

Awards recognize exceptional service of four employees

On May 17, Rhodes honored four staff members for their outstanding service to the college.

Receiving the 1999-2000 Outstanding Administrator Award during the college's annual service recognition luncheon were Mary Allie Baldwin, assistant to the deans for British Studies at Oxford and European Studies, and Carol Casey, director of Residence Life.

Barbara Maxey, administrative assistant for the music department, was the recipient of the Outstanding Administrative Staff Award, and Daniel Jacobs, physical plant engineer, received the Administrative Services Staff Award.

A 1961 graduate of Rhodes, Baldwin returned to her alma mater as a staff member in 1987. Her colleagues describe her as one who works far beyond the call of duty with both efficiency and grace.

In nominating Baldwin, a faculty member who taught in Oxford wrote, "In addition to performing the secretarial tasks with great speed and accuracy, Mary Allie performs a staggering array of other duties, not one of them a part of her job description. To sick students and faculty, she is a nurse, to misbehaving students an RA, to faculty and students in an



From left, service award winners Carol Casey, Mary Allie Baldwin, Dan Jacobs and Barbara Maxey

unfamiliar place she is a constant source of advice on all sorts of matters, from travel to haircuts.

"All these she does with the utmost tact. Mary Allie is not only an excellent staff member at Rhodes. She is one of our most effective ambassadors in Oxford."

Casey is widely recognized for her patience, her fairness and calm demeanor by residential students and their parents. Her leadership has been most evident over the past two years while housing has been at a premium and the sign-up and selection process has required careful management.

"Carol's good nature and hard work ethic in what is one of the most difficult areas of student affairs make her a pleasure to work with and worthy of this award," remarked one nominator.

Lauded as "loyal" and "very deserving" of her award, Barbara Maxey has been at Rhodes since 1968.

"Barbara has been a very dedicated and efficient administrative assistant," read one of her nominations. "She has...been a pillar of strength and a model of consistency for the department in times of adversity. She handles many big, important tasks such as the Fine Arts Awards for incoming students, certain aspects of hiring and coordinates some of the clerical work for the Music Academy.

"With her broad service to the department and her many years of experience, she provides valuable advice about policies, procedures and issues and possesses an unmatched wisdom about the operation of the department."

Dan Jacobs, who has been at Rhodes since 1990, received high praise from students and staff alike. Nominators described him as someone who consistently performs far above and beyond the call of duty.

One nominator wrote, "Dan has been a savior for countless programs this year that may not have come together if it were not for his efforts!" Another wrote, "It is my understanding that Dan almost single-handedly saved the first night of Rites of Spring, by getting on stage with a shop vac and cleaning the stage after a rainstorm, going the extra mile to make sure all equipment was dry and worked properly."

A colleague added, "Dan knows many of the students by name and he truly enjoys what he does at Rhodes." ■

MasterSingers Chorale will hold auditions Aug. 29

The Rhodes College MasterSingers Chorale will audition new singers on Tuesday, Aug. 29, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. in Hassell Hall, Room 206. All singers are invited to audition.

To audition, call 843-3775 between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday to schedule

a 10-minute audition. An accompanist will be provided.

The MasterSingers Chorale is a semi-professional choral ensemble of 60 singers that performs choral masterworks in concert, usually accompanied by a full orchestra. Dr. Timothy Sharp, director of choral programs at Rhodes, is the

new conductor of the MasterSingers Chorale.

Founded by the late Tony Lee Garner, the chorale has performed such works as Rachmaninoff's *Vespers*, the Bach *Mass in B Minor* and Vaughan Williams' *Hodie*. ■

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Rhodes celebrates 75 years of rich history in Memphis

This fall marks a special time in the life of Rhodes: the 75th anniversary of the college's move to Memphis from Clarksville, Tenn., where it was founded in 1848.

Seventy-five years ago, the college then known as Southwestern dedicated Palmer Hall, the first Gothic building erected on its new campus. When Southwestern opened for its first session in Memphis in September 1925, it had 406 students and two newly completed dormitories. Re-named Rhodes in 1984, the college now has about 1,500 students enrolled for the fall 2000 semester, and construction is underway for the college's newest residence hall on the east campus.

Expected to open in August 2001,

the 74,000-square-foot residential complex designed by Hanbury, Evans, Newill, Vlattas and Co. of Norfolk, Va., will house 200 juniors and seniors in apartment-style living areas.

Several annual traditions have been designated to commemorate Rhodes' 75th anniversary in Memphis. Last week's SACK event, during which students committed to volunteer with Rhodes'

many service projects, opened the celebration. The occasion symbolized Rhodes' historic ties to Memphis and service to the community that began when the college moved here. SACK, formerly known as the Kinney Fair, is an acronym for Study abroad, Activities and organizations, Churches and worshipping communities, and Kinney service opportunities.

During Opening Convocation on

Friday, Dr. Scott Morris, founder and director of Memphis' Church Health Center, was awarded an honorary degree from the college.

Also on Friday, the Rhodes campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity and the Kinney program launched the building of a new home for Habitat. The house will be the fourth built for Habitat by Rhodes.

Another anniversary event will be a campus-wide tailgate party on Saturday, Sept. 2. The party will begin after a 10 a.m. Rhodes women's soccer match, and will precede the Lynx football team's 1:30 p.m. game and a men's soccer match at 2 p.m.

Rhodes' 75th anniversary celebration will conclude with Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 20-22. Events will include the planting of a 75th anniversary tree, the unveiling of the latest painting in the faculty portrait series, the Homecoming Game against Colorado College and a dance. ■



Class of 2004 arrives sporting top academic credentials

Rhodes welcomes an academically talented and geographically diverse group of students to the Class of 2004.

Of the 406 first-year students enrolled, 56 percent ranked in the top 10 percent of their graduating class. Sixty-eight percent of the class had a grade point average between 3.5 and 4.0, with the class mean GPA registering at 3.62.

Rhodes' entering class excelled in pre-college composite standardized test scores. The middle 50 percent range of SAT scores is 1200 to 1360, with a mean of 1287. The



Sophomore peer assistant Chad Purple helps first-year student Lauren Ferrerra move in to her dorm.

ACT middle 50 percent range is 26 to 30, with a mean of 28.

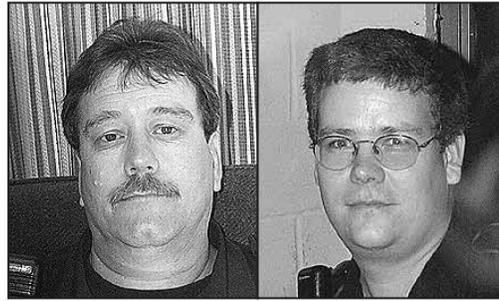
Forty-two of the incoming students were valedictorians of their graduating class; 10 were salutatorians. Twenty-eight first-year students were National Merit or National Achievement finalists or semi-finalists.

Members of the Class of 2004 represent 34 states and four foreign countries, coming from as far away as Alaska, California, Belgium, Iceland and France. ■

Campus Safety officers earn MPD commendations

The West Precinct of the Memphis Police Department recently conveyed letters of commendation to Rhodes Campus Safety Shift Commander Lynn Barnett and Officer Kevin Moss for their actions in capturing a burglary suspect and averting a theft in July.

In the early morning hours of July 12, Barnett and Moss chased and captured a man in the side yard of 1981 Snowden behind Stewart Hall after observing



Lynn Barnett (left) and Kevin Moss

him on campus security monitors. The man had a pair of bolt cutters

and was hiding next to a bicycle chained to a fence.

Officers Barnett and Moss were able to detain the man until Memphis police arrived and arrested him for criminal trespass and possession of drug paraphernalia. The man is also a suspect in recent thefts in the Evergreen area.

Each officer "is to be commended for his attention to duty and thanked by the supervisors of the West Precinct for his actions," read the commendations, in part. ■

Llewellyn appointed interim dean as search continues

Robert R. Llewellyn, a member of the Rhodes philosophy faculty, has been appointed interim dean of Academic Affairs.

Llewellyn assumed the position in July after former dean John Planchon ended his service as dean and returned to the department of economics and business administration as its chair.

Llewellyn will serve as interim dean during the coming year as a search continues for Rhodes' new dean of the college.

"Bob Llewellyn has served the college with honor, earning the respect and trust of all who know

him," said President Troutt in announcing the appointment.

Llewellyn has taught at Rhodes since 1969. He was associate dean of Academic Affairs for 13 years and acting dean in 1986-87. An associate professor of philosophy, Llewellyn received his B.S. degree in mathematics from Davidson College and his M.S. and Ph.D. in philosophy from Vanderbilt University.

His many honors at Rhodes include Outstanding Administrator of the Year, Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award and the Diehl Society Award for Faculty Service.

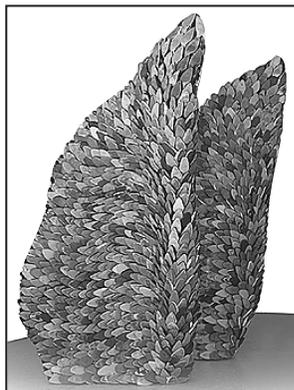
Assisting Llewellyn will be John S. Olsen, professor of biology, and Brian W. Shaffer, associate professor of English. Olsen will serve as associate dean for faculty personnel administration, while Shaffer will serve as associate dean for faculty development.

Additional faculty appointments include new chairs for five academic departments: Charles R. Stinemetz, biology; Cynthia Marshall, English; Frank Mora, international studies; Kennan Shelton, mathematics and computer science; Ellen Armour, religious studies ■

Les Christensen: Passion to open at Clough-Hanson

Les Christensen: Passion will be on exhibition at the Clough Hanson Gallery from Aug. 29 through Sept. 28. An opening reception will be held on Friday, Sept. 1, from 5-7 p.m.

Les Christensen's sculpture is constructed of nails, shoes, broken plates, silverware and lead—



Why Should I Walk If I Have Wings to Fly, 2000, shoes, wood, by Les Christensen

an assortment of industrial components and found objects. Her titles—*Passion*, *The Promise*, *Shield*, *Your Black Heart*, *Blanket*, to name a few—allude to the emotional themes with which she, and viewers, must wrestle.

For example, a series of hearts is made from broken beer bottles, tacks and lead bullets attached to wood or plaster amatures. Hearts are

typically associated with love, life-giving blood and passion.

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Christensen seems to refute these well-known associations, to raise other less pleasant possibilities—hearts that are inaccessible, dangerous or discomfiting. Her hearts are also puzzles to be solved.

Christensen will give a gallery talk Friday, Sept. 1, at 5:15 p.m. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. The exhibition, gallery talk and reception are open to the public free of charge. For further information call 843-3442. ■

Gallery website:

<http://artslides2.art.rhodes.edu/gallery.html>

From the President

As we begin the academic year, I would like to extend a warm welcome to campus to all of our Rhodes community. This is an exciting time for Rhodes: We are celebrating the 75th anniversary of the college's move to Memphis, where its roots have grown deep; construction has begun on what will be a beautiful new residence hall on the east campus; and we have a great freshman class and a record number of returning students.

It is going to be a great fall.

Thank you for all you do to make Rhodes an exceptional place to learn and work. We are making great strides in working together across organizational lines and boundaries to give our students the best liberal arts experience possible. Best wishes for a wonderful year.



William E. Troutt

Human Resources announces new employees, promotions

The following have joined the faculty of Rhodes for the 2000-2001 academic year: Stevens Anderson, associate dean, European Studies; Daniel Arce, the Robert D. McCallum Professor, economics and business administration; Anthony Becker, associate professor, biology; Kevin Carlson, instructor, psychology; Melanie Conroy-Goldman, assistant professor, English; Sarah Crisler, instructor, foreign languages and literatures; Andrew Diner, assistant professor, mathematics and computer science; Ron Gelleny, instructor, international studies; Marshall Gramm, instructor, economics and business administration; Courtenay Harter, instructor, music; Jeffrey Jackson, assistant professor, history; Krista Johnson, the William Randolph Hearst Minority Fellow, international studies; Valia Oliver, instructor, art; Richard Redfearn, assistant professor, chemistry; Timothy Sharp, associate professor, music; Cynthia Stewart, instructor, religious studies.

The following have joined the staff of Rhodes during the past six months: Jessica Anschutz, community service coordinator; Adolphus Bailey, campus safety officer; Susan Brombacher, assistant

director of admissions; Melissa Butler, coordinator of disability and career services; Pamela Cate, faculty secretary, economics and business administration; Kerry Connors, director of special campaigns, development; Amanda Corkern, assistant director of alumni; Patrick Crump, campus safety officer; Joby Dion, computer technician; Mary Ann Dobbs, admissions campus visit coordinator; Caley Forman, senior desktop technician, computer center; Cheryl Garner, director of multicultural affairs; Brandon Goff, librarian, music department; Phyllis Gregory, acquisitions/periodicals assistant, library; Christian Hardin, lab supervisor, biology; Carley Jackson, assistant director of admissions; Donna Johnson, administrative assistant, counseling center; Kelly Mooney, assistant athletic trainer; Kathy Morris, payroll manager, human resources; Julie King Murphy, church-related ministry coordinator; Robert Randolph, housekeeper; Mike Renwick, coordinator of recreational services; Michael Streeter, major gifts officer, development; Forrest Stuart, director of student financial aid; Lisa Meeder Turnbull, director of alumni; Lori

Von Bokel-Amin, employment manager, human resources; Jackie Wilborn, mail center clerk; Lorraine Young, assistant director of student financial aid.

The following have been promoted since February: DeAnna Adams, assistant registrar; Chris Chastain, associate director of annual giving; Pat Fetters, administrative assistant, president's office; Charlotte Parks, associate dean of development; Wendy Rotter, associate dean of development. ■

Attention students

A four-session, not-for-credit course on applying for post-graduate scholarships, including Rhodes, Marshall, Fulbright, Mellon and Rotary scholarships, will begin on Thursday, Aug. 31, and is open to all Rhodes students.

The sessions on successive Thursdays will be at 4:15 p.m. in Frazier-Jelke B. Mike LaRosa, assistant professor of history, will conduct the course. ■