Brooks Museum of

Art as well as the Alice Bingham Gallery and even architectural field trips, the group hopes to reveal the many artistic outlets that are offered in the Memphis area. Furthermore, attendance will be especially encouraged at the Morrie Moss lecture series which offers an array of celebrated art-related speakers. The group plans to hold receptions after the lectures in which informal conversation will be stimulated between students, faculty, and speakers.

In addition, films, lectures, and exhibits will appear at the school due to the perseverance of the hopeful and determined students of the Visual Arts Society. As their first community action, the group has decided to honor

Georgia O'Keefe through a memorial on campus to be dedicated late Third Term.

Utmost of these goals is the desire for increased student participation. The Visual Arts Society encourages the support and membership of all those interested regardless of one's field of study. Although not yet a

formal organization, they are in the process of writing a S.G.A.-approved constitution. If anyone is interested

in augmenting the success of the aforementioned goals, please contact either Jim Hedges or Julie Oehler.

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by MIMI SWORDS

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McConnico To Visit Campus

Rhodes College, through the efforts of the International House, the Continuing Education Department, and the Theater Department, welcomes J. Hilton McConnico to the Rhodes campus May 11 and 12. Mr. McConnico, a graduate of Southwestern at Memphis, is a native Memphian now living in Paris where his thoroughly impressive art career has taken him. Mr. McConnico, a virtual child-prodigy, had his first show of paintings while he was only fourteen years of age. However, painting is merely one mode through which Mr. McConnico expresses himself. His career as an artist/designer has successfully taken him through the worlds of painting, fashion, decoration, and film.

Diversity is terribly important in Mr. McConnico's life. His work spans not only the full extent of the particular genre he's using but furthermore his work and its influence can be found throughout the world. Whether in the form of sketches, plans for stained-glass windows, trompe l'oeil murals, or oils and acrylics, McConnico's painting has been shown everywhere from Paris to San Francisco to the West Indies and

commissioned by everyone from John Simmons to the Cunard Shipping Line.

Mr. McConnico has attracted the attention of Neiman-Marcus, Yves St. Laurent, and Pierre Cardin, to mention a few, as a fashion designer supreme. He has also been the coordinator of many 'pret-a-porter' collections in Europe. Work in the interior design area has, as well, taken McConnico from the extreme of a plantation home in Arkansas to a fashionable boutique in Paris owned by the Countesse de la Rochefoucauld.

By seemingly incorporating his expertise in the areas of design and decoration, McConnico has proven himself even more successful in the medium of film. Starting out by designing costumes for American actor Kirk Douglas in the film *Stiletto* and working on a fashion documentary, McConnico was merely on his way in the world of film. With several films behind him, McConnico recently was involved with two films that gained much international acclaim.

Divas and The Moon in the Gutter, winner of a Cesar (French equivalent to our Oscar) due to McConnico's

efforts with set design, will be shown here on the Rhodes campus on May 11 and 12 respectively at 7:00 p.m. in Auditorium B of the Frazier Jelke Science Center. Mr. McConnico will meet and talk with those in attendance at a reception following each film. His campus visit shall prove to be most refreshing as well as enlightening to all students, faculty, and staff. A paltry \$3 admission fee shall be rendered.

Assassin

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Steve has enjoyed organizing the game on campus, but admits that it did become a chore trying to keep track of which players were dead, and which were merely tired of playing. He plans to begin a new game for more serious players. The new version will be more secretive, and players will be urged to use their imaginations. Steve hopes that players will construct plans



Dan Hayes and Lilla Magee play the twins Sebastian and Viola in *TWELFTH NIGHT*, opening Friday night and running May 10-11 and 16-18.

Festival Kicks Off With "Tye-Dye"

by JIM HEDGES

Last Sunday night, the precursor to the Literary Arts Festival proved to be a great success. A type of '60s' revival, the evening seemed to be enjoyed by a rather diverse crowd packed in and around the Pub. The festivities started at 7:00 p.m. with tie-dyeing behind the Student Center. Students came with everything from their father's old undershirts to boxer shorts for tie-dyeing. Everyone be-

came caught up in the excitement as students were running back to their rooms to get more dyeable items. However, most of the cultics chose to use the Literary Arts Festival tee-shirts expertly designed by Andy Robinson. The Festival sold about 25 tee-shirts Sunday night at \$5 each. The shirts will remain on sale all week.

A feeling of an era gone by radiated throughout the crowd. Students seemed free and secure such as that

bodacious Alison Abernathy who was busy making flower crowns or that whimsical Ann Marie Wallace who kept trying to tie-dye the sidewalk to no avail. Was this a moment from the old Southwestern campus I keep hearing about?

Throughout the rest of the evening, movies (*A Hard Day's Night*, *The Graduate*, and *The Producers*) were shown on a VCR and TV on the stage in the Pub.

for killing their assigned persons such as "planting" an alarm clock in their victim's room to represent a bomb.

Steve does not approve of dangerous weapons such as BB guns. He realizes that some people could get carried away playing. He remembers a previous game in which he discovered his phone tapped. He was later followed on a date and killed in the bathroom of a restaur-

rant. Some players said they had been a little paranoid, but all and all the game seems to be a lot of fun. "I think it's the perfect way to blow off steam in the midst of Third Term," Steve said. He took part at his high school, and once was involved in a city wide game in Tulsa.

There are a few rules which caused some of the less than serious players to

drop out. Steve's version is based on the game "Killer." Players are assigned a target and attempt to "kill" this person by hitting him twice, usually with a water gun. Players who succeed are awarded points, and must then go after their victim's target. A kill can take place anywhere as long as no more than two people witness it. Eventually the game should end with two players chasing after each other.

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The Nation

The Libyan Raid: Was The U.S. Justified?

Coordinated by MARK WELLS

Terrorism is in the news. From attacks on American embassies to rampant killings in discoteques, the world has been encompassed by its deadly shadow. While shielded by distance and improved protections, Americans at home have nevertheless been forced to reconsider their role in the world by the loss of loved ones overseas. And with the new factor of the air raid against Libya, the stakes have reached a dangerously high level. The ISSUES department starts the new term off by asking, "Is the U.S. justified in her actions against Libya?" Junior Wes Wright responded along with the junior-freshman team of Christie Tiede and Sibylle Doll.

Doll/Tiede

Although we both agree that something had to be done about Libyan Omar Khadafy's actions against the United States, Ronald Reagan's decision to attack/retaliate against Tripoli does not seem to have alleviated the stress between Libya and the U.S. If anything, it has aggravated the situation. Retaliation after retaliation is not going to solve anything. We are not saying

that the government should allow Khadafy to trample upon U.S. citizens, but "an eye for an eye" isn't the right strategy (especially for a World Power).

U.S. people supporting the military move against Khadafy should also consider American servicemen abroad (especially Europe and the Middle East) and people living in other countries being directly affected

by the Executive's action. Americans here are mostly too removed to grasp the total implication of the Tripoli bombing. The likelihood of personal injury due to terrorism is much higher in Europe or in the Middle East than here. Sure, we can show nationalism and say, "Way to go, Reagan," but there is no immediate danger that Reagan's decision will personally affect us.

Wes Wright

America was justified in her bombing of Libya, to a degree. The bombing of Libyan military targets was a critical experiment in searching for an effective response to terrorism. The bombing was justified as it was an act of retaliation against Khadafy for the Berlin night club bombing.

I do not think that most Americans thought about the consequences of such an act. First, the increase of terrorist attacks not only against the United States, but also against the United Kingdom. Secondly, the Libyan leadership, which consists of a revolutionary

council and has Khadafy as "first among equals," was losing support. The bombing has helped Khadafy regain the support which he lost. Third, and finally, the bombing mission won't really accomplish anything unless we take Khadafy to the bargaining table. The United States has got to use the proper political institutions to work out the problem; otherwise the entire infrastructure set up for negotiations will fall apart.

Libya has a population of 2,933,000. Of these, 53,000 are active-duty military personnel. The majority of American people wanted

more stringent measures taken against Khadafy. This is not the best strategy. Those 53,000 men and women in the military would not be all the United States would have to contend with; Khadafy has more military hardware than he knows what to do with. The United States did not have to contend with the top Soviet hardware when the bombers made their runs.

The American bombing attack was justified but we have to follow it up with some type of constructive negotiation. This would not stop terrorism but would make a difference in the frequency of such attacks.



Nicaraguan Assembly member Nadira Centeno spoke last week in the East Lounge. She said her country is "in a state of war" and called for U.S. support of the newly-forming Nicaraguan constitution.

Centeno Champions Nicaraguan Constitution

by MARY JANE PARK

After having been twice denied a visa to the United States, Vadira Centeno, member of the Nicaraguan National Assembly and AMLEA (a women's organization in Nicaragua), finally was allowed to enter the States, where she spoke to a small group of Rhodes students Friday, April 25, in East Lounge. Completing her two-week visit to the U.S. as part of a constitutional committee of her government, Mrs. Centeno, speaking through an interpreter, said to students that she brought "friendly greetings from the Nicaraguan people" and wished to discuss the current situation of affairs in Nicaragua.

With evident emotion she described Nicaraguans as "living in a time of war from the aggression of the United States." In this war she mentioned that the "dead are the children of Nicaragua," also noting that over 8,000 children had been orphaned because of the revolution. Mrs. Centeno and the women's organization have proposed several laws to be incorporated into the new constitution of the Sandanista government, among these laws providing for the adoption of these Nicaraguan children and food for the Nicaraguan people.

The constitutional committee of the Sandinista government has traveled to various European and Central American countries, examining constitutional rights of citizens. It was such a task that brought Mrs. Centeno to New York City, where she and the committee met with lawyers and discussed the rough draft of the Nicaraguan constitution. Once completed, she remarked that the constitution will be subjected to the approval of the National Assembly, made up of seven of the fifteen political parties of Nicaragua, noting that the committee "wants the constitution to be a consensus, where all opinions are represented."

Ending her speech with an appeal for peace, Ms. Centeno insisted to students that "We (Nicaraguans) do not want young people like you to come to our country and return to the United States wrapped up in a plastic bag." Following this comment, she answered questions from Rhodes students.

Responding to an April 24 "On the Right" column in *The Sou'wester*, Ms. Centeno adamantly insisted that the Sandanista regime "is not communist." Arguing her point, Ms. Centeno said that her country "is not aligned. We are free to have relations with any country as long as they are based on just causes." She added that the Sandinista government had been elected in honest elections, with U.S. observers examining the process. Further proving her point, she remarked that the Communist Party in Nicaragua disagrees with the Sandinista government on many issues, especially the government's support of a mixed economy.

Also asserted in the article was the "serious threat" the Sandanista regime posed to the U.S., to which Ms. Centeno responded that Nicaragua "is a country of three million people, many of them illiterate. How can we be a threat to the United States?" When told that perhaps this threat was seen as future Soviet bases in Nicaragua, Ms. Centeno declared that she saw "no reason to have them (Soviet bases) in Nicaragua."

Responding to accusations of limited religious freedom, Ms. Centeno acknowledges that "religious freedom is basic to their constitution" and that her organization was composed of Christian women supporting the Sandanista government. Mentioning that her people cannot put down arms "while contras are killing our countrymen," Ms. Centeno then concluded her speech which was sponsored by the Committee for Political Awareness, the Mid-South Peace and Justice Center, and the I.S. Department of Rhodes College.

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They have suffered much more than America at the hands of the IRA, Red Brigades, etc., and yet we do not see the European nations bombing Libya. Just because they do not support America's position, does not make them communist, pro-terrorist, etc. This is important to keep in mind amid comments like, "Let's bomb France too." While many of the original dissenters have now begun to expel Libyans from their countries, I think that this is being done in order to ease the tension that their dissention caused. I do not think that this indicates they have changed their minds on the matter.

Finally, it should be known that there IS an alternative to military action in the Middle East. However, as Americans, we must show willingness to negotiate for a LONG TERM solution to terrorism. This will require us to re-think our position on terrorism. It will also require us to immediately cease all military aggression in the region. Let's face it-Our name is MUD over there and we cannot change that overnight. We must be committed to understanding the conflicts and problems that plague the Middle East. If we don't work for such a solution, we will be faced with more terrorism. Unfortunately, there is also the future possibility of nuclear terrorism if we cannot negotiate soon a settlement in the Middle East. This idea is one that I don't like to contemplate.

So where does that leave us? It leaves us with a challenge. We are challenged to view ourselves as a part of the international community. We are dynamically involved in history and we must view our actions, and the actions of others, in this context. If we divorce terrorism from its historical context we are led to believe that a military solution is the answer. Let's not let the situation escalate. The challenge is our-let's meet it with informed, rational actions.

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Dear Editor:

I was looking through some of the information I received when I was considering my college choice and remembered how the Honor Code system appealed to me. I also recalled how the materials I received as an incoming Freshman emphasized the importance and serious nature of the Honor System. Now that I have attended Rhodes for two terms, however, I believe that "The Honor Code" often tends to be nothing but a meaningless phrase.

There are three areas in which the Honor system is ignored-the first is during room inspections. My roommate and I (in protest) put up a pledge that our room complied with ALL regulations set forth by the col-

lege. Were we still inspected? Of course! I want to know why the Honor Code does not apply to our rooms-I do not get searched for hidden notes when I take a test, so why my residence?

Secondly, assessments for dorm damages to an entire dorm are ridiculous. I was lucky enough to get a room in Ellett so I have paid \$1 in damages this year, but those in Glassell have paid a considerable amount. Why cannot a person (when accused of dorm damage-which is what an assessment is) pledge that they had nothing to do with the damage in question-if someone is suspected then take them to the Honor Council. It is obvious that some people abuse their dorms, but are fines against a random

group fair or effective?

Last is the manner in which some professors ignore the Honor Code's existence. From my own and other's experience I have discovered that some professors will not give alternate test times, not due to inconvenience, but for fear of students spreading test material. What do we have an Honor Code for if professors cannot trust their students to take any exam at any time or any place? In general it appears that the use of the Honor system needs to be reformed and not merely utilized at the convenience of the administration, faculty, and students.

Sincerely,
Will Hull

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Ugh! I just want to go to bed.

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Oh, heck with it!!

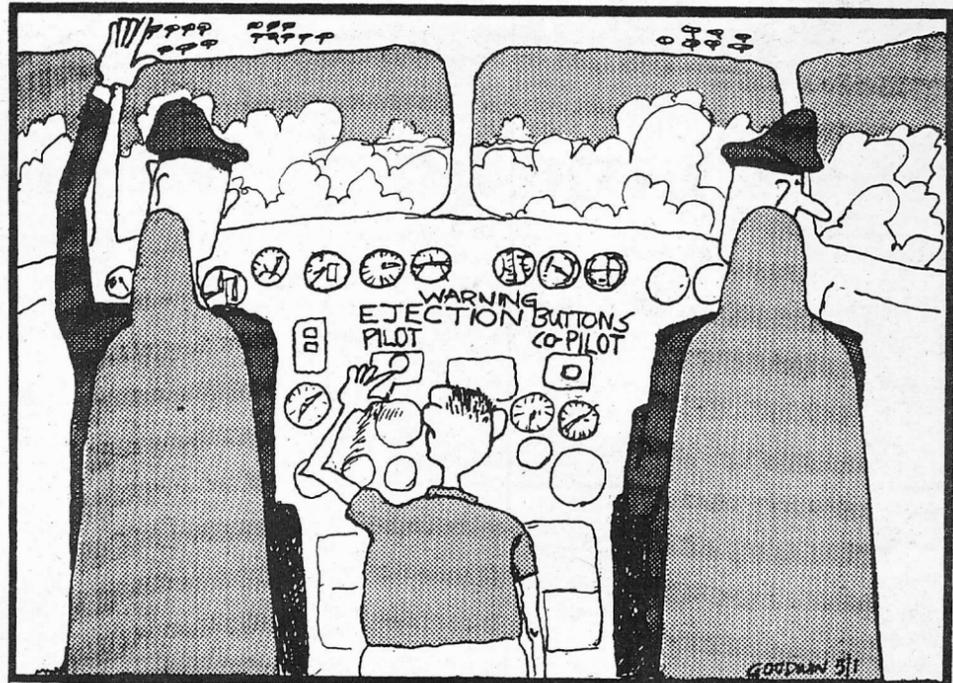
This was the extremely frustrating experience that we had the pleasure of enjoying last Friday evening (or should I say Saturday morning?) at 2:00. Yes, we are two of the lucky, chosen few that get to play dorm

attendant until all hours of the morning. No, we are not taking on dorm attending again, that's an old, long-standing argument.

Really, it's amusing sitting back and watching the transformations dorm attending has undergone this year. Now, as things stand, we are supposed to call in when we get there and call out when we leave. No sweat. Naturally, we are supposed to use those obnoxious red emergency

phones. We're sure you've seen them--they're the ones that match the decour of the dorms so well and have the red and white obnoxious warnings plastered above the phone. It's kind of like a hot line--no dialing necessary. Yeah, that's what we thought. The hot line, however, has a few kinks in it.

Supposedly, a person is sitting in the Security Hut just waiting for your call. Uh-huh. Well, that's gener-



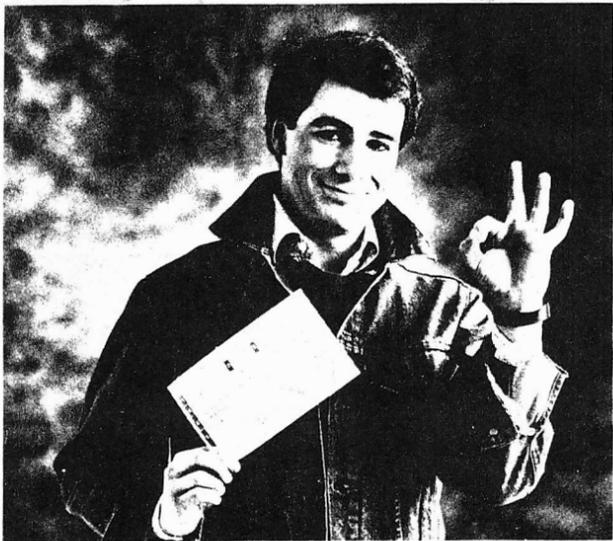
SOMEWHERE BY GREG GOODWIN

"The watchful eye of the pilot averted, young Billy saw this as his golden moment of discovery and soon, very soon he would learn the meaning of the word 'ejection.'"

Rites Of Spring; May 2-4

Friday	3:00 p.m.	Dialogue (band in Pub) BBQ contest begins Uncommon House
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Fun Run (by Athletic Commission) BBQ contest entries due Picnic in Amphitheatre Monte Montgomery The Five That Killed Elvis Guadacanal Diary
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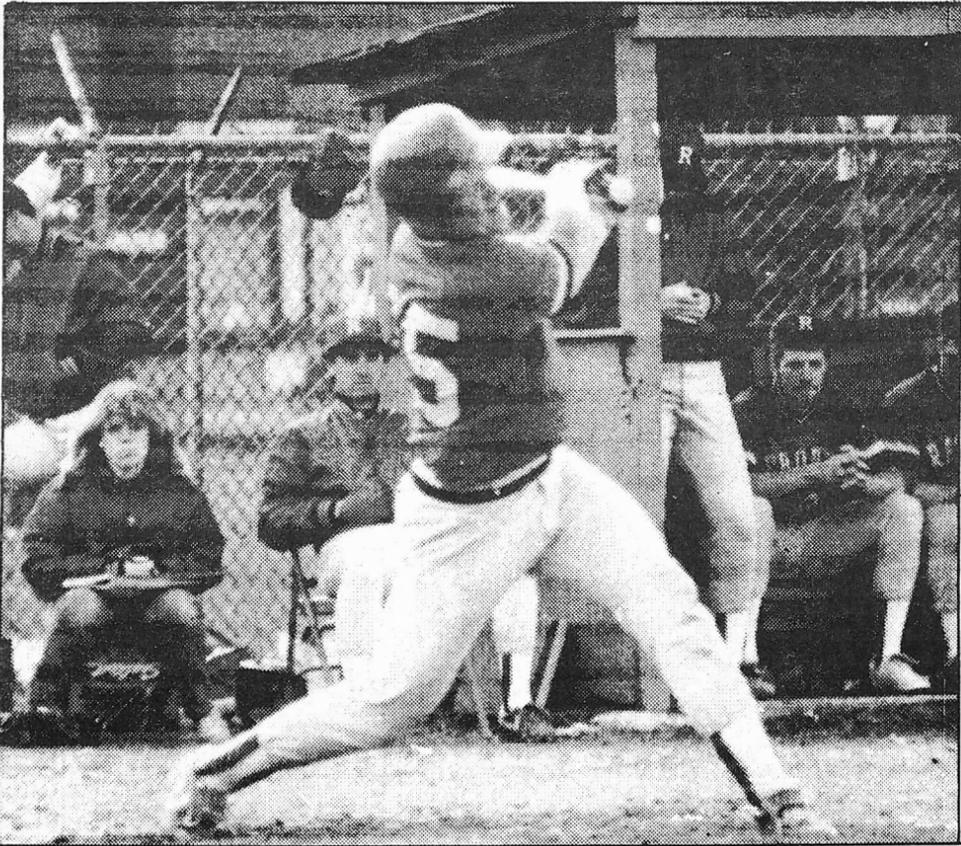
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That could be a serious problem. I mean, I don't know about you, but if someone is chasing after me with a knife, I don't want to stand around waiting for some nonexistent person to pick up the phone. How are we to know when to use the emergency (ha!) phone or when to call on our own phone? Talk to the colonel we are told. I just love feeling safe and secure on this campus, don't you?

Lori Vallelunga
Peggy Gallalee



Junior Robbie Baker slugs one in a recent game. With a 19-28 record, the baseball team is four games away from starting in the conference tournament.

Rhodes Set To Hold CAC Tourney

by BOB COLEMAN

For the first time in six years, Rhodes is the site for the College Athletic Conference baseball tournament. In the six team round robin tournament each team will play five games. The team with the best record in the five games will be the champion. The tournament runs May 8, 9, 10 and will have the teams from Rhodes, Sewanee, Centre, Earlham, Fisk, and Rose-Hulman colleges competing.

Rhodes holds many responsibilities as host of the tournament. It must find at least three fields on which the games can be

played and have ground crews to maintain the fields. It must provide official scorekeepers, umpires, and baseballs for each game of the tournament.

Rhodes has fulfilled all of these duties in grand style. Rhodes has secured four fields for the tournament some of which are the best in the city. Games will be held at Memphis State, Tim McCarver Stadium, home of the Memphis Chicks, and the Millington American Legion field. Games will also be held at Rhodes' Stauffer Field which has been spruced up by the addition of a gravel warning track

and new distance signs along the outfield fence.

Hosting the tournament gives the Lynx a great advantage. Playing in familiar surroundings in front of friendly spectators should favor the Lynx in their bid for their second straight conference championship. The tournament begins on Thursday at 2:00 when Rhodes plays Earlham at Rhodes. On Friday, Rhodes plays Sewanee at Rhodes at 10:00 and plays Rose-Hulman at Millington at 2:00. The tournament winds down on Saturday as Rhodes plays Centre at 10:00 at Tim Mc Carver and Fisk 2:00 at Rhodes.

Golf Team Fights Hazards

by GLEN TILLERY

Not too many folks know it, but Rhodes does have a golf team. They call themselves the Rhodes Ranchers, and are coached by Leland Smith. The playing members of the Ranchers are Brad Priester, Dale Kaiser, Glenn Tillery, Toni Redmon, Russell Porter, Juan Aristorenas, and Hank Bremer. The last three have been competing for the sixth spot on the team, and have each played in at least one tournament.

The Ranchers opened their season with a terrible performance in the TIAC Tournament at Sewanee over Spring Break. With their minds on Destin, the Ranchers finished twelfth in a field of twelve teams. On April 16, they met head to head with Bethel College at Woodstock

Country Club, the Rancher's home course. Playing at their best in two years, the Ranchers lost a close match.

On April 20, the Ranchers went to Saint Louis for Washington University's Battling Bear Classic for a difficult time. Rhodes managed a 5th-place finish in the seven-team tournament. The Ranchers have also faced Union University twice. Union has won both matches.

Rhodes will host the CAC Tournament at Woodstock May 8-10, giving the Ranchers an edge over their opponents. Woodstock is a long and difficult course, and is best played by those who know it from experience. Despite their bleak performances so far this spring, the Ranchers believe that this may be their year to win the tournament.

Rugby Club Trounces Sewanee, Memphis State

by JOE D. WELDON

This past weekend the Rhodes Rugby Football Club traveled to Monteagle Mountain and defeated Sewanee's Rugby Club by a 10-6 score. Rhodes opened the scoring when Shawn Abel broke around the end and outran the defense to the goal line. Andy Smith added the conversion points to give Rhodes an early 6-0 lead. Minutes later, Abel pitched the ball back to Jamie Pilcher, who galloped into the try zone to make the

score 10-0.

Sewanee came out in the second half and pushed the ball down the field for an eventual score. An unidentified Sewanee rucker tacked on the conversion to close the gap to 10-6. The game became a defensive war; the players began to hit harder and seemed to worry so much about scoring.

Rhodes also beat the Memphis State Club last week, 19-4, at Audubon Park. Rusty Bourne was high point man for Rhodes

as he scored 11 points on two tries and a field goal. Jeff Ray also scored for the Rhodes Club, as he stole the ball from MSU on their ball-controlled five meter scrum-down. Donald Duggan set up many of the scores with his elusive running ability.

The next game is Saturday, May 3, at 1:00 p.m. on the Back 40. The team invites all students to bring a lawn chair and beverages to come get a tan and watch some good rugby when they take on Memphis State.

Tracksters Gear Up For CAC

by JEFF CHANDLER

1986 has proven to be very productive for the Lynx track team. Winning performances in the running events as well as in the field events have dominated opponents throughout the season. The team, along with coaches Mike Clary and Mike Jones, are extremely optimistic about capturing the CAC conference title for the first time in twelve years.

This year's competitors are very versatile with nearly everyone proving their

talent in a variety of events. Clary explained, "This is the best team we've had in my seven years at Rhodes; yet we don't have as many athletes as teams in the past.

The distance crew, which swept the CAC cross-country title last fall, of course contributes their share of points. Richard Brazzel and Marc Riseling have already broken school records--Brazzel in the steeple chase and Riseling in the 5000 meters. Solid performances by Mike Polazzolo in the 100 meter

dash, Chuck Wade in the long jump, and Donald Duggan and Rick Neal in the 110 meter high hurdles have earned many points also. Mark Westfall's time of 1:55.8 in the 800 meter is certainly one of the fastest in the conference, and Dave Maddux's throw of 48'3" is inches from a school record in the shot put. Clary added, "Realistically, we have the potential to win ten events in the conference meet."

The conference showdown will be May 10 here.

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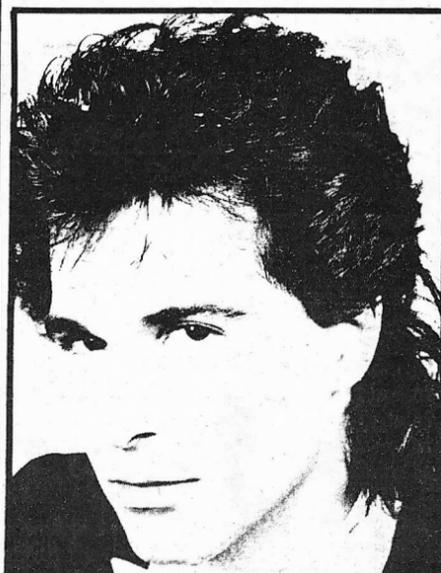
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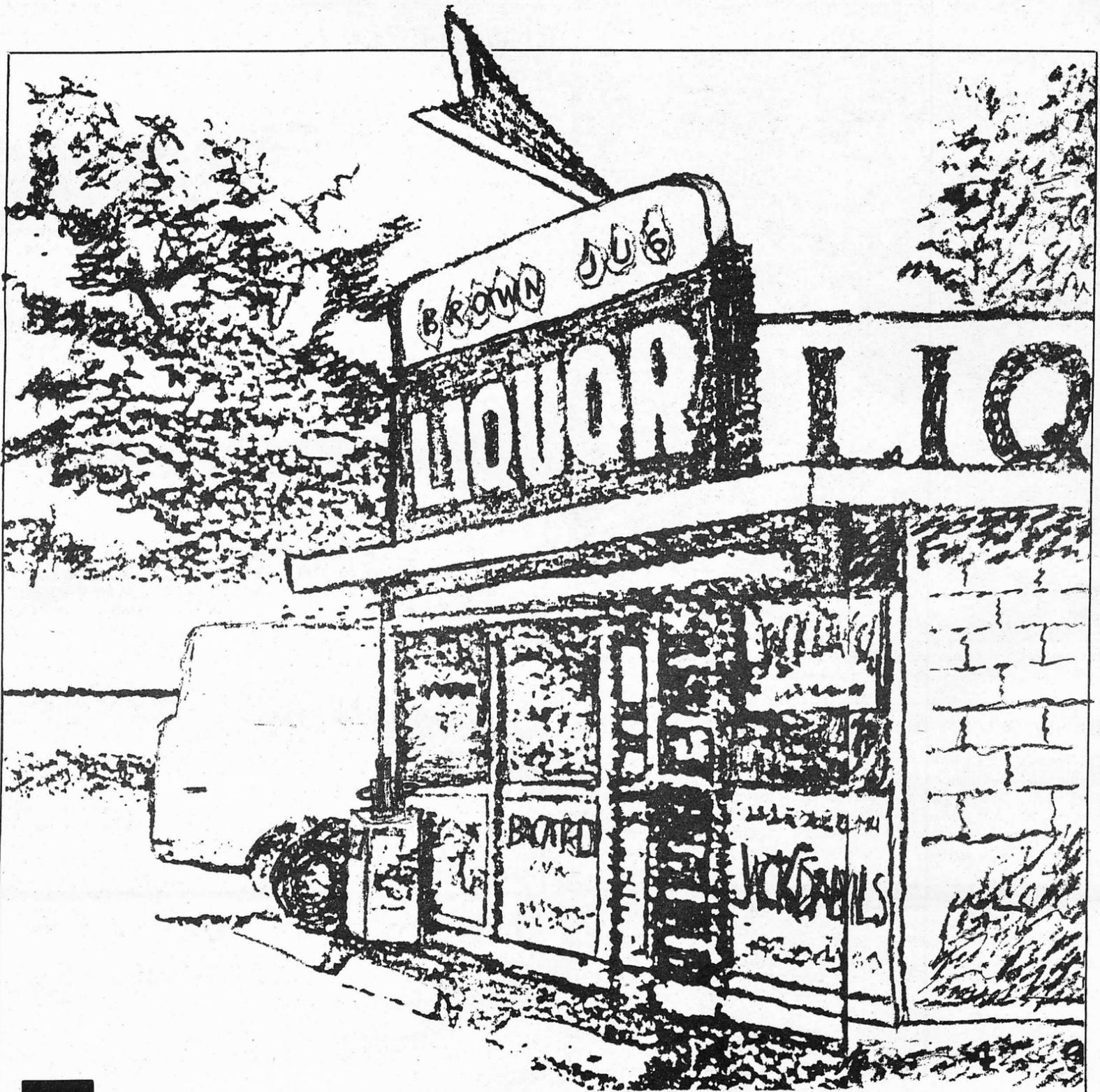
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