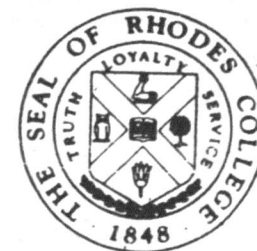


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Director of Financial Aid Art Weeden describes to Student Assembly the current funding imbalance in Financial Aid. One of the proposed remedies is abolishing "zero contribution."

Michta Addresses Future Of Eastern Europe In Seidman Lecture

by J. B. Cormier

On Tuesday, February 4, at 8:00, Dr. Andrew Michta presented the first of this year's M. L. Seidman Town Hall Lecture Series, discussing "The Post Communist Successor States: Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union in the 90's" in Hardie Auditorium. He discussed just about every aspect of the region and posed some interesting challenges and questions regarding the future of the region. He also gave his estimation of the future of Eastern Europe.

Michta stated before beginning his lecture that he was speaking on the future of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, but the recent changes in the area altered his topic slightly.

Michta claimed that Eastern and Central Europe was the place of origination for the two world wars as well as the Cold War. The Cold War ended with the reunification of Germany, since, Michta claimed, the USSR was only a great power as long as Germany was divided.

He categorized three separate areas in Eastern Europe: the Triangle, a term coined in 1989 to describe Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary; the Balkans; and the USSR successor states. He then discussed the situation of each of these three areas.

Michta stated that the Triangle is the most successful region of the former Soviet bloc, claiming that by the end of the decade they will be full members of the EC. Of these three, Hungary is the most successful, due

to the extreme amounts of foreign investment. Fifty percent of all foreign investment in Eastern Europe is going into Hungary.

When looking at the Balkans, Michta says that the picture isn't very pleasant. Yugoslavia is fragmented; Romania admits to having manipulated its election in 1991; and Bulgaria is struggling to come to terms with its communist past. There is strife and conflict throughout this region and the developed core of Western Europe doesn't really care. The low-level violence in the Balkans poses no threat of global war, so Western Europe can afford to ignore the situation.

Then there is the Commonwealth of Independent States, which is really a confederation. Michta claims that this successor to the Soviet Union is heading nowhere. Russia claims to be dominant, but doesn't have the military to back up that claim. Ukraine is printing its own currency in spite of the fact that Russia claims that their ruble is the only legal tender. And then there is the question of nuclear weapons. Yeltsin wanted Russia to have them all, but Ukraine felt that this was unacceptable. This leaves Ukraine with a greater nuclear capacity than either France or the United Kingdom. This all points to a progressive deterioration of the system.

Michta claims that it will all hinge on the decision of the senior military officials as well as Yeltsin's ability to keep popular support. The military may force Yeltsin to gather the con-

federation around the Russian core and he may lose popularity due to the hardships of winter. Furthermore, one can't reform a state if one doesn't know where it should be going.

Michta then proceeded to make some predictions about what he felt would happen within the decade. He feels very optimistic about the Triangle. The key to their success will be the new German state. Germany has vested interest in their success in order to contain the migration of the poor, which has already started to happen—Russians move into Poland as Poles move into (former) East Germany as East Germans move into (former) West Germany.

In the Balkans, Slovenia and Croatia will probably take Yugoslavia's place in the Pentagonal/Hexagonal group. This was originally created in 1989 and composed of Italy, Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia; Poland joined later. This group is trying to restore the infrastructure of the region. It now has about 100 projects underway including the building of a new North-South expressway and the laying of fiber optic cable.

The tragedy of the CIS is that Russia is excluded from Europe. Germany is valiantly trying to aid Russia because it recognizes that should Russia be cut off from Europe, it would not only be difficult to deal with, but would also pose a greater threat. It is in Europe's best interest to see the CIS fragment because as a divided group, it would pose less of a military risk.

Weeden Discusses Proposed Changes To Financial Aid Policy

by Brent Moberly

On Wednesday, February 4, Art Weeden, director of financial aid, met with the student assembly to discuss proposed changes to the school's financial aid policies.

According to Weeden, the changes are necessary to offset the growing imbalance between student needs and funds available. Weeden said that for next year, student needs will exceed available funds by 378,000 dollars. He estimated that by 1999 this difference will be over 2 billion dollars if changes are not made to the current policy.

The imbalance arises because the rise in funds available to financial aid programs has not been enough to offset the rise in the cost of an education. The amount of money that students are able to apply to their education from outside sources, such as off-campus scholarships, has remained relatively fixed over the past few years. There has been a slight rise in the amount of funds available from federal aid programs, but it has not risen enough to match the increased cost of education. In other words, the funds available to students are not adequate to cover the costs of education.

"Our policy has been to attempt to meet 100% of the need," Weeden said, but he indicated that there will be changes to this policy. He stressed, however, that the changes will not affect currently enrolled students of the college; he said that the changes will first affect the students of next year's freshman class.

Weeden said that the college is considering three major changes to the financial aid policy:

The first would be to not allow parents to include themselves in the "number in college" total. Weeden said that Rhodes is one of the few private schools that still allow this. "The number in college figure is the most powerful figure," Weeden said,

"and the fact is that most parents are going to school at home in the community and paying very close to public school costs." Because there is a small number of students who fit into this category, this change will not affect many students. The effect on the few students who do fit into this category, however, will be substantial because of the importance of the "number in college total."

"Another thing that is being considered," Weeden said, "is not to allow a zero contribution from a parent. In other words, to have a minimum contribution from the parents — say two hundred dollars." Weeden rationalized this change by saying that a student's parents usually contribute about two hundred dollars to the student's education anyway through miscellaneous expenses.

The third consideration is to place a limit on all merit scholarships except for the Moore and the Bellingrath/Hyde scholarships at one thousand dollars below tuition.

Weeden also mentioned that the college may put a cap on home-equity values at three times the parent's income. He said that this would help people who have seen a rapid rise in the value of their property while still retaining a fixed income.

Weeden stressed that all of these changes are proposals and that even if they were enacted, they would only be temporary measures to suppress the rising imbalance between available funds and costs until changes are made in the federal financial aid policies.

Students are concerned that changes in the financial aid policy will lower the academic standards of the college. They feel that academic ability, not wealth, should be the prime factor in the selection of students for this university.

SRC Constitutional Changes Proposed

by Chris Emanuel

Several revisions of the SRC constitution have been proposed. These changes have been approved by the administration but cannot be adopted without the approval of a majority vote of the student body. This vote will take place when the new SRC President is elected. The purpose of this article is to summarize the proposed changes which are as follows:

- 1) Provides for two secretaries instead of one.
- 2) Changes "freshmen" to "first year students" throughout.
- 3) Shortens terms of the faculty and administration advisors from two years to one.
- 4) Provides for the dismissal of Council members after two unexcused absences or four excused absences.

5) Defines who is allowed to attend meetings.

6) Creates a new statement for entering students to sign.

7) Clarifies who must take the prescribed oaths during trials.

8) Remove any provisions for character witnesses.

9) Clarifies the role of the Counsel.

10) Further defines what is meant by a quorum.

These changes have been thoroughly discussed and I believe greatly strengthen the existing constitution. If there are any questions about these changes or if you would like a copy of the revised constitution sent to you, please contact me at 726-3069. Copies of the original and revised constitutions will be available at the ballot box.

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Editorial:

Parting Wisdom:
Look Before You Leap

by S. Stinson Liles, Editor

This is my last *Sou'wester*. For one year, I have read every story, every Letter to the Editor, all of Bill's columns and every *Rhode'ster*. I've printed a heated debate on the name of the Women's Basketball Team ("Lady Lynx"?), and a call for beauty pageant contestants. I've printed a Student Affairs Contract that extended over three issues and have interviewed Dr. Ruth. I've penned advertisements and even drawn sunglasses on Jack Taylor. After having read ALL of the articles and opinions, though, and increasing my *knowledge* of everything from STDs to the Armenian Genocide of 1915, I leave the Editor's desk with only one new bit of *wisdom*. Causes come and go; problems hang around.

Remember Ethiopia? As I reminisced in this column a few weeks ago, "We are The World" had us flocking in droves to the record store and getting misty-eyed during the Ray Charles verse. Last I checked, things haven't changed much down there. Fervor up here, however, has. The only mass media attention (media that we, the readers and consumers, control) given to the issue these days seems to be late-night lectures by Sally Struthers on the infinite uses of the price of a cup of coffee. Just fifty-two cents a day . . .

Then came the farmers. Candidates loosened their ties and rolled up their sleeves and, when the cameras started rolling, engaged in sincere dialogue with said farmers. Then Farm-Aid. The only mentioning of the issue these days seems to be the strains of John Cougar Mellencamp's "Rain on the Scarecrow" that you can hear on any number of local AM radio stations. Currently, as far as I can tell, there's a tie for today's hip cause between AIDS and the environment (AIDS was in the lead but, in an unprecedented turn of events, a popular rock band told everybody to join Greenpeace). How long until AIDS victims and the environment get tossed into the closet with the farmers and the famine? When did we start taking our political beliefs from Hollywood?

I could join with countless authors I have edited and tell you which charities are worthwhile, which opinions are valid, and which lobby has the best car sticker. This doesn't really help, though. Three columns of *Join Campus Crusade for the Condor*, no matter how convincing, will be forgotten. My job, as I see it, has been to give a spark to make you think, for example, about Campus Crusade for the Condor, to make you go look up the facts about Campus Crusade for the Condor or get into a fight with your roommate about Campus Crusade for the Condor.

Don't wait for some singer or actor to sell you an opinion. There are problems out there that need someone's help . . . and they don't have a star, a song, or a spokesmodel. Discuss these problems; fight about them; research them; write Letters to the Editor about them. Action based on this kind of thought won't be abandoned when someone changes the radio station.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Page 3 from the Feb. 6 *Sou'wester* raised the issue of yet another categorical conflict that people seem to have strong internal feelings about, but prefer not to voice an opinion on. The sorority member quoted at the end of Ms. Sullivan's article described on behalf of the majority of Greeks — and therefore nearly half the campus — a nonchalant attitude concerning independents. I disagree. I would imagine that everyone has *something* to say about being Greek or independent.

Numerous people notice the dominance of campus social events by the Greek system. When I was a freshman — excuse me, first-year student — my orientation leaders organized a few things to get the socializing ball rolling. About halfway through second semester though, that ceased. From then on, I was on my own. I chose not to go through rush that year because most of what I had seen and heard of the fraternities involved what Mr. Jordan brought up in his article: ". . . people who value beer more than brotherhood." Every other month or so, the campus would hear of some fraternity benefit for charity — such as the 24-hour Volleyball for LeBonheur event — but every weekend I saw a lot of these same people getting trashed (writer's note: this was pre-alcohol policy).

I have been an independent for 2½ years, but recently I have joined with a group who is trying to start a new fraternity on campus. One person told me that if I've been an independent that long, I must have a d--- good reason to all of a sudden join a fraternity. Well, I do. Our group is trying to maintain what we feel is a good balance in a fraternity. Granted we'll have a number of social events and parties, but one of our main concerns is philanthropy. We are contacting

numerous organizations such as Kinney Program and Special Olympics to volunteer our time to help others. We strongly prioritize brotherhood and community service, as opposed to what Mr. Jordan suggested above.

Earlier I mentioned a major discrepancy between campus and Greek social events. As the treasurer of this new fraternity, I have a proposal concerning this imbalance. Both sides of the coin — no pun intended — state that they don't have enough funds to put together a lot of parties. The Greeks run date parties and swaps, and the Social Commission runs sporadic concerts, dances, and entertainers. Why don't the two groups pool together? They can combine finances and have, for example, "The Social Commission and Rho Delta Sigma present: . . . 'I think it would work out great, and it would give more people—Greek and independent—a chance to interact and have fun (I know that sounds somewhat cheesy, but it's true). I plan to be the first to suggest it to the Social Commission. We'll see what happens.

Tim Olcott, '93

To the Editor:

At the last Roundtable Discussion, a suggestion was offered that the College establish a Foreign Studies office for student use. One has existed in 400 Palmer Tower, also the Offices of British and European Studies, since 1989, and contains a sizable collection

of brochures, catalogues, reference books, etc., regarding overseas study. This office is open 9:00 - 5:00 most days; and while the literature is not to be taken away, there are chairs available. Burrow Library also possesses a computer program "Study Abroad Locator," and its two print sources, "Academic Year Abroad" and "Vacation Study Abroad," but the Palmer Hall collection is more comprehensive. If you are interested, drop by for a look.

Yerger Clifton
Dean of British Studies

To the Editor:

Disturbing! To say the least, reflects my reaction to Bill Jordan's "Forum" column in the February 6, 1992 issue of the *Sou'wester*. I suppose, as is the case with human nature, we all tend to place blame elsewhere, excluding ourselves and forget to take that long, hard look into the looking glass. What disturbs me the most about Mr. Jordan's article, "What's the Deal with the Greek System?" — "The effect of the alcohol policy," is his description of the late shift Campus Safety officers as "overzealous" in their attempts to detect illegal use of alcohol and the context of which it was implied. Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines "zeal" to be . . . "eagerness and ardent interest in the pursuit of something." I submit, that given this definition, those that continue to circumvent the alcohol policy and accom-

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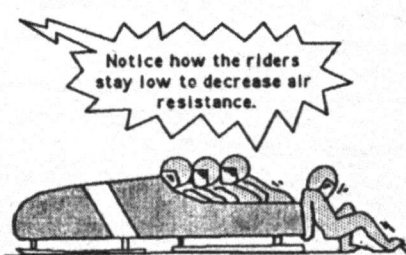
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Prescriptions For An Ailing Greek System By Bill Jordan, Contributing Editor

Last week I tried to explore some of the problems which are plaguing the Greek system at Rhodes. Though my examples were far from complete, they may have shown some of the reasons for the current woes of the fraternities and social life at Rhodes. I am, by no means, implying that the fraternity system's outdated, beyond repair, or even presently in a state of complete chaos. However, there are certain institutional and behavioral problems which have led Rhodes to the point that it must now decide whether to support the Greek system or abandon it completely by continuing its present policies.

This is not an article about the pros and cons of fraternal life; rather, it is one which hopes to provide prescriptions for the current state of the Greek system.

1. The Greek groups should try to get along with one another, rather than seeking mutual destruction. For some reason this past year's rush was characterized by antagonism and backstabbing by some fraternities against other fraternities. Accusations, threats, anonymous tips, and bitterness seemed to run rampant among the groups as they sought to discredit one another. The rush season provided the start to a year of bitterness as pots called the kettles black and desperate groups eagerly sought and plotted the downfall of others.

One can only imagine the level of bitterness which was created by these actions — a bitterness which continues today — and a bitterness which need not exist. There is no reason on a campus this size that groups should revel in, and even facilitate, the downfall of others. If the Greek system is to continue at Rhodes the fraternities must cease their petty bickering, and certain

groups must lose their ambition to see that other groups are destroyed.

2. Finances. Once upon a time (about 2 years ago) fraternity row was the center of activity on Fridays and Saturdays. Now that activity has shifted to The Patio, Zinnie's, or Alex's. Yet even before most social activities were forced off-campus, the frat houses were rarely used on the weekdays. How strange. Perhaps this is why individuals balk at paying \$25-\$40 a month for a facility which is rarely used. However, the houses require maintenance, utilities, insurance (the killer financial blow), rent, and other expenses. Individuals who derive little benefit from their house will have little incentive to pay their dues, thus forcing fraternities into financial trouble.

The fraternities should invest some of their dues one month in a television and VCR or a stereo. By having these things, the members would be encouraged to use the houses more often. Some of my favorite experiences have come simply from spontaneous gatherings at the house to watch a movie or a ballgame. If people spent more time at their houses, they might be more willing to pay for the privilege of using it, since many no longer use them for parties, and hopefully the groups could stay out of financial trouble.

3. Demand a change in IFC. It is astounding that a group can be so unfair, damaging, biased, ridiculous, and inefficient — and yet still exist. Suggestion #1: IFC should do something for fraternities, not against them. It should promote the Greek system and deal constructively with infractions, rather than throwing some fraternities off-campus and insuring their destruction. Suggestion #2: The IFC representative of a

fraternity accused of a violation should be a non-voting member of an IFC trial. It is inconceivable that no one is present at an IFC hearing to insure that the basic rights of an accused fraternity are upheld. Suggestion #3: IFC should reform its penalty structure so that groups are not thrown off-campus for twelve weeks for violating the college's puritanical alcohol policy. It is ludicrous to keep the Sigma Nus out of their house for a semester. By having this penalty IFC basically said that it cares nothing about the Greek system; it only cares about its power to cause the destruction of a group which had no representative at a trial to defend its actions. Suggestion #4: Get rid of IFC dues — they don't do anything but bloat an inefficient body through unfair taxation. Suggestion #5: Rather than be the agent for causing the removal of the Greek system from Rhodes, the IFC should be an agent of reform. It should work to unite the fraternities against policies and attitudes which are detrimental to a well-functioning and healthy Greek system.

4. Change the Alcohol Policy. The front page article of last Friday's *Wall Street Journal* was all about alcohol policies at other colleges and its effect on life there. Believe it or not, they also noticed increases in drunk driving. However, the surprising thing about this article was that the policies at other schools were not nearly as strict as the policy at Rhodes. And gosh, these schools did not even have their federal money suspended. The big secret about the alcohol policy is that Rhodes was not under pressure to create a policy which threw fraternities off-campus or shifted all social activities to bars so that students could drink and drive. Rhodes was to have created a

policy which took adequate steps to insure that underage drinking was curbed on campus. That's all. Now, let's talk about exceeding a mandate a little bit.

The big question for the future is up to Rhodes — will it change the policy or will groups continue to be forced to go off-campus and drive drunk? The problem is serious, and the solution is to either lower the enforcement of the policy, or allow it to force most activities off-campus within five years. A line of communication should be opened to the Dean of Students Office and the Executive Vice President to deal specifically with the issue of the reform of the alcohol policy. I encourage letters to the editor, messages to IDEAS or HARLOW (via Vaxmail) and letters to Dean Shandley, in order to offer constructive suggestions for alternatives and reforms for the alcohol policy. This would benefit the entire campus and not just the Greek system. In this way some of the activities which have moved to the bars can come back to Rhodes.

5. Emphasize Brotherhood. As I mentioned in last week's article, those fraternities which emphasize brotherhood—the reason for being in a Greek organization—will survive. Organizations whose purpose is simply to party and drink surely should move off-campus. College is not a sanctuary from laws, and we must face the consequences of our actions. It is brotherhood which hold a fraternity together — not alcohol.

These are just a few of things which can be done to improve the Rhodes Greek system and community; there are many more. However, it will require work and time to make these things a reality. Good luck to those who will be here next year!

The Independent Perspective

by Teri Sullivan

This is the second in a three-part series on the Greek system on this campus. The following article deals with the sororities and fraternities as seen by students who are not members of these organizations. The article deals strictly with opinionated surveys and does not necessarily reflect the view of the author.

"I didn't want to be a part of a system that sets up boundaries between people, creates relationships of inequality ('pledges' and 'actives'), and fits people in neat little artificial social categories and excludes others from them," was the reason behind one student's decision to join a sorority. Her answer represents many of the sentiments of what many call, the "independents." However, due to many of the strong opinions expressed by this "group," one stated that he would rather not be labeled, "If you identify yourself as an 'independent,' that's just the same as belonging to any club/fraternity or sorority." Another student, agreeing with this idea of labeling, said that the Greek system "causes an 'us-them' mentality in both Greeks and independents."

While most of the opinions found in ten surveys (five male and five female) from those who are not members of the Greek system were very critical of the Greek majority on campus, a few were able to see some positive affects. "I realize that some of the ideas of the Greek system are based on ideal friendship and community and can, thus, be a positive influence for those who are selected to join." However, most agreed that "this campus would be better off without it," and that "it segregates the college community." In fact, as an addition to her statement of the "positive influence" of the Greek system, one student continued, "But such privileges should be weighed against what the system does to the relationships between people in general. Stereotypes, status differences, elitism, division, and a mass conformity are just a few of the

negatives of the Greek system."

This fear of mass conformity was at the foundation for many of the critical views of the Greek organizations of these students. "We should stress individuality rather than conformity," believed one student. While the campus seems to be torn on these issues of the negative or positive influence of this system, one thing that almost everyone from both sides, especially the females, agreed with was the need to change Rush by either improving it or doing away with it. Many felt when they first arrived on campus that it was the only way to meet people. As one student stated, "there is tremendous unspoken pressure when a new person comes to campus to rush." Others refused to believe this and did not Rush. As one student explained, "Why Rush? If I can't make friends on my own, then I have a problem." Another said that "I thought the idea of placing oneself in a market to be chosen or 'dropped' was morally repugnant."

When asked whether or not they believed the Greek system was too powerful or not powerful enough, they all agreed that it was too powerful, with one believing its power was also extended "in maintaining traditions that keep men and women in roles that are and need to be questioned."

"Rhodes is too small to have a Greek system." This sentiment seemed to be the foundation for the problems cited by these students, from the dominance of social life to the pain of Rush.

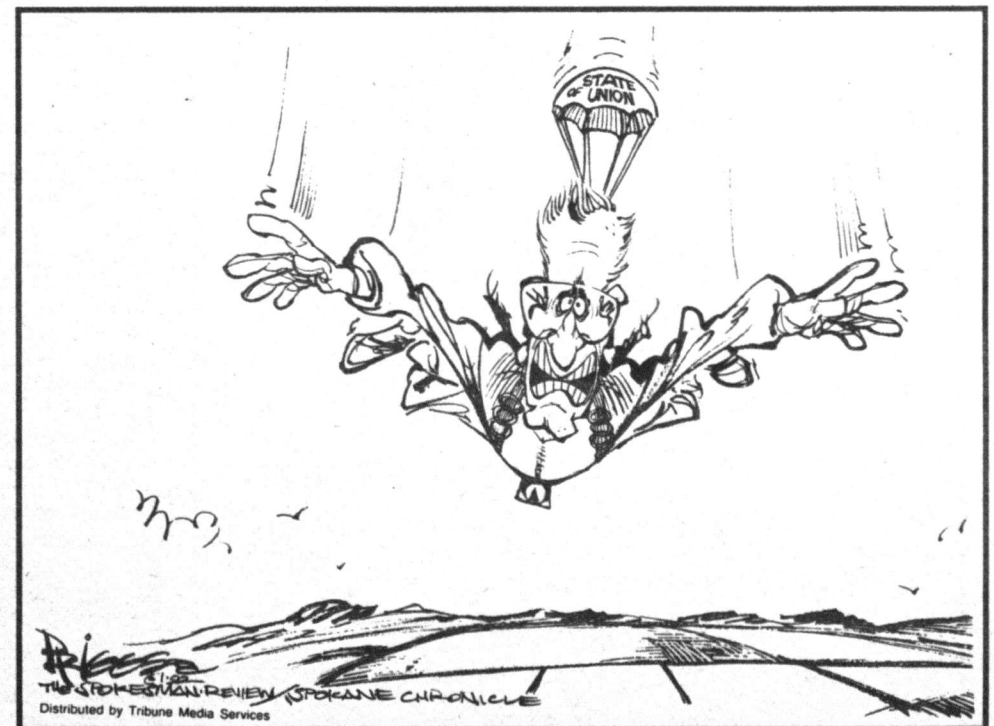
Responding to the idea of brotherhood/sisterhood that is created by these organizations, one student disagreed "If someone is my friend just because I am in their sorority, then they are not real friends." Another student, with the same idea, concluded her statement with "And furthermore, why limit yourself to one group of friends when you can have an unlimited diversity of friends for free!" Although much of this seems quite negative, one student said "I'm not really

anti-Greek . . . I merely wanted to speak up against the irresponsibility that sometimes comes with membership in a fraternity/sorority," and that "The system just needs to be regulated more by the school, I think."

While the majority of this campus is Greek, a minority of students, often called "independents," speaks out against the system, emphasizing the idea of individuality. Sometimes, somehow, these two "groups" meet and create a middle ground, but more often than not they remain segregated. This takes away from the

community that one often looks for when going to college. However, both sides stand on valid viewpoints and neither is willing to give in to the other until both reach a compromise together, if it is even possible. Neither side can ever completely turn away from the other because they are bound by a common current, their school, but one optimistic student believed that "we are on our way to a more healthy balance in the numbers greek and non-greek populations."

The next article will deal with the diverse views of the faculty and staff.



ASIA Celebrates Chinese New Year

By Tammi Titsworth and Teri Sullivan

Last Friday Night the audience roared with laughter as Miss Canada, Jenny Wilson (also known as Jeff Wilson), was crowned Miss Universe. This was the climaxing moment of the evening at A.S.I.A.'s (All Students Interested in Asia) Chinese New Year Festival. The winner, Jenny/Jeff, shed tears of gratefulness as his two runners-up, Miss Min Mae Ni (a.k.a. Alfred Ni) from China and Miss France, Tommi Beau du Voir (or Tommy Powell), embraced him with congratulations and a touch of envy. These were only three of the ten contestants who represented nations from across the world.

Other attractions presented included a short parody of some of television's popular game shows. The frustrated, but sarcastic, game show hostess tried desperately to keep her four-contestants under control by warning them that "You will get penalized for stupid answers,

answers that are too smart for your own good, and for a really obnoxious attitude." Her ploys, however, did not work as a history teacher from Dallas, Drew, challenged her judgement on the date of the Chinese New Year, by saying, "How do you know? Do you live in China?"

Co-president Ayesha Vawda, began the evening by announcing the agenda for the night, followed by an introductory speech about the history of the Chinese New Year by Professor Bo Lin. With much of the audience, several of whom were faculty members, filling the place and even lining up against the back wall, the exciting night consisted of the beginning game show, an Oriental dance, the dance of the dragon, and finally the Miss Universe pageant.

The dancers were garbed in authentic Vietnamese dancing costumes and carried their paper flowers rhythmically to the enchanting Oriental music. Following this came the traditional gold and red dragon carried by five children from Snowden Elementary School.

Once this dance had finished, a short intermission occurred during which guests were allowed to sample unique Oriental desserts and refreshments, including fish cake and genuine Chinese herbal tea.

After everyone was seated again, the final attraction began. Two lovely women representing Cambodia and Japan emerged to the staunch applause of the audience. Although they were first lulled by these graceful contestants, they were quickly shocked by the next contestant from America, Miss Josephine (Joe) Hardin who made a dramatic entrance to the song "I'm Too Sexy For Your Love."

The co-presidents, Alfred Ni and Ayesha Vawda, were exceedingly pleased with an estimated turn-out of seventy-five people. They would like to thank all of the A.S.I.A. members who worked so hard and helped make it such a success as well as the audience for attending. They hope that next year's Chinese New Year Festival will be even more successful.

Rhodes Hosts Mid-South High School Model U.N.

by J. B. Cormier

This past weekend, the Rhodes College Model United Nations Association, sponsored the Mid-South Model UN Conference for area high school students.

This year, over 400 students attended, representing about 70 nations. They wrote resolutions and participated in simulations where they debated various topics ranging from international terrorism to the rights of the elderly.

During the conference, international press reports, which provide stimuli to which the delegates may react, included the death of Paul Simon in South Africa and a Russo-German alliance which sent troops into Croatia.

Also of note, after much heated debate, the US, UK, PRC and France pushed a resolution through the Security Council and through the General Assembly with a two-thirds majority, which removed Russia's permanent seat and veto right in the Security Council.

Rhodes students organized and directed the

three-day long exercise, with Debbie Glenn as Secretary General; Jason Briggs Cormier as Under-Secretary General; Nancy Braam as Under-Secretary General of Administrative Services; John Little as President of General Assembly; and Stephanie Rogers as the Page Coordinator. Other students performed the duties of chair, legal, secretary and home government staff. Carl Randall is the president of the Rhodes College Model UN Assoc. and Dr. Alan Sabrosky is the club's sponsor.

Kinney Korner

My name is Brandy Rogers and I am a sophomore majoring in English with a minor in Education and an interest in medicine. I am a member of the Kinney Program and I am a second year volunteer in the emergency room at the V.A. Medical Center.

The V.A. Medical Center is a chronic care facility operated by the government and provides free medical care for American veterans. Most of the patients that come to the V.A. are chronically ill. The recovery of these patients is often hampered by addiction to drugs or alcohol and their inability to care for themselves. Many of the patients live in poverty and greatly depend on the free medical care provided by the V.A.

As I mentioned before, I work in the emergency room. It is not like a standard emergency room. It is rare for automobile accident victims to come to the V.A., because the V.A. is not equipped to handle trauma emergencies. The patients seen in the E.R. usually have advanced stages of gangrene, cancer or heart/lung disease. A large number of these patients do not take care of themselves for various reasons.

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by Brandy Rogers

quire their applicants to have at least one year of volunteer service to be accepted into their M.D. program.

Please consider volunteering at the V.A. Medical Center when you are deciding to which cause to donate your time. The doctors and nurses always need an extra set of hands and welcome anyone no matter their major or their career goal. There is no limit to what you can do at the V.A. The emergency room is not the only department open to volunteers, so please investigate.

Any questions? Call me at x3359 or Cary Curd, Assistant Chief of Voluntary Service at the V.A., 523-8990, Ext. 5100 or the Kinney Program.

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Heartthrob Winners Announced

The votes are in — the top two Heartthrobs of Rhodes College have been chosen. First place goes to sophomore Alan Burton, who receives a carriage ride and dinner for two at Pier Restaurant. Coming in second was Martha Pipkin, an alumna of both Rhodes College and the sorority Alpha Omicron Pi. Pipkin is currently an aerobics instructor at Rhodes.

The Heartthrob contest was held in February because February has been designated as Heart Month by the American Heart Association. It is the first Heartthrob contest, but its sponsors (the college health center and Alpha Omicron Pi) hope to make it an annual event. "This is a way to get the whole college involved in giving something back to the community," explained

Nurse Doris Gill.

Over twenty students and staff members entered the competition, organized by Nurse Gill and by Amanda Coe and Trish Adair, both members of Alpha Omicron Pi. Over \$189 was raised; all proceeds go to the American Heart Association.

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on "Diversity: A Competitive Advantage." The lecture will be at
7:30 p.m.

in the Wynton M. Blount Lecture Hall of Buckman Hall. A graduate of Howard University Law School and president of Russell-McCloud and Associates, Russell-McCloud will address society's efforts to identify, tolerate and understand differences. She is a member of the National Bar Association, NAACP, National Urban League, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and the African Methodist Episcopal Church. A reception, sponsored by Omicron Chi Chapter of Beta Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., will follow in the lobby of Buckman Hall.

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Review:

Freejack Rated At One and an Half Tylenols

by Brent Moberly

When I first saw the advertisements for *Freejack*, I thought it to be a movie with tremendous potential. Perhaps I was so disappointed after seeing the movie because it did not live up to its potential.

The movie focuses on one Alex Furlong, a race car driver played by Emilio Estevez, who finds himself suddenly transported from his crashing Formula Atlantic racer into the future. There he escapes from a band of mercenaries led by Mick Jagger. As he flees from Jagger, he finds the girl friend, played by Anne Russo, he left in the past and together they battle the corporation that has somehow come to rule the country.

Freejack paints a bleak picture of the future, but it is a cliché one. New York City becomes a den of poverty, teeming with violence and the emancipated forms of the drug-addicted. The environment is so messed up that most of the population suffers from a variety of diseases. In the midst of all this, however, is one big corporation whose

members enjoy both health and wealth. This would be a turbulent scene, indeed, except for the fact that it is found in so many recent science fiction movies that it has become nothing more than a tedious cliché.

The characters of this over-used environment are themselves cliché. There is the confused man from the past trying to survive in a future world, the bounty hunter who cares only for money and the occasional witty remark, and of course, the CEO of the corporation who is the ultimate bad guy. To make matters worse, these characters are forced to act out the cliché plot of corporate ambition and upheaval. Such is the dribble I paid six dollars to see.

The whole film is nothing more than one huge cliché; it is simply a rehashing of every theme and setting and character that was considered cliché in earlier science fiction movies. It is disappointing to see a movie with such potential ruined by its over reliance on the cliché. I give this movie one and a half tylenols.

Review:

Tom Cochrane's Mad Mad World

by Heather March

Mad Mad World, Canadian Tom Cochrane's debut solo album, is an inspirational and uplifting mesh of rock and roll and blues. Recorded in Memphis, and due to be released in the States February 25, this album has a true rhythm and blues feel, with a driving rock and roll energy. The album was released last August in Canada and has already gone quadruple platinum, putting it at the number one position on the Canadian Pop Album Charts.

Having started out with Red Rider in 1976 as lead singer and songwriter, Tom eventually became the focal point of the band. In 1986, the band became Tom Cochrane and Red Rider, and now he has fully emerged as a solo artist in *Mad Mad World*.

His explanation of Red Rider's gradual demise: "You reach a point where it's time to change, where people start growing in different directions."

This change is reflected in *Mad Mad World* in songs like "Washed Away," "Everything Comes Around," and others. Cochrane's message is that life moves on. Break away from the past and plunge into the future.

The idea for this album was spurred by Cochrane's recent trip to Africa with the relief organization WorldVision. He stresses that the approach to this album was not political, however, but personal. He has made an attempt to put his music on a more personal level, to write music that, "would make people feel more positive about life."

And he has accomplished just that. There isn't a dull moment on the album. Every lyric is carefully thought out in order to invoke emotions and thought, leaving interpretation up to the listener. His intention is not to shove opinions down the throats of the audience, but merely to provoke thought and encourage change.

Currently playing with Cochrane are drummer Matt Frenette, vocalist/guitarist Peter Fredette, bassist Ken "Spider" Sinnaeve, lead guitarist Sil Simone, and keyboardist Eric Webster. On this album there is a guest appearance by Molly Johnson, and a songwriting collaboration from Annette Ducharme. These musicians have joined with Tom Cochrane to create this inspiring, upbeat album, and bring a more positive attitude of life to the world.

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panying laws, to pursue their desires to drink, do so with as much "zeal" as is employed to enforce the laws and policies against it. And for our officers to pursue violations of these policies with anything less than great zeal, would create a disservice to the College as a whole. Our staff must remain as zealous in their efforts to detect violations of the alcohol policy, as is the violator who is just as zealous in pursuing their passions for drinking. Although Mr. Jordan cites various entities as responsible for the ills of late, he has unfairly focused on the alcohol policy and the enforcement thereof as the real reasons for the upset. This past fall, our department went to extraordinary lengths to publish enforcement standards by which the alcohol policy would be enforced. In that publication, it was made clear that the offender makes a "choice" either to violate the law/policy and risk detection or not to violate said policy/law.

I have actually been told by students, "that they came to Rhodes because they thought they could drink and wouldn't be hassled." I'm sorry,

But no matter how anyone tries to rationalize it, violating the law is violating the law, whether on campus or off. While it may be an unfortunate fact that underage drinkers may be leaving campus to drink undetected, it would in no way be incumbent upon the College to be any less responsible in its enforcement efforts so as to oblige the illegal consumption of alcohol on campus. Responsibility lies with the student and his/her choices of whether to violate the law or not. To leave campus in pursuit of illegal consumption of alcohol is done so at the choice of the offender. It is not due to the enforcement of the alcohol policy.

Alcohol abuse has long been linked to the ills of not only the general public but to campus ills as well. Hill and L. A. Bugen in "A Survey of Drinking Behavior Among College Students", reported close to 90% of College and University students drink alcohol — 20-25% of those are classified as "heavy" drinkers and as many as 7% are text book alcoholics. Not only are we bound to enforce the law/policy, we further provide means for iden-

tification and help through counseling services and more. Our judicial committees, too, have responded in kind by providing education and counseling to cited offenders.

Fraternity liability. "Alcohol is at the root of fraternity liability." So says Robert E. Manely, a Cincinnati lawyer specializing in fraternity law. For instance, fraternity charter organizations, local chapters and their leaders can be held both criminally and civilly liable for incidents that occur as a result of alcohol use or where alcohol is involved and they had knowledge of it and did not try to stop it. They can be sued civilly for allowing illegal use and any resulting damages.

Thus, I respond to Mr. Jordan's column with a tremendous concern. So long as there are persons pursuing illegal use of alcohol on campus with such "zeal," we will, pursue, in kind, our responsibilities to enforce the standards established that prohibit it and provide assistance for those that need it.

Ralph Hatley,
Director of Campus Safety

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this year, please consult Mary Allie Baldwin
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Lynx Cat Basketball: A Dramatic Play

by Thomas Shakespeare Johnson

Dramatis Personae

Herb Hilgeman, the Lynx Coach.
Mike Gonda, the Lynx star and tragic hero.
Chad Davidson, a Rhodes student and fan.
Bernal Smith, a male Rhodes student.
Tonya Vaughn, a female Rhodes student.
Brian Gerry, the Lynx trainer.

ACT I

Scene 1 - In Mallory Gymnasium, at midcourt

Herb. Alright, Lynx Cats, Good job! Practice is over [Exit Herb. Enter Chad,

Chad. Hey, Mike. What are you doing?

Mike. Hi, Chad. We just got through with practice.

Chad. Really? Has basketball started already? I didn't know that. How are ya'll doing?

Mike. We are doing very good.

Chad. Use "well," not "good." But tell me about it.

Mike. We have an 18-2 record with an eighteen game win streak.

Chad. That's great, Mike. Are ya'll ranked nationally?

Mike. Why yes, Chad, we are. We are twelfth in the country and number one in the South region.

Chad. What does that mean?

Mike. (dunking) It means we are the best

Division III basketball team in the ten former Confederate states which make up the South region.

Chad. How are you Lynx Cats doing in the conference?

Mike. We are first with an 8 and 0 record.

Chad. That is the SCAC conference, right?

Mike. Right.

Enter Bernal.

Bernal. Hey guys. Great win last night.

Mike. Thanks, Bernal.

Chad. Ya'll played last night? How did ya'll do?

Mike. (shooting a three) We beat the Trinity Tigers from Texas by a score of 94 to 75.

Chad. Who played well?

Mike. Thomas Johnson played very well. He scored 25 points and had 13 rebounds and held their best player to just 8 points. He is our best player, even better than me. And freshman point guard Pat Thompson also scored a career high 16 points.

Chad. I know Pat. He is one of our pledges. So is Kemper Maxwell, who also plays basketball for the Lynx.

ACT II

Enter Tonya.

Tonya. Hey, guys. Great job last night.

Chad. Thanks, Tonya. Exit Tonya. Hey Mike, do ya'll ever lose games here at home in Mallory?

Mike. No, we don't.

Chad. Who do you play in upcoming games?

Mike. We play Millsaps in Jackson, Mississippi, and Trinity again this weekend, this time in San Antonio. Both are SCAC games.

Chad. Does David Rayfield still play? He was good last year.

Mike. No, he quit.

Chad. That's a shame. Well Mike, I have to go obnoxiously twirl my keychain. But keep up the good work with the basketball team. I know the entire Rhodes community is behind you guys and your quest for the SCAC championship.

Mike. Alright, Chad. Thanks a lot. I have to go to the zoo for my science class. As always at Rhodes, it's academics before basketball, even when a SCAC championship is on the line.

Brian Ice. Heat.

[Exeunt.]

Basketball Player Sues Over Eligibility Dispute

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (CPS) — A Syracuse University men's basketball player is suing the NCAA for \$1.35 million over an eligibility dispute.

Conrad McRae, a 6-foot-10 junior, claims that the NCAA's back-and-forth eligibility rulings on his status at Syracuse caused him mental anguish and loss of television exposure, distraction from academic studies and loss of starting position, reputation and the opportunity to play Division I basketball.

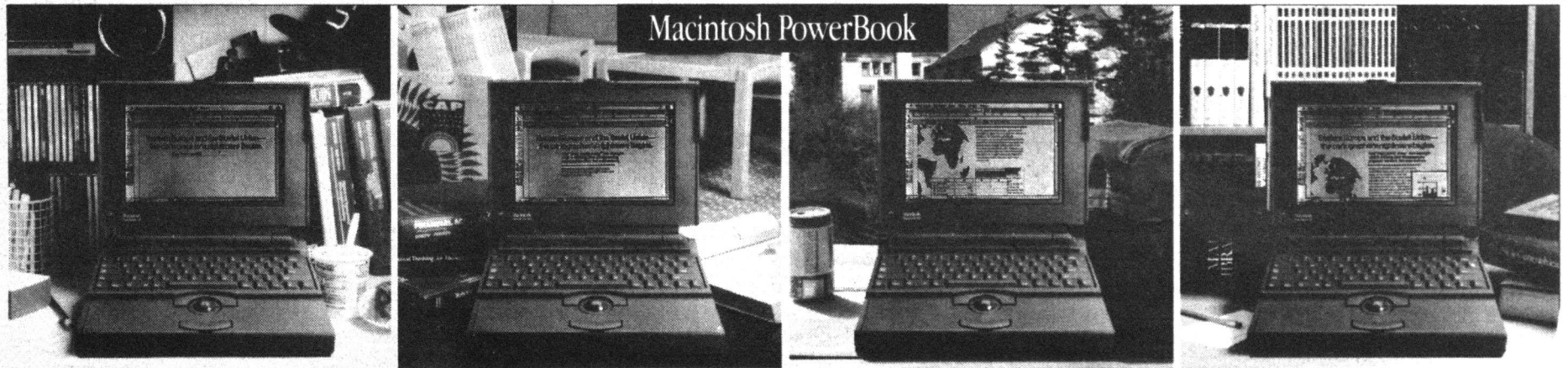
The NCAA's Eligibility Committee ruled McRae ineligible Nov. 19 because of a recruiting violation that had occurred while he was in high school. McRae's challenge of the ruling in a New York court caused him to miss Syracuse's first six games.

That challenge resulted in a New York Supreme Court justice temporarily restoring his eligibility, after which he played in two games. Shortly thereafter, another justice upheld the NCAA Eligibility Committee's ruling.

Shortly after that, McRae became eligible again after the NCAA Eligibility Committee changed its original ruling and restored McRae's right to play.

McRae's attorney, Eric Alderman, told the Syracuse Post-Standard that "(The NCAA) was wrong. They did a bad thing. It was totally avoidable. They chose to put this kid through this for nothing." Alderman says as a result, McRae lost valuable playing time.

Jim Marchiony, an NCAA spokesman, said this is the first time someone has sued the NCAA for monetary damages in regard to eligibility.



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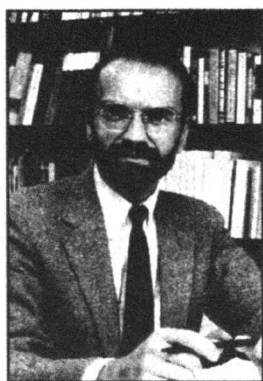
Weekly

Cheerful, Upbeat News of Rhodes Campus events, programs, and campus life

Harlow Heralds Hatley's Handling of Hoodlums

As David Harlow, the Executive Vice-President of Rhodes, presented to Ralph Hatley, the Director of Campus Safety, the Old Baldy Award in a ceremony at the Campus Safety Office, located in the Francis Falls Austin Building, he remarked, "I cannot think of a more deserving recipient of this award for Mr. Hatley's extraordinary work in ridding the campus of vagrants."

Hatley, who generally arrives at work by 8:30 and reads his mail, said in response to the award, "Thank you, very much but it is really my staff that deserves this award." The impetus for the award was an event which occurred two weeks ago as Hatley was on training rounds with a new security guard. They spotted two mysterious figures trying to climb over the fence in front of the newly-constructed, state-of-the art, Mertie W. Buckman Hall. The two suspects were swiftly apprehended and remanded to the custody of the evening campus safety office attendant. "Devotion to duty and Rhodes College is what makes our employees great,"



Andrew Michta, unsuspecting victim

heralded David Harlow, the Executive Vice-President.

Yet to Harlow's surprise and amazement, once the identity of the trespassers was revealed, it was determined that one was the holder of the Mertie W. Buckman Chair of International Studies, Andrew Michta, on his way back to campus from giving a radio interview for WAHH in Cincinnati, Ohio on "The Effect of Light-Bulbs and Electricity on the Politics of Poland: Will Liberals Finally See the Light?" The other hoodlum turned out to be no other than Charlotte Patton Parks ('83),

the Director of Alumni, who, fearing a neatly-dressed Rhodes Ambassador might have lost an elderly alumni donor on a tour of the new facilities, was frantically trying to find the missing person.

After showing proper identification at the Campus Safety Office, both Rhodes staffers were allowed to continue about their business with minimum delay. Harlow added that "Hatley's new procedures and training have greatly added to the safety of Rhodes." —B. Jordan

Congrats to . . .

...Director of Campus Safety **Ralph Hatley**, whose book **Safety Notes: The Book** has been purchased by MGM. The movie version, entitled **Safety Notes: The Movie**, will open this summer. Arnold Schwarzenegger returns to the screen as Hatley in this look at the lighter side of the man. The film will also star Wilford Brimley as **Officer Ed Ireland** and Don Knotts as **Officer Vernon Humphries**.

...Anne B. Davis Professor and Chair of English Literature **Robert Entzminger**, whose essay "The Urge To Go: A Systematic Examination of 1,657 Occurrences of the Word 'From' in Milton's *Paradise Lost*" was recently published in the *MLA Supplement for People with Very Little To Do*

...Shoney's Fellow and Mathematics and Computer Sciences Department Chair **G. Kenneth Williams**, whose composition and recording of the song *Annie the Analytic Function* has skyrocketed to number 11 on the Billboard chart. This is Dr. Williams' third Billboard hit. *Fourier For Fun* climbed to number 19 in 1985 and *Boogie All Night, Funky Mamma* made it, in 1977, all the way to number 1.

...Vice President **David Harlow**, whose book **Because I Said So, Maggot: A Model for Military Education** has been adapted for use in the nation's penitentiary system.

...Physics Professor **Jack Taylor**, for his single-handed construction of a functioning life-size model of the solar system. The model was built and is on display in Taylor's tool shed.

...Student **Seth Herzog** ('92) who, next Thursday, will break the world's record for most consecutive nights spent in a groundhog suit by a college student in Tennessee.

...Student Affairs Intern **Johnnie Harp**, who almost won \$19,600 on TV's *Wheel of Fortune* last Tuesday. In the final minutes of the last round, harp lost control of the wheel after an unsuccessful attempt to buy the vowel "M".

S. Liles

Calendar of Events

Events for Thursday, February 13

- 8:00 AM Extended Drop Period Begins
- 8:45 AM Extended Drop Period Ends
- 11:30 AM Admissions Symposium Lunch, Burrow Refectory (Refectory closed to students 11:00-2:00)
- 5:00 PM Students for Bill Clinton meeting, Tutthill
- 7:30 PM SMART meeting "Condom Balloon Animals," Orgill Room

Events for Friday, February 14

- 4:30 AM Mowing, leaf-blowing begins, campus-wide
- 9:00 AM Transcript Ordering (\$10.00 processing fee, \$15.00 envelope licking fee), Registrar's Office
- 11:45 AM Students For Bill Clinton table, Brooks Room
- 7:30 PM Security Morality Mob (Bring torches, pitchforks. Help rid campus of imbibers of the iniquitous libation.)

Events for Saturday, February 15

- 9:00 AM Meeman Center for Executive Leadership "Writing-off Recreation"
- 11:00 PM Meeman Center For Executive Leadership "Making the Employee Polygraph Work for You"
- 7:30 PM Students For Bill Clinton Party, Pub

Events for Sunday, February 16

- 11:00 AM Students For Bill Clinton worship service, Grace St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- 3:00 PM Mathelp-Calculus, Analysis, Topology, Graph Theory
- 5:00 PM Mathelp Happy Hour—"Aftermath" (Drinks, wine, and beer), Gadbois' house

Events for Monday, February 17

- 8:00 AM Withdrawal Period Begins
- 8:45 AM Withdrawal Period Ends
- 11:30 AM Students For Bill Clinton Bake Sale
- 3:30 PM Finding a Career! (In Accounting), Career Library
- 5:00 PM Alumni Phonathon (Please volunteer! Please! Free pizza for volunteers! 12 hours academic credit! Please!), Special Studies Building

Events for Tuesday, February 18

- 10:00 AM Tour of Frazier-Jelke for Arts Majors, FJA
- 12:00 PM \$200 Housing Deposit due (checks payable to "cash")
- 5:00 PM Lynx Women's Basketball vs. Centre, Mallory Gym
- 6:30 PM Lynx Men's Basketball vs. Centre, Mallory Gym

- 8:00 PM Lynx Cheerleaders vs. Centre, Mallory Gym

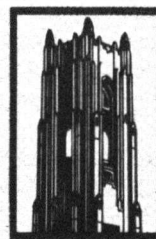
- 9:30 PM SCAC Championship: Lynx Men's Basketball vs. Lynx Women's Basketball, Mallory Gym

- 11:00 PM Exhibition Game: Lynx Basketball vs. Students For Bill Clinton, Mallory Gym

Events for Wednesday, Feb. 19

- 6:00 AM Line begins forming for next semester textbook purchases, Bookstore
- 11:00 AM Students For Bill Clinton skit "The Right Thing To Do," Pub
- 12:30 PM Dean of Academic Affairs Office presents "How Not to Fail Out" (seminar that offers creative advice like "go to class" and teaches tricks like "preparing for class on a regular basis"), Hardie
- 4:30 PM Society For Creative Anachronism "Medieval Belching", University Room
- 8:00 PM Opening Night "The Sinatra Story," McCoy Theatre (there will be no "dollar night" performance of this production.)

—S. Liles



Fast Facts About Rhodes

Number 2

(A new clip-and-save column which appears periodically in Weekly to satisfy the need for Rhodes trivia when Admissions Literature is out of season. Should a prospective student ask, all of this is true "as far as you know.")

Did you know that Rhodes...

- 96% of Rhodes graduates know people that have jobs?
- Rhodes has the same percentage of graduates whose last name begins with "D" and hold the PH.D. degree as Harvard, Columbia and even Vanderbilt?
- Most Rhodes faculty members make salaries high enough to require them to pay federal income tax?
- Gerald Ford was the only member of the Warren Commission to become President of the United States?
- Rhodes has both Baptists and Presbyterians on the Board of Trustees & and now can boast equal diversity on Faculty Search Committees?
- Some of the books in the library cost more than Dean Lineback's ties?
- Last year, Rhodes awarded more honorary degrees than all of the Ivy League schools combined? And has plans to break the record again, this year?

—S. Liles

Correction . . .

Last week the *Rhodes'ter Weekly* incorrectly identified the 400 students who converged on Rhodes as "local high school students." The article should have called them "local, rich, BMW-driving, egotistical, smoking, monopolizing, power-hungry, dictatorial, combative juvenile delinquents from Memphis high schools." We regret any confusion this may have caused.

—B. Jordan