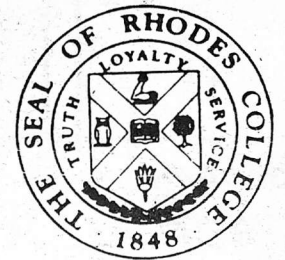


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New Pledges sprint up the back stairs of FJ during the run at Men's Bid Day.

A Thousand Points Of Light Or Fighting Words: Protection Of Free Speech Under The IRS

by Darby Moore,
Annette Dubard, Ellen Osionach

Thursday night in the Orgill room a small group of CSPA members and concerned students sat in a circle and had an hour and a half of stimulating and enlightening discussion with Julialynn Walker. Ms. Walker is a lawyer who has worked previously with Legal Services in Chicago and now works with Memphis State. Tax Codes, Free Speech under the First Amendment and the application of these through the legal system is a special interest of Ms. Walker.

Ms. Walker began her presentation with background information regarding social theory and its relationship to foundations in American political thought. These ideals are reinforced through education, legal processes and "normative values." Specifically, Tax Codes are used to monitor what is considered "free speech" or "fighting words" and in this way regulates what can come under federal jurisdiction.

The Tax-Exempt code that Rhodes

College operates under is 501C3, which most Universities and educational institutions fall under. This stipulates that those individuals and groups receiving funds through the College (Allocations Board, etc.) are bound by the Tax Code regulations.

Ms. Walker contends that organizations and individuals can fall into two theoretical camps: "a thousand points of light" or "fighting words." The thousand points of light, a la George Bush, maintains that traditional service oriented activity and normative reinforcement of "American values" will keep the society stable. "Fighting words" is a phrase that is derived from the Tax Code definition of where the First Amendment ends and the jurisdiction of "Men (sic) of Common Intelligence" takes over. This all sounds very confusing, and it is.

What it all boils down to is that the Tax Codes, like most other legislative systems, have a lot of grey areas. There is a big difference between "peaceful assembly," "fighting

words" and "potential for violence." Most of the organizations that petition to Allocations board for money do not have much "potential for violence." However, the real issue for campus organizations is the allocation of funds for "politically oriented" groups. The Tax Code does not automatically preclude political organizations from receiving funds. It does monitor how those groups present "educational material" and exercise power through legislative influence.

Organizations with political "leanings" should not be discouraged from applying for Allocation funds. Principles of representatives of both sides of issues presented and certain restrictions of both sides of issues presented and certain restrictions on legislative and lobbying practices do apply. Those persons interested in learning more about how 501C3 can work for them, instead of against them, should obtain a copy of the Tax Code for specifics.

Through Kinney if transportation is a problem.

The Kinney Program wants to know about the volunteer programs in which Rhodes students, faculty, and staff are involved. Please let us know what you do via campus mail, the Kinney board in the student center, or a visit to the Tuthill office. We also have many other opportunities from tutoring programs to Kinney Clowns if you want to become involved in the program. Anyone with questions or desiring to volunteer in any program should contact a coordinator. The coordinators are Liz Dueker (3617), Lisa Mancini (3697), Kim Pine (3320), and Kim Medland (3318).

domestic violence incidents, ultimately resulting in a reduction in homicides." The primary method used by the agency is a telephone service directed towards the needs of the victim. The Family Trouble Center has provided literature concerning its operations to the Kinney Program and is anxious to work with interested Rhodes students.

Also, for those Rhodes students who miss their pet from home, the Memphis Humane Society needs volunteers to walk, play, and brush both cats and dogs. The Humane Society is close to Rhodes, and a campus car is available

Kinney Update

Many Rhodes students choose to enhance their college experiences by donating their time to local organizations. The Kinney Program is the campus liaison between students and local groups that need volunteers. In addition to the wide variety of opportunities, Kinney welcomes two new organizations this year.

The Family Trouble Center is a new Memphis agency whose focus is on domestic violence. Working directly with the Memphis Police Department the Center aims at "reduc(ing) the numbers of the police repeat calls on

"Building Cultural Bridges" With The BSA

by Gayla Bassham

Times have changed — and so has the focus of the Black Student Association. The BSA was originally formed to be a "support group" for black students who were from predominantly black high schools and were unused to being a minority in the classroom. Now, with students coming from more integrated high schools, the emphasis has shifted from supporting black students to educating all students about cultures that are traditionally underrepresented.

As the purpose of the group has changed, so has its make-up. Once primarily black, the number of non-black members has grown over the last few years. The Black Student Association now wants to be known as an association for all students interested in cultural exchange, not just blacks.

The BSA is doing many things to facilitate this change in attitude. Its theme this year is "Building Cultural Bridges" and all publicity reflects that

theme. Even the T-shirts for the members say, "Don't let the name fool you — we're all in the same gang." However, the name of the group could be what prevents some non-black students from joining.

Earlier this year, the Black Student Association briefly considered a proposal from some members to change the name. Proponents think that this change would bring more non-black students into the organization and would prove the BSA's commitment to cultural exchange. Opponents believe that the group should still be a support group for black students and that this cannot be effectively done if the name is changed.

Although it was decided to retain the traditional name of the "Black Student Association", the title could conceivably be changed in the future. The change may become essential to the group's goal of cultural diversity, since many non-black students could be intimidated by the name.

Bork To Speak At Rhodes

from Helen Norman

An outspoken critic of judicial activism, lawyer and former judge Robert H. Bork will speak at Rhodes on Monday, October 8, under the auspices of the Gilliland Symposium. Bork, President Reagan's candid but controversial nominee to the Supreme Court in 1987, will talk about the "Use and Abuse of Constitutional Theory" at 8 p.m. in Hardie Auditorium.

Bork was solicitor general of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington from 1973-77, acting attorney general of the U.S. from 1973-74, and judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit from 1982-88. He is currently the John M. Olin Scholar in Legal Studies with the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research and is the author of a new book, "The Tempting of America: The Political Seduction of the Law."

Robert Faulkner, professor of political science at Boston College, will comment on Bork's address immediately following it. Faulkner is an authority on American legal thought and the constitution. In addition to his appearance as a Gilliland Symposium

speaker, Bork will be the kick-off speaker at Rhodes' Institute on the Profession of Law. The Institute is a four-session program of continuing legal education for Mid-South attorneys.

The Gilliland Symposium will also bring McGeorge Bundy to campus to speak on October 23. Bundy, now a professor and author, was special assistant for national security to Presidents John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson. He was greatly involved in the important foreign policy decisions of the Cuban and Berlin nuclear crisis.

The Gilliland Symposium was established at Rhodes by the family of Frank Gilliland, a well-regarded Memphis attorney who died in 1984. Its purpose is to bring to campus distinguished speakers who will address the various social and ethical issues confronting America. Pulitzer Prize-winning author Taylor Branch, who wrote the acclaimed "Parting the Waters: America in the King Years," spoke last year under the Gilliland program. Other notable Gilliland speakers have been writer Eudora Welty and former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm.

CORRECTION

Last week's story about the WLYX Fundraiser contained some unclear language and may have been misleading. The station requests a \$1.00 donation per album you receive from the station's library at the Fundraiser on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, 4 to 7 p.m.

This is the front page. The front page contains short, factual articles on recent events.

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Editorial: Clearing Up A Few Things:

by Elizabeth Orr, Co-editor

Judging from several comments and letters Jonathan and I have received this week, I feel there are some misunderstandings about the way a newspaper runs, journalistic ethics, and what Jonathan and I feel is the purpose of the *Sou'wester* on Rhodes' campus.

First, the article written by Bill Jordan last week that has incited several students was placed on the FORUM page. According to *The Merriam-Webster Dictionary*, the definition for forum is: "A medium (as a publication) of open discussion." In other words, it is a place where readers may voice their own opinions about anything they would like as long as 1. It does not personally slander or defame an individual or 2. use language unacceptable for our publication as stated in the staff box and 3. if it is signed as required by the Publications Board Constitution. It does NOT necessarily reflect the ideas or principles of the editors, the associate editor, the editorial staff or Rhodes College. We do not assign such articles or dictate their content in any way or form and therefore, we have no control over what people will write about unless the above "rules" apply.

Second, opinions are not usually based on facts but on feelings of anger or frustration and perhaps even a few misconceptions. Because they are what the writer feels, it is not a necessity to fact check for accuracy, since neither editor can check the feelings of another person. If, however, this article were placed on a purely factually based news page, such as Campus News or the front page, then fact checking would apply. And, if an inflammatory quote from an individual were used in such an editorial or opinion piece, then fact checking would apply as well. Opinion articles are very commonplace among other reputable news mediums and magazines such as *Newsweek* (called "My Turn") and all newspapers that I've ever encountered also have such pages called "Opinion" or "Editorial page" etc. In Mervin Mencher's second edition of *Basic News Writing* impartiality of a newspaper or editors requires that "news reports and opinion should be clearly distinct. Opinion articles should be clearly identified as such." (page 399) I believe that the use of the heading FORUM at the top of the page took care of this.

Jonathan and I want to use this page perhaps differently than other editors to print controversial articles that will promote campus discussion about many issues that students or staff or administration feel strongly about. It is here that ideas and thoughts may be discussed freely and openly, unrestricted by the guidelines of "hard" news, which is factually based and must contain accurate facts and quotes (usually centering around an event). This page and the Opinion page are not designed to slander but to arouse questions and discussion about problem-solving. Imagine if journalists and the public were prohibited from commenting on the United States Government or the President or the Vice President! This type of writing is what our founding fathers believed in. Think about it.

I think that there is a need to examine what has made people so angry at this article and our printing of it. I hope that it is not because it made people upset or mad. Ethical journalism is based on showing the whole picture. Not just presenting articles and ideas that are acceptable to everyone and makes everyone happy. Where would our country be if a few of our founding fathers hadn't written articles (opinions) that inflamed Europe and made people think? Sometimes we need a little bit of controversy to make people think and urge them to make improvements. But I don't think it is fair or ethical to not print an opinion of a fellow student just because it might make someone somewhere unhappy.

You, Too, Can Declare A Major!

by S. Stinson Liles
Associate Editor

Being a Junior (or a Third Year student or a One Year To Go Student or whatever you want to call it) at Rhodes

S. Stinson Liles
Associate Editor

College has a certain amount of prestige. This is not because a junior has been here longer than half the campus. It's not because we don't have to live in Stewart or Bellingrath. It's not even because we finally have learned the names of all the buildings (I learned Harris Lodge just last week). The single greatest achievement of a junior is having survived the (turn on the reverb) DECLARATION OF MAJOR.

For those who have yet to undergo this ordeal, it is not as simple as it sounds. First you must go by the Registrar's office (Hours 12:00-3:15 Mondays and Thursdays) and choose from their wide selection of forms. When (i.e. if) you get the right one, you must fill in approximately 350 blanks and then proceed to Phase II: Getting It Signed (I always get my Declaration of Major confused with the Declaration of Independence

because they have about the same number of signatures). START EARLY! Since Department Heads have office hours not unlike the Registrar's, the entire process will take two to eighteen weeks to complete (Double majors should take the semester off).

I brought this up, though, to discuss the undue hysteria students give to deciding a major. Filling out the required documents is trying enough . . . don't let the actual choosing of your major get the best of you. William Rasberry of *The Washington Post* writes that "aside from such vocational courses as engineering or computer science, any relation between majors and careers is largely incidental." If you like one of the "useless" majors, go for it! John Wilson, a history professor at Hillsdale College in Michigan, was asked one too many times, "but what do I do with a history major?" He published a reply in a campus publication. "It is typical for sophomores," he writes, "to say, 'I want to be an anchorman. Therefore I will major in journalism. Where do I sign up?' They act like they have had a blow to the solar plexus when I say, a) Hillsdale has no journalism department, and b) if we did, it would no more make you an anchorman than a major in English makes you an Englishman."

Study the things that you most want to learn about. The reason to get a Liberal Arts education is to learn how to learn. Once you are accomplished in taking in information, understanding it, discussing it, formulating opinions about it and writing it down effectively, you are ready to go out and do it on your own . . . no matter what kind of information you are used to processing or what kind you are about to face.

The University of Virginia compiled the results of a survey of 2,000 arts and sciences graduates. 91% would recommend liberal arts to students considering the same careers. The professionals surveyed included English majors in television sales, editorial production, systems analysis and law. One was a biology major that later earned a business degree and went on to become a bank president.

The survey concluded that the best recipe for a college experience is career-related experience and initiative built on a liberal arts base. So stop worrying about what major you're going to choose. Start poking around to find a department that interests you, grab a form and make sure your advisor isn't on sabbatical. Have some fun and learn what an education is really about.

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Letters To The Editors

To the Editors:

I am writing in response to Bill Jordan's article on Panhellenic Association and Interfraternity Council which appeared in last week's *Sou'wester*. Mr. Jordan is certainly entitled to his opinion. However, he should have made an effort to learn about how the organizations work before he criticized them so harshly.

The Rhodes College Panhellenic Association was created to "develop and maintain fraternity life and interfraternity relations at a high level of accomplishment and, in doing so, to: Promote superior scholarship as basic to intellectual achievement, cooperate with College Administration in the enforcement of college policies where applicable to the deemed members of this council, as well as in the enforcement of specific rushing and pledging regulations, rule on extenuating circumstances concerning initiation or pledging when brought before the council (Article II, sections 1-3, Rhodes College Panhellenic Constitution)."

The Rhodes College Panhellenic Association is advised by the National Panhellenic Conference which is made up of twenty-six national women's fraternities, including the five groups present on the Rhodes campus. The National Panhellenic Conference only makes recommendations to the member fraternities. These recommendations can only become law when they are ratified by the member groups. The Unanimous Agreements of the National Panhellenic Conference are an example of such recommendations. Because they have been ratified, all member groups and college Panhellenic Associations are required to follow them.

Mr. Jordan has criticized the Panhellenic Association on several issues. First, he addresses the Rush rules and the supposed abundance of violations this year. Minor infractions occurred as they do every year, but no major infractions were brought before Panhellenic Judiciary. Greek women at Rhodes have made a conscious effort to learn the Rush rules, abide by them, and promote Panhellenic spirit. The majority of the "many female informal Rush violations" that Mr. Jordan alluded were only rumors that always abound during Rush. Rush rules are not intended to make life difficult. They are intended to make Rush a more pleasant experience for rushees and to give all the sororities an equal advantage. Rhodes Panhellenic Association and member groups are required to establish Rush rules: "Each college Panhellenic shall establish rules for governing Rush (Article IV, section 2a, National Panhellenic Conference Unanimous Agreements)."

Mr. Jordan goes on to criticize the changes in Bid Day. I realize that he has expressed the feelings of many students on this campus, but there are legitimate reasons for the changes: "Each college Panhellenic shall prohibit the use of alcoholic beverages in Rush. Each college Panhellenic shall prohibit the participation of men in Rush functions (Article IV, sections 2d-3e, National Panhellenic Conference Unanimous Agreements)." Not only are the changes in accordance

with the Unanimous Agreements, they are in accordance with the alcohol policy of Rhodes College. If changes had not been made, sorority charters would have been revoked. Most importantly, Panhellenic Bid Day is a time for sisterhood, fun, and fond memories. Looking back four years to my own Bid Day experiences, the only thing that stands out in my mind is being drenched by beer and catching a cold. The memories of singing, ceremonies, and meeting my new sisters are a blur. This year was definitely a change for the better.

The part of the article that upset me the most was Mr. Jordan's description of the "Pan Central Committee to Knock On Doors and Give Bad News". I would love to know if he has any better ways to handle the situation. I think that the Panhellenic Association has found the best means of approaching a sensitive situation. Women who go through Rush are told about the possibility of not receiving a bid from the very beginning. The subject is not dwelt upon because that would certainly put a damper on what is supposed to be an enjoyable experience. We schedule times for Rushees to be in their rooms so that we do not have to search the Rat, the library, a men's dorm, or any other public place to inform those that did not receive any invitations or a bid. We also try to schedule our visits at times when the dorms will not be busy, early in the morning or during a campus-wide event such as a football game. It's not a pleasant job. You feel like the Grim Reaper. Ask any Panhellenic representative, and she'll likely tell you that it makes her question her Greek affiliation. There is no right way to do it, so we do the best we can.

Just like any other organization at Rhodes, the Panhellenic Association has its shortcomings. We welcome comments and criticisms, but we prefer that they be supported by knowledge of how the Panhellenic Association operates. We have done our best to make sure that all rules are followed and all opinions are heard. On a campus that is well over fifty percent Greek, major events like Rush have run amazingly smoothly.

Kristen Pryor
Panhellenic Association Secretary

To the Editors:

I am writing in response to the article by Bill Jordan in the September 27, 1990 issue of *The Sou'wester*. I believe that this article demonstrates irresponsible journalism as well as a decided lack of correct information on the part of the author. Mr. Jordan is entitled to his opinion, but this opinion, when published, should be based upon fact, not rumor or speculation.

First, as a member of the Panhellenic "Central Committee" I have not heard of any new rush rules for next year, just a clarification of an existing one. Would Mr. Jordan please explain how he is privy to this information while I am not? All rush rules are instituted to try and make this time less trying for rushees and sorority women, as is silence. Silence is not intended as some sort of torture, but rather as a way to lessen the tension felt by rushees during formal rush and

to allow them to make their own decisions about pledging.

Secondly, in his description of the new Bid Day regulations, Mr. Jordan relies on hearsay rather than fact as the basis of his opinion. It was NOT the Rhodes College Panhellenic Council that made this decision, but the National Panhellenic Conference. NPC is a body made up of national representatives from each of the twenty-six national Panhellenic organizations. The new Bid Day regulations were passed by unanimous agreement of the NPC. This means that all twenty-six members, including the five representing the Panhellenic organizations with chapters at Rhodes, voted to accept these changes.

Finally, I firmly believe in Mr. Jordan's right to his opinion. However, if he would like more information on which to base this opinion, he is welcome to speak to me or any member of the Panhellenic Council or to attend a Panhellenic meeting at 6:30 on Thursdays in 110 Kennedy.

Bronwyn A. Spiers
Panhellenic VP of Programming

To the Editors:

A fine line exists between satire and slander. Satire, as defined in *Webster's II: New Riverside Dictionary* (1984), is "irony, derision, or caustic wit used to attack or expose folly, vice, or stupidity." Slander, according to the same source, is "a false and malicious statement injurious to another's reputation." In his article in the September 27 issue of *The Sou'wester*, "Central Planning at Rhodes College: Pan and IFC", Bill Jordan crossed the line separating satire from slander.

The main thing that makes Mr. Jordan's article so slanderous is that he states things as facts when he is really drawing his own conclusions. These conclusions have no basis in fact and should not be stated as such.

For instance, he mentions the large number of Rush Rules violations this year. Yes, there were several—too many in fact. But from there, he goes on to assert that Pan is "thinking about adding even more rules next year." Pan has absolutely no desire or intention to do this.

Mr. Jordan also states, "They don't seem to understand that there is a high degree of correlation between the number of rules and the amount of infractions." In the past, Rush Rules have been more numerous and more complex. Unfortunately, the number of infractions is not related to the number of rules, but is directly related to the number of people who choose not to pay attention to the Rules that do exist.

In his second point, Mr. Jordan equates the people who formulated the "no men or alcohol" rule for Pan Bid Day with the same people who sold cups as a fund-raiser at the beginning of the term. The National Panhellenic Council, which consists of representatives from the national headquarters of each member sorority, passed the rule. This rule then came down to the Rhodes Panhellenic Council, the ones who sold the cups. The Rhodes Pan is merely responsible for enforcing a rule made by their superiors. They did not create it. To equate the planners at the National Panhellenic Council with the Rhodes Panhellenic Council is illogical as well as simply untrue.

Further down in his article, Mr. Jor-

dan refers to Pan as being "an-retentive." This clearly fits the definition of slander in that it is false and malicious, and it directly attacks the Panhellenic Council's reputation.

Everything I have referred to so far is basically within the first half of Mr. Jordan's article. I could go on, but I feel I have made my point that the article is slanderous. This indicates, though, a larger and more important problem to be addressed: The members of the Rhodes College publications' staffs have a responsibility to behave within the ethical guidelines of journalism.

First and foremost, a writer has the obligation to research and verify his or her information before submitting any article of non-fiction writing. The extreme level of misinformation in Mr. Jordan's piece demonstrates that he did not research his topic very thoroughly, if at all. For example, any member of Pan could have told him that the Council no longer meets on the third floor of Clough.

Even more disturbing than this writer's reckless disregard for his responsibility, is the editors' role in printing the article. Editors have just as much of a responsibility, if not more, to check out the facts of a story before printing it. College newspapers are not immune to lawsuits based on slander or libel, and in court the editors are the ones held liable for everything that is printed.

More immediately, though, the editors need to remember their relationship to the college administration. Right now, they are given a great deal of leeway with the publication of the newspaper. The administration, though, does have the authority to pull the reins in on *The Sou'wester*. They will have justification for doing so if they determine that the editors are not being ethically responsible with what they are printing.

Valerie M. Weeks

To the Editors:

I am writing in response to Bill Jordan's article, "Central Planning at Rhodes College: Pan and IFC". Obviously, Mr. Jordan is ignorant as to the purpose and effectiveness of Pan or IFC.

The Panhellenic Council at Rhodes College is comprised of elected and appointed representatives from each sorority on this campus. The National Panhellenic Conference member sororities at Rhodes have chosen to create and support a Panhellenic Council here. The representatives to Pan are carefully chosen by each group so that the interests of that group will be expressed to the other groups on campus. In its capacity to communicate information from the different sororities to each other, to represent the views of sorority women to the administration, and to foster goodwill among all sorority members, Panhellenic functions as an indispensable part of Greek life at this school.

The author of last week's article fails to recognize the necessity for Pan. Many of his assertions about Pan are unfounded. For example, he asserts that many informal Rush violations occurred this year. As a matter of fact, Panhellenic Judiciary Committee did not even meet once to discuss Rush violations. The Pan Rules of Rush were established by the sororities on campus to make Rush a pleasant experience for the Rushees. Silence, for example, begins the day before membership selection to sororities begins. Silence is a means to shield the Rushees and the sororities from knowledge of anything that may have happened during the selection process. Because of the feeling of trust that exists among the sororities the number of Rush Rules has decreased in the past two years.

One drastic change for Rush was Women's Bid Day. This year, it was a great success. Unfortunately, the entire campus was unable to share in our celebration; however, it was a celebration for sorority pledges. In accordance with National Pan Rulings, men were not allowed to participate in the festivities. Sorry guys, you missed a great party, but certainly not because we wanted to exclude you!

In the future, I hope that Panhellenic activities will not be criticized as they were in this article. If they are, I hope that the criticisms are legitimate, not based on hearsay and rumor.

Johanna Kahalley,
Panhellenic President

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Letters to the Editors, Continued

To the Editors:

This letter is written in response to last week's article by Bill Jordan: "Central Planning at Rhodes College: Pan and IFC." Mr. Jordan's claims are unfounded, and only serve to show his ignorance regarding those issues he attempted to address.

1. PAN and IFC are not removed from the day to day operations of the groups they represent. The day to day issues that fraternities at Rhodes have to deal with are discussed or resolved in some fashion at regular IFC meetings or at IFC Judiciary Council.
2. The article characterized the decisions of the IFC as "very strange." If the writer thinks that the decisions arrived at by two representatives of each fraternity and their respective presidents are strange, then perhaps he is the one who is removed from the "day to day"

of Greek life.

3. The "IFC tax" which the article claims to be a result of "fiscal mismanagement" is referred to by IFC as an assessment, which is a familiar term for most Greeks. An assessment is collected in lieu of fundraisers in order to help pay for a large social event; in this case the event is IFC Formal. The accusation of fiscal mismanagement is a figment of the author's imagination and can be refuted by the most simple accounting principles.
4. The issue of aid to the Sigma Nu Fraternity for water damage done to their house by a sewer line that services all the fraternity houses was a matter decided upon at the close of spring semester last year. It was merely old business that hadn't been acted upon yet. Money to pay for this was taken out of a discretionary fund that the IFC has

set aside for such dilemmas. It was not taken from the alleged "cash surplus" that the author claims to exist.

5. The "frightening consequences" of penalties for violation of the alcohol policy were not formed "because the administration made us do it," as the author claims; the IFC Judiciary Board came up with these sanctions in order for IFC to retain jurisdiction over fraternity related policy violations. If we had not done so the ability of the Greek system to govern itself, through the IFC, would have been put in jeopardy.

Get the facts next time . . .

Clifford Rich
IFC President

David Agee
IFC Vice-President

Words Which Have Lost Their Meaning, Part 1

by Bill Jordan

Over the next few weeks I would like to explore some of the rather odd ways in which words and phrases have been "Americanized." American speech may be divided by region, sex, race, religion, or socio-economic class, with each having its own peculiarities.

For instance, if one lives within a 400 mile radius of Atlanta, the Coca-Cola center of the world, then all carbonated soft drinks are simply "Cokes." However, if one had the misfortune of being born outside this circle then the words "pop" or "soda" are used to describe a beverage which is obviously a "Coke." Many Southerners associate "pop" with the sound of cedar burning in the fireplace, or with familiar "Snap, Crackle, Pop" of Rice Crispies, and "soda" is the ingredient used in cakes and cookies and certainly should not be drunk unless it is "Club Soda" which may be used in combination with alcoholic beverages in the dorm rooms of those 21 and older at Rhodes College.

Similarly, Americans import words from other nations and drastically alter their meaning, such as the word "liberal." We attend a "liberal Arts" school in order to be trained in the various arts and sciences which constitutes a well-educated individual. Yet in 1988 we saw that the "L-word" carried evil connotations and caused candidates to lose elections, because liberalism stood for taxation, government control and intervention into our personal lives, and a belief that the individual must subvert himself to the larger group. This is in direct opposition to the traditional use of the word "liberal" as it developed in the 16th-19th centuries. In his Foreword to *The Road to Serfdom*, F.A. Hayek states that the current use of the word in this country . . . that "liberal" has come to mean the advocacy of almost every kind of government control." He states that it is regrettable that those

who truly believe in liberty and the individual allowed the meaning of the word to be obscured in such a way that it is now necessary for true liberals to align themselves with conservatives. For Hayek, conservatism is "paternalistic, nationalistic, and power-adoring. . . often closer to socialism than true liberalism.

True liberalism quite simply is the idea of liberty and freedom in all parts of life. It emphasizes the natural rights of the individual and abhors the idea of outside control or domination of those rights. This liberalism had its root in Europe with Descartes and his ideas on rationalism. Spinoza and his writings on reason and value, and Milton with his work against censorship and his support of truth writing. It grew as a philosophy with the Reformation which stressed the role of the individual in religious judgement, and found its apex in the Enlightenment through the writings of such authors as Rousseau, Locke, Voltaire, Goethe, Jefferson, Franklin, and Smith. It manifested the ideals of individual liberty in the American and French revolution, in the "laissez faire" view of economics, and in the ideas of popular sovereignty and classically (liberally) educated individual.

Though liberalism stresses the rights of the individual, Locke states that "No government allows absolute liberty." It should not take away the freedom to think, speak, form parties, discuss, buy and sell, or believe, yet property rights must be assigned for an economic and political body and these should be enforced by an agreed upon system of common law. This law should not restrict individual freedoms unless they would detract from the freedom of others. Most importantly, this common law must develop spontaneously from the people and the government should not try to redefine or remove the natural rights of the individuals in the law.

In America the traditional view of

liberalism was originally embraced by the Founding Fathers as they set up the nation. However, the traditional view of liberalism gradually evolved into "welfare liberalism" and finally "welfare socialism" with the aid of Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, and John Kennedy. The word "liberal," which previously had been used to describe one who despised government control was changed over a period from 1933 to the present to describe one who supported government intervention and who saw the individual as having little power and control over his life.

Are true liberals still in existence? Of course they are, though they fall under the nebulous banner of "conservative with reservations" or the relative obscurity of "libertarian." In any case, the word "liberal" has certainly lost its true meaning.

LDDS: No New Charge

by Laura Locke

Finally, an end to all the confusion. After talking with Richard Huddleston, the Cashier at Rhodes, I realized that all the complaining about the new phone service LDDS, which went into effect September 21 was unjustified. Rhodes students who do not use the school's long distance system aren't being charged extra for their long distance calls.

When asked why Rhoads chose to adopt this new system, Huddleston replied, "Rhodes has never had a full operator service. We felt this would be more convenient for the students. In the past, if you had problems with calling long distance, there was no recourse; now, there is a company that can answer any questions and take care of any problems which might arise."

Huddleston assured me that LDDS is in no way connected to the school long distance service. Students who use calling cards are still being burdened with the same surcharge as in the past. Long distance companies have always charged a certain fee every time the calling card was used, and that surcharge is no different now. Students simply hear a different voice before punching in their credit number. Huddleston also said that there have been a few problems with long distance access from several dormitory rooms on campus, but LDDS is working to alleviate those problems as soon as possible.

Huddleston was not prepared for the influx of complaints he received after implementing the system. He said that the majority of complaints were from students who were afraid they were being ripped off by the school. He feels that he could have avoided many of the complaints if he had explained that there is no new charge. Many students have made accusations like, "How dare you charge me for this," simply because they did not realize that in reality nothing has changed. Students can still avoid using the school long distance system and not be charged a dime more.

So relax and do not throw your phone the next time you hear "Welcome to LDDS," because it is not another plot to enable Rhodes to pile in more money. According to our school cashier, Richard Huddleston, it is a new system designed to make long distance calling more convenient for Rhodes student.

McCoy Season 10 Opens Friday

by Dina Facklis

Something unusual is coming to Rhodes' McCoy Theatre this fall: Spring. The magic, the beauty, the laughter, the spirit of rebirth—all the elements of the season visit the campus in the form of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Under the direction of Julia "Cookie" Ewing, Shakespeare's well loved comedy is approaching its performance dates with diligence and excitement.

The play will be presented at the McCoy Theatre on the following dates: October 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, and 14. With exception of the 2:00 p.m. matinee on the 7th, the play will open its curtains at 8:00 p.m. each evening.

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The annual Homecoming yard display contest theme will be "Rhodes v. Wash U." or "Homecoming '90's Style" this year. Winners will receive \$50. Forms for entry are available in the Alumni office, 118 Palmer Hall, and are due by 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 12.

Displays must be ready by 10:30 a.m., Saturday, October 13.

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Goings on about Town

by Marc Baker

OPERA MEMPHIS—

Pirates of Penzance October 13 and 16 at the Orpheum.

MEMPHIS SYMPHONY—

"Ludwig, First and Last" October 5, 6, 7 at the De Frank Music Hall.

McCOY THEATRE—

Midsummer Night's Dream Opens October 5 at the McCoy Theatre.

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Beyond the GOTHIC village

by Drew Conner

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

ANTENNA CLUB: Rebelairs, Hilltops

RUM BOOGIE CAFE: Don McMahon and the Rum Boogie Band

NORTH END: Thursday Night Group

LOU'S PLACE: Front Street Blues Band

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

ANTENNA CLUB: The Marylands, The Humpbacks

RUM BOOGIE CAFE: Don McMahon and the Rum Boogie Band

NORTH END: Sid Selvidge
616: Beat Farm

LOU'S PLACE: Front Street Blues Band

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

ANTENNA CLUB: Psychic Plowboys

RUM BOOGIE CAFE: Don McMahon and the Rum Boogie Band

NORTH END: Sid Selvidge
616: ★★ WIDESPREAD PANIC !!!

LOU'S PLACE: Front Street Blues Band



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STUDENT ASSEMBLY NOTES

by Kellye Crane

The Rhodes Student Assembly met on Wednesday with a renewed enthusiasm following their retreat last weekend. One of the student concerns

addressed was the addition of lights to the tennis courts. Because the Sportsplex is at least five years away, the Student Assembly has drafted a letter to Coach Clary in an attempt to make

this a thing of the near future.

Another problem approached by the Student Life committee was the plight of commuter students who often do not have universal keys. Mal reported

that commuter students simply should go to the cashier's office and pay a measly \$10, and then take the receipt to the Dean of Students office where a key will be issued.

The Special Events Committee reported that new Homecoming festivities, including a "spirit week" of sorts, are in the planning stages.

Look for more than the traditional pep rally.

Bill Jordan announced that the honor Council is currently revising its constitution. He asked that anyone with suggestions let him know.

And don't forget the Social Commission meetings are held every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in Tuthill.

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Greg Gallent
Consumer Economics and Housing
Cornell University

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Meditation on Arkansas Novaculite

by Darby Moore

There's a big bag of very dirty rocks adding to the clutter of my desk. Stuck in among my books there are three extremely cumbersome rocks of a dense, smooth tan streaked tan streaked with orange, rust and yellow. This rock, among many others, might not spark anyone's attention—unless they were informed that it was a rare kind of rock, Arkansas Novaculite, it might not receive more than a passing glance. The structure that these rocks came from is a huge rock outcrop along the highway outside of Little Rock, AR. Four weeks ago I probably would've driven right past it; the tan ½ mile streak a blur in my passenger side window.

Now, I know that among other things, that Novaculite is very old, and very rare. It was formed under an ocean (yes, Arkansas was once an ocean floor) and over millions and millions of years what once was sand and silt and water is now a substance so hard and so unique that L. L. Bean uses it for their specially made wet-stones.

These chunks of novaculite are more than that though. If you'll indulge me as I attempt to wax poetic, they're kind of special to me.

The Arkansas novaculite sticks up some 50 feet above the shoulder of the highway. Its majestic face crumbled by a millenia of erosion and pocked by the dynamiting of road crews, it looks no less impressive because it is an unmarked roadside attraction. It is just not as frequently scrutinized on the bend of highway 270 than if it were, say part of a national Park.

Because of this I think I am drawn to it even more. Everything there is beautiful, but easily described, categorized and identified by carefully placed plaques and convenient scenic picnic areas—appropriately cordoned off and somewhat untouchable. What is so different about this novaculite is the fact that we pulled off of the road especially to look at it. There was no other apparent reason why we should have stopped and risked being run over by 18-wheelers in order to see this outcrop. Had we not been specifically on a geology field trip, I don't know how many of us would have stopped on the way to "somewhere" in order to look at it. But we did. We listened to its history. We imagined it rumbling up and folding and being shifted under ground. I became unsure of the footsteps that I took, realizing that the

earth we stand on is moving always beneath our feet, heedless of mere human contact.

The novaculite on the roadside is a lot like the "ideals" of education we hear about. Especially what I would like to have going on in my liberal arts education. It's very easy to go through a "national parks"-kind of existence. Use the trails that have already been cordoned off and check out the plaques for all of your information. If you already know you're on your way to the Grand Canyon, you don't need to stop at unmarked roadside attractions along the way.

That novaculite drew me to itself. I climbed its walls. I took pieces of it with me. I touched it and wanted to understand what it really was, beyond the facts and figures, and what I needed to know for a test. I'll bet if that outcrop would have been in a national park I wouldn't have scaled it. If I didn't have the extra "push" of being in a class that was studying it, I might have been satisfied with reading a plaque suitable for all reading levels and walking away. I wouldn't have scaled it—you don't climb national monuments. Taking a piece of it with me would have been reproachful, "stealing". The Arkansas novaculite was there for the taking, if only you took the time to find out how special it was.

I feel a little bit like I'm lounging comfortably in hindsight. I feel that I've made some good choices and some bad ones as far as what I've done with my academic and intellectual life so far. I know I am very privileged to be in the situation that I'm in, educationally and otherwise, compared with most of the world. Like someone having the distinct pleasure of living in the Grand Canyon, I've had a somewhat dubious honor bestowed upon me. I hope that I will roam around and search for strange outcrops and learn more about them on my own. Slow down my break-neck speed and quest for the obvious, and enjoy the Arkansas novaculite. Now that I've been fortunate enough to have an academic inkling of a little of everything that is going on out in the world, I need to go out and find it, experience it. I hope I'll get off of my picnic bench in the Grand Canyon and take a few rocks with me.

Share Your Insights
in a Letter
to the Editors

This page contains a factual article on Student Assembly, a big Mac ad and a really cool article about rocks.

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Thoughts From Coach Clary

by Chris Kolker

"It's like that old adage, 'Defense wins championships'" head football Coach Mike Clary says. If that is the case, the Fighting Lynx should be in for another great year. "We have good personnel on defense, with seven of eleven starters returning from a year ago." Clary considers the defense to be the backbone of the team.

However, even the concerns of the team have been coming around. "We are young on offense, as we have been graduating a lot over the past few years. Another concern was that we have had to replace two outstanding kickers." However, Coach Clary is

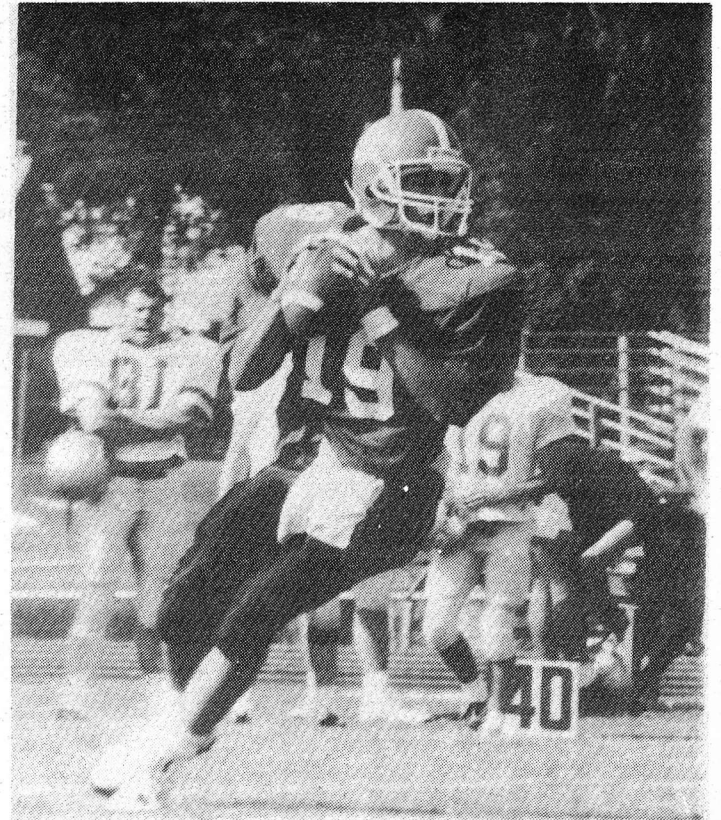
quick to point out that these aspects of the team have proved to be very solid. "The kickers, especially, have made great strides."

So how does the season look? "Centre is probably favored, just because you usually favor the team that won it the year before." Realistically, Clary says that Rhodes, Centre, or Millsaps have perhaps the best shot at winning the title, with Sewanee a darkhorse favorite after winning their first three games. "They are definitely a good team," says Clary, "they beat Millsaps 6-3." Therefore, the toughest part of the schedule still lies ahead for the Lynx.

On a more personal note, Clary was named Rhodes Athletic Director, which gives him responsibility for all varsity and intramural programs. He now has to oversee eight mens' and five womens' sports programs, the growing intramural system, and coach a team. Was time a problem?

"Sure, it requires additional time, but I have learned to delegate some authority. Also, many of these programs are self-sustaining, because they are manned by an experienced staff who help a lot."

Clary hopes that everyone will come out and support the Lynx in their fight for the C.A.C. crown.



Quarterback Trey Babin looks for receiver in Lynx victory over Lambuth

Men's Soccer K I C K S !

by Steve Dorst

For the first time in the history of its program, the men's soccer team took to the air for a road trip. They flew to San Antonio, Texas for a two-game weekend.

Now 2-0 in night games, and 1-1 in the CAC, the Lynx beat Trinity by a score of 2-0 on Saturday night under

the lights. Mike Conden netted a hand ball and Will Jackson powered in a volley for the goals. Steve Spinks assisted both with his long throw-ins. Goalie Everette Herring recorded the shutout.

The next morning, Rhodes faced St. Mary's. Mike Conden scored his fourth goal of the season in a 4-1 loss

tainted by ridiculously poor officiating. The game was cut short midway through the second half after a brawl.

With its win at Trinity, the team assured itself of a berth in the College Athletic Conference Tournament, which will be held at Rhodes October 27-28.

Get a group together to do a Homecoming 1990 Yard Display. Go by the Alumni Office for details.

The Year In Baseball Review

by Chris Kolker

Although as a general rule I am easily bored, I have got to say that this year's baseball season, now in its final week, has been unpredictable. In fact, one could say that there has only been three constants during the season: the Oakland A's, the Atlanta Braves, and the New York Yankees. Oakland has been constant in that they hit a lot of home runs, steal a lot of bases, have an arsenal of pitchers, and generally win all the time. In other words, they're no fun. Atlanta is fun. They are the only team in the major leagues who can consistently score ten runs against your team and lose. It's fascinating to watch this team get an early commanding lead, only to have it slowly evaporate as the Braves rotate ineffectual pitcher after ineffectual pitcher in a desperate attempt to finally finish off the latter innings. New York is Atlanta to the tenth power. They lose consistently, and often are never in the game. After all, what other team's pitcher hurl a no-hitter but lose the game 4-0?

Perhaps the most unpredictable team this year was the Kansas City Royals, my preseason pick to win the AL West

(obviously a slight miscalculation on my part). They acquired Cy Young winner Mark Davis, and a highly regarded Mark Langston to complement their own Cy Young winner, Bret Saberhagan. Put this together with Bo Jackson, a rejuvenated George Brett, and an improving Roy Tarabull, and what do you get? A team that could lose 100 games and finish in the cellar, proving I don't know much about baseball. Mark Davis might get the most unpredictable player of the year, because it is hard to figure out how a guy who was so good last year can be so bad this year.

A couple of other teams did not have it quite so bad this year. Take the Chicago White Sox. I would've guessed them to be cellar dwellers (I said I would've. I didn't say that I did), but they compiled the second best record in the majors with obscure players like Bobby Jones, Ivan Calderon, and Ozzie Guillen. But the L.A. Dodgers experience is classic. They were counted early, but came on strong at the end of the season to put some heat on the Reds, with a lot of their stars injured. When asked why, Dodger manager Tommy Lasorda, instead of piling on

the BS about team unity or working on the fundamentals, replied, "I don't know." I wish my flag-football team had his problem.

Another surprise has been the late-season trades, especially the trade the A's made, acquiring Willie McGee from the Cardinals and Harold Baines from the Rangers. In my opinion, this is an overkill of talent for the A's, like the 49ers drafting five new quarterbacks next year. They would win the series without these guys, and Lord knows, the Cardinals need all the talent they can get. From McGee's perspective, this was a good career move, since he established a high batting average in the National League, and then moved to the American League before he could screw up that average.

Their challenger in the Series could very well be the Reds, which is another surprise. The surprise is that despite having an ex-Yankee manager (Lou Pinella), they are a quality team. All of those guys who were "struggling superstars" now have finally come together to play like a team. One must realize that this makes Pete Rose look like an idiot.

Rhodes Comeback Downs Eagles

by Jeffrey Vaughn

The Rhodes College football team improved their record to 4-0 on Saturday afternoon at Farguson Field. The Lynx beat the Eagles of Lambuth 21-7. The game lived up to be a true hum-dinger.

The Eagles started off the scoring with an impressive drive, with a short pass thrown over the middle to the tight end who scrambled forty yards to Lynx five yard line. On the next play the halfback scampered around end for the score.

The Lynx defense kept the Eagles from scoring twice in the first half, once on a goal-line stand and another with a blocked field goal attempt by senior defensive back Greg Foster. This held the Eagles to only a 7-0 halftime lead. In the first half the Eagles dominated with 248 total yards to the Lynx 148.

In the second half the tide turned on the Eagles. The Lynx came out of the locker room with a mission and were successful. The offense showed great improvement on the first two drives of the second half, but both were stalled by penalties and an interception. The defense then turned it up a notch and

held the Eagle's offense to only 63 yards in the second half. The Rhodes' offense finally scored their first touchdown when Trey Babin ran around the end for 9 yards. The touchdown was set up by a fumble recovery by junior defensive end Brad Jenkins on the 9 yard line. The extra point was blocked so the Eagles still led 7-6. On the next possession the Lynx scored again on a four yard run by Babin.

The touchdown was set up when sophomore running back Greg Ritter took a screen pass and rushed 79 yards to the 11 yard line. A two point conversion made the score 14-7. The special teams then helped out with the scoring when sophomore linebacker Percy "Grimace" Courseault blocked a punt and Terry Johns picked it up and advanced it to the 3 yard line. On the first play Ray Rando carried it in for the Lynx' third touchdown of the fourth quarter. This ended the scoring and the great comeback by the Fighting Lynx.

Next week the Lynx travel to Sewanee to play their second CAC against the University of the South. This promises to be a real barn-burner.

Letters to the Editors (continued)

To the Editors:

During the second day of men's formal rush I was standing on the back porch of the Kappa Sigma house. An officer came up to Keith Arnold and me and told us about Security's new policy. It seems as though the Security must enter and patrol the fraternity houses three times a night from now on.

One remark that stands out in my mind about the conversation with the officer was his statement, "You can't imagine how much time this takes." While cars are continuing to be stolen

from campus and people continue to be harrassed, mugged, and assaulted on campus, someone has seen a grand vision to reallocate the Security staff from the protection of the students to the babysitting of little frat boys.

I am skeptical about this new policy not because I don't want security to enter my fraternity house but because I feel that the administration favors absolute compliance with the new alcohol policy over the safety of the students.

Warren Fincher



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To spare
the feelings
of those
reading, this
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left blank.



This photo was taken just moments after Jordan was seized as he walked down Fraternity Row.

After Last Thursday's Sou'wester Bill Jordan Is Tossed By Riotous Greeks

by Jonathan Paul Smoke

Last Thursday evening, at approximately 3:12:45 (rough estimate, note this is my opinion and not a fact), William H. Jordan IV, was slowly making his way back to his dorm from a mid-afternoon NOW march at that new patriarchal, sexist, continuing-the-sexual-stereotypes-of-women-that-have-oppressed-them-for-centuries-and-are-only-now-being-changed-entrance to the Memphis Zoo when an irate crowd of riotous greeks began taunting him and stole his lunch money.

While Bill suffered no real physical injury, he is undoubtedly scarred emotionally for life. After the damaging-to-his-fragile-psyche experience, I approached Bill regarding some of his thoughts about greek life and life in general.

This is what he had to say, but I could've forgotten some of it, and I may be lying to further my own cause even though I really don't have an interest in this issue at all; I'm just damn glad that Auburn tied Tennessee Saturday, so I'll never hear "Rocky Top" played 14 million times at a national championship.

Bill is a socialist. He makes no qualms about it. In fact, he said that

he makes F. Grant Whittle look like William F. Buckley's evil, radical conservative twin. The real reason he doesn't like Pan and IFC is that they aren't authoritarian enough. "My God, I'm not complaining about the tax," he said, "I just want more taxes. I want my dues to go up to around \$100 a month so we can repaint those cute lions at the SAE house.

Bill said he also owns stock in LDDS. "I don't care what the cashier told you," he said, "but only a fool would think we aren't making money off of you. Money is our hidden agenda, though we also get off by hearing the hot LDDS voice. It's almost as good as Tennessee Date Line."

Bill understands the concept behind the potato as an entree. "I personally urged ARA to have a potato day on which all you can eat are forms of the potato," Bill said. Sources have also confided to us that Bill personally designed the flow of traffic around the salad bar, microwaves, and soda fountains in the rat. Good job, Bill!

Though Bill had a good cry after the entire incident, he was rather cheerful about the whole affair. When asked why he had such a positive attitude after his harsh treatment, he remarked, "I love people. That's simply it."

Rhodes Goes for Big Insurance Bucks

by S. Stinson Liles
Associate Editor

Upon looking further into the recent fire in Palmer, authorities have discovered some disturbing facts. Mounting evidence is beginning to point to administrative arson.

The many coincidences surrounding the fire prompted additional investigation of the incident that occurred on first floor Palmer Hall Tuesday, September 11. Rhodes Social Commissioner Allen Bell, en route to his weekly meeting with the Board of Trustees and Mayor's Office officials, noticed that there are no smoke alarms in Palmer. A pinstriped, wool-suited Bell immediately realized the opportunity for financial gain present and notified *The Rhode'ster*.

The fire was caused by a smouldering object that had been thrown into a garbage basket in a closet in Palmer. A cigarette butt was retrieved from the origin of the fire and was discovered to be a KOOL 100, a favorite cigarette brand of closet chain-smoker Dean Ron Kovach (whose office HAPPENS to be in the same building).

The first scenario compiled by authorities, then, had the image-conscious Kovach sneaking into the afore-mentioned closet for a smoke and accidentally tossing the aforementioned butt into the aforementioned basket. Journalistic curiosity, however led us the First Mutual Fereferation of Grotesquely Rich Institutions Insurance Company where Rhodes keeps its buildings insured. The highest payoff Rhodes could receive would result from, you got it, an Accidental Closet Garbage Fire. The total net would be 3.2 billion dollars.

When presented with this information, President Daughdrill issued a previously written statement to *Rhode'ster* reporters. "I, uh, was in . . . umm, the bathroom at the time. That's it. The bathroom. I was in the bathroom . . . I promise. Scout's honor."

Also, Fire Station officials report attempts to stop their prompt response to the call from Rhodes Security. "The tires on all three trucks were slashed by somebody with a Navy-issue utili-

ty knife," the captain told reporters.

Police, twenty minutes later at 2:45 a.m., picked up a subtly dressed Vice President Harlow within a mile of the station, walking down deserted Hollywood Avenue towards Germantown. When asked where he was going, he answered, "I always walk home this way . . . you can ask my sister Edna." Harlow was then confronted with the fact that Hollywood doesn't go to Germantown and furthermore, he has no sister Edna. He accused them of taking his statements out of context.

The fire was snuffed, however, before it could do any damage and no insurance money was received.

First Federated Mutual, however, showed a rekindled interest in the case when an anonymous journalist called with the above information.

**Address Your
Letters To
Someone Else**

Are These Pre-Earthquake Signs?

Mounds of Earth Surface Around Campus—Hundreds Die

by Jonathan Paul Smoke

Last Tuesday, strange apocalyptic signs started emerging from the earth below our beloved campus. It may be mere coincidence, but all of them appeared where asphalt covers the ground.

The large mounds of asphalt did help the campus foil a crime, however. Sometime after sundown, Marj

Thigpen, President of Student Assembly, and Mal Johnson, Vice President of Student Assembly, attempted to make off with the tandem bicycle without having 18 forms of identification. They were unsuccessful in perpetrating the act when they ran into one of the mounds slowing down speeding motorists on the expressway in front of the rat and were hurled in-

to those really prickly bushes.

Bill Nourse, Director of Security, felt this would help destroy the suspension on every student and faculty person's car, and therefore help his new "Suspensions R Us" garage opening just around the corner.

Dr. Hans Zharkov, formerly of NASA, said that there was no cause for alarm.



An unsuspecting small car owner is foiled by the new geologic phenomena

This is the Rhode'ster. We have no real explanation for its contents