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## Campus News

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Oregon State University's (Corvallis, OR) redesign process took a turn for the worse after university officials accepted responsibility for a projected \$19.1 million budget shortfall. While Provost and Executive Vice President Tim White reasserted that it can be easy to look back and pinpoint failures, he said the administration was doing what they thought was best for the university at the time. A reconciliation committee will evaluate the feedback and return with a newly balanced budget, likely next week. Clara Pratt, co-chair of the budget reconciliation committee, said she understood the faculty's concern, and that they will have greater say from now on. However, she said that this year's budget process needed to be solved immediately, and larger changes could be made in the future.

Former University of South Florida (Tampa, FL) adjunct professor Mazen Al-Najjar was back in court Thursday as the federal government appealed a judge's ruling that use of secret evidence was unconstitutional in a case that alleged links between Al-Najjar and terrorist groups. Al-Najjar said Thursday afternoon that he was pleased with the proceeding. Al-Najjar's brother-in-law, USF professor Sami Al-Arian, sat with his wife, Al-Najjar's sister Nahla, at the hearing. Al-Arian, like his brother-in-law, has also been accused of having terrorist connections but has never been charged with a crime.

Ten months after the murders of professors Susanne and Half Zantop, the Dartmouth College (Hanover, New Hampshire) community is trying to return to normal as it waits for the suspected teenage killers to be brought to trial. The Zantops were found slain in their home in Etna, New Hampshire which sent shock waves through the college and local community. It was the first murder case near Hanover in almost a decade, and only the second in over 50 years. Teenagers Robert Tulloch and James Parker, both from Chelsea, Vermont have been charged with first-degree murder for stabbing the couple in their home.

## Visit to WNL gives new perspective on Deferred Recruitment

By Margie Hall  
Editor-In-Chief

In light of the Deans Council's upcoming decision on Deferred Recruitment, Dean of Students Bette Ackerman, Director of Student Activities Joe Petri, and four students, Grace Williams ('03), Page Thead ('03), Jon David Willingham ('04), and Andrew Himoff ('02) drove to Lexington, Virginia this past weekend. They visited Washington and Lee University to observe their Greek system, and to learn about their implementation of the Deferred Recruitment process.

Washington and Lee has used a Spring Recruitment system since the mid-1980s, when women began to be accepted to the school. When a women's Greek system was put into place, the school implemented a Spring Recruitment practice, and changed the men's to match.

According to Dean Ackerman, Deferred Recruitment has been successful at Washington and Lee. The students are satisfied with the

system. The men stated that the first-years required a great deal of attention during the first semester, and that is problematic. The women are satisfied with the system, and are currently resisting encouragement to move to a Fall Recruitment from the national Panhellenic Council.

The Dean's office of Washington and Lee indicated that first-year GPA's have risen steadily since the adoption of Spring Recruitment, and that the population of students who choose to pledge has increased. Dean Ackerman said, "They are thinking of building more houses. The Greek system is thriving there."

Dean Ackerman also indicated that Washington and Lee was selected for a visit because they have ethical Recruitment rules, as opposed to Rhodes' conversation rules. She hopes that this will be considered as any changes are made to current Recruitment practices.

Also mentioned in the interview as a possible model for Recruitment changes was Washington and Lee's policy of funding the fraternity houses, something that Dean Ackerman says, "We're looking into."



Photo by Miriam Dolin

For her senior project, Allana Clarke ('02) curated the exhibition *InsideOut: Images of Suburbia*. The exhibition, which features images of domesticity in America, runs through November 2 at the ArtFarm Gallery on Marshall Ave.

Dean Ackerman concluded, "I think that Deferred Recruitment could be good. The first-years and the Greek organizations will get to know each other well. Washington and Lee organizations feel that this has helped them to make excellent

choices regarding membership."

Kappa Delta Page Thead said of the visit, "Deferred Recruitment has worked well at Washington and Lee. If the administration implements it at Rhodes, the Greek system will survive."

## RSG modifies proposal, hopes for representation on Dean's Council

By Mia Hood  
News Editor

The Dean's Council unanimously rejected Rhodes Student Government's recent proposal for student representation on the Council. The Council claimed personnel issues prevented them from accepting RSG's proposal.

RSG, in light of the ardent deferred recruitment debate on campus, still maintains the importance of including a student representative in a council that resolves issues directly impacting the student body and its organizations.

Deferred recruitment debates especially catalyzed RSG's determination to be represented on the Council.

Consequently, RSG, not re-

lenting, submitted a modified proposal to include at least a temporary student representative for Deferred Recruitment discussions.

The Dean's Council will vote on RSG's modified proposal on Tuesday, November 20.

Members of RSG will not be allowed to attend this meeting to present their proposal. However, they will individually meet with each member of the Council prior to the Council's meeting.

Meanwhile, RSG is drafting a letter in response to the Council's decision. The letter will include RSG's new proposal and will be sent to President Troutt.

RSG Vice-President Ben Chastain comments, "In light of the recent decision by the Deans Council to not allow a student representative in their discus-

sions, RSG has decided to continue pushing for the addition of student representation. We feel it is the most fair and just way for the students' voice to be heard."

As for now, RSG and the student body are at a standstill, awaiting the Council's decision next Tuesday.

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**Happy Thanksgiving from  
The Sou'wester!**  
**This is our last issue for the semester,  
so good luck to all on finals, and have  
a great break. We'll see you next year!**

**Thanks for reading!**

As always, please send any information, comments, or ideas to  
halmn@rhodes.edu.

## Students and their suitcases should stay on campus for the weekend

By Robert Weil  
Contributing Writer

When I was a freshman, not so long ago, I was taught the utility of having a large suitcase. Every Friday afternoon dozens of students could be spotted trotting from their cars and into Townsend, bearing grins that were only seen on the weekend.

All of them were carrying backpacks and suitcases. It was no mystery what the contents of the luggage were. Clothes and books do not make the noise of glass bottles.

But recently, I have noticed the suitcase trend reversing itself. Instead of full suitcases coming into dormitories at the beginning of the weekend, more and more are going out. And they find their way into the trunks of students' cars in preparation to go home.

To me, this is disturbing. I am not bothered by the notion that fewer students are drinking. It is that fewer students are here to have fun on the weekend.

The fact that we are leaving is not so much of a problem right now, because it has not reached the level of a weekend mass exodus. But, I can see the trend moving that way. And that scares me.

Why are people leaving? I have a theory. To explain what would motivate someone to leave on the weekend, we have to examine what motivates Rhodents to stay.

If a student finishes his or her last class at 3:00 on Friday and begins class at 9:00 on Monday, then the student's weekend lasts sixty-six hours.

That is a long time, considering a week is one hundred and sixty-eight hours long. If you do the math, you will find that the weekend is two fifths of that person's time during the seven-day week.

During that time, the student will most likely eat, sleep, and watch television. If their teachers are lucky, some stu-

dents will do homework. But a student is not going to want to do their homework on a Friday or Saturday night. "There is a time for everything," and Friday and Saturday nights are times to be social.

We all know that we cannot be social by ourselves. People have to get together.

A great facilitator for getting together is a party. And parties are the staple for weekend fun. It seems to have always been that way.

And who throws the most parties? The frats!

Recently, the Greek system has come under fire in articles in this opinion section. I have seen fraternities portrayed as nothing more than glorified dating services and drinking groups, the party clubs if you will.

I will admit that the reputation is well earned. But, as a member of a fraternity, I have to disagree with those who criticize the Greek letter organizations on those shallow terms. While I disagree with the critics, I am willing to address my issue as it pertains to the fraternities and sororities on the level that assumes they are party clubs.

In another recent article, in the opinion section, the author expressed frustration regarding the lack of quality interaction between the sexes on campus. I agree with the author of the article that the shortcomings are disappointing and unacceptable. And they should not be tolerated.

My solution would be to bolster Greek activity, as some of the organizations have over one hundred years of experience planning events to bring members of the opposite sex together. But, lately, the ability to put on a party has become increasingly difficult.

The agenda of what some are calling an anti-Greek administration has fraternities diverting their attention and energy away from the weekend's activities and toward self-preservation.

Whether or not the adminis-

tration is anti-Greek is debatable. But one cannot deny, in light of recent actions taken and proposed by the college, that fraternity row is finding itself in the cross hairs of a very big gun. And at the trigger are some very familiar people.

Should the Greek system be eliminated, I feel it would be detrimental to campus life. There would be much less fun to be had on campus during the weekend. And, sooner or later, more and more students would pack their suitcases to go home for the two days they have free, at the end of the week.

Is there a solution to our mess? Sure, there is.

I call on everyone, all of us, to

stay on campus and have a great time. That is what college weekends are for. We are only here for four years, for goodness sake!

Go to fraternity parties! A large majority of them are open to everyone.

I also call on the "powers that be" to ease up on the organizations that help us have a good time. You would not be doing us a favor to make us feel negative about the institution we chose to come to for an education, as a result of a restricted social life.

Not becoming a "suitcase college" is both in the interest of the students and the college in general. Let us prevent that from happening.

### Announcement:

#### AIDS Awareness and Prevention Week

November 26-December 2

**Monday:** Pick up a red ribbon to wear, along with a complete schedule for the week and information from Friends for Life in the Rat.

**Tuesday:** AIDS advocacy panel. Learn about the world AIDS crisis, AIDS and poverty in America, the effects of AIDS on women and children, and how you can get involved.

**Wednesday:** Living with AIDS. Learn about the psychological effects of HIV/AIDS and how new treatments are changing the face of AIDS.

**Thursday:** Learn important information about risk and prevention of HIV/AIDS here at Rhodes.

**Friday:** Hope and Healing Service for AIDS victims across the world and here in Memphis in the Amphitheater at 3 p.m.

**Saturday:** World AIDS Day. Service Plunge with Friends for Life.

**Sunday:** Crisis Services S-T. Learn about volunteer opportunities dealing with HIV/AIDS as well as other issues related to crisis services. Rhea Lounge at 6 p.m.

Sponsored by Kinney Crisis Services. A complete schedule will be posted soon around campus. For more information e-mail DAVRG or HOEEE.

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## This is not an opinion column

PAT DUGAN  
Apathy at Work



Should I try to be a straight A student?

What's a Big Mac?

All one really needs to do to be considered artistic is create something that is somewhat difficult to understand.

There was a guy once who blinded himself by staring at the sun. His reasoning: he would no longer be forced to look at all of the hot girls that he couldn't get with.

See Anders Reynolds.

All one really needs to do to change the world is create something that uses common language or imagery in an uncommon fashion.

There is a planet—conceivably—where every beautiful woman wants to have sex with me.

I have a feeling this is not that

planet.

This is not art; this will not change the world; this is not even an opinion article.

A Big Mac is either a hamburger, a hall-of-famer, or the shiznittiest beeYATCH in the crizib.

I feel guilty when I use logic to get people to believe things.

My mom once made out with a Manute Bol look-a-like contest winner, if you must know.

I don't need to date Britney Spears.

If I were an opinion article, right now I would tell you what it is that we're all doing wrong.

People that gather spittle in the front of their mouths when they talk.

Existentialism is a load of crap.

I assume that Billy Joel wouldn't mind if I plagiarized his text.

T.S. Eliot says—roughly—that crappy artists borrow and not-so-crappy ones steal.

*Grand Theft Auto 3.*

A true solipsist uses a different word for his condition.

If you are, then you're thinking too much.

There is a planet where God calls timeout and makes everyone go on different teams. Matt Crockett and Michael Jordan are captains. Michael gets first pick. But I don't want to be on Crockett's team—He already picked Pat Robertson and Dr. Laura. God's a bitch!

Friend, incidentally, is not a 4-letter word.

If I weren't full of BS, this would make more/less sense.

There are some people in this world who have no idea that Britney Spears exists. For shame!

Alasdair MacIntyre is notorious for collecting spittle in the front of his mouth when he says this: "Every action is the bearer and expression of more or less theory-laden beliefs and concepts; every piece of theorizing and every exercise of belief is a political and moral action."

Ooh-ooh! The kiddie-sized urinals in the men's bathrooms are lower than the normal urinals. Why do so many guys think its immature to use the kiddie ones? WORD TO WISE: the lower the urinal, the less rebound-sprinkle.

There is a planet—conceiv-

ably—where Nicholas Cage has won an Academy Award.

*Crap!*

Last week's episode of *Survivor*.

I've heard that some people tell other people to die in this world for glory in the next; it sounds to me like a pretty effective way to amass power.

People that are obsessed with Harry Potter.

Snake Eyes, Captain Corelli's Mandolin, 8MM.

I think some people chew more than they bite off.

Would the whole world unite if we were attacked by aliens? Would we make a world flag so we could put it on bumper stickers with the slogan: "God Bless Earth"?

People that are obsessed with Banana Republic.

Don't you know about the new fashion, honey?

If I were an opinion article, right now I would tell you what we all ought to be doing with ourselves.

Go on a diet or else play video games with an intravenous tube alternating Thanksgiving gravy and Pabst Blue

Ribbon—the tube goes through your leg so you can use both hands for the game of your choice; also, ladies, please settle down with a guy—monogamy is a beautiful thing...or else fool around with as many guys as possible—life is for experiencing everything and everyone...or do something else, maybe follow your heart??

There was a guy up for a professorial chair at Harvard turned down for believing in alien abduction.

"A" is the first letter of the alphabet. But what's "letter"?

I=an idea toilet.

You're reading me.

Just don't tell people to die for a bag of Corn Nuts.

This has been my opinion article. Thanks to those of you who have read it. For those of you who haven't discovered the moral of the story, I'll lay it out for you:

ALL you need are looks and a whole lotta money.

*Editor's note: Copy editing changes have been omitted upon request of the author.*

## Recycling success creates need for help

EMILY HOGUE  
Peace Keeper



Recycling!

Everybody is doing it.

The boys in Glassell sure are, you can tell by the stench of beer in the hallways. If you have spent any time at Trezevant lately you already know that girls are the bizomb when it comes to separating cans and paper.

The people in East Village are producing huge bags of recyclables to go in their brand-spanking-new recycling rooms, not because they do not want to walk all the way to the dumpster, but because they do not want to fill the landfills with

unnecessary waste. At least that is what I like to think.

It is so awesome to see the whole campus recycling.

Campus Green is having trouble dealing with all of this enthusiasm, however.

Since it is a student organi-

zation,

we, the students, are having trouble balancing our schoolwork and the demand of recycling.

asm, but we need more help from its members to get the recycling done.

If you want to help with recycling, it is really easy. We meet at Physical Plant at 4:00 p.m. on Thursdays. We need people to help empty bins and also ride on the truck to pick up the bags.

Recycling does not take very long if there are enough people to distribute the work, but recycling for the whole campus with just a few people is pretty tough. We are proud of the Rhodes community's recycling enthusi-

ism, but we need more help from its members to get the recycling done.

If you cannot help by emptying the bins, you can still help by making recycling easier for the people who do. Rhodes' recycling program is for paper and aluminum only.

We have tried several times to incorporate other materials into the program, but have been told that the transportation is not cost effective. Right now, anything besides paper and aluminum cans does not belong in the recycling bins.

So please, do not put trash in the recycling bins. We have to dig through the bins to pull out the trash or throw the whole bag away. Throwing a whole bag of recyclables away might make the average environmentalist flip out, but it should concern everyone because landfill space is quickly diminishing.

Finishing your beer or soda and rinsing the can out before

you put it in the bin will also help. It really sucks to have a mysterious, smelly, liquid drip on you and the floor while you are emptying the bins. Those are all the rules. Really, recycling is pretty easy.

Keep recycling and meet us at 4:00 Thursday behind Physical Plant if you want to help.

*The rotten smells in the hallway and the overflowing bins are happening because we need more help from students.*

**For more information on how you can help with the Rhodes and Campus Greens recycling effort see page 4.**

## Student Announcements

Society of Physics Students will have a Paper Airplane contest in the Rat on Wednesday, November 14 at 5:00 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded for the longest flying, highest flying, and best decorated planes. SPS also will host an observing session for the Leonid Meteor Showers on November 17 at 11:00 p.m. on the football field, weather permitting.

Chi Omega will host Pizza Taste on November 14 in the Lynx Lair from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Pizza slices are \$1 a piece, and tickets can be purchased there. There will be a pizza eating contest and a place to vote for your favorite pizza in Memphis. There will also be a bake sale. All proceeds go to Make a Wish.

Rhodes Christian Fellowship meets on Wednesday nights at 8:30 p.m. in Hardie Auditorium. All are welcome.

Diversity Group will have a dialogue at 8:00 p.m. on November 26 in Rhea Lounge.

Senior Photos are due December 1. If you do not have a photo turned in by then, you will not be in the yearbook with your class. Turn all photos into the Lynx Yearbook box in the school mailroom. Only one person per picture is permissible. If you have any questions contact, Kyle Cutright at [cutkm@rhodes.edu](mailto:cutkm@rhodes.edu).

Campus Green recycles at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 15, 2001. Meet at physical plant. Campus Green will also have a meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday in Java City.

As a part of Islam Awareness Week, the Muslim Students' Association will have a discussion of the Islamic Holy month of Fasting. It will be on Thursday, November 15 at 8:30 p.m. in the Orgill room. Local Islamic leader Rashad Sharif will speak.

Lipstick On Your Collar's winter concert will be on Saturday, December 8 at 8:00 p.m. in Hardie Auditorium.

International House will not meet on November 15 but will meet as usual (after Thanksgiving) on November 29 at 6:00 p.m. in Robinson social room.

The Black Student Association invites faculty, staff members and students to Kwanzaa 2001. Kwanzaa is a celebration that pays tribute to the rich cultural roots of African-Americans. Kwanzaa celebrates one of seven principles each day for seven days. Kwanzaa will include singing, poetry readings, dramatic presentations, and other artistic expressions of the principles of Kwanzaa. There will be a Karamu, a traditional feast, following the program. Kwanzaa 2001 will be held on Thursday, November 29, 2001 in Hardie Auditorium. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. This will be an evening of fellowship, learning and reflection.

### Fraternities \* Sororities \* Clubs \* Student Groups

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## Overview of Trustees meeting

Submitted by Dean Ackerman  
Dean of Student Affairs

The Buildings and Grounds Committee reported that construction of the Conservatory, a new social room addition off the Townsend-Trezevant halls connector space, should be complete by mid-November.

The Board Directions and Leadership Committee discussed the need for the college to increase its endowment. The committee also agreed to the principle that the college will be more selective in awarding its honorary degrees.

The Enrollment Committee reported on Rhodes' very successful year in admissions, including records set in several areas. Rhodes achieved the second-lowest acceptance rate ever. In terms of academic quality, the entering class of 440 students is one of the best ever to enroll at Rhodes. The male/female ratio of the entering class is 41 percent males and 59 percent females.

Two new multicultural advisory committees have been created: one to assist with the recruitment of African American students and the other to reach out to other minority students. A report on financial aid revealed that at the present time, the college does not anticipate making any major changes in its financial aid packaging policies due to the current economic downturn.

The Faculty and Educational Program Committee welcomed the news of faculty appointments. After discussion, the committee moved and the board approved the following recommendations. In regard to the conversion of long-term renewable (LTR) appointments to tenured and tenure-track appointments, and, that the "Statement of Policies and Procedures in Regard to Faculty" should be given temporary approval to the practices that it currently incorporates.

Dean Llewellyn presented an extended analysis of the faculty cohort, with a tenure percentage projection for the next 10 years.

The Finance Committee reviewed a number of reports on the current state of the college finances. The committee also reported on Rhodes' new association with the Memphis Grizzlies NBA basketball team. The college has worked out an arrangement to host the team in Mallory Gymnasium for team practices. In addition, the team paid for a number of renovations and improvements that will benefit the college for years to come.

The Development Committee reported that total gifts to the college last year exceeded \$41 million, with \$35.5 million from the Paul Barret Jr. Trust. This was the highest annual total in Rhodes' history. Of the \$41 million, a record \$4 million came to Rhodes as Annual Fund gifts with \$2.95 million unrestricted. Alumni participation hit 50 percent for the third consecutive year. That percentage is reached by less than one percent of colleges and universities.

The Students and Campus Life Committee noted that within the framework of orientation, various options for first-year experience programming are under consideration with the objective of engaging new students early in the academic process. Student representative to the board Jonathan Russom informed the board that discussions were occurring among students in response to the proposal to defer rush until second semester.

Honor Council president Kristjen Lundberg and Social Regulations Council president Reggie Weaver introduced a student initiative concerning citizenship and civility in the Rhodes community. A short-term goal for development of the Code of Civility is to initiate and engage in discussion members of the Rhodes community regarding the role of citizenship on the Rhodes campus.

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## Campus Safety Log

11/05/01 TO 11/11/01



11/5/01	10:32 a.m.	Refectory: Fire Alarm – okay, no fire
	10:58 a.m.	Kennedy Hall – Illness – MFD ambulance called
	8:10 p.m.	East Village "A" – fire alarm – no fire
11/6/01	4:40 p.m.	Bailey Lane – vehicle accident – courtesy report taken
11/7/01		NOTHING UNUSUAL REPORTED
11/8/01	5:30 p.m.	Athletic Field – injury – MFD ambulance called
11/9/01	2:30 a.m.	East Village Lawn – Reckless Driving, property damage and DUI Subject Identified– charges pending
	11:45 p.m.	Tutwiler – Suspicious person, car prowler. Campus Safety located and chased from the area, losing subject near N. Pkwy/McLean
11/10/01	7:00 p.m.	Refectory – fire alarm – no fire
11/11/01		NOTHING UNUSUAL REPORTED

### STATS THIS WEEK:

PROPPED DOORS: 5  
ACCESSES: 120  
CITATIONS: 61  
CARS TOWED: 0  
BOOTS: 2

ESCORTS: 25  
VISITORS: 1,597  
JUMP STARTS: 3  
A.V.: 1

## Weekly Update: Northern Alliance troops secure hold on Kabal as anthrax threat persists

Northern Alliance troops spread out across Kabul Tuesday to consolidate their control of the Afghan capital, as residents celebrated the Taliban's sudden retreat.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld clearly stated that despite the Taliban's retreat, the U.S.-led military strikes will not end because the coalition's objectives –dislodging the Taliban's control of Afghanistan and eliminating the al Qaeda terrorist network—have not yet been accomplished.

The State Department is search-

ing for a possible letter laced with anthrax after eight samples taken from its mail-handling facility in Sterling, Virginia, tested positive for the bacteria, spokesman Richard Boucher said Tuesday.

According to a university spokeswoman, eight mail facilities at Howard University in Washington were closed for cleaning Tuesday after trace amounts of anthrax were found in the school's main mailroom.

President George Bush has decided to expand the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve, the nation's

emergency supply of oil, because of concerns that the military campaign in Afghanistan could lead to some disruption of global oil supplies.

Wake turbulence from a Japan Airways airplane is believed to have caused the crash of American Airlines flight 587 Monday in New York people, killing 262 people.

Federal officials say they have found no evidence that terrorism was involved in the crash.

Compiled by Frances Rabalais, Executive Assistant

## COLOSSUS AT RHODES

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### Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week events:

Wednesday, November 14th — Call-In Day as part of a National Day of Action for the National Housing Trust Fund. Call your Congressmen and demand that they endorse this legislation. For more information, e-mail [weljb@rhodes.edu](mailto:weljb@rhodes.edu) or [coyce@rhodes.edu](mailto:coyce@rhodes.edu).

Thursday, November 15th — Skip-A-Meal Fundraiser for Memphis Family Shelter. Volunteer to not use your meal plan for at dinnertime and the money will be donated to Memphis Family Shelter. E-mail [weljb](mailto:weljb) or [lunkb](mailto:lunkb) for more information.

Friday, November 16th — Prepare a vegan meal with the local chapter of Food Not Bombs to be served on Saturday afternoon downtown (a weekly event). E-mail [weljb@rhodes.edu](mailto:weljb@rhodes.edu) for more information.

## From Trustees, Page 4

The Information Technology Committee reported on progress toward presidential initiatives 7 and 8. All network hardware was replaced over the summer with new state-of-the-

art hardware that is ten times bigger than the previous network. The project came in under budget. Technical support services are being improved through a new Help Desk operation.

Discussion in the Christian Commitment and Church Relationship Committee focused on the challenge of faith, service and vocation on a residential campus and bridging campus residence

with urban living in Memphis.

Lloyd Templeton was cited for decades of service to Rhodes at the conclusion of the fall Board of Trustees meeting.

President Troutt saluted Templeton, who is retiring in December as Assistant to the President for College Relations. Mr. Templeton, a 1956 graduate of Rhodes, joined the college in 1968 as director of development.

### Announcements from RAB:

\*Open-Mic Night is on Wednesday, November 14 at 9:07 p.m. in Java City.

\*Rites of Spring suggestions must be submitted to [Rites@rhodes.edu](mailto:Rites@rhodes.edu). If you want to suggest headliners, you must submit your suggestion before the end of the month.

# Arts & Entertainment

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## ArtFarm opening a triumph, images of suburbia captured

By Alison Stohr  
Staff Writer

ArtFarm's opening of "Inside Out: Images of Suburbia" was, in a word, awesome. Granted, this was the first gallery opening I had attended, so I am by no means speaking from any sort of professional or experienced point of view. But this, in fact, was the beauty of the November 9, opening. Not only did I have a good time attempting to appear cultured, but I felt as if I may have actually understood the art. This is something that I learned was no small feat after my interface with Professor David McCarthy's Introduction to Visual Art freshman

year.

Allana Clarke ('02), an art major curating the show as her senior project, served up a generous portion of intriguing art dealing with the love and hate that Americans have for the undying cultural staple that is suburbia.

"Suburban America is a secure place," states Clarke, "but it often obliterates regional charm and creates a depressing pleonasm that has swept the nation. It makes families conform to a frighteningly homogeneous way of life while many Americans seem to think this urban form is the zenith of human progress." It is precisely these issues that unite the gallery.

The show features four artists – one Memphian and three out-of-

towners. "Each of the artists, drawn from around the country, examine suburban life from a different angle," explains Clarke. "Painters Kim Beck of Memphis and Ryan Kapp of Chicago work with images of suburban homes and neighborhoods in their work. Printmaker Larry Giacoletti of New York looks at ordinary objects inside the home as subject matter for his intricate linoleum prints. St. Louis sculptor Alison Oulette-Kirby handles broader thematic questions posed by a clichéd, redundant, cloistered, lifestyle in her sculptural pieces."

The opening was preceded by a gallery talk in which artist Kim Beck discussed her two wall sized pieces depicting a desolate mall parking lot

(Mall Parking Lot). Beck talked about how she found parking lots to be a very interesting facet of suburban life.

"I think it's sublime – the vastness of the parking lot," stated Beck. Her introduction was followed by an impromptu lecture of Levitt Town, New York – the first suburb created in America. A guest of the show had once been a resident of this first piece of the American tradition, and informed the audience that the houses were so alike in this first suburb that "you could easily go into the wrong house." A slightly disturbing observation, to say the least.

All that art talk can really get your appetite going, and the guest enjoyed a delightful array of sandwiches, cookies, cheese and FREE

WINE. The students of Rhodes College in attendance, which there were quite a few, made sure to take full advantage of this offering, leaving no tray untouched and no glass empty. The musical stylings of Jennifer Hendrix ('04) were also proffered to keep things classy as the guests made their way through the gallery.

Overall, the opening was quite a success and has already garnered Clarke a good deal of approval from the local art community. The show will run until December 2, which gives every Rhodes student plenty of time to mosey down to 652 Marshall Avenue and check out the works on display. Gallery hours are from 1-5pm on Saturdays. Even without the free alcohol, the trip is definitely worth it.

## A Preview: A Dream Play

By Susannah Young  
Staff Writer

"See, there's this girl, and she's the daughter of a god, and she gets sent down to earth to see what humankind's all about, and she meets this officer in a castle and...well...I dunno...she marries a lawyer...well – the play *doesn't* really have a plot, you see..."

Such was the nature of most of the responses of those asked to describe the plot of the upcoming McCoy Theater production, August Strindberg's *A Dream Play*. This unconventional work breaks all the rules of traditional plot stylings that depend on time and character development. In fact, the story progresses in a manner closely akin to that of a dream: hence the title. That is, *anything* is within reason; situations and characters change unexpectedly to suit the whims of the unconscious.

Yet in *A Dream Play*, as in all dreams, there is a rhyme, reason, and intent to what may seem like chaos.

Strindberg says it best in his introduction to the play: "In dreams, time and space do not exist...the characters split, double, multiply, evaporate, solidify, diffuse, and clarify. But one consciousness rules over them all; that of

the dreamer."

The general idea of the play, inasmuch as it can be summarized, is that the daughter (Ashley Sewell) of the Hindu god Indra is sent by her father (Matthew Hoffberg) to live among mortals as a woman named Agnes, so that she may experience what it means to be human. In her stay, she saves an officer (Anders Reynolds), marries a lawyer (Spencer Pharr), bears a child, meets a poet (John Cook), and suffers the agonies of human existence until she takes off mortal flesh and returns to heaven once more.

Granted, this is an extremely simplistic explanation of what takes place; director Miki Shelton emphasized the stream-of-consciousness nature of the play, saying, "It progresses in much the way a dream would – situations and characters are apt to change immediately. It is very expressionistic in style – heavy on symbolism and metaphor."

Shelton also noted that Strindberg had been experimenting with this style and the themes of illusion and the conflict between sin and the instinct of love for quite a while, shortly after "coming out of his own personal inferno. Strindberg had a terrible view of what it

means to be human, and that an awareness of what you were going through was a sort of second hell...and yet he writes this play which is full of hope."

*A Dream Play* promises to be a truly unique viewing experience, and, like all McCoy productions, one which is professionally produced. The show will be presented November 15, 16, 17, 29, 30 and December 1 and 2. All shows are at 8 p.m. except for the December 2 show, which is at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$7 for seniors, and \$10 full price; they can be ordered through the box office (x3839).

### Wanna cookie?

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Tuesday, November 27 in Java City

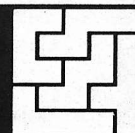
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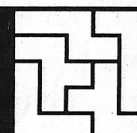
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### Clough-Hanson Corner:

The exhibit currently on display in the Clough-Hanson Gallery is "Martin Mull: Recent Works." Mull is a well-known comedian, and his art accesses the same social satire for which his comedic performances are known. Go check it out!



## Rhodes Puzzler



#26 (November 14, 2001)

Last week's movie pass winner: Daniel Head

Thanksgiving is fast approaching! Hopefully everyone will be able to say the following on that feast day:

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Each letter stands for a different digit (0 through 9). What digits do the letters represent to form a correct sum?

The Rhodes Puzzler is sponsored by the Math/CS Department of Rhodes College. Send your solution (with name!) to [puzzler@rhodes.edu](mailto:puzzler@rhodes.edu), or place a Word or text document named "<your name>.doc" in the Puzzler folder located on the Academic Volume, or turn in a hard copy to Kennan Shelton, 318 Ohlendorf. All solutions must be received by 5:00 p.m. Saturday. A weekly winner will be randomly chosen from all correct entries to receive two free movie passes, donated by Malco Theatres. See the Rhodes Puzzler Page at <http://www.mathcs.rhodes.edu/puzzler.html>.

## Memphis' new InfoHub: A "whole new world" of knowledge to explore

By Sara Mason  
Staff Writer

At long last, after three years of seemingly endless days of construction, the new Memphis Central Library opened its doors this past Saturday, November 10, to reveal a whole world to the local community. Amassed with impressive architectural and artistic displays, this new building has surpassed expectation. The impressive five-floor, 330,000 square foot structure was designed by architects to specifically convey "the library's role as a welcoming, inviting and accessible place of information and learning." The bright, open atmosphere, which emphasizes natural light combined with vivid, stimulating colors, is indeed successful in achieving its objective.

Upon entering the building, the visitor is greeted with a light, open atrium which features the grand sculpture created by Ed Carpenter. This sculpture features interlaced rays of colored glass which burst upwards and sends prisms of the penetrating sunlight throughout the atrium. On each floor, overlooking the atrium, are spacious reading areas

which offer tables for study as well as lounging chairs for reading. The building in its entirety is simply, but very effectively decorated in ways which stimulate, but do not overwhelm the senses, and provide an atmosphere conducive to learning and exploration.

The children's' area, located on the first floor, also features brilliant sculptures from artists such as Nancy Cheairs and Sherri Warner Hunter. Leading into this area is a forest of colorful columns in the shape of trees, complete with overhead lighting effects creating an image of being on the forest floor. Inside is a mass of colored tree sculptures growing up the main columns, providing an atmosphere of fantasy and illusion, fostering the stimulation of imagination. There is a play area to the side and a garden complete with a mosaic dragon bench to provide access to fresh air and a more intimate atmosphere where parents and children can read together.

This new facility is quite easy to navigate due to its openness and departmental layout. Along the central portion of each floor, over 110 flat-screen computers, equipped with high-speed internet

access, are available to all who visit the new facility. During the grand opening, local children huddled around these machines, surfing the World Wide Web with enthusiasm. In many cases, parents and their children worked together to explore online music, readings and games, providing new learning opportunities for entire families.

The new library also offers many additional sources of information through their new technology. These include access to databases such as InfoTrac, Business databases, GaleNet, Accunet, and many others. A staff of technology consultants is also available to those customers in need of technological direction. In addition to advanced technology, this facility offers a vast variety of departments of information ranging from fiction to reference and psychology to math and science.

The new Memphis Central Public Library has met all expectations of its local patrons in providing a stimulating atmosphere, easy accessibility, helpful and enthusiastic staff, and new, innovative designs. This facility offers, as its slogan states, "A Whole New World in Here."

## RAB perks up Wednesdays Pep up at RAB's Coffee Houses in Java City

By Megan Gaylord  
Staff Writer

Wednesday is hump day. Everyone knows that. The work keeps adding up and you can just taste the weekend. I feel the pain every Wednesday, classes, roommates, activities, and professors, you just get sick of it all. Yet, all my stress, all my worries are relieved by one simple thing... the RAB (Rhodes Activities Board) coffeehouse series. Every Wednesday, I get to hang out, drink my joe, and be entertained. Every week is something different, yet artsy, touchy feely in some way.

I would say by far, Open Mic Night is my favorite. Students come to tell jokes, do bird calls, play guitar (some better than others, you know who you are), sing, and read poetry. It is kind of pleasant, knowing that students have talent to rely on. That may keep them from flipping burgers after graduation or (for those of us who do not mind being shot at) joining the Peace Corps.

Acoustic music is also nice addition to the doldrums of mid-week.

You can put your feet up and climb into one of those deep couches with a book, homework related or the addictive crack-like books such as Harry Potter or Nora Roberts (I prefer the book-crack type myself) and hear some new sounds. In the past the coffeehouse series has had professional musician like, Jennifer Daniels, Brad Thompson, and Dezeray's Hammer. Jason Beasley and Sam Weigle, two students who will not have to flip burgers to get by, have also had their talent showcased. Open Mic nights and acoustic sets are a great way for bands to prepare for Battle of the Bands in March.

The coffeehouse series has its origins in last semester. Open Mic Night started it all. Since then, there have been all kinds of interesting nights. The Valentine's Day love/hate poetry slam was excellent. Getting that I hate the opposite sex thing out of your system can be the most productive thing to do on a weeknight.

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## Lynx seniors leave with a bang

By Stu Johnston  
Staff Writer

The Saturday afternoon match-up between Rhodes and Carnegie Mellon provided enough fireworks for a Fourth of July celebration. The grand finale featured Rhodes scoring to seize victory from the jaws of defeat.

With a 35-32 victory, Rhodes salvaged a .500 record on the season, finishing 5-5, and ended a difficult year on a positive note. As was the case with the win over Washington University, the Lynx defeated a school much larger than Rhodes.

Fittingly, the Lynx seniors started and finished the scoring for the final football game of their careers, many of which span back to the fifth or sixth grade. Defensive tackle Adam Nunnallee ('02) started things off for the Lynx with every lineman's dream—a 33-yard fumble return for a touchdown to put the Lynx up 6-0. Nunnallee has been a force in the middle the entire year, and finished off his Rhodes career with the fumble return and five tackles (one for lost yardage).

The Tartans struck for two touchdowns in the second quarter,

though. One came off a Rhodes turnover when Mike Kremeier ('02) fumbled at the Rhodes 20-yard-line. Carnegie Mellon scored several plays later. The other came after a sustained drive, however.

Shaun Gehres ('02) boomed a 63-yard punt, pinning the Tartans deep in their own territory. They were able to mount a ten-play, 88-yard drive to increase their lead to 13-6.

Rhodes quarterback Gary Rockne ('04) was responsible, in one form or another, for all 58 yards on the next Lynx drive. Through the air and on the ground, he led the Lynx through the Tartan defense to the endzone with 37 seconds to play in the half. After the extra point attempt failed, the Lynx trailed 13-12.

Both teams managed one touchdown in the third quarter. Rhodes' came on a 5-play, 45-yard drive, and Rockne picked up 38 of those yards on one carry. Kremeier's two-point conversion tied the score at 20, setting up the wild, decisive fourth quarter.

The Lynx struck first in the final period with a drive that carried over from the third quarter. Two minutes in, Rockne hit receiver Matt Dement ('05) for seven yards and a score. The Rockne to Ryan McLaughlin ('04) conversion pass made the score 28-20 in favor of Rhodes, and it seemed the momentum had swung in favor of the Lynx.

The Tartans had other ideas, however, and a solid CMU ground attack controlled the

next twelve minutes of the contest. Carnegie Mellon gained 154 yards on 72 carries with four backs contributing more than 50 yards to the barrage.

The Tartans scored touchdowns on drives of 86 and 68 yards, respectively, and although both extra points failed, the Tartans seized a 32-28 lead with 1:47 to play. Prospects looked bleak for the Lynx, as they prepared for their version of the "two minute drill."

Then CMU made perhaps the biggest mistake of their season. They chose to put the ball in the hands of Rhodes senior, all-purpose back Hays Mathis, known as perhaps the most capable playmaker in the SCAC. Mathis fielded the kickoff at the Rhodes 18-yard-line and took it all the way back, zigging and zagging his way to an 82-yard touchdown. Andy English ('03) tacked on the point-after for a 35-32 Lynx lead.

To finish off the game, Charles McCollum ('04) intercepted CMU's final "hail Mary" pass preserving the victory. This win marked the first victory for the Lynx in only their fifth game against Carnegie Mellon.

The Lynx graduate fifteen seniors this season whose leadership will be sorely missed. Their passion for and dedication to the Lynx program and to the game of football represent the essence of Division III athletics.

## Swim teams off to steady start

By Melanie Telzrow  
Staff Writer

Last weekend the Rhodes swim team traveled to Arkadelphia, Arkansas for the Henderson State Invitational. This was Rhodes's third meet of the season, with previous competitions at Rhodes and at Hendrix College.

The Henderson invitational took place Friday night and Saturday morning. Rhodes took eight women and four men to this meet, and competed against Hendrix, John Brown University, the University of Arkansas-Little Rock, and Henderson. After one day of competition, the women held a second place spot and the men were in fourth place.

Rhodes' coach Dick Fadgen starts his second year with the team with the assistance of his daughter, Darren. With the completion of the swim meet, the women were able to maintain their second place spot behind Henderson State, while the men finished in fourth. Overall, Rhodes placed fourth at the meet.

Rhodes had some outstanding performances by Julie Mediamolle ('02) in the 100-meter and 50-meter freestyle, Kelley Savage ('03) in the 200-meter butterfly stroke, and Chad Jones ('03) in the 500-meter freestyle.

The team looks forward to improving for their next meet, a two-day preliminary and finals meet at Arkansas-Little Rock on December 1 and 2.

## Lynx take second at regionals Wester, Paine, and Knight qualify for nationals

By Nate Mitchell  
Staff Writer

Last weekend the Rhodes Lynx Cross Country teams competed in the NCAA South Regional Meet at Mississippi College. Both the men and women's teams finished second to Emory University. The Rhodes teams had to win the meet to go to Nationals because the winning team from the South Region has not been able to perform well at recent Nationals. Conference schools Trinity and Centre were easily beat on both sides.

Elizabeth Wester ('03) finished third and Amy Paine ('03) finished sixth overall to lead the women. Both will be going to the Division III National Meet, which will be held in Rock Island, Illinois at Augustana College. Wester and Paine, along with Marie Brandewiede ('04) were named to the All-Region team for finishing in the top 25. Also with a strong race was Lori Steger ('03), who ran her fastest time of the year.

The men were led by John Knight ('02), who finished third overall and qualified for the national meet. Also named to the All-Region team with

Knight was Brian McCarthy ('03), finishing tenth, and Matthew Sauter ('05), finishing eighteenth. Strong performances were also shown by Lynx freshmen Matt Wood and Todd Ridley who finished 26 and 33 in the Region, respectively.

Coach Robert Shankman said of the meet, "It would have been tough for us to win either race. I would have been a little disappointed if we had gotten worse than second. The men, especially our top three freshmen, showed great character when they were able to focus for such an important race. In the women's race, I was proud that they did as much as they possibly could to win the race. I couldn't of asked for anything more."

The national meet is set for November 17.

**Top Five Women's 5K times:** Elizabeth Wester ('03), 18:27; Amy Paine ('03), 18:49; Marie Brandewiede ('04), 19:05; Lori Steger ('03), 19:53; Marianne Falk ('04), 19:55

**Top Five Men's 8K times:** John Knight ('02), 26:07; Brian McCarthy ('03), 26:48; Matthew Sauter ('05), 27:09; Matt Wood ('05), 27:29; Todd Ridley ('05), 27:45

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President Trout has also joined the ranks of people who have joined the gang, talking about his life one year after being inaugurated as President of the College. He was able to answer questions about how he met his wife, the implementation of the initiatives he put forth in his inaugural address, and his impressions of Rhodes.

Works in Progress, commonly know as (W(H)IP) shared their improv and fun warm up sketches. Resvoice has also climbed aboard, having a talk back session to voice residence issues.

Coming up on the Coffee-house agenda is Open Mic Night, slated for November 14, so come and share you talent or watch everyone else do so. Just remember, every Wednesday at 9:07pm, students gather in Java City to lay back, relax, and have a little fun.

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