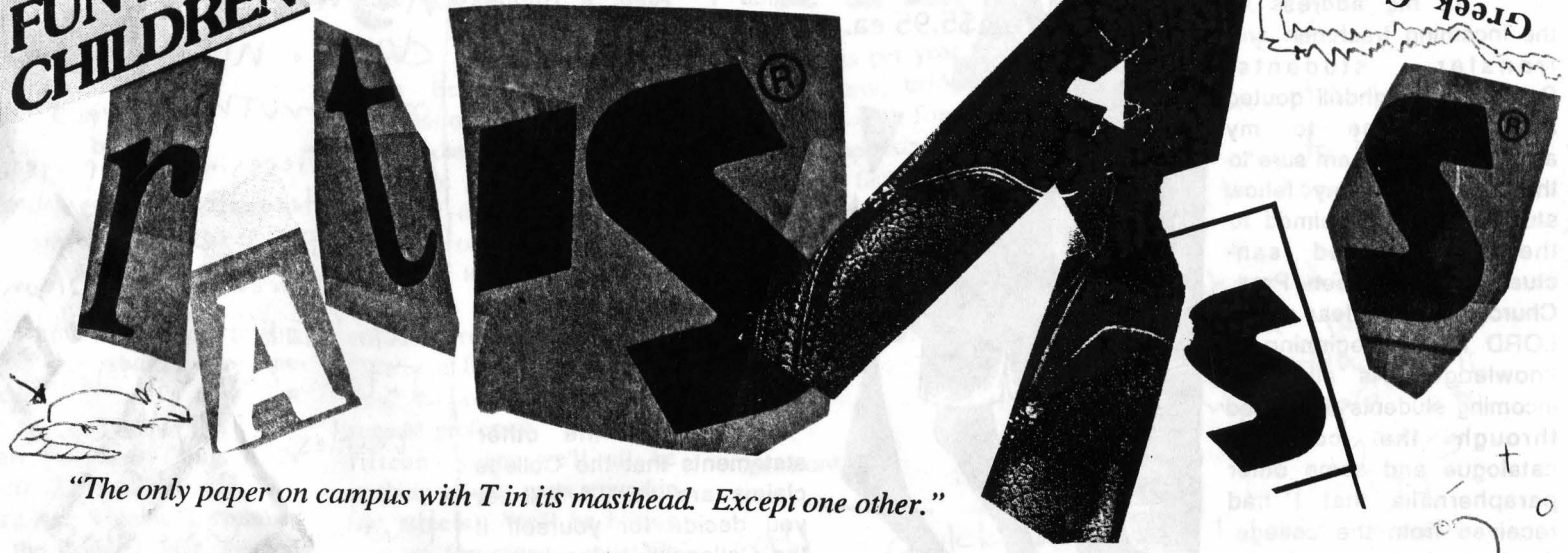


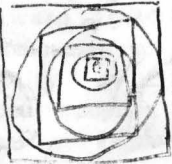
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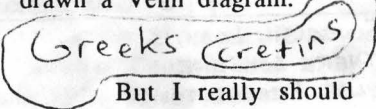
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The Earth Is Flat
The Holocaust Didn't Happen
The Greek System is Nifty
by Charles Schafer

You know, I'd always heard that the Greeks were supposed to be logical. Yet in Chris Gilreath's Sou'wester article entitled "What is Rush, Anyway?" I see traces of logic's evil twin, illogic. I wonder what city-state Mr. Gilreath is from - perhaps Crete. I'd like to point out here that while, certainly, all Greeks are not Cretans, all Cretans are Greeks. I have drawn a Venn diagram:

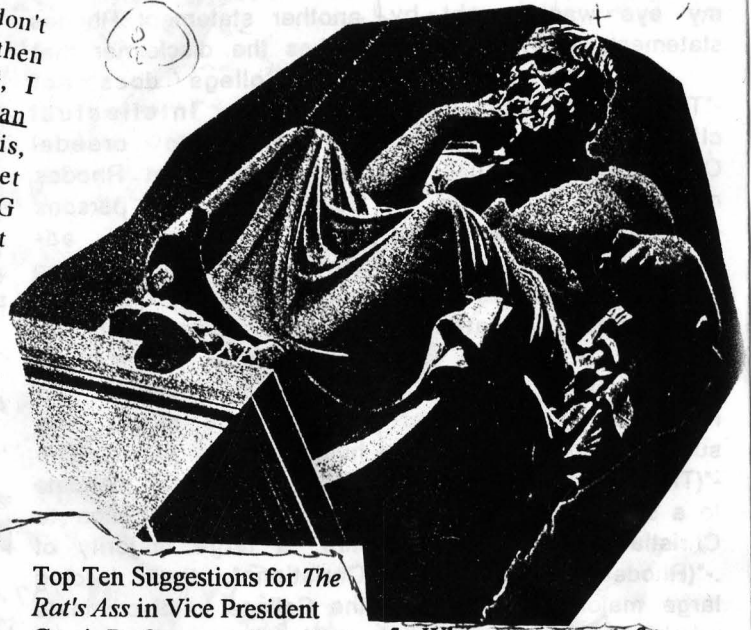


But I really should stop going off like this. It's just that I'm a little worked up. That is, I'm really excited. Let me explain why. According to Mr. G, "you do not have to be someone's fraternity brother to be his friend." Imagine -- I had been going to Rhodes for over three years miserably convinced that because

I'm not in a frat, I don't have any friends, and then today, thanks to Mr. G, I found out that I really can have friends! Get this, though. I shouldn't get too happy, because Mr. G says I shouldn't. Look at what he says:

"Some people are against the Greek System, saying it prevents people from being themselves. I strongly disagree with this judgement [sic], and challenge you to look at who is in a fraternity and who is not. Who are the people most active and most visible at Rhodes?"
Due to Mr. G's

well-reasoned and well-supported argument, I am feeling crushed and inferior. No, don't worry, I'll get over it. I'm embarking on a personal program to make myself (Non-Greek though I am) more active and visible around campus. In fact, I would like to make my shining white ass visible to all "Greek Issues Editors" and "Interfraternity Council Presidents" at Rhodes. Nothing personal, Mr. G.



Top Ten Suggestions for *The Rat's Ass* in Vice President Gore's Performance Report
by Brian Dixon

10. Use regular Scotch tape instead of the nifty, but costly, magic tape.
9. Stop sending probes to Mars. *Oops!* Wrong performance report.
8. Print issues on used SIR forms. What else are they good for?
7. Serve Beenie-Weenie at staff meetings instead of pork tenderloin and escargot.
6. Pay staff salaries with old Burger King coupons.
5. When you run out of coupons eliminate the staff entirely by investing in state-of-the-art technology.
4. Use Diamond Jim's personal copy machine.
3. Stop poking fun at our administration. *Oh wait!* You mean the Rhodes administration.
2. Eliminate printing fees by passing out copies of last week's *Sou'wester* instead. It's a much better read.
1. Stop sending the damned paper to the Oval Office.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE A CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

by:chris brown

In his address to the incoming freshmen and transfer students, President Daughdrill quoted a Bible verse to my amazement and I am sure to the surprise of my fellow students. He proclaimed to the over-crowded sanctuary of Evergreen Pres. Church that "the fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge." As all good incoming students do, I read through the college's catalogue and some other paraphernalia that I had received from the college. As I combed through the 93-94 catalogue and Rhode's College Statement of Christian Commitment and Church Relationship, my eye was caught by statements like these;

"The College maintains a climate in which the Christian faith is nurtured",

"The College ensures that the Christian faith is clearly articulated",

-(Rhodes) creates a climate in which the Christian faith is reasonably and persuasively presented."

-(The College) is dedicated to a special witness to the Christian faith"

-(Rhodes) sees to it that a large majority of trustees, administrators, and faculty are Christians"

"The College is committed to higher education set in a Christian frame of reference."

From statements like these and other well polished sentences affirming "Christian ideals", one comes to the conclusion that Rhodes is an oasis of Christian learning among "the colleges of today that have a secular outlook." One particular point that is worth exploring is the claim that "a large



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majority of faculty, administrators, and trustees are Christians." In another statement Rhodes makes the disclaimer that "the College does not require intellectual adherence to creedal religion and that Rhodes does not exclude persons from its faculty, administration, or governing bodies who may hold other views." Now, it is impossible to hire "a large majority of Christians" and not exclude others who hold different views. The College, by its own mandate is under an obligation to hire "a large majority of Christians", thus forcing the College to discriminate on the basis of personal beliefs. Another statement that Rhodes makes that contradicts itself from the above quote is "The College's Christian commitment and church relationship is more than assent to a set of vague values or sentimental emotions." If Rhodes is so committed to more than just "vague values and sentimental emotions", then why won't Rhodes at least have their "large majority of Christians" believe the same view that the College

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holds? Also, if Rhodes does not require "intellectual adherence to creedal religion" or some form of affirmation to certain Christian truths, how does the College know that they have hired a Christian? Doesn't one know whether a person belongs to a particular religion by what that individual adheres to and embraces as truth?

As for the other statements that the College claims are true, I will let you decide for yourself if the College is being honest or if it is lying. If the College is lying, then put down the Rat's Ass, get off YOUR Ass and report the Administration to the Honor Council.

- The Rat's Ass... crack staff... nothin' better to do... no claim of truth...
 Mike "Teresias" Augsburg
 Chris "Heracitus" Brown
 Clay "Pan" Combs
 Brian "Archimedes" Dixon
 Pat "Et tu" Garrett
 Julie "Olive Oil" Meinan
 Charles "Jimmy the Greek" Schaefer
 Ruthie "Oedipus" Stephenson
 Jeff "super gyro" Gadomski
 Rat's "Greek week" Ass

F ARTS IN THE PARK

Clay's Column by Clay

Rhodes Security Council Unveils New Goal: No Faculty

Rhodes administration wigs are abuzz over the Security Council's new plan for the college. Taking to heart President Daughdrill's April 22 address (see *The Rat's Ass*, Volume 2, Number 1), the Council have stepped forward with a bold recommendation: get rid of all faculty by 2010. The recommendation follows the president's emphasis on more efficient use of school funds and the latest technology.

"You can see the president's subtext as clear as day," said one anonymous-by-request administration lackey. "It's time to ring out the old-fashioned, inefficient live-teacher classroom and ring in the cost-effective electronic classroom."

The Security Council's plan calls for the complete out-phasing of the human element in Rhodes classroom instruction by 2010. Amidst the international race to develop fiber optic technology, the Council see higher education heading faster and deeper into the farthest recesses of the microchip.

"Two words: fiber optics," said Security Council Tsar Seamus Hailey in his address to the faculty and staff. "We must see here and now the benefits of computer networking and anticipate the radical changes that lie ahead in the field of education."

"The students of tomorrow will have access to the sharpest minds at work in any given field. The experts will be able to deliver lectures to thousands of students at once, and they

will be available for consultation at any time, from any remote corner of our now-miniscule globe. Classroom teachers, obviously, are fast becoming obsolete."

As is to be expected, the new plan has drawn some criticism from current faculty. "We're a little uneasy about this," said one anonymous-by-request professor. "I mean, in fifteen years we'll all be pushing grocery carts around in the streets. We'll be hitting you up for money and then psychoanalyzing you on the basis of whether you do or do not cough it up. Nobody wants that."

"What's more," said another professor, "nobody has really speculated as to the effect on the students. What will result from a complete loss of personal contact between students and faculty? The Socratic dialogue will be reduced to spiritless molecules of phosphorus."

But the Security Council will brook no nay-saying on that issue. "We don't believe molecules of phosphorus to be completely without spirit," said Hailey. "On the contrary, we think they have lots of spirit. Lots!"

Whatever the feeling around campus, it appears the plan has already become the New Campus Order. Several untenured faculty have been sacked, and more are on the blocks.

In an auxiliary decision, the Council amended the president's plan of adding ten

new students per year to fifty new students, bringing the projected totals for the year 2010 to approximately 2200 students, 0 faculty. As there has been no mention of additional computer purchases, the projected number of work stations is expected to hold steady at 200 or less.

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480 words

C: Pat, what do you think about procreation?

P: Um. It's wrong.

C: Wrong to think about Jor wrong to do?

P: The world sucks. We need to stop transmigrating souls, boring people into sin, and giving life when it's

all dukkha. But, I don't know. C: It sounds like you do - at least you have some very strong feelings. I think I see what you mean about bringing souls into this miserable world - it's a big decision. Maybe, though, our children (like us) find some small meaning or at least pleasure here - they can always turn on the oven if they don't.

P: Yeah. Let's talk about something really really deep chuck.

C: Like, uh, a hole? Or something phisodoficle? Pat, I've often wondered the numeric value of your shirt size.

P: You can't always get what you want. Duder, I had a fine time tonight. You?

C: I did. The P&H is pretty fun. That game where you slide the things on the table is neat. Also, you can usually get what you want if you point and have blue eyes.

P: You would know. How about a smoke break. I'm dry.

C: Soon, we're about done. Wish we had some magnum which as far as I am concerned is the "king of malt liquors." Writing sucks, my hand is tired. Kinko's is expensive. Donuts are good.

P: Donuts just are, yeah, but King Cobra take the cake.

C: This kind of article is really very self-indulgent.

AND Slug Boy

OK, LET'S JUST TYPE UP A QUICK LIST OF YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR OUR FILES. IN YOUR OWN WORDS, HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOURSELF?



WELL, I'M A SLUG...

Now, now... SELF-ESTEEM IS EVERYTHING IN A SIDE-KICK. SO, TAKE A GOOD LONG LOOK AT YOURSELF & TELL ME HOW YOU WOULD DESCRIBE WHAT YOU SEE.

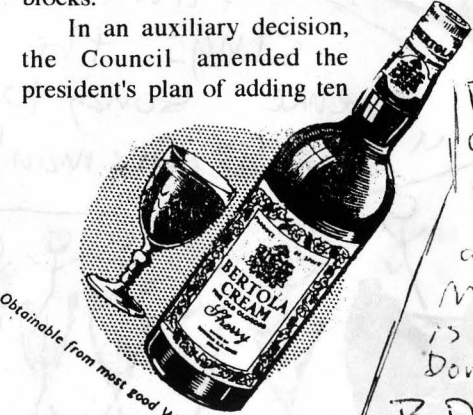
DON'T BE SO NEGATIVE. WE WANT A SIDEKICK WHO'S VERY OPTIMISTIC, SO DON'T PUT YOURSELF DOWN LIKE THAT. NOW THEN, WHAT WOULD YOU CALL YOUR MOST DISTINGUISHING ATTRIBUTE?



SLUGGISH. LOOK, IS THERE SOMEONE ELSE I COULD TALK TO?

I'M ONLY A TEMP, YOU KNOW. I'M NOT GETTING PAID FOR THIS STRESS.

by J. GADOMSKI



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To Tow and not to Toe
by Ruthie Stephenson

If you're ever in England and you want to go for a nice stroll like the English, you've got two splendid choices of the footpath and the towpath.

In the countryside, you can choose the footpath, a narrow path marked by walkers. It goes through fields and pastures with property boundaries marked by locked gates or fences. However, since the footpaths are to be accessible, property owners build steps so walkers can easily step over any fence or gate.

A different option is taking a stroll along the canal on what the English call a towpath. On first hearing the word "towpath," however, I made the connection with "toe" instead of "tow."

It was a physical learning experience and adventure that taught me the difference between the two paths. For an afternoon out, I was told that I could ride a bike from Bradford-on-Avon, the village where I lived, to Bath on the toepath along the canal. So, I started off on my borrowed, heavy, rusted, 2 out of 3 speed bicycle with a basket in front. I call it the adventure bike. En route to Bath (pronounced Baaaaaath

like a sheep baa), the path split in various directions, and my word for toepath became interchanged with footpath. You know, toe, foot- same thing. Unaware that I was straying, I ended up following the footpath a few times. On my adventure bike I pedaled through fields where I had to lug the leaden thing over locked gates and fences. I even ended up in a pasture being stared at by a herd of cud chewing cows. My typical adventure.

Well, after leaping fences and encountering cows, I learned the difference between the footpath and the toepath- and that towpath does not even exist as the word toepath. I advise you on your next trip to England- just be careful how you listen to and interpret those tricky English words.



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On liberation theologian takes on his theology real differently with the Taco Bell cashier.

OR
Luciano Pavaratti

sings the theme song to "The Rifleman"

Dear Mr. Daughdrill,

I don't have much to say about Bob Byer leaving. I am not an English major. I have only taken one class from him. I liked the class. I learned a lot. And I'm sorry to see him go.

You justify using low SIRS scores (SIRS are another issue, maybe I'll write you another letter if you respond to this one) to kick Byer out, and two years ago you kicked Professor Jaslow out who had amazing SIRS scores but did not measure up in other ways. Senselessness. You justify neither. You are not in touch with your students (the younger adults that are walking around outside your window), and if you listened to the faculty's voice, they'd tell you that you are not in touch with them either. Cluelessness.

You have said that your function is to raise money for the college. You do this well. Tuition is equal to ivy league schools. Big spenders are giving lots of dough to Rhodes. Daughdrill Tower is a beautiful erection. Thank you. But you do not know a good professor from a bad one. Byer is a gem of the rarest kind, and you have just robbed Rhodes college. Not a good mark on a bright businessman's resume.

You will be remembered at Rhodes. You've put it on the map. Now get out before you're remembered for much more.

Sincerely, Pat Garrett

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