

# THE SOU'WESTER

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## Campus News...

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A coalition of Brown University (Providence, RI) students seized all copies of the university's student newspaper, the *Brown Daily Herald*, last Friday. The coalition was protesting the paper's decision to run an ad that was against reparation of slavery. The group flooded the paper's office with 50-60 students Thursday night and demanded that the *Herald* give the money from the ad to "Third World," or minority, organizations on campus. They also demanded advertising space for protestation of the ad. When their demands were not met, they removed the paper from distribution sites around campus. The *Herald* redistributed 1000 copies of the paper from one site that was watched by a police guard, and plans to distribute the paper from fewer sites. They may use student guards. Carl Takei, president of the Brown chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, denied the group's claim to represent the interest of minority groups on campus. He said, "The protesters' actions show a blatant disregard for free speech and free discussion."

David Freund, a professor in the history department of Princeton University (Princeton, NJ), is concerned about the role of media coverage in recent high school shootings. He stated that by covering the incidents as human interest stories and decrying them as "mindless tragedies," the media makes value judgments about what kind of violence should happen where. Value judgments occur, for example, in the media's primary focus on incidences of violence in suburban, predominantly white areas as aberrant occurrences while ignoring or downplaying violence in urban schools. However, according to a 2000 study by the Department of Education and the Department of Justice, the percentage of students who were threatened or injured by a weapon on school property has remained constant between 1993 and 1999, and that levels of crime in schools have actually decreased in those 8 years. University officials and professors agree that gun control is necessary, but that students should not worry about similar instances at their schools.

## Election problems caused by computer confusion/glitches New committee to look into reforms

By Robert Edgecombe  
Staff Writer

Borrowing a comment on another recent series of election complications, one might say that on February 27<sup>th</sup> Rhodes students spoke—it just took a while to determine exactly what they said.

Students went to the polls that day to elect officers for next year's positions of student leadership. Because of some complications with the online voting system, obtaining the results was tougher than usual.

Kristjen Lundberg was elected Honor Council President, John Ramsey won the race for Student Government President, Reggie Weaver was selected as Social Regulations Council President, and, in a race of Floridian closeness, Lisa Bloom and Jonathan Russom won bids for positions on the Board of Trustees. But instances of voter confusion and ballot accessibility made counting the votes accurately quite a task for election staff.

Shortly after 2:00 p.m. on February 27<sup>th</sup>, students received an e-mail from Dean Mel Richey explaining that they should enter their Social Security numbers when asked for a "Student ID" before voting online. The e-mail was

in response to widespread voter confusion about the Student ID; many students entered their Alpha usernames or Lynx Card numbers instead of Social Security numbers. As a result, of the 918 votes cast, nearly 20% were duplicates, and had to be checked by the Information Systems staff to ensure that each student's ballot was only counted once in the general tally.

The candidates were informed of the situation that night by Dean Bob Johnson and Elections Commissioners Marvin Addison and David Burke, and agreed to abide by the results of the counting process. They all agreed that, though they had concerns and suggestions for the elections process in the future, the manner in which the counting was being conducted was fair and accurate and the results would be legitimate.

The results showed outright victories for Lundberg, Ramsey, and Weaver, and put Bloom and Russom in a March 1<sup>st</sup> runoff with Frank Cain and Robert Campbell for the two available spots on the Board of Trustees.

The runoff proved to be even more problematic than the general election, in part because of the closeness of the tally, but in large part because of technical problems with the Rhodes network. Only seven votes separated the first



Photo by Miriam Dolin

John Hamilton ('02) was crowned Mr. Shamrock on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Shamrock is an annual Kappa Delta event that benefits child abuse prevention agencies. John played the piano to beat out the other contestants in the competition.

place finisher, Bloom, who garnered 143 votes, and the fourth, Campbell, who had 136.

However, candidates reported that the network was down for most of the day in Williford Hall, preventing some students from casting votes from their personal computers. Though no specified report on the specific length or the

cause of the outage was available, all candidates and elections staff agreed that there was in fact a problem with the Williford network for a substantial portion of voting hours.

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## Multicultural Affairs' MOSAIC Week at Rhodes March 25<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> Event designed to achieve unity within diversity

Cheryl Garner  
Director of Multicultural Affairs

The purpose of MOSAIC week is:

1. To provide an opportunity for Rhodes faculty, staff and students to focus their attention and programs on learning about the human diversity of the campus community.

2. To promote interaction and

positive relationships among people and to support them in their learning about each other.

3. To encourage the acceptance, respect and appreciation of diversity in relation to race, gender, age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, physical capabilities, socioeconomic status, and religious affiliation.

4. To encourage discussion

about the barriers that exists in celebrating diversity and develops strategies to eliminate these barriers within the college community.

5. To celebrate diversity through art, dance, food, film and music.

6. To work toward the development of a campus climate where human diversity is valued and celebrated by the members of the

community.

7. To encourage members of the campus community to gain a lifelong commitment to learning about and celebrating human diversity.

Everyone is invited! Please come out and show your support for Multicultural Affairs by attending the week's events.

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## America: Democracy in Danger

ERIC LEWELLYN SIDEROXYLON



As I am now on the verge of graduation, this will be both my first and last editorial for *The Sou'wester*. It is appropriately so, because it has taken me all four years here to develop my thoughts into something that I believe warrants your attention. The thought I want to share is this: American political life is becoming increasingly less democratic. In the sense that we still elect government officials, yes, I concede that we are still as democratic as we ever were. However, there is another important sense of democracy that I believe is in danger.

I came to this realization while studying John Dewey, who understood the complete nature of democracy better than anyone else I have come across. He wisely recognizes that "Democracy is more than a [representative] form of government; it is primarily a mode of associated living, of conjoint communicated experience." He goes on to say that democracy is characterized by "the widening of the area of shared concerns, and the liberation of a greater diversity of personal capacities."

A democratic society is necessarily united by a certain set of shared goals or ideals. Freedom, equal opportunity, and the common good are frequently cited examples of such ideals in America. Without these shared ideals, a society divides into various factions—each with its own goals and ambitions—which may coexist without interference or compete ferociously. Furthermore, a democratic society must have a wide variety of interests, ideals, and goals that may be expressed freely. Without this diversity there is no challenge to the status quo, little meaningful interaction that results in growth, and a less inclusive, more oppressive order.

In order for a society to progress (as a democracy must), there must be a diversity of thought and expression. Dewey's crucial point is that democracy is the delicate balancing of both diversity and unity. We must be united by common ideals, but be willing to pursue and tolerate individual ideals. To err at either extreme is to create tyranny or

anarchy.

This brings me to my criticism of American politics. The current two-party system simultaneously undermines both unity and diversity. The rhetoric and action of both parties is extremely divisive. They each try to demonize the other, to convince us that the other party does not have the best interests of America at heart. This is familiar

form, and the lack of common ground results in much being left undone (hint, hint: education reform).

Not only do the parties divide us, but they also prevent diversity of thought. The political discussion is dominated by two voices and is not conducive to the introduction of novel ideas. Members of the parties become subject to groupthink

that they may not see other reforms that need to be made. Of course, there is the occasional maverick (e.g. John McCain supports campaign finance reform), but largely Democrats and Republicans concern themselves with the reforms that are expected of them. Either government officials who act as individuals or a larger selection of viable political parties is needed to increase the diversity of thought in political life. The first suggestion is more appealing to me, but the second would be a step in the right direction.

Both failures to live up to the Deweyan conception of democracy are a result of each party's lack of understanding of what it is about. Each party is fundamentally a school of social reform. The Republicans believe reform has to begin from the bottom up. They claim that social reform must begin with individuals who are willing to take responsibility for their actions and strive to do what is best. Democrats believe that reform must begin from the top down. They claim that reform must begin with the reorganization of social structures that creates a more equitable distribution of resources.

If Republicans and Democrats realized that it is largely this conviction that divides them, they would recognize that they share the ideal of social reform. This realization would allow them to temper their conflict with one another and work together more harmoniously. If they realized that there is truth in both of their ideals of social reform, then they would not dogmatically cling to their party's ideal. Instead, they would seek novel and complex methods of initiating reform.

Until Republicans and Democrats realize this, we must do without democracy and settle for bipartisanship.



to anyone who paid attention to our last election.

President Bush is an idiotic elitist who wants help the rich at the expense of the poor minorities, strip women of their reproductive rights, take social security away from old people, and rape as many acres of the earth as he can in four years. On the other hand, Vice President Gore is an immoral socialist who wants to take away your hard earned money and use it on handouts to those who aren't willing to work hard, kill babies, and plunge us into an oil crisis.

The thing that gets me is that they both claim that the other party is the only one that does this. This does not affect government officials only. We all know that politics is one of the two things you cannot discuss civilly and have certain friends who prove this point. Republicans and Democrats encourage us to work together as members of a party but not as Americans. Compromise and cooperation are necessary for re-

and see in every problem the Democratic or Republican solution. For example, kids who shoot up their high schools are caused by irresponsible parents and immoral media or by the availability of handguns. There is no in between, and there is little willingness to admit that the situation is more complex than this.

Party members are also so committed to traditional party reforms

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## The Scylla and Charybdis of Liberalism

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L'ENFANT TERRIBLE



A few years ago, essayist Charles Aaron wrote an article in *Spin* magazine ("Black Like Them" *Spin* Nov. 1998) in which he explored the well-intentioned ignorance of a large number of whites on the realities of race in America. With a nod to W.E.B. DuBois, he accused the white world of living in a "double unconsciousness" in which the liberal-minded eagerly embrace equality while still enjoying the fruits of their favorable social inequalities. "The doubly unconscious refuse to acknowledge how certain institutions (education, housing) constantly watch their backs," he writes, but "they want extra credit for entertaining different points of view."

What led me to explore this topic was the bulletin board discussion on the "black table" in the *Rat*—the question of perceived self segregation by minority students. I wasn't so much amazed that people were arguing the point as I was that the

responses, particularly by white students, were so facile. There was an implied notion that the hesitation of some students to sit at the "black table" stems either from dislike or ignorant fear.

It'd be nice if it were that simple, wouldn't it? But let's give a little credit to our peers for being a bit more complex than that. In that same article in *Spin*, Aaron interviewed journalist and philanthropist William Wimsatt, who neatly summed up the attitude of even the most well-meaning of whites: "America is such a racially charged place that white people are afraid to mess up. Our biggest fear is being embarrassed. We're scared of making a racial faux pas."

He's right. And I'd extend his argument to that seating situation in the *Rat*—having talked to a lot of people on this topic, I don't think the segregation stems from a dislike of minority students or even some overarching fear of them as "different." There is, however, a fear of being exposed as inept. Nothing scares a white person more than the possibility of being labelled racist, especially in these "enlightened" times.

This, I suspect, is the main reason that so few white students ever attend the Diversity panel discussions held every month. The fear of being called gauche is pervasive. What do I do? Am I expected to agree with everything the minority students say? Will I be called a racist if I state my opposition, for example, to something as controver-

questioned others. I got in heated arguments over stereotypes, affirmative action...and, as I had originally feared, there were some who questioned my "moral" backbone (I've been called too liberal, too conservative, communist, racist, and closeted-Nazi). I don't care. I got some of my previously unspoken opinions out in the open, and

rials in *The Sou'wester* about race relations at Rhodes, even though they've never had to deal with these issues firsthand.

That may be true, but please don't look at this that way. I am a student—I am at this school to learn, not to teach. I'm not using my own experiences because I think they are a "model" for others to follow; in fact, there's not an original thought in here—I'm just combining the words of others with the situations I see around campus. But I'm doing it because I want other white students to know that they don't have to be afraid to speak up.

We don't have to be afraid to voice unpopular opinions, or to admit that we are ignorant, or that our confidence is a facade. We don't have to be afraid to be wrong, nor do we have to be afraid to be right. In the words of Wimsatt, "I want to make it OK to mess up; I sure made my share of messes. I mean, why are we trying to convey to the world that we know what we're doing? We need to start from scratch and mess up a lot!"

Well, here's my first step. And please be honest: let me know if I've screwed up. My e-mail address is in Faces.

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sial as affirmative action? Would it be better just to nod and smile and hope everyone thinks I'm cool?

Sure enough, the first time I attended one of these discussions, I hardly spoke up at all, and I felt ill afterwards. Why didn't I say anything when I disagreed with others? It's certainly not like me to keep my mouth shut about anything, much less controversial topics (I can hear you bulletin board junkies out there snickering!). It was fear, of course: I was afraid of what people would say or think if I didn't follow the party line, so to speak.

After that experience, I did some re-examining. I started speaking up. I

it allowed me to test them, to rework them. Sometimes I discover that I'm wrong, and other times my beliefs are reinforced.

But it's also a battle not to succumb to the opposite temptation: "I understand race relations at Rhodes because I attend these discussions." Liberalism is a minefield of good intentions, and the biggest danger is this erroneous sense of superiority, usually manifesting itself in two forms: a disdain for "un-enlightened" whites and an "I feel your pain" attitude towards minorities that is steeped in Aaron's double-unconsciousness phenomenon. And yes, this second group may include people who write edito-

## Remembrance of things past

DAVID WEATHERMAN  
THE FORECAST



Bob Meitzen is the oldest friend of whom I have memory. I think about my friend Bob quite a bit. He is married to a lovely girl named Kate. They have an amazing son named Cody. They are, in fact, expecting a second child—in May I think. Bob is a Marine. He married Kate and joined the Corps soon after we graduated from high school.

Bob was crazy when we were kids. I guess we were both crazy, but he really inspired me like no one else could. We built pipe bombs and played with gasoline and vandalized public property. One day, we dug through practically every dumpster in the downtown area looking for treasure. We ended up with some quality stuff, too. When we bragged about it to our parents and showed them all the cool things we had

found, they didn't seem too impressed. I never understood that.

One of our most delightful plans involved setting up an entire army scene in his backyard using those little green army men. They were V. C.s and we, the American troops, had found their camp. So, we covered the whole area in gasoline and gunpowder. It burned for so long. A day later, we could stir up the dirt and flames would leap from the ground. It was magical.

We played with guns a lot. Mind you, we lived downtown. It never really seemed like a problem, though. No one ever got hurt. The mayor scolded us one afternoon for shooting out a window in city hall, but that was about the worst trouble we ever got into. I mean, it's not like we used anything larger than a .22.

Bob and I drifted in and out of each other's lives as the years went by. We still did a good amount of camping on his grandparents' farm, and we had a couple of classes together, but it was different. When we were around each other, it was just like old times; the time we spent

together, however, kept getting smaller.

It's kind of weird. I only see my good friends from high school once or twice a year. I guess I am thinking about this because I only have a few more weeks at Rhodes and I wonder what my relationship with my current friends will be four years from now. I have to tell myself that we will all keep in touch. I am sure that there will be more reason for us to stay in contact than there has been with my old high school buddies.

There are a couple other old friends of mine that I am keeping

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up with, and they are both to be married pretty soon. Marriage seems so far away to me. Having a family and a house and all that. I guess it is not that far, though. I mean, the last eight years have gone by fairly quickly, and certainly within eight years I should at least

have some idea about how I am going to spend the rest of my life, right?

I don't know.

There are many things, nostalgic in nature, which I have been contemplating recently. I think about what I would do differently if I could relive the last four years. I would have been less hesitant my freshman year. I would have been more aware of the effects my actions had on others. I probably would have paid more attention to the wisdom of others. I would have studied music and Latin more carefully.

I reckon that all I can do is plan

on the next four. They probably won't let me relive the last four. No, I wouldn't really want to anyway. They were nice, but I probably need some new challenges.

I don't know.

When I began at Rhodes, I could not have predicted all of the things

that have happened to me since. Certainly, I cannot now predict what my first few years in the "real" world hold in store. I am probably going to have to learn how to do taxes and prepare meals. I dread having to deal with things like insurance and mortgages. I guess that those won't be as bad as some of the papers and tests I have had to endure recently though. Yeah, things are not necessarily looking down.

Reminiscing is great fun, but I suppose one ought to leave it at just that. As much fun as I used to have making things blow up with Bob, I cannot really picture the two of us doing that sort of thing any more. It's like freshman year—I originally planned this column as a sort of "if I had four more years" type thing. But, that seems trite after having given it some thought. As much fun as I may have had, I should probably forget about continuing to behave in such a manner any longer. I have to go get a job and become a productive member of society.

Then again, I do have six more weeks.

## announcements

### Nominate Faculty for Day Awards

The Clarence Day Teaching and Research/Creative Activity Awards will be presented at the Awards Convocation on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Each award brings recognition to a colleague within our midst, and both provide substantial stipends to the recipients. Students and faculty may nominate Rhodes faculty members in writing to the Office of Academic Affairs by 5 p.m., Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Complete information concerning the awards, the faculty members who are eligible and past recipients can be found as a hot link on the Academics and Student Life Web sites.

### Campus Elections Set for March 27<sup>th</sup>

Because over 75 students are seeking positions in the upcoming general elections, *The Sou'wester* cannot possibly print all of the candidates' biographies. Instead, David Burke will e-mail the biographies in Microsoft Word format upon request. The upcoming elec-

tion will also feature hand balloting. If you have any questions concerning the polling process, direct them to Elections Commissioners David Burke (burdr2) or Marvin Addison (addml).

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Student Leader Retreat

The second annual May Student Leader Retreat is planned for Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, to Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Interested students can pick up an application in the Leadership Office, 301 Briggs. Any current Rhodes student (except 2001 graduates) committed to working on improving campus life at Rhodes is eligible. Contact Marie Lindquist or Joe Petri for more information.

### Attention Teacher Certification Students

Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Llewellyn will meet with all teacher certification students in 103 Buckman on Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the status of the Teacher Certification Program.



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## Campus Safety Log

3/12/01 TO 3/18/01



- 3/12 NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY REPORTED
- 3/13 11:44pm Tutwiler west of University: Control Center operator observed two suspicious persons exit an older model white/blue Chevrolet or Buick and approach cars parked on the south curb of Tutwiler. An officer was dispatched to the scene. Upon arriving, the suspects fled back to their car, making a U-Turn on Tutwiler and fled the scene at a high rate of speed towards Jackson Ave. Officers found that they had broken into two cars parked on the curb of Tutwiler, but nothing had been taken. The passenger side windows of two cars were broken out, but apparently no entry was gained before officers arrived on the scene.
- 3/14 NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY REPORTED
- 3/15 2:00pm McCoy Theater. Theft of money reported from the Theater's Box Office.  
10:55pm Bellingrath Parking area: Vehicle belonging to a student towed because it was blocking others.
- 3/16 11:40pm Lynx Lair: Three males, identifying themselves as U of M students were escorted out of the Battle of Bands venue and off campus after causing a disturbance and throwing crayons at the bands.
- 3/17 4:10am Robb Hall: Loud music disturbing. Located and shut off.
- 3/18 4:20am Blount Hall: Illness, victim transported to the hospital  
2:30am Glassell: Disturbance and complaint: Report filed by both Residence Life and Campus Safety

### STATS

ACCESSES: 124	VISITORS: 2,030
PROPPED DOORS: 7	ESCORTS: 25
JUMP STARTS: 1	CITATIONS: 141
ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS: 0	BOOTS: 3
TOWS: 1	

## Election, From Page 1

There were also complaints about the pre-election publicity, and about the effectiveness of e-mail communication of the runoff to the student body, but Burke and Addison deny that there was any failure on the part of either the Elections Commission or the Dean's office in that regard.

The entire situation posed a problem because no election by-laws exist to guide online voting. Therefore, no grievances or requests for recounts could be officially filed by candidates and no set of regulations was able to determine officials' courses of action. "There is no constitutional basis for online voting," says Burke, who joined Addison in assuming the reins of the Elections Commission this year. "There are no standardized procedures for setting up the election, nor are there contingency plans or specific directions for filing a grievance."

To remedy this problem, Burke and Addison have established an Elections Reform Committee headed by Robert Campbell to construct by-laws for online voting, which Addison says was a major player in this election's dramatic rise in voter participation and is a system he and others would like to see stay.

Until the Committee's rules are adopted into the RSG Constitution, Burke and Addison have moved that all elections will be conducted by hand in accordance with current regulations. The March 27<sup>th</sup> election for class level RSG, SRC, RAB, and Honor Council officers, Allocations Board members, and Publications Board members will be conducted in this fashion, with stations set up in the Rat and in Briggs for voting. Burke hopes that online voting will be reinstated, with corresponding provisions, next fall.

Addison and Burke are confident that, despite the snags, these elections were conducted fairly and that the results are accurate. They also point out the significant increase in voter participation in both the general and runoff elections and seem optimistic about future elections.

"The logistics can and will be worked out," says Addison. "We definitely intend to keep online voting; it's a positive thing and it's helping to get more people to the polls."



Photo by Jordan Badgett  
Folk singer-songwriter Jennifer Daniels performs at last Wednesday's RAB Coffeehouse in Java City.

## MOSAIC Schedule of Events

Everyone is invited! Please come out and show your support for Multicultural Affairs by attending some or all of the following events:

- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>** Multi-faith panel of cultural religious traditions 4pm, Orgill Room
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup>** Opening Ceremony- 5-7 PM Amphitheater (speaker Dr. Ivory, band, ratnick, and cultural booths and games) Diversity Group Dialogue- 8 PM, JAVA City (come give input to a discussion about our MOSAIC campus)
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>** Tuesday Night Live- 7 PM, Lynx Lair (Cultural Sat. Night Live spoof) enjoy food and laughs
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>** Holi Festival- 4 PM, BCLC lawn (Hindi festival of life) International Coffeehouse- 8pm, JAVA City (come enjoy international coffee and pastries while listening to stories of diverse cultural mythologies)
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>** Int'l Food and Dance Expo(Dance Dhamaka)7pm, Ballroom (enjoy Dances and food from around the world)
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup>** An Evening in Jazz- 8 PM, Hardie (Featuring musical group Trio Plus, food and fun)
- Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>** Film Festival—2 PM, Blount Auditorium (join us for popcorn, pizza and a multicultural film festival followed by discussion)

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## A promising start

### Piston Honda makes strong debut with *Paradigm Shift*

by Jeremy Smith  
Sports Editor

*Paradigm Shift* is the exciting debut album from Piston Honda, a band that is sure to gain a loyal following among metal fans. Jake Cook, a Rhodes College senior, fronts the band as vocalist while assisting Jason Babin on guitar. Patrick Umsted's bass lines perfectly complement Babin's pounding guitar riffs while Austin Morlan plays the drums.

Piston Honda, after playing numerous local shows around Memphis at such venues as The New Daisy Theatre, Newby's, and the Young Avenue Deli, appears to have the potential to gain regional or national acclaim and follow in the footsteps of other Memphis bands like Saliva and Broken. If you have never heard Piston Honda's music, they are somewhat reminiscent of Tool, Broken, and the widely popular Papa Roach.

*Paradigm Shift* is a well-produced, solid album that gives the listener a deep appreciation for the band's love of music and its genuine devotion to the craft of metal music.

The first track, "Haste," features Babin's pounding guitar, a subtle beat, and Cook's intense screaming and screeching lyrical delivery to create an energetic, urgent tone that

permeates the entire album. The band follows up *Haste* with *Absolution*, a song that juxtaposes a slightly mellow intro with a dissonant vocal culmination.

The third track, *Paradigm Shift*, is one of the highlights of the album. One cannot help but be carried away with the song's head-pounding emotion as Babin and Umsted perfectly complement each other on the guitar and bass, respectively.

After "Paradigm Shift" offers a showcase for Babin and Umsted, "Closure" gives Cook a chance to display his vocal range. "Closure" focuses more on lyrics, as Cook mixes quite powerful bellowing with a higher, softer sound to create a track that is full of contrasting tempos.

In "Standby," the band retreats from the intermingling of subdued and loud sounds and instead emphasizes the guttural power of Cook's voice and Babin's guitar. The untitled track after "Standby" is an artful combination of a guitar and bass introduction with a steady progression of drums.

The seventh track, "Hindsight," battles with "Paradigm Shift" for the honor of being considered the best song on the album. Umsted's staccato bass line parallels Cook's mourning vocals. The song interweaves a slow, mellow tempo with

more traditional metal. You cannot resist the impulse to headbang when listening to this powerful track which is reminiscent of Papa Roach's "Last Resort" or "Broken Home."

After "Hindsight," "vox" is a slight letdown, though it is a good song in its own right. The band continues to impress all the way through their last two tracks, "206" and "dba." Babin's rollicking guitar dominates "206," whereas an overwhelming sense of Cook's rage permeates "dba." It is important to note that Cook's rage is not reflective of the political focus of Rage Against the Machine, but rather a more abstract feeling of disillusionment possibly in the face of a society that is experiencing "paradigm shifts."

*Paradigm Shift* is a promising album for Piston Honda as it captures the band's metal rock focus, Cook's raging lyrics, and a remarkable juxtaposition of slightly mellow tempos and a pounding guitar, bass, and vocal combination.

This album is not for the faint of heart (if boy bands, Matchbox 20, or Vertical Horizon are your bag, then stay away); however, if you like genuine metal without pretenses by guys who can actually play their instruments, Piston Honda's *Paradigm Shift* is just the album for you. If you want more information about the band and *Paradigm Shift*, contact Jake Cook.



photo by Jordan Badgett

**Soul Machine, fronted by Chris Stout ('04), performed Friday evening at Battle of the Bands. The annual competition, sponsored by RAB, featured eleven bands and drew a standing-room-only crowd. Pure Bluewater, who won the Judges' Choice Award, and The Angry Puppeteers, who won the People's Choice Award, will perform at Rites of Spring.**

## AOII and Habitat Rock the House

by Susan Hughes  
Associate Editor

Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, AOII and Habitat for Humanity will be teaming up for the third annual Rock the House fundraiser, with proceeds going to benefit the Rhodes Chapter of Habitat for Humanity as well as AOII's national philanthropy, The Arthritis Foundation. The event will run from six to ten, and will showcase Rhodes talent.

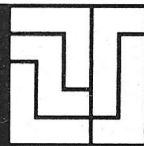
The night starts off with music from the Tweeder Ward Band, followed by The Middlemen, with Soul Machine and The Angry Puppeteers rounding out the evening. The Middlemen, Angry Puppeteers, and Soul Machine participated in RAB's recent Battle of the Bands, with the Angry Puppeteers taking one of two coveted spots on the stage for Rites of Spring.

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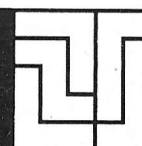
in past years, organizers changed the venue for this year's Rock the House to the Bryan Campus Life Center. There will be refreshments available, including party platters from Chick-Fil-A and pizza from Papa John's. Each band is scheduled to play a forty-five minute set, starting at the top of each hour.

Lauren Browder, AOII Philanthropy Chair, commented, "It's going to be a great night with the proceeds benefiting some very worthwhile charities. Both Habitat and AOII are excited, about not only the great performers we have lined up, but also the way the money will be put to use—helping to fund Arthritis Research and Habitat."

Tickets are \$5 and are on sale in the Rat during lunch and dinner hours. They will also be available at the door Thursday evening.



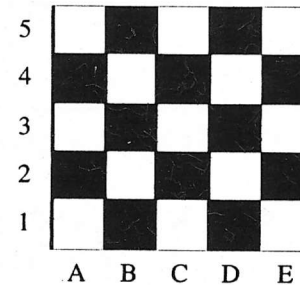
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## Hattley's Garage serves classy cuisine in an unusual setting

By Jessie Flanders  
Staff Writer

My first thought when I pulled into the parking lot was that there weren't nearly enough parking spaces. But when I walked into the restaurant, I realized that if the lot held more than 10 cars, all the people in them wouldn't fit in the building at once. Although the restaurant is small, the atmosphere isn't smothering. It's relaxing and very casual, with lots of random knick-knacks scattered along the window ledges and along the walls.

The seat-yourself dining room contains about six small tables, and there is also seating at the bar. All of the staff (I'm not sure if there were designated cashiers, waitresses, and cooks) is very friendly and affable. In the background, barely noticeable easy listening music plays. The noise level is moderate to quiet, making it a great choice for a lunch with a couple of friends or for a (very) ca-

sual date. The clientele varied from doctors to teenagers to couples, but the place was never empty.

The menu is small, but the choices aren't your basic burger and fries. Actually, fries won't be found and the only burger on the menu is of the turkey variety. It's definitely more on the healthy/vegetarian side without a fried thing listed. Mostly sandwiches are served, with a small choice of vegetables and fruit for sides. Each sandwich comes with fresh fruit and a pickle. Many varieties of cheese are found in most of the items.

One of the things you won't find is red meat—it's all white meat and fish. All of the choices have an ethnic flair, like "Spicy Chicken with Jicama and Hoisin Mayo" or "Chicken Tres Bien" for example. Everything sounds appealing, and it takes a while to decide.

In addition to the food menu, they also have an extensive herbal tea menu, some interesting smoothie choices ("Mocha Berry

Love" and "Banan-nan" are two), and domestic and specialty beers. Their desserts are homemade, and a specialty baker brings in cakes every few days. I didn't have room for the cookies, but the smell as they were baking was intoxicating.

The service was commendable. The soup was served quickly and piping hot. The bread that came with my meal was already buttered. The waitress wasn't pushy or hovering, but always seemed to know just when I was finished.

Cokes are served by the can, but with a glass and ice. The only odd thing was that the waitress asked me if I would like silverware with my Chicken Parmesan.

Prices are similar to Huey's, with a whole meal around \$7-\$10. It's definitely affordable on a college budget. Hattley's Garage is also located very close to Rhodes, at 1761 Madison. They are open Tuesday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. But, as the menu says, you bring your own bicycle.

## Service, variety and value: Midtown Wines and Spirits

By Jennifer Durovchic  
Staff Writer

This past June I had my twenty-first birthday. Finally, I could buy alcohol! I was looking forward to my senior year at Rhodes. I arrived in Memphis in August thinking it would be easy to find a place to buy all the supplies I might need. As I cruised the town, I realized that there were too many choices. If I tried every liquor store that I saw, not only would I be broke but I'd be stocked for the rest of my life...or at least the next weekend.

I asked around and there seemed to be two obvious choices: Buster's Liquors and Wines off of Poplar and Highland, and the Brown Jug Liquor Store on Summer. Buster's is a favorite of a few friends, while the Brown Jug always gets a rousing cheer at the Kappa Delta All-Sing every year.

Being a discerning client of liquor stores, I decided that neither one was quite my style. Liquor stores are just like clothing stores: there are some that fit you and others that don't. Buster's was a little too Walmart-esque—the type of place where you can never find what you want but always buy something and too much of it. The Brown Jug was a little on the seedy side. Now, I don't mean to say that these are not good stores. On the contrary, they are great, they're just not for me.

Thankfully, I found Midtown Wine and Spirits on the corner of Poplar and Merton. It was remodeled at the beginning of this year and now has an Art Deco-style sign. It is in a building that looks much like an old gas station.

Inside, it is nicely done up with liquor as well as wine and even a refrigerated section for those last-minute purchases. The staff of the store has always been very friendly and helpful, even offering to order a special product they didn't have in stock.

Every time I visit, I seem to find something different to try. They have a decent selection of wine from France, Italy, the U.S., Australia, and Germany with varying price ranges and types. After speaking with an employee there, I was informed that they are planning on bringing in more international wine selections. There is also a good selection of hard liquor ranging in price, origin, and type of liquor. My favorite recent purchases are the twelve-dollar bottle of French wine and the ten-dollar handle of vodka, obviously to be used for different purposes.

Midtown Wine and Spirits is for all types-- whether you tend towards the liquor or the wine, both can be had. I think the atmosphere and the staff are what keep me coming back.

## Spring Break: Tex-Mex



Photo By Kate Norman

A group shot of the final fiesta of the participants in this year's Tex-Mex. Tex-Mex offers students an alternative spring break volunteer opportunity in lieu of the traditional beach vacation. Members of the greater Memphis community accompanied the group on this year's trip into rural Mexico.

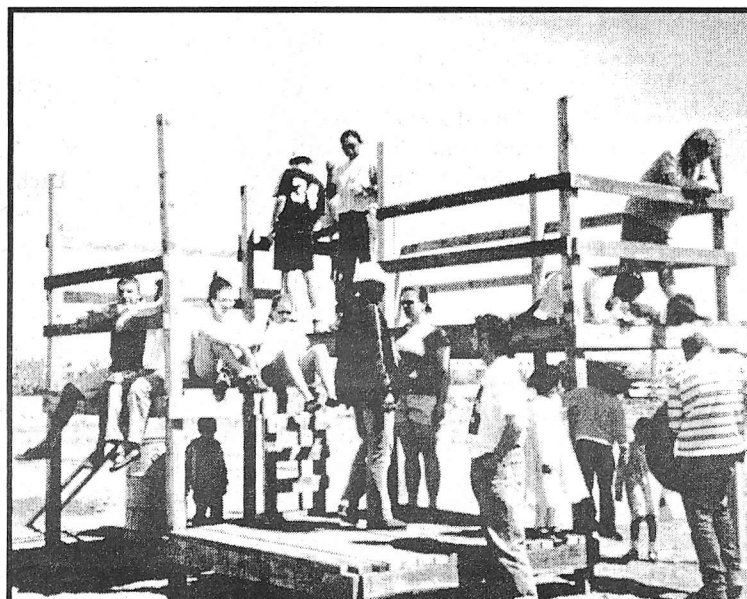


Photo by Kate Norman

While in Mexico, Rhodes students lend their talents to constructing a playground structure of area youth. Students also built one-room houses in the week-long program, funding their stay in Mexico through a year-long fundraising effort.



## Softball sweeps Millsaps series

Stu Johnston  
Staff Writer

The Rhodes College softball team had a big weekend, to put it mildly. The Lynx put an exclamation point on the final homestand of their season with three shutout victories over Millsaps to improve their record 8-5, sending the Majors back to Jackson, Mississippi dejected and disgraced. Rhodes sandwiched an 8-0 triumph Saturday evening between two 5-0 victories on Saturday and Sunday afternoon, respectively.

The first win came on the heels of the roughest stretch of the season for the Lynx. They had lost 5 of their previous 6 games, all to rival Trinity University of San Antonio. On back-to-back weekends (first in San Antonio, then in Memphis) Rhodes played three game sets with the Tigers. Their only victory over the course of those games was the first one played at Rhodes, a 3-2 nail-biter.

On Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup>, Amy Whitten ('01) was the winning pitcher, hurling seven shutout innings and giving up a scant four hits in a 5-0 shutout of Millsaps.

Rhodes jumped on the visitors from the onset, striking for four runs in the bottom of the first inning and coasting the rest of the way. Ashley Arnold ('04) led the way at the plate with two hits in three at bats. She had the only extra base

hit of the day—a double.

Much the same unfolded in the night cap. Becky Harper ('01) did the damage from the mound this time, giving up only two hits and striking out six. The Rhodes offense again relied on the big inning, exploding for all eight of their runs in the fourth.

Arnold led the way at the plate again (2 for 3 with 2 RBI). Tamara Martin ('03), Whitten, and Sarah Cobb ('02) collected the other hits for the Lynx. The game was halted after five innings due to the "mercy rule."

Rhodes completed the sweep on Sunday with another 5-0 victory. Harper had another sterling performance, hurling seven more shutout innings while scattering four hits and striking out three. Emily Cassidy ('01) was the star of the show at the plate, going three for three with two RBIs as Rhodes used yet another big inning (four runs in the first) to finish off the Majors.

"When the rally caps go on," said Andi Lynch ('03), "our hits start falling in. It really can start to get our opponents frustrated, and we use that to our advantage."

Arnold hit well again, going two for three for the third straight game. She

finished the weekend with six hits in nine at bats and five runs batted in. The weekend was a combination of supreme pitching efforts from Harper and Whitten and solid defense from the entire Rhodes squad.

"Our defense supports our pitchers very well," said Lynch. "If we know our girl on the mound isn't feeling great, we turn up the defense a notch. Our pitchers know that we are behind them 100%."

After this weekend's stellar performances, the Lynx find themselves atop the conference in earned run average and a close second to Hendrix in fielding percentage. They are also second in the league in batting average, hitting .332 as a team and trailing only Millsaps, who they handily defeated this weekend. Among the conference leaders for the Lynx are Emily Cassidy and Jane Wells ('03), hitting .500 (second) and .419 (seventh), respectively. Whitten and Harper are among the best in all the pitching categories, the most impressive being Whitten's almost negligible earned run average (1.00 earned runs per seven innings).

"Both Amy and Becky have been on top of their games this season," said Wells. "Pitching is the backbone of our team, and our success stems directly from it."

## The baseball team struggles to a 4-13 record

By Jeremy Smith  
Sports Editor

Entering this season, the Lynx baseball team hoped to exceed their 9-20 (2-16 in the SCAC) record of last year. However, the baseball team has failed to improve on last season's disappointing results. The men's baseball team has struggled to a 4-13 start.

On February 18<sup>th</sup>, the Lynx split two home games with Hendrix, a 3-2 win and a 15-5 defeat. A week later on February 24<sup>th</sup>, the Lynx split against Crichton and earned an 11-4 win while taking a 9-5 loss.

By far, the March 7<sup>th</sup> doubleheader against Rust marked the best day of the baseball season for the Lynx. The team blew out Rust by the ten-run rule in back-to-back games, 14-1 and 10-0. Jacob Myers ('03) pitched the team to victory in the first game, and Matt Monda ('03) shutout the Rust offense in the second half of the doubleheader.

Since the sweep of Rust, the Lynx have lost five straight games—two to Trinity, one to Illinois Wesleyan, and two to Wisconsin-Osh Kosh.

As captain Seth Seegert ('02) notes, "It's been a struggle because we haven't been able to put it all together and get good pitching, defense, and hitting at the same time."

A case in point is the team's 3-0 loss on March 10<sup>th</sup> to one of the conference's elite teams, Trinity. Josh Wilmsmeyer ('02) pitched an outstanding game, but the offense could not produce any runs.

This past weekend, the baseball team dropped three games: a 10-0 loss to Illinois Wesleyan, a 9-6 heartbreaking defeat at the hands of Wisconsin Osh Kosh, the third-ranked Division III team in the country, followed by an 18-4 debacle against Wisconsin-Osh Kosh.

The 9-6 nailbiter against Wisconsin-Osh Kosh reflects the team's inability to put a complete game together. Behind Wilmsmeyer's pitching and solid hitting, the Lynx built a 6-0 lead with a five-run fifth inning.

However, two errors in the sixth inning led to six runs, five of which were unearned. After this rally, the game unraveled for the Lynx, and Wisconsin-Osh Kosh managed to score a total of three runs in the eighth and ninth innings to steal a 9-6 victory.

After the heartbreaking finish of the opening game, the Lynx struggled in all facets of the game. Monda started the game, but he only lasted a third of an inning. Lagan Sebert ('03) and Ryan Berens ('03) did not fare much better, though Meyers helped the team by eating up 3 2/3 innings during the middle

of the game. Shortstop B.J. Jackson's ('01) impressive 3-3 performance was one of the only highlights in this 18-4 nightmare.

Despite the team's lack of success, several individuals have performed admirably. Catcher Steve Wright ('04) has a .435 average, and Seegert has excelled, amassing a .370 average. Barrett Vawter ('01) is another offensive star; he is hitting .350 with one of the team's two homeruns (Clint Randolph ('02) has the other) and a team-leading 13 R.B.I.s.

Rob Schrier ('04) is off to a great start in his first season with the team; he has a solid .349 batting average, and he leads the team with six doubles, one triple, fifteen hits, and 11 runs. Schrier is also tied with Rhett Butler ('04) for the lead in stolen bases.

Despite the team's defensive woes, Wilmsmeyer continues to pitch well, and he is 2-3 with a 3.86 ERA and 36 strikeouts.

Despite the team's difficult start, the baseball team still has several games remaining in order to improve and rebuild for next season. Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup>, the team battles Southwestern, one of the conference's best teams, in a doubleheader which starts at 11:00 a.m. The next day, Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup>, the baseball team again faces Southwestern, this time at 12:00 p.m.

## No method to March Madness

By John Zeanah  
Staff Writer

### ANALYSIS

It's March—the time of the year when basketball fans watch college hoops feverishly and, of course, learn names of unknown teams. The first round of the tournament produced 13 upsets out of a total of 32 games. Teams like Kent State, Georgia State, Indiana State, Butler, and Hampton—beating 2<sup>nd</sup> seeded Iowa State—put themselves on the map with big wins over top teams. Cinderella teams included familiar faces: Temple, Missouri, Georgetown, and Gonzaga. The second round games were more predictable as the small teams lacked the power to topple national powerhouses. In the Sweet 16 round, things may look a little more normal.

In the East, Duke and UCLA will meet after they have knocked off Missouri and Utah State, respectively, while the winner faces the victor of Kentucky's matchup with a surprisingly stable USC team who just came off a big win over Boston College. Look for a Duke and Kentucky Elite Eight matchup. UCLA and USC are talented but unpredictable, and they will likely be sent packing after playing Duke and UK.

Stanford and Cincinnati pair up in the West after these teams also held off unexpected first-round winners St. Joseph's and Kent State. Both vie for a spot in the Elite Eight against the Maryland-Georgetown winner. G'Town held off Hampton as Maryland breezed by Georgia State. Even though both

Cincinnati and Georgetown are tournament regulars, they are not capable of ousting top teams. Look for Stanford and Maryland in the West Final.

To the South, where surprise has reigned throughout the first two rounds, Michigan State is lucky to evade the upset bug, but they should be wary as they face known "giant-killer" Gonzaga. After slipping by 5<sup>th</sup>-seeded Virginia and barreling through Indiana State, Gonzaga faces a powerful Spartan team which cruised to wins over Alabama State and a strong Fresno State.

The winner of this matchup faces the survivor of the unexpected Temple-Penn State pairing. After upsetting Texas and Florida, Temple should advance to the Elite Eight without any problems—barring a performance by PSU which is on par with their victories over Providence and North Carolina. Even though PSU pulled out a big win over UNC, Temple boasts two huge upsets that indicates that they will advance to face Michigan State for the title in the South.

The Midwest region actually has gone as anticipated by looking at the selection committee's seeds since #1 seed Illinois faces #4 Kansas, and #3 Mississippi challenges #2 Arizona—just as anticipated. Arizona, who has won 17 of their last 19, will win in a close match over the Rebels, whose nail-biting past two outings reflect their tournament inexperience. With Illinois and Kansas both looking strong, this game isn't easy to call—but I'm taking Kansas to squeak by.

But I could be wrong...it won't be the first time in this tournament.

## Tennis fights for NCAA bid

By Bryan Baker  
Business Manager

The men's tennis team extended their winning streak to three matches by defeating 16<sup>th</sup> ranked Coe College by the score of 4-3 on Sunday as they surged to an 11-3 overall record (3-1 SCAC). The 22<sup>nd</sup> ranked women's team are also having an excellent season as they have a 9-1 record with their only defeat coming in a 5-4 match against 18<sup>th</sup> ranked Sewanee.

The men's team won the doubles point for the 13<sup>th</sup> time this season. The doubles point plays a huge factor in collegiate tennis because winning 2 out of 3 doubles matches means a team needs only to win half of the six singles matches to claim victory. Andrew Himoff ('02), Mike Cotogno ('04), and Eddy Blanton ('03) won at 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> singles respectively to give the Lynx one of their biggest wins in recent memory.

This win not only increases the likelihood of a first ever trip to the Division III Team Nationals but keeps the men

on track for one of the most successful seasons ever by a men's tennis team at Rhodes. During the stretch in which the Lynx have won 7 of their last 9, the men not only upset Coe but also beat Washington University 4-3.

The men's only Division III losses are a 4-3 loss to 14<sup>th</sup> ranked Mary Washington College and a 5-2 loss to 24<sup>th</sup> ranked Sewanee. Assumption, a top 10 Division II school from Boston also defeated the Lynx in Hilton Head over spring break. The Lynx will likely get a rematch with Sewanee at the SCAC Spring Sports Festival, a must-win for the Lynx in order to solidify a berth in Nationals.

The Lady Lynx's next game is at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Each of the teams also has three key conference matches this weekend at home against Millsaps, Centre, and Hendrix that will help to determine seedings for the conference tournament. The men's team soundly defeated Hendrix in February but have not yet faced Millsaps or Centre.