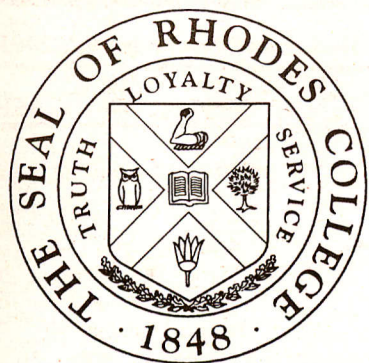


A lifeblood bus will be on campus from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Friday



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Terrorist attacks shock the nation

"Freedom has been attacked, and freedom will be defended," says Bush

By Margie Hall
Editor-In-Chief

A series of what are assumed to be terrorist attacks on the United States began at 8:45 a.m. EST Tuesday morning in New York City. At this hour, a hijacked commercial plane, American Airlines Flight 11, en route to Los Angeles from Boston, was deliberately crashed into the south tower of the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. Less than twenty minutes later, as rescue crews swarmed the scene, at approximately 9:03 a.m. EST, a second plane was flown into the north tower. This plane was United Airlines Flight 175, also hijacked during its projected flight from Boston to Los Angeles.

Both towers burned. The south tower collapsed an hour later at 10:05 a.m. EST, and the north tower followed approximately a half an hour later. The 110-story towers fell to the ground, trapping countless individuals who were in the towers, as well as rescue workers. It is known that tens of thousands of people worked in the center every day, but it is not known at this point how many were in or very close to the towers when they fell. When asked about the possible death count, New York Mayor Rudolph Guiliani said, "More than any of us can bear." (Taken from CNN.com).

While all of this was taking place in New York City, at about 9:45 a.m. EST, a third plane crashed into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. American Airlines Flight 77, which took off from Washington Dulles Airport and was scheduled to land in Los Angeles, crashed into the home of the U.S. Department of Defense, collapsing part of the building. It is believed that more than fifty people who were inside the Pentagon at the time of the crash were killed. Late evening reports estimated 800 missing in the building after the crash.

According to an article in The Washington Post Online, controllers at the Washington Dulles airport de-

tected the plane that would hit the pentagon on their radar screens. Minutes before it slammed into the Pentagon, the plane was spotted flying very low and at a high speed towards the White House, before making a sharp turn towards Arlington. After this occurrence, controllers saw another plane turn towards Washington. However, at around 10 a.m. EST, United Flight 93 crashed unexplainably in rural Somerset, Pennsylvania, 80 miles outside of Pittsburgh. This flight was headed to San Francisco after taking off from Newark.

There were 266 people confirmed on board the four domestic aircraft. Of those, 233 were passengers and 25 were crew. Officials do not believe that any of these individuals survived the crashes.

The profile of the hijackers is unclear at the current time. It is known that there were several on each plane, and that at least some of them were capable of flying the commercial aircraft. It is believed that these individuals, not the pilots, actually crashed the planes. Reports from the aircraft, including cell phone calls from passengers, indicate that the hijackers were armed with knives, but do not mention any other weapons.

According to CNN.com, one such phone call was made from Flight 77, the plane that crashed into the Pentagon. Attorney and visible Capitol Hill presence Barbara Olson phoned her husband, Solicitor General Ted Olson, from the flight on her cell phone. She told him that the plane had been hijacked, and that all of the passengers and crew, including the pilots, were sent to the back of the plane. She stated that the hijackers were carrying knives and cardboard cutters. Shortly after her phone call, the plane crashed.

At 9:40 a.m., EST, following the crashes at the World Trade Center, the FAA halted all flight operations of all airports nationwide, for the first time in U.S. history. Five minutes later, the



Photo by Associated Press

A view of the New York skyline shows the smoke that choked the city for most of September 11th. Rhodes professor Michael Nelson says of the event, "This isn't the first time the United States has been attacked. But, when the British sacked Washington in 1814, and when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor in 1941, we at least knew who had hit us and where to find them so that we could hit back. What makes these attacks uniquely distressing in our history is that we don't know any of those things."

White House was evacuated. President Bush, who was promoting education reforms in Florida at the beginning of the day's chain of events, left Florida and spent the day being flown around the nation in Air Force One. Vice President Dick Cheney and National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice were evacuated to a security facility at the White House, and Secretary of State Colin Powell returned early from a trip to Latin America.

In the early afternoon, the Pentagon decided to send five warships and two aircraft carriers into the Atlantic to protect the East Coast from the possibility of further attacks.

In the late afternoon, at about 5:20 p.m. EST, a 47-story building in the World Trade Center complex, Build-

ing seven, collapsed as well. The building was damaged by the collapse of the larger buildings, and had been on fire before its collapse. Into the evening, reports from New York City told stories of damaged gas lines, and survivors trapped in buildings surrounding the World Trade Center. Many rescue officials were lost in the collapse: a current estimate is 80 policemen and 200 firefighters.

At 8:30 p.m. EST, President Bush returned to the White House and addressed the nation. He had words of solace to offer to the nation, and promised retribution for the acts of terrorism. He reminded the people that the government and the economy would resume normal activity tomorrow. President Bush spoke of the solidity of

the nation, stating, "They can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot shake the foundation of America."

As the evening drew to a close, questions continued to flow as to how an event of this magnitude was allowed to happen. Many have questioned national and airline security in the light of the day's occurrences. According to CNN.com, information taken from the four planes' passenger lists has led to the issue of several arrest warrants in South Florida, as well as one in Daytona Beach. Media and political officials speculate a connection between Afghan bin Laden and the hijackings, but nothing definite has been established. Afghanistan's government has issued a statement that asserts that he was not involved.

Students voice their opinions on newly-built East Village dorms

East Village is definitely worth the extra money. It is wonderful to have a living room and a kitchen and still be on campus. The only two things I have to complain about are the fact that we do not have a disposal in the kitchen and we need hand towel racks by the bathroom sinks. Otherwise, it is an ideal place to live.

-Catherine Jones, '02

It is great to be living in apartment-style dorms that are on campus, enabling me to walk to class instead of drive. The kitchen is also wonderful to have. I frequently find myself choosing my own cooking over the Rat's. However, there have been many maintenance problems associated with East Village and the Physical Plant has been terrible with its service. My room has contacted

them every other day for the past week and a half because our ceiling is leaking three buckets of water per day and our room reeks of mildew...and they put it off so long that they now have to tear out our entire ceiling.

-Shawn McCarthy, '03

For convenience's sake, these are a good alternative to off-campus living. However, you will find benefits off campus that you will not get here. For example, garbage disposals. Not only do we have to haul our garbage to the dumpsters on the opposite side of building B, but we have to scrape food and everything into our trash for lack of disposal, which leads to incredibly smelly trash. I do not know of any existing newly built, modern kitchens other than ours that do not have a basic disposal. It is ridiculous and needs to be corrected.

I have heard from several people that Rhodes advertised the apartments as having disposals in brochures last year, but they fell through on that one.

Also, I do not recommend living on the third floor if you are claustrophobic. The shape of the ceilings makes for very small bedrooms. I think they are worth some extra money, but not as much as we paid.

Finally, since we now have 200 students who are buying groceries to use in a full-sized kitchen, East Village needs to have more expansive recycling facilities. We need to be recycling more than just aluminum cans and paper.

-Jennifer Keirce, '02

Living in East Village has been great. I have privacy with a single, but at the same time, I have living room where I can always find a quadmate who will watch

Golden Girls or Designing Women with me.

-Allana Clarke, '02

East Village is amazing! I highly recommend it to anyone. I lived on my own in an apartment this summer so I have an idea of what not living in a dorm and not living at home is like. This is technically a dorm, but it does not feel like it. It feels much more like an apartment. I love that tons of great and fun people are living around me, and how safe it is here. The apartments are beautiful too. We have so much space and everything is so nice. Not living here would not be fun. I love it. The extra money is worth it because I have my own kitchen, bathroom, living area, and everything—and it comes furnished.

-Jenna Alther, '03

Structure of Greek system not conducive to individuality

By David Hurt
Contributing Writer

As you sit in the Rat or in a social room or on your new furniture, I want you to ask yourself something: why do frats and sororities exist, really?

Come on...no, sorry, play again. Do not give me that bunk about philanthropies or some bizarre ritualistic conception of brother and sisterhood.

Frats and sororities exist so that participants in these organizations can A) meet attractive members of the opposite sex, B) drink large amounts of alcohol, and C) make lifelong friends in a highly structured, secure environment. Anyone who gives you a different answer to this question is blowing smoke up your canoe.

Do not misunderstand me. Nothing is wrong with these pursuits as long as they come in and of themselves. Hey, I have had a few sheets to the wind myself. The problem comes when you begin to institutionalize social interaction.

You see, by its very structured nature, the Greek system binds its members to a conformity that stifles diversity. My good friend Trent Lutz

said it best: "weak-minded people need labels to fill in the gaps of their identity." If you wear a Greek jersey, you are a walking label.

You may disagree with this statement, but before you do, ask yourself this: "how have I changed since I joined this fraternity? Have I become more or less like my 'brothers'?" Chances are you have picked up a few traits, good or bad, from those that surround you, and because of this, it is only natural that you have become more aligned with the collective group.

Maybe this fact explains why different fraternities or sororities are pigeonholed into umbrella classifications. Come on now, we know we have all heard these statements before—the Kappa Sigs are arty-farty, the Chi-Os are "party girls," the SAEs are meatheads, the Kappa Alphas are "Ole South" (whatever that means) and the Kappa Deltas are princesses.

I am not saying these classifications are completely true. In fact, I know they are not. But at the root of them, beyond the superficiality, they do point out one undeniable truth—people like to be with others who are most like them.

You might say, "now wait a damn

minute, Dave, there is plenty of diversity in my sorority. We are not all the same, despite what people may say." It might appear that your respective Greek organization is diverse, but I am sorry dear, it is not.

To support this claim one needs to look no further than the process of Fall rush. If you are not familiar with it or you have just been delusional about the whole thing, Fall rush is an archaic system in which prospective members are judged on a week long, superficial, getting-to-know-you period, in which "cuteness" or a laid-back machismo seem to be the litmus tests. Since this getting-to-know-you period is so brief that only outward projections of desirable qualities can be discerned, rush, and subsequent membership, result in pledge classes that are carbon copies of each other.

Do not get me wrong. I am not saying that every member of a fraternity looks physically the same, though they seem to get their clothes from the same closet. But every member of a fraternity probably does share the same modes of interaction and the same system of values. It might be cliché, but it is still true—birds of a feather flock together.

The proposal of a delayed Spring rush arises as a way of solving some of these problems with rush. The one so-

bering hang-up with this proposal—it will never happen. Why? Because the Greek leadership is too smart for that.

You see, if people were made to wait a whole semester until rush and during this time were actually forced to make friends outside a structured and secure environment, then they might realize they do not need a Greek organization to fulfill their social needs, and, what is worse, they might find making friends outside of this structure more diverse and therefore more fulfilling. Greek organizations would then either die on the vine or be forced to change their whole purpose and direction.

As it stands now, Rhodents, on average, rely on the Greek system too much for fulfillment of their social needs, and a heavy reliance on the Greek system does not allow or does not force its members to look beyond the bounds of their particular organization.

I am assuming here, and maybe I am wrong, that the purpose of Rhodes College, or any liberal arts school, is to teach its students to appreciate difference and learn from every viewpoint, to be open-minded, because, dear God, there is a wide-open world out there, outside of these walls.

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Self-sacrifice might have deterred national disaster

CHAD JONES
Word on the Street



What happened today occurred on large aircraft, each capable of carrying numerous passengers. The morning flights were at least close to filled capacity, resulting in the deaths of a reported 266 passengers and crew members.

I think that it is possible, and likely, that they were fully aware of the situation, even possibly to the extent that they knew the target. I do not know if the tragedy yesterday could have been prevented, but for the sake of argument, I want to address the atmosphere on the planes that careened into the towers and other structures.

Now I am certainly no hero, but I believe that desperate times call for desperate measures.

According to sheer numbers, I think that 100 people could have stopped even a modest number of terrorists. Let us consider that somehow the terrorists were able to smuggle a few guns, grenades, or knives aboard the plane. If the passengers realized the gravity of the situation, I am confident that they could have overpowered the subversive force.

True, it might have come at the cost of many lives of the passengers on the plane, but even if it took all the people aboard to prevent the collision with the

World Trade Center, hundreds of lives would have been saved.

I think that it would be unrealistic to assume that the terrorists were stocked with more than even a couple hundred bullets. Anything beyond that number would be a massive amount, impossible to smuggle aboard a secured plane. If the passengers had rebelled, I do not believe that the terrorists would have enough bullets to kill everyone, given the fury at which they would have to fire into the cabin and the crowd. With weapons exhausted, the terrorists would have been powerless to avoid restraint.

Even with a good knife and precision handling, the terrorists could have been overcome by the force of the sheer numbers of the passengers on the planes.

Grenades would be an illogical choice for a plane hijacking, for clearly, detonation would thwart their mission.

My point is this: had the entirety of the passengers, or even one natural leader, of the plane realized these things, a quick persuasive organization would have reversed the situation. Faced with the peril of certain death,

the passengers would have had nothing to lose by attempting to thwart the terrorist act.

No matter which weapons of fear the terrorists were using, their firepower was not comparable to the mass of bodies aboard the plane. Had there been a midair fight, the chaos involved in the slaughter would have either resulted in a downed plane (possibly like the one that crashed in Pennsylvania) or restrained terrorists.

In either case, though there would have been tremendous loss of life aboard the plane, the integrity of the country would have been secured. At the very least, if there had been enough bullets to kill all the passengers, the chaos and confusion of such a brute attack would have derailed the mission.

But why did one plane go down in Pennsylvania and three others slam into important structures? Was it the crash in Pennsylvania the result of a mistake by the terrorists, or a rebellious attempt by the passengers? If, indeed, it was the latter, then why did not such a thing happen on the successful suicide bomb flights?

Since things turned out the way

they did, there are two options for the occurrences on the New York- and D.C.-bound planes.

The first is that the passengers were in fact kept unaware of their final destination and the intention of the terrorists. This, I believe is the case for the planes bound for the World Trade Center.

The other, is that collectively, the hijackees were too concerned about their singular lives to stand up to their captors. I hope this is not what happened, but rather, that they were not forewarned. I have faith in the fight of the passengers aboard the planes, and I think that it would have been ludicrous for the terrorists to inform the passengers of their fate.

When most of us think about "American Spirit," we wipe it off as a romanticized characteristic of the pilgrims and the pioneers, maybe even the veterans of wars long gone.

You would sleep in the Amphitheatre for the homeless, but would you attack an armed terrorist to save a 110 story building full of people? How brave could you really be in the face of certain death? Do you even know?

Deferred rush offers benefits to Greek system and new students

KATIE FRANKLIN



Let's just pretend, for about the next 800 words that I am not President of my sorority. What I want to say has much to do with the female Greek system as a whole and little to do with my sorority or any of the others, specifically.

For the next 800 words, I am simply a Rhodes College student with a personal opinion. In no way is this column intended to represent the female Greek opinion, the sorority presidents' opinions, nor the collective opinion of Alpha Omicron Pi.

Rumors have been spreading like wildfire that the administration is pushing the Greek system to move towards "delayed" or "deferred" rush, which would allow first-year students to have a semester of settling into college life before they have the opportunity to choose to join a sorority.

Rhodes College is unique in that an astounding 52% of the student body is Greek, making the total num-

ber of members in each sorority hover around one hundred or more. While other schools have similar house totals of 100+ members, it is important to realize that Greek organizations on average campuses make up only between 15 and 20 percent of the student body because of the substantial difference in student population.

When students enter Rhodes College, these high numbers are immediately apparent and must affect a student's decision to go through rush. Questions of how influential the Greek system is and whether they will have anything to do on the weekends if they do not pledge a sorority are rampant among first-years during their first week on campus. Partly due to the small size of our school, and partly due to upperclassmen pressure to "go through rush to meet people," many students end up registering for rush with no real idea of what they are getting themselves into.

Currently, with Greek rush falling within the first two weeks of school, first-year women are pressured to choose a sorority based on the impressions they have received

during a four-day series of song-and-dance routines that each last only as long as 45 minutes. It is absurd to believe that a first-year woman has had adequate time to make a genuinely informed decision, which will ultimately affect not only her days at Rhodes, but also the

rest of her life.

Furthermore, with the enforcement of the stringent "rush rules," conversations and interactions that may take place outside of the sorority houses during the "informal rush" period are often tense and uncomfortable for both the upperclassmen as well as the first-years.

While countless people argue against deferred rush and assault the administration for wanting to stealthily eliminate Greek life, it is necessary to think about how the system affects first-year women. I think many of us seniors will admit that we are each incredibly different individuals now than we were four

years ago. At the risk of making the first-years seem like children, I assert that some of the most critical challenges for a new college student take place within those first few months of college.

Regardless of individual houses, we are hindering new members by

presenting them with collective attitudes and behaviors beneath the umbrella of Greek letters, which (intentionally or not) reinforce them to fit that mold. Fall rush, rather than helping women go where they belong, most frequently results in women attempting to belong where they go.

By implementing a system of deferred rush, which would occur during the first few weeks of school in January, a first-year woman would have the opportunity to get to know the people of the sorority she may wish to join. In addition, it would provide her with several months of getting to know herself

as a college student, what organizations she wants to devote her time to, and what her most passionate interests are.

Admittedly, the administration would have to take the initiative to better orient and acquaint first-year students to Rhodes life throughout the semester in order to ensure that these students can find their niche within the Rhodes fabric.

It has been argued that deferred rush is just an attempt by the administration to remove the Greek system all together. On the contrary, if this system is implemented and well-run, it could mean a fresh interpretation of the Greek system is on the horizon. Women in general are on the move to re-create truths about their gender. What better forum to do this than an exclusively female organization that involves college-educated leaders of all kinds? Encouraging first-years to join other campus organizations in their first semester at Rhodes would provide a vital outlet of energy while enabling them to meet people as they really exist — not as superficial, uniformed girls singing songs and dancing choreographed steps.

Due to Fall rush, rather than going where they belong, women often attempt to belong where they go.



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9/03/01 TO 9/09/01



9/3/01	11:55am	Glassell – first floor flooded. Plumbing problem.
9/4/01	9:30am	Campus – power failures, under repair
	11:45am	Kennedy – Illness – MFD ambulance transported.
	12:22pm	BCLC – Injury – MFD ambulance transported.
	9:00pm	Fire Drills begin east campus housing – all okay.
9/5/01	12:45am	Trezevant – Fire alarm – all okay.
	10:50am	East Village "A" – Fire alarm – all okay.
	12:30pm	BCLC – Alcohol Violation –Contract laborers removed from campus.
	10:52pm	Fire Drills begin west campus housing. All Okay.
9/6/01	1:40pm	Faculty/Staff parking area near Kennedy – Alcohol Violation; visitors cited and removed from campus.
9/7/01	11:15pm	East Village Parking Lot – Suspicious Persons reported: Checked Okay, registered visitors of student resident.
	4:00pm	Refectory – Theft and Recovery – Suspect Identified – Under investigation.
	9:00pm	East Village "A" – Fire alarm – all Okay.
	11:43pm	Drug Paraphenalia seized on campus Under investigation.
9/8/01	8:34pm	East Village area – Loud noise complaint – checked okay.
9/9/01	12:52am	U.T. Bowld Hospital ER calls seeking ID confirmation of Ill student.
	3:35am	Glassell Hall – Loud noise complaint checked Okay.

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 ACCESSES: 125
 CITATIONS: 205
 CARS TOWED: 3
 BOOTS: 2

ESCORTS: 30
 VISITORS: 1,154
 JUMP STARTS: 0
 A.V.: 1

Rhodes holds top tier ranking in US News

By Mia Hood
News Editor

US News & World Reports recently released its 2002 rankings of colleges and universities in the United States. Rhodes fell six spots this year, ranking forty-fourth out of 218 liberal arts colleges against last year's thirty-eighth ranking.

Seven categories combined comprise the *US News* rankings: academic reputation, retention of students, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving, and graduation rate performance.

Oddly, the six-year graduation rate, ranked this year for the incoming class of 1994, arrested Rhodes' movement up the list. In other categories—most significantly in overall academic reputation—Rhodes made remarkable headway. Ultimately, Rhodes' maintain-

ing its top tier position will help to better market the school and attract prospective students.

Commented President Troutt, "As we look at the statistics, we have a lot to be proud of... The one factor that keeps Rhodes from being even higher is our six-year graduation rate which went down... from 76% last year to 68%."

US News' top tier of liberal arts colleges hoisted Rhodes into a new academic stratosphere when it was honored with this ranking last year.

As competitive high school seniors pursue the best colleges and universities in the nation, *US News'* bestowal of the top tier honor meant a tremendously successful year of recruiting for the class of 2005.

Overall, despite Rhodes' fall within the top tier, President Troutt is "optimistic about what is going to emerge [in

Rhodes' future]." He lists the Watson Fellowship, the Mellon Foundation, and, of course, the \$35 million gift as emblems of Rhodes' and his continued commitment to higher education.

The faculty task forces—which, appointed last spring, are at various stages of development—excite both President Troutt and members of the committees.

Based on the ten keystones outlined in Troutt's inaugural address, the task forces work to improve ten of his tenets of higher education, including an emphasis on undergraduate research, an increase of efforts to recruit the best faculty, an enhanced residential experience, and improved library resources.

Surely, with the faculty task forces and Troutt's initiative, Rhodes is still on a course to even higher education.

Rhodes Christian Fellowship presents speaker David Montague of Service Over Self (SOS) Ministries. He will deliver the speech "God's Acceptance of Us" at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday in Hardie Auditorium. All are welcome!

ASIA will have a social on Wednesday at 6:30 in Rhea Lounge. Food from various ethnic restaurants, music, and games from different countries will be available for those who attend.

Rhodes students fight hunger and homelessness

By Jennifer Brooks
Staff Writer

The National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness (NSCAHH) had its kick-off party last Thursday in Rhea Lounge.

One hundred and fifty students attended this historical event. Lisa Hagan ('05) commented, "I was so excited when I came in and saw all those people. I was expecting, maybe, twenty people."

The conference has been an important event for Rhodes in the past 13 years. The idea for Souper Con-

tact originated from this conference. This year, October 18-21, the conference will be held at Rhodes with an expected 400 students to attend from all over the country.

The NSCAHH is the largest gathering of students responding to the issue of hunger and homelessness; this year's theme is "Harvest Solutions."

The NSCAHH coordinator; Jen Hecker, executive director; Steckley Lee, field organizer; and Stephanie Agnew, an intern, need help in coordinating the conference.

Everything has to be planned,

from airline tickets for conference attendees to their sleeping arrangements. In order to combat this monumental task, committees have been initiated to plan effectively and efficiently.

The steering committee is comprised of Jen Hecker, Jessica Anschutz, community service coordinator, Joshua Welter ('02), and Kristjen Lundberg ('02). The programming committee chair is Erinn Staley ('02); the outreach committee chair, Stacy Baker ('02); and the logistics committee chair, Robert Campbell ('02).

Rhodes will hold a regional conference "Healthy Rivers, Healthy Communities" on Saturday, September 15 in Buckman Hall. Keynote speaker Mack Ritchard will instigate discussions on environmental justice and other topics. Tickets for students are \$10; please call Rita Harris at 324-7757.

For any students interested in participating in horse shows, the Equestrian Team will meet on Thursday, September 20 at 8:00 p.m. in Rhea Lounge.

College Greens will host a Forum/ Teach-in on the World Bank and IMF on September 26 at 7:00 p.m. entitled "September 29, Thousands of Protesters Will Converge on Washington, DC: What's It All About?"

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Memphis: "Livin' on the Edge" with Aerosmith

By Jessica Hoback and Lisa DiTrollo
Staff Writers

On Wednesday, September 5, the Pyramid was rocked to the tunes of Aerosmith as the legendary band entertained the Memphis crowd during its first tour in over two years.

The *Just Push Play Tour* opened with a high-energy performance by the popular band Fuel, which set the stage for the vigorous vocal workout that was to come from the concert's headliner. While these rockers may not yet have the impressive history that Aerosmith can boast,

they certainly are not strangers to the music scene.

Fuel was able to skillfully entertain the audience with their own familiar songs, such as "Shimmer," and "Hemorrhage."

Steven Tyler, who defies every preconceived notion of middle-age, then delivered a dynamic and interactive performance that stimulated the diverse crowd.

One enthusiastic Rhodes student summed up the show saying, "It was cool, f@#\$*%* cool." What else can you say about a band whose career has spanned nearly three decades and can boast such hits as "Pink" and "Crying"?

To their already impressive list of chart-toppers, the group adds what they have deemed "new Aerosmith" from their latest platinum album.

Though this concert promoted this latest release, the group willingly indulged their fans of all ages with a few choice classics.

They brought the audience to their feet from the start with "Love in an Elevator" and kept up the excitement with "Sweet Emotion," "Walk This Way," and "Livin' on the Edge." Of course, they belted the newest favorite from *Just Push Play*, "Jaded" as well as the title track from this album.

Aerosmith later slowed things down with the overplayed *Armageddon* theme "I Don't Wanna Miss a Thing."

One couldn't help but be disappointed, however, that this particular song was chosen in place of a more "old-school" tune, like "Janie's Got a Gun."

The spectacle was not just meant to appeal to one's ears, but also one's eyes. To benefit the unfortunate fans in the nose-bleed seats, three large screens were strategically constructed around the stage. In this way, no one was able to miss Stephen Tyler's spastic gyrations or Joe Perry's partial striptease that followed his extended guitar

solo during the hit "Sweet Emotion."

For further crowd involvement, Tyler utilized the lengthy ramps that were built to connect the stage to the left and right side sections.

All in all, both Aerosmith and Fuel gave performances that lived up to all the hype that preceded them.

If this is truly a retirement tour, as Aerosmith has claimed, then these hall-of-famers can rest assured that they went out with a bang.

As for the newcomers to the scene, Fuel can certainly mark this experience as a boost from just radio play to the big-time.

Nightingale takes flight at McCoy

By Emily Ramsey
A&E/Scene Editor

So why are some of Rhodes' guys shaving their heads? Is this a new fad? Nope. More than likely, they are some of the cast of the next play showing at the McCoy: Tennessee Williams' *Not about Nightingales*.

The play, which takes place in America during the 1930's, follows several prisoners and their story of mistreatment by the guards and warden over them. In familiar Tennessee Williams' style, much of the play focuses on how they deal with their repressed feelings of anger toward the guards.

Not About Nightingales was one of Tennessee Williams' earlier works, written when he was only twenty-seven. It highlights the political activity and social realism of his youth, and his views toward entertainment as well as unchecked power.

The play involves a very talented local cast. Unlike many of the other plays produced by the McCoy, however, close to half of the cast are not current students at Rhodes, many of which are older males. There are only three female roles in the entire play.

Included in this "off-campus" cast is Ralph Hätley, director of Campus Safety for

Rhodes. He plays one of the leading prisoner roles.

Karl Chambless, an actor who has been very involved with many of the Memphis theatres for many years, plays the role of the warden.

Students Chris Stout, Anders Reynolds, and Spencer Pharr also play prisoner roles for which their shaved head were requested even before auditions early this fall.

Rhodes alumnus Christopher Davis, a current writer for the *Memphis Flyer* and former student of theatre at Rhodes, is the director for *Not about Nightingales*. In addition to writing for the *Flyer*, he has been very involved in the past several years with local productions.

His wife, Charlotte, also an alumnus and theatre student at Rhodes, is the assistant director.

Speaking of working with Mr. Davis, Sandi Russom (04), stage manager for *Not about Nightingales*, said, "Chris Davis is an abstract thinker, so working with him has been both a challenge and a pleasure."

In addition to the stellar cast, design for the play has been an interesting and innovative endeavor. Eric Sefton (02) is integrating a new sound system into the play. Sound will play throughout much of the play, in an attempt to mimic the envi-

ronment of a large prison, despite the cast of eighteen.

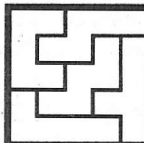
Professor Laura Cannon developed the elaborate stage design, and Taylor Teas (02) designed all the costumes.

Tennessee Williams' *Not about Nightingales* will be showing at the McCoy Theatre on October 4th, 5th, and 6th, and again during the week following fall break, on October 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st.

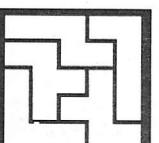
So what is playing at the McCoy?

2001-2002 Schedule

<i>Not About Nightingales</i> by Tennessee Williams	October 4, 5, 6, 18, 19, 20, and 21
<i>A Dream Play</i> by August Strindberg	November 15, 16, 17, 29, 30 December 1, 2
<i>Kathie and the Hippopotaums</i> by Mario Vargas Llosa	February 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, and 17
<i>Carousel</i> by Oscar Hammerstein II	April 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, and 21



Rhodes Puzzler



#21 (September 12, 2001)

Last week's movie pass winner: Prentice Bowman

The volleyball team is hosting its first invitational of the season this weekend and Coach Wolinski wants to be ready for the visitors. She has assigned Naomi the task of separating a bin of volleyballs containing 5 white balls and 7 yellow balls. Since that is such an easy task, Naomi has decided to make it a bit more interesting. She will remove two balls at random from the bin. If both balls have the same color then she will put them aside but place a yellow ball back into the bin (she has an endless supply of yellow balls). If the balls are of different colors then she will put the yellow ball aside but replace the white ball. She continues drawing balls in this way until only one ball remains in the bin. How many draws will Naomi make, and what is the color of the single remaining ball?

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, or turn in a hard copy to Kennan Shelton, 318 Ohlendorf. All solutions must be received by 5:00 p.m. Saturday. A weekly winner will be randomly chosen from all correct entries to receive two free movie passes, donated by Malco Theatres. See the Rhodes Puzzler Page at <http://www.mathcs.rhodes.edu/puzzler.html>.



Photo Credit: Miriam Dolin

Students gather in the amphitheater to listen to information regarding Tuesday's New York City and Washington D.C. attacks. Political Science and International Studies professors outlined the day's events and possible future ramifications. Following this, a vigil was held to pray for those who were killed and their families.

Como se dice "Martha Stewart?"

Joshua Wilmsmeyer
Staff Writer

There is more to an eating establishment than the food you get. I am sure many war-proven seniors are with me when I say that some of the best food in Memphis is found in some of the least likely, not to mention inviting, storefronts. First years may hear an upperclassman say that Jackson and further north is not the best neighborhood, but would that same upperclassman deny that Alex's Tavern has some good food at decent prices? As a side note, I think they sell alcohol there too. But, what is it about a restaurant that makes it a good place to eat? Obviously the food has to be good, and the environment relaxing. For the group of Rhodes students who have a form of identification that claims they are 21, drinking plays a good role in the decision. For the course of this article, let me add authenticity to the menu.

This past weekend I visited Los Reyes Mexican Restaurant on Covington Pike. Buried in a shopping center, I thought this was a great place to try and find good Mexican food in Memphis. Besides, I was in a group of 12 people who had decided on this place, and I was merely one of the tagalongs. When we entered, I accepted the place as a good attempt at Tex-Mex...at least they had a little overhang with the orange shingles typical of southern California. As we sat at our tables (12 people=3 tables...you

do the math), I began to pay more attention to the environment and realized how little they thought of my intellect. This place claimed to be Mexican, yet the décor did not fit. The woodwork was looked very Midwestern, and the picture of old Mexico on the wall had electric street lamps in it. The chairs and booths were all supposed to be the jade green color seen throughout Southwestern jewelry, but ranged in shade from forest green to baby blue, with no more

than two pieces matching exactly. There was even a picture on the wall of Native Americans singing around the image of what I first thought to be a coyote (again, typical Southwestern imagery), but upon further inspection found the animal to be a gray wolf, known to inhabit the northern United States and Canada. While I have no problem with the subject matter, I don't go searching in Canada for good Mexican food. Do you ask a bald barber what shampoo to use?

Legal Society Embarks on its Second Year

The Legal Society is preparing for an eventful second year at Rhodes. Created to assist students interested in a future in law, the organization strives to network with past graduates of Rhodes College currently working in the legal field as well as with local Memphis lawyers and legal professionals.

The Legal Society was founded by Ben Chastain '03 and Kate Hazelrig '03 who will serve as this year's president and vice president respectively. Other officers include: Courtney Neff ('03) Secretary, Aaron Tucker ('03) Treasurer, and Lauren Copper ('03) Alumni Liason.

Members will have the opportunity to attend several lectures throughout the year with speakers focusing on such topics as the LSAT, admissions requirements at various law schools, internships, and other pertinent subjects. A trip to an undetermined law school is also being planned for the 2001-2002 school year.

For information regarding the Legal Society, please contact Ben Chastain at chabd@rhodes.edu.

Let me say that once I accepted the fact that the food I was preparing to eat was merely a tasty concoction of the same ingredients I could buy at Kroger, the prices seemed a little steeper and I had to order another beer. While I would immediately explain the food here, I think I just touched on the greatest part of Los Reyes. While I don't consider a strawberry margarita in anyway authentic Mexican, when they serve it in as large of glasses as Los Reyes did, the place can't get that bad of a food review. These were perhaps the largest margaritas I have seen outside Texas or Louisiana. While your waiter may not respond "sí señor," he will understand "uno más." For the light weights, there were more choices of Mexican beer than Modelo Negro, Dos Equis, and Corona. Yes, there are more authentic Mexican beers than just those three. Drink outside the box.

Once the food came, I must say I cannot possibly make a negative statement other than the lack of authenticity

to the food. It was Taco Bell with a little more flair and less fast food taste. As for any restaurant I have been to, the "Special Dinner" was more food than I have ever seen for \$8.75 and required three plates. The table full of hot plates of food just about sent my stomach into overdrive. The prices definitely rival any other Mexican restaurant and the food is surely good enough to make the drive worth it. As a college student, always focused on the grade, I would give Los Reyes an 84%. The drinks were good, the food satisfying, the prices decent, but the décor brought to life the lack of authenticity the food and restaurant possessed.

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Lynx dismantle Maryville in home opener

By Stu Johnston
Staff Writer

Rhodes football is back on track. The Lynx football team had a week to dwell on their disappointing season-opening loss at DePauw, which resulted in sending the Maryville Fighting Scots back to Knoxville on Saturday with the experience of incurring the wrath of both the Rhodes offense and defense. The Lynx scored a whopping six touchdowns before the half and cruised to a 41-7 victory over Maryville.

Rhodes wasted no time creating fireworks, as Hayes Mathis ('03) returned the opening kickoff 50 yards to the Maryville 39 yard line. The Lynx offense, after having struggled in the second half against DePauw, went right to work, and five plays later, Mike Kremier ('03) scored the first of his three touchdowns. The demoralization of the Scots' defense did not cease throughout the first half.

The offense, revamped from last year with more multiple receiver sets and shotgun formations, simply sparked. Whether on the ground with bruising fullback Kremier or through the air with accurate passes from quarterback Gary Rockne ('04) to a gaggle of sure-handed

receivers, Rhodes put up points early and often and kept Maryville's defense on their heels for the entire afternoon.

Rhodes had 365 yards of total offense, and even that figure is deceptively small because the vast majority of those yards came in the first half.

The Lynx were especially impressive inside "the red zone." Rhodes ran the option effectively and Kremier scored three touchdowns, all on one-yard runs. For the touchdowns on the ground, Rhodes used two tight ends and three backs and made no secret about where the ball would be run. However, Maryville could do nothing to stop the runs, because the offensive line, blocking backs, and tight ends were absolutely dominant.

All told, Rockne completed 11 of 18 passes for 203 yards and three touchdowns. On the receiving end of those scores were Ed Roberts ('03), Bob Paulus ('05), and Matt Dement ('05). Ryan McLaughlin ('04) led the receiving corps with four catches and 111 yards.

The leading rushers were Justin Ethridge ('04) and Rory Favor ('05), with 55 and 47 yards, respectively.

On the other side of the ball, Maryville gained almost 200 yards on

offense. Nearly all of those yards were gained in the second half, though, after the outcome had already been determined and the Lynx took their feet off the gas. Maryville managed only 50 yards of offense in the first half, and 34 of those came on one drive, after Rhodes had taken a commanding lead.

Pre-season all conference middle linebacker Chris Huff ('02) led the way with 11 tackles, and linebacker Nick Yatsula ('04) intercepted a tipped pass in the first half, leading to the fifth Rhodes touchdown. Lineman Adam Nunnallee ('02) made three tackles for losses totaling 16 yards, including the only Lynx sack, and Ambar Paranjape ('02) made two tackles for ten yards in losses.

Coby Cagle ('03) said of the triumphant win, "The score was high but we made a lot of little mistakes. Coaches can polish up mistakes, however they cannot make a player have heart and desire to fight. That is why we stopped them the way that we did."

The Lynx will look for continued success next weekend, as they visit Centre in Danville, KY. Centre opened the season by pounding Earlham 38-7 and should pose a stiff challenge for Rhodes.

Cross Country teams have strong showing in Sewanee

By Nate Mitchell and Bill Harrison
Staff Writers

For the past decade Rhodes has held a regional rivalry with Emory University that has kept the Lynx from qualifying for Nationals over numerous years.

Last Saturday both schools went head to head once again at the Sewanee Invitational where Rhodes, although impeded by injuries, fought valiantly against the juggernaut from Atlanta.

Led by Amy Paine ('03), who ran 19:36 and finished 2nd on the 5K course, the women finished 14 points behind Emory in second place.

Close behind Paine were Marie Brandeweide ('04) at 20:07 and Elizabeth Wester ('03) at 20:15. Rounding out the top five for the Rhodes women were Betsy Bogler ('03) at 21:05 and Lori Steger ('03) at 21:27.

"The goal for the meet was to race well, we all accomplished that. Now the goal is to beat Emory at Regionals, and we will do that as

well," said a confident Paine.

In the men's 8K race, the high-light performance was Jon Knight's ('02) winning time of 26:46. The time would have been good enough to send Knight to Nationals two years ago when the Regional meet was run at Sewanee, a fact that could be promising for the men in this year's Regional meet.

Behind Knight were freshmen Matt Wood ('05) at 28:11 and Matthew Sauter ('05) at 28:46. Closing out the top five for the Rhodes men were Todd Ridley ('05) at 29:24 and Bill Harrison ('03) at 29:48. Allen Hodges ('05) also opened up his collegiate career with a strong showing at 31:49. The men also finished in second place.

Injured Brian McCarthy, who watched the race from the sidelines, had this to say of the race: "Although I did not run, Emory was quite polite and gave us a good race. We think of them as good competitors and hope to greet them at Regionals."

Soccer takes second place in weekend tournament

By Lance Ingwersen
Staff Writer

The men's soccer team spent the weekend in Chicago as one of four teams in the annual SCAC/UAA challenge. Washington University (St. Louis), the University of Chicago, and the University of the South rounded out the inter-conference tournament field.

Friday afternoon saw a lackluster team performance from the Lynx against host Chicago. The team started off strong scoring within two minutes of the opening whistle, but watched the momentum swing shortly thereafter in favor of the Maroons of Chicago.

The Lynx' goal was scored by Matt Brock ('05), who held off a defender to finish a service by Chad Mason ('02). The Lynx, forced to play defense for the remainder of the half and much of the second, benefited from the Maroons' poor finishing. Twenty minutes into the second half, the Maroons broke down the Lynx defense for their first goal of the match. Forty-six seconds later, Chicago sliced in behind the Lynx defense for a second score. In the final 20 minutes, Rhodes surged back, but it would prove to be too little too late. It was the Lynx' first loss of the season.

On Sunday, the team came out with

a vengeance facing unfavorable conditions against a Washington University team who, too, had lost on Friday (to Sewanee), it was an intense battle in a torrential downpour.

The Lynx struck first as Nick Reed ('02) finished a cross from Mason early in the first half. Not to be outdone, Washington rallied to slide a goal past the outstretched arms of Matt Manoogian ('02) off a corner kick.

Nearing the end of the first half, the Lynx capitalized on a counterattack that caught Washington off guard, as Brock intercepted an errant pass and placed a ball past the Washington goalkeeper. In the second half the Lynx defense held strong and Manoogian made a game-winning save in the final two minutes to secure the victory for the Lynx.

The Lynx finished the tournament in a tie with Sewanee for second place. Host Chicago won for the first time in the tournament's three-year history. The Lynx had three players named to the all-tournament team selected by the coaches—Mason, Brock, and Lance Ingwersen ('03).

The Lynx finished the weekend with a 3-1 record. They face Christian Brothers on Wednesday, September 12 and travel for the conference opener on Saturday against Hendrix.

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