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Campus News...

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The University of Michigan's (Ann Arbor, MI) law school will defend its use of affirmative action to maintain diversity next week in court, as the Center for Individual Rights, a Washington, D.C. law firm, will challenge the practice. The University of Michigan follows the state universities of Texas, Washington, Georgia, and California in participating in lawsuits over admissions policies. The University of Texas at Austin faces an ongoing court case in Cheryl J. Hopwood v. the State of Texas, in which the admission practices were declared unconstitutional. Decisions handed down in December of last year, however were in favor of the university, perpetuating the battle that the University of Michigan is about to join.

University of Dayton (Dayton, OH) students were surprised and angered when the administration suspended the annual Homecoming festivities due to "drinking, lewd behavior and excessive rowdiness." Students agree that behavior has gotten out of hand, but negative publicity from local press augmented the situation and forced the temporary ban on the event. Students bemoaned the lost opportunity to catch up with alumni who return annually, stating that suspending the event wasn't the answer to the problem.

A University of California-Davis (Davis, CA) student was faced with possible charges from the university. Cristian Valcu was asked to change the name of his website from www.ucsingles.com to another name. UC lawyers cited the California Education Code, saying that his use of the term is trademark infringement and a misdemeanor. The site was renamed www.meetsingles.com, which Valcu hopes will obtain his initial goal in starting the website: to make a contribution to the social scene at UCD and other schools.

Memphis Scholars Program sparks debate among students

By Mia Hood
Staff Writer

The Rhodes student bulletin board has been ablaze recently. With the December 7th introduction of the Memphis Scholars Program, students have plunged full-force into an ongoing debate over the program's fairness, effectiveness, and legitimacy. The program, an outgrowth of the Diversity Task Force, awards the valedictorians and salutatorians of Memphis City Schools full tuition scholarships to Rhodes. Because of its allegedly low admission requirements and bias toward Memphians, the program has not settled comfortably with Rhodes students.

According to the news release, the Memphis Scholars Program's purpose is "to strengthen the connection between Rhodes and the Memphis community," or, as President Troutt states, "to help keep Memphis' best and brightest students right here for their college experience." The idea is that students nurtured in Memphis city schools with academic promise will remain in the city for college, then continue on to be active citizens and leaders in the community. Ideally, the program supports an internally self-sustaining system of scholarship, service, and success.

The underlying intent behind the program's explicit purpose is to diver-

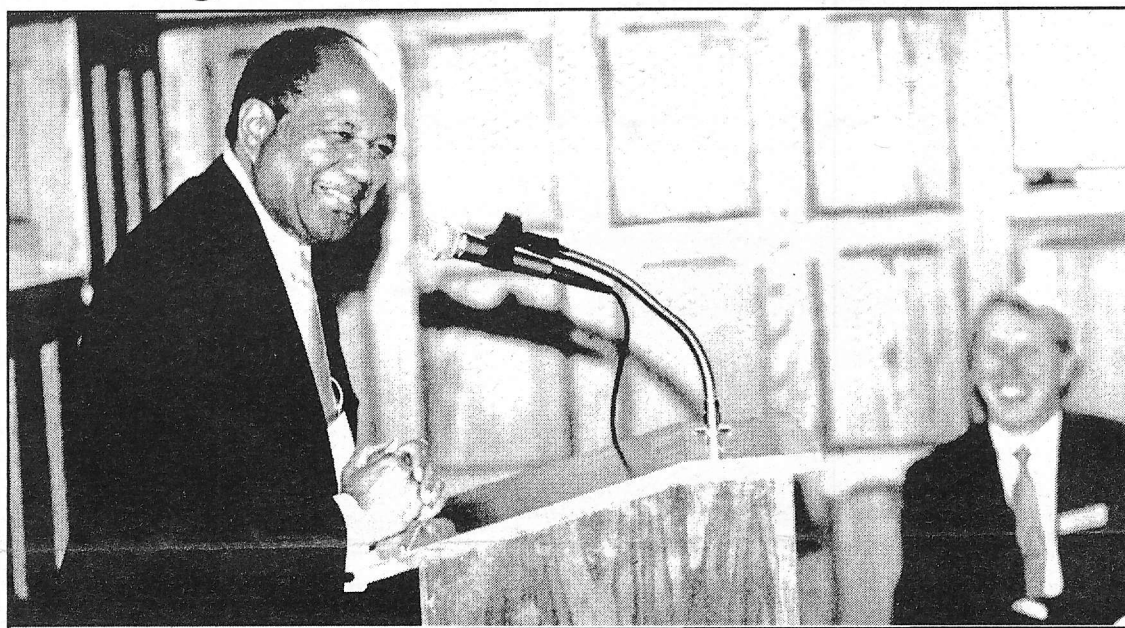


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Johnnie B. Watson, Superintendent of Memphis City Schools and former Distinguished Associate Professor of Education, speaks at a luncheon held to inform local media and education officials of the new full tuition scholarships available to local valedictorians and salutatorians.

sify the Rhodes student body. Memphis city schools are dominated by low-income, minority students: therefore, the Diversity Task Force aims to attract academically promising minority students, who would not be able to afford tuition otherwise.

However, the academic promise of these students is precisely what has

come into question on the Rhodes online bulletin board. "Yes, we should strengthen our ties to Memphis," says senior Neel Gupta, "but not by letting marginally intelligent people attend school here for free." What Gupta is alluding to is the controversially low requirements for this scholarship: 1100 composite on the SAT and

23 composite on the ACT. Many, including Gupta, have argued that these students are not equipped to handle a Rhodes course load, or further, justified in receiving a full tuition scholarship.

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No indication of foul play

The search for Matthew Pendergrast ('01) leaves family "hoping for resolution."

By Margie Hall
News Editor

On Friday, December 1st, 2000, duck hunters found the truck of Rhodes senior Matthew Pendergrast in Lonoke, Arkansas. Matthew has been missing since that Friday morning, when he was last seen at his off-campus residence. After the duck hunters called Matthew's mother in Atlanta, she called Ralph Hatley. After Campus Safety conducted a search over the entire campus, as well

as Matthew's home, Rhodes filed a missing person report on Saturday, December 2nd with the Memphis Police Department.

MPD has been working in conjunction with the Arkansas State Police in their investigation of Matthew's abandoned vehicle case, as Arkansas investigators are calling it. An investigation continues, mostly in Arkansas, as Arkansas state police continue to search exhaustively around the ground and water near the site where the car was found. All-terrain vehicles, helicopters, and dogs have been used to conduct ground searches. The nearby bayou was dragged and searched by divers to the best of their abilities in the sub-freezing temperatures. Nothing has

been found in any of the searches. However, investigators agree that it is strange that Matthew's keys were found in his car, and that his clothes were left fifty meters away from the parked vehicle.

According to Campus Safety Director Ralph Hatley, "Investigators in Arkansas have maintained a very good flow of information with us and especially with Matthew's family. They assure us they are pursuing every angle possible." There is no "crime scene," as no signs of foul play have been found, either in Arkansas or at his off-campus residence in Memphis. A great deal of the investigation has been concentrated in Lonoke. However, Jami Cook, in-

vestigator in charge of the case from the Arkansas State Police, and Lt. Frank Sturdivant of the Lonoke County Sheriff's Department were on campus this Tuesday to interview students and professors about Matthew. The goal of the interviews was to "get to know him better."

Matthew Pendergrast was last seen on campus on Thursday night, November 31st. He was participating in a play for his 300-level Spanish class.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ed. note: Both letters on this page refer to Issue No. 10 (Nov. 15, 2000), the final issue of the fall semester.

Discrimination may be legal, but not justified

To the Editor:

Megan Gaylord wrote an opinion piece for the November 15th edition of *The Sou'wester* supporting the Supreme Court of the United States in its approval of anti-gay discrimination in the Boy Scouts of America. Megan stated that Supreme Court case 99-699 (*Boy Scouts of America v. James Dale*) was not a matter of gay civil rights, but a question of private organizations having the right to determine their own memberships. She was correct, and if Megan had merely supported this legal perspective, you would not be reading this response. She did not, however, maintain a legal focus. In her editorial, Megan proceeded to defend the Boy Scouts' anti-gay policy. Defending the right to have a discriminatory policy and defending the policy itself are two different arguments, and I cannot allow the difference to pass unidentified. Megan found it too easy to wrap up the Boy Scouts' discrimination in the language of legal rights and make the discrimination itself sound justified. It is not justified. Being legal does not make it justified. In this response I will show how, though rightfully legal, the anti-gay policies of the BSA are unjustified and how people like Megan who say "my personal belief [is] that there is nothing wrong with being homosexual" are blind hypocrites when they directly support discriminatory organizations like the BSA.

Why do the Boy Scouts deny homosexuals participation in their organization? Megan Gaylord's reasons were the following:

1. "The scouting program goes at length to uphold strong moral values in a sex-free environment."
2. "If a scout knows that his leader is a homosexual, he might feel uncomfortable" in close physical activities such as canoeing, camping, and rock climbing, and therefore "might not get as much out of the program."
3. Homosexuality is in direct conflict with scouting's emphasis on family relationships.
4. BSA strives to keep young men "physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

A sex-free environment is an impossibly difficult state to create or maintain. If every Boy Scout were heterosexual and every Boy Scout leader were heterosexual, then the entire BSA would be heterosexual, not sex-free. Heterosexual does not equal sex-free, and, contrary to Megan's implication, the mere presence of a homosexual would not augment the sexuality of the Boy Scout environment. The environment is already sexual by the mere sexuality of its participants, whether hetero- or homosexual. For the benefit of those readers who still carry generalized misconceptions of homosexuals, I must add that the presence of gay men in the BSA would not infer sex between those men or any others. If the BSA merely desired that sexuality have no involvement whatsoever in the goings-on of the organization, then it would follow that any Scout who did not discuss his sexuality or engage in sexual behavior within the confines of the organization would be admitted as a member. James Dale, the Scout whose membership was revoked for being homosexual and the man involved in the Supreme Court decision, never spoke to other BSA members or leaders about his sexuality. Neither did he engage in sexual behavior with any of them. It was the other leaders of the BSA that introduced Dale's sexuality into the organization when they became aware of his heavy involvement with a gay and lesbian group on his college campus. Dale's membership was not revoked for bringing sexuality into the BSA; rather, it was revoked because he is homosexual and refused to hide this fact from public view. Do all BSA leaders have to live in solitude and hermitude to hold their positions? No, only the homosexuals, whose mere existence is considered too sexual for BSA participation.

It is possible, though, that Dale's public openness about his sexuality could have affected the Scouts under his charge. If they had known of Dale's homosexuality, they could have felt general discomfort with him or discomfort in close physical activities with him, and, as a result, they could have received less from their scouting experience.

Why, though, would Scouts feel uncomfortable in any situation with a homosexual leader if it were well-established that within the confines of the BSA such leader would never discuss his sexuality nor engage in

Boy Scouts not simply a private organization

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to Megan Gaylord's "Gays v. the Boy Scouts of America" which appeared on 15 November as a feature "Forum" article.

I was saddened, this summer, to see our increasingly strict-constructionist and conservative Supreme Court rule 5-4 in favor of the discriminatory practices of the Boy Scouts of America. The Boy Scouts is not a simple "private organization;" it is deeply rooted in United States society and receives, indirectly, government funding and infrastructure support. Such support should end until the Scouts come in line with the non-discriminatory values supported by most Americans.

I was surprised to learn, from Ms. Gaylord's article, about the anachronistic and frankly irresponsible ideology of the Boy Scouts. Concerning human sexuality, the author writes how, "sexual anything is a personal matter and does not belong in scouting." Really? To whom, then, do young people turn for responsible, frank information on sexuality, assuming they do not have safe, caring or ideal familial situations? How can the Scouts work to insure youth moral, social and physical development while ignoring sexual development? Adolescents benefit from a healthy dose of Dr. Freud—Ms. Gaylord, apparently, would prefer they receive a dose of Dr. Laura.

Ms. Gaylord seems more comfortable living in a world of segregation—sexual segregation. I believe that difference, contact, and diversity ought to be celebrated. Gay and straight alike benefit from being with one another, caring about one another and loving one another. Ms. Gaylord writes how "if a scout knows that his leader is a homosexual, he might feel uncomfortable and therefore would not be able to be the best person he could be in the scouting program." But what if an openly gay scout leader used his gayness to make a point about the value of difference, about being comfortable with difference, about not hiding from difference but openly embracing it? Might not such lessons help the scout to "be the best person he could be?"

Ms. Gaylord tells us that scouting involves "a close physical relationship, at times, in activities such as canoeing, camping and rock climbing." What *exactly* is the author trying to say here? Would she say that gays shouldn't teach children or adolescents? Certainly, teaching involves, at times, "a close relationship" doesn't it? Maybe gay MDs shouldn't be allowed to treat sick children? Treating sick children requires "a close physical relationship" between doctor and patient.

Thankfully, the US in recent years has moved significantly away from the Scouts' world of fear and prejudice. This summer's 5-4 Supreme Court decision is a setback and suggests that there are many more battles to fight in the struggle to create a tolerant, inclusive, open and trusting United States society.

Yours Sincerely,

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Assistant Professor of History

any type of sexual behavior? The only possible discomfort would stem from social conceptions of homosexuality, and this is no surprise. In our society, homosexuality is slow to be accepted as a viable form of sexuality. For most people, homosexuality is still something unknown, something shrouded in the darkness of ignorance and, therefore, fear. The Scouts' possible discomfort would be a result of this social situation, not a result of the leader's homosexuality. There is nothing naturally uncomfortable about homosexuality, but discomfort between heterosexuals and homosexuals will persist as long as organizations like the BSA draw discriminatory lines between the two, painting one as normal and good and the other as deviant and evil. If the BSA really wanted to provide the maximum experience for the young men of America, the organization would work to solve the discomfort between its heterosexual and homosexual members, not eliminate the homosexual ones to help continue the problematic situation.

Megan wrote: "To be honored as an Eagle Scout, a young man must take a merit badge called Family Life, in which the last requirement is to address with their parents the issues of drugs, growth,

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Campus Safety Log



1/8/00 TO 1/14/00

- 1/8 1:42am Stewart Hall: Illness – transport student to hospital.
- 1/9 1:35am Stewart Hall: Property Damage – Exit sign vandalized.
- 1/10 NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY REPORTED
- 1/11 10:30am Fisher Lane: Vehicle Accident – BFI truck hit light pole.
8:00pm Suspicious Person: Homeless person on campus stating a subject who identified himself as a student dropped her off here and said he would return to pick her up later. Person identifying himself as a student was found not to be a student. Campus Safety made arrangements to transport subject to the local mission, but subject left campus before the transport.
- 1/12 2:40am Voorhies Hall – Vandalism – Fire extinguisher expelled –under investigation.
11:35pm University St. – Suspicious person: Officers followed subject out of the area, checked okay.
- 1/13 10:43pm Willford Hall – Two suspicious persons reported on first floor: Campus Safety officers found the subjects and identified them as valid visitors of a resident.
11:48pm White Hall – 2nd floor: Suspicious odor detected: Investigated by Res Life and Campus Safety, all checked okay.
- 1/14 NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY REPORTED

STATS:

ACCESSES: 106	VISITORS: 1,365
PROPPED DOORS: 5	ESCORTS: 43
JUMP STARTS: 7	CITATIONS: 14
ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS: 0	BOOTS: 1

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development, and making proper sexual choices. The leaders do not display any sexual attitudes or personas. All the moral decision is with the family, which James Dale's sexual preference violates." Besides being annoyed that Megan refers to homosexuality as a preference, I am confused by how James Dale's homosexuality would have prevented him from perfectly completing this Family Life badge. Does Megan assume that no homosexuals are able to discuss sexuality with their families? Or, even worse, does she assume that homosexuality and the idea of family are mutually exclusive? Neither of these assertions is true. Despite the actions of conservative political and religious groups that strive to keep homosexuality a frowned-upon existence, there is a growing number of families that happily accept their homosexual members. In these families homosexuals are as able as any of their heterosexual counterparts to discuss sexual decisions with parents or anyone else. I am sickened by the stereotype that pits homosexuality against "the family." Homosexuals are functioning members of all different types of families; they can even birth and raise children. The idea that homosexuals cannot participate in what is considered "normal" family life is ridiculous, and the idea that the acceptance of homosexuality will destroy some idealized, but non-existent, perfect American

family is maliciously deceptive.

"Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent." Homosexual men can be all of these. Homosexual men can participate in organizations without discussing their sexuality or engaging in sexual activity. Homosexual men can participate in physical activities with heterosexual men and not make anyone uncomfortable. Homosexual men can also be accepted members of families. Why, then, can they not be Boy Scouts? The answer lies in the closing of Megan's editorial, in which she describes homosexuals as "people who do not subscribe to [the BSA's] same policy and their stand to keep young men 'physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.'" The problem is that the BSA and Megan, though she professes the contrary, consider it impossible for homosexuals to be "morally straight" (please ignore all possible word plays on straight). Though neither the BSA nor Megan has directly said that all homosexuals are immoral, their exclusion of homosexuals from the category "morally straight" is rather explicit. I can offer only one response: just as there are heterosexuals who practice any type of virtue, there are also homosexuals who practice the same virtue, be it abstinence from sex or drugs or anything else. As much as any other group of people, homosexuals can possess morals, unless, of course, you consider homosexuality itself to be immoral.

Here, I think, lies the heart of the issue. I venture that the BSA and Megan, though she again professes the

contrary, believe homosexuality to be immoral. It is no surprise that the BSA must operate according to this belief, because the organization is largely supported by Christian church groups large and small. Fine. If the BSA believes homosexuality is wrong, it is perfectly legitimate in discriminating against homosexuals based on this belief. I only want the BSA to admit that such belief is the foundation for its discrimination. I want the BSA to admit that it is making a moral judgment, that this judgment must be based on a moral code, and that the moral code is the traditional one of American Protestant Christianity. I want the BSA to stop hiding behind untruths and generalizations such as "sex-free environment," "making the other Scouts uncomfortable," and "morally straight." I want the BSA to stop pretending that homosexuals cannot possibly be good Scouts or that they prevent other Scouts from being good Scouts. I want the BSA to admit its religiosity. I want America to face the truth that one of its most cherished "secular" institutions is nothing of the sort.

Still, after all this, I will not be a friend of the BSA. I will still be its enemy, just as I am an enemy to all organizations that discriminate against homosexuals; but at least after recognizing the BSA as the morally discriminatory organization that it is, people like Megan can no longer straddle the fence between supporting homosexuality in word and helping to oppress it at the same time.

Jonathan M. Russom ('02)

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Matthew's second cousin, James Roach ('03) went to see him perform and said that he "seemed to be in good spirits." According to James, who became closer than ever to his cousin last semester, Matthew is "a modern-day hippie: liberal, concerned about the environment and helping others."

James also commented on his commitment to his family, remembering Matthew's drive back to his hometown of Atlanta, GA, to surprise his sister and cook her breakfast on her birthday.

Described as a music lover, Matthew is the oldest of three children: he has an 18-year-old sister attending Davidson College and a 16-year-old sister. According to James, Matthew needed only a senior seminar credit to graduate, after which he planned to dedicate his time to community service.

James says that the police involvement is "a comfort to the family," and that they are all "hoping for a resolution."

Justin Lennon ('96) of Atlanta, Matthew's close friend and big brother in Kappa Sigma fraternity, travelled to Lonoke to participate in the investigation. According to Lennon, Matthew is ready to graduate, is planning a trip to the Caribbean after graduation, and has a "stable emotional profile." He does not believe that Matthew would commit suicide, but believes that he is no longer living. Lennon asserts that Matthew called a mutual friend at about 7:30 a.m., just before he was last seen. According to Lennon, "Memphis is a dangerous place."

The investigation continues in Arkansas. According to Ralph Hatley, "Arkansas will continue to search periodically the area and water near where his car was found and when weather permits."

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Even worse, they say, is that recipients only have to maintain a 2.5 GPA once they are here, whereas other full tuition scholarships require a 3.5.

Equally controversial is the program's partiality toward only Memphis students in financial need. Junior Andy Seiwel points out that someone receiving this scholarship is "seizing an opportunity from a more qualified, and perhaps equally financially-dependent student living somewhere else." Many students find it ironic that a program with its genesis in a diversity effort actually homogenizes the campus by favoring students from one geographical area.

Still, the program finds supporters among Rhodes students. Many rally behind efforts to make Rhodes more ethnically diverse, as well increasing economic diversity. Sophomore Greg Matthews argues, "Some kinds of sacrifices will have to be made

to undermine the elitist, classist system that only promotes itself with requirements like standardized test scores." Rhodes should be less concerned with rankings and national recognition, supporters argue, and more concerned with embracing the opportunity for a more diverse campus.

Moreover, supporters argue that the program will encourage Memphis City students to work towards academic success. This, in turn, will engender more successful leaders for the Memphis community in the future. Superintendent Johnnie B. Watson says, "This new program demon-

strates that Rhodes College recognizes the academic promise of many students in Memphis City Schools and their potential to become future scholars and leaders of our community."

The debate continues among Rhodes students on the bulletin board, and with an upcoming forum for discussion of this issue, it will continue face-to-face. The Diversity Group will be sponsoring this meeting; it will be held on January 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Orgill room. With this forum and a still active online discussion, the issue is far from resolved among students.



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Rhodes autos fall prey to burglary, theft

By Sara Mason
Staff Writer

Over the past three months, several thefts from automobiles have been reported by Rhodes students to the Memphis Police Department. These incidents occurred in and around the immediate vicinity of the Rhodes campus. The "immediate vicinity" is defined by Campus Safety as McLean Dr. to the west, the Overton Park area to the south, Trezevant to the east and Vollentine to the North. From September 7 to mid-November, three break-ins, two attempted break-ins and one theft from an unlocked car were reported. Most incidents occurred in and around the University Street / Tutwiler Avenue area.

Campus Safety reports that the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation requires all colleges and universities in Tennessee, including Rhodes, to report its crime incidents to a Uniform

Crime Report (UCR) system as well as to provide punctual reports and information to the campus community. These reports involve crime as well as any other activities that may be of interest to the campus as a whole. Each Monday, Ralph Hatley, Director of Campus Safety, researches the information reported to Memphis Police Department for the past week, and then reports any topics that may be of interest to the Rhodes community.

In an attempt to prevent crime, Campus Safety officials have increased the number of physical, visible patrols as well as camera patrols and have requested added MPD patrols in the general vicinity of the campus. The officials have also encouraged "on-campus" parking, (i.e. within the campus gates), as well as reporting any suspicious persons or behavior. Members of the surrounding neighborhoods have also agreed to help

watch out for and report suspicious behaviors. Ralph Hatley states that, "It's obvious that parking behind the fences offers much more security for your car than parking on the street. Regardless of the number of patrols in the area, these thefts can still occur. We can minimize the opportunities, but we cannot eliminate them. No one can."

Often, burglars break in through a curbside window. As Ralph Hatley states, "The key here, is why would someone enter through the passenger side if it was their car? That's what our officers look for...anything out of the ordinary, and so should everyone else." What to watch out for: Car burglars work quickly, and out of sight of passersby inside the car. In about a minute, a thief can strip out a CD player that is not factory-installed and make an escape. The actual burglary occurs swiftly, so reporting suspicious persons can stop thefts before they begin.

With added patrols and camera networks, Campus Safety is doing everything they can to minimize the chances for thefts to occur, but they emphasize the need for help and support from the Rhodes community. In comparison with other Midtown areas, the Rhodes campus and the immediate vicinity have experienced very few problems. However, in early November, the nearby parking area south of the Memphis Zoo has experienced a significant increase in the number of break-ins reported. The most crucial piece of advice, however, is to always be on the lookout for any suspicious behavior, and to quickly report any incidents.

Keep Your Car Safe at Rhodes:

- 1) Park in well-lit areas, on campus if possible.
- 2) Do not leave valuable objects on seats or in the console where they can be seen from the outside. Instead, put valuables in the trunk or take them with you (i.e., CDs, portable CD players, purses, book bags, credit cards, wallets, etc.).
- 3) Always lock your car.
- 4) Car alarms as well as devices such as The Club™ are excellent deterrents to auto-theft.
- 5) Report suspicious persons at once.

Auto reports can be found weekly in *The Sou'wester* Campus Safety Log as well as at www.rhodes.edu. Tips courtesy of Campus Safety.

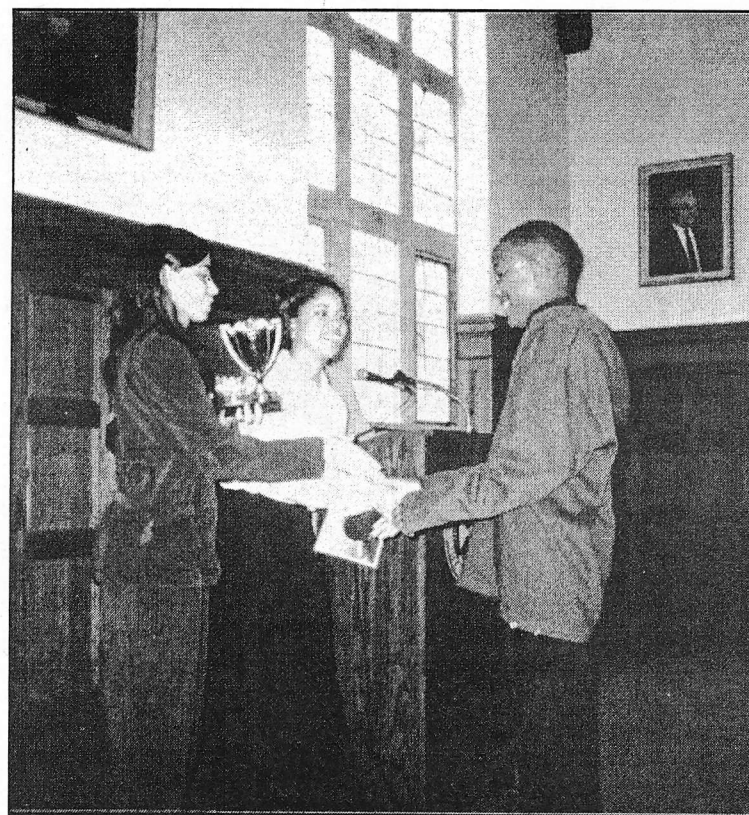


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Sean Hines (right), an eighth grade student at Snowden Elementary, receives a trophy for winning the essay portion of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay and Poetry Contest. The contest was sponsored by Rhodes and Snowden, and entries were judged by Rhodes students. Presenting the trophy are Cheryl Garner, Director of Multicultural Affairs (center), and Keva Woods ('01).

THE Orpheum THEATRE

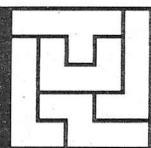
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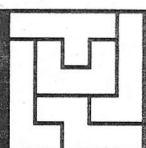
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Last week's Malco movie pass winner: *Robert Bender*
Winners of gift certificates to Zinnie's East:

Doug Lemme, Stacy Sidle, Lauren Mize

On a flight from New York to Los Angeles there are three passengers, Smith, Jones and Thompson. The pilot, navigator and attendant also have the same last names. We know the following information:

1. Passenger Smith lives in New York.
2. The attendant lives halfway between New York and Los Angeles.
3. The passenger with the same last name as the attendant lives in Los Angeles.
4. The passenger who lives nearest to the attendant earns exactly three times as much a month as the attendant.
5. Passenger Jones earns \$2000 a month.
6. Crewmember Thompson often beats the navigator at tennis.

What is the pilot's last name?

The Rhodes Puzzler is sponsored by the Math/CS Department of Rhodes College. Send your solution (with name!) to puzzler@rhodes.edu, or place a Word or text document named "<your name>.doc" in the Puzzler folder located on the Academic Volume (under Academic Programs), 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 to receive two free movie passes, donated by Malco Theatres. Semester winners will each receive gift certificates for dinner at Zinnie's East. For a complete set of rules, see the Rhodes Puzzler homepage at <http://www.mathcs.rhodes.edu/puzzler.html>.