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ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

BRIAN DENNIS VANDEGRIFT, JR. '94

Having an outstanding slot receiver with great hands and one-on-one skills is what every team seeks in today's spread offenses. Brian Vandegrift was practically unstoppable from the slot position during his junior and senior years for the Lynx. As head coach Mike Clary remarked, "Brian had an uncanny ability to get open, whether is was on a five-yard option route or a forty-yard post-corner. He was really fun to coach."

Operating in Rhodes' spread offense in 1992 and 1993, Brian ranked as one of the top receivers in the nation with 78 receptions as a junior and 75 receptions as a senior. His 78 single-season receptions, 2,256 career receiving yards, and 182 career receptions are all school records. In 1993 Brian was named to the Sporting News Preseason All American team. He earned First Team All Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) honors in 1992 and 1993, and he was named the 1993 SCAC Co-Offensive Player of the Year. Brian was honored with the Daughdrill Award his senior year, having been voted by his teammates as the 1993 Most Valuable Football Player. In 2008 Brian was one of five receivers to be named to the SCAC 15th Anniversary Football Team.

Brian was also an outstanding baseball player, starting at shortstop as a freshman and sophomore, then at left field his junior and senior seasons. He was named First Team All SCAC in 1991, 1993 and 1994. Brian served as Team Captain during his senior season. Along with teammate Scott Franklin, Brian was also a pitcher's and catcher's nightmare when he reached first base and prepared to steal second. In 1994 the Lynx ranked second in the nation with 5.06 stolen bases per game, and Brian ranked seventh in the nation individually.

Brian was an outstanding student, even in the midst of playing ten football games in the fall and 40 baseball games in the winter and spring. For the commitment Brian displayed to being a great student and two-sport athlete, and the thrills he gave his coaches, teammates and fans at Fargason and Stauffer Fields, Rhodes is honored to induct Brian Dennis Vandegrift, Jr. into the Rhodes Athletic Hall of Fame this 19th day of October, 2012.



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MARVIN EARL SPEARS '90

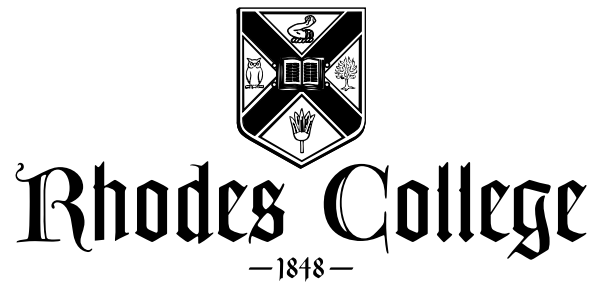
Some people have wisdom beyond their age and the ability to listen to trusted mentors. After having an outstanding senior football season at Smyrna High School in Marietta, Georgia, Marvin Spears had numerous full football scholarship offers to Division I football programs. Listening to the advice of family members and his high school guidance counselor, Marvin chose to forego the limelight of Division I football and attend Rhodes College. We are so glad he did. Marvin was great for Rhodes College, and Rhodes College made a lasting impact on Marvin's personal and professional life.

Marvin was a four-year letterman for the Rhodes track and field team, where he earned All College Athletic Conference (CAC) titles in the high jump and triple jump. His leap of 6'8 1/2" at the 1990 CAC track meet set a school record, which stood for ten years. Marvin also won the triple jump title that day at Centre College, which helped the Lynx capture the CAC Track and Field team championship.

At 6'3", 180 lbs, with excellent speed and great jumping ability, there's no question Marvin was a gifted athlete. But what made him such a great defender was his football IQ and second sense of how routes and plays were unfolding in front of him. Marvin was often aligned to cover the opponents' best wide receivers, and usually in a man-to-man, one-on-one coverage. When he was a junior and senior, opponents just quit throwing to Marvin's side. He was named All College Athletic Conference in 1988 and 1989, when the Lynx compiled 8-1 and 7-1 regular season records, and was a member of the 1988 team that participated in the NCAA Division III National Playoffs.

Not only was Marvin a great athlete, he was an exceptional student. Marvin received the Seidman Trophy in 1990, which is awarded to the senior who achieves the most outstanding record in academics and athletics at Rhodes.

We are thankful to Marvin's family and friends, who encouraged and supported him while he attended Rhodes, and we are grateful to Marvin for his support and engagement with his alma mater. For his athletic and academic accomplishments, Rhodes is honored to induct Marvin E. Spears into the Rhodes Athletic Hall of Fame this 19th day of October, 2012.



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MICHAEL HUGH TRUSCOTT '62

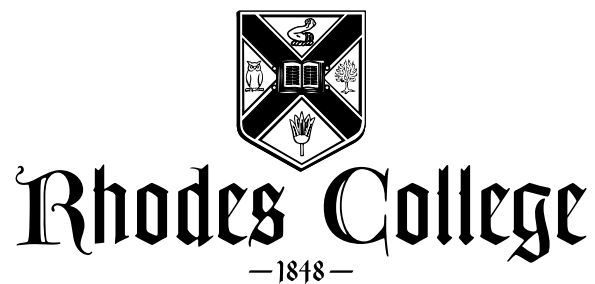
When Mike Truscott was growing up in Uruguay playing soccer, rugby and tennis, he had no idea he would be a groundbreaking American football player kicking extra points and field goals for the Southwestern football team.

In the late 1950s, Mike was one of the first soccer-style placekickers at the high school, college or professional levels of American football. After watching a Southwestern football game and not quite understanding what he had just witnessed at Fargason Field that afternoon, a sports reporter for the Commercial Appeal described Mike's kicking technique as a "highly unusual style." Well, that "highly unusual" kicking style was key in the Lynx 1959 win over Millsaps, 7-6, and Mike ended his career by kicking the winning extra point in Southwestern's 7-6 win over Austin College to conclude the 1961 season.

Just as Mike was a trendsetter in football as a soccer-style placekicker, his combination of performing on the gridiron in the fall, then on the tennis court in the spring, was even more unique. Mike becomes the first member of the Athletic Hall of Fame to participate in football and tennis. Mike played #1 for four years on the tennis team, where under the tutelage of legendary Coach Derrick Barton, he led the Lynx to two Tennessee Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tennis titles.

Off the field and court, Mike has served as the Dana Distinguished Professor of Economics at the University of Tampa, specializing in global finance and economics. In 1992, he was awarded the College of Business Teaching Excellence Award.

Mike helped revolutionize the art of kicking a football and opened the door for many great soccer-style placekickers. For his accomplishments on the tennis court and the football field, Rhodes is honored to induct Michael Hugh Truscott into the Rhodes Athletic Hall of Fame this 19th day of October, 2012.



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EDWARD TODD ROBBINS '72

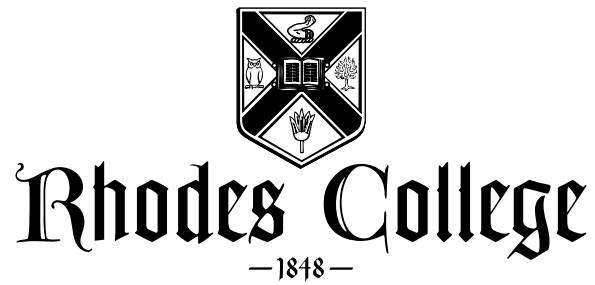
A coach can develop strength and teach fundamentals and technique, but a coach cannot develop or teach pure speed. Either you are born with it or you aren't. Todd Robbins was born with pure speed, so from the first time he lined up for the 100-yard dash at Memphis University School to the time he played wide receiver for the Lynx at Southwestern, Todd Robbins has won a lot of races.

Todd Robbins is one of Rhodes' all-time great sprinters. As a freshman he became the first Lynx track athlete to break 10 flat in the 100-yard dash recording a time of 9.9. Along with Herman Morris, Jeff Carter and Levi Frazier, Todd was part of the 440-yard relay, which set the school record of 42.1. During Todd's four years on the Southwestern track team the Lynx won three College Athletic Conference (CAC) titles, and Todd was one of the top sprinters in the league.

As a freshman Todd spent time playing both defensive back and wide receiver, but when Coach Don Lear became Southwestern's head football coach in 1969 he quickly recognized Todd's speed and great hands and moved him full time to the wide receiver position. Todd earned All College Athletic Conference honors his junior and senior seasons when the Lynx captured both the 1970 and 1971 CAC titles. Todd was a key contributor on the 1971 team, which compiled a 7-1 record and still ranks as one of Rhodes' all-time winningest teams. When asked about the highlight of his football career, Todd proudly states the Lynx were 4-0 against Sewanee while he donned the Southwestern uniform.

While Todd wasn't competing in football and track, he managed to be a Dean's List student, earning a double major in English and Biochemistry. He was also a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. For years Todd has been recognized as one of the Memphis' leading cardiothoracic and vascular surgeons.

Whether it's been as a devoted husband and father, a surgeon, or as a student-athlete, Todd Robbins has been a winner all his life. For the success achieved in the classroom, on the gridiron and track, Rhodes is honored to induct Edward Todd Robbins into the Rhodes Athletic Hall of Fame this 19th day of October, 2012.



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RICHARD KEITH ARMAN '62

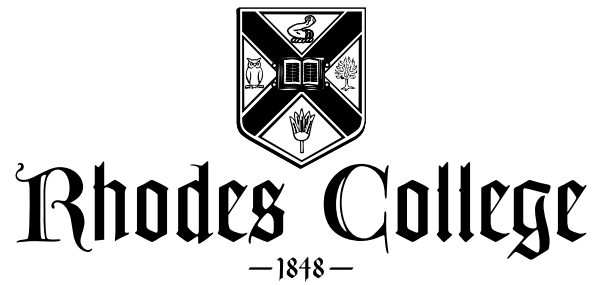
Outside the classroom and library, many students excel in theatre, music or a sport. Keith Arman wasn't a student to sit around and think about the next season. Keith was busy participating on Southwestern athletic teams year-round. He was a key contributor to the Lynx basketball team and an outstanding runner for the cross-country and track and field teams.

Keith would begin the year wearing his running shoes, competing on the cross-country team. Then from November through February he would lace up his high-top Converse basketball shoes to play point guard for the Lynx. In March he would forego the cozy confines of Mallory Gym and put on his spikes to run on the cinder track at Fargason Field.

Keith was a mainstay on the Southwestern track teams, for which he served as captain his senior year. He ran the mile and two-mile runs. As Hall of Fame Coach Freeman Marr remarked, "Keith may be the most improved athlete I ever coached. He progressed from being a middle-of-the pack performer to one of the best distance runners we had." Freeman Marr was known for trying to score every point and utilize every athlete to win a meet. So, against Union, when Coach Marr asked Keith to run not only the mile and two-mile runs, but also the 880-yard dash, Keith responded with a first, second, and first-place performance. His first-place finish in the 880 was the first time he had ever run the race.

A native of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and a star basketball player at Hot Springs High School, Keith chose to attend Southwestern for its academic reputation and the opportunity to play college basketball. Playing for Coach Winky May, Keith was an outstanding point guard with excellent ball handling and defensive skills, averaging 10 points per game his junior and senior seasons.

After graduating from Southwestern, Keith earned his law degree from the University of Arkansas. Since 1965 he has been a successful and prominent attorney in Hot Springs. For the commitment he exemplified to his teammates and coaches in three sports and the outstanding academic and athletic record he compiled as a Lynx, Rhodes is honored to induct R. Keith Arman into the Rhodes Athletic Hall of Fame this 19th day of October, 2012.



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THE 1968-69 SOUTHWESTERN BASKETBALL TEAM

There was excitement and anticipation in the Southwestern basketball program as the Lynx prepared for the 1968-69 season. When the team opened the season at the University of Tennessee at Martin and defeated the Skyhawks 86-72, the Southwestern faithful knew this group of Lynx was going to be special.

Every great team must have strong leadership and a post presence, and Eddie Hart provided both attributes for the Lynx. As Head Coach Don Duckworth went on to say, "Eddie was the only kid I ever coached who didn't shoot enough." For his great floor leadership, attitude and play at center, Eddie Hart was named the Most Valuable Player for the 1968-69 squad. Offensively, 6'6" forward Ken Andrews could do it all. "Ken was an offensive machine" said Coach Duckworth. "He could shoot and rebound as good as any player I ever coached." The Lynx employed a three-guard offense utilizing the great ball handling, shooting and defensive skills of Jim Gannon, Jim Meeks and Jim Moss. Gannon and Meeks were local players, having developed their skills at Memphis University and Collierville High Schools. The Lynx had perhaps the best sixth man in basketball in Ron McAfee, another local star from Hillcrest High School. Also seeing significant playing time was Tom Shoffner and Eric Cardwell.

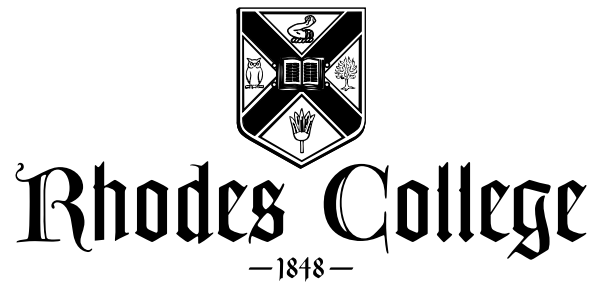
There were lots of firsts for the 1968-69 basketball team. The 22 wins were the most in the college's history and the Lynx won 17 straight home games. En route to capturing the College Athletic Conference (CAC) title, the team went undefeated (8-0) in the conference, defeating Sewanee, Centre, Washington and Lee and Washington University. The crowds were good early in the season, but after the Lynx demolished Sewanee 81-65 and began their 12-game winning streak, students, faculty, staff and local fans packed Mallory Gym the rest of the season. The Lynx closed the season with five straight home wins, avenging an early season loss at Union by defeating the Bulldogs 77-68.

Other members of the squad were: Bill Richardson, Gary Goodman, Carlyle Johnson, George Taylor, Steve Schmidt, Kevin Rando, Tommy Palmer, Matt Wood and Reed Click. Bill Waters served as the Assistant Coach, John Walters and Larry Parson as Trainers, and Jackie Rutledge as the Manager.

In a season-ending recap of the season, Bobby Ervin from The Commercial Appeal wrote, "It was a very good year for the Southwestern basketball team:

Which fought its way to a remarkable 22-3 record;
Which cut a path through the bigger scholarship schools;
Which proved it could win just for fun;
Which was too tough to surrender."

In recognition of their great season, Rhodes is honored to induct the 1968-69 Southwestern Basketball Team into the Rhodes Athletic Hall of Fame this 19th day of October, 2012.



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KATE MAFFEI MCGUINNESS '98

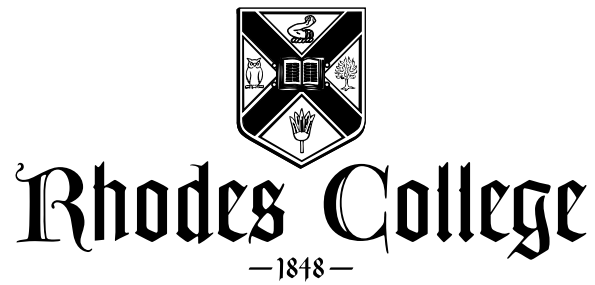
Whether it was rising above the net for a kill shot or boxing out a defender for a rebound, Kate Maffei went all out. Opponents knew when a volleyball or basketball game began, Kate would bring her intensity and tremendous ball and court skills to bear. As her coaches, teammates and opponents would soon learn, Kate Maffei would be a force on both the volleyball and basketball courts for the Lynx.

Arriving to Rhodes in 1994, Kate made an immediate impact on the volleyball program as the Lynx compiled a 30-14 record her freshman year, the best record the program had recorded in over 15 years. She was a four-year starter at outside hitter and earned 1st Team All Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) honors her junior and senior seasons when she dominated the net for the Lynx. Kate led the SCAC in numerous statistical categories during her career and currently ranks #1 in the SCAC in single-season hitting percentage, single-season service aces per game, career hitting percentage and career service aces per game. As a result of Kate's brilliant career she was selected to the SCAC 15th Anniversary Volleyball Team. Kate's teammates voted her the Most Valuable Volleyball Player in 1996 and 1997. Kate holds school records in most career kills, most career kills per game and the best career hitting percentage. She was voted to the Kaepa American Volleyball Coaches Association All-Region Team in 1996.

As soon as the volleyball season concluded, Kate would jump right into basketball practice and games. She was a three-year starter and earned 2nd Team All SCAC honors her sophomore year and Honorable Mention All SCAC honors her junior and senior seasons. Kate was a tenacious offensive rebounder and defender, as evidenced by her 594 career rebounds, which ranks 10th on the all-time SCAC list. During the 1995-96 season Kate made 151 free throws, which led the SCAC. She ranks 7th all-time in the SCAC with 385 free throws made.

Kate was awarded the Seidman Trophy, which is bestowed on the senior athlete who exemplifies both academic and athletic success and excellence. She was a member of the Kappa Delta sorority and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Kate credits Professors Kelly Fish, Michael LaRosa and Russ Wigginton with having a huge impact on her academic experience.

For the thrills she gave volleyball fans in Mallory Gym with her great kills and serves, and for her dedication and commitment as a two-sport athlete playing back-to-back seasons, we are honored to induct KATE MAFFEI MCGUINNESS into the Rhodes Athletic Hall of Fame this 19th day of October, 2012.



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1978 AND 1979 WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD TEAMS

Hall of Fame Coach Freeman Marr mentored the highly successful Southwestern Men's Track and Field team from 1956 through 1967. To devote more time to his family and law practice, Coach Marr relinquished his men's track coaching duties after the 1967 season. What would it take for Freeman Marr to come out of retirement to coach track again? A bunch of eager and talented women who longed for a varsity track and field experience just like the men. So at the beckoning of Dean Anne Marie Williford, Coach Marr dusted off his clipboard and stopwatch and became the first head coach for the Lynx Women's Track and Field team.

In 1978 Southwestern sponsored its first Women's Track and Field team. Very few of these athletes had ever been on an organized track and field team before. It was a conglomeration of women who competed on another varsity team at Southwestern, women who played a varsity sport in high school, or women who had never competed in a varsity sport, but were seeking a new challenge. As Coach Marr so proudly states, "our first team was one of the hardest working group of athletes I'd ever coached. And we were talented too." The Lynx beat Vanderbilt in a dual meet 75 to 34.

Most of the team returned for the 1979 season and a few key, talented freshmen were added to the squad. The schedule was expanded and the Lynx defeated Washington University and Vanderbilt in dual meets, The first College Athletic Conference (CAC) Women's Track and Field Championship was held in Danville, Kentucky, and Southwestern defeated Centre and Sewanee to capture the CAC title.

Members of the 1978 and 1979 Southwestern Track and Field teams were: Carol McCown, Molly McLemore, Andrea Gilliom, Meredith Watson, Clair Ringger, Flo Sights, Cathy Goetz, Margaret Bane, Lisa Gilchrist, Margaret Couch, Cynthia Said, Dedie Kelso, Honey Bond, Jane Terry, Carole Bailey, Gail Courtney, Jan Fountain, Mary Kelton, Bryn Wood, Mary Kay Loss and Liz Hart. Marshall Reed, Tom Mullady and Robert Shankman assisted Head Coach Freeman Marr.

We are grateful to the 1978 and 1979 Women's Track and Field teams for opening the door to varsity athletics for future women athletes at Rhodes. In honor of their dedication and performance, we are proud to induct the 1978 and 1979 SOUTHWESTERN WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD TEAMS into the Rhodes Athletic Hall of Fame this 19th day of October, 2012.