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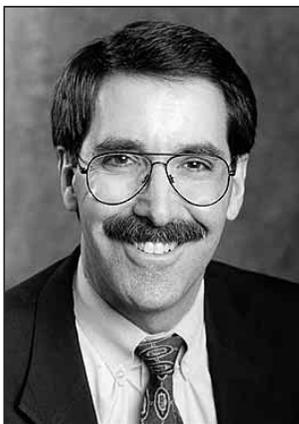
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## Physician, Retired Psychology Chair and Music Professor To Receive 1999 Alumni Awards At Homecoming

One of America's prominent medical experts on the prevention of firearm violence is the 1999 recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award at Rhodes College.

Dr. Arthur Kellermann '76 will accept the award during ceremonies at Alumni Convocation at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, in Hardie Auditorium.

Also honored during convocation will be E. Llewellyn Queener, professor emeritus of psychology, who is the 1999 Honorand of the Faculty Portrait Series, and the 1999 Alumni Volunteer of the Year, Rhodes Assistant Professor of music Patricia A. Gray '69.



Dr. Arthur Kellermann

Kellermann is the founding director of the Center for Injury Control at the School of Public Health, Emory University, Atlanta. He also serves as an attending physician at Emory University Hospital and Grady Memorial Hospital and holds faculty appointments at Emory. Previously, he was the director of the

Emergency Department at the Regional Medical Center at Memphis for eight years. He also held several faculty appointments at the University of Tennessee, Memphis.

In the early 1980s, Kellermann became interested in analyzing the risk of guns in the home as com-

pared to their protective value. The *New England Journal of Medicine* published his research, and he has continued work on the subject.

Kellermann is in demand as a public speaker and spokesman on firearm violence. He has testified before Congress, been interviewed by national media, and a *U.S. News and World Report* cover story identified Kellermann as one of two leading researchers in the field.

The Center for Injury Control's latest initiative focuses on youth gun violence.

In a letter supporting Kellermann's nomination for the award, Dr. William B. Applegate, chairman of the Department of Preventive Medicine at UT's College of Medicine, wrote: "Dr. Kellermann is one of the absolute shining stars in

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## O'Brien Wore Many Hats During 24 Years at Rhodes

Deb O'Brien has cooked a lot of hotdogs, popped a lot of popcorn and swept the gym floor in between basketball games.

She has served as sports information officer, cheerleader adviser, intramurals director and work-study coordinator in addition to her job as administrative assistant for Athletics for 24 years.

"I guess those things come under the job description heading of 'other duties as assigned by the director of Athletics,'" says O'Brien. "You name it, I've done it. My job description depends on what day it is."

After Oct. 22, someone else will manage the office, pay the bills,

make team travel arrangements, handle concessions, do purchasing and myriad other responsibilities that do come under O'Brien's job description, for she is leaving the college and heading to the Gulf Coast.

"The water has always fascinated me." O'Brien says. "The waves and the sand give me a great feeling of peace and serenity. I find it very spiritual and I want to be closer to it."

O'Brien has been close to Rhodes



Deb O'Brien

students and co-workers ever since a neighbor, former Rhodes Athletic Director Dick Thornton, asked her to fill in for a couple of weeks while he looked for a permanent office manager. That was in 1976.

The feeling of family kept her here, O'Brien says.

"With the flow of students that we have in the Athletic Department, we get to be a part of their lives," she says.

"That constant contact, enthusiasm

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## TIAA-CREF to Visit Campus, Host Teleconference

Lori Williams, TIAA-CREF participant counselor for Rhodes, will be available for meetings with employees Thursday, Oct. 14, and Friday, Oct. 15.

Faculty and staff members will have the opportunity to review their retirement plan accounts and/or supplemental retirement annuity accounts and ask questions.

Call Gus Logan at 843-3750 to schedule an appointment.

On Friday, Oct. 22, Rhodes will participate in a national teleconference on personal finance presented by TIAA-CREF. Rhodes will broadcast the teleconference from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Blount Auditorium of Buckman Hall. Admission is free.

Panelists will include Martin Leibowitz, TIAA-CREF's chief investment officer; William F. Sharpe of Stanford University, 1990 Nobel

laureate in economics; Teresa Tritch, senior editor of *Money* magazine; and Chris Farrell, co-host and economics editor of National Public Radio's *Sound Money*. They will offer strategies and practical suggestions that anyone can use to help build financial security.

Call the office of Human Resources at 843-3750 to reserve a place for the teleconference. ■

## Alumni Awards

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academic medicine in the United States today. His work on handgun injuries and violent injuries with their related publications and public education alone would qualify him for any alumni award."

The recipient of numerous honors for his efforts to improve public health, Kellermann has been principal investigator on research projects funded by more than \$2 million during the past 10 years. He has made dozens of presentations at professional meetings and is a prolific author of journal articles, commentaries and editorials. He is the author of a book, *Understanding and Preventing Violence*.

Kellermann earned his M.D. from the Emory University School of Medicine and a master of public health degree from the University of Washington.

**Llewellyn Queener** retired in 1987 after teaching at Rhodes for 38 years. He came to the college from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where he was a professor of philosophy and psychology.

Queener earned a B.A. from UT

and B.D. and Ph.D. degrees from Yale University. He completed a postdoctoral internship in clinical psychology in 1958 at UT, Memphis.



Llewellyn Queener

Dozens of Llewellyn Queener's students from the early 1950s through the mid-'80s nominated their former beloved professor for the Distinguished Faculty Portrait Series.

"Dr. Queener brought an intensely personal and caring approach to his teaching and his relations with students," notes one former student in a letter of nomination. "During the often difficult years of the 1960s and '70s, he played an important, yet largely invisible and unheralded, role on the campus, as a wise counselor, supporter and even friend to numerous students who were struggling with their personal values and

identities in the context of a quickly changing and turbulent society.

"As a teacher, surely there were not many who were his equal, much less his superior."

The writer recalls that Llewellyn, though chair of the Psychology Department for many years, regularly taught the "immensely popular" introductory psychology course and "was one of the few

teachers I recall ever being rewarded with applause at the end of a lecture."

**Patricia Gray** has taught at Rhodes since 1988. She holds two master's degrees from the University of Memphis and a Ph.D. in musicology from Washington University.

She has been in the forefront of integrating technology into classroom teaching. Her most recent Internet project is the Gradus ad Parnassum site, funded by a grant from the Associated Colleges of the South and designed to help students prepare for graduate school placement tests.

Gray has led the effort to establish a memorial on campus for the late Tony Lee Garner, professor of music and theatre and conductor of the Rhodes Singers for almost three decades. The group Gray drew together wanted to create a permanent location on campus to honor the teacher who influenced so many Rhodes students.

The Tony Garner Memorial Court and fountain located in front of McCoy Theatre will be completed this fall. ■



Patricia Gray

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## Service to Memorialize Professor Hon

Rhodes College will hold a memorial service on Thursday, Oct. 21, for Ralph C. Hon, professor emeritus of economics and business administration, who died Sept. 1.

The ceremony will begin at

10:30 a.m. in Hardie Auditorium and is open to the public. It will include remarks by Mark McMahon, Rhodes professor of economics and business administration, and Rhodes trustee Vicki Palmer '75.

Hon, who taught at Rhodes from 1931 until 1973, left bequests and gifts to the college that will provide almost \$10 million for student scholarships. ■

## Two Recitals to Feature Rhodes Faculty

The Rhodes Department of Music presents two installments in its Faculty Concert Series this week.

Nobuko Igarashi will perform with the Mid-South Clarinet Quartet featuring Deborah Andrus, Daniel Spitzer and Michelle Doyle-Ronkin at

8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, in the Shirley M. Payne Recital Hall. Selections will include works by Farkas, Uhl, Lochrie, Tomasi, J.S. Bach and Frackenpohl.

Guitarist John Ross will perform at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, in the

Payne Recital Hall. The program will include compositions by de Milan, Dowland, Rodrigo, Bennett, Brouwer, Barrios and Albeniz.

Admission will be free and open to the public. ■

## Rhodes News Notes . . .

Visiting Gilliland lecturer I. Michael Heyman, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, will join an informal discussion about the Smithsonian at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, in the Orgill Room of Clough Hall. The talk is open to faculty, staff and students. Heyman will lecture on "Museums at the Millenium" that evening at 8 p.m. in Hardie Auditorium.



Rhodes Bookstore will host a book-signing party to commemorate the publication of the third edition of John F. Copper's book, *Taiwan: Nation-State or Province?* The book-signing will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21. Copper is the Stanley J. Buckman Distinguished Professor of International Studies. Davis-Kidd bookstore will hold a second book-signing for Copper and other Mid-South authors from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23.



Openings are still available for female Rhodes faculty and staff members to take mammograms during a visit Monday, Oct. 18, by the Women's Health Center Mobile Mammography Unit.

Call Human Resources at 843-3750 to make an appointment and obtain information.



Rhodes will hold its Fall Refresher for employees Tuesday, Oct. 19, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Bryan Campus Life Center McCallum Ballroom. Breakfast will be served, and President Bill Troutt will lead a workshop.



Associate Professor of music David Ramsey, who has been organist for baseball games of the Memphis Redbirds, Chicks and

Blues baseball teams over a 24-year period, is a recipient of the Redbirds' Customer Service Excellence Award. The award recognizes outstanding performance in providing personalized attention to the team's fans. Ramsey was one of five to throw ceremonial first pitches during the Redbirds' final game this season. He has been stadium organist for 1,800 games.



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### By the Numbers

In 1929, the college known as Southwestern at Memphis incurred the following annual laundry costs, presumably to clean uniforms for the men's athletic teams:

<b>Baseball</b>	<b>\$52.75</b>
<b>Basketball</b>	<b>\$46.45</b>
<b>Football</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>Track</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Source: Presidential papers, Rhodes Archives



## Calendar of Events

**Tuesday, Oct. 12** – Frank M.

Gilliland Symposium with guest speaker I. Michael Heyman, Hardie Auditorium, 8 p.m. Free admission.

**Friday, Oct. 15** – Val Valgardson opening reception, Clough-Hanson Gallery, 5-7 p.m.

Fall recess begins.

**Saturday, Oct. 16** – Football, Rhodes vs. Sewanee, home, 1:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 16 – Friday, Nov. 19** – Val Valgardson Exhibit, Clough-Hanson Gallery.

**Wednesday, Oct. 20** – Fall recess ends.

**Thursday, Oct. 21, through Sunday, Oct. 24** – Performances of *Much Ado About Nothing*, McCoy Theatre, 8 p.m. except for 2 p.m. matinee on Oct. 24. Admission: \$5 for students, \$10 for adults.

**Thursday, Oct. 21, through Sunday, Oct. 24** – National Rolex tennis tournament at Rhodes and the Racquet Club of Memphis.

**Saturday, Oct. 24** – Fall Open House for rising juniors and seniors in high school.

**Sunday, Oct. 25** – Women's soccer, Rhodes vs. Christian Brothers University, home, 1 p.m.



Using cardboard and odds and ends, students in Val Valgardson's sculpture class created figures representing themselves. This art student reposes on the second floor of Clough Hall.

### O'Brien

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and excitement around college athletics, especially at the Division Three level, has kept me at Rhodes.

"I've been very honored to work with some great people and have made some long friendships," she continues. "They have become my family. They have seen me through a lot of ups and downs in life."

Reflecting on her time at Rhodes, O'Brien says one thing that always stood out in her mind was the period after a tractor accident claimed the life of her son, Chris, a high school senior, in October 1982.

"The love and the support that the people I worked with gave me helped me through the most difficult time in my life," O'Brien says.

Having spent nearly half of her life working at Rhodes, O'Brien has many memories. She has worked with five athletic directors, including Mike Clary '77, who was a senior at Rhodes when O'Brien began working here and who later came back as assistant football coach.

"Deb, Herb Hilgeman, Gordon Ellingsworth, Sarah Hatgas and I have grown up together at Rhodes," says Clary. "It's hard for me to fathom not seeing Deb on a daily basis. Her departure will truly be like having a family member move out of

town. We'll miss her dearly."

O'Brien's tenure at Rhodes includes a year-and-a-half spent in cramped quarters of a trailer that served as athletics offices during construction of the Bryan Campus Life Center.

"We had all known each other for quite some time, but we got to know each other a little better," O'Brien says of the athletics staff. "Better than people need to know each other."

The staff moved into the BCLC before it was complete, Bryan recalls. "We were glad to get away from each other and have our own space. We were in there before there were shelves on the walls."

Although athletics has been a large part of her life for 24 years, O'Brien declines to specify a single team or victory that deserves particularly high praise.

"There have been so many teams and individuals that have done outstanding things over the years," she says.

She does recall a certain student who made his mark on campus, however. Knox Gunn '87 was a brilliant student who wanted to be a part of athletics, O'Brien says. As a work-study student, he was assigned to the soccer team.

"Knox was their manager, he washed clothes and took water out on the field. He did everything for them," O'Brien

says. "He just took charge."

Gunn even took charge of playing the national anthem over the loudspeakers before games.

"There was a soccer game one Sunday morning in the fall," O'Brien recalls. "Loud and clear, coming out over all this part of Middtown, was the national anthem by Jimi Hendrix with that guitar.

"Poor Knox had frantically searched all over campus trying to find a recording of the anthem. That was the best he could do. That's what he came up with and that's what he played. We heard about that for a long time."

On a recent day, O'Brien was packing a few things in her office as she shared some memories. A tarnished silver-plated trophy signifying then-Southwestern's Cotton Carnival track-and-field championship of 1937 stood on a table.

"I found that in the tower of Mallory gym and fell in love with it," she says. "I have guarded it and it's moved around with me."

O'Brien will leave some mementoes behind as she begins another part of her life, but she has no plans to let go of the people with whom she's worked.

"These people are my friends, not just people I work with. We've laughed together, cried together and grown up together." ■