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Let's Talk About SACS



Photo by Chris McKenzie

Representatives of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) met with students and administrators this past week to discuss Rhodes' pending reaccreditation. Discussion groups focused on topics such as 'Organization and Administration' and 'Housing.'

Campus Green Audits Rhodes

By Amy Tidwell
Staff Writer

Campus Green is currently conducting an environmental audit of Rhodes, in hopes of educating the College about waste and recycling.

On Monday, February 15, Gini Cogswell ('99) and Shawna Miller ('01) began collecting trash from Bellingrath, Blount, Clough, Frazier-Jelke, and Palmer. They will sift through the trash and determine how much of it is actually recyclable.

"The audit is just the beginning of a huge project," Cogswell said.

Each bag of trash is marked with a sticker to identify which building it came from. Cogswell and Miller spend about two hours a day behind the Physical Plant building dividing the trash into piles of recyclable materials.

Miller stated that the short-term goals of the audit "are to educate

Rhodes students about the incredible amount of trash that they throw away and the very high percentage of it that could be recycled and thus diverted from the landfills."

"We want to use the information [from the audit] to implement an even more inclusive recycling program and spur students to act on their own towards reducing their waste," Miller said of the audit's long-term goals.

Cogswell plans to present a proposal to President Daughdrill, Chancellor Harlow, and College deans "documenting the amount of trash that can be recycled." She hopes the proposal will encourage the administration and Physical Plant to recycle.

A large recycling program at Rhodes "would be good for the environment and may eventually save money," Cogswell said.

Cogswell stated that the idea for

the audit originated with Associated Colleges of the South (ACS), a group of schools that includes Davidson, Trinity, and Washington and Lee. ACS funds projects between the schools in several areas of interest, including the environment.

"Other schools that have completed their audit found that at least 50% of their waste stream is recyclable paper. Hendrix has done the audit and did a great job," Cogswell said.

According to Cogswell, although the audit at Rhodes is not funded by ACS, it greatly increases the possibility that Rhodes will receive grants for future environmental projects.

Cogswell and Miller explained that anyone who is interested in helping with the audit may stop behind the Physical Plant building in the early evenings and participate in the project.

Newly Approved Tax Breaks May Benefit Students

By Brooke Foster
Staff Writer

Colleges and universities nationwide expect to encounter new challenges in 1999. Recently, Congress and the Clinton administration approved two new federal income-tax breaks, the Hope Credit and the Lifetime Learning Credit, that have the potential to grant students up to \$1,500 in tax returns per year.

Though appealing in theory, these new tax breaks have already been the source of much anxiety and confusion for college students and administrators.

The January 29 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education* reports that "for the next three months, officials from the largest private research universities to the smallest public colleges will juggle complying with tax rules while providing financial data so students and families may take advantage of the breaks."

The *Chronicle* explained that the Hope Credit is available to students

who have not completed their first two years of post-secondary education by December 31, 1997 and are enrolled in a program that leads to a degree, certificate, or other recognized educational credential. Students can be credited up to \$1,500 for tuition and fees paid in 1998 for academic coursework started between January 1, 1998 and March 31, 1999.

The Lifetime Learning Credit offers up to \$1,000 per tax return per year on tuition and fees paid between July 1, 1998 and March 31, 1999. Students cannot receive both the Hope Credit and the Lifetime Learning Credit.

According to the *Chronicle*, many college administrators, students, and lobbyists fear that the new tax breaks will be disruptive and expensive. Much of the frustration has stemmed from the fact that federal officials have waited too long to tell colleges what information they need to send both to students and to the Internal Revenue Service.

Additionally, many colleges have yet to develop a way to compile and disperse such a large amount of tax information. Analysts predict that it will cost colleges nationwide over \$119 million to comply with the new tax rules.

Because these tax breaks are new and the details been made neither highly clear nor widely public, college administrators are expecting a deluge of calls from confused and concerned parents, according to the *Chronicle*. However, financial aid officials are not equipped to act as tax advisers.

"Potential tax breaks for tuition and interest paid on student loans are actually IRS rules and regulations, not financial aid legislation," Art Weeden, Director of Financial Aid, said. "As a result, [financial aid officers] are being advised by the U.S. Department of Education that we should not be giving advice on tax law or tax compliance."

Weeden added that the best advice he could give would be to care-

fully examine the instructions accompanying the tax return or consult with a qualified tax adviser.

Over the next year, college officials nationwide will be urging Congress and the Clinton administration to provide clarification about the role that institutions play in administering the tax breaks. Students are also

encouraged to familiarize themselves with the new tax rules in order to determine their eligibility for the credits.

"The bottom line is that everyone should check these possibilities out and no one should count on them," Weeden said. "Some people will definitely benefit from these credits."

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EDITORIAL OF THE SOU'WESTER

A Sou'wester Guide To The Polls

On February 22, students will elect new student representatives to the Board of Trustees, and new officers to the Honor Council, Publications Board, RSG, and SRC. Not only will the individuals elected to these positions have a great deal of influence over the futures of the organizations they represent, but their decisions will also affect the quality of student life at Rhodes.

It might seem like old news to say that students must consider these facts carefully when voting, but perhaps it needs to be said one more time. Developments in the election process over the past two years, including the addition of officer campaign forums, have provided students with the opportunity to become more informed about their candidates. Still, these forums have been poorly attended in the past. This lack of support can only succeed in turning elections into a popularity contest.

Because of this, the editors of *The Sou'wester* felt that it was our journalistic responsibility to provide one more outlet for this information, through the publication of candidate bios (see pages 4-5) in an attempt to reach and inform a larger percentage of the student body.

While many newspapers make a practice of endorsing candidates, we felt that, because our only information about the candidates is that which is printed in the candidate bios, we would be unable to make responsible endorsements of individuals.

We did, however, feel that an endorsement of qualifications for the positions would help to inform students about the specific duties of each position and the skills that candidates should possess to successfully fill them. We spoke with the current officers and representatives about the needs of their organizations, the duties each position entails, and the kind of person needed to do the job. Based on this information . . . you make the call.

Board of Trustees:

When asked about the most important factors in selecting student representatives to the Board of Trustees, student representative Stuart Fallen ('99) said, "People are looking for one person in particular, but the best thing is to have a diversity among the three repre-

sentatives, a well-rounded group of people who have a good feel for what's going on on campus." Student members of the Board of Trustees are responsible for attending Board meetings, and typically join a smaller committee group. Although it is difficult to push a student agenda in Board meetings, Fallen said, it is the representative's responsibility to seek out as many Board members as possible, and use those interactions to provide a student perspective on issues concerning the Board. "We need someone who thinks like a large part of the student body, but is also open-minded enough to see what ideas need to be represented," Fallen said.

Honor Council:

The individuals elected to the positions of Honor Council President and Vice-President have many responsibilities above and beyond presiding over hearings, Honor Council President Eric Johnson ('99) explained. According to Johnson, the President needs to contact at least six or seven people for each of the approximately ten cases brought before the council during finals. "We need someone who can make paperwork a priority," Johnson said. In addition, officers will need to take responsibility for writing a new Honor Council constitution, as well as teaching representatives parliamentary procedure, in order to conduct more organized and efficient meetings. Johnson also emphasized consistency in the Council, and the importance of electing an individual who not only has a vision for the future, but understands the Council's history. "Students need to recognize the importance of re-electing incumbents," Johnson said.

Publications Board:

For Publications Commissioner Kan Comkornruecha ('99), the most important qualifications a future Publications Commissioner will need are prior experience with publications and ideas about how to increase student involvement with publications. According to Comkornruecha, the Commissioner is responsible for conducting meetings of the Publications Board, determining budgets for publications, and maintaining good communications between individual publications and the Board. "If a publication is not doing what it's

supposed to, [the Commissioner] needs to talk to the editor and figure out how to fix it," Comkornruecha said.

RSG:

According to RSG President Neeta Venepalli ('99), the most important characteristic of a successful president is the ability to maintain "a clear understanding and appreciation for those groups, people, and interests on campus which are currently marginalized, regardless of personal feeling," and a person who "works hardest to represent those voices which are softest to the Senate, administration, and Board." Additionally, Venepalli stated that the President must follow his or her own agenda, while accommodating the agendas of others, and avoiding any tendencies towards using the position to endorse personal interests at the expense of the senate and student body.

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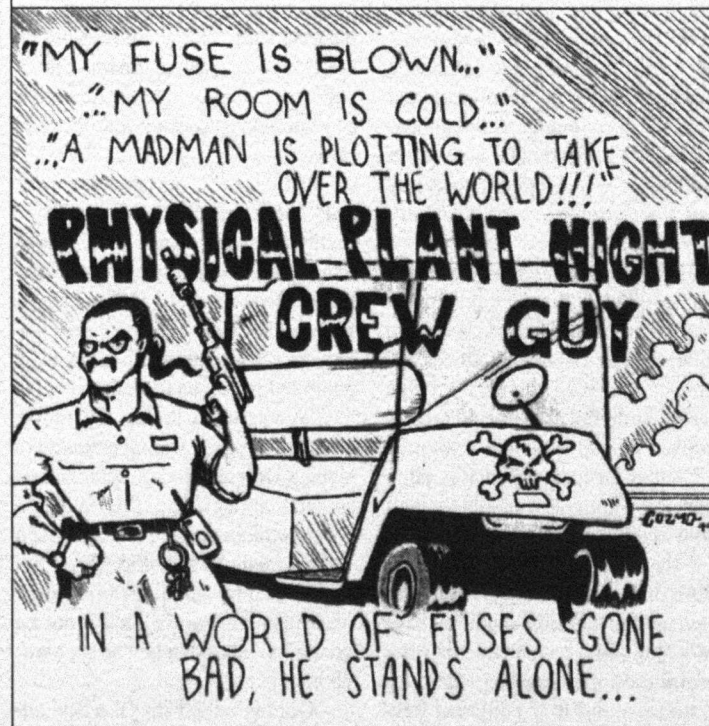
Two sets of responsibilities come with the office of SRC President, according to current President Stephanie Johnson ('99) — administrative duties and judicial duties. The President serves as the chief liaison between the Council and student organizations, and the Offices of Residence Life and Student Affairs. "The President will

need to keep up with correspondences and what's going on on campus," Johnson said. Perhaps the biggest responsibilities of the President, Johnson said, is training council members, determining an operating structure for the Council, and ensuring that existing committees are working. For judicial proceedings, the President oversees all aspects of the case and serves as an unbiased mediator for the Council. "The job is not to direct Council members towards decisions, but to help the Council come to a well-educated answer. I've seen it as one of my responsibilities to make sure the Council had fully evaluated the decision from all sides and that they had good reasons for making the decisions they made," Johnson said. "We need an unbiased, organized, strong leader who is able to delegate responsibility."

It's an impressive enough feat if Rhodes students come out in numbers to vote in officer elections, but more important that they vote for the most qualified candidates. By publishing this information and clarifying the duties particular to each office, the editors of *The Sou'wester* hope that Rhodes students can become the most informed voters possible.

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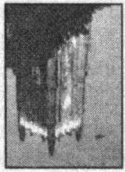
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Whispered Insult: Why We Need Affirmative Action

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WHICH WAY
IS UP?



If you've ever had the chance to spend time in Berkeley, you'd know that people as a whole in Northern California have a laid-back feel about them. A genuine warmth emanates towards those who come from different points of origin and perspective. That's one of the things I loved discovering this past summer at a Public Policy program on the sprawling Cal campus.

However, on a sadder note, when it comes to the words and actions of some of the state's notable decision-makers and power brokers, the atmosphere and rhetoric betray a limited appreciation for the cultural differences that compose and enrich the region's living space. This is especially visible when observing the debate over affirmative action. After a month of hearing the issues over and over again from various voices and sides, I saw a lot of Memphis in the spirit of the empowered towards a marginalized minority.

Though the city of Elvis and Penny Hardaway and B.B. King has

enjoyed slow and steady growth in key areas such as minority business development and procurement, large, gaping educational asymmetries persist, as do public problems in the economic and social sectors. Work that the Memphis Area Chamber of Commerce has done reveals that the largest group of under-employed people in the area are comprised of young men of color who have not had access to quality education, well-paying work, or skill-based training. The race problem extends in greater scope than the immediate parameters of our College and the city which holds it. A look at the California affirmative action debate sheds more light on the scale of this issue.

The Golden State, often hailed for its liberalism and economic power, now serves as the principal breeding grounds for a plan of systemic civil rights encroachment against people of color. The state's current legislation gives the proof. With Proposition 209, we see an erasing of all affirmative action assistance programs, such as scholarships and fellowships for minority students in the UC system. Proposition 218 voids bilingual education in the school system, a blow to the large Latino communities of the region, since the transition into a new culture has traditionally been facili-

tated by federally-sanctioned bilingual education programs in the schools. Lastly, Proposition 222 passed, with its negative impacts on those seeking to immigrate to the U.S. These pieces of recent history reveal a sentiment that I would have once characterized as distinctly Southern. I stand corrected.

To its credit, the system has found strong, persuasive voices to speak out against affirmative action. In certain cases, these spokespeople have gained credibility in that they are also people of color. For instance, Jaime Escalante, whose passion for teaching was memorialized in the movie *Stand and Deliver*, has railed against the "hand-outs" of affirmative action. Following suit, Ward Connelly, an African-American on the Board of Trustees for the University of California System Regents, has made similar assertions. One of his most recent appeals shoots for a utopian America, at best: "The good people of California, be they Black, White, Asian, etc. have mastered the skills that will enable them to compete as equals. Affirmative Action forces us to explain ourselves, when we shouldn't have to. We can make it without help."

Playing on a sad mix of Horatio Alger's pull-'em-up-by-the-boot straps emotionalism and nationalism,

this statement skirts the issue away from a long-lived reality. For years, the desire and competence to compete as equal partners has existed within communities of color. However, the true state of affairs has often precluded this possibility, and made achieving the clichéd American Dream harder to attain.

I think it's interesting that many in the African-American and Latino communities have termed this assault on affirmative action as the whispered insult, even though on any given day it's broadcast over the airwaves. Yet, I think I understand where they're coming from. Much like whispered words of slander, these recent actions undermine and betray a confidence in a subtle manner. In this case, the insult moves carefully and through legal channels; the memory and struggles of the civil rights movement are dishonored by those who see no reason to make reparations, or give compensations, for past practices of wholesale violence and cultural rape.

Weighing in on this volatile topic, *Wall Street Journal* columnist Stanley Fish once made this eloquent comment that speaks to race relations and the affirmative action issue: "There can be no level playing field in America after 300 years of oppression. We must stop believing in our own

righteousness and move on through collaborative healing."

As an African-American male, juggling multiple heritages and identities, I find this issue pertinent for Rhodes students in that it challenges us to evaluate our views of ourselves, our fellow comrades, and our beliefs about meritocracy, power, and privilege. It's easy for me to write this knowing that my education is ensured, and easy for you to read it, since, no doubt, your paths are pretty focused as well. But what about those groups of high school students not in this present place, or aware of Rhodes, or the University of California, Berkeley, who have not enjoyed the privileges we have?

If, in fact, the statement is true that as California goes, so the nation goes, then what can we expect from other states, like Tennessee, in the coming years? In the distant future, is it too far-fetched to assume that Rhodes would consider taking away minority-based scholarships, on the basis of meritocratic ideals, for the new millennium? How would the character of the school change? How would the student population as a whole react today if that happened? We're smart enough to examine trends and to learn from them. We're smart enough to know what happens when we wait.

Far Away Love, It's Better For The Four Of Us

BETH LAND
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A number of my friends and I were recently talked into filling out a data-match form to pair us with some unlikely person at this school. I had about five minutes to complete mine before class. No problem, I figured. So I sat down with question #1: Male or Female? Got it. Question #2: Do you think long distance relationships can work? I paused. Great. Number two on this dumb quiz, and I'm already stumped. It especially posed a problem for me because I'm dealing with it now in my own small way.

Now, I've never had a long distance relationship; I've always staunchly denounced them. I'm not necessarily saying they don't work, because, really, I'll admit that there's some ideal thing about them — like, for example, the fact

that it forces the couple to pursue things on the intellectual, spiritual, emotional, or at least something other than the physical, level. But as for me, I've always said there was no way you'd catch me in one of those traps.

For right now, I'm in a funny spot. I've met someone great, who happens to live on the other side of the world. Now he's not my boyfriend, (I don't really know what he is in terms of labels) but we've been e-mailing and tonight we have a date on the phone to watch a movie together. I know, sounds corny, but he gets a great flat rate, even if it is from New Zealand. And then we can watch the same movie together and, well, pretend we're together. Except the problem is, we're not. He's nowhere near me. He's in another hemisphere nineteen stinking hours ahead of my time; in fact, he's in tomorrow. So, here begins the many complications of these relationships.

But how many of you out there left somebody you were serious

about to come to Rhodes? Or how many have met someone over a summer at home, or somebody who's since graduated? There's a lot of you, I know. So, I asked around about the subject and got a number of responses.

A lot of people said they don't work, absolutely not. When asked, one of my friends just rolled her eyes and said, "Oh, God," and promptly turned and walked away. A lot of people said they could work, though, if both people are really into it and willing to work hard at it. Then again, I happen to agree with someone who said, "Well, if you can handle infidelity, loneliness, and some warped sense of reality, then yeah, sure, they can work."

Or as an old Panamanian saying goes, "Far away love, it's better for the four of us." And that's basically another problem for some, as my friend Mark put it: "Well, there's no sex."

True. But isn't that some of the beauty of it too? Okay, I just lost my whole male audience and

probably some of my female readers, too. But hear me out, this isn't just my opinion. You have to admit that the distance gives you a great extra-physical basis for developing the friendship part of the relationship, a part which is only too often neglected, even by the most well-meaning of couples.

So back to the distance, the supposed provider of this wonderful context for friendship. I'd like to mention here a phenomenon of the 1990s which has allowed long-distance relationships to come back into a renewed capacity. I mean, the fact is, men aren't good writers. Yes, there are exceptions, but most guys don't write faithful or consistently meaningful letters. It's possible, but I've found most guys express their affection through means other than writing, because they're either writing you ooey-goey stuff or random things, like about their dog or something, and nobody knows what to do with that. Men just haven't been in the habit of writing since the 1800s, but suddenly, with the advent of e-mail, men have re-initiated them-

selves into the world of written correspondence.

And I think this provides both genders with a more even playing field. But the problem with e-mail is that it's not to be trusted. You can't read somebody over e-mail, or gauge their reaction to things. You can't interact and miscommunication is also quick to occur. And even if a relationship has immediate, free correspondence, that doesn't mean it will flourish.

The biggest problem I find with long distance is its biggest advantage as well — the couple literally isn't together. It's a good situation because it forces people to make their communication worthwhile and meaningful, and to develop the friendship that I believe should be the root of any relationship. But it's bad because half the point of a relationship is to be spending time together. In the end, I suppose the truth of it is that it just depends on the couple and the situation. As is always the case for love and relationships, there is no sure formula.

Special Elections Coverage

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Meet The Candidates: Officer Elections

Board of Trustees Representative

Neel Gupta ('01)

I feel that I am qualified for the position of Student Representative to the Board of Trustees for many reasons. I think that the student representatives to the Board of Trustees need to possess good communication skills, and I definitely have those skills. As Communications Chair for Kappa Sigma, I am responsible for disseminating information to all activities, pledges, and alumni. Also, I think that the Student Representatives need to know many people on campus and be willing to serve and listen at all hours. I consider myself an outgoing person and I know a lot of people on campus. Also, my job on campus as an RCC has put me in touch with people I might not have otherwise gotten to know. I am an ARO tour guide, and by that, I think it is obvious that I am proud of Rhodes and I hope to show the BOT that we have students that care about the future of their school. In my next two years I hope to become more active in the student committees at Rhodes and I think that this position would be a great stepping stone.

Wil Harris ('00)

I am now a junior and despite having served in positions of leadership throughout my life, I've yet to fill one as a representative of the entire Rhodes student body. Before I came to Rhodes, I served as the president of my high school's Key Club and I also held positions of leadership within my church. Since I've been at Rhodes, I've chaired a number of committees within the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and I currently hold the position of president of our chapter. Assuming these leadership roles has taught me a great deal about listening to my peers, as well as the ability to communicate their feelings to others. I have served as a member of ARO and I have also sat on student panels selected by our Admissions department. I believe that I possess the level of approachability necessary for this position, and I also believe that I would be able to confidently represent the opinions and concerns of my peers to the Board. I am an organized, driven candidate

who is at ease speaking to others and who, if elected, would be willing to invest the time and energy necessary to do the job right.

Amy Killebrew ('00)

I believe I would be an excellent candidate to represent our student body on the Board of Trustees because I have that experience, like everyone else, but also that I have had the opportunity to put such experience of Rhodes life to benefitting the student body already in my time at Rhodes. I am currently a junior who has been on the Honor Council for the past three years, previously serving as Internal Affairs Committee facilitator, and currently finishing my term as Honor Council vice-president. In projects such as revision of the Honor Council Constitution, which we as a Council have undertaken this term, I have kept the student body of Rhodes in mind, leading revisions to make clear the policies of the Honor Council. Among many other activities, I have been a Resident Assistant this year, and can certainly say that I am plugged in to the student voices around campus. From very specific concerns to more broad ones, I have heard the various voices of the student body and I feel I can represent them in the clearest, most informed manner possible if elected to be a Trustees representative.

Alison C. Lundergan ('01)

I seek to serve the student body of Rhodes, to serve as the vehicle of communication between the faculty, administration, and student body. Voicing the opinions and concerns of the student body in an environment where results and action are certain. This year I have had the pleasure of being appointed as the student representative on the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board of Trustees and I truly found the experience to be a rewarding learning experience, one that I hope will continue.

Previously served on RSG freshman year as a Senator, appointed to the Academic Affairs Committee. Sophomore year: Board of Trustees Committee for Buildings and Grounds Committee, Public Relations Director/ Chair in Chi Omega sorority, elected to serve as Rush Chair for Fall '99 in Chi Omega, constant interaction with the student body, have observed the workings and understand the requirements for Board of Trustees Representative. I look forward to the opportunity of serving the student body in such a capacity.

Andrew Shulman ('00)

I serve on one of the Board's committees: the Finance Committee. In that committee, I have worked to increase the amount that goes to the Student Activity Fund and have gained the support of the Board. I think that I am well suited to be your representative to the Board. In addition to having served on a Board committee, I have served on administration/faculty joint committees, have been an assistant editor of the *Sou'wester* and the *Colossus* at Rhodes. I serve on the Allocations Board and the Publications Board and I feel that through this service, I have come to better understand what the student body wants. I not only will fight for what I believe is right, but for what you believe is right. If you ever have any Board concerns, I will be more than willing to listen to them and bring them up in the Board meeting and get back to you with a detailed answer.

Elizabeth Tyson ('02)

We are in a period of transition — a new chancellor, a new president, a new millennium. I am committed to working for you to ensure that your interests and needs are counted as we formulate our plan for the future. I bring ten years of experience in student government, coupled with my service as a Rhodes Student Government Senator to this position. Good work has already been accomplished, which will continue the Rhodes' tradition of excellence. Together, we will guarantee that our voice is heard as the Rhodes' Vision for the Third Millennium is created. I am excited about our future, and I look forward to serving you.

RSG President

Mark Anderson ('00)

Next year, Rhodes will begin a crucial period of transition in the inaugural year of our new president. This changing of the guard, so to speak, will give students the opportunity to shape Rhodes in a new way that, today, we can only begin to imagine. I see the Rhodes Student Government paving the way for this change.

Where the past twenty years have been marked by tremendous capital improvement, I hope the coming years will focus on Rhodes' spiritual and academic development.

Spiritually, we must foster a greater sense of community through increased student interaction outside

the classroom through service, improved residential experiences, and social activities. Rhodes can never be great without fraternity memberse among its students.

Academically, we must continue to recruit top-notch first-year students and instructors as well as reward our current outstanding faculty. We must also keep Rhodes at the technological forefront through the continued integration of new technology into the classroom.

RSG must also change. We must become more visible to our constituents. We must not become bogged down with inconsequential matters. We must answer to the student body. Simply, we must do a better job of serving. There has certainly been momentum in this direction in my two and a half years on the RSG, but there is so much more student government can do. My reason for running is simple — I care about Rhodes, and I think this is the best way I can make a difference. I encourage each of you, also, to find where you can make a difference. This is how we will make Rhodes a truly great institution.

Richard Lum ('00)

Next year, Rhodes will be under the administration of a new President and Chancellor. In this year of change, leaders of the student government must be individuals who are not hindered by change and have the experience to motivate as well as handle setbacks. I have the benefit of holding positions of leadership in several campus organizations, where I have dealt with changes and setbacks and successfully worked through them. In RSG, my experience as a Senator and service on the Special Constitutional Review Committee and the Internal Affairs Committee, where I am currently the Chair, has further prepared me for the office of RSG President. While on RSG, I have created a web

page providing information about RSG, including contact information for various issues of student concern, recent issues of importance, and events sponsored and endorsed by RSG, coordinated with other Senators to sponsor "Choose a Major" and an information session about graduate schools and entrance examinations, and helped bring student issues and concerns to the attention of the Senate and administration. As President of RSG, I wish to accomplish: Utilization of the Student Organization Committee (S.O.C.) on a regular basis to help coordinate such events as Rites to Play and the organization fair and to encourage communication among students and responsibility from providers of student services. Follett Bookstore and Aramark do have a direct responsibility to the students, but also deserve respect from all students for their hard work. I would also work towards stronger communication among RSG officers and Senators and students.

Matt Matheny ('00)

I am a member of the class of 2000 and am a history major. After Rhodes, I plan on attending law school in Texas. For the past three years I have been a varsity letterman on the Rhodes soccer team, I have competed on the Rhodes Mock Trial team in the national competition and I am a member of the Kappa Alpha Order, where for two years I have been the parliamentarian and am currently the recording secretary.

I am running because I feel that the RSG representatives do not represent the entire Rhodes community, in fact I believe they represent the minority of students here at Rhodes. I want to open up RSG to be influenced by students from all walks of life and let them feel comfortable questioning the system by which they are governed.

Class Officer Elections Information

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| March 22 | Mandatory Campaign Forum |
| March 25 | General Elections |
| March 29 | Runoffs, If Necessary |

Positions Available:

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| RSG (3 per class) | Honor Council (2 per class) |
| SRC (2 per class) | Activities Board (3 per class) |
| Publications Board (1 per class + 2 at large reps) | |

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RSG Vice-President

Rachel Bozynski ('00)

I have served on the Senate for the past two years. My first year, I was a member of the Administration and Finance Committee, and then became chairperson of the committee this past year. While on the committee, I have worked with the External Services Commissioners on the new meal plan and the Rat in general. I have also worked hard with my committee members to make sure that all student services are at a premium for all student uses. As Vice-President, I hope to work with the President and the Senate, to ensure that there is continuous communication with all constituents. Also, with the change of our President and Chancellor, it is important to make sure that the students' interests do not get lost in transition. If elected as vice-president, it would be my primary goal to ensure that all issues that come before the Senate are addressed with efficiency by the committees and are promptly addressed.

Josh Solomon ('00)

My name is Josh Solomon, and I am a Business/Econ & pre-med junior. Furthermore, I am running for the position of RSG Vice-President because of the diversity

and leadership experience I can bring to our student government and Rhodes community. My qualifications include: two years as a RSG Senator, a semester as the Honor Council Secretary, and two years of service on the IFC, including one year as IFC Vice-President.

SRC President

Rob Cole ('00)

Reasons for running: I would love to have the opportunity to serve the student body as SRC President. This position has a long tradition of excellent leadership, and I feel that with the proper training, I too can have such an impact.

Goals: Increase public awareness of SRC policies via Bathroom Briefs and other educational flyers, etc.

Promote the Informal Resolution as the most direct and effective method of dealing with SRC "situations."

Continue annual review of the SRC Constitution to ensure that it is adapted to the times.

Honor Council President

Amit Mirchandani ('01)

Being a representative on the Council ever since the beginning of

my freshman year, I have developed what I believe to be a genuine passion for the purpose and ideals the Honor Council stands for and strives to achieve. My goal, in relation to the Honor Council, is to continue to develop a community understanding of what "living by the Code" really means. Let me explain. There will be many times in our lives, both here at Rhodes and after Rhodes, where we may have to make tough decisions. Through the embodiment of the Rhodes Honor Code, we will never sacrifice our honesty and integrity. Although there are times when the role of the Honor Council must be disciplinary in order to protect the sacred standards of the Rhodes community, to me, the true purpose of the Honor Council should be to foster the Code as a way of life. After much consideration, I truly believe I have the capacity and the energy to serve as President of the 1999-2000 Honor Council to the community I have enjoyed becoming so personally involved with.

Jennifer Stefan ('00)

Qualifications: I have served on the Honor Council for two years. As a sophomore, I was recording secretary. As a junior, I have been a class representative and facilitator for the Student Affairs Committee.

Reasons for running:

Since I've been at Rhodes, the Honor Council has been an integral part of my life.

For two and a half years, I have appreciated the benefits of attending a college that has a Honor Code, and for two years, I feel that I have been able to contribute to that facet of Rhodes.

I have a lot of pride in being on the Honor Council. I am open-minded about change, but level-headed about it. I have chosen to run for this position because I really think that this is the best way for me to serve both the College and the Council.

Honor Council Vice President

Patrick Betar ('01)

I was not on the Honor Council my freshman year, but I have just finished my first year on it. Because of this, I have been able to see the Honor Code from both sides and I think that this has caused me to see the Honor Council in a different light than most of my peers. Unfortunately, I believe that a lot of the students at Rhodes view the Council in a bad light. I do not like this fact, but I can understand it. Many things about the Honor Council and the Honor Code seem to

be hidden under an unnecessary shroud of secrecy. As Vice-President I want to shed light on many areas now hidden in secrecy. All hearings are and should be strictly confidential, for the rights of the accused, but many other areas need not be so secretive. As V.P. I will open business meetings, hold bi-weekly information sessions between Council members and the students, and try to make all areas of the Honor Code understandable and understood. Not only will this opening of communication be good for the students, it will be good for the Council because it will give it a sense of accountability. Elect me, Patrick Betar, to Honor Council V.P. and I will give you a reasonable and student friendly Honor Council.

Joe Peebles ('00)

I'm currently a junior class representative on the Honor Council, and I'd like to continue my involvement with the Council as Vice-President.

Having served as a class representative on the Honor Council last year, I've gained invaluable experience with both the hearing procedures and the administrative duties of the Council. I was an active member of the Internal Affairs Committee, which oversees the general maintenance of the Council, and it is especially this experience which I feel makes me qualified for the position of Vice-President. This is because the role of the Vice-President is primarily administrative: he or she presides over the regular business meetings, oversees constitutional reviews and revisions, and basically is in charge of seeing that the whole Honor Council runs smoothly and efficiently.

I have already worked to fulfill these duties as an Honor Council representative, putting in numerous hours on constitutional revisions and other administrative tasks, and I am eager to continue serving the Council and the whole campus as the Honor Council Vice-President.

I can make you no campaign promises right now, other than my commitment to do my best. If you'd like to know more about me or my desire to become Vice-President, I encourage you to come to the Campaign Forum next week to find out more. Thank you very much.

Publications Commissioner

Andrew Shulman ('00)

I am a junior Political Science major. I have served on the *Sou'wester* as a writer, News Editor

and Managing Editor as well as having edited the online edition of the *Sou'wester*. I am the assistant editor of the student web server, *Colossus*, and am the junior representative to the Publications Board. I have written for *Worcester Magazine*, a weekly similar to the *Memphis Flyer* and for the *Christian Science Monitor*. This past summer I interned at the *Washington Times*, the second largest daily in Washington, D.C. I write for *Rhodes Magazine* and for the *Rhodes Weekly* and am employed in the Communications Office on campus. I believe that I have the best background for the job of commissioner, not only based on my journalistic skills. I have served on many different committees and serve on the Allocations Board and a Board committee and I think that I have a wide range of campus knowledge that only can help in overseeing the student publications.

Brian Willis ('00)

I'm a junior chemistry and history double major. I've been the online editor for the *Sou'wester* for one year, during which time I altered the page to make it a little more accessible to visitors. I've also been the editor of *Colossus* for one year.

As editor for *Colossus*, I have made a major effort to upgrade our hardware, which has given us the ability to offer all interested students as much room as they would wish for homepages. I've also been in charge of several of the *Colossus* features, such as the Rhodes events calendar, and I have introduced the Memphis events calendar.

My other major contribution to *Colossus* is a number of behind-the-scenes improvements which allow the system to be maintained with a minimal amount of work, as well as additional security measures.

Before the end of the school year, I also plan to fully investigate a plan to make *Colossus* financially profitable.

With my editorial experience, I've gained the administrative skills necessary to fulfill the role of Publications Commissioner, and I've shown that I can take care of the many details and jobs that come along with the role of Publications Commissioner.

As commissioner, I plan to push for wider student involvement in college publications, making sure that the content of our publications appeal to all members of the Rhodes community, and ensuring that the publications board is run fairly and efficiently.

"To get about one third of the student body is great. We usually get about twenty to twenty-five percent. These are the future student leaders and with such an excellent group of seniors leading these organizations, I hope the student body will really turn out for the forum and vote."

— Jen Eliason ('00), Elections Commissioner

Last year, the estimated number of ballots cast in the officer election was 704, representing roughly 50% of the student body.

"Complaining about things that need to be changed only takes you so far. Voting now for these people who will have an impact over those changes is one way to actually impact what happens next year. I'd rather see someone not vote, then just vote randomly, because elections are close, and so much can depend on a few votes."

— Neeta Venepalli ('99), RSG President

In the 1998-99 Honor Council President election, Eric Johnson won the seat over Amy Whigham by only seven votes. Need we remind you that every vote counts?

"People don't realize how big a deal elections are. If people realized how many elections in the past could have gone the other way had different people voted then they would realize that the results aren't always automatic or predestined. Get informed. It irritates me how few people go to the campaign forum or ask questions of the candidates."

— Teal Baker ('00), RSG Vice-President

Campus Safety Log

2/2/99 TO 2/15/99



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| 2/2/99 | NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY TO REPORT |
| 2/3/99 | NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY TO REPORT |
| 2/4/99 | 10:18 a.m. Voorhies and Townsend: Fire alarm. Evacuated building, investigation revealed contractors working in area set off alarm |
| 2/5/99 | 11:10 a.m. Barksdale/Lyndale: Suspicious person. Campus Safety responded. Unable to locate subject, area checked okay |
| | 8:30 p.m. Glassell: Illness. Student transported to Baptist by parent. |
| 2/6/99 | 12:01 a.m. February fire alarm inspection complete |
| | 3:11 a.m. Barksdale/Lyndale: Suspicious person. Campus Safety responded. No subject found, area checked okay |
| | 9:38 a.m. Campus Life Center: Injury. Transported to Baptist Minor Medical |
| 2/7/99 | 1:28 a.m. Glassell: Noise complaint. Upon arriving, room vacant |
| | 2:52 am Bellingrath: Suspicious person reported outside Bellingrath. Campus Safety responded, found subject. Subject was identified as a Rhodes student (first-year) |
| | 11:50 p.m. Trezevant Quad: Noise complaint. Upon arriving, quad empty, no noise. Checked okay |
| 2/8/99 | 4:12 a.m. Glassell: Contraband investigation. Report filed with Office of Student Affairs |
| | 10:30 p.m. East Side Residence Halls: Fire drills |
| STATISTICS | |
| ACCESSES: | 122 VISITORS: 2170 |
| CITATIONS: | 80 JUMP STARTS: 4 |
| ESCORTS: | 133 PROPPED DOORS: 2 |
| BOOTS: | 1 ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS: 0 |

New College Bowl Team Competes Regionally

By Matthew Shippe
Scene Editor

The Rhodes College Bowl team will travel to Blacksburg, Virginia, to compete in the College Bowl Region Five Championship, which will take place February 20-21 on the Virginia Tech campus.

This is the first Rhodes College Bowl team in many years. The team that will participate in the tournament is comprised of Gerry Tansey ('99), Matthew Marcotte ('99), Steve Perry ('00), Tim Hayes ('00), and Doug Lemme ('02). Assistant Professor of History Tim Huebner is the team's faculty advisor.

According to Huebner, the team will travel to Virginia Tech on the 19th to compete against such schools as Centre, William and Mary, Davidson, Hampden-Sydney, and the Citadel.

"The competition is comprised of twenty-one schools, and we will compete in a modified round-robin," said Hayes, College Bowl president. "After that, four teams will compete in a double elimination round. The winner will then go the national competition that is in early May and held at the University of Florida."

"Our region comprises the states of Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Virginia, so we are the border of our region," said Perry. "Personally, I wish we were in the region with Arkansas, Louisiana,

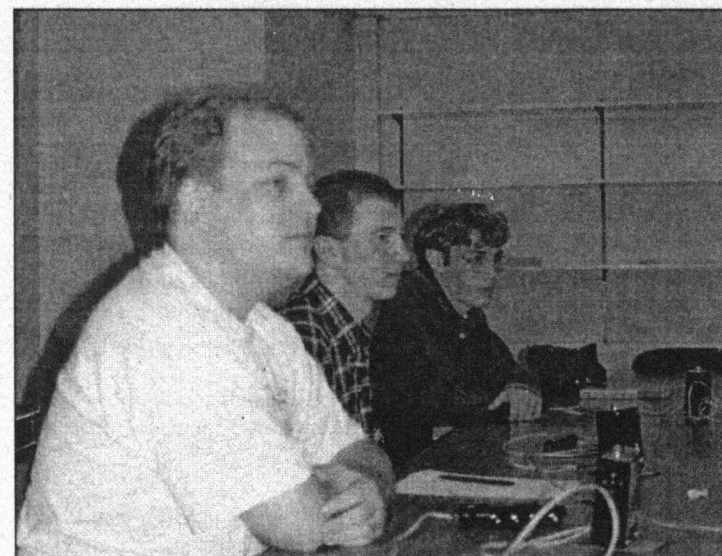


Photo by Chris McKenzie

Gerry Tansey ('99), Tim Hayes ('00), and Jeremy Brewer ('00) prepare for the College Bowl Region Five Championship. The Championship will be held at Virginia Tech on February 20-21.

and Mississippi."

Even though this is their first competition, the team feels confident about their chances in the competition.

"We have a fairly balanced squad. We're solid in history and political science. Tim is an English major, so we have that covered. We really don't have any glaring weaknesses, and we have the ability to pull an answer out of thin air," Tansey said.

"We have a good team. If we have a [weakness] it is biology, but we've got everything from history to physics to Sue Grafton novels covered," Perry said.

"[The team] is a good group of guys. The group we have is very smart, but we lack experience, and we don't know what other teams are going to be like," Tansey added.

"I feel pretty good about our chances," Hayes said. "We don't have experience, but neither do some other teams."

Even though this is the team's first competition of the academic year, they have been quite busy throughout the year. The team was first organized by Hayes last spring.

"College Bowl had been listed as an activity on the Rhodes' brochure, but it had not been active. So I e-mailed Dean Hokanson, and she e-mailed Cindy Pennington, and we set up the paperwork for the club," Hayes said.

"We usually meet once a week," Tansey said. "Tim will print out a packet of questions from the Internet

for us to use. The last couple of weeks we have been practicing three or four times a week. We're pretty serious in practice, but we enjoy ourselves."

"On January 23rd we had a campus-wide tournament. From that [tournament] we had a peer vote to get a team of five. Three members were chosen from that vote, and the last two were chosen at the next practice," Hayes said.

Even though the regional competition is the team's major event for the year, the squad does have more plans for this year and next.

"We're planning a faculty-student match sometime in the spring," Hayes said. "We're doing similar things next fall. Ideally, we'll have the campus tournament sometime in November instead of January."

"We want to get more students interested, and we want to field the best squad possible," said Huebner. "We're also really intent on getting more first-years and sophomores involved, because this year's team is mostly upperclassmen."

"I'm looking forward to it," Tansey said of the upcoming competition. "I take this thing very seriously, and so do the rest of the guys. We want to win and we're out for blood."

"To be good [at College Bowl] you have to know anything from what Kirchoff's Laws are to who Admiral Horthy was to who the only two players to end a World Series were," Perry said. "It's interesting, it's fun, and it's a challenge to work on a team with goals and setting challenges for yourself."

Career Services To Hold Career Fair Expo

By Chris McKenzie
Photography Editor

The Career Fair Expo, sponsored by Career Services and the Black Student Association, will be held 4-6 p.m., February 24, in the Bryan Campus Life Center Ballroom.

According to Sandi George Tracy, Director of Career Services, representatives from more than 40 organizations will be available to speak to students of all levels.

Tracy stated that seniors will be able to speak with employers offering a variety of full-time positions.

First-years, sophomores, and juniors will have an opportunity to network with profit and non-

profit employers. These employers will also be offering some part-time and summer jobs geared toward non-seniors.

"It is a wonderful opportunity," Tracy said. "At no other time will you have employers coming to your back door."

To help students feel more at ease with the employers, Career Services will offer a list of sample questions that students can ask representatives.

Tracy encouraged students to dress casually and bring a resumé.

"We want this to be a comfortable environment for the students and employers," Tracy said.

Prior to the Expo, Career Services will also offer two days of

resumé-writing aid for all interested students. There will be a resumé-writing workshop on Thursday, February 18, at 4 p.m. in 201 Clough.

This will be followed on February 19 by Resumania, a full day of resumé critique in the Career Services office. Critiques will be done on a first-come, first-served basis. Tracy recommended visiting Career Services early in the day.

For those unable to attend resumé workshops, resumé-writing guides are available on the wall outside the Career Services office.

For students interested in careers in non-profit, Career Services will hold the Non-Profit Fair on Tuesday, March 23.

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Music, Acting And All That Jazz

GROUP TO CELEBRATE HARLEM RENAISSANCE IN PERFORMANCE

By Brandon Barr
A & E Editor

On Monday, February 22, the McCoy Visiting Artists Program will bring to campus a musical theatre program celebrating the music and poetry of African Americans in New York City during the 1920s.

The Core Ensemble, with actor Akin Babatunde, will perform *Of Ebony Embers*, a chamber music/theatre work. The work is a series of musical vignettes which celebrate the literature and music of the Harlem Renaissance while exploring the life and times of African Americans who helped shaped the era. The piece examines the lives of three famous African American poets — Langston Hughes, Countee Cullen and Claude McKay — as seen through the eyes of the painter and muralist Aaron Douglas.

"This group is unlike any that we have had before," said Assistant to the President for College Relations Loyd Templeton, the Chair of the McCoy Visiting Artists selection committee. "This is the first historic African American heritage artistic effort we've brought to campus. Over a year

ago Tony Garner and I heard about the ensemble, and it sounded very appealing to us."

The script for *Of Ebony Embers* is written and acted by Babatunde, an experienced stage actor who is also nationally known for his regular appearances on the PBS children's series *Wishbone*. Babatunde will perform the production with the Core Ensemble on-stage. The trio provides musical foreground and background while appearing as supporting characters in the script.

During the show, the Core Ensemble will perform music by African American composers ranging from jazz greats Duke Ellington, Jelly Roll Morton, Thelonious Monk and Charles Mingus to concert music composers Jeffrey Mumford and George Walker.

The Core Ensemble consists of Andrew Mark on cello, Hugh Hinton on piano and Michael Parola on percussion. Since its inception in 1993, the Core Ensemble has garnered national recognition for its efforts to commission new chamber and multi-genre works featuring their unique instrumental combination.

According to Templeton, the Harry B. McCoy, Jr., Visiting Artists Program has been bringing performance artists to campus since 1978. A committee of faculty, staff and students meet to determine the annual visiting artist. A variety of genres have been represented by the program in the past: film, theatre, instrumental music, choral music, opera and dance.

"A mixture of the performing arts have been represented," Director of Special Projects John Rone said. "However, among these representations, we have never yet focused primarily on African American music or the African American experience in quite the same way as this particular show."

The program will be held in Hardie Auditorium at 8 p.m. Tickets are free to members of the Rhodes community (one ticket each to Rhodes students, faculty, staff and their spouses up to the capacity of Hardie). Tickets will also be sold to the general public at the rate of \$10 for adults and \$5 for students of other institutions.

Call the McCoy Theatre Box Office at 843-3839 for further information.

Fifth of July Continues This Weekend

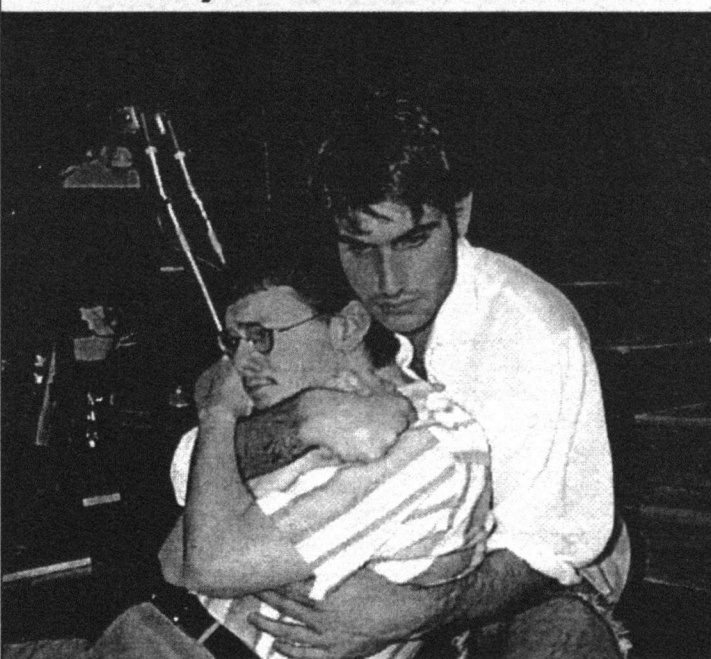


Photo by Brady Potts

Croix Lazarra ('99) and Sean Lyttle ('99) perform a scene from Lanford Wilson's *Fifth of July*. The show continues its run this weekend, running from February 18 through February 21. Shows begin at 8 p.m. on Thursday through Saturday. There is a matinee performance at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Richard Thompson Mellow In His First Memphis Show

By Matthew Shippe
Scene Editor

British guitar legend Richard Thompson played the New Daisy Theater on February 14.

Even though Thompson has never achieved mass popular success, he has always generated critical raves, and over his career he has gathered a fervent cult following. His music has influenced countless songwriters and guitar players and his songs have been covered by such groups as R.E.M., Nanci Griffith, and X.

Thompson played a two hour solo acoustic set to a packed house, performing material which spans his thirty year career. Much of the crowd was older; it was a sit-down concert, which was something that I had never experienced before at the New Daisy. However, even though the setting for the concert was calmer than most at the New Daisy, the crowd was quite enthusiastic to hear and see Thompson. The Valentine's Day show was Thompson's first in Memphis.

Thompson started his career in the late '60s as one of the founding members of the seminal English folk group Fairport

Convention. After leaving that group, he started his solo career by recording the now classic *Henry the Human Fly!* In 1972 Richard began recording with his wife and they released several great records throughout the '70s. In 1982 they released *Shoot Out the Lights*, which critics have declared as one of the best albums of the '80s. After that album the Thompsons divorced, and Richard carried on with his solo career releasing such well-received albums as *Hand of Kindness*, *Rumour and Sigh*, and 1996's double album *you? me? us?*

Even though Thompson granted a few of the crowd's numerous requests through the night, Thompson mostly kept to his own set list. He played songs off his upcoming album, which he said would be released sometime this spring, as well as older songs such as "Genesis Hall," a number from Thompson's days with Fairport Convention. The set nicely covered all the stages of Thompson's career. Highlights from the set included a wonderful rendition of "Wall of Death," a stirring version of "Walking on a Wire," and a rollicking "Two Left Feet."

Coming Events Calender

Campus

February 18-21
Fifth of July, McCoy Theatre, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday
February 28
Faculty Concert, Tom Foster on piano, Payne Hall, 3 p.m.

Memphis

Music
Radiators (w/ The North Mississippi All-Stars), February 20, Newby's
Theatre
Playhouse on the Square, *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*, through February 30.
Theatre Memphis Little Theatre, *Complete History of America, Abridged*, through February 28.
Art
Marshall Arts Gallery, *Heavy Metal* (metal sculptures), through March 6.



picks of the week

video

Welcome to the Dollhouse

Todd Solondz's 1995 independent film is a wicked little comedy that follows the story of Dawn Weiner, a seventh-grade outcast with an inordinate number of crises in her pathetic life: she faces rejection from the older guy in her brother's band that she has a crush on, she falls for a bully that wants to rape her, and her sister is abducted. Heather Matarazzo is great in the leading role, and Solondz's tight storytelling keeps the audience laughing — even when they know they shouldn't.

recording

Teenage Fanclub
Bandwagonesque

This album is fluff; think Big Star, the Replacements, or even the Gin Blossoms. (Admit it, you like 'em.) They're a Scottish power-pop band who specialize in guitar-driven melodies. The lyrics aren't too memorable, mostly (with the notable exception of "Alcohol Holiday," a classic "drunk and lonely" song). It's cotton candy for the ears, but if you like well-crafted jangle pop, you'll like this album.

event

Ernest Withers

Wednesday, February 17, 5:30 p.m.

Withers, a photographer who documented the civil rights movement, will give a lecture tonight at the Jack Kenner Gallery. Tonight is the last night Withers' *I Am A Man* exhibit will be on display at the gallery. His photographs themselves speak volumes — from the first desegregated bus ride to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s funeral procession. Don't miss a rare opportunity to listen to someone who was there when it all happened.

Bowling Strikes Rhodes

By Maggie Grainger
Staff Writer

In its first semester to be offered as a Rhodes P.E. requirement, bowling has struck the Rhodes student body. Perusing the list of classes offered to satisfy P.E. graduation requirements, seniors Micah Luce and William Hendrick recognized that bowling, one of their favorite pastimes, was not included on the list of offered courses. Upon realization of bowling's absence, Luce and Hendrick deduced that Rhodes failed to offer the course due to a lack of facilities.

After separately discussing plans with an employee at All-Star Lanes and Coach Sarah Hatgas, the two decided to propose bowling as a class credit for PE for the spring '99 semester. After the grueling task of sweating over what Luce refers to as "hours of paperwork and manual labor akin only to slavery," Hendrick and Luce were able to acquire approval of the class as a credible addition to the list of P.E. classes.

The class was approved in December of '98, and at the semester break, a small total of 5 people were enrolled in the class. However, good news spread through campus quickly, and, by the fifth day of spring semester classes, a total of twenty-eight people were enrolled in the class. Only basketball enrollment numbers match bowling, with no other P.E. class close.

The bowling class meets for five consecutive Saturdays from 12-3 pm, and will meet on two weekdays during the weeks of February 14th and February 21st. The class started

on Saturday, January 16 and will run through the first seven weeks of the semester. The cost is \$30 for enrollment, a fee which includes shoe rental, lane rental, and instructor fees.

Of the 21 hours available to the students during which to bowl, they must be at 12 of the hours to receive class credit on a pass/fail basis as is done in the other P.E. classes. The class bowls at Billy Hardwick's All-Star Lanes, located at the corner of White Station and Quince in South Memphis. Luce remarks, "They have been very helpful in maintaining a low cost when the total number of hours we spend bowling is taken into consideration."

The class is learning lessons in technique while "having a blast." Luce contends, "I think that the best lesson (as far as bowling is concerned) we have learned so far as a group is consistency. Consistency in bowling is huge. We're improving our skills on a weekly basis, and I think several members in the class have already bowled their all-time high game."

For class member Monty Montgomery ('99) the class is about having fun. "It is really cool how the class has grown since it started," he says, "and it is really a lot of fun to see a variety of Rhodes students from a variety of backgrounds just all coming together and simply having a really fun time."

To Rhodes students who think this course may be right up their alley, the class will most likely be offered again the second seven weeks of the semester.

Lady Lynx Split Weekend

By Iain Juden
Staff Writer

The Rhodes women's basketball team had two more conference games this weekend against Oglethorpe University of Atlanta and Millsaps College of Jackson, Mississippi. Rhodes split the games, beating the Millsaps Majors 69-51, but losing to the Petrels 71-61. The Lynx now have a record of 9-13, 5-10 which leaves them seventh in the conference.

Against Oglethorpe, the Lynx were led by Kerry Wingo ('02), who scored 16 points and had a team-high 9 rebounds, including 6 offensive. Rhodes, who was second in the conference in rebounding coming into the game, showed its dominance on the backboards. The Lynx pulled down 17 offensive rebounds while outrebounding the Petrels by 17.

Oglethorpe did not let the Lynx dominate the game, though, as they made up for their failure on the

boards by causing Rhodes to turn the ball over 30 times. They also produced on the offensive end, having four players in double figure scoring. Many of those points were scored on free throws as Oglethorpe made almost as many free throws (25) as Rhodes took (27). Wingo and Jessie Crawford ('00) both fouled out of the game.

After the tough loss on Friday, the Lynx were ready to make amends on Sunday against the Majors. While it was a tight game at halftime, with Millsaps only trailing by 3 points, the Lynx blew the Majors out in the second half, outscoring Millsaps 45-30. Wingo led the way again with 19 points, 6 assists, 3 blocks and 7 steals before fouling out. The team was led in rebounds by Debbie Payne ('02) and Sara Miles ('01) chipped in 11 points.

However, it was the Lynx defense

that won the game. They forced 29 turnovers and blocked 5 shots. The Lynx held the Majors to just 28.3% shooting from the floor by not allowing the types of shots the Majors were looking for.

On the men's side, it was a weekend of mixed results as well. The men displayed their strength against Oglethorpe on Friday night, dominating the game with a final score of 75-55. Two days later, on Sunday, the Lynx did not fare as well, losing 61-77 to Millsaps. Despite wins and losses, a surprise appearance by Adam Lafavor ('01), who had been a contributor on the men's team, led to a standing ovation from the small home crowd. This was Lafavor's first appearance watching a game since suffering a stroke while playing Millsaps in Jackson.

Rhodes will be on the road next week playing the Sewanee Tigers and the Centre College Colonels.

Rhodes Pep Band Revived

By Susan Hughes
Sports Editor

After years of silence, visitors to Mallory-Hyde gymnasium are once again hearing the sounds of brass horns and clarinets, bass guitars and drums, all functioning as a soundtrack to the action on the court. The Rhodes pep band has been revived, adding vitality and enthusiasm to Rhodes' home basketball games.

Although dormant throughout much of the nineties, the Rhodes pep band has historically been an integral part of basketball games. At the height of its popularity, it boasted thirty members and also performed at football games.

However, because of graduations and a lack of underclassmen willing to take on leadership roles, the pep band eventually disbanded, leaving only a constitution and some old sheet music hidden in Hassell Hall as proof of their existence.

In the fall of 1997, however, came a push from Athletic Director Mike Clary to revive the tradition. He posted a sheet in the music building asking for volunteers willing to organize and recruit musicians for a revamped Rhodes pep band.

Stephanie White ('00) answered the call, spending the better part of a year making contacts and finding people willing to devote their time and talents to

learning the music and playing at the games.

Now, in spring of 1999, Clary's idea has finally come to fruition. With an eclectic assortment of both music and musicians, the pep band has been present at three home basketball functions, playing "YMCA" innumerable times and generally enlivening the atmosphere.

"Feedback has been almost totally positive. We did have a pep band before this, so this is just reviving an old tradition," comments White, adding that she has personally received appreciation from basketball parents who have heard the pep band play.

Members of the pep band commit to one practice a week, generally one to two hours in length, as well as a standing appointment to play at all home games.

When asked about the most positive aspect of joining pep band, bass guitarist Lauren Mize ('01) replied, "The fact that people appreciate it, that they'll come up and say hey, you're doing a great job. We actually feel we're making a difference in the

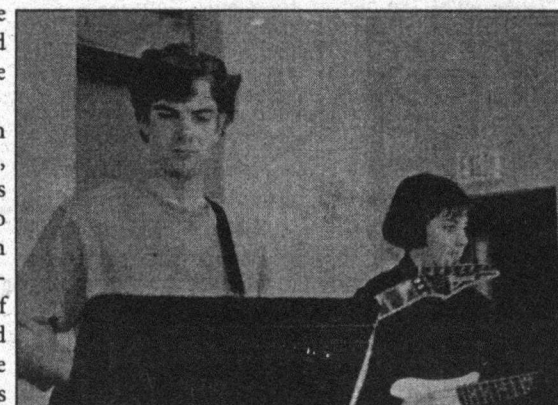


Photo By Kasey Sweeney
Andy Seiwell ('02) and Lauren Mize ('01) provide the bass line as the pep band grooves at the basketball game. Providing music during timeouts, half-time, and before and after, members arrive early and stay for both games.

atmosphere of the game."

Tentative plans for the future include an expansion into the football stand, as well as an increased musical repertoire. However, some Rhodes students have other ideas.

For track team member Emily Clark ('00), "The pep band will only reach the pinnacle of coolness when it comes out to a track meet and learns to play '[Runnin'] Against the Wind."

The pep band's final performance of the season will be Saturday, February 27, when Lynx basketball teams take on Hendrix College.

If anyone is interested in joining the Rhodes pep band, please contact Stefanie White.


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