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Students' opinions on hookups and relationships

By Daniel Jacobs
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"Hooking up." The phrase is used by students to describe anything from kissing to sleeping together to having sex. But what are student's attitudes about hooking about?

A series of informal interviews with about a dozen students of varying backgrounds shows a number of different opinions about hooking up.

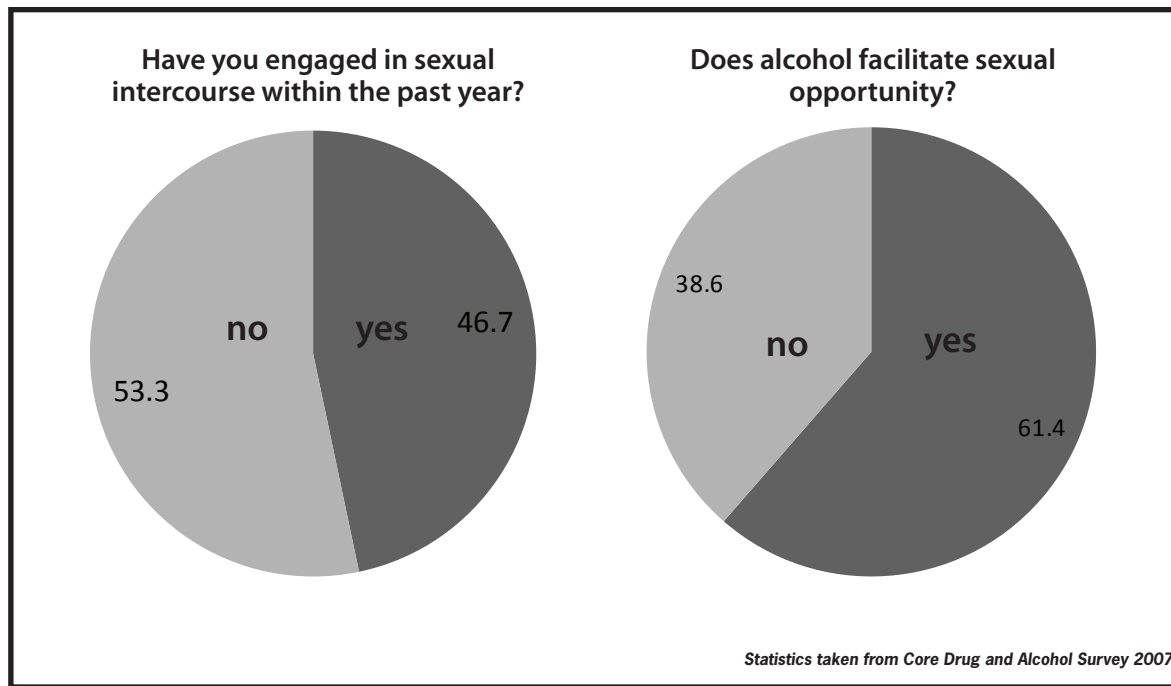
The one prevailing opinion is that people hooking up is a common conversation topic.

"Everyone talks about it all the time," said Thomas Joyce, a sophomore who is in a fraternity. "If someone hooks up at a party everyone will know about it the next day."

Lindsey Chaisson, a junior, expressed the same view.

"Everybody talks about hooking up," said Chaisson. "They're either hooking up or they are married."

Chaisson defined "married"



college students as people who are always together.

But many students, especially female students, said that they think dating is relatively rare on

campus.

"You don't hear as much of people going on dates and beginning relationships," said Ashley Zimmerman, a member of the Tri

Delta Standards Committee, who said that of her nine best friends, only three are currently dating. "I think it's different between girls and guys. Guys think, 'We have

four years to have fun.' But for girls it's important to experience different relationships rather than having 'fun.'"

According to Claire White, the President of the Chi Omega Sorority, it is difficult for women, especially those in sororities, to date on campus.

"I think hooking up is a big thing," said White. "It seems to be a part of the brotherhood of fraternities. And so coming from my viewpoint of being sober at the swaps, that seems to be the main focus and it never really goes past that in terms of relationships."

"It's not like the girls don't want to date, they just learn to deal with that fact that most of what goes on here is hooking up," said White.

White described how, in her opinion, the emphasis on sisterhood and brotherhood in Greek life makes it difficult to date.

"If you have a girlfriend or

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Pornography use increasing?

By William Bruce
News Editor

Recognized as one of the largest industries in existence, the porn industry is a \$75 billion dollar enterprise that operates on a global scale. In spite of the fact that it brings in more revenue than the American football, basketball, and baseball franchises combined, most people refuse to discuss the sensitive issue of its usage.

Most Rhodes students agree with the assumption that most people have seen porn at least once, if not much more so.

"Oh yeah, everybody watches porn at some time in their lives," says Michael Pluta, a sophomore.

Another common belief held by many students is that porn is becoming an increasingly regular thing in society. Although certain students view porn as something to be dealt with behind closed doors, many regard it as a large component of the mass media. Several students commented that many music videos and even commercials are using sexual displays as a sales pitch.

"I feel like pornography is

becoming more and more normal these days," says Ben Waller, a sophomore. "If you want to see a scantily clad woman just wait for the commercials."

The effects of this porn pervasiveness are becoming increasingly known on campus. Certain campus events and even casual behaviors are shown to be influenced.

"Look at All Sing, the SAEs don't seem to have a problem with anything," says Waller. "People just joke a lot about sex."

Michael Leahy, a former sex addict and motivational speaker, warns against pornography. Leahy says that it creates an unrealistic idea as to how someone should interact with the opposite sex. Most students agree that single students are far more likely to use pornographic materials than students who are in a relationship. Some students also believe this has a negative affect on the single students' ability to pursue a relationship.

"Porn gives you mis-representations about how to interact with the opposite sex," says Pluta. "Don't become a pizza delivery

guy because you won't get to have sex with the single mom."

Porn is also recognized as being effective in separating emotion from sexual intercourse. Many people who use it become more fixated on sex for gratification over intimacy.

"Pornography objectifies women by focusing only on the physical aspects of sex," says Rob Dove, the director of the student counseling center. "Sex is also about emotion and vulnerability and porn acts like those things don't exist."

Dove also recognizes that porn doesn't do an effective job of helping a person in pursuing a healthy sexual relationship.

"Sex is more complicated for us than it is for my dog, we all have different things that stimulate us sexually," says Dove. "The problem is that with porn you just look for what stimulates you, but in a relationship you have to do what satisfies you and your partner."

Leahy suggests that porn is the gateway to a psychological



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Birth control on campus

By NeNe Bafford
Staff Writer

Imagine waking up after a long night and realizing that you have had unprotected sex. Would you know what to do or who to contact?

Ciara Conway, President of VOX: Voices for Planned Parenthood, knows that the answer to these questions for many students is no.

As a junior, Conway has interacted with many people on campus and has found that there is a lack of knowledge about basic sexual educa-

tion questions.

"Many students don't know what contraceptives are available for them or even how to put on a condom," said Conway.

By working at Planned Parenthood this past summer and interacting on campus, Conway felt as though a bridge needed to exist between Planned Parenthood and the campus. This led her to establish VOX to raise awareness about sex.

In order to raise awareness, VOX is preparing to hold sexual health

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Sexuality still a taboo topic for society

By Kevin Kifer
and Paul Yacoubian
Opinion Editor

Sexuality is still a taboo subject matter in our sexy college community. Not one person consented to share his or her feelings in an article. Perhaps they did not feel that this was an appropriate topic or they did not want to be associated with the discussion. The following is an off the record account of sexual practices on the Rhodes campus.

Many guys would like to say that sex does not influence their relationship decisions, but let's be honest, it does. The current level of discussion about sex in public is so limited that people our age are driven towards hiding their real feelings with sobriety. The moment our condition is compromised by inebriation, the truth comes out. This presents a dire hazard for American youth, who respond to rigid social structures with alcoholic dependency,

which causes excuses for their natural behavior. Because we refuse to talk about sex until the moment arrives, and often, we are fully unprepared to assume the responsibilities associated with irresponsibility. It is irresponsible for us to be ashamed of talking with our parents about sex when they should be the ones that we consult with on such matters, because they had sex.

America's revulsion against condoms is appalling. Having to ask the old lady working the counter at Walgreen's for condoms is embarrassing. I assume that the condoms are behind the counter because they are "dangerous" and should not be purchased, or because they are stolen by people who are ashamed of sex. Instead of embracing sex in our society, we discuss sex as an issue of morality instead of health. Studies have shown that people who engage in regular sexual practices are healthier and happier. Additional benefits

come in the form of stronger intimacy within loving relationships.

Social constraints that we follow limit our own ability to express our true feelings and desires. The consequence is a fundamental breakdown in honest communication. Instead of being forthright with the opposite sex about our sexual needs, our indoctrinated introversion prohibits us from achieving emotional fulfillment. Consulting only the closest of friends on matters of sex has become commonplace in our society. Whether it be discussing *Cosmo* with your group of girlfriends, or sharing encounters with internet pornography or not thinking about sex at all, men and women fail to legitimize their own feelings. Progress towards creating a meaningful dialogue on sex will fail, unless we effectively recognize and reconcile our separate gender preconditions.

Saturday Night drama center stage

By Ryan Costello
Staff Writer

On September 14, Saturday Night Live opened viewers' eyes to the role sexism played this campaign season. Tina Fey returned to SNL and embodied Sarah Palin, John McCain's running mate, and Amy Poehler played Hillary Clinton. While sexism was not the only issue this pair tackled in a "bipartisan" speech, it was the most prominent image covered in the press. Poehler and Fey compared the role sexism has played in their personal campaigns.

The parody began with the introduction about what issues the pair would address. When Fey stated they would be speaking on sexism, Poehler said she was surprised to hear that anyone actually cared about this issue. Fey asked the media to stop photo-shopping her head on sexy bikini pictures, and Poehler asked the media to stop saying that she had cankles. Fey wanted to stop being classified as pretty and beautiful, and Poehler did not want to be called shrewd.

Fey also stated that it was time for a

woman to make it to the White House, but Poehler did not agree. Poehler said she did not care about a woman making it to White House; she just wanted to make it to the White House, and she just happened to be a woman. Fey asked the me-

petty showing of disrespect. Also, Hillary Clinton always seemed to get the harder questions in any debate.

But why then if Hillary was discriminated against, would McCain pick a woman as his running mate? Was he hoping to

"Sarah Palin's sex has not been as big of an issue as it was with Clinton."

dia to be vigilant for sexist behavior, but Poehler said that questioning a politician's credentials is never sexist. So how much of this parody is accurate?

Personally, I think it tends to be fairly accurate. Hillary Clinton was discriminated against because of her sex, but Sarah Palin's sex has not been as big of an issue as it was with Clinton. In the primaries, Hillary was always referred to as "Mrs. Clinton" instead of "Senator Clinton", in a

draw woman voters to his campaign, even though Clinton and Palin's views differ on many key issues? Over the next few weeks and on election night, people will learn the role sex actually plays in the campaign. Will women vote for McCain/Palin just because a woman is on the ticket? Or will Palin receive the same sexist behavior that Hillary Clinton received?

Girl auctions virginity to empower women?

By Rami Abdoch
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The story of Natalie Dylan (pseudonym) is one that has sparked a great deal of controversy, both on her former campus of Sacramento State and around the nation. She intends to sell her virginity to the highest bidder through the Bunny Ranch in Carson City. She claims the bid is now at a staggering \$350K. "I think empowerment of women is picking yourself up and doing something on your own to better yourself," says Dylan. "The main purpose of this is to finance a couple things in my life." Specifically, Dylan wants to pay for graduate school and fund a private practice for marriage and family counseling with her sister.

I find this to be a rather stark irony with regard to her educational background.

She has a B.A in women's studies, and yet claims she can empower herself by selling her body as a commodity. Feminism, closely aligned with her field, is predicated in part on the belief that women ought to break free of the supposed shackles of male-dominated society and be an individual. How absurd, then, that she would objectify herself in order to accomplish what she deems a worthy end by perverse means. "I think it's a capitalistic society and I want to capitalize on this," says Dylan. This is laughable to say the least: if she really wanted to "empower" herself, she would find a legitimate job and work hard. Numerous college grads that are up to their necks in debt and are in need of money to continue their education, support their family, or simply live comfortably.

What purpose, exactly, did her education serve her if this is the result? This is the epitome of doublethink, defined as a simultaneous belief in two contradictory ideas: she cannot both believe that men should cease objectifying women and, yet, act in such a way that is clearly promoting that behavior. She further attempts to justify her actions by claiming that she will take into account the character of her would-be "suitor" for the decision. "It is about the finances, but they definitely have to have intelligence and be an overall genuine person," says Dylan. Ridiculous. The point of this venture for her is to make as much money as possible, so to even posit that character is a factor in the equation makes her both a fool and a liar. The last time I checked, prostitutes didn't care if their customer kissed them goodbye.

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A simple guide for setting off

FIREWORKS

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For your girl

- **Etiquette** Although it may be a matter of grace and not simply works that will reel her in, acting like a gentleman will benefit both your relationship and your reputation. Start by opening doors and curbing offensive language in public.
- **Have a unique experience together** Instead of buying her lavish gifts, take her someplace that you can share a special experience together. Be creative. Use the occasion to show her how much fun you like having.
- **Why so serious?** Make her laugh out loud. I am not a doctor but it would seem that the same muscles that contract during laughter are the same ones that send out pleasure signals during an orgasm (both uncontrollable).
- **Massages** can offer the right touch in an intimate setting. Let your hands do the work as her stress melts away. Just don't make that creepy strangling motion on her neck.
- **Fragrance** Smelling fresh and clean should not be a daily struggle. Take frequent showers and make frequent trips to the laundry. Your natural scent is an indicator of biological immunities, so the success of your progeny depends on the right lady choosing the most agreeable scent.



When an annual celebration of independence does not express your daily affections, you could try setting off real fireworks.

For your guy

- **Take the lead** Make the first move. Guys like a girl who knows what she wants and knows how to get it and goes for it. Surprise him with the first kiss in a secluded location.
- **Be confident** False feelings of inadequacy or any feelings of inadequacy for that matter are futile as guys overlook the "flaws" perceived by women they are attracted to. Men want confident women who value themselves and know how to flaunt what God gave them.
- **Smile at him** Just as sunshine greets us in the morning, a smile communicates a warmth that we find endearing. Smiling enhances our sense of community, and generally promotes goodwill throughout the campus. Smiling is a sign of happiness.
- **Give thanks** Telling him how much you appreciate him will do wonders for his spirit and make him certain that you are a great choice. This is not simply a gesture of truth, but also demonstrative of your compassion. As he attempts to justify your esteem, he will respond in a manner that attempts to earn it.
- **It's the thought that counts.** Make him yummy snacks that satisfy his hunger. Any desert should do the trick: cookies, cupcakes or brownies.

10 pet peeves guaranteed to keep you lonely

1. Bad breath, nothing sends a stronger message than physiological discomfort.
2. You creep! Doing creepy things and making creepy faces is always unattractive.
3. Don't mention it. Stories about your ex never make for good conversation.
4. Lame texts: random "What's up" texts are meaningless and should be avoided.
5. Inside jokes... the easiest way to make someone feel completely unwelcome.
6. One at a time. When-what-everyone-are-talks-you-at-saying-once...?
7. Don't be that guy. Acting like an ass may sound like fun, but getting some is better.
8. Drinking irresponsibly, appropriate as long as you enjoy conversations with trash cans.
9. Remember that time...? Yes. We do.
10. Be honest. Not being truthful about your intentions up front causes drama later.

Romantic dates on Campus

- * Picnic on the Barret Lawn – Get the RAT to go. Gather on a blanket and enjoy the beautiful fall weather with your special someone.
- * Stargazing - Watch for clear skies and make your way to the top of Rhodes Tower Observatory for an amazing view of the heavens.
- * Lounge music – For piano players, serenade your lover with a special song on the Rhea Lounge piano and then melt into the comfortable leather couches.
- * Ride the Lynx – When feelings of boredom seem too much, spice up your night with the ride of your life on the Lynx. Careful men, taking the backseat could be embarrassing on a chilly evening.
- * Camp out - People watch on the median of University Street, while drunken freshmen attempt to board over-filled buses.
- * Fisher Gardens – whether day or night, Fisher Gardens offers the perfect venue to express those butterflies in your stomach. We recommend mimicking the sounds of the apes on Sunday mornings.
- * If you like being dirty – spend some time getting intimate in the garbage dumpster behind the RAT.
- * For the environmentalist – spread out a bedding of aluminum cans in the EV parking lot and raft down a river of fantasy.

Myth of the Month

"High heels are a turn on."

This common misconception could not be more untrue. Nothing ruins the moment more than complaining how much your feet hurt. Wear comfortable shoes so that you can enjoy the evening. If not, then your man will already be worn out carrying you back to your room.



Choosing to abstain from sex

By Anna Meyerrose
Executive Assistant

While society often expects college students to be obsessed with sex, there are some students at Rhodes who choose to go the opposite route and practice abstinence. A recurrent opinion is that religious beliefs are the main motivation for a student to live this type of lifestyle. As a result, many students believe abstinence to be a commonplace only for extremely devout individuals.

"Sex for college students is like cigarettes for fifteen year olds; it's viewed as the cool thing to do," said Ryan Carroll, a freshman.

Abstinence is generally defined as one's choice to refrain from sexual intercourse until they are married. Amongst the Rhodes students, the prevailing opinions are that those who choose to remain abstinent are a minority on campus.

"More people are not abstinent," said Lizzie Steen, a freshman. "Or maybe abstinent people are quieter about their choice."

Many of the students who were interviewed believe the reason abstinence is so uncommon is because of tremendous peer pressure. Although nobody argued it was direct persuasion, most agreed influence plays a tremendous role in choosing to refrain from abstinence. One student commented that men are almost expected to

have sex in college, and many believed this pressure, as well as other factors, to be the main reason people have sex before they are ready. Many also agreed that individual interactions are the primary source of pressure.

"There is a lot of physical and alcohol pressure," said Michael Lacour, a sophomore. "However, it's not like people say 'Hey, you should go have sex with him.'"

Other students, however, feel that being drunk is not a proper excuse for having sex, and that it is an irresponsible and immature way to handle issues such as these.

These students and others at Rhodes do remain abstinent, and this choice is largely motivated by both moral and spiritual ideas.

"Everybody should practice abstinence, because it is a form of self-control," said one student, who wished to remain anonymous. "Marriage is part of the living sacrament between a couple, and if you really love someone, you'll want what's emotionally best for that person".

The common belief among students seems to be that religion is the sole motivating factor for those who choose to remain abstinent. Furthermore, some such students feel that abstinence is not something that people choose, but rather something that is chosen for them by the Bible.

In spite of the fact that absti-

nence is uncommon on campus, several students say that they have admiration for those few who choose not to give into peer pressure.

"I respect someone who can wait until marriage," said Lacour.

However, religion is not the only reason that some students choose to remain abstinent. One secular belief that drives some students to choose abstinence is a strong opposition to abortion.

"People often don't realize the consequences of their actions", said Erik Davis, a junior. "It seems that abortion is viewed as a way to just sweep away bad decisions".

Other secular motivations for remaining abstinent have to do with the way that people feel about relationships, particularly marriage. Furthermore, abstinence seems like a good idea for some students from a medical perspective.

"I think that remaining abstinent until marriage is a way of showing commitment and it is a sign of respect" said Davis. "Also, when you have sex with someone that you don't know very well, you don't know their history and you run the risk getting some sort of disease".

While abstinence is not widely practiced by Rhodes students, there are a good number of individuals who wish to save themselves for marriage for a variety reasons.

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boyfriend, it seems like you are set apart," said White. "Because if you do, then you're expected to hang out with them and the rest of the fraternity or sorority will say, 'Oh, they can't come hang out because they have to be with their girlfriend or boyfriend.'"

Some students not involved in Greek life also expressed more interest in dating than hooking up.

"Yeah, hooking up is a bad thing," said Paige Dotsy, a freshman. "My friends and I don't talk about hooking up but rather getting into a relationship."

And women were not alone in preferring relationships.

"I would definitely prefer a relationship," said Joyce. "It's more satisfying to me, even though people do find enjoyment in random hookups."

For gay and lesbian students, dating on campus presents a particular set of difficulties.

"It's been my experience that it's all kind of underground," said Jennifer Ross, the Kinney GLBT Advocacy Coordinator. "Most people date off campus."

While some heterosexual students expressed a preference for dating, this opinion was not unanimous. Some students who said they preferred dating also stated they had hooked up, or did not disapprove of other students hooking up.

"I think freshman are more concerned about hooking up," said Patrick Mai, a freshman who is pledging a fraternity. "A lot of people have hooked up."

According to Rob Dove, the Director of the Student Counseling Center, there isn't anything inherently wrong with hooking up.

"If both parties are in a non-altered state and they're able to make a responsible decision about whether or not they want to engage in sex with someone outside a committed relationship, and both people are being honest with each other, there are people who just really enjoy sex and they're okay with having sex outside of a committed relationship. Is it possible to do that without there being negative consequences? Yeah," said Dove.

"But the problem is that for most folks sex is rarely just about sex. As human beings we exist in relation to each other. Everyone recognizes that with a hook up there is physical intimacy, but whether you mean to or not, you're also likely to be emotionally intimate and emotionally vul-

nerable," said Dove. "If you're not comfortable sharing a tooth brush with someone then you shouldn't be hooking up with them."

One danger is that men and women may have differing expectations of the results of a hookup.

"I guess it depends on the person, but I think it is universal that girls think it will end up meaning more than what it does," said Zimmerman.

Some male students also stated that they believed men and women have different expectations.

"From talking to people, girls tend to be the ones who want to settle down," said Chip Malin, a senior who is the President of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. "I think girls like to date, they like being taken out to dinner, that sense that they have somebody."

But not all students shared this opinion.

"I think there are perceptions that women are more interested in follow-up, but I don't think that's true, I think everybody's interested in the same thing," said Brendan Wurst, a freshman who is pledging a fraternity.

The physical danger of rape is also present during hookups.

"From the outside looking in, it often seems that alcohol plays a role in casual hookups. And alcohol plays a huge role in sexual assaults. Half to ¾ of sexual assaults involve alcohol consumption by one or both parties," said Dove. "If we've known each other for an hour and half and I'm drunk I'm gonna blow right past all the non-verbal signals that are clearly saying that she might have been comfortable making out, but she is not comfortable with sex."

"It's easier for a person to miss signals in a hookup than it would be in a longer term relationship," said Dove.

According to the 2007 CORE Alcohol and Drug Survey, 2.2% of Rhodes students experienced unwanted sexual intercourse in 2006. Of that 2.2%, 66.7% reported consuming alcohol or drugs before that incident.

"A man, because of how he is built, can physically hurt a woman with his penis," said Dove. "He can literally violate her body and hurt her physically and emotionally. A woman isn't going to do that to a man with her vagina. For a guy to say that it's the woman's job to make sure he doesn't commit date rape, that's like telling a guy with a club in his hand that it's his victim's job to make sure he doesn't hit them with it."

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CAMPUS SAFETY

September 21 - 27

09/21

7:10 am: Visitor found sleeping in a car in the Voorhies turn around. The subject was awakened and questioned. Subject stated that he was waiting for his brother who was visiting a Rhodes student.

09/22

9:30 pm: Student reported a broken window in East Village B.

09/23

1:19 am: Alarm in Trezevant, officers dispatched. False alarm. Alarm reset.
 10:30 am: Campus Safety received a call from a student requesting to report several inappropriate calls.
 6:49 pm: MPD on campus for courtesy patrol.
 7:27 pm: Fire drill conducted in Bellingrath Hall.
 11:33 pm: Simplex acknowledged alarm in Stewart Hall and fire trucks were in route.
 11:39 pm: Fire trucks at Stewart location. Problem: student popping popcorn in a microwave and burnt it. Alarm cleared. MFD departed campus.

09/24

12:30 pm: Accident on Phillips Lane; driver struck a parked car with no injuries involved. Report has been filed by Campus Safety.

09/25

Nothing unusual to report.

09/26

7:50 pm: Report of a reckless driver on Tutwiler; subject struck a sign in the median strip; report filed.
 11:35 pm: Student phoned Campus Safety to advise that her purse had been snatched off campus. MPD notified and report taken.

09/27

7:48 am: Resident contacted Campus Safety and said that a purse was located on her property at Summer and Hollywood; officer dispatched to recover property. A stolen property report filed with MPD.
 10:22 pm: Noise complaint Trezevant Hall; officer did a walk through; noise from two students watching TV loudly, asked to turn TV down, complied.

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workshops on campus, so that students can receive knowledge, as well as to give RA's more knowledge when faced with questions about sexual health. VOX is also preparing to host guest speakers, provide a condom machine for the campus, and reach out to both men and women.

"Rape is a reality," said Conway. This knowledge has also led VOX to provide awareness about Emergency Contraception, also known as the Morning After Pill. Emergency Contraception can be taken up to five days after having unprotected sex, but there are many different views about this pill, since it is sometimes seen as a form of abortion. For this reason, VOX is making Emergency Contraception its big theme for the semester and hopes to hold a free Emergency Contraception Day.

"On this campus, people don't really like to talk about sex. VOX will provide a safe place to talk about sex and to ask questions," said

Conway.

VOX is not the only group interested in sexual health, there is also another group being formed on campus.

The Rhodes College Students for Life is in the process of being formed. Unlike VOX, this group is pro-life.

The main issue that the group will be focusing on is the pro-life issue, according to President Austin Freeman.

Since the group is not active yet, there are no upcoming scheduled events.

Although both presidents have limited knowledge about the other's group, they both hold strong opinions.

"I am pro-life due to my religious convictions. They have the right to their opinions, but we have the right to respectfully disagree," said Freeman.

"I think being pro-choice is great, but I also think that if you are pro-life that it is great as well. The dialogue between the two groups needs to happen," said Conway.



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condition known as sexual addiction.

"The addiction to pornography and sex is like any other addiction," he said. "Just like with alcohol or drugs, people build up a tolerance to sex and pornography and they need more to feel the same

effects."

Leahy himself is a recovering sex addict. He recognizes porn, which is becoming increasingly common, as the gateway to sexual addiction. He states that in a survey of 21,300 people, sexual addiction among college students occurred at twice the rate of the normal population.

FACT:

- 60% of students participate in a study abroad program at least once during their experience at Rhodes
- Typically more than 95% of Rhodes' seniors who apply immediately to law, business, and divinity schools are accepted. The acceptance rate for seniors applying to medical schools is twice the national average
- 70% of Rhodes' graduates held at least one leadership position
- Nearly 93% of alumni indicated that they were satisfied academically and socially with their Rhodes' experience

Senior Exit Survey

The presidential election is November 4th. Don't forget to register to vote!

Gregg has us choking back the tears of laughter

By Hal Flowers
Staff Writer

If you've seen *Fight Club* or read any of Chuck Palahniuk's novels, then you know that he's twisted. But his literary brilliance is in morphing perverted bizarre characters and outlandish situations into something commanding and resonating. His characters are not you and I, but his sense of emotion and of conflict are real. In this regard, Clark Gregg's movie adaptation of the novel *Choke* is success. Nearly ten years after cult classic *Fight Club* hit the theatres, Palahniuk's writing is again brought to life and with just as much skill as the former. In his directorial debut, actor turned director Clark Gregg shows that he is as capable behind the camera as in front of it. And although it's probably too irreverent for some palates, it's a deliciously wicked case study for the braver viewer.

Viktor Mancini (Sam Rockwell) isn't exactly your normal med-school drop-out. For starters, he's a "recovering" sex addict who spends half of his group therapy sessions ending his chastity streaks with fellow female addicts in the back room. To support his mentally unstable mother (Angelica Huston), Viktor strategically chokes himself at restaurants, carefully targeting wealthy diners as his saviors and hitting them up for money once they've developed a paternal generosity towards him. In the words of Viktor, "It's like adopting an overseas orphan, except that I'm right here." Oh, and he works daytime dressed as an indentured Irish-American on a colonial exhibit, where he also feels the need to end his chastity streaks.

So between working and choking, Viktor seeks to learn the identity of his father from his

disturbed mother, who recognizes Viktor for everyone but her son. His encounter with his mother's overseer, Dr. Paige Marshall (Kelly McDonald), springs a love story, as Viktor struggles to win her love and confront a plethora of personal issues along the way. It's your pretty standard boy meets girl, girl needs sex in chapel to save his dying mother, boy ends up with anal bead lodged in colon. In other words, everything a love story shouldn't be.

So how in the world does a movie of these parameters entertain and awe the masses? Well, it's hilarious, in a "wouldn't want your parents to know movies like this existed" sort of way. The voiceovers by Viktor are honest and provocative, and often help propel the comic momentum and enable most of the punch lines to thunder. The script, by Clark Gregg, represents the novel well, simultaneously staying true to its content and translating well onto film. Occasionally, however, the sexuality is overbearing; no one can sit comfortably during a five minute dialogue as sexual acts are being performed. Plus, Sam Rockwell (*The Green Mile*) is absolutely perfect in this role. His urbane mannerisms make him the quintessential sex addict, but his poignant portrayal of the character is real enough to invoke at least a twinge of sympathy. In spite of being a degenerate and a lowlife, Viktor is actually the most endearing character in the film. He's proud, but honest about his copious weaknesses. He's a complete jackass but has all the qualities of a confidant. And Gregg's depiction is pretty much what you'd expect after reading the novel.

Angelica Huston also shines as Viktor's mother, Ida. She has a dual role as the confused

patient and the overbearing fugitive mother featured in frequent flashbacks to Viktor's childhood. Huston brings out a touching motherly love, even as she kidnaps her son from various foster families.

The only casting flaw was Kelly McDonald, whose portrayal of Paige Marshall would be complimented by the adjective lackluster. She smirks constantly and adopts a derogatory tone

to patients and Viktor alike, making their love story implausible. An emotionally tense dialogue between Paige and Viktor is rendered trite by her forced and ambivalent acting.

In the end though, the movie is as triumphant as it is raw. So go ahead, offend your sensibilities and see more twisted sexual humor than is morally healthy. *Choke* is a riot.

Breathe Carolina, The Morning Of, Every Avenue and...Who are you??

By Lizz Glaus

Saturday night, my roommate and I found ourselves at the Singleton Community Center in Bartlett, TN, dancing in a sea of high school freshmen who were way too cool to act like they were enjoying the music they paid to hear. It has been a long time since I have seen so many student belts.

The Morning Of, Every Avenue, and Breathe Carolina are on tour together thanks to purevolume.com. Brokencyde was scheduled to play as well, but much to my dismay, that was the night they picked to take a break from the tour.

A very dramatic little man named Daniel, who I think the venue chose out of desperation and a hasty Myspace search, replaced Brokencyde. He was terrible. He even admitted he was terrible several times, and spent most of his time slot stroking his hair and complaining because no one would dance to the noises coming out of his Macbook and the sad lyrics he seemed to be struggling even to remember. Jenna and I tried to help him out with feigned enthusiasm but, honestly, it was no use.

After Daniel's unfortunate delay of the real concert, The Morning Of set up actual instruments and amps, which was comforting. They got things off to a much better start, and the relatively small crowd was able to forget about the opening act. The Morning Of features two talented vocalists, Justin Wiley and Jessica Leplon. They work together extremely well, and the rest of the band was energetic throughout their entire set. Overall, The Morning Of is your basic indie-

pop rock band—nothing too special, but they're good at what they do. I wouldn't complain about seeing them again.

Next up was Every Avenue, who I was surprised to find are actually less known than Breathe Carolina. Their sound is very similar to The Morning Of (without the female vocalist); although I think they are a little more creative. Every Avenue is perhaps better suited for a bigger venue than the Singleton Community Center. I caught a glimpse of their set at the Vans Warped Tour over the summer, and it was a lot better than what I saw here. Of course, there's no question that the sound system is better at Warped Tour, so that was a major obstacle for them.

The poor sound system at Singleton proved an even bigger obstacle for electronic indie/pop ensemble Breathe Carolina. Between their colored lights, strobe lights, fog machine, two guitars, bass, keyboards, computers, and vocal amps, they created a power outage after just three songs and had to end the show early still, I heard enough for the show to be worth my ten dollars and all of the awkward little fourteen year old kids I had to step on to enter. Breathe Carolina also features dual vocalists, this time a singer and a screamer, who not only work well together, but are eerily similar in physical appearance.

Breathe Carolina just released a new album entitled *It's Classy Not Classic*. I don't have it yet, but I have heard nothing but good things about it. I suggest you pick it up soon.

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Friday

7:30 – 8:00*

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8:00 – 9:00*

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2:00

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9:45 – 2:00**

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*To receive the Senior drink specials, seniors must be wearing their senior wristbands. Wristbands will be given out at the Unveiling of the Senior Gift.

**Seniors must be wearing their wristbands to get on the buses.

The real sticky on your local Paris XXX Adult Theatre

By **Ralph MacDonald**
Arts and Entertainment Editor

According to rumors and hearsay, The Paris XXX theatre, just down the street from our distinguished halls of academia, is where dreams go to die. The dreams are apparently attracted to the smut peddler's bright lights like moths and become trapped as soon as the doors close behind them. Some of them follow the balding man with a clip-on tie as he presses some bills into the hand of the leather-clad doorman and descends into the basement, where human screaming and sheep braying are often heard and from which a dream has never returned. The others usually skirt by the midgates who tend the movie turnstiles and into the theatre rooms. Here they are met by the foul stench of stale semen, spilled whiskey, and stagnant marijuana smoke. There are only five men in the room, all being stimulated by the seventy-foot genitalia, and they mumble and moan as their left hands lead hundreds of thousands of their genetic replicas to their doom. The room is a mass graveyard of sperm and dreams that would put any Eastern European dictator to shame.

It seems my responsibility to chase down dead and dying dreams— if not to resuscitate them, then to at least provide the readers with some photos and description of the carnage. The homes of broken dreams have become the freak show tent at a twenty-first century carnival, where we can watch people who make us feel better about ourselves. Come one, come all, come see the sad bastards who made worse life decisions than you did.

Indeed, the area surrounding the Paris fittingly reeks of broken dreams. The immediate area featured almost a dozen people with one or more of the following characteristics: missing teeth, scrawny arms attempting to fill wife-beater shirts, scraggly facial hair, or were confined to a wheelchair. As I stalled outside the Paris, talking

on the phone and contemplating the exactly what my life had come to, one of the downtrodden souls sobbed to a middle-aged woman in teenager's clothes: "I'm just tired of taking of it, I don't want to take it anymore."

So my eyes were ready for some dimly-lit, pit of hell, run by middle-aged balding men, and the bright lights that greeted me when I finally got the courage to open the doors surprised me. The front room of the Paris is actually just your run of the mill porn shop, and the three clerks were all women. To the right are an assortment of "adult toys," while the left hosts an extensive porn video collection that includes titles such as: "Grand Theft Anal," "Dirty...Over 30," "The Ho Depot," and the very scary title "Bend Over," which was in the she-male section—a section that I only had the heart to glance at from across the room. It is odd the sense of propriety that can come over you in a porn shop. At one point, a man came within six feet of me, glancing at the same titles I was perusing. I could feel my body start to lean away from him as subtly as possible and my eyes fixed on the porn as I attempted to ignore his existence completely. It was the same discomfort men experience at adjoining urinals, only magnified exponentially.

But the Paris is not infamous for its porn shop; its true reputation for sketchiness is mainly derived from its theatres. There are two sets of theatres, there is a set of private viewing booths that require five dollars worth of "arcade tokens" to enter the area. Two friendly notes from the manager let you to know that if you are caught with another person in the viewing booth, then you will be kicked out and will risk permanent expulsion from the premises. Other notes posted around the store warn against public masturbation, lewd and indecent exposure, shoplifting, and loitering.

I was coming close to violating the loitering rule when it came to my time in the porn shop. I



Ralph MacDonald/The Sou'wester

2432 Summer Drive is the place to go for adult toys, a wide selection of pornography, degenerate souls, and sticky floors.

could hear cries and moans coming from the private booths, and it continued to draw my attention to the back room that I knew I would eventually have to enter to finish my article. Finally, after ascertaining that there was a movie playing in the large theatre, I purchased my ticket for six dollars and entered through the turnstiles. The first turn to the right leads immediately to a bathroom, which is struck me as humorously strategic despite the outside sign's warning against lewd conduct.

There was an internal debate on whether or

not to sit in the cloth seats with plastic backs that The Paris provided. I was wearing jeans and an old t-shirt, so I decided that the only thing more awkward than sitting down in a porn theatre was standing up in one. As I took my seat, the only other person, a bald-headed man with a goatee, muttered angrily and left his seat. I noted that the seats only took up the back part of the theatre, leaving enough space up front for an extremely bawdy co-ed game of two-hand touch. The screen featured the title screen of "Gigantic Asses 3," although for the first ten minutes the screen remained unchanged. I vacillated between my options: I had seen the inside of the theatre, but had not experienced the true essence of The Paris.

"Excuse me, miss?" I was leaning outside the theatre, being careful not to violate the turnstiles and subsequently be forced to pay another six-dollar fee. "The movie is not starting."

She assured me that she would take care of the situation, and soon "Face Full of Diesel 5" (shockingly featuring Shane Diesel) came on the screen. But again, the lovely ladies up front neglected to actually start the DVD, leaving me to fill the role of the desperate porn addict as I was forced to hassle the employees again.

"Miss? It's still not playing, it's stuck on the title screen again." This time it was corrected, if only to get the little geek in the back to shut up.

"Face Full of Diesel 5" features a dozen women and a penis that would scare a mule. The women appear to have been picked up from trailer parks, Reno Cathouses, and other slums of the Earth. It was strict blow-job porn, which was fortunate because I do not believe that these women could afford the surgery that would have to accompany sex with the terrifyingly well-endowed Diesel.

And that is all, I suppose. I do not believe there is any huge lesson to be learned from The Paris. Its value for members of the Rhodes College bubble is in its shock value, the circus tent full of freaks. So come one, come all, but not really—there's nothing to be gained here outside of the cold self-assurance we gather from the perversity of others.

Sexually creative uses for your furniture

By **Kelly L. Schriker**

We all love to brag about our beloved Rhodes bubble, but did you ever stop to think about the amount of sex that goes on within these gates? It is slightly incestuous. Rather than focusing on our disturbing web of connectedness, let's keep in mind that our small community loves to talk.

To begin, it needs to be said that women have needs too. Although guys get criticized for the occasional 'hit it and quit it' or drunken hookup, sometimes a girl just needs to let a little loose. We live the same high stress, fast pace life that you do. So remember, just because she gave it up, she is not any easier than you are, and probably does not want to date you. She definitely does not want to marry you. And lastly, she is not, by any means, in love with you. Yes, this is sometimes the rare case, but more often than not, she is just fulfilling her needs and releasing a little extra stress.

With that in mind, when you do find someone who is a fantastic ****, don't let them slip away. So many of us do not have time for relationships but greatly appreciate a little one on one. Sex is a healthy, exciting behavior. Rather than jumping from one person to the next (especially in the same social group – never a good idea but happens frequently), find someone that is mutually interested in you and that you are highly compatible with sexually. When this person comes your way, run with it and keep them wanting more.

To get your creative juices flowing, here are a few ideas to keep in mind next time you find yourself with a new friend or significant other.

No more missionary, No more beds!

We have all been there, and we have all done that. Exploration is the key to all that is a good bang. Take a look around and appreciate what that 40 some thousand dollars a year has bought you. I guarantee, you will find a new appreciation for the individuals who picked out our

phenomenal dorm furniture.

If you are lucky enough to live in East Village, there are endless possibilities for trying new things. Countertops in both the bathroom and the kitchen are perfect for trying something new. This same position works well on any arm of any couch or chair. Also look to the coffee table for a great surface.

The rest of dorms are equally as lucky when it comes to switching it up a bit. Those three and a half foot dressers that are tucked under your awkwardly tall bed are absolutely amazing for a fresh adventure. If it is just so hot that you can barely make it through the door, head straight for the desk and chair. Nothing is better than sitting down to write another dreaded paper and having a flashback of that ever so sexy hookup.

Generosity is not just for the kind-hearted.

While a great setting is helpful, it is by no means enough. To really leave a lasting impression, you need to take a moment (actually, several moments) to prepare. There is, in fact, more to sex than penetration. Preheating the oven is essential. There is nothing worse than rushing into the act and realizing that someone isn't prepared. No, I am not talking about condoms here.

Males typically rave about a great blowjob, but women rarely boast about a guy's skill down there. So, keep in mind, no matter how talented you think you are, she probably just feels awkward. And for the hardheaded who have already disregarded that little piece of advice, if she seems to love it – it is fake. And since the best sessions please both people, the females need to reevaluate their standard practices as well. It has been said that to really make the most of your time down there, go harder than you think. Mix it up and be sure to squeeze.

Because college is about new experiences and making lasting memories, keep it interesting.

10th time is a charm for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays

By Andrew Mullins Williams
Staff Writer

After nine years of losing baseball, the Tampa Bay Rays have done the unthinkable.

One year ago, the Rays found themselves with a 66-96 record and were 30 games behind the first place Red Sox. With the regular season coming to an end last Sunday, the Rays finally have October events to attend other than celebrity golf tournaments.

Boasting a 97-65 record, Tampa Bay has shown that they are ready to compete against the best of the American League. As the season has progressed, the Rays have morphed from April wonders, to viable contenders, to being Eastern Division Cham-

pions.

What a difference a year can make.

The foundation and focus of the Rays' newly found formula for winning starts and ends with their pitching. The starting rotation itself has improved dramatically over the past year. Led by pitchers Scott Kazmir, Matt Garza and Scott Shields, the Rays have a solid nucleus of young talent that could project them deep into the playoffs. In 2007, these three pitchers combined for 30 wins and a 3.67 ERA. One year removed, and the win total has been increased to 36 and the ERA dropped to 3.58.

While the starting pitching certainly has played an important role in the Rays' success, it is their bolstered bullpen that has kept them swimming among baseball's

elite. Led by closer Troy Percival and the man anchoring the eighth inning, Dan Wheeler, the Rays have compiled one of the best bullpens in the American League with a bullpen ERA of 3.51.

Longoria has been a very pleasant success in his first year at the Major League level. Along with being chosen for the American League All-Star Team, Longoria finished with a healthy 2.74 batting average and an impressive 27 homeruns. His power is one of many contributions the Rays did not have in their arsenal last year.

Additionally, Navarro has also been a catalyst for the Ray's playoff push.

After hitting just .227 in 2007, his average has been floating around .300 all year. While his hitting has been superb, Navar-

ro's biggest asset is his ability to throw out base stealers. This year he is throwing out about 40 percent of players attempting to steal bases, which places him among the best catchers in the game today.

While the Rays have been able to miraculously avoid destruction despite injuries to some of their best players, their task is not yet done. Clinching their first ever playoff birth, their real task now lies in advancing through the playoffs.

While the Rays certainly have a lot of question marks when it comes to October baseball, they should be given a round of applause for their efforts thus far. Throughout the year, this team has shown time and again that it has the talent and ability to play with baseball's best.

Softball looks to strike out cervical cancer

By Onalee Carson
Sports Editor

Rhodes Softball team's week-long effort to educate their peers about cervical cancer culminated with Saturday's exhibition game against Crichton College. The Lynx sought to "Hit for a Cure" in the game where all proceeds went to the Stephanie Vasofsky Cervical Cancer Foundation.

"We wanted to do something from the community service standpoint this year," said Coach David Hicks. "Stephanie [Vasofsky] was an acquaintance of my wife's...I was familiar with her situation, and what I had found over the past three years was that there wasn't a lot of good information about cervical cancer, and instead a lot of misinformation. We really wanted to raise awareness."

In taking on this project, members of the softball team sold t-shirts, handed out informational pamphlets, and spoke to other female athletic teams about cervical cancer. Additionally, each team member was required to write an essay discussing what they learned from this experience.

"I didn't know anything about HPV, which can lead to cervical cancer. [This experience] really opened my eyes about how prevalent it is," said Junior Rebekah Moore.

Cervical cancer, the second deadliest cancer among women, is

caused by HPV (human papillomavirus). HPV can be transferred through any kind of sexual, genital contact. While men don't get cervical cancer and don't show signs of HPV, they are carriers.

"Know your risks, and know your partner," suggests Moore.

80 percent of women have HPV by the age of 50. And, while only certain strands of HPV can cause cervical cancer, once in your system, it can lie dormant up to 15 years. There are no visible or physical signs of the cancer, so once you find it, it may be too late.

All women are at risk for HPV and cervical cancer—80 percent of women have HPV by the age of 50. "What I found really interesting is that it *can* happen to you," said Sophomore Sara Bowen.

How can you protect yourself from HPV? Gardasil, a vaccination that protects against four types of HPV (two of those cause 70 percent of cervical cancer cases), can be the first step. The vaccination, offered in the Moore Moore Health Center, is recommended for all women ages 9-26. To learn more, visit <http://www.gardasil.com>.

However, promoting awareness about cervical cancer is the simplest thing you can do to help yourself and those around you—just follow the Softball team's example.

To learn more about the Stephanie Vasofsky Cervical Cancer Foundation or cervical cancer in general, you can visit <http://www.feelteal.org>.

Deep thoughts for the week

By Ralph MacDonald
A&E Editor

I was going to write a raving screed against Skip Bayless and all that he represents, but the majority of my thoughts on the subject were unprintable. So for lack of a unifying subject, some quick thoughts:

If you are wondering where Sarah Palin came to her extremely conservative social values, one should consider her alma mater. The University of Idaho cheerleading squad recently came under fire because fans and alumni were upset over the two-piece cheerleading outfits. In all fairness to Idaho, Mrs. Palin might have picked up her values at one of her previous four collegiate stops.

Skip Bayless has proven to be the best argument for human euthanasia since Ryan Leaf. However, Creationists everywhere have embraced Mr. Bayless, as he seems to defy Darwin's theory of survival of the fittest.

College wide receivers with professional dreams wailed and gnashed their teeth when they heard the news of Matt Millen's dismissal as the Detroit Lion's general manager. Millen is infamous for using four top-ten draft picks on wide receivers in five years, two of whom are already out of football.

Between a loss to Ole Miss and a severe statistical drop-off, Tim Tebow is proving that collegiate success cannot be sustained by a hair-gelling, jort-wearing, Croc shoes-sporting, Moped-riding, sub-100 SAT-achieving, home-schooled dork.

Second-year Oakland Raiders coach Lane Kiffin was fired by an increasingly senile Al Davis, who watches the games from his private box with both unrealistic expectations and an aging group of floozies.

I was extremely excited to see the Tampa Bay Rays win the American League East, as was anyone who has noticed that the Yankees are no longer "The Evil Empire" they once were. Since 2004, the Boston Red Sox have been spending nearly as much money as the Yankees, their supporters have risen up and been just as annoying as the Yankees fans, and a bunch of bandwagon fans have bought their girlfriends pink Boston hats that offend even a casual fan's good taste. Make no mistake, the Yankees are still an evil empire, but their title should be "An Evil Empire," or "An Evil Co-Empire."

Ricky Williams claimed that he was tempted to smoke marijuana during the Miami Dolphins' bye week and nobody cared.

Detroit Lions fire Matt Millen; stand in his shoes

By Zack Walker

2001: You're Matt Millen, and you've just been named president of the Detroit Lions. Your new team finished fourth in the NFC central the season before—it's rebuilding time.

You come out of the 2001 draft looking good. Shaun Rogers in the second round was brilliant. Unfortunately, you also don't realize how much you should be savoring the feeling of a successful draft.

Your first season with the team is disastrous. You go 2-14—bad even by Lion standards. Your QB is garbage—no one could win with Charlie Batch. The fans understand this. Sometimes rebuilding must start with demolition.

However, your scouts have already found the answer—a kid from Oregon with an absolute cannon. You can already imagine him in blue and white, gunning the ball to a crop of unstoppable receivers you don't have yet.

You have no idea that Joey Harrington will indeed be gunning the ball all over the field. But, most of his bullets will be caught by defensive backs. You also don't know the hell you'll go through trying to get those receivers.

The next season you go 5-11. It's an improvement. You still have faith in Harrington. Now it's all a matter of getting those receivers. Charles

Rogers at Michigan State is the next Randy Moss—he's blazing fast, he's tall, he can jump. With the second overall pick there's no way you could take Andre Johnson over him.

2005: Things haven't improved. You go 5-11 again. Your baby, Charles Rogers, is a pothead. He fails his 3654th drug test, plus he's never healthy. And, it turns out Andre Johnson was the Randy Moss of the draft—he's torching people for the Texans.

Saying fans are getting fed up is an understatement. They're selling "Fire Millen" shirts at your games.

You become convinced that William Ford, your boss, smokes more dope than Rogers—he signs you to a five-year extension. You underestimate how much this will piss off the "Fire Millen" brigade and accept the offer.

You don't understand why it is so hard to draft a receiver. Mike Williams, a stud from USC whom you draft to make up for Rogers, catches only eight passes before it's obvious he was a mistake.

2006: You go 3-13. The lowest point comes on Thanksgiving Day when you play the Dolphins. They massacre you, but that's not the bad part. Their QB is Harrington—the guy that you, just a season before, had finally given up on. He

plays like a Pro Bowler, and you look like an idiot for cutting him.

Before the 2007 draft you can't help but getting excited about another receiver. Calvin Johnson isn't like the other guys. He really is too good not to be a star. Your advisers try to talk some sense into you. They say, "You can't just keep drafting receivers. This isn't NFL Blitz." You ignore them. Who really wants to draft a tackle, anyway?

2007: You're actually winning games. Jon Kitna, your new QB, is hot. Halfway through the season, you're 6-2. The "Fire Millen" merchandise is a little harder to find—best of all, Calvin Johnson isn't horrible. Unfortunately, it just goes down hill—you only win one more game all year.

2008: You know the end is near, but you aren't sad. You feel like a 113-year-old who's been looking forward to death for 23 years. After starting 0-3, the boss calls you into his office on September 24th. He starts, "Mike you're..." but you finish his sentence for him and add a "hal-lelujah."

When the news reaches the public some people say it's the best day of their life, lifetime season ticket holders renew their plans, and the city of Detroit celebrates like a plague has ended.