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## Rhodes Grad Juror No. 5 In Simpson Civil Trial

By Erin Riches  
Editor-In-Chief

Rhodes has its own connection to the high profile O. J. Simpson civil trial—Deena Mullen, a 1978 graduate, served as juror number five for the four month trial.

Mullen, a theater arts and American History double major, has worked as a freelance set and lighting designer in Los Angeles, Ca., since 1992. Mullen had never been summoned for jury duty prior to her stint on this case.

She received the summons from last summer and followed the local news as her reporting date approached.

"I heard on the news that they were picking jurors for the Simpson trial on Thursday—my date was Friday," Mullen said in a telephone interview. "I got down to the Santa Monica Courthouse, and O. J. Simpson was there, so there were 10,000 cameras.

"There were 1000 people in the room—I was part of the pool for the civil case," she added. "The trial would last for approximately four months which would be a financial hardship (loss of in-

come) for a lot of people. But a lot of my work is on weekends and evenings, and work always slacks off during the holidays.

"I thought, 'I could do this,'" she said.

Potential jurors filled out a 40-page questionnaire regarding their knowledge of the case.

"I knew some of the lawyers, but I did not know any of the people [involved in the case]," Mullen said.

"They called us back and wanted a lot of personal data," she said. "They asked us such questions as: 'What do you know about the police?'; 'What is your experience with the police?'; 'What do you think about interracial marriages?'"

When the opening statements began Oct. 23, 1996, Mullen became part of the 12-member jury selected from the 10,000 Los Angeles County residents initially summoned.

Civil trials can require the guilty to pay money to the plaintiffs rather than surrender his freedom, as in a criminal trial. Although the Simpson civil trial jury reached unanimous decisions on their verdicts for compensatory and punitive damages, See RHODES GRADUATE, Page 4

## Seidman Lecturer Speaks on Juries

By Andrew Shulman  
News Editor

Jeffrey Abramson, professor of law at Brandeis University spoke last night on reforming the jury system. Abramson, who edited a book on the O.J. Simpson criminal trial, entitled *Postmortem: The O.J. Simpson Case*, also wrote a book titled, *We The Jury: The Jury System and the Ideal of Democracy* which was awarded a Certificate of Merit by the American Bar Association.

Abramson said that he is still digesting the lessons from the Simpson case. "Clearly one of the issues is race and juries," Abramson said in a phone interview, "The Simpson Case clearly has raised levels of concern in race and justice."

One of the problems with the jury system, according to Abramson is the sacrifice that one has to endure to serve. Self-employed people have a hard time serving because the loss of income can not be compensated by any employer. "It's better to pay jurors a more substantial sum of money," said Abramson. He noted that the fed-

eral courts were paying \$40 a day, which is not a lot compared to income one might stand to lose. "You ultimately have to ask people to take citizenship seriously."

Regarding televising cases, Abramson did not blame it for the grandstanding of the attorneys. Instead he blamed the judge, saying that "it's not inevitable, lots of trials go on television without a circus atmosphere."

The civil trial judge was much tighter, according to Abramson.

"He really did clamp down on what the defense could cross-examine on. [He] did not allow defense to really cross examine on police conspiracy theories. The civil attorneys had benefit of hindsight-[they knew that the longer the trial progressed] the more confused jurors got."

Shorter trials with less gamesmanship is one of the major reforms Abramson emphasized. He also wants to shorten jury selection and is in favor of cutting back of the preemptive challenge, which allows an attorney to remove a juror without cause.

# 1997 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

CLASS OF 2000			CLASS OF 1999			CLASS OF 1998			AT-LARGE		
Candidate	# Of Votes	%	Candidate	# Of Votes	%	Candidate	# Of Votes	%	Candidate	# Of Votes	%
<b>Honor Council</b>			<b>RSG</b>			<b>Honor Council</b>			<b>Allocations Board</b>		
Stacy Weber*	103	53.6%	Neely Sharp*	68	53.1%	Chip Lane	101	79.5%	Lisa Bentivogli	374	63.6%
Amy Killebrew	114	51.6%	Diane Faires*	77	60.2%	Jonathan Nolen	72	56.7%	Barry Fullerton	375	63.8%
John McCants	171	77.4%	Adam Beeler	111	62.0%	Laura Foster	87	68.5%	Jason Griffith	418	71.1%
James-Allen McPheeters	160	72.4%	Kate Bishop	101	56.4%	Kristen Fox	105	82.7%	Adele Hines	406	69.0%
<b>SRC Representative</b>			<b>Honor Council</b>			<b>SRC</b>			<b>Board of Trustees</b>		
Michael Perrottet*	98	52.7%	Eric Johnson	152	84.9%	Josh McFarlane	84	66.1%	Mike Johnston	372	63.3%
Rob Cole	124	56.1%	Alok Madon	130	72.6%	Willie Nickel	91	71.7%	Heather Lockridge	346	58.8%
Casey Williams*	113	61.5%	Kate O'Leary	107	59.8%	Sarah Frierson	108	85.0%	Matt Willis	340	57.8%
Nicki North	136	61.5%	<b>SRC</b>			Megan Grilliot	99	78.0%	Ebony Woods	353	60.0%
<b>RSG Senator</b>			<b>Activities Board</b>			<b>RSG</b>			<b>Publications Board</b>		
Mark Anderson	155	70.1%	Kelly Ensor	136	76.0%	Sonja Clayton-Pederson	87	68.5%	Henry Murphy	459	78.1%
Audrey Davis	114	51.6%	Robin Franz	113	63.1%	Juhee Desai	95	74.8%	<b>Board of Trustees</b>		
Lydia Shih	126	57.0%	Suchi Pakkala	142	79.3%	Nate Gentry	89	70.1%	Michael Faber	372	63.3%
Josh Solomon	137	62.0%	<b>Publications Board</b>			Kristen Rauschkolb	97	76.4%	Frank O'Connor	357	60.7%
Rachel Bozynski*	96	51.1%	Matt Marcotte	110	61.4%	Jordan Schniper	102	80.3%	<b>Honor Council Referendum</b>		
<b>Activities Board</b>			<b>Publications Board</b>			<b>Honor Council Referendum</b>					
Shadenn Zarur*	101	49.5%				Approve	296	83.1%			
Barry Fullerton*	91	44.6%				Not Approve	60	16.9%			
Lisa Bentivogli*	89	43.6%									
<b>Publications Board</b>											
Joe Peeples	182	82.4%									

\* Denotes Runoff Victory

EDITORIAL OF THE SOU'WESTER

## Elections Process Shows Ways To Grow

Results from officer and general elections possess more validity in 1997 than ever before. Relevant information about candidates was finally available to voters through campaign forums (now in their second year) and, for the first time, through candidate biographies published in *The Sou'wester*.

The Editorial Board acknowledges this progress but concedes that, as a community, we still have not demanded true legitimacy from the election process.

The concept of campaign forums is theoretically good, but we simply have not used these forums to their fullest potential.

First, we need to address attendance—it is problematic if only one percent of the student body listens to the candidates speak at the forum.

Instead of spending time theorizing why students choose not to attend the forums, Rhodes Student Government (RSG) elections commissioners should employ a more immediate and pragmatic remedy. We recommend scheduling the forums in the Refectory, which gets

more traffic than Frazier Jelke, between 4:30 and 6:30 in the evening, when students will be certain to attend if only by default.

Such a practice would not force students to listen; rather, it would allow them to meet the candidates while eating dinner at the normal time and eliminate the need to cram an additional two-hour time block into their evening schedules. And, candidates would be assured of maximum exposure.

Further, the issues uniting and dividing the candidates, particularly those in the officer races, took on a decidedly more substantive quality this year. The forums would have been more meaningful for candidates and voters if the officer candidates had been permitted to engage in sustained debate on these issues, in addition to the time allotted for candidate speeches and question-and-answer sessions.

Debate would afford candidates the opportunity to present themselves fully while allowing voters to get a true conception of each candidate's capacities.

Moreover, one's ability to hold

his or her own in debate is often a good measure of his or her effectiveness as a leader.

The list of candidate biographies in *The Sou'wester* should have been comprehensive, but it was not. While we can do little to coax candidates into submitting biographies, we can improve the submission process itself.

In 1998, we will mandate the use of the Academic Volume (sorely under-rutilized in this election) as the sole means of biography submission for candidates and thus eliminate the lengthy paper trail created by haphazard stacks of typed and handwritten entries.

Not only will use of this highly accessible technology prevent editors from wasting time with clerical work, it will provide a guarantee to candidates that their biographies will be published in full, exactly as they are written.

Finally, we cannot ignore ongoing concerns about the accountability of the Honor Council and the Social Regulations Council (SRC). We hope that the newly elected officers and representatives will decide

to address these concerns.

We elect students to these positions but then have no concrete basis on which to evaluate their performance. Regardless of our void of knowledge, we reelect them, because we know their names, and name recognition is still the most valuable tool of candidacy at Rhodes.

Many past and current members have offered the same argument, i.e., the action taken by these groups is confidential and therefore precludes any provision of information about members' performance. But such individuals must realize that they must find an innovative way to provide for accountability.

If students do not believe in the people they elect to these councils, there is no way for them to believe in the codes of the community. And, the former cannot happen if the councils continue to rigidly uphold their "secretive" nature. Traditions notwithstanding, Honor Council and SRC officers and representatives need to make us believe in our own codes.

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## Sou'wester Annual Elections Campaign Column



ANDREW  
SHULMAN  
HOMER

Well, election season has come and gone this year. This being my first year here at Rhodes, I have to rely on members of the upper class to tell me about elections of yore. From what I gather, this year is like all the others.

Where should we start? Apathy. Why is it that only 50% of the school votes in the elections? We don't need to register, there is no poll tax. We don't have to drive a long distance to the polls.

Voting is very convenient in the Student Center and at the Rat. It takes about 2 minutes. The polls are open a total of ten hours for people to vote. There seems to be no cogent excuse for them not to vote.

People here are frequently critical about what is going on around them. When I ask them why they don't do something about it, they tell me that they don't have time. They don't have the time to write for the paper, to run for office, to take part

in any extra-cirruclar activities, but they have plenty of time to play computer games and complain.

Voting is not something that should be taken lightly. When we vote, we are choosing people to spend our money, to make decisions for us. Which leads me to my second problem.

What's the deal with campaign signs? Do people even read them? Walking to class, I see a multitude of colors of paper, with the names of the candidates. That's all I see. I don't see any ideas, any qualifications, or reasons why we should elect that candidate.

Some of these signs say "qualified." What is this qualification? The signs hardly ever tell. Almost everyone this year went with a scanned in photo on their signs. Do you know how sick I am of seeing these peoples faces everywhere I turn?

I shouldn't say that everyone did this. There were a few people whose signs I saw that actually listed what they were going to do. I wish that I could have voted for these people, but they are one class ahead of me.

Also, mass e-mailing me should stop. During the run-off elections, I

personally received six messages from candidates urging me to vote for them. Just because electronic mail is still a new, useful, and nifty device, don't abuse it. I am less likely to vote for you if you just send me an email; it is very impersonal, and is very easy to send en masse. Come to my door, say vote for me, and most likely, if qualified, you will have my vote.

How can we solve these problems? First of all, I think we should get rid of these campaign signs. We should save the paper and save the money. Second, the candidate information sessions should be during dinner at the Rat, and maybe last two days. We could just walk up to a candidate and ask him or her questions about why he or she should be elected.

The election forum during the middle of the week, and during the middle of the evening, is simply a bad time to have for it to occur. Most people just don't have an hour to listen to candidates' speeches. But if students could eat dinner while listening to the candidates, they may pay more attention to the elections.

The Sou'wester has taken an im-

portant step in publicizing elections and candidates by publishing the biographies of most of the candidates that were running for office. By doing this, people did not necessarily need to go to the election forum, and judging from attendance, most did not.

Candidates are limited to \$10 worth of advertising. This should be cut in half. That's great that you have bright orange paper, it got my attention the first time, but after that I just tuned it out. Walking to the Rat on Monday I noticed that there were signs around the big tree in front of the Rat; all along the walkway to the door; on the steps leading to the door and on the door.

Instead of voting for the last sign that I remembered, as most voters probably did (research shows that uninformed voters vote for the last name that they see before casting their ballot), I voted against the people whose signs I remembered right outside the door. It may not be the best policy, but my vote counts, as evidenced by the close races this year.

As I said before, I want to know the candidates themselves. Although

it is nice that I can see your face on the wall, I would rather see it outside of my room. During the officer elections, both the Rauschkolb/Dunn and Norcross/Venepali tickets came to my door to ask for my vote.

Only one candidate for the general elections stopped by room, and she got my vote. She took the time out of her day to see if I had any questions, and to ask for my vote. If she will do that now, it stands to reason that she'll do a good job.

I may just be naive, though. Maybe this is the norm on all college campuses. But I do remember visiting my cousin at Emory during election week, and his door was constantly being knocked on by one candidate or another.

I don't really believe that there will be a solution to the paper problem. People will undoubtedly try to come up with creative slogans to overwhelm the campus. The signs take away not only from the beauty of the campus, but from the spirit of the election. We should be voting for qualifications and ideas, not for the best looking fonts.

At the very least, maybe Campus Green can recycle all that paper.

## A Greeting For Students From Your Elected Leader



DAMON NORCROSS  
DA BOMB

As newly elected President of the Rhodes Student Government (RSG), I want to pause for a moment and think about what it means to be President of RSG. I believe that our campus has a very traditional view of what it means to be President, and for that matter a leader in general. Leadership has traditionally meant a position which has been vested by the students to take care of business. As long as there are positions of leadership students feel as though they are free from having to participate in the community. I challenge this idea.

Many times over the course of my three years at Rhodes I have heard the word apathetic used to describe the students. Apathy persists on every college campus in the world and I do not deny that there are a few students whom are apathetic, but I believe the overwhelming majority of students are not apathetic. Apathy means that you don't emotionally care about what happens to something, specifically what happens at Rhodes. I find the idea of apathy to be absurd. Of

course students care about what goes on at their campus. Each student spends four years working as hard as they can to get through college, they create lifelong friendships, incur many eye-opening experiences, face adversity, cherish hard fought victories, spend well over 20,000 dollars a year to go here, and not to mention Rhodes will be on our transcript forever. Students have a direct economic and emotional reason for caring about Rhodes.

The spirit of apathy felt by members of the community, I contest, is actually a false idea of leadership disguised as apathy. Let me explain.

I believe many of the students at Rhodes are stuck in a mode of traditional leadership, which promotes us to not take an active part in our communities. We wait for others to take care of business then we react accordingly. Many students expressed their disapproval for the change to the Purpose Statement but neglected to attend any of the forums designed for them to express their views. Is this the way things are suppose to be? Should we be reactionaries, or should we be active members of a community who are involved in decision making every step of the way? I do not believe students are apathetic. I believe there is

an overwhelming feeling from students that if they are not in positions of "leadership" they are not suppose to help set the agenda of an organization.

This is preposterous. Students at every level of any organization should feel as though they have a voice and leadership role.

I would like to suggest a number of ways by which we can reorder ideas of leadership, and spark our campus with involved students.

First, we need to start celebrating our accomplishments as Rhodes students. We need continued support of traditional activities and more student support at sporting events, guest lectures, and at cultural activities. We must, as students of a liberal arts college, embrace every part of our institution and make the most of each opportunity. The more we celebrate each other the more we feel a part of the whole and thus have a larger investment in the community.

Second, we must stop looking at the college as a static environment where everything is constant. The questioning spirit of the liberal arts college should show in every aspect of the college including those social. If are upset about something on campus don't mumble under your

breath or vent about it with your friends, do something about it. Don't wait on traditional leadership to provide the answers for you, expand the idea of leadership and act on your thoughts.

Third, student "leaders" must come together and support each other. Whether a campus organization be a varsity sport (basketball), a club sport (newly formed men's volleyball), a cultural organization (International House), a fraternity (Omega Psi Phi), a sorority (Kappa Delta), one which builds houses (Habitat for Humanity), or governs the student body (Rhodes Student Government) we must come together to provide support and ideas for each other.

At this point some may be questioning how this relates to my job as President of the RSG. To this I answer with concrete ideas from both RSG and myself:

1. Facilitation of a celebration of Rhodes students. RSG will be hosting the First Annual Black and Red Awards in April. The event will be held the night of academic awards convocation. The awards will be given out by students to students. For more information, or if your organization has an award they want to present, call Kathryn Derossitt at

ext. 999

2. There are 37 appointed student representatives to administrative and faculty committees which are made by RSG. There are 6 appointed cabinet (President) positions and 2 appointed steering committee positions (Vice-President) to be made before April. There are a number of ways for students to get involved and make an impact. Look for applications soon or e-mail RSG@rhodes for more information. Get involved.

3. As RSG President I will propose a Leadership Council which will meet periodically (once every two months) to discuss issues important to Rhodes Students. The Council will consist of a representative of each student organization and through the powers of RSG President, will have the authority to propose resolutions and recommendations to RSG and the community as a whole.

I believe that my role as President is to expand the idea of leadership to every member of the community, to ensure that inclusion is at the heart of all decisions, and to let the students dictate where they want to go, not dictate it for them. My job is to see a new spirit of leadership take hold of campus and raise us all.

### Student Leaders Question Cancelled Leadership Conference

By Jason Hood  
Staff Correspondent

Over the past months, Community Service Coordinator Heather Lea and Director of Student Activities Cindy Pennington have joined forces with student leaders Cheryl White '99, Elisabeth Thomas '98, Jenny Bartlett-Prescott '97, Damon Norcross '98, Eric Johnson '99, Anu Agrawal '97, Emily Kryjak '97, Neeta Venepalli '99, and Kristin Fox '98 to aid in the creation of a leadership conference. Impetus was provided by the interest of the students involved and literature which Lea and others had come across regarding new strategies for the development and implementation of leadership. The event, designed to contain content which would foster paradigms quite distinct from those traditionally associated with leadership, became known as the "Questioning Leadership Conference". As these campus (and prominently volunteer-oriented) leaders met, they tested in the very planning for this conference the new ideas and "social change models" for leadership which were to be imparted. Highly value-based, the core of the program was to focus on a respect for process, whereby the means would not be overshadowed by the ends in decisionmaking and implementation of policy.

Johnson reports that the process felt democratic, was generally effective, and produced gratifying results for all involved, although sometimes "lacked efficiency", as the absence of hierarchy slowed things down.

Campus-wide mailings to first-year students, sophomores, and juniors to inform of the free, all-day conference scheduled for the 22nd of February did not produce the desired goal of fifty participants. Fewer than thirty students filed applications, and of those, an unusually high number backed out or failed to RSVP; the planning

team agreed that the high cost of the conference (which Johnson reported as coming from Student Affairs' budget, not Student Activities) would not be worth providing an experience for less than fifteen students. The cancellation prompted the editorial staff of this paper to label the event "useless in the worst possible way" (page 2, *Sou'wester* Feb. 26), and to issue a call for participation and personal drive in leadership development for the campus. Those students hoping to go regretted the cancellation. "I was really disappointed, because I was really looking forward to going," lamented Laura Foster '98. "There just aren't that many chances to participate in a leadership conference."

The planners admitted their own regrets. "Much hard work went into it, and it is upsetting that nothing came of it," said Johnson.

In a March 3rd meeting, plans for a possible leadership conference next year were discussed. Issues addressed included ideas for changing the format from a weekend retreat to regular seminar events in order to accommodate students' educational needs and time constraints, and attempts to determine at what level to involve the ideas of the social change model previously mentioned.

Also considered were strategies to add prestige to the event; suggestions on how to focus on attracting and fostering the interest of prospective participants included faculty recommendations.

Regardless of next year's activities and despite the apparent lack of results in this academic year, the planning team is committed to leadership development and evolution and expressed excitement about the opportunities.

"There is definitely a focus on our part on retaining optimism, on not being beaten down," reported Kristen Fox. "We know there's great potential for development among our campus leaders."

### Rhodes Students Prepare To Play Room Lottery

By Elizabeth G. Watt  
Staff Correspondent

On March 19, 1997 Rhodes rising seniors will be able to select housing for next year. The following day rising juniors and sophomores may choose their housing preferences, from what choices remain. An effort has been made to place incoming first year students in the same vicinity and incidentally, some major changes in placement have come about and are described below.

There have also been revisions made in the lottery process. This revised plan was developed with guidance from the RSG's Student Life Committee and was approved in an April, 1996 RSG resolution. A student must pay the housing deposit in order to participate in housing selection. "Because seniority is valued among students, rising seniors will again have first choice of all available housing," said Charlie Landreth, Acting Dean of Student Affairs.

However, this year rising sophomores and juniors will receive lottery numbers from the same pool and will be given the opportunity to select rooms after the seniors. Because rising sophomores have been shown to be the most likely to select off-campus housing, an effort has been made to make a more positive influence on retention. Each year, Rhodes loses an average of 14% of rising sophomores, compared to 7% of rising juniors and 4% of rising seniors. Additionally, only half of the junior class usually choose to live on campus, compared to 80% of the sophomore class. Because of the college's need to increase occupancy and retention, sophomores are being given a better chance to live in the housing of their preference.

"I am aware that changes like these are a source of anxiety for students...especially those with their eye on a particular room. Everyone wants a good lottery number, but we have to maintain fairness. Part of the rationale for tinkering with the lottery process was to make the lottery more accommodating for students who Rhodes has the hardest time

keeping," stated Landreth. Other changes that have been made include the addition of three men's singles and three women's singles to be available in Stewart North and Stewart, respectively. Also in Stewart, three men's triples and two women's triples will be booked as doubles. Additionally, all dorms will be wired to the computer network. Specific available room numbers were posted on the residence life homepage, within the student life section of the Rhodes homepage.

Though, for some living off-campus may create a cheaper and more creative atmosphere, Landreth encourages students to remain on campus for benefits such as "a convenient safe environment, each room being wired to the computer network, the new campus life center, and most importantly the building of a more solid community."

#### RESIDENCE HALLS FOR RETURNING MEN:

3rd floor Blount  
3rd floor Townsend  
Part of 3rd and all 2nd floor Glassell  
All of:  
Robb  
Stewart North  
Voorhies-Townsend  
White  
Ellett

#### RESIDENCE HALLS FOR RETURNING WOMEN:

Part of 3rd floor and basement of Trezvant  
All of:  
Stewart  
Robinson  
Voorhies  
Bellingrath

### Rhodes Graduate Serves As Simpson Civil Case Juror

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required for criminal cases.

Only nine of 12 jurors had to agree to reach a verdict, and these nine were obligated to prove Simpson committed the murders of Ron Goldman and Nicole Brown Simpson by a "preponderance of evidence," e.g., the jurors could decide in favor of the plaintiffs if there was at least a 50.1 percent probability that Simpson was guilty. In addition, Simpson was required to take the stand at the request of the plaintiffs in the civil case.

The jury began deliberation Thursday, Jan. 30 but had to start over the next day when a juror was dismissed; they released their final verdict on compensatory damages Monday evening, Feb. 3.

Since the jury completed deliberation at approximately 4:15 p.m., they were forced to wait for hours as the Goldman and Brown families were given time to travel to the courthouse during rush-hour traffic.

"I could hear the helicopters and the crowds outside," Mullen said. "The bailiff moved us back downstairs. From 4:30 to 7, we waited... I heard that it got kind of wild out there."

Mullen was largely responsible for the \$8.5 mil-

lion in compensatory damages awarded to the Goldman family.

"I started the discussion," Mullen said. "Everything we did had to related to the testimony. Ron Goldman was 25 years old, kind of a wayward young man. He dropped out of college and was working in clubs and restaurants. He had been in financial trouble but had gotten out of it.

"I thought about the asset that a grown son brings to a family," she continued. "We could not consider grief, but we could consider comfort, companionship, love and solace. [Goldman] was really integrated into the daily activities of the family..."

"I thought we would have to pay 10 people \$100,000 a year to do that," she said. "I was kind of Machiavellian about the whole thing... I know you cannot buy love, but that is what rich people do."

Mullen's initial figure equated to roughly \$25 million. Other jurors started the bidding at \$1 million, and eventually, jurors came to an agreement all could accept. The jury returned to the courtroom to hear testimony specifically related to Simpson's ability to pay, since this factor must be taken into account for all verdicts that assess punitive damages. Also considered is the "heinousness

of the crime," according to Mullen.

"Simpson had taken out trademarks on his name," she said. "Some of the licenses were to stop others from using his name, but he had taken out some of the trademarks with the intent to use them for his own gains... There was evidence that he had earned \$3 million signing autographs, publishing a book and making a video while he was in jail.

"You can never underestimate the value of infamy," Mullen said. "Now that he has been held liable, he is even more famous. Our idea was that he should never be able to profit from the murders."

The jury assessed punitive damages of \$12.5 million to the Goldmans Feb. 10.

During her experience in the Los Angeles County jury system, Mullen learned firsthand "how easily people blow it off." Not only did she encounter a general unwillingness to serve among individuals, but she noted the hesitance of businesses to compensate employees for the time. Frequently, individuals must choose between fulfillment of jury duty and paying the bills, she said.

"Jury duty is left to city workers, people on public assistance and people employed by the

county," Mullen said. "It does not reflect the entire spectrum."

Mullen acknowledged the reasoning behind her willingness to speak candidly about her experiences as a juror. "If we are going to hold [Simpson] accountable for a double murder, we must also hold ourselves accountable for what we did."

Mullen concentrates the majority of her energies as a set and lighting designer toward theater productions in the Los Angeles area and has earned several major awards, including the Los Angeles Drama Critics' Circle Award.

Rhodes has played a supporting role in Mullen's career success and stint as a juror. "Rhodes taught me how to think, how to articulate an idea and how to defend my point of view," she said. "It was kind of a hippy college while I was here, but the academic rigor was still very high... I don't know if it still exists, but there was a unique respect for students' point of view when I was here."

Editor's Note: News Editor Andrew Shulman contributed to the research for this article. Some material related to the specifics of the case was taken from the CNN Interactive website at <http://www.cnn.com/US/OJ/simpson.civil.trial/>.

## Tex-Mex Prepares For Volunteer Work in Reynosa

By Steven Perry  
Staff Correspondent

The Tex-Mex Border Ministry is ready to spend this year's spring break in Reynosa, Mexico.

Each year, the Border Ministry program helps build facilities and supply medical goods for impoverished people in the Mexican border region. This year, those involved will construct a playground for a school and start the construction of a home for a family currently living as squatters on homesteader's land.

The group, headed by Bryant

Benson '97, Nancy Roth '97, and Kristin Delea '97, will consist of 32 Rhodes students. Also accompanying the group will be Chaplain Billy Newton, Professor of Spanish Eric Henager, and Evergreen Presbyterian Church Minister Rev. Stewart Rawson. The program is conducted with the aid of Ministerio de Fe, a border ministry supported by the Presbyterian Church in the Rio Grande valley.

Those involved in the program have been working since last October to prepare for the trip. The group has raised over \$10,000 this year for the trip, mostly

through their work at the basketball concession stand and by selling Valentines. They have also received contributions from the Trull Foundation, Evergreen Presbyterian Church, and through personal donations.

They have also prepared for the trip

by learning about the culture of the region and studying Spanish in case they have forgotten or have not learned it.

This is the tenth year for the program, one of Rhodes' most successful. Over the last decade, 200 Rhodes students have participated in the program,

building six new playgrounds and helping in the construction of two homes, a church, a medical clinic, and a vocational training center. Over 100 pounds of medical supplies have been provided for those in the area, helping countless amounts of people.

## Model UN Takes Home Four Awards From St. Louis

By Liz Nichols  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Seventeen Rhodes students traveled to St. Louis on February 26 for the thirty-seventh annual Midwest Model United Nations Conference. Held at the Hyatt Regency-Union Station, the gathering was attended by delegations from approximately seventeen colleges and universities from around the region.

Rhodes contributed two delegations to the conference— Libya and Brazil— with Amanda Bethell '98 and Kristen Raushkolb '98 serving as head delegates, respectively. Under their direction, as well as that of Rhodes Model UN president Yohaán Demel '97, the group succeeded in winning a total of four committee awards, making this year's attendees some of the most successful ever. Rhodes International Studies professor Karl Kaltenthaler acted as faculty advisor.

Awards went to Barry Fullerton '00 and Sonja Johnson '00 of the Brazilian delegation, who served on the Economic and Social committee, as well as to Judith Smelser '98, Brazilian delegate to the Economic and Social committee Working Group.

Honorable mentions were given to Stacey Norton '00 and Steele Means '99, Libyan delegates to the Special and Political committee, and to Matt Marcotte '99, Libyan delegate to the Political and Security committee.

Rhodes Model UN president Yohaán Demel attributed the team's success to the increased training and preparation that the group undertook before the conference. Demel also commented on the team's achieve-

ment given their relative inexperience.

"I was very impressed by the fact that two of the four awards went to St. Louis first-timers. In my four years of doing Model UN, we have never won so many awards," Demel said.

Participants engaged in often heated debate regarding a wide variety of globally-focused subjects. Topic areas included global environmental atrocities, terrorism, protection of tourists, privatizing of business, the pandemic of infectious diseases, protection of humanitarian aid workers, the regulation of child labor, and ethnic cleansing.

The first two days of the conference were spent discussing and amending submitted resolutions in smaller committees, a slow and often intense process. Those resolutions that were passed progressed to Friday and Saturday's General Assembly, where they were considered by the body as a whole. Model UN treasurer and Brazilian delegate Hunter Phillips '99 stated of the team's hard work in these capacities.

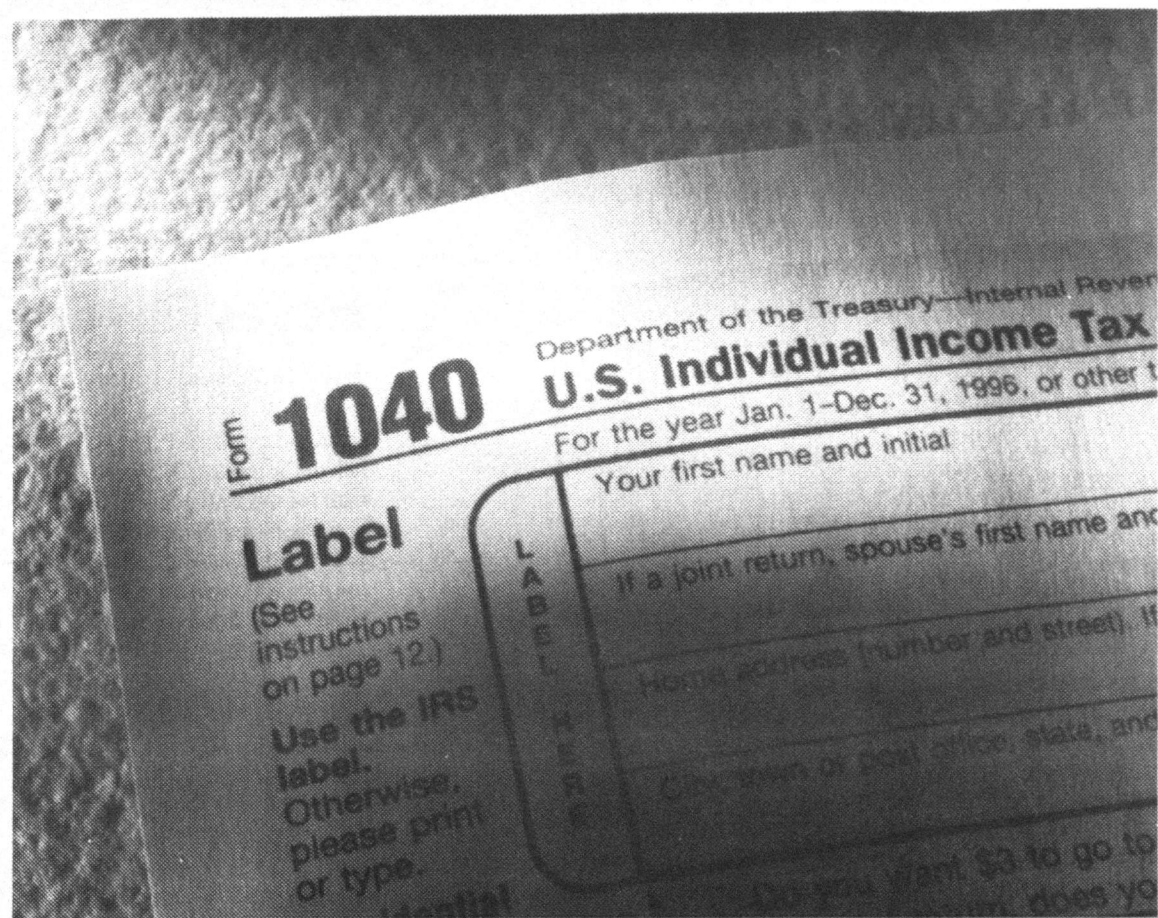
"The Rhodes team did a great job of both caucusing and debating teams from other colleges," Phillips said.

Rhodes' main contenders for awards were Principia College in Illinois, the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Alma College in Wisconsin, Arkansas Technical University and Southeast Missouri State University.

Libya head delegate Amanda Bethell '98 was pleased with the Rhodes team's final standing.

"I'm glad that our hard work was fully rewarded in St. Louis," Bethell said.

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## Rhodes Campus Safety Activity Log

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<b>2/24</b>	11:00am	East Fence: suspicious person climbing fence going off campus. Found to be a job applicant for food services division.
<b>2/25</b>		NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY REPORTED
<b>2/26</b>	10:00am	Buckman Lot: Chronic violator's car booted.
	11:55am	Fine paid: boot removed.
<b>2/27</b>	5:30pm	Vandalism - Freshman Lot: Sign vandalized. Report taken. Video tapes being reviewed.
<b>2/28</b>	10:30am	Trezevant Lot: Vehicle accident: report taken.
<b>3/1</b>	11:58am	Williford: Suspicious persons in residence hall. Campus Safety determined subjects were invited guests that were not being controlled. ADRL Residence Life notified. Host responsible.
	1:45pm	Fraternity row: Vandalism: BB gun discharged on campus. Responsible party identified. Reparations to be made. Gun confiscated. Turned over to Dean of Student Affairs.
	10:50pm	Williford Hall. Water leak. Maintenance notified.
<b>3/2</b>		NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY REPORTED
<b>STATISTICS</b>		
ACCESSES	132	JUMP STARTS 6
CITATIONS	101	ESCORTS 18
PROPPED DOORS	2	ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS 0
VISITORS	416	

## RSG Evaluates Effectiveness Of New Outreach Program

By Brandon Barr  
Staff Correspondent

The midterm grades have arrived for RSG's Outreach program, which went into effect at the beginning of this semester. While showing the growing pains of a newly implemented program, the Outreach program is gaining support as a communicative tool between RSG and the student body.

In an effort to take a more active role in student representation, last semester RSG changed the way they interacted with campus organizations. RSG Outreach has now replaced office hours as the method of contact between student organizations and RSG. If a student group requests a

liaison, one or more RSG Senators will attend their meetings, serving as a reference for the group and reporting back to RSG on a monthly basis. RSG hopes the change will "facilitate interaction between student group members and RSG, ultimately fostering open, accessive diversity of thought among the Rhodes community."

According to Kate O'Leary '99, head of the RSG Administration and Finance Committee, club response to the new system has not been as high as expected. The proposed plan for outreach maintained that all organizations on campus were invited to ask for a RSG liaison; O'Leary received 11-12 responses from clubs. O'Leary said that RSG club visits have started, but to date no monthly liaison reports

have been made.

"In the future, as the liaisons are utilized more, RSG should become more visible and available to all students. We will be seeking out, instead of just having students come to us," O'Leary said.

Though starting participation is low, there has been an initial positive response from student clubs. Jason Bishop, president of the GSA, has found the RSG presence at his organization's meetings "very beneficial."

"We currently have a committee that is renovating the constitution and mission statement of the GSA," Bishop continued. "Neeta Venepalli and Kristen Rauschkolb are tremendous helps."

## Hayes Fills Director Of Media Relations Post

By Andrew Shulman  
News Editor

Rhodes will have a new voice to talk to the media. Gil Hayes, spokesman for the University of Tennessee at Memphis for the past 12 years, has been hired to fill the vacated executive director of media relations post. Hayes fills the position that had been

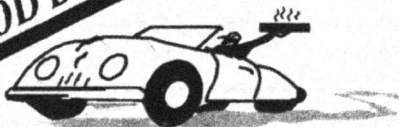
held by Helen Norman who retired on January 31.

The media relations post was formerly known as public information, and Hayes, being a cabinet level member, will report directly to President James Daughdrill. Hayes' responsibilities include overseeing College publications and communi-

cations with the media, producing news releases, and writing for College publications.

"I am delighted to have been chosen at Rhodes, and I'm looking forward to the challenges of directing national media relations at a nationally ranked institution," Hayes said.

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## Davis And Myatt Give Lecture On Exhibit

By Kathryn Derossit  
Staff Correspondent

Two highly-respected figures in the Memphis Art community lectured at Rhodes on Thursday, February 29. Dean Alonzo of the Memphis College of Art and Professor Myatt of the University of Memphis lectured and narrated a slide show, giving the many art students present a glimpse into their work. They spoke of their personal lives, their involvement in art and their influences—ranging from broad categorical influences to the origins of specific pieces themselves.

Professor Myatt, the first speaker of the evening, delivered a very home-spun, humorous and anecdotal commentary on his life and works dating back to the early 1970s. Having lived in a variety of cities, Myatt now teaches sculpture at the University of Memphis, and recently had an opening that was "very favorably received" at the Ledbetter Lusk Gallery.

Professor Myatt presented his first slide as one of his first "real sculptures." Completed in 1973 when Myatt was a professor at Arkansas State University, the sculpture was a combination of wood

and bottles, a parody of sorts of a bottle collection. In essence, the work was a marriage of natural and synthetic parts that mimicked a monument to the natural and the cultural.

Indeed, much of Myatt's work is a parody of the very natural and the very commercial forces that govern people's lives. A particularly moving piece illustrating this technique was a birdbath with a fake, oil-smothered bird laying in it, haloed by a work shirt strung from the ceiling above.

This marriage of working class and working world expressed how the two of-

ten co-mingle disastrously to harm both components and was noteworthy both in its sentiment and in its politic.

Myatt's art, which combines humor, satire, parody and political message has brought him a great deal of local notori-

placed one of his sculptures, "Morning" at the visitors center that marks the border into Tennessee from North Carolina.

Dean Alonzo has lived in Hawaii, Los Angeles, Sacramento, and San Antonio. His corpus of works is often married to the city that Alonzo has come to know and live in, and his life and art has been affected by his experiences as an African-American male in these differing locations.

Successful as a painter, Alonzo designed the mural that is now along the Harbour Freeway in Los Angeles. Many of Alonzo's themes involve the pressure he has felt throughout his life to "save the world," a perception that he identified as his own "Messiah complex."

Alonzo's themes deal with his childhood feelings of the riotous 60s and 70s, his frustration with the racial issues that endlessly confront and divide the country, and the geographical influences that have shaped the way art, culture, and person can come together in so many variable ways- yet still serve the common underlying good of encapsulating what is making and shaping humans in a vast and rapidly changing world.

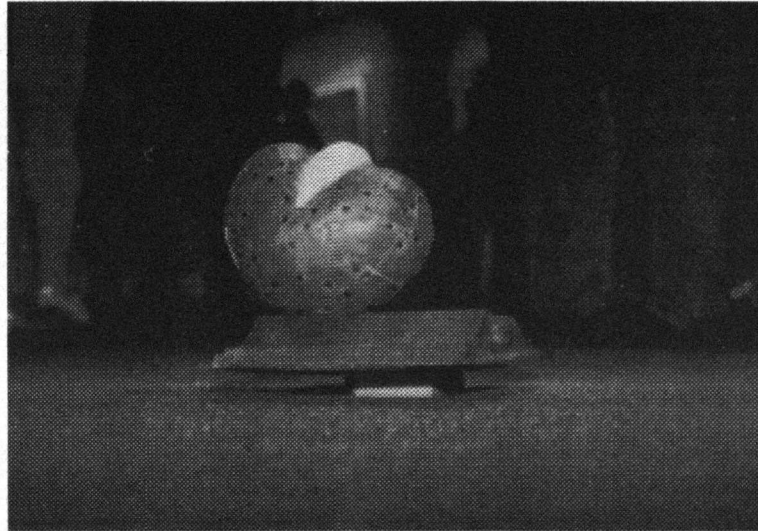


Photo by Enrique Espinosa

ety, as evidenced by his involvement in the Tennessee Arts Commission, who

## The Suffocating Legacy Of Family In Shine

By Blake Rollins  
Staff Correspondent

*Shine* provides a unique visual metaphor for the introverted condition of its protagonist, David Helzgott, through the eye of the camera. After beating the piano with a passion reminiscent of Liszt, David collapses on stage at the apex of his prodigal career. The viewer perceives Helzgott sprawled out on the floor—an inverted angle for a personality that cannot quite fit.

*Shine* presents less a story about music than a tale of family and responsibility. Helzgott, already competing in the Commonwealth Finals at the age of 14 (the youngest in Australia's history), demonstrates incredible loyalty to the expectations of his father.

The viewer sees the young boy who can't pronounce the piece he will play without his father progress into the man who eventually performs his father's favorite piece — Rachmaninoff's 3rd Piano Concerto — only to crack without his all-encompassing support.

David's father isolates his talented son to the point of suffocation so that his only release comes through the piano. The father tells his son "Nobody will ever love you like me," which translates into "Nobody will ever love you *but* me" in action. His father can hardly bring himself to allow David to study with another piano teacher, and when his success begins to eclipse family life, the father recoils and attempts to lock away his prized son.

David can only escape the jealousy of his

father by pursuing his freedom through music at the Royal College of Music in London. In leaving Australia, David severs any relationship with his father.

David's sense of dislocation eclipses his promising success at the Royal Academy, because through the piano he attempts to find a self that never developed. While playing Rachmaninoff's 3<sup>rd</sup> Piano Concerto in D Minor — arguably the most difficult progression of chords ever written — David looks at his hands and can no longer hear the music, only the depression of the keys. Without family or music, David suffers a nervous breakdown after winning the Gold Medal.

David returns to Australia and lives in and out of mental institutions for 14 years: almost incoherent in thought and action. Actor Geoffery Rush perfectly portrays Helzgott's eccentricity, shamelessly pouncing about naked to the violins of Vivaldi. When in 1984 he stumbles into a local café, sits down at the piano amidst jeers and breaks into Flight of the Bumblebee people again begin to listen to his music.

Yet it is his relationship with a woman astrologer, not the piano, that saves David. His wife Gillian Murray provides David with a nourishing and accepting love which eventually allows David's music to shine once again.

This cinematic biography of David Helzgott conveys one important lesson concerning family: it is not an inherited concept but rather defined by the love and compassion between two individuals.

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## Horvath, Walter Qualify for Nationals/ Minihan Sets School Record

By Steve Prefontaine  
Staff Correspondent

Robert Shankman, head coach of the men's and women's track and field teams, was heard by bystanders, as he pulled out of the Mallory Gym parking lot in a Ford Crown Victoria on Friday, saying, "It's a 533 miles to Chicago, we've got a full tank of gas, half a pack of Snackwells Fat Free Devil's Food Cookies, it's dark and we're wearing sunglasses. Hit it."

Shankman brought with him Nicole Horvath '98, Jason Walter '99 and Brendan Minihan '97 with his mind set on breaking some school track and field records and qualifying some individuals for the National Indoor Track and Field Championships. His wish came true.

The four travelled to Romeoville, Illinois, approximately 30 miles south of

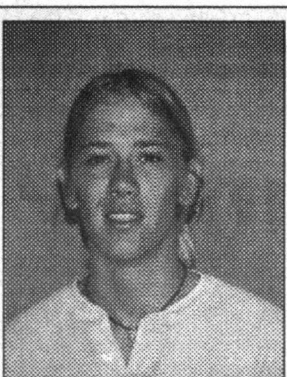
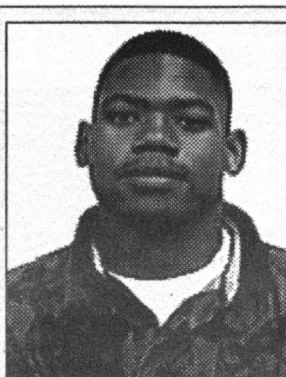
Chicago, where Lewis University hosted a "last-chance" indoor meet.

Horvath was the first of the three Lynx athletes to achieve success. She placed third overall in the 5000m run, behind two Division I runners, with a time of 17:55. Not only is her time a school record in the 5K, but it is good enough to qualify Horvath for Nationals. After her race, Horvath's time ranked her eleventh in the country for provisional qualifiers. Only twelve provisional qualifiers are accepted.

Walter, after competing poorly in the long jump (22'4") and failing to improve on his provisionally qualifying jump from three weeks earlier, was about to call it a day, when Shankman proposed that he compete in the triple jump.

"We hadn't even practiced the triple jump, but I thought I might as well try it," Walter said.

His jump of 47'8.25" placed him sec-



Nicole Horvath, Jason Walter are Nationals bound in Indoor Track. Minihan holds new record in 3000m.

ond in the meet, broke the school record and qualified him for nationals. After his jump, Walter was ranked fifth in the nation for provisional qualifiers.

Minihan stepped up to the line of the 3000m race with a lot of pressure on him, which he quickly dispersed by taking the lead after 200m. Minihan won the race in a school record time of

9:00.32.

Minihan held the previous 3000m record at 9:07.

"It was a good way to end the indoor season," Minihan said. "Now I'm ready for real track."

Shankman was pleased with his athletes' performances.

"It was a good day for the Rhodes

track team," said an elated Shankman. "It is a great feeling to see your athletes succeed after you have pushed them so hard for so long."

Horvath and Walter will travel to Oshkosh, Wisconsin this Friday to compete in Nationals. The teams' first outdoor meet is the Rhodes Invitational Track Meet, Saturday, March 15.

## Head Football Coach Hired

By Brendan Minihan  
Sports Editor

Joe White, assistant coach of the Columbia University football team, was hired last Tuesday as the head coach of the Lynx football team.

White replaces Mike Clary, athletic director and assistant track coach, with the hopes of turning around the team's three year losing funk. Since 1993, the team has gone 11-27-1, with a 3-7 record this past year.

"I am extremely excited about Joe White becoming our head football coach," Clary said.

"Joe comes from one of the top academic institutions in the country and has been a part of one of the most remarkable rebuilding efforts in college football history at Columbia," Clary said.

At Columbia, White took part in a massive turnaround of the program, from a 44-game losing streak to three winning seasons in a row (1994-1996) and a 1996, 8-2 season record that made them runner up in the Ivy League.

White accounts the turn around to recruiting.

"As Columbia's recruiting coordinator the past eight years, Joe has overseen a successful national recruiting effort. I fully expect our

football recruiting effort to broaden with his background," Clary said.

Clary stresses, though, that "we're not looking for any quick fixes."

"We fully expect it will take some time for Joe White to put his stamp on the Rhodes football program," he added.

Gordon Ellingsworth, Scott Srnka, Jim Elgin, and Troy Boeck, current assistant coaches, will continue to serve on the football staff.

"When we searched for the right coach at Rhodes, we looked for an individual who could build successful relationships with people," Clary said.

"We wanted a coach who could mold a group of assistant coaches, who could mold our returning football players, who could relate well with our faculty, staff, and alumni," Clary said, and claimed, "Rhodes will be a great place for Joe White, and Joe White will be great for Rhodes."

White will also serve as an assistant coach for the women's and men's track teams. White will join the football staff on March sixth to help with final recruiting.

The college will have to wait until the Fall to see the results White has on the football team, but one thing is for sure: White and his staff have their work cut out for them.

## Rhodes Athletic Staff Profile

Compiled by Brendan Minihan  
Sports Editor

Beginning her twenty-first season at Rhodes, Sarah Hatgas has accumulated a 231-96 record for the women's tennis team.

Her 1985 and 1995 teams qualified for the NCAA Division III Championships where they finished #8 and #12 in the nation.

Hatgas has coached individual and doubles qualifiers to the NCAA Championships 12 of the last 14 years.

Her number one player, Nao Kinoshita won the NCAA Division III Championship in 1995 and was runner-up in 1994.

Hatgas took over the men's program in 1990 and since then the men have had a 95-25 win/loss record.

In the last five years, her team

has finished third in the very strong SCAC Conference.

In the 1994-95 season, Rhodes had players ranked in the NCAA in both singles and doubles.

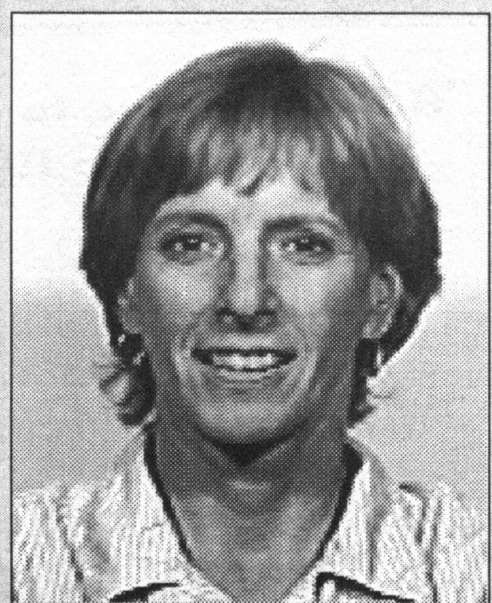
A graduate of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Hatgas holds BS and MA degrees in education.

Formerly ranked in both Tennessee and Georgia, Hatgas is a certified USPTA teaching pro.

She runs tennis camps in the summer and is very active in the Memphis tennis community.

This year she will serve as the Chair of the NCAA Tennis Community.

Having coached basketball at Rhodes for twenty years, she re-



cently stepped down to take on duties as Assistant Athletic Director.

"Rhodes is a wonderful college. Everything about its academics and athletics exemplifies what Division III stands for," Hatgas said.

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## Lynx to Links: Trustees Vote to Add Golf

By Barrett Hathcock  
Rhode'ster Greenskeeper

Following a unanimous decision by the Board of Trustees to approve a proposal by Rhodes President James H. Daughdrill, Rhodes College will undergo several major changes in the course of the current semester. The most radical of these will be the transformation of the College from an institution of higher learning to an exclusive country club.

In a statement issued last week, Board members assert that "A country club is just a better business venture than a liberal arts college. This way, we won't have to be bothered by petty details like the ADA, minority admissions and students. Now the Board can focus on what really matters, putting and profit."

The proposal was voted in at the last Board of Trustees Meeting when the Board of Governors of Rhodes Country Club, formerly known as the Board of Trustees of Rhodes College, once again succeeded in branding their legacy to the hallowed Gothic stone. Though the two stu-

dent members of the Board allegedly formed eighteen Ad Hoc committees in opposition to the proposal, they were directly ignored.

According to a memo from the Board of Governors, the faculty, staff and student body have been given thirty days eviction notice, effective March 6, 1997. Anyone remaining on campus after this time will be conscripted to work as caddies and locker room attendants.

Tenured faculty will have the option of working as waiters in the new club snack bar or as aerobics instructors in the health center. Professors up for third year review can apply for the opening spots on the greens maintenance staff. Students with a GPA of 3.5 or above may apply for fairway maintenance apprenticeships. The Board has specified, however, that applications from zealots will not be accepted for any position.

Part of the neighborhood surrounding the college come country club will be annexed to make way for a new golf course. Snowden Optional School and all houses located in a five block radius of the former campus will be leveled off and re-

placed by water hazards, sand traps, and oak trees. Fortunately, Midtown Mini-Mart will be spared and will remain on the outer edge of the golf course so unemployed Rhodes faculty members and estranged students can still buy a cold one and some of those new Kamels in that spiffy red package. All financial aid will be transferred to coupons redeemable at this establishment.

In Rhodes' transformation from liberal arts college to first class country club, all existing structures will remain intact, although plans for alterations are already being discussed. Frazier-Jelke will be renovated to contain a spa catering to senior citizens, complete with a mudpack bubble bath and a full time, licensed massage therapist. Buckman will contain a state of the art arcade and virtual reality game room, and will continue to be the spiffiest building on campus. Palmer will be turned into a bed and breakfast inn for well-to-do, out of town alumni and guests of members. Stewart and Glassell will be condemned. Bellingrath will be transformed to staff lodgings. Williford will be turned into a maze

theme park for grandchildren of members.

The behemoth, new former Student Life Center will stay the same, because it's just so nice and it still has that new gym smell. However the Lynx Lair will sell nothing but Bryan meat products. The McCoy Theatre will become the McCoy Movie Theatre and will feature a strict repertoire of John Wayne and James Stuart films. The fraternity houses will be connected to form one giant "Nineteenth Hole Bar" as an accent to the surrounding golf course, and will contain a twenty four hour karaoke bar as well as a cigar and martini room. The sorority houses will be sold to the highest bidder for renovation to a series of ladies' bridge rooms. Campus Safety will establish a new and improved headquarters in Clough, monitoring every movement throughout the country club for protection against infiltration by disgruntled former students. The Burrow Library will be changed into a Presbyterian chapel, complete with a big, phallic steeple.

As the Board expected, many

zealous students are in an uproar over the situation. Several have contacted their attorney relatives and a class-action lawsuit against the former school was, at one time, pending. However, the Board offered half-price memberships to the lawyers and the case has subsequently been dropped.

A large number of alums, most residents of Germantown, have expressed full support for the proposal, claiming that they have finally been given a worthwhile reason to pay taxes for "the Midtown wasteland." Applications for membership from the Germantown area have flooded the Admissions Department despite the club's high acceptance standards.

The demographic group of the new club members is expected to be similar to that of the former students. Said one member of the Board of Governors, "What once was a factory for churning out potential doctors and lawyers is now a place where actual doctors and lawyers can hang out, play golf, network, get smashed on expensive scotch, and prove that, when left to their own devices, white people are no fun at all."

## News Briefs

By Rebecca Anderson and  
Mary McCoy  
Rhode'ster Media Manipulations  
Bureau

■ Due to the recent increase in auto thefts and break-ins on Rhodes Campus and surrounding areas, Rhodes students are no longer allowed to own cars. Effective March 15, 1997, students will be given the opportunity to purchase their choice of a large tricycle or a golf cart from the Rhodes Bookstore. In order that the change not pose any undue financial burden to students or their parents, all vehicles purchased between now and the end of the semester will be offered at a special reduced cost roughly the same as that of a new BMW and may be charged to existing bookstore accounts.

All vehicles remaining on campus after this date will be repossessed by the Board of Trustees and employed in the service of God.

■ The Rhodes College (tug, tug) Model United Nations delegation, representing the country Libya, was

asked to leave the annual conference after taking their role as the volatile African country a bit too far. The delegation is accused of causing mass riots by chanting, "Revolution now! Down with Western Imperialism!" and throwing paper airplanes armed with spit-wad bombs at the U.S. delegation while the latter was presenting a resolution.

■ Due to recent overexposure to the popular computer game, *Quake*, Campus Safety director Ralph Hatley has issued new security protocols and equipment to all Campus Safety personnel. Thanks to Internet programs, Officer Vernon Humphries has been vested with the magical power to hurl exploding fireballs at "personal discretion". Reportedly, Humphries has been sighted blowing the fireballs out of his cigarettes. Due to safety and insurance considerations, students are advised by Hatley to "under no circumstance give him a light. Even if he does promise to fix your last A.V."

Each member has also been issued holographic projectors which make students appear to be sixteen foot ogres bearing chain saws and hurling

grenades while screaming, "Semper Fidelis!" as well as blood-smearing axes. Exactly where the blood was obtained has been classified as "classified" information by Hatley. This technology is expected to "instill the appropriate blood-lust that has so far been sadly lacking among our team." Officers have been given orders to employ "any means of kicking ass necessary" in the use of the new weapons, especially against "forces of darkness and first years caught consuming large quantities of Natural Light."

■ In a scandal that rocked the RSG and shed light on a different side of student leaders at Rhodes, the winners of the recent RSG, Honor Council and SRC elections were caught rolling naked, smeared with butter, in a large pile of their defeated opponents' discarded campaign flyers. According to an eye-witness, "Stephen Hester has a great ass!" None of the participants could be reached for comment.

■ All members of the editorial staff of *The Sou'wester* except one, were hospitalized late Monday night due to

severe food poisoning suspected to have been brought on by bad pork chops and T-bones. Although no serious consequences resulted from the incident, all infected parties reported acute feelings of annoyance and irritation. According to News Editor, Andrew Shulman, "None of us are ever going to eat at Corky's again."

Associate Editor, Henry Murphy claims to have warned the other members of the group about the dangers of pork chops. "I told them we should have gone out for fat hot dogs," said Murphy.

Rhode'ster Editor, Rebecca Anderson, a vegetarian, was the sole member of the group unaffected. "Maybe now those perverse carnivores will see the light. At least this will teach them to start letting me choose where to eat from now on," said Anderson.

■ In light of the past several years' controversy surrounding the awarding of tenure, Rhodes President James H. Daughdrill, Jr. has proposed a radical alternative to the Board of Trustees. According to a spokesperson for the President's office, Daughdrill pro-

poses that no new faculty be hired ever again.

The Board has reportedly been supportive of the plan. According to a statement on the issue released earlier this week, "With the advances being made in the fields of genetics, and the leverage that we have with God, we see no reason that we should not be able to resurrect deceased professors who were awarded tenure long before this brouhaha started. Since the resurrected professors will be technically dead, the College will not be legally required to pay them a salary, include them in diversity surveys or accommodate any disabilities that they may have. In addition, since dead people can't do research or publish and are never sick, there is no reason for any of the new-old faculty to ever take leaves of absence or sabbaticals or to miss any classes. Students will be able to reap the benefits of a faculty that lives solely for the purpose of teaching. Metaphorically speaking, of course."

All current faculty members will be given the option of either allowing themselves to be killed and resurrected or resigning.

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## Second Coming: James Is Back! Advice From Jesus's Little Bro Part II

Due to the popularity of his first appearance, *The Rhode'ster* has once again invited James the Nazarean, the younger brother of Jesus, to impart his wisdom upon the much deserv-ing and zealous Rhodes community. O.K. We can see that your not fooled. Jesus canceled on us again right before the deadline for publication and James just got fired from Taco Bell and needed the money. Actually, the entire Sou'wester staff needs the money. The fact that we're not currently getting any is entirely beside the point. So here to prove that there's more than one member of his family who can do the resurrection thing, James is back from oblivion to answer all of your most pressing and zealous questions.

Dear James,

I've had a problem lately with some of the guys in my hall. They piss on me while I sleep, cane me, and last night they forced me to do needlepoint without a thimble. I've had it, and I was wondering if you could ask Jesus to help me out on this one.

-Tortured in Glassell

Dear Tortured:

Frankly, I suggest bypassing Jesus altogether on this one and going straight for the throat. If I were you, I'd invoke the wrath of Yahweh. It's much nastier, and probably more effective in the long run. Jesus is great for love, compassion, and mercy, but it sounds like you need a dose of good old-fashioned vengeance. Check this out. "Elisha went up from there to Bethel; and while he was going up on the way, some small boys came out of the city and jeered at him saying, 'Go away, baldhead! Go away, baldhead!' When he turned around and saw them, he cursed them in the name of Yahweh. Then two she-bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of the boys." (2 Kings 2:23-24) Convincing, eh? Now, for the best results of your curse, I suggest tying a stick to your right index finger to give the illusion of that scrawny, wizened, Old Testament prophet look. If necessary, wear a loincloth. Then, confront your enemies. A curse given in the privacy of your own room is absolutely no good. Speak as loudly as possible and wave your prosthetic finger around menacingly when issuing the curse. If nothing happens immediately, pretend like you did it that way on purpose. Some good prophet patter in

these circumstances might be, "Yahweh works in His good time," "Wild dogs will feast on your flesh," or "Sometimes He comes at night." I wish you the very best of luck, my friend.

Dear James,

Rites of Spring is fast approaching, and I was wondering, in light of the new addition to the mission statement, how should I serve God in all I do during this weekend of debauchery?

-Sex, Drugs, and Rock n' Roll

Dear SDR&R:

I think you have raised an important point which applies to the Rhodes student body as a whole. Now if Rhodes were really to take this mission statement thing seriously, I think they'd be forced to admit that they need to revamp Rites of Spring altogether. Isn't President Daughdrill inviting all of you to act like Pharisees and hypocrites when he fails to put a halt to the loud music that encourages young people to sway their hips in such ways that can only lead young people to think about one thing? That's right. It makes them think about SEX. And thinking about sex can only lead to one thing. That's right. More SEX. What kind of message does this send out? How can you ever expect to get any more coverage in USA Today if you keep pulling stunts like this?

So to honestly serve God in all we do, really the only solution is to turn Rites of Spring into something which will help eradicate the demons of temptation that manage to get past campus safety and the iron gates in a way which will still provide entertainment and mirth to the student body. Perhaps a huge southern Baptist tent revival-Lollapalooza hybrid. You could get Petra and the choir from Evergreen Church to play, and on the second stage, faith healing, full-immersion baptism, communion with grape juice, and snake-handling, and Billy Graham for the headliner Saturday night.

Wait. If Rhodes students have a Baptist revival, they might start thinking about Jesus again, and then it'd be just like it always is back in Nazareth. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. And Mom and Dad always look at me when I get home from work at Taco Bell and they get these disappointed looks on their faces and go, "Hmmm..." and shake their heads, and say "Oooohhhh... why can't you be more like your older brother?" And then Dad usually goes out into

the wood shop and builds some cabinets or birdhouses and crap like that, and Mom disappears into the bedroom and cries a lot. Then she comes out and starts banging around in the kitchen muttering, "Jesus is the son of God. Jesus doesn't mooch off his parents. Jesus doesn't have to work at Taco Bell. Jesus can turn water into wine." Then she grunts a lot. You can imagine how it is.

So being that the denomination of this "God" that you're all supposed to serve is somewhat obtuse, why not make it Bacchus for the weekend? Act accordingly.

Or you could just go the easy route and have sex with a Christian.

Dear James,

I'm a good, clean-minded person; some of my friends would even describe me as being a little bit prudish. I never think about... well, you know... things. Well, in light of this, I think I have a bit of a problem. This semester in one of my classes I've found my mind wandering off almost constantly. I can't take notes or pay attention or even speak when I'm called on, because I'm too busy thinking about.... well, things... things I shouldn't be thinking about in class. Usually, I can't even make it through the hour without having to get up to go to the bathroom, and, how shall I say this..... relieve myself. What Jedi mind tricks can I use to keep my mind on my professor and away from these... very distracting things? (Please help soon. Midterm grades are coming up and I have a D+ in this class!)

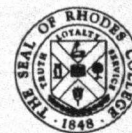
-Getting Cramped in the Stalls

Dear Cramped:

I'm returning your letter with some suggestions, and I'd like you to send it back next week after having added the appropriate details, elaborations, and photographs that I have requested. Remember, I ask these things for your benefit, so that I, James, the brother of Christ might better advise you. Thank you for your cooperation.

P.S. Please remember to sign the form I have attached, in which you will permit me to submit your letter in its revised form to a certain men's journal with which I am familiar. They conduct a highly esteemed forum which includes letters similar to yours and the discussion and activity that these letters promote, many would argue, has helped men all over the world to better get in touch with themselves. You really would be doing us a great service.

## THE Rhode'ster Staff



*The Rhode'ster* is a big ol' can of whoop-ass, unleashed on the Rhodes community every four weeks. Neither rain nor snow nor dead of night can keep it from its mission of kicking satirical butt, so don't even try to stop it, fascist pawns of Whitey. Long live the First Amendment. Revolution now!

OBIE WAN KANOBI  
Erin Riches

HAN SOLO  
Rebecca Anderson

LUKE SKYWALKER  
Mary McCoy

C-3PO  
Henry Murphy

CHEWBACCA  
James Spears

PRINCESS LEIA  
Allison Lasiter

JEDI KNIGHTS  
Melody Barnett,  
Brendan Minihan,  
Elizabeth Nichols,  
Andrew Shulman

X WINGS  
Barrett Hathcock, Benji  
Hughes, Mary McCoy,  
Henry Murphy, James Spears,

DARTH VADAR  
Enrique Espinosa

GEORGE LUCAS  
Rebecca Anderson

YODA  
Andrew Shulman

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Space Oddity

TRANSPORTATION  
The Melenium Falcon

JABBA THE HUT  
Steve Griffith

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Reaching *The Rhode'ster*  
Use The Force, Luke.

## President's Corner: Direct to Students from JHD

As one of the most visible public figures at Rhodes College, President James H. Daughdrill, Jr. serves as a representative of the College to the outside community. As such a representative, the President's activities are subject to much scrutiny by all members of the Rhodes community.

The Rhode'ster is pleased to present the following as a service to said community. Reprinted below are unabridged copies of actual e-mail messages sent by Daughdrill to @FacStaff, the general faculty and staff electronic distribution list.

From: RHODES::JHD "James H. Daughdrill, Jr."  
4-FEB-1997 13:45:08.44  
To: Wottle  
CC: @[ml]FacStaff  
Subj: Request for brainstorming!

Dave,

With the new telephone exchange number, 843, we may have a great opportunity to pull off a marketing coup!

For instance, the numbers 8-4-3 correspond with the letters T-H-E. Can Admissions, for instance, get the 1/800 number that ends with 2-37-8? If so, you could say "Call us toll free at 1-800-THE-BEST"! Prospective students and their parents couldn't forget THAT!

This isn't the only possibility. Even my own number can be rendered as 901-THE-DRAW, and maybe there's a zinger I haven't thought of. So, let's ALL try to think of acronyms and ways to get this kind of PAZZAZZ and positive "REMEMBER-ABILITY" in our numbers!

Jim

In this message, we find positive evidence that Daughdrill is actively working to promote the best interests of the College. We also find positive evidence that Daughdrill has too much time on his hands and no clue how to spell "pizzazz".

From: RHODES::JHD  
6-FEB-1997 13:00:47.41  
To: @FACSTAFF  
CC:  
Subj: e-mail

Unfortunately I have reached the point where I can no longer personally handle the volume of e-mails that come to me from students, faculty, staff, and, increasingly from alumni the world over via Internet e-mail, as well as trade associations, etc. Therefore, beginning on Monday all e-mails sent to "JHD" will be re-routed to Sherry Fields, and I have asked her to refer to me only the items that "are going up in smoke." That is our code phrase for "emergency only."

I regret having to make this change. I have enjoyed the many personal, even chatty things I have sent and received. But drowning in communication is the alternative and that is even less desirable.

If you have any questions about this, please contact Charlie Lemond or Sherry Fields. Thank you.

It seems that the president is too busy making words out of his telephone number to have time for the little things, like students and faculty. Notice also the thinly-veiled Cheech and Chong reference.

## Editors Under Investigation Disappearances Attributed to Sou'wester Staff

By Rebecca Anderson  
Rhode'ster Kamakazi Alcoholic

The as-yet unexplained disappearance of several area high school students from the annual Model United Nations Conference has raised many questions that neither Campus Safety nor the Memphis Police Department have been able to answer.

The conference, held on the Rhodes campus for several years, has never seen an incident such as the one that occurred February 16, 1997 at around 2:30 p.m. Six students in attendance were reported missing when they failed to show up for a scheduled session in Hardie Auditorium. At the same time that day, an unusually poorly attended weekly *Sou'wester* staff meeting was adjourned from 103 Buckman. It is unclear at present whether the two incidents are in any way related. However, the editorial board of *The Sou'wester* is currently under investigation for suspicion of felony kidnapping and illegal enforcement of conscripted labor.

Several individual members of the editorial board are also being investigated on separate counts of drug smuggling, contributing to the delinquency of a minor and sexual harassment.

According to a spokesperson for Campus Safety, the sudden appearance of new bylines in the student newspaper aroused suspicions which were further piqued by both the coincidence with the high schoolers' disappearance and charges for cases of Natural Light and Ridalin appearing on *The Sou'wester's* revised budget plan. Campus Safety suspects that the Model U.N. participants are being imbued with beer and stimulants as enticement to work as staff writers and layout personnel for *The Sou'wester*. It is also suspected that these students have not been included in the newspaper's staff compensation proposal.

Erin Riches, *Sou'wester* Editor in Chief, declined comment on the case, claiming that the staff has been advised to do so by legal council. However, lawyers for the paper did release an official statement pertaining to the charges at a press conference earlier in the week. According to the statement, "*The Sou'wester* claims no responsibility for the disappearances. *The Sou'wester* staff resents such implications and would like it to be

known that all members of the editorial board are decent, law-abiding citizens and card-carrying members of the National Presbyterian Rifle Association. Serve God and shoot straight."

Rebecca Anderson, *Rhode'ster* Editor, has broken the enigmatic silence surrounding the allegations and contributed to suspicion with

the independent publication of a personal manifesto. The 337 page document states, "I don't care if they do follow deadlines, until those kids get a clue about irony, they're not working for me." Anderson could not be reached for comment as she is currently being held for observation in the psychiatric ward at Baptist Hospital.

## Special Bulletin from the Moore Moore Health Center: Beware Rhodes by Night

By Benji Hughes  
Rhode'ster 21 Gallon Donor

Every year at this time, professors start complaining about class attendance, because every year at this time one or two minor epidemics tend to spread among the Rhodes student body. Influenza, bronchitis, Ebola, the Red Death—all of those little ailments that keep a body in bed for a few days, usually just in time to miss inconvenient due dates for papers. This year's no different. A rash—well, it's not really a "rash", per se. If it were a rash, we'd just give you some cortisone and go on with our lives. Okay, a breakout (not to be confused with acne) of attacks by bloodthirsty, dripping hellbeasts of the night has left a few students feeling less perky than, say, your average train wreck victim.

Not to be confused with the Gigantic Killer Big-as-a-Volvo Mosquito infestation of last year, this series of vampire attacks strikes students at night in their own beds. This means that victims are often nailed in pairs, which you think would put an end to this "shacking" nonsense, but, hey, what the hell, if Herpes hasn't slowed you wacky kids down, what's going to?

Anyway, the symptoms of being eaten alive in the night are usually: A) Bela Lagosi (or a reasonable facsimile thereof) following you down the hall; B) having your throat torn open by the fangs and claws of a once-human predator; C) being, in fact, devoured wholesale on the spot, like so many Taco Bell entrees; and D) death.

If you, or, preferably, someone you know, exhibit any of these symptoms, however, the Health Center (located conveniently next to the Rat, for more than one reason) can help. Among our many

fine free samples of medicines (including suppositories for those long nights alone) are a selection of garlic pills. We don't know that they'll actually drive away vampires, but we've had them sitting around for years, and it's high time someone took the damned things.

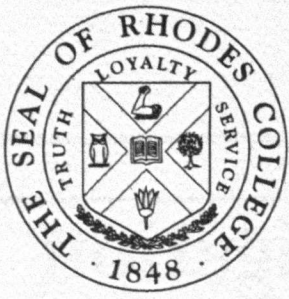
The most important thing to remember in all of this, however, is that vampires have rights, too. Like most minority rights groups, they have an incomprehensible agenda that they are willing to defend to the death, most likely yours. They serve God with every Rhodes student they butcher mercilessly in the night (all sarcasm aside, that one's actually sort of hard to argue with), and have a hard-working, intelligent representative on Rhodes Student Government, which is a damn sight more than the rest of us can say. As members of a one-world community, we have to respect that.

Remember, as you're having your very life drained out of you by the Humanity-Impaired individual before you, that, sure, you're soon to be an undead slave to this horrific thing eating you even as you think (remarkable how calm you are in the face of adversity, incidentally. Personally, I think it's what I've always admired most in you), but isn't it good to know that your fellow Americans are free to exercise their individual rights, to the point of your own bloody demise?

So, until this little epidemic blows over (or we're all deceased), remember, take your garlic pills, respect the rights of things trying to feed on your flesh, and always use a condom. Really, always. Even when you're not having sex. Wear it on your toe or something. You can trust us. We're the Health Center.



Justice Nascycz and Sean Lyttle fight it out at this year's Battle of the Bands for the prize of playing at Rites of Spring.



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## Editors Killed In Violent Zealot Protest

By James Spears  
D.O.A. Editor

The basement of Palmer Hall became the scene for the most brutal bloodbath in Rhodes' history when the staff for *The Sou'wester* protested a new amendment to the Publications Board Constitution requiring every staff member for each publication to refrain from temporary bouts of insanity during production time and instead engage in dutiful prayer asking for divine assistance with the networking and other computer problems that currently plague the Publications Center.

After a brief meeting, the Editorial Board of the student newspaper decided to unanimously reject the proposal and instead, according to Editor-in-Chief Erin Riches, "kill Allen [Boudreaux] and Jonathan [Nolen]."

Associate Editor Henry Murphy and Managing Editor James Spears were sent to infiltrate the Publications Board and assassinate Boudreaux and Nolen at the next Publications Board meeting.

However, the plan was aborted when sources for *The Sou'wester* learned that Boudreaux never called Pub Board meetings, and, should one occur on a fluke, it would be dominated by Pub Board members discussing the ability of publication staff members engaging in astronomical voyages in 24 hour periods.

Murphy and Spears were re-assigned to infiltrate the rooms of Nolen and Boudreaux and savagely murder them in their sleep.

Murphy, after gaining entrance into Townsend, was unpleasantly surprised by Boudreaux who was trying to complete his senior paper in a 48 hour period. Insane and exhausted, Boudreaux attacked Murphy, tearing off his arms and beating him to death with them.

Boudreaux then surgically grafted Murphy's arms to his own body to double his typing speed and complete his senior paper. However, upon completing the final paragraph, a pack of ravenous and obese wolves, incensed by the smell of Murphy's freshly mutilated body, broke into the room

and devoured both Boudreaux and the corpse.

"It is tragic, I suppose," a spokesperson for the English department said, "losing two majors in our department. On the other hand, neither of them were exceptional students, missing class all the time and contributing very little to class discussion. They were both very much the typical student who is also on the newspaper staff."

Spears was less successful than Murphy. His attempt to infiltrate Ellet was thwarted by his lack of a universal key due to his commuter status.

After several failed attempts to get a resident to let him in, Spears decided to ram the dormitory with his car, a 1981 Chevrolet Impala.

Arming the broken headlights with machine guns and replacing the cracked windshield with the latest bulletproof polymer, Spears began his assault on the dorm.

Campus Safety responded minutes later when several students complained of the noise. The standoff between Spears and Campus safety lasted nearly twenty minutes, with the crossfire from the two groups destroying everything in a five hundred foot radius.

Campus Safety finally gained victory when two Campus Safety officers, disguised as cigarettes, tricked Spears into trying to smoke them. The officers decapitated Spears and drove his car and headless body to Fisher Gardens for a war feast later that evening.

Nolen, aware that his life was now in danger because of the proposed amendment, hired Photography Editor Enrique Espinosa to "do Riches."

Espinosa launched a full-scale attack on Riches and other members of the staff, armed with two combat shotguns and a battle axe. Columnist Matthew Jones became the first victim of Espinosa's onslaught. Jones began to argue, vaguely and incoherently, about the use of marijuana in Greek culture when Espinosa, filled with bloodlust, rammmed a shotgun down Jones's throat and fired.

Sports Editor Brendan Minihan attacked Espinosa while Riches fled to the relative safety of



**Editor-in-Chief Erin Riches and Managing Editor James Spears hunted down and killed several enemies of *The Sou'wester* last week before being maimed, killed, and resurrected. Riches and Spears later argued whether their resurrection was a miracle or a typographical error.**

Graphic Manipulation: James Spears, Rebecca Anderson

### Total Carnage:

<b>Sou'wester Staff Dead-</b>	<b>08</b>
<b>Sou'wester Staff Maimed-</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Publications Board Staff Dead-</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Publications Board Staff Maimed-</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Campus Safety Officers Dead-</b>	<b>04</b>
<b>Campus Safety Officers Maimed-</b>	<b>12</b>

her room. Espinosa and Minihan battled to a stalemate, each one losing an arm, both eyes, and their left leg. An unidentified assailant finally made good on his threat toward Espinosa and finished him off by bludgeoning Espinosa to death with several large cuts of pork.

Nolen then hired former News Editors Bryn McDougall and Rob Cole as undercover mercenary agents to get close to Riches and gain her confidence.

McDougall and Cole assaulted Riches in the *Sou'wester* office but were quickly felled by the veteran editor with the help of Andrew Shulman, On-line Editor and Acting News Editor. Shulman, wielding a self-designed light saber, cut off the hands of both Cole and McDougall before throwing them into a steel cage with pro-wrestler George "The Animal" Steele, who ate both ex-staff members.

With four editors and eight staff members already dead, Riches decided that a full-scale attack on the CLC was the only solution. Shulman and Assistant

Managing Editor Melody Barnett swiftly executed every person within the halls of the CLC up to the as-of-yet-unfinished-and-hideously-HIDEOUSLY-late Lynx Lair, where Nolen was rumored to be hiding out.

Shulman and Barnett were promoted, but got lost in the catacombs of the CLC.

*Rhode'ster* Editor Rebecca Anderson made a kamikaze attempt to flush out Nolen by setting herself on fire and running into the Lynx Lair. However, the large amounts of alcohol in Anderson's body caused her to explode outside the "resistive exercise" rooms.

With their troops annihilated, Riches and Nolen decided to duel in the Amphitheater. Tickets were sold by RAB to raise more money for Rites of Spring and the late Espinosa's "Magic 8.5" plan. Nolen gained the advantage early by disemboweling Riches. Riches countered, however, by cutting Nolen in half. Nolen, dragging himself along the ground, began to beat Riches with his severed

legs, nearly knocking her out. Riches ended the confrontation by strangling Nolen with her small intestine before expiring herself from the blood loss.

Rhodes' administration, convinced the school needed a newspaper staff to harass and assault, unofficially hired Jeanne Hamilton, art major and necromancer, to resurrect the dead Riches and Spears.

"Well," a spokesman for the Administration said, "Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, we thought Jeanne could at least raise those two. Besides, she apparently brought back Prokofiev."

Campus Safety, annoyed at the loss of their prize catch, Spear's body, took out their disappointment on prospective students, testing the anti-intrusion devices placed around vending machines stocked with powdered donuts. The prospective students were felled with tazers. Their bodies then were reportedly roasted in a ceremonial rite and donated to the biology department for use in zoology and animal physiology labs.