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Campus News...

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Two youths were arrested as suspects in the murder of two Dartmouth College (Hanover, NH) professors. The boys, who are 16 and 17, were arrested at around 4 a.m. on Monday morning in rural New Castle, IN. They allegedly broke into the home of Half and Suzanne Zantop and stabbed them in the head and chest with an unconfirmed murder weapon. Rumors of a hunting knife ordered through the Internet have not been confirmed. They were arrested while fleeing police by an officer who was posing as a truck driver.

Students at St. Mary's College of The University of Notre Dame (South Bend, IN) banded together to read *The Vagina Monologues* on their own after college president Marilou Eldred made an announcement forbidding student organizations to officially sponsor them. The play was performed last year at the college, and drew two sold-out performances. The decision to cancel the play came from the concern that it would bring more controversy than healthy discussion, and that its explicit content was not appropriate for a Catholic campus. Students have arranged a speak-out on the ban, and protested with a sit-in at Eldred's office.

Ohio State University (Columbus, OH) student government president Robert Schuerger resigned Thursday night for misuse of funds and the destruction of around 10,000 issues of the university's student paper, *The Lantern*. Government members found that the newspaper was to run an article on a December 14th dinner for government members and their friends, totaling 12 people and \$2250, and including a limousine ride. Upon this discovery, they organized an effort to destroy the copies of the issue. Schuerger's resignation came after the confession of 8 government-related officials to misuse of funds and destruction of newspapers. The students agreed to a few sanctions, including returning the funds and community service, to avoid referral to Student Affairs and Campus Police.

The other option: Alternatives to on-campus housing

By Mary Knauer
Staff Writer

Housing selection is drawing near, and that old familiar uncertainty about where to live next year is in the air. Many students remain on campus in the upperclassmen dorms throughout their Rhodes experience, but many also choose to live off-campus. There are several apartment complexes and houses to choose from.

The apartment complex perhaps most inhabited by Rhodes students is Woodmont Towers, which is conveniently only a few minutes from campus on North Parkway. Woodmont has one, two, and three-bedroom apartments ranging from \$520-550, \$645-735, and \$845-885 respectively. The difference in cost is based on floor plans. Apartments here open up periodically throughout the year, and there are usually at least a few vacant each month. At Woodmont one gets the benefits of a gated community, a pool, a personal balcony, and cats are allowed. Carol, the manager, would be glad to talk to anyone about leasing an apartment at Woodmont, and ad-

vises all students (especially those planning on going abroad) to get on the waiting list now. You can check out Woodmont Towers at: www.apartments.com/woodmonttowers.

Kim Polanco, a senior who has been living at Woodmont Towers for two years, likes Woodmont because it's close to campus and is a quiet environment which is more conducive to work. However, she says that "it gets lonely, so get with a roommate you can have fun with," because living off-campus makes it harder to socialize. She feels more secure with her car at Woodmont than at Rhodes, because there are fewer break-ins, and they are easier to notice from the apartments.

Harbor Town also offers many apartments throughout the year. It has one-bedroom apartments from \$695-930, two-bedroom apartments from \$900-1150 and three-bedrooms from \$1700- up. There are several openings each month. Leases here range from five to 15 months, and you can have any pets under 40 pounds for a \$300 pet fee. Harbor Town is gated and limited



Photo by Miriam Dolin

Michael Davis ('01) passes over an Oglethorpe opponent in Friday night's 73-68 victory. Davis scored 9 points and collected 11 rebounds in the game.

access.

Georgian Woods Apartments, a little closer to campus on Union, offers only two-bedroom apartments. These range from \$635-650 per month, based on the closets (walk-in or not). More apartments open up in July and August when students

move out for the summer, but there are usually a few vacant each month.

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V-Day Activities emphasize new meaning for Valentine's Day

By Robert Edgecombe
Staff Writer

As any stroll across campus or any trip into the Rat last week would have rendered doubtless, observance of Valentine's Day was in no short supply here at Rhodes. Among the customary (and still abundant) emphasis on romance lay a few very important goings-on sponsored by Rhodes students and organizations that took the occasion to bring attention to other issues.

Rhodes was one of over 250 college campuses worldwide to stage a production of Eve Ensler's *The Vagina Monologues*, a production designed to increase awareness of the problem of violence against women and to raise money for women's

causes.

The *Monologues*, performed by around 20 Rhodes students and staff members, brought into dramatic light the horrors of rape, female genital mutilation and various forms of sexual harassment and assault while offering often poetic testaments to female identity. The commentary was based on interviews Ensler conducted with thousands of women of all race, age, creed, lifestyle, and background. It ranged from a Bosnian woman's recollection of the atrocities committed against her and her neighbors there just a few years ago to an aging woman's struggle to accept and celebrate her own anatomy.

The production was spearheaded by Jennifer Marshall ('03),

who learned of the *Monologues* through the Memphis chapter of Planned Parenthood, where she is an intern. She said that when she heard that enthusiasm around the United States and in other countries was so rampant, she was determined to bring it to Rhodes. Together with Jessica Anschutz, Rhodes Community Service Coordinator, she did the paperwork, assembled a cast, and served as the "Head Vagina," overseeing the production, which filled Blount Auditorium to capacity both nights it was performed.

Marshall was thrilled with the turnout and with the message that she worked to get out. "People are coming up to me telling me how it moved them and empowered them," she said. "It caused everyone to think

about things they don't normally think too hard about, and that was the point of it."

The *Monologues* were followed each night by an educational forum on the issues that the production explored.

Another hard-to-miss bit of Valentine's Day service was the Annual AOII HeartThrob Contest.

The sorority gathered names of nominees from every campus organization and situated all of the nominees, each with a corresponding donation bucket, around a table in the Rat.

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Word Around Campus

What Rhodes community members have to say

Question: How well do you think George W. Bush has done in his first month of office?



PROFESSOR NELSON
Political Science

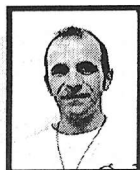
"Politically, Bush is off to a good start. His greatest strength is obviously not his intelligence, but rather his awareness that he needs to surround himself with talented and experienced people who can advise him well, such as Vice President Chéney, Secretary of State Powell, and Secretary of the Treasury O'Neill. He also has caught a couple breaks, which every president needs. Fears about a recession have made his tax cut proposal more appealing. And Clinton's screw-ups have made him look good in comparison."

"I'm worried about his education plan, especially the vouchers. It will take decent students and money away from problem schools."—John Kauffman ('02)



BARRETT HAGA
'01

"In general, President Bush is doing a very good job at keeping the promises he made during his campaign such as the tax cut proposal, military readiness, and his education policies, by addressing all three of these issues within his first 100 days. Although there were some hang-ups in the beginning with his cabinet appointees, the transition has been amazingly smooth considering the time he had to work with. His bipartisan approach to governing is also very welcomed in a divided Washington. In fact, he has met with more leaders and members from both political parties in his first two weeks than any other president in recent history. Compared with other first term presidents, President Bush has done extremely well. His approval rating is in the high 50's (around 58 to 59% approval) compared to President Clinton's 39% at the same time in his first administration, which says that not only I, but the majority of Americans, feel like he is doing a great job."



PROFESSOR LAROSA
History

"A senseless, reactionary bombing of Iraq, a pathetic and pathological obsession with President Clinton's final days in office and a dangerous tax cut scheme of 1.6 trillion dollars, most of which goes to the wealthy supporters of the President."

"A perfect 'three pronged' approach designed to distract the country from an ugly and unforgettable reality: President Bush was selected by the Supreme Court rather than elected by the popular consent of the people."

"Well, let's see...cutting off funding to medical groups working in underdeveloped nations, appointing John Ashcroft as Attorney General, a very Clinton-esque use of screwing around in Iraq as a political maneuver.... Let's just say I'm not terribly optimistic about the next four years."—Brad Damaré ('01)

"I think he's done as well as a mentally deficient inbred jackal can hope to do. People are too hard on him."—Bob Coleman ('01)



KYLE CUTRIGHT
'02

"I don't approve of his nomination of John Ashcroft to be Attorney General. He preached compassionate conservatism during his campaign but he chose one of the most conservative people he could have picked for that position. I also disagree with his tax proposal. I think it's unintelligent; he should use the surplus revenue for something besides a tax cut. His program for privatization of funds through the churches irks me too."



BILL LEWIS
Mail Services Manager

"I'd give him a B grade. He's kind of holding back. He's pushing the policies he promised but isn't winning the support of both sides like he needs to be. I think he's going to be a good President; for one thing, he's going to give a much needed tax break. I think his leadership will bring both parties together; he needs to if he wants to get anything done. No matter what he does though, he'll be highly criticized because of how he got into office."

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Publicizing alcoholic irresponsibility

BOB COLEMAN
YOU SAY
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REVOLUTION?



You've probably seen them around campus, because I don't get out much and even I've seen magnets and stickers with the catchphrase written on it. They state: "Most Rhodes Students Drink Responsibly." And then in a smaller font, "3 out of 5 students consume 0-4 drinks when they drink." I'm assuming, since they were made into stickers and magnets, that Rhodes is parading this number to the masses, with gleaming eyes of pride and acceptance. I look at this magnet (this particular one stolen from Jeremy Boyd's refrigerator), and I wonder why it was even made.

Straight off the bat is the implication that forty percent of Rhodes students DON'T drink responsibly. From a strictly academic standpoint, I would not call that very positive. It's even worse if you delve deeper

into the numbers. It appears, based on the sticker, that people who do not drink at all were also included in the survey (thereby including the 0 in 0-4 drinks). I am going to make an assumption that the number of Rhodes students who are decidedly non-alcoholic is probably near ten percent. That might be over-doing, it might be underapproximating—it really doesn't matter. The point is that with this factor added in, the numbers change even more, making it very near to a 50-50 split.

The problem can be summed up with a simple example. Imagine it phrased like this: "Nearly every student at Rhodes is heroin-free. 95 out of 100 people at Rhodes don't do heroin!" While the idea itself is pure, I think it's pretty clear that the immediate opposing reaction is equally bad. It means that 5 percent of Rhodes students DO use heroin, and that in itself is more bothersome than the 95 people who do the right thing.

I have no problem with people

who drink responsibly. I have serious problems with those people who drink irresponsibly. But then again, I might have a different opinion on what constitutes irresponsible drinking.

Following this, I don't have the room to discuss in detail what might define "responsible" drink-

me, irresponsible drinking would include such things as drinking and driving, belligerence, and serious illness. All are justifiably horrible monikers to have attached to a person, much less 40% of an institution. While these descriptions are just my idea of irresponsible drinking, I find it

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ing, or how different types of drinks might constitute different levels of "responsible drinking." To be perfectly honest, I don't have a lot of experience in the area, and therefore wouldn't have the expertise to form a hypothesis on a mean drinking level or a mean per-drink alcoholic average.

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unsettling that Rhodes would tote this statement out without actually coming to a publicized conclusion on what alcoholic irresponsibility consists of.

It makes me kind of angry that Rhodes would do something as universally dumb as this appears to be. If this was the best fact that they could have pulled from the Social Norms Alcohol Survey, then maybe they should have immedi-

ately put it in the "confidential file shredder" or burned it soon as they interpreted the results. It's pretty clear (to me at least) that this fact is not in any way complimentary to the college, especially one that takes its reputation as seriously as Rhodes does.

I mean, I am fully aware that this campus is pretty lenient when it comes to drinking, in all shapes and forms. It doesn't bother me, because it's true of almost every college in the United States. But why trumpet this fact to everyone?

Again, my point is simple. Why would Rhodes ADVERTISE that almost half their population drinks irresponsibly? I mean, why not just add "We'll let the police take care of the other two!" at the bottom of the slogan? Is this something that, in a different survey, is found to add loyalty in current students? Or possibly attract future students into coming here? Or even generate positive feedback towards Rhodes as an institution? I honestly can't say that it's any of these. So why?

Grace in the form of my grandmother

CATHERINE
NEELLY
THAT GIRL WHO
DOES BIRD CALLS



I've got grace on the brain. Maybe it's because I get College Democrats e-mails from a girl named Grace (probably not, since after one of the e-mails contained a virus, I started deleting them all), or maybe it's because grace is a hot topic in the Presbyterian Church (USA) (my denomination) right now. I don't know, but for whatever reason, I keep thinking about grace.

A few summers ago I was part of a discussion (Bible study) on grace. The question was, "What is grace?" I don't remember anyone saying anything too great, and I left feeling like I knew no more than when the meeting had begun. The main idea I heard was that 'grace is a gift from God that we don't deserve but must choose to accept.' Expressions like, 'saved by God's grace' and 'amazing grace' and 'by the grace of God' were thrown around the room. I had no idea as

to what any of this actually meant for me. I could understand these things on an academic level, but grace isn't academic, so really I understood nothing.

It was over Christmas break this year that I think I finally began to have an idea about what grace might actually be, or at least what it feels like. This understanding came to me through my grandmother. My grandmother's name is not Grace, although for the sake of this column it certainly would be cool if it were. I considered lying about it, but if she comes for graduation I would hate for someone to greet her as Grace. Her name is Jenny Pope (no relation to the Catholic pope); I call her grandmother.

After Christmas my parents and I went to Georgia to visit my sister and brother-in-law; my grandmother was there too. My parents, my sister (Beth), my grandmother, and I all went for a drive one afternoon. My brother-in-law stayed home, presumably because he was sick; I think he was sick of us. (I got stuck riding in the middle of the backseat. I always get stuck with the middle

because I'm the youngest. I imagine that even if I were six feet tall and horribly uncomfortable in the middle that I would still have to sit there because I am the youngest.)

Beth started talking about how her mother-in-law wants to know when they're going to have kids. Beth hates it when people ask this; it makes her uncomfortable, and she never knows how to respond.

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My grandmother had been quiet, but then she turned from the front seat and said, "You know, Brian told his mother that she better not say a word about he and Cheryl having kids." Then she smiled, raised her eyebrows, and turned back around. (Brian is our 35-year-old first cousin who just got married; his mother feels that she is entitled to grandkids.)

For me, that moment, my

grandmother's statement, was grace. That was it; simple, beautiful, just what Beth needed. She wasn't just talking about our cousin. She was saying to Beth, "I love you very much, no matter when, or even if, you ever have kids."

Before you think that I equate my grandmother with God, I should note that upon our return from the drive she asked me where

I had been. I reminded her that I had been in the car. She laughed and apologized. She's 88; she forgets things.

The more I thought about it, the more I realized that it's not just to my sister that she shows grace; it's to me too. When she asks about my future, I tell her that I have no future (plans at least). Unlike my parents (who, although they are genuinely supportive of

my quest to do something amazing though undetermined), are still hung up on me having health insurance, she just smiles and says she knows I'll do something great, and she's so proud of me, and she loves me so much. Not once has she mentioned health insurance. This is what I need; this is grace. You might say that she's just doing what any grandmother would do, but I think it's more than that. I think it's grace.

I am not so naïve as to believe that everyone will read (if anyone reads this at all) my interpretation of grace and say, 'that Catherine girl sure knows what she's talking about. Now I get grace.' That's not what I was going for. Broad and general ideas about grace are important for getting across ideas and points, but stories of actual moments are what matter, to me at least. I needed these moments to feel and experience grace, not just know about it. Like I said before, I know that my grandmother is not God, but I think God's grace is the same way.

Grace sounds so simple, yet it's anything but simple; and I just wanted to share my take on it.

Housing, From Page 1

Georgian Woods features updated kitchens, hardwood floors, and central heat and air. The complex is partially gated.

Downtown on Front Street is the Rivermark Apartments, which are a little more pricey but offer many more benefits to its tenants. A one-bedroom apartment here goes from \$575 up, two-bedrooms are \$800 up, and three-bedrooms are \$1775 up. The Rivermark has an olympic-size pool, a sauna, hot tub, workout room, tennis courts, a deli, convenience store, and its own dry cleaning service. Jason Palma, a sophomore who lives at Rivermark, likes living-off campus because it is a "retreat from the whole Rhodes environment," and a way to "get out from under the wrath of the tyrannical RAs." He says the Rivermark has been very helpful with all problems he has encountered, and that his neighbors there are very nice.

Many students choose to live in houses rather than apartments. Chad Mason, a junior who lives in a house now, but lived in an apartment last year, says that living in a house is harder because the bills are more expensive, especially with inflating gas prices. He chose to live in a house so that he and his three friends could live together. The more spacious aspect of a house makes it easier to have more time to himself than in apartment living, and especially dorm living.

Whether you're thinking about living in an apartment or a house, it's never too early to start looking. Each of these places has a friendly and helpful staff who are glad to help out Rhodes students.

V-Day, From Page 1

All donated money will benefit arthritis research, a cause for which AOII regularly raises money.

Lauren Browder ('02), the sorority's Philanthropy Chair, reported that the contest, which was the first of several spring philanthropy events, raised \$300 for the research. "The contest," she said, "was a way for our sorority to make Valentine's Day about more than romance; we didn't want to forget that there are people out there who need our help, and this seemed like a perfect occasion to do what we did something fun and meaningful at the same time." The contest's winner was Brett Ramsey, the nominee of the College Democrats.

Also part of "V-Day" campaign was a lecture on date rape sponsored by the Bonner Class of 2003. The talk was given by representatives from the Memphis Resource Center for Sexual Assault.

Quiz Bowl Team Places 5th

By Seth Jones
Staff Writer

In its only major tournament of the year, the Rhodes College Quiz Bowl team placed fifth out of fifteen teams at the College Bowl Regional Championship Tournament in Knoxville, TN.

The team consists of captain Doug Lemme ('02), Eve Strain ('01), Rachel Denning ('03), David Burke ('04), and Wes Harwell ('03), with advisor Kenny Morrell.

The Rhodes team earned a 10-4 record in the round-robin matches played on Friday and Saturday. Losses came from Centre College, Virginia Tech, University of Tennessee - Chattanooga, and William and Mary, while the Rhodes delegation defeated teams from Coker College, Hampden-Sidney, Clemson, Lee, Roanoke, Wofford, The Citadel, University of North Carolina-Wilmington, High Point, and Wingate.

"I think the team performed quite well at the tournament," said Denning. "Even when we lost we played well, and scored at least 100 points per round. That's not bad for a team with three people that have

never played at this level."

Last year, the Quiz Bowl team achieved a second-place ranking in a national tournament, defeating Cal Tech, Princeton, Yale, and Stanford before losing in the finals to Harvard. This year's team has less experience, with Denning and Lemme as the only players returning from last year's team.

To prepare for this year's tournament, players practiced daily for over a month and held on-campus tournaments with other students.

Quiz Bowl is a trivia game that tests players' knowledge on subjects including current events, arts, literature, chemistry, biology, world history, politics, and geography.

Two opposing teams of four players each receive toss-up questions worth ten points. The team that answers the toss-up question correctly then has the opportunity for another twenty to thirty points with a bonus question.

The Knoxville tournament was the Quiz Bowl team's only planned major tournament for the year. The team also plans to host a high school tournament later in the year.

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2/14	1:35p.m. Clough Hall: Injury – treated and released at infirmary.
2/15	3:00p.m. Campus Life Center: Suspicious Person – located and identified as young Snowden School student. Unknown Robb Hall: Vandalism – Fire extinguisher cabinet glass broken out.
2/16	5:30a.m. Glassell Hall: Vandalism – Fire extinguisher box damaged. 2:45p.m. SAE Fraternity house: - Vandalism – Person(s) unknown threw a brick through glass door.
2/17	2:45a.m. Bailey Lane/Thomas Lane: DUI, Public Intoxication, Reckless Driving, Excessive Speed. MPD called to scene: MPD no arrest – turned over to SRC. Vehicle secured for night.
2/18	2:40p.m. Mallory Gym: Larceny/Wallet – report filed, MPD contacted. 3:15p.m. Gym Parking Lot: Disturbance reported – Campus Safety investigated, report filed. 11:05p.m. Campus Life Center: Larceny/Wallet – report filed, MPD contacted.

STATS

ACCESSES: 97	VISITORS: 1,534
PROPPEDDOORS: 3	ESCORTS: 23
JUMP STARTS: 2	CITATIONS: 8
ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS: 14	BOOTS: 2
TOWS: 0	

Meet the candidates: Campus election Tuesday

Elections for campus-wide offices will be held next Tuesday, February 27. Voting will once again be online. All students will receive an e-mail with a link to the electronic ballot. The Rhodes homepage will also feature a link to the ballot. Election results will be available by Tuesday night, except in offices for which a run-off is necessary.

Honor Council President

1. My name is Kristjen Lundberg. I am a rising senior, seeking the position of Honor Council President. I believe that my qualifications show that I have the leadership and the integrity necessary for this seat. I have served on the Honor Council since May 1999 and acted as Head of the Internal Affairs Committee for two years, as well as holding other leadership positions on campus. I firmly believe in the power of the Code to strengthen our community, and grant us a greater freedom than would otherwise be possible. My desire is to continue to play a role in the preservation of its strong tradition of excellence.

2. My name is Nadeem Malik, and I am running for the position of Honor Council President in the upcoming election. I have served on the council since my freshmen year, so I am pretty well experienced in that aspect. The reason I am running is simple: I would like to take part on the council from a different point of view. As president, I would be a non-voting member, but rather a mediator, and I feel my three years of experience has given me the skills to do so.

Honor Council V.P.

1. After two years of experience as a representative, I, Stuart Johnston, would like to represent the Class of 2003 on the Honor Council as Vice President. I came to Rhodes College from Batesville, AR for several specific reasons: (1) Academic reputation... A broad based liberal arts education opens many doors after college. (2) Student body... People make all the difference. Rhodes students are the most focused, involved, and friendly. (3) The Honor System. We are fortunate to attend a school that has such a code at the heart of its educational philosophy.

SRC President

1. My name is Sarah Clifton and I am biochemistry major from Houston, TX. I have served on the Social Regulations Council for the past two years and have the experience, time and interest to serve as the council's president next year. In my years of service, I have developed the relationship with school administrators which is necessary for a successful presidency. On campus, I am involved with Kappa Delta sorority and the Admissions office, but have reserved time to focus my leadership abilities towards the SRC. On February 27 I would appreciate your vote.

2. Truth, loyalty, and service are the ideals of Rhodes College that I, Lisa Jain, would like to uphold if elected President

of the Social Regulations Council. I have served on the council for two and half years. This experience, combined with my other leadership involvement on campus as an orientation leader, the President of RICE, and the LeBonheur volunteer coordinator has embodied within me a sense of service to the Rhodes community. Thus, if elected President, I hope to implement my ideas to strengthen the council itself and establish a sound relationship between the council, students, and administration.

3. My name is Nathan Lowe and I am running for the SRC position. I work very hard and am committed to upholding the important values that is so integral life here at Rhodes. I understand and appreciate the role that the SRC has in maintaining the trust of the student body and the respect of the faculty here yet holding true to its roots as it remains 100 percent student run. I am very qualified for the position working as the representative before where I developed all the skills and knowledge necessary for carrying through to the 2002 year. I have also served on the Roundtable board and on the top leadership for numerous other clubs where I have been in charge of organizing, compromising, and working diligently to represent bodies of the Rhodes community. I hope you consider me for such an honor for next year's SRC.

4. My name is Reggie Weaver, candidate for President of the Social Regulations Council. I am currently serving a second term on the SRC, representing the class of 2002. Because of my experience with the council, I possess the knowledge and understanding of its policies and procedures and their relationship to the Rhodes Community—an understanding that is essential for effective leadership. During my two years on the council, I have been a leader and shown initiative during hearings and meetings. By nature I am a mediator, and because of this I have sought to be open-minded and fair. If elected President, I will use this quality to insure that all sides are heard and considered.

RSG President

1. I, Mike "Jersey" Kelley, am running for President of the Rhodes Student Government. I may not have a lot of experience in student government, but maybe that puts me at an advantage in representing the needs of the average student. In my two years at Rhodes, I have come to love this school, but I feel that there is still room for improvement. Rhodes students could use another food establishment on campus that's open around the clock, later hours at the library, and a campus radio station. Rhodes students benefit this school through their hard work in academics and sports, and the college should try to meet their needs. If elected, I will make your needs my biggest priority.

2. John Ramsey is currently serving as Vice President of the Rhodes Student Government and served as a sophomore senator in the 1999-2000 academic year. A member of Woolsocks, Contents Under Pressure, and the Resident Assistant Staff, John is involved in several aspects of campus life. John believes that the President of RSG should take a more active role in encouraging the senators to accomplish more for their individual classes. John made many positive changes to the student government this year and hopes to continue his work next year as President. Feel free to contact him with questions.

RSG V.P.

1. The office of RSG Vice-President is one that requires a person to be very organized and dedicated. I, Ben Chastain, feel that my past two years of service on RSG have prepared me to do this job. This past year I have enjoyed my position as the Student Life Committee Chair, and because of this I have had a small chance to experience a leadership role similar to that of the Vice-President. I have done my best to perform well at my job, and I hope that I will be able to do so in this new position as well.

2. I, Joshua Lowe, am experienced as a leader. I have led groups since high school to do any number of tasks ranging from attending conferences to working on political campaigns. I believe student government should continue the successful practices we already do, such as aiding in the improvement of Rhodes education. At the same time, the student government should work for a campus that is environmentally sustainable and treats people with respect. As RSG VP, I will work to ensure staff is paid fairly and lessening the school's environment impact.

3. Ricky Sadowski is a Sophomore Biology major. He is currently the RSG parliamentarian, which serves to aid the Vice President with matters of procedure in the Senate. He is in the Model United Nations club and in the Kappa Alpha Order. Ricky has been an active member of the RSG this year and believes his familiarity with the Senate will allow him to effectively lead it. His main goal is to make the RSG more effective at receiving and addressing concerns from the student body, which includes informing the student body about the RSG proceedings and actions.

Board of Trustees

Candidates are Lisa Bloom, Frank Cain, Robert Campbell, Ben Chastain, Bess Elliot, Megan Gaylord, Jonathan Russom, Tyler Sanders, and Chris VanDervort. *The Sou'wester* regrets its inability to print the profiles of these candidates due to space constraints. All candidates' profiles will be available at *The Sou'wester Online* (www.students.rhodes.edu).



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Talent and hilarity create an entertaining *Pageant* Barry Fuller's beauty-pageant spoof a delightful success at Playhouse on the Square

By Bob Coleman
Staff Writer

Question: How funny can a beauty pageant really be?

Answer: Extremely funny. I recently saw the play/musical *Pageant*, which is directed by Barry Fuller and is currently showing at Playhouse on the Square, and I had a hell of a time.

Pageant is just a great, incredibly funny, highly entertaining experience. There are no side plots, no twists or turns, only a beauty pageant. But it is quite possibly the funniest beauty pageant I have ever seen. The pageant consists of such entrants as "Miss Bible Belt" and "Miss Deep South," and it follows a majority of the aspects of a your average sort of pageant. Don't go expecting rivalries or backstage analysis of beauty pageants, just show up and watch these contestants work their magic in the talent, swimsuit, evening gown, physical fitness,

and spokesmodel categories while strutting their stuff. It's hilarious. Oh...did I mention that all the contestants are men in drag? No? How careless of me.

At heart, *Pageant* is a spoof of beauty pageants. But that is not all. *Pageant* is also a spoof on awards shows in general, on feminine beauty products, and on several regional and social stereotypes. The fact that these are seamlessly blended together in the beauty pageant setting without the use of backstage scenes or inter-character dialogue is pretty amazing, especially when you consider how mind-blowingly funny the play really is.

The joy in watching *Pageant* isn't necessarily in how well it is written (though have no doubt about it, it is fine writing) but on how well each individual actor presents his character. Stuart Williams is humorous as the painfully south-

ern "Miss Deep South" to the same extent as Tom Clifton is funny as the painfully religious "Miss Bible Belt."

Michael Paul Duggan has a fairly small cameo as Tawny Johnson, Miss Glamouresse 1999, but the scenes that he participates in are priceless. They are hilarious exaggerations of real life stereotypes, and they can often make you laugh simply using facial expressions and posture. All of these over-the-top characters are brought together through the host of the pageant, the slick, Richard Dawson-like talents of Frankie Cavalier, as played by Rhodes theatre professor (and alumnus) Gregory Krosnes. If it sounds complex, then I am doing the play a serious injustice, because the greatness of *Pageant* is in its simplicity.

With the exception of Krosnes, all of the contestants are trying to be the best Miss Glamouresse 2000

they can be. The cast is populated by fairly muscular men who are able to pull off looking pretty good in women's clothing, while at the same time keeping their masculinity obvious. The point of course is not to accurately portray women, but to use the pageant as a launching board for the cross-dressing humor.

Another interesting twist (that I appreciated) is that the winner of the Pageant is up to the judges, like all beauty pageants. But the judges are people in the audience, and the winner is just dependent on who the judges vote for. I wanted Miss Great Plains to win, Raven Babcock ('01), who was sitting next to me, wanted Miss Industrial Northeast to win, and we were both slightly disappointed when Miss Texas won. But then again, I get disappointed when Texas wins anything. It didn't lessen the play a bit, however, as the real winners (cliché coming) are the people sitting in the audience.

One of the greatest experiences was walking back, after the show, and inspecting the pictures of all the people in the cast. It's nearly impossible (with the exception of Krosnes) to match the pictures of the cast to the people you saw perform. They do so well at convincing you of their character that it seems ludicrous that they might be someone else offstage. It's a testament to the performances and to the play itself. Overall, I had a fabulous time watching *Pageant*, and I wish it were playing longer so that I could see it again.

Pageant is currently playing at the Playhouse on the Square and only for one more weekend. Student tickets are twelve dollars, and the telephone number is 726-4656. I highly recommend it, but don't go if you're in the mood to do anything other than laugh.

Don't touch the art: *The Grisaille Series, 1997-2000* Esteemed artist Michael Byron brings fascinating images to Clough-Hanson

By Alanna Clarke
Staff Writer

Do not touch the art! Overeager visitors to the Clough-Hanson Gallery are guilty of breaking the cardinal rule of art spaces in order to rub what looks like condensation off the surface of the canvas. But do not be fooled: works from *The Grisaille Series, 1997-2000* by Michael Byron have a flat surface.

The gray paintings depict various sculptures, ranging from art objects to anthropological artifacts to religious figures. The composition of these paintings reminds the audience of the original subject matter: photographs of these items. To further complicate the image, Byron adds incredibly realistic bubbles to the surfaces of his paintings.

Due to the multiple interpretations of the subject matter, representation is called into question. What is it that we are seeing? It is an image of an image, separated by a curtain of droplets. Byron researches his subject matter to find documentary photographs taken for the purpose of museum acquisition files. Subsequently, the paintings are reminiscent of a classic style evident

in the sharp shadows, pedestals, and stiff backdrops.

Byron's skill for replicating the photographs is good, but he is not Norman Rockwell. To further the distance between the sculptures and his final product, he paints blisters on the canvas, as if the photographs he paints from are preserved beneath wet glass. It is an interesting overall effect that you have to see to understand.

Michael Byron, art professor at Washington and Lee in St. Louis, came to Memphis to give a talk at the opening on Friday, February 9th. I was mildly disappointed by Byron's gallery talk, as I wanted to hear something about these mysterious gray paintings that would truly make me reconsider how I view images and perceive representation. His disclaimer was that he would not be discussing how he made the bubbles on his paintings, the most intriguing aspect of his work.

Regrettably, the similarly fascinating issue of representation was not as thoroughly addressed as were such trivial facts as the precise number code for the shade of gray in Byron's palette.

Michael Byron's impressive re-

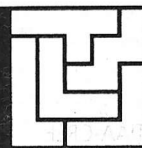
sumé compensates for the lukewarm gallery talk. It is a wonderful achievement for Rhodes College to show the works of a contemporary artist who has participated in exhibitions at The Museum of Modern Art, The Whitney Museum of

American Art, The Corcoran Museum of Art, and numerous other prestigious institutions.

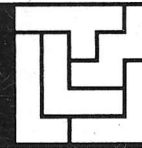
Furthermore, the Clough-Hanson Gallery produced an informative catalog to accompany the show. This is a unique opportunity for the Rhodes

community, so do not miss the exhibition; and be sure to take a catalog. But remember: the bubbles are not real, so do not touch!

Byron's The Grisaille Series: 1997-2000 will be at the Clough-Hanson Gallery until March 22nd.



Rhodes Puzzler



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Last week's Malco movie pass winner: *Carrie Wright*

A box containing a lamp is sealed so that you cannot see inside it. There are three switches, A, B and C, on the top of the box, all currently in the "off" position. Only one of the switches controls the lamp inside. You may flip any of the switches, any number of times you like, but once you open the box, you must immediately say which of A, B or C controls the lamp.

What should you do to choose the correct switch?

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>.

A review of a restaurant you already love: Getting your money's worth at El Porton

By Susan Hughes
Associate Editor

If you're looking for a place with a lot of good food for not a lot of money, El Porton is one of your best bets in Memphis. Be ready to wait, though, because the entire world knows about this place. Located next to McAllister's in Poplar Plaza, El Porton offers quality Mexican food on a college student's budget—why go to Taco Bell when you can eat here?

There is so much activity and so little waiting room that the first time you go can be a very confusing experience, so I'm going to explain it to you as explicitly as I can. The first thing to notice is the number system—when you walk in, you take a number and wait to be seated. Don't forget to take a number or you will wait forever, or at least until you wise up to the fact that you've been passed by everyone who entered after you. Depending on how large your group is and what time of day, the wait can become substantial. My advice—go in small groups and avoid peak hours on weekends (the same advice I would

give regarding any restaurant, really). I haven't checked this out, but I would be willing to bet they don't take reservations.

After the fashion of most Mexican restaurants, the waiter brings tortilla chips and salsa out to your table while you wait for your food. The tortilla chips are greasy, obviously homemade, and addictive. Luckily, they don't seem to fill you up, so you still have an appetite when you get to the main course.

Speaking of which, the menu is split into appetizers, entrees, house specialties, drinks, side orders and "value meals," for lack of a better term. My experience has been that some side items act as full portions in and of themselves, as is the case with the quesadillas that I ordered. The quality and quantity of the quesadillas alone convinced me that the experience was worth repeating—I ordered two full-sized quesadillas and rice for a little over six dollars. I was expecting smaller portions, but, after eating only half of my meal, I realized that I was going to need a take-out box. (On

a quick side note, the quesadilla reheated well in the microwave, and I enjoyed it just as much for lunch the next day, saving myself a trip to the Rat on the weekend.)

With the quality of the food and the knowledge that one meal wasn't going to break my bank account, I thoroughly enjoyed my time at El Porton—until we reached the end of our meal. After we started slowing down, they subtly began to hurry us along, taking our chips and salsa away and "forgetting" to refill our drinks. They actually asked me if I wanted a to-go box, assuming I was finished before I had even decided. We finally took the hint and left, and, less than two minutes after we dropped the tip on the table, there was a new group occupying our booth. It made me rather sad to know that I was so easily replaced.

If you get a chance and want to try something new, or you're just looking for another standard besides McAllister's and Huey's, check out El Porton. Good food for less money—it's my favorite combination.

This Week's Upcoming Events

2/22-2/25: "Soul Of A People," 8 p.m. (2 p.m. on Sunday) in the McCoy Theatre. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$10 general admission.

2/23: Contents Under Pressure Show! "2001: An Improv Odyssey," 8 p.m. in the BCLC ballroom. Free admission.

2/23: GROUP goes to play Laser Tag at 9:45 p.m. Meet behind the mailroom.

2/24: March On Rhodes, themed "Honoring Blacks in Higher Education," 12 p.m. The march begins at Snowden Elementary and ends with a program in the Ampitheatre. Featuring a speech by Naomi Long ('02) and a reading of an essay by Jonathan McGhee ('03). Sponsored by BSA.

2/24: Friends of VECA refinish and repaint signs along the Greenline! Meet behind the mailroom at 11:45 a.m.

2/24: RAB presents a 9-Ball Tournament. It starts at 8 p.m. in the Lynx Lair.

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Senior men excel during final homestand

By Stu Johnston
Staff Writer

Although the men's basketball team split this weekend, it suffices to say that the seniors went out with a bang. Led by stellar performances from seniors Ross Armstrong and Neal Power and steady play from senior swingman Michael Davis, Rhodes toppled Oglethorpe on Friday evening and nearly ousted conference leader Millsaps on Sunday afternoon in the home finale.

Oglethorpe came into town just above cellar dweller Hendrix in the conference standings, and they played the part in the first half. Both teams handled the ball well, each committing only nine turnovers over the course of the game; but the Lynx defense held Oglethorpe to a scant 33 percent shooting clip in the first half. Rhodes shot much more accurately, hitting 14 of 29 shots from the floor, and that led them to a 36-28 advantage at intermission.

However, the visitors showed their mettle in the second half. Oglethorpe regained their shooting touch and hit 55 percent of their shots, including four three-pointers in five attempts. In the end, though, the Lynx were too strong on the wings and in the post, and Oglethorpe succumbed in a 73-68 defeat.

Armstrong and Davis provided the firepower for the Lynx. Armstrong, returning from an injury, led Rhodes with 15 points and seven rebounds. Davis, a consistent force on the defensive end all season, contributed nine points and eleven rebounds. He also padded his conference leading average with five blocked shots. Their performance was especially vital since foul trouble plagued Power.

"Ross and Michael both played well,"

Swim team finishes 5th at SCAC in Texas

By Brad Damaré
Staff Writer

The Rhodes men's and women's swimming and diving teams recently took fifth place honors at the annual Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference championships in San Antonio, Texas. This marks the third consecutive year that the young team has improved in the conference rankings, which include nine other teams.

Chad Jones ('03) remarked, "We were winning by willpower. Excellent performances by everyone, significant improvement across the board....all due to the amount of heart on this team."

It could not have come at a better time for Rhodes. The swim team had struggled earlier in the season with the resignation of its first coach, which had rendered dreams of conference glory almost hopeless. Everything changed, however, when legendary swim coach Dick Fadgen came out of retirement to

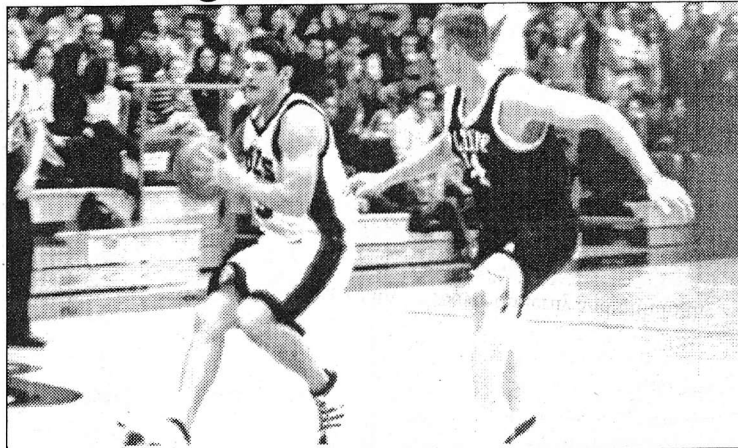


Photo by Miriam Dolin

Ross Armstrong ('01) storms past an Oglethorpe opponent during his comeback from an injury on Friday night. His 15 point effort led the Lynx to a 73-68 victory. On Sunday, the Lynx narrowly fell to Millsaps 78-75 despite Neal Power's ('01) 43 points.

said Power. "Having Ross was a big boost."

Power would not be denied on Sunday afternoon, however. One of the most prolific scorers in SCAC history, Power put an exclamation point on his Rhodes career, exploding for 43 points and nine rebounds in his final home game. He hit 13 of 21 field goal attempts, maintained the pace to become the all-time Rhodes leader in field goal percentage, and also hit 16 of his 18 free-throw attempts. The game ended sourly for him, though, as his three-pointer to force overtime at the buzzer rimmed out.

Power's career has been a series of success stories. A preseason candidate for NCAA Division III All-American, Power made first team All-SCAC in his sophomore and junior years and is in line for loftier post season honors after this season. He needs 53 points in the final two games to become the conference's all-time leading scorer.

When asked to look back on his career, Power said that, "Rhodes has been

lend his experience. Fadgen, who himself holds a retired swimming record as part of a medley relay team, had recently ended his long career of coaching in Memphis, which had included training future Olympic athletes.

"I'd say we had at least 99% of our swimmers doing lifetime bests," said Coach Fadgen, commenting on Rhodes' performance at the conference meet. "Next year, our goal is going to be to place first in some events and get some swimmers to qualify for NCAA division three times."

Several Rhodes swimmers and divers earned individual honors by placing in the elite eight, usually dominated by the largest three conference teams (Trinity, DePauw, and Sewanee). These top Rhodes competitors included Julie Mediamolle ('02), third in the 100yd. freestyle, fourth in the 200yd. freestyle, and fifth in the 50yd. freestyle; Chad Jones, second in the 1650m.

great. In fact, I don't think it could have been any better. I appreciate the coaches making things so much fun. The atmosphere of Division III athletics has been especially good. I wish we could have won a conference title along the way, but nevertheless, it has been a great four years."

Millsaps led 46-40 at the half, but Rhodes fought hard in the second. They defended the Majors well, holding them to under 40 percent from the floor in the final twenty minutes.

In the end, it was not enough. Three points separated Rhodes from an upset of the top team in the conference, as Millsaps prevailed 78-75.

Rhodes travels to Texas to take on rivals Trinity and Southwestern this weekend in their last two games.

"My class has never won a game at Trinity," said Power. "A victory there is definitely on our wish list. The game is always competitive, and this year should be no exception."

freestyle and eighth in the 400 individual medley; Kelley Savage ('03), fourth in the 100yd. butterfly and fifth in the 200yd. butterfly; Jon Wood ('02), seventh in the 100yd. breaststroke; and diver Daniel Head ('04), seventh in the 1 meter diving competition.

In its three-year history, the Rhodes team has consistently performed well in the conference championships, never placing below sixth in competition against longer-established, larger teams. This year, however, marks the first time that both the men's and women's team earned the fifth place position.

Commenting on the future of the swimming and diving program, Jon Wood expressed his optimism, "I'm looking forward to more intensive program next year, especially since we've consistently improved in the past years. It's the spirit of this team that got us through the coach transition and made this year possible."

Women sweep home games

By Hannah Miller
Staff Writer

The Rhodes women's basketball team solidly defeated Oglethorpe and Millsaps this weekend to improve their record to 15-8 overall and 8-2 at home, which is the best home record Rhodes has had in years.

Anna Kizer ('03) exclaimed after the win on Sunday, "We've only lost two games at home this year, and they were very close, exciting games. I hope that this means more people will want to come and watch. There's nothing like playing in a gym full of people."

Rhodes faced Oglethorpe on Friday night looking for a season sweep. Although they got off to a slow start this time, the Lynx defeated Oglethorpe 83-70. Oglethorpe scored ten quick points before Rhodes got even one ball in the bucket.

The Lynx recovered, however, and led for the rest of the game. Hannah Miller ('01) led the team with 20 points, Kizer finished close behind with 19 points, and Kerry Wingo ('02) added another 13 to the score.

On Sunday, the 86-63 win against Millsaps gave Rhodes a huge boost of confidence.

Head coach Sara Chase enthused, "It was a great overall team game. Friday's game was a good win, but the energy we created on Sunday was amazing, from tip-off to the end. Everyone got to contribute on the floor, which is always exciting for everyone on the team."

Track team travels to Illinois

By Kosta Dalageorgas
Staff Writer

This past Saturday, the men and women's Rhodes track teams traveled to Carbondale, Illinois, where they competed at the Saluki Invitation at Southern Illinois University. The meet was the second of the season for the Lynx, who competed the previous week at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Illinois.

On the women's team, Ellye Bernardi ('04) and Bailey Nichols ('04) ran strong races for the sprinting corps. In the middle distance events, the 800-meters and the 1 mile run, Amy Paine ('03) and Marie Brandewiede ('03) each had impressive races. Paine ('03), finished 4th overall in the 800-meters while Brandewiede ended up 6th in the 800 and 4th in the 1 mile run.

Representing the longer distance events, Lauren Glas ('03) and Lydia Gibson ('02) had solid performances. Glas, who has improved greatly since the cross country season this past fall, finished with a personal best time in the 3000-meters to place 14th. Gibson, who doubled in both the 3000 and the 5000, came in 7th in the 3000 and ran a

Against Millsaps, Kizer led the team with 22 points, Miller put in 12, and Wingo added 11. Rhodes collectively hit twelve three-pointers, four of which were from Kizer, which helped build the huge lead.

The SCAC honored Kizer with the conference player of the week award for her outstanding efforts in the past few games.

After adding these two wins to their record, Rhodes looks forward to the upcoming weekend in Texas to face Trinity and Southwestern for the last games of the season.

Trinity, who was picked to win the conference at the beginning of the season, has slipped to 6th place, two spots behind Rhodes, who is in 4th place.

Jackie Ehrentraut ('02) explained, "We shouldn't have lost to them [Trinity] last time. We're a much better team than them. If they think that they are going to win this weekend just because they beat us the last time, they've got a rude awakening coming to them."

It should be a challenge to beat the Pirates a second time because Southwestern's two best players have returned from the injured list since the team's last matchup.

Guard/post Brandi Sorenson ('04) predicted, "I know we can do it. We're such a good team, I think that if we go out there and play like we know we can, we can take them again."

19:03.26, to finish 6th overall in the 5000.

Nate Mitchell ('02), Clark Riefsnyder ('04), Brian McCarthy ('03), Patrick LaRoche ('02), and David Allen ('04) recorded solid performances for the men's team. Mitchell and Riefsnyder represented the middle distance corps. Mitchell finished 9th in the 600-meters, while Riefsnyder came in 13th place in the 1000-meters.

McCarthy, who qualified for the NCAA Cross Country National Meet this past fall, finished the 3000-meters in 9th place overall and set a school record in the process. LaRoche was the top Rhodes finisher in the 5000-meters, where he ran a 16:03 and came in 12th place.

Allen proudly represented the members of the field event squad and had a strong performance in the long jump, where he recorded a jump of 21 feet, 7 inches, and finished in 11th place.

The next competition for the Lynx track and field teams is after Spring Break, when the outdoor track season begins, with an opener at the University of Memphis on March 17th.