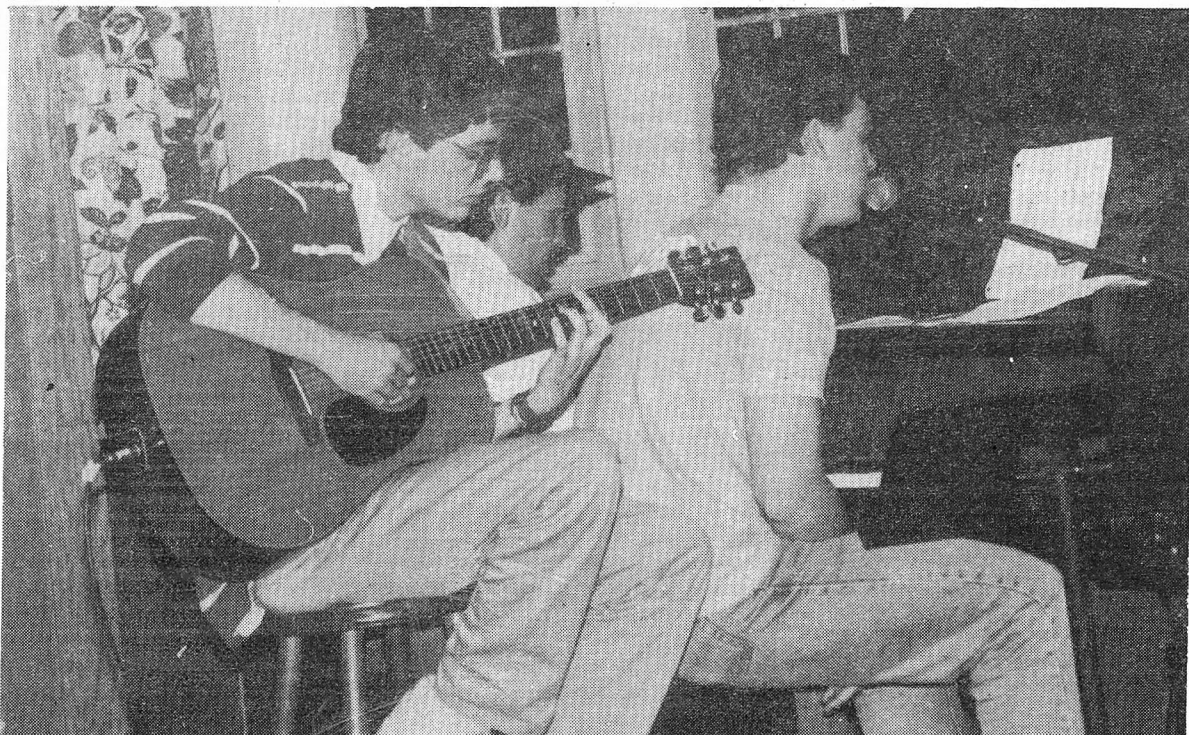
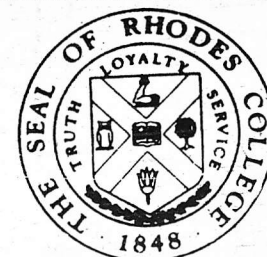


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Bacchus Coffee House Successful

by Blake Walker

The Bacchus Coffee House was held Feb. 21, 1991 in the Rhea Lounge of Brigg's student center from 9-11 p.m. Musical performances were made by the trio of Robbie Allen on vocals, Pat Garrett on guitar, and Sam Flemming on guitar & piano. Doug Bacon, on flute, and Steve Dorst, on piano &

guitar, also accompanied the trio. The gang played classic versions of Beatles, Elvis, and Bob Dylan to an audience of approximately 80 people. Pat Garrett also gave us his "impersonation of Neil Diamond," which was a real crowd pleaser. Robbie Allen and company also performed some contemporary stuff such as Jim-

my Buffet, Sinead O'Connor, a song called Sad Lisa, and their own rhythm & blues called "Sugar Booger Blues" featuring the amazing Steve Dorst on piano and Robbie Allen as vocalist. The Bacchus Coffee House produced a very enjoyable evening for the successful promotion of alcohol awareness.

"Risky Business" Comes To Rhodes

by Gayla Bassham

The Infirmary is sponsoring a Risk Management Fair, to be held March 19, 1991 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Center. The theme of the fair is to be "Risky Business." All students are encouraged to attend.

Exxon will be at the fair to teach students how to change a flat tire. AAA will have a display on auto insurance. Town and Country Locksmiths will make extra house and car keys for those attending the fair. The authors of the *Apartment Guide* will bring copies of that book and additional information on subleasing

apartments.

The Crime Prevention Bureau will send a representative to answer questions and provide literature to those interested. The Memphis Bicycle Company will have a display and will show a video on bicycle safety. The Shelby County Health Department will bring information on seatbelts. The Memphis Fire Department will bring brochures on fire safety.

Free Pulmonary Function Testing will be provided. The VA will bring pictures illustrating the progress of cancer and literature describing how to prevent cancer. The American

Cancer Society will also be present. Information on eye care, protective eye wear, and contacts will be available. A physical therapist will measure leg lengths and measure the range of motion of hips and knees.

A representative of the University of Tennessee will bring literature and answer questions about abused over-the-counter drugs. Planned Parenthood will bring information on birth control.

Many door prizes, including dinners for two at Dino's and Pizza Hut, a clock radio, and thirty-day passes at the French Riviera Spa, are available.

Recession Affects Some Campus Bookstore Sales

(CPS) — The recession is starting to affect college bookstores, various campus store managers report.

Some report sales are declining. Like troubled off-campus stores trying to lure customers, some are discounting the prices of the wares they offer.

"We're operating at the bare minimum here," said Elizabeth Santerre, manager of the Quinebaug Valley Community College in Danielson, Conn., where classes have been canceled because of budget

problems.

To attract more customers, the Harvard Co-op offered a 10 percent discount on textbooks in October. This semester, the store is discounting some paperbacks 10 percent.

Most others, though, say economic conditions are less of a factor in their fiscal health than enrollment is.

"It takes a while to filter in," said Gene Trout, general manager at Rutgers University in New Jersey. "We're more affected by the univer-

sity's situation. As long as enrollment is up, we don't feel the effects."

"I really haven't seen any change at all, as far as people spending money," added Teresa Jones, bookstore manager at Independence (Kan.) Community College.

"When the economy's bad, student enrollment goes up," said Virgil Stephens, who runs the bookstore at Ohio Northern University. "So far, everything's remaining steady. It's a little too early to tell."

Cross The Border

by Susan Ewart

Only one more day till SPRING BREAK, and for some that includes loading up suitcases, finding their birth certificate, and brushing up on some Spanish. The Tex-Mex wagon will be hitting the trail this Saturday. This group has been working hard to earn the 6,000 dollars it takes to make this trip possible. The Guitar Jam, concession sales at games, raking leaves, a phonathon, and the T-shirt sales were all part of the effort to raise this money. Rhodes College supplies a grant that provides for the remainder needed. Rhodesians who will be spending their spring break serving others and working hard are Chris Buchanan, Nancy Cotham, Jennifer Cunningham, Steve Dorst, Eric Flanders, Brian Grant, Heather Hankla, McPhail Hunt, Jennifer Jenkins, Elizabeth Jones, Cassy Kasun, Ed Kiser, Mike Lewis, Laura Locke, John Londot, Cindy McCraw, JoAnn Nichols, Lynn Potts, Stacy Rector, Kristen Rothhammer, Phillip Spradling, Shirley Stone,

Russell Wallace, Kristen White, Coll Wise, and Belinda Woodiel. The staff that has helped put this fiesta together are Margret Handwerker and Chaplain Billy Newton.

Reynosa, Mexico is the site that these Rhodes students will build a playground for the neighboring school. Russell Wallace, a freshman, learned of the Tex-Mex program through the brochures and campus signs. Wallace explains he hopes to make closer friends with those students who are going, to have some good fellowship, and to learn about the Mexican culture he has only come in contact with through the classroom. Along with the fun, he plans to work his "butt off." The students work from morning until dinner. Free time is enjoyed at the hot spots of Mexico, a time to see every aspect of Mexican culture. Happy Trails to all of you who have worked hard and who will work even harder over spring break. And remember don't drink . . . the water.

Briefs From Around The Country

No Bare Breasts Or Buttocks At Palm Springs

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (CPS) — Hoping to help control annual riots and rowdy behavior by visiting collegians during spring break each year, the Palm Springs City Council adopted a series of measures that make it a crime to wear string bikinis, to bare breasts or expose one's buttocks in public.

The ordinances, in effect, will give police the power to arrest and get more rowdy partiers off the street.

Mayor Sonny Bono called the new rules "courageous" in light of the money that visiting collegians spend annually.

Politicians Urge More Tests For Students

(CPS) — All high school seniors should have to take a mandatory national achievement test before getting their high school diplomas, a school reform group said Jan. 30.

"The test will add meaning to the high school diploma," said Thomas Kean, president of Kean College in New Jersey and chairman of Educate America, the reform group.

Elsewhere, Detroit School Superintendent John Porter on Jan. 29 proposed making 8th graders have at least a C average, have a clean police record and pass a math and science test before being allowed to go on to 9th grade.

Staffers Asked To Donate Pay To Balance College's Budget

PITTSBURGH, PA (CPS) — Carlow College employees should donate one day's pay each month to help the school balance its budget, college official John Nodzelewski said Jan. 28, adding the private women's college will also cut four faculty members and shorten library hours next semester.

Budgets unveiled elsewhere threatened to cut \$2.9 million from George Mason University in Virginia and \$3.3 million from the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

At the University of Maine system, officials breathed a sigh of relief that the state's proposed new budget would cut 2.25 percent from their coffers, meaning they would not have to impose a threatened tuition hike this month.

Senator's Daughter Gets Free Tuition At LSU

BATON ROUGE, La. (CPS) — Elizabeth Breaux, daughter of U.S. Sen. John Breaux, has gotten a tuition waiver for each of the last three semesters at Louisiana State University, LSU Board of Supervisors member Gordon Dore admitted.

Dore explained he had known Breaux for years, and that he judged the senator, who makes \$95,000 a year, was in need of financial aid.

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Editorial:

Communication at Rhodes: Where Is It?

by Elizabeth Orr, Co-Editor

It's been a long year and I'm glad to say that there are only 73 days separating me from leaving Rhodes and college life, in general. Sure, there are a lot of really picky negative things I could say about Rhodes but they've probably all been covered at some point during the year in one editorial or another. But since this is my last editorial as Co-Editor of the paper, I've got to get in my last licks before I sign off.

Needless to say, there have been so many changes and additions to Rhodes this year that I can hardly call it my college anymore. If changes continue in the record speed they've been popping up I won't even recognize the school I attended for four years. I'll end up as one of those irate alumnae who answer calls for money from Rhodes with "That's not my school!"

From the moment I stepped onto this campus this year, there were changes in the works. New fence, new registration, new book buying methods . . . etc. But, needless to say, in light of new controversy as well as old (that I've witnessed in my four years), the change in the attitude of the administration concerning students is the most frightening to me. Coming from a long line of Rhodes alumnae, I realize that open and honest communication between students and administration has never been a Rhodes priority, but I've seen a severe decline in just the four years I've been here. Sure, there's no way communication between such opposing parties can ever reach the ideal level we all dream of, but is it too much to ask to be informed? It's unlikely that there would even be a controversy or protest over many of the new changes — but it'd just be nice to know in advance. Maybe when students are informed of changes that are going to affect their way of life (and I'm not referring to the Alcohol policy) the mood on campus will lighten up.

There used to be a time when I thought that the administration actually listened to student complaints and questions. It was in these past four years that Roundtable was created and the Catalogue of Concerns came out for the first time. But, I don't see that either of these is working anymore and I've been hearing a lot of complaints in the short time that I remain on campus every week. Maybe I'm just being cynical in my senior year, but it seems strange to me that us students are as uninformed about things going on as we are and that we don't believe that our views count in the eyes of the administration that is supposed to be helping us to receive a better education.

Communication between faculty and administration would help ease a bit of that anxiety on campus as well. I think it's a shame that we sit around in *The Sou'wester* office every Monday night determining who we should mention on the lampoon page by whether they're up for tenure or not. If that's not a comment on our present tenure system, I don't know what is.

I guess communication is the key to many of the problems I have with Rhodes and that's what I tried to provide the campus with along with Jonathan and Stinson. Even the littlest bit helps and although we didn't have any great scoops that caught the school off guard—I hoped we helped inform you some.

And when it comes right down to it, this school as an institution really means nothing to me but I'll miss everyone in it right down to the security guard who yelled at me the other day for not driving right. It'll probably be boring not to be in some kind of mess for writing or printing something controversial. It'll be weird not to have people approach me in the Rat or class and complain about Jonathan or Bill's articles. And I'll miss staying up until 1:00 a.m. Monday nights putting together and sometimes even writing the Rhode'ster. But if that's the price to pay for better communication—I'm all for it!

Editorial:

Oh the Pain, the Bliss of Graduation

by Jonathan Smoke
Co-Editor

*"Vital spark of heav'nly flame!
Quit, oh quit this mortal frame:
Trembling, hoping, ling'ring, flying,
Oh the pain, the bliss of dying!"*
— from *The Dying Christian to his Soul* by Alexander Pope.

I now know what it is like to hope for a truly better world, a heaven if you will, because I believe that place exists, and the only thing separating me from that place now is 73 days.

Do not misunderstand me; I have some pleasant memories to go along with my other memories of my days at Rhodes. Equally so, a Christian finds happiness on earth, but that same Christian believes whole-heartedly in an infinitely better place.

I know there is a better place; I believe in it. It's just that I am stuck in my present state.

Furthermore, I am in my present state because of the Fall, the Fall of '87. It wasn't a Fall passed on to me by my parents, but it was I who was tempted by the serpent. I bit from the fruit of the tree of knowledge.

This fruit opened my eyes to the state I was in. The fruit made me a cynic. And the fruit took away my faith.

With my faith gone, I could no longer believe in an institution, even if the institution claimed its goal was to promote genuineness and excellence. The fruit's knowledge show-

ed me the true goal was profits and minimum liability.

Then the people around me who had also fallen started to provide ways for me to restore my happy state. "Follow the rules; do as you are told; don't think, just spit back what everyone else is saying."

But I couldn't follow the rules. They seemed to be getting harder and harder, and they kept changing and growing. The people gave me a new list of rules every year, but following the rules didn't make things any better. So I rebelled.

I rebelled with humor and cynicism — a sure product of my fall — and they responded with anger. I didn't place enough importance on them. I was negative. I was hateful. I was fallen.

They didn't think I was Satan, but they put me in direct association with him. Satan and I have the same major. Satan and I played racquetball.

Yet Satan and I are different. And I really don't think it was Satan that tempted me in the garden that day; the serpent was much slimmer. Still, people equate the two of us.

Knowledge tempted me, and I partook. Now I am sorry; I repent. And now I only hope for a better state. And I'm not referring to leaving Arkansas.

I don't know what will await me in the next life, but I hope that whatever it's like it's not like this.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

To the Editors:

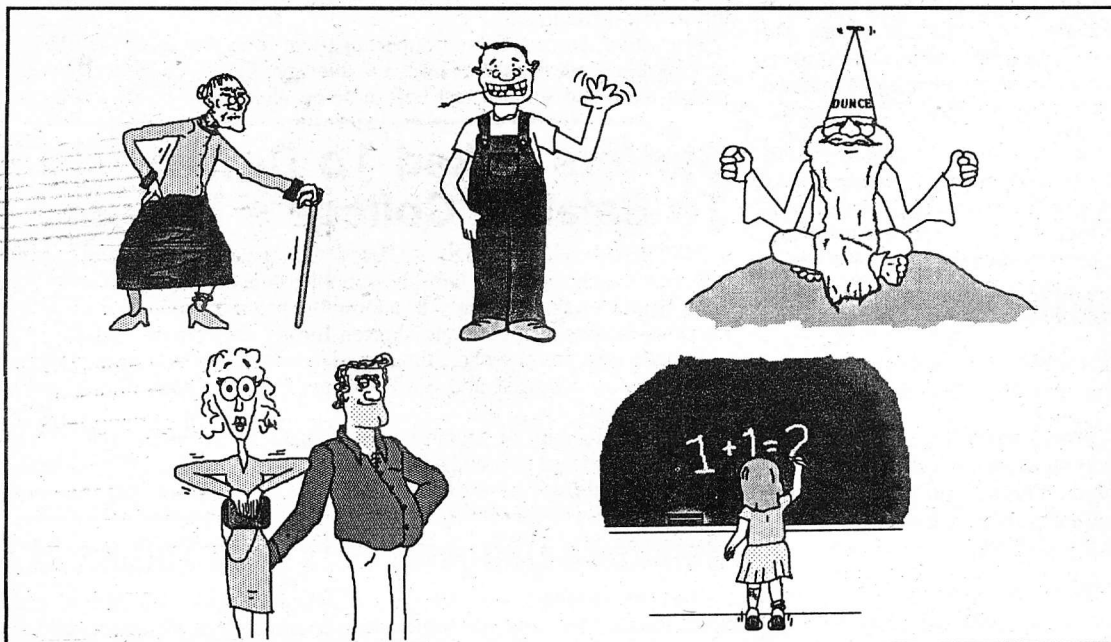
Far be it from me to try to limit anything as inherently American as the right to complain about the postal service. However, look closely at those people who supposedly are maliciously building a secret stash of Christian Science Monitors, credit card bills, love letters and of course all the "S" mail. You will notice that we don't wear blue shirts with the American Flag on our sleeve. That's right, we are the lowly cousins of the likes of

Dorm Attendants, gym attendants and assorted "Go-fers" smattered across campus as part of the Work/Study program. The only difference is that we are expected to dutifully serve the entire campus Monday through Friday (excluding bank holidays) by getting every last piece of bulk-rate-yeah-send-me-your-catalog-so-I'll-get-some-mail-in-my-box delivered by the time you roll out of bed at 10 o'clock. That's right, and all for \$3.80/hr. But Wait! For this low pay, we forgot to

mention the fact that your mail is sorted outside (at 8 AM!) even when the temperature drops below freezing, and quite often the only thing shielding your mail from the rain is us!

As a mailroom employee for the past two years, I think that I've heard every complaint about how sorry the postal service on campus is. I will grant that we are not perfect, but how about a little respect? First of all, the "S's" are not put up regularly, just

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freshman, and first year student

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Report Of Bombing Damage To Civilian Life In Iraq

A Vote For Representation

by JoAnne Lynen

From February 2 to February 8, 1991, Ramsey Clark, accompanied by a camera team and a guide and translator, traveled throughout Iraq to assess the damage to civilian life resulting from the bombing and the embargo, including civilian deaths, injuries, illness, and destruction and damage to civilian property. The following is a summary of his findings.

The damage to residential areas and civilian structures, facilities, and utilities was extensive everywhere the team visited. None of the towns or cities had municipal water, electricity, or telephone service. Parts of Baghdad had limited delivery of impure water for an hour a day. The Minister of Health considered potable water for human consumption the single greatest health need in the country. Tens of thousands are known to suffer from diarrhea and stomach disorders. Several thousands are believed to have died. Likewise, there is no electricity to light or to heat homes.

Hospitals are among the hardest hit. There is no heat or clean water, except limited quantities for drinking supplied in bottles, no electric light in wards, and inadequate medicine, even for pain alleviation. Shortages of sanitary supplies mean that surgeons and medics treating wounds cannot keep hands clean or gloved. Seven hospitals have been closed due to bomb damage.

Dr. Ibrahim Al Noore, the head of the Red Crescent and Red Cross of Iraq estimates that 3000 infant deaths in excess of the normal infant mortality rate have occurred because of the shortage of infant milk formula and medicines. Imports of infant formula have been cut off with the embargo. In addition, U.S. bombers destroyed a baby milk processing facility, claiming that it produced chemical warfare

material. Clark inspected the plant without restriction and saw no evidence that it was not a formula processing plant. He interviewed over 20 people knowledgeable about the plant who confirmed his findings.

Throughout the country, there has been extensive damage to highways, roads, bridges, bus stations, schools, mosques, churches, cultural sites, hospitals, government buildings, and residential areas. In Basra, bombs have hit homes, shops, the central market, a Pepsi Cola bottling plant, and a low cost public housing project. While in Basra, Clark went to find a bombs' target immediately after it exploded and discovered a night club and family club. In the teams' inspections of damaged residential areas, they did not see any evidence of a military presence.

They saw several hundred destroyed vehicles along the 2,000 miles of road they traveled. None of the vehicles were military vehicles, tanks, armored cars, personnel carriers, or other military equipment. Nor did they see evidence of military vehicles having been removed.

Clark states unequivocally "it is preposterous to claim military equipment is being placed in residential areas to escape attack. Residential areas are regularly attacked. The claim reveals a policy of striking residential areas, because it purports to establish a justification for doing so. If there had been military vehicles in the civilian areas we examined, or on the roads and highways we traveled when bombing occurred, it is inconceivable that among all that debris we would not find some fragments of military vehicles, material, equipment, or clothing."

The Red Crescent estimates 6,000-7,000 civilian deaths from the bombings and many thousands of injuries. Thousands more have died from failure to obtain adequate sup-

plies of infant formula and medicine, from contaminated water, and from increased death rates from stress heart attacks and similar causes.

U.S. bombing of Iraq is brutal and inhumane. Attacks such as the ones Clark describes go far beyond the intention of Security Council Resolution 684/44. They also clearly indicate that the U.S. is committed to the decimation of the Iraqi people, not just the restoration of the Kuwaiti government. In light of these facts, Bush's claim that he harbors no ill will against the Iraqi people seems preposterous.

For humanity's sake, we must demand that Bush resolve the war diplomatically and stop the bombing of civilian areas immediately. Secondly, funds must be collected for water, medicine, and infant formula to send to the Iraqi people. Finally, we must demand further information about the extent of civilian areas which we have bombed. Demand to know the truth and work to create peace and justice. Shalom/Salaam/Peace.

Please Note:
Due to an excess number of letters to the Editors this week, we were unable to print them all. If your letter is not in this issue, it will be in the next.

by Melissa English and McPhail Hunt
Concerned Student Assembly Members

Discontent. Frustration. Unrepresentative. Unchecked. These are only a handful of words which seem to be attached to Student Assembly as Rhodes struggles with the supposedly achievable idea of becoming politically correct. Remember, however, political correctness does not originate with the institutions of government. Political correctness originates within those who create the institutions, the voters.

"That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, . . ."

The existence of representative government on the Student Assembly is determined by those who take the time to stop at the polls to place these members in office. Every Rhodes College student, meaning every student reading this article, has been granted the opportunity and more importantly the responsibility to vote. Voting produces a change in government, resolutions do not. Voting allows opinions to be heard, silence does not. Voting produces a student government which represents YOUR interests, letters to the editor do not. Neglect by an individual of any one of these facts result in discontent and frustration with the government which was put into office by this voting.

" . . . That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People . . . to institute new Government . . ."

In the last four years, the voter turnout for any given Student Assembly election has hovered somewhere

around four hundred students. No wonder there is discontent. No wonder there are claims that student government is unrepresentative. Simply put, it is. The Student Assembly is unrepresentative, but it is only unrepresentative because less than one third of Rhodes 1400 students take the time to express their opinions at the polls. The Student Assembly is a minority view, but only by nature of the fact that they are being elected by a minority of the campus.

" . . . laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their . . . Happiness."

During the second to last week in March, the 3x5 index cards will be hung by the ballot box with care, and students will have the chance to exercise the opportunity, the responsibility, of voting for their representatives. Your interests, your representatives, and your government will be put to the test over three days of elections for the members of the Rhodes College Student Assembly. This is your opportunity to pick the twenty-three people who represent your interests. This is the time to take the responsibility upon yourself to spend five minutes expressing your views towards the most powerful forum available — the ballot box. This is the chance to make Student Assembly politically correct, but politically correct as defined by Rhodes College students.

Without the power to vote, there is no representative government. Without a voice, your interests cannot be heard. But you have a voice, you have a vote and you have a representative government. Use them — all.

Who Is Responsible?

by J. B. Cormier

As students, our education is one of the most important things in our lives right now. As young adults we have many responsibilities. Unfortunately, the scope of our education is not one of them.

Having chosen Rhodes, I can't argue against our core curriculum. I would, however, like to look at how it's implemented.

I think too many courses are required in the core. If a person has no foreign language prior to Rhodes and does not test out of any courses through A.P. credits, one is required to take 60 hours plus physical education. This is more than half of the required 112 hours needed for a degree.

I feel a certain standard of writing should be assumed of entering students and those not demonstrating this level should have English 151 required.

Further, I believe that one course should be pared from the humanities, natural and social sciences. This would bring the total to 45 hours as opposed to 60 hours of course work outside of

one's intended major. A person could use the remaining fifteen hours for anything: a bridge major, extra work in major, a minor, or in any area of personal interest.

I don't believe that we, as graduates from Rhodes, would be lacking too much considering that Rhodes already requires four years of high school English and three of math and "strongly recommends" two years of laboratory science and two of history or social science. Entering Rhodes, students already have completed most of the core curriculum.

I agree that the school allows us to choose what we take within the core requirements, but the individual departments take that responsibility away from us.

Every department has pre-requisites. I understand their necessity to ensure that students are at the same level in a course, but they don't allow for a student who knows much in that subject. This system assumes that everyone has the same background and

a relatively poor one at that.

I think that a student should have much more freedom to choose, although with the guidance from one's advisor, which pre-requisites she or he does or does not need. Pre-requisites should then only be suggested. It would be the student's responsibility to know what background was required for a given course.

Another point I feel I must make about the student's responsibility to learn concerns the way attendance is blown out of proportion. A student should be able to determine what he or she wishes to emphasize in a given course in order to attain the minimum grade she or he desires. The student should then be able to look at the professor's syllabus and decide when it is and when it is not necessary to attend class.

I think that education would be more enjoyable, would be taken more seriously and would greatly improve if students were given the duty to be more responsible for their own education.

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Safety Notes from Ralph Hatley: Avoiding Car Theft

Motor vehicle theft has become a particularly increasing threat to Memphis area residents since 1984. Vehicles of choice are models made by GMC, Chrysler and Jeep, as they have proven to be those in most demand and easiest to access and steal. The method of theft usually includes breaking a small side window, usually on the passenger side (not easily seen by opposing traffic when moving), and then accessing the steering column on the left side, by breaking it open, releasing a spring and pulling a rod, thereby starting the ignition. All of this is accomplished with only a screw driver and is done very quickly.

We are, however, able to avoid being a victim of vehicle theft by following a few simple tips:

#1 Lock Your Car and Take Your Keys.

— About 80% of the cars stolen were left unlocked. Almost 40% of those stolen actually had keys left in them. ALWAYS lock your car doors and take the keys, even if only for a few minutes. DON'T GIVE WAY TO OPPORTUNITY! NEVER leave your car running and unattended.

— DON'T hide spare keys on the vehicle in magnetic boxes, etc. Thieves know where to look. Keep spares in your wallet or in a safe place at home/work/room.

#2 Park In Well-Lighted, Well Traveled Areas When Possible.

— If possible, park your car in an area that's well-lighted and has plenty of car and pedestrian traffic. Avoid dark corners, out of the way places that can't be seen easily.

— Rhodes campus areas that may be vulnerable to this, seem to be along University St., and in the Trezevant and McCoy/Hassell lots and just inside Library Lane. Lighting in these areas has helped, but they may still be the most vulnerable. If you park here, be SURE your car is locked and consider installing an anti-theft device.

No area is immune from car theft, either on or off campus. The perimeter fence, however, has added much greater security from this type of theft, especially after 9:00 p.m. when the only entrance and exit to and from campus is through the Snowden St. gate.

#3 Stow Valuable Property Out Of Sight.

— NEVER leave valuable personal property on the seat or the dashboard. Stow items such as money, purses, checkbooks, jewelry, cameras, radar detectors, tape players, etc. out of sight. Put them in the trunk — or better, take them with you. Under the front seat is the first place a thief will look.

— CONSIDER engraving your driver's license number or SS # on valuable accessories kept in your car that might be subject to theft. The

Campus Safety office has an engraving tool available to anyone for this.

#4 Install Anti-Theft Devices.

— As we mentioned some makes such as GM, Chrysler, and Jeep are more vulnerable to theft than others. More than 90% of the cars stolen are of these makes and are usually late year models.

— One of the most effective and easiest ways to prevent theft is to install a metal collar on the steering column. This usually costs approximately \$175.00.

— A hardened metal bar designed to lock the steering wheel to the brake pedal can offer some protection. The cost is approximately \$25-30.

— Starter disabling devices ("kill switches") also provide good protection. Hood locks may also offer some protection along with other devices. A combination of the "kill switch" and hood device, is approximately \$175.00.

— If your car has the older door lock buttons with the "mushroom" type tops, replace them with the tapered ones.

— Many types of alarm systems are also available, ranging in price from \$200-\$500, or more.

HELP US HELP YOU!

If you see an unidentified or suspicious person wandering around

the campus — in the parking lot, or in your room/dorm, or office — exit the area safely and CALL SECURITY immediately. Intruders usually mask their presence with a "cover story", and often claim to be looking for something official.

They really may be "scoping" the area for illegal purposes. Take note of the person's height, weight, clothing, and other physical characteristics. Get this information to Security #3880 as soon as possible. DO NOT CONFRONT ANY STRANGER(S) FORCEFULLY OR PURSUE THEM IF THEY FLEE.

— Check your car frequently. There have been cars stolen from nearby which had been recovered BEFORE the victim even knew it was missing.

IF YOUR CAR IS STOLEN:

Make sure you know your license plate number. Record your vehicle identification number (VIN) and keep it in a safe place. If the police have this information, they can verify ownership immediately and can return your car more quickly if recovered and even may be able to locate it more quickly with the offender still in it.

Registration papers would have the above information on it and would also be helpful. Tennessee does not require drivers to keep their registration in the car. Having these papers, however, would facilitate the reporting process.

Call security, if stolen on campus. We can ensure that the proper authorities are notified immediately and that all the proper paperwork and broadcasts are completed. The Memphis Police Department Impound Lot is located on South Flicker St., phone 452-2810.

Most stolen cars that are recovered sustain little damage. Damage is usually limited to the broken window and steering column. More extensive damage may include stripping and even arson/burning.

PROTECT YOURSELF WHILE DRIVING.

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Good Grades Don't Do A Thing To Predict Work Success

(CPS) — A high grade-point average won't necessarily translate into a successful working career, a University of Tennessee professor claims.

"Grades don't really predict anything," said psychology Prof. Howard Pollio.

Pollio was a panelist for "GPA — Valid Predictor of Job Success?," a Jan. 17 videoconference sponsored by the College Placement Council.

Employers have only a 4 percent chance of choosing an applicant who will succeed on the job if they use

grades to screen out candidates, he maintained.

"Screening doesn't help us," Pollio said.

What's more, it makes it even tougher for companies to hire minorities, Pollio added. Minority students tend to have more financial problems and a tougher time adjusting to campus life, particularly in the first two years. As a result, their GPAs tend to suffer during that time.

Another panelist, Gale Varma, AT&T manager of college recruiting,

noted her organization's research does indicate a correlation between GPA and successful on-the-job performance, particularly for technical positions where course work and job responsibilities are closely matched. Yet AT&T, she added, doesn't use GPA as a job-candidate screening device.

That's the exception, Pollio says. In a survey he conducted five years ago, more than half the employers he surveyed had some sort of GPA hurdle students had to clear before making it to a first interview.

Women's Studies Plan Coffeehouse

The Women's Studies Program is planning a coffeehouse on March 14 at 8 p.m. We are currently searching for entertainment. All talents are

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like every other letter—as soon as humanly possible. Secondly, we cannot memorize or pick out every piece of mail that comes for the Vice President of the Student Assembly! An envelope is an envelope, and they are all put up the same way—one at a time. First Class mail is first priority, followed closely by packages and daily newspapers—even to those people who refuse to pick up their mail except on a monthly basis (if you regularly find more than two Wall Street Journals in your box, we're talkin' about you!).

Another group of mailroom menaces are those people who were responsible enough to be allowed admission to this "Up and Coming" school, yet they chronically lose or forget their mailbox key. Face it, you've lost your original \$5 key deposit, so put down another one, we'll give you another key, and stop bugging me to get your mail!

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Doug Zimmerman

To the Editors:

In response to a few things in the last issue of *The Sou'wester*:

(1) Industry doesn't just produce for itself to survive, it produces for all of us to survive, and I think it's an idea that begs some reflection—especially for those who assert that we can do without. The idea of a totally self-

sufficient, non-industrial community, while possible on an extremely limited scale (like Chelsea Farms), becomes a fantasy when applied to the kinds of populations currently present (in the U.S., for example). What we would likely see in the attempt to apply it on that large a scale is a rather quick replay of the history of industrial development: economies of scale would be required to meet the current demand for food products without massive waste, leading to the eventual centralization of those farms; the technology necessary to produce (again, without massive waste) would have to come from somewhere, leading to another industrial sector. So eventually, what do we get? Big farms, big communities, and all the requisite industrial support that goes with them (this is an oversimplification, but humor me on the details). We've done that feudalism thing already, and while a few hundred years of trying haven't made all industrialists into irreproachable stewards, they have allowed for the human condition, at the very least, to improve markedly. They've even allowed for such luxury goods as, well, environmentalism.

(2) Although I can't speak for Bill Jordan, those of us who have problems with a lot of environmental statistics are FAR from "confused" about

them—we just don't appreciate being lied to. I mean, when Landsat figures and World Bank figures on Brazilian deforestation differ by the approximate area of Zimbabwe, there exists a slight problem. In that event, it's not the PC that bothers me—it's the BS.

Steve Sullivan

To the Editors:

Reading last week's *Sou'wester* was almost as frustrating as sitting through two consecutive years of Search lectures. Between one person's weekly crusade to antagonize and polarize the student body, and another one's purposeless article specifying the things he hates, I'm disappointed that these are the current issues which reflect our campus.

I spent last semester in Jerusalem with nine other Rhodes students. Each day was spent learning about, or in some way experiencing, the Palestinian/Arab-Israeli conflict which has plagued the region in the past century. Students on both sides have been, and continue to be, physically and mentally constrained to the destructive attitudes of fear, suspicion, and hatred. Their lifestyles are forced to conform with these mentalities; thus the segregated domestic policies, neighborhoods, schools, and acknowledgement of human rights. For example, if the Israeli government deems a Palestinian school or university to be conducive to the spread of terrorism, it has the authority to indefinitely close the

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Dance Marathon To Aid In The Prevention Of Child Abuse

Alpha Delta chapter of Kappa Delta will host a Dance Marathon on Friday, March 15 from 9 p.m. to ??? a.m. in the Burrow Refectory (the Rat) at Rhodes College. Tickets will be sold in the Rat the week before the event and will cost \$8.00/couple and \$3.00/person.

A D.J. will be on hand to provide the hottest in dance music. Prizes will be awarded to the longest-dancing couples. Prizes include, but are not limited to, free dinners at local restaurants.

The Dance Marathon serves as Kappa Delta's annual Shamrock Project, a philanthropic effort to prevent child abuse. Proceeds will be awarded to the National Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse and the Memphis Exchange Club Family Center.

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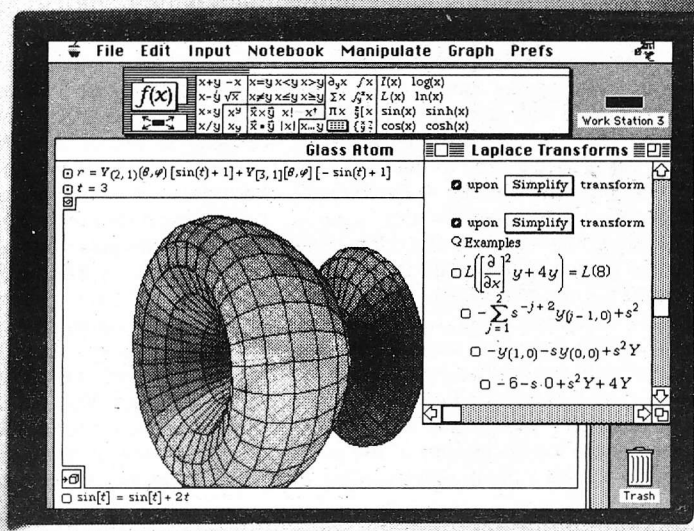
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Candide: Best of All Possible Entertainment?

by John Brownlee

When Voltaire, one of the true masters of satire, wrote *Candide* (the book), he surely must have envisioned something similar to the musical presented by the McCoy Theatre. Voltaire's purpose in writing *Candide* was to ridicule Leibniz's theory of philosophical optimism: the "all is for the best in this, the best of all possible worlds. . ."

In his satire, Voltaire presents Candide, a simple naive young man, sheltered from the world, and instructed in the nature of optimism by the best of all possible philosophers: Dr. Pangloss. All is well until Candide is caught performing an experiment in "physics" with Lady Cunegonde, with whom Candide is in love. Candide is expelled from the castle of Baron Thunder-ten-tronckh in peaceful Westphalia, and what follows is an endless series of misfortunes which lead poor Candide to doubt the teachings of his wonderful philosopher.

Remaining very true to the plot of the original satire (Hugh Wheeler did a very admirable job in adapting from Voltaire), the musical does not lose any of the intended satire. Barry Fuller, the director does a fine job bringing the whole production together. As Candide ventures from misfortune to misfortune, (he is kicked out of the castle, forced to join the Bulgarian army, beaten, flogged, forced to kill, shipwrecked, etc.) the show stays fresh, witty, and humorous. Andy Srygley does a remarkable job in portray-

ing the naivety of Candide. He clings on to dear Dr. Pangloss's philosophy through the worst of misfortunes, always perking up when he finds evidence of all being ultimately for the best. Laura Landers does an outstanding job with the role of the lovely and (for a while) innocent Cunegonde.

The musical numbers in *Candide* also contribute a great deal to the success of the production. Holding fast to the intended satire, Richard Wilbur does an excellent job with the lyrics and Leonard Bernstein with the music. Tony Lee Garner, the Musical Director, makes the music come alive. The singing, for the most part, is on the mark. A few intonation problems in the orchestra are easily overlooked.

Voltaire, no doubt, would have been proud to see many of the scenes in the musical. Surely lines such as "praise be to God and Martin Luther", the overdone zeal of the Agent of the Inquisition, and especially the Auto Da Fe scene (a group of happy self-righteous Christians gleefully burning, hanging, and flogging "sinners") are exactly what Voltaire intended. The details of the plot may be slightly difficult to follow but they are unimportant. Through all the strange events, the flurry, the kissing, and the singing, the theme is easily found: that all is not necessarily for the best and to think so is ridiculous. Ridiculously witty and funny, *Candide* is a thoroughly entertaining production.

Rose Marie Wang Recital

by Marc Baker

On Thursday, February 21, Rose Marie Wang was presented in a solo piano recital by the Rhodes College Music Academy, under the auspices of the Rhodes College Music Department. The program included music spanning all eras; ranging from the early sonata-form of Antonio Soler, a Spanish composer who studied under Domenico Scarlatti and is just now enjoying discovery, the classical sonata of Beethoven, the evocative time of Ravel's Impressionism, to the virtuosic flash of Franz Liszt.

From the beginning, Ms. Wang had as much control of the audience as she has over the piano. She began the program by playing three charming Soler sonatas. Obviously influenced by his teacher Scarlatti, these pieces of Soler's are noteworthy for their Spanish-flavored melodies and driving rhythms. Aside from a small memory slip in the third sonata, these were played with great taste and charm; if the remaining corpus of Soler's work is like these pieces, we will hear more of Soler in the time to come.

The next sonata of the first half was one of Beethoven's most famous, and popular, piano sonatas: the "Appassionata," op. 57, in f minor. Though I've heard this piece innumerable times, and played around with it myself, it never ceases to fascinate me and Ms. Wang played it with great flair. The difficult arpeggios of the first movement are handled with ease and the melodies, which are treated more in symphonic style than in a pianistic style, are easily followed through all the texture that Beethoven heaps on them. The end of this first movement is a pianissimo tremolo that dies away in the lowest regions of the piano and Ms. Wang executes it with a great understanding of

the pathos that inspired the editor to label this sonata "Appassionata." The lucious second movement is a theme and set of variations in one of my favorite keys, D-flat major. Without a pause the final movement erupts with dotted tritone chords and begins the riveting, impassioned melody. This continues until a whirlwind coda section that carries on to the close of the piece, also in the nether regions of the piano. Again, Ms. Wang played very cleanly and with great attention to the complicated development, but towards the end of the recapitulation she was again plagued by that awful spectre of the memory slip—the bane of all pianists. But after a few false starts she picked up the line where she left off and finished the piece with a brilliant flash.

By far the most impressive numbers on the program were the three selections from "Miroirs" by Ravel. She chose the middle three, "Oiseaux tristes," "Une Barque sur l'océan," and "Alborada del gracioso." These are evocative pieces that Ms. Wang played with great understanding, particularly the most difficult "Alborada del gracioso": "Alborada the jester," in translation. The piano responded to the subtle touch of Ms. Wang and the colors of the piece brought easily to mind a court jester in harlequin. A truly astonishing piece.

The final Liszt pieces are the obligatory virtuosic numbers to round out a program, although the final "Gnomenreigen" ended not with the bombastic chords of the Rhapsodies of the Etudes but with a finesse that is odd for Liszt. With a final arpeggio of that Liszt piece, Ms. Wang brought to a close a very successful piano concerto that does a credit to the department and to herself. Ms. Wang should be pleased.

Critical Review: "Awakenings"

by Matthew F. Preston

In this picture, Robin Williams plays a doctor, who is out of work. The hospital at which he interviews is desperate for a doctor, so they hire him and choose to disregard the fact that his is a clinical doctor and not a practicing physician. This is the basis for most of the humor in the movie. Robert de Niro is one of his patients who, like the rest of the people in his ward, have been in a neat comatose state for long periods of time, some of them for several decades. Being a clinical physician, Robin Williams begins to experiment on the patients and soon discovers that these people in fact retain several reflex actions, such as catching a ball that is thrown at them. He begins to form an idea about the true nature of their condition and a possible solution. For the first time in his life he is working with actual human beings and not lab specimens, and he is touched by them, particularly de Niro, who has been in his comatose state since he was a young boy. He devises a treatment to bring them out of their stupor, and successfully treats de Niro and then the rest of the world. This is where the fun starts. . .

There is a great deal of humor in this movie, although it is not a comedy. There is plenty of drama, and when de Niro first comes out of his stupor and greets his mother for the first time, well . . . it was almost enough to bring tears to the eyes of even this Neanderthal conservative. If you go see this movie, and you should, prepare to laugh, then be touched, then be depressed, for the ending is not quite what you would expect. If for no other reason, you should see this movie for the acting, as both de Niro and Williams turn in Oscar caliber performances. On a scale of 1 to 10, I rate this movie a 9.5.

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 respective institution. Furthermore, the Israeli government may repossess or destroy private Palestinian property if it presents a "danger" to the national security.

The internal tension between the Palestinians and Israeli's has been exacerbated by the activities of the Gulf War: more deaths, destroyed homes, closed schools, ruined agriculture, and escalated hostilities. Students walk around with gas masks. Instead of book-bags, and worry about surviving and living through this historical mess.

But here at the Memphis homefront, we whine and bitch about the poor ice-cream selection in the Rat, having to drive "two-thousand miles" (?) to buy book supplies (but don't worry, once we've finished kicking ass, gasoline will be cheap again), and about the

mean Student Assembly representatives who have different ideological perceptions from the Campus antagonist.

I'm not claiming to be the "Princess of Morality". I just want to express my concern about the spoiled and narrow-minded attitudes which seem to pervade this campus. We have been fortunate enough to have grown up in relatively stable atmospheres, and to have never been forced to directly experience the painful reality of War. Rhodes, in addition to the American media, has sheltered us from this very real War and its deadly consequences. Do we need to see an imposed draft, body bags, and even more bloody pictures before we can find something worthwhile to complain about?

Katie Jacobs, Class of '91

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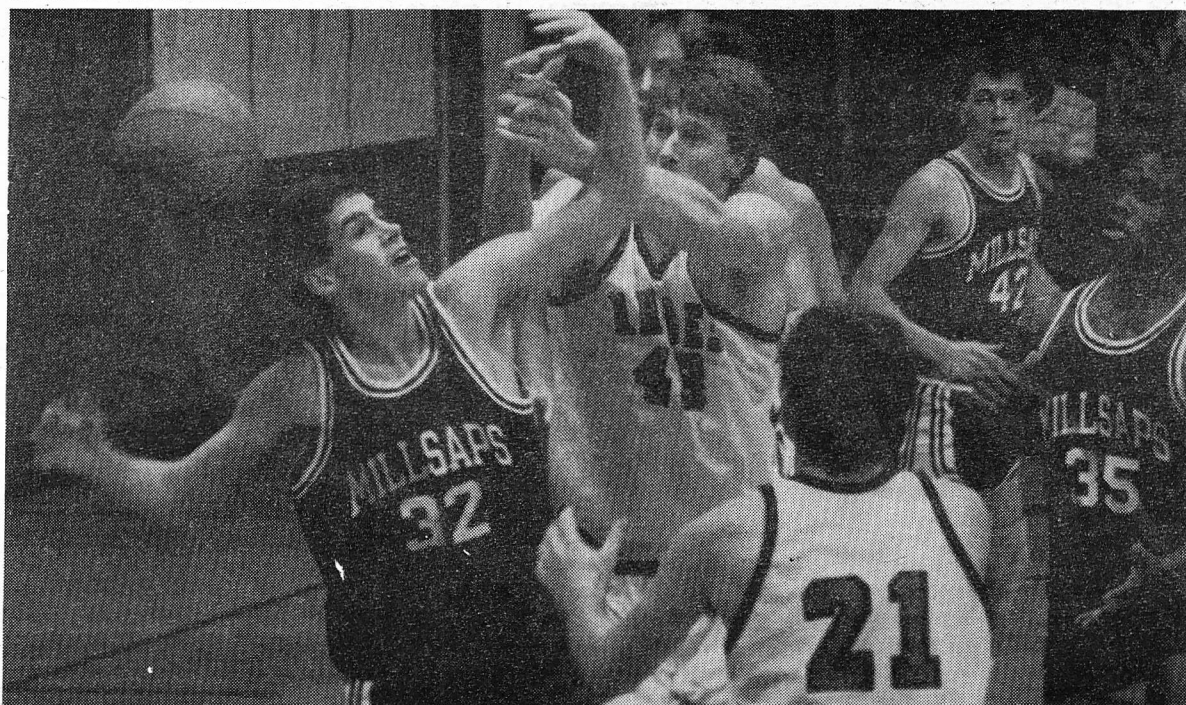
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Rhodes Wins! Rhodes Wins!

by Thomas Johnson

The Rhodes College basketball team just won the championship of the College Athletic Conference (CAC), a feat that they had not accomplished since 1981. This basketball conference championship is the single most important sports achievement at Rhodes College this decade, and is probably the most significant event to have occurred on campus so far this school year.

Freshman forward Thomas Johnson, who was in the third grade the last time Rhodes won a CAC championship, said, "I was in the third grade the last time Rhodes won a CAC championship." He also best summed up the year when he said, "This championship season is one the players, the coaches, the trainer, the stat-man, the clock operator, the water boy, the PA announcer, the fans, the students of Rhodes College, and all the citizens of Memphis can be proud of." Coach Herb Hilgeman could just say over and over again, "It was a sweet win."

Last Saturday, February 23, the Lynx went down to Jackson, Mississippi, to play the Millsaps Majors in the last game of the season. Brian Gerry was responsible for getting the Lynx there, since he did in fact drive the team

van. Rhodes was 7-2 in the conference at the time and a win would guarantee the team at least a tie for the highly-coveted CAC championship. And the Lynx were more than ready for the challenge. In front of a very unfriendly sold-out crowd at the Millsaps Arena, the Lynx played just well enough to win, as they shocked the nation with their first conference championship in ten years. Rhodes overcame 25 points from the Majors' Philip Robinson for an 80 to 75 win, although they were out-dunked 4-2. Amid the post-game celebration following the game, senior David Fallin dumped a bucket of water on Coach Hilgeman, an act which he feels will become a trend even at professional sporting events.

Rhodes ended its championship season with a 15-10 overall record, an 8-2 conference record, and a 2-3 JV record. And so, in a scene reminiscent of the one in the film *Hoosiers* when Hickory won the state championship, the Lynx rode out of Jackson with their fans, having just won a conference championship. But perhaps the most surprising event of all occurred when noted Lynx fan Tom Bryant exclaimed, "Next year I guarantee that Rhodes will win it again." Thus the 1990-1991 basketball campaign ended the same way it had begun, with the Lynx on top.

Of Boy Cheerleaders, and Other Such Things

by Sports Editor, Jason Parrish

I can't believe it is finally here. At last, my tenure as sports editor is at an end. Not that it hasn't been fun . . . oh, all right it hasn't been fun; but I did have some fun. In this, my farewell editorial, I want to thank some people, and tie up a few loose ends (i.e. say goodbye to all the bad things).

First of all, I want to thank Jonathan and Liz, for vesting this power in me, and for being editors who learned to walk the tightrope between foppish service to the administration (Doug Halijan for those of you old enough to remember) and all out war on the administration and journalistic ethics (Beverly and Scott to all of you except the first-year students). Great job! Kuddos are also due to S. Stinson; way to go! I would like to thank Luke Lampton, the editor who gave me my start as a staff reporter when I was a freshman, and freshmen were freshmen. I would like to thank all the administrators who I interviewed, and all of the coaches and players who talked to me, and by sacrificing their free time gave the college people something to be proud of, and gave me a job. Finally, I would like to thank all the sports writers, such as Trista Branick, Kathy Coe, Dave Cook, Betsey Greiner, Thomas Johnson, Emily Newsome, and most of all, for giving me lots of material and making it possible for me to fill up a sports page, the sports god, Chris Kolker.

Now I can tie up those nasty loose ends. First of all, fond farewell to the entire Jay Sumner ordeal. In the biggest

(read only) controversy of my tenure, a war of words lasting months was unleashed. That was so funny. Thanks Jay, for the memories. Goodbye Monday night deadlines—the only people more glad this is over are probably Jonathan, Liz, Sharon and possibly Kolker. Goodbye, to the pressure of filling the page, and goodbye to typing the articles.

All in all, I will miss it though (oh all right, just a little bit.) It has been an interesting four years of newspapering, and anything that lasted that long had to have more than just a little good in it. Good luck to the new editor/editors, keep my page in good hand—it will be missed. So long, farewell, auf wiedersehen, adieu, adieu, adieu, to all of you.

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What I've Learned This Year

by Chris Kolker

I can recall it oh so vividly. It was late March and Jason Parrish had just been named the new sports editor for *The Sou'wester*. He chased me down at the steps of the library and asked, "Chris how would you like to be a sports columnist for the paper?"

At the time, I thought he chose me because I had both an acute knowledge of the sporting world along with an articulate writing style. I have since learned the truth to an extent that if he asked me again, I would have probably shoved the book I had down his throat.

What was the the truth? It became the first thing I learned as a sportswriter. Jason immediately asked me to make my columns long and verbose, and kept commenting, "Thank God you're writing, because if you weren't, there would be a huge blank in the paper." I then realized, "Chris, you write only to take up space in the paper."

Well, at least my opinions are being heard, right? When I first started writing this column, I used to ask my friends what they thought of the column. Their replies: "You write for the paper? Really? You?" or "Your attempts at humor are totally ineffective." "Shut up." So lesson number two was, "Nobody reads the paper."

I have to ask why. Is it the subject matter? No, while that political stuff Jordan covers may be interesting, I know of people who like sports. Then why?

I asked my residents over in Glassell for their advice. After a quickly obtained unanimous vote, they gave me lesson number three, "Chris, you can't write."

That quickly led to lesson number four. Apparently I have been sacrificing my Monday morning 1-3 AM slot so that there will be some words on a page instead of blankness. Who would do that to me? The staff of *The Sou'wester* is the answer, and so I must conclude that I've somehow been tricked by them into this job.

I have learned a couple of sports things. First, I really don't know a thing about sports. Anybody can memorize a few names or faces, or claim that someone is "bad," but just try to predict what these guys will do on a given night, and it become a different story. I'm so clueless when it comes to this that I am no longer welcome at Huey's.

The second thing that I have learned was that defense wins championships. You say you already knew that? You're probably right and you're probably one of the many that bet me on the Super Bowl and took the Giants. Thanks to you, I didn't even see one of my paychecks. However, that damn saying is now engraved in my head as you gloated about the victory for the next month.

I have a new saying: "Never bet against a team that probably makes more money in college than they will in the pros." This is UNLV, and I think I was the only one in America stupid enough to predict Arkansas to beat them.

Anyway, thanks for the memories, stay cool, and have a nice life.

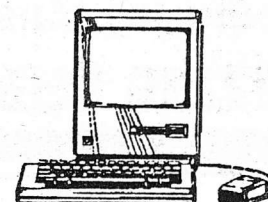
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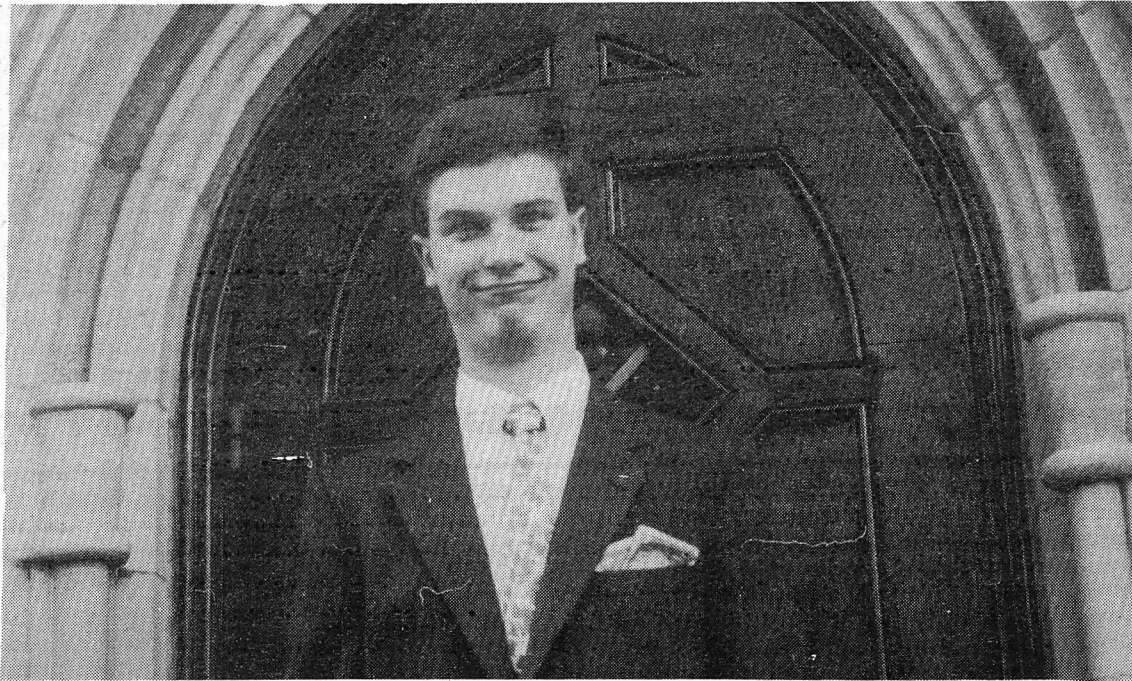
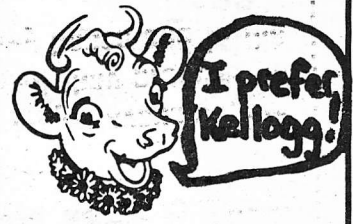
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The Rhode'ster's own Jonathan Smoke, as seen in what-was-to-be his last Daughdrill-esque pose. Though few will remember him, some will forget him.

Rhodes Editor Falls Victim of Untimely Death

by J. Gresham Machen

In a case that has all local police and campus safety officers baffled, a Rhodes student was found badly mutilated and in a generally sad state.

The student, Jonathan Smoke, was finishing his last seven weeks of college when he was found last Monday night in several eerie spots on campus.

Though police have no real leads at this point, several groups have been added to a suspect list. The list included many of Rhodes' own students.

To begin with, every Student Assembly officer is suspect, except for McPhail Hunt, on the grounds that a referendum was held last week to decide if Mr. Smoke had a right to exist. The result, they felt, didn't matter, and they voted to do "what is morally right." McPhail dissented.

But Mr. Hunt is also a suspect in the case on the grounds that he was in charge of College Bowl, and after the event he associate himself with a fine bunch people who constituted and/or worshipped a certain team that previously bruised Mr. Smoke's ego. These people, however, are not suspect, since they will represent Rhodes against the likes of Duke, N.C. State, Vanderbilt, UVA and others.

Every member of one Rhodes fraternity and one Rhodes sorority has also been added to the suspect list. The fraternity was added due to the fact that its letters were carved alongside "CPS" on Mr. Smoke's dismembered head. The sorority was added after it had been surmised that Mr. Smoke's body had been stamped.

Although the President of the school has not been directly implicated in the affair, a group of students and professors are currently petitioning to get him added for the sake of diversity.

All residents of Robinson Hall have been taken into custody and charged with "Well, at least you wanted to" because there were several messages discovered on the deceased's answering machine asking for the New vacuum cleaner to replace their broken one, OR ELSE!

All people who eat granola were brought into custody after it was discovered that they believed Mr. Smoke was the cause of the war in the gulf since he falsely believed that Rhodes was 2000 miles from a Wal-Mart, and he therefore wouldn't want gas prices to be high. Furthermore, they knew he used way too much styrofoam.

A list of religious teachers and scholars has also been turned into the police since it is generally believed that Mr. Smoke annoyed and/or angered secular humanists and spurned fundamentalists with his screwy personal theology.

Finally, Mr. Smoke himself has been added to the suspect list, since a suicide note was apparently mailed by him to Doug Zimmerman and Carl Randall, in which Mr. Smoke said, "I have sinned against you, the postal service, and Cliff . . . I am not worthy to live . . . Let my death be a testament to all who complain."

Incidentally, the suicide note was not discovered till yesterday because it apparently didn't include the four digit suffix to the zip code.

With His Untimely Death, Will The Rhode'ster Also Die?

No one knows for now. Perhaps, after three weeks, *The Rhode'ster* will rise again. Or maybe like a certain Memphis cult figure, *The Rhode'ster* may show up in Burger Kings in Indiana.

"I'll publish right or wrong. Fools are my theme, let satire be my song."

—Lord Byron; *English Bards and Scotch Reviewers*

PROTESTERS SEIZE RAT: Cereal Diversity, Terminology Cited

by Peter Berger

About thirty students gathered in the Refectory, Monday, for a sit-in to protest the breakfast food choices of Rhodes' ARA services. The students sat in silence for the majority of the time with an occasional scuffle breaking out between administration and protesters.

"You . . . wheatists!" a rattled Steve Sullivan shouted at director Scott Ownby. "Your selection is hardly a fair cross-section of the world-wide breakfast community!" Sullivan and others pointed out that the national and international cereal market is less than 19% "O-shaped" Cheerio-style brands. They further argued that, of the nine cereal options offered by the refectory, three (four if you count that kinda square cereal that looks like cat food) are of the "O-style" variety. "That's anywhere between 13.33% and 25.44% above and beyond the national average," Sullivan shouted before anyone else could even get his/her/its calculator out. The protesters not only demanded a new Cereal Diversity Awareness Training (CDAT) but also a comprehensive Breakfast Awareness and Re-education Forum (BARF) for all first-year and second-year first-year students.

A similar but unrelated group of protesters was stationed a few feet away in silent contemplation of other

Refectory Absence of Diversity (RAD, henceforth). Their complaints were similar to those of the Anti-"O-style" camp but instead of assessing RAD as overrepresentation, they focussed their complaints on the immoral exclusion of many cereal societal sub-groups. Dean Allen Boone and Political Science Professor Michael Kirby were gathered around a tiny flickering candle. "We're not going to stand for the exclusion and intertent delegitimization of the marshmallow cereals," Boone said. "Give me a break!" Kirby added. "The United States market is almost 25% marshmallow cereals. Lucky Charms has been a staple of the American Breakfast Experience since the fifties."

The movement (becoming known as Antigeneralmillsism) has been around for decades, but only recently has been recognized and protested. RAD was the subject of a recent Student Assembly forum in which representatives voted on a motion to solve the problem. When asked what new cereal groups they planned to demand, an Assembly spokesstudent commented, "while no actual changes in the cereal lineup are on the docket for the immediate foreseeable future, we went with our consciences on this one: we decided to recommend that ARA change the name from 'cereal' to 'non-shape-specific breakfast food (NSSBF).'"

HOUSING FLASH!!

CHANGES IN ROOM LOTTERY 1991

The announcement last week was incorrect. If you drew a number lower than 50, you will be automatically wait-listed and ultimately forced off of campus.

Thought you were lucky, didn't you!!

Seniors may not live on campus, as this will help clarify those who may drink on campus.

On top of a 100% increase in key deposits, students who get to live on campus will face a 150% increase in room and board.

As in previous years, those upset by this may have Daddy call Uncle Jim.

While the Cabana option is no longer available, the school has contacted the zoo, and they promise us there will be room in the monkey house and in the polar bear cave.