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Around the World...
Compiled from CNN

In Venezuela, the opposition group to President Chavez attempted to stage a public demonstration and request a change in Chavez's rule. When Chavez's self-appointed supporters took efforts into their own hands to hold back the crowd and stop their efforts, violence exploded, resulting in sixteen people wounded and new unrest for the nation—and the world, as Venezuela is a lead supplier of crude oil to countries like the U.S.

Communist nation North Korea recently threatened to resume nuclear weapons testing if current diplomatic settlements with Japan cannot be resolved. The treatment of Japanese citizens abducted years ago by the DPRK is also of key importance in talks among East Asian nations.

The University of Nevada's chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity may be banned from the university after a pledge drowned in the campus lake while undergoing a traditional hazing ritual. Criminal charges may also be filed.

The National Research Council is urging the development of stun chemicals and barriers rather than lethal weapons for use in peacekeeping, such as by police and the National Guard. Psychological methods are also being researched. The Pentagon plans to use all findings on "safe" chemical warfare to avoid all-out chemical war, which could easily be triggered by nations building up stockpiles of chemical weapons.

Bredesen, Alexander, victorious in elections

By John Zeanah
News Editor

The midterm elections held on Tuesday, November 5, in Tennessee proved successful for Democratic gubernatorial candidate Phil Bredesen, Republican Senate candidate Lamar Alexander, and supporters of the state lottery. Bredesen's victory came with just over 50 percent of the vote. Opinion polls up to election day showed a dead-even match between Bredesen and his Republican challenger Van Hilleary. Bredesen's win marks a change in power in Tennessee, as he will replace outgoing Republican Governor Don Sundquist.

Alexander had a less stressful victory, as he defeated Democrat Bob Clement for the Senate seat vacated by Senator Fred Thompson. Opinion polls showed Alexander with a safe lead over Clement going into the elections, as he amassed 55 percent of the vote.

The Tennessee constitu-

tional amendment approving a lottery to support education was passed on Tuesday, with close to 60 percent of the state approving the measure.

Other campaigns of interest this year include Republican challenger Saxby Chambliss's upset of Democratic incumbent Max Cleland for the Senate in Georgia. Also in Georgia, incumbent Governor Roy Barnes, who at one point was considered a possible 2004 presidential candidate, lost in a close race to Republican challenger Sonny Perdue, a Georgia state Senator.

In Arkansas, Democratic challenger Mark Pryor defeated Republican incumbent Tim Hutchinson in a highly contested race. Incumbent Governor Mike Huckabee was re-elected to another term with close to 55 percent of the vote.

In New Hampshire, House representative John Sununu held on to the Republican control of the Senate seat by defeating Democratic Governor Jeanne Shaheen. Opinion polls showed Shaheen ahead in the race for the



Photo by John Zeanah

A resident of North McLean displays support for Republicans Lamar Alexander and Van Hilleary. Alexander was the victor in Tuesday's Senate race in Tennessee, while Hilleary fell to Democrat Phil Bredesen in the Governor's race.

vacant seat, but some last minute campaigning by President Bush for Sununu could have been integral in Sununu's upset victory. If Shaheen would have won, the Democrats would have gained a seat in the Senate.

In Florida, incumbent Governor Jeb Bush easily de-

feated Democratic challenger Bill McBride with 56 percent of

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Career counselor speaks to Rhodes students

By Calvert Tooley
Staff Writer

"I was the first person in my entire family tree to go to college," said Patrick Combs in a talk on campus Tuesday night. The talk, based on his book, *Major in Success*, was part of the Rhodes Career Week activities. Combs, who is 29, is a

professional speaker and author.

Combs' past positions include video game tester, multimedia production director, and videoconferencing manager at Levi Strauss & Co., as well as being featured on Real TV.

Combs graduated from San Francisco State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in speech and commu-

nications but found that just a degree was not enough to get him a good job.

For the first two years of college, he concentrated only on his grades but found that grades do not fill up a résumé. For this reason, in his talk, he stressed the value of participating in such activities as student clubs, volunteer programs, overseas programs, and internships.

He placed the most emphasis on this last category, making the audience repeat the mantra, "Don't even think about graduating without an internship."

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Recycling Halloween: fun ideas for leftover costumes

By Margie Hall
Op/Ed Editor

Yes, it's that time of year.

"The time of year for what?" you might ask. It's not quite time for Christmas shopping (unless you're my mom; then it's always time for Christmas shopping), the excitement of Halloween is over, and most of us get to simply drive home to the Thanksgiving feast prepared by our doting parents, so no groundwork is needed for that particular holiday. Midterms are over, and most of us are experiencing a brief (okay, fleeting) lull between midterms and finals.

What's to do, then? It's that time of year when one must decide what to do with one's Halloween costume from last week.

In this day and age of easy recycling, it seems quite a shame to do what I usually do, which is stuff it in the back of my closet only to pull it out, take it home, and stuff it in the back of my closet, there. Next year, I'm planning "Margie's Halloween Review" of the past decade. I'll be a cheerleader-witch with angel wings, and I'll be sporting those spiffy blow-up clown shoes if my little brother doesn't get to them and poke a hole in them first. Okay, not really. But if I wanted to, all I'd have to do is push past those winter coats...

Dissatisfied with my particular method of dealing with my Halloween costumes, I decided to consult my fellow Rhodes students, always a fertile field for imaginative ideas. Here are some of their propositions for removing the "One Use Only" label that should come written on even our favorite costumes:

scenes from Hamlet."
-Scott Holmes ('03)
"Toilet paper." (Especially effective if you were a mummy.)

-Brian Waggenspeck ('03)

"Sunday morning walk of shame disguise!"
-Beth Purves ('03) and Ann Young ('03)

"Go door-to-door in costume distributing off-the-wall religious propaganda." (Especially effective if you were a French maid.)

-Whitney Bryant ('03)
"Relive Halloween with a retro-style haunted house."
-Juliet Pearl ('04)

"Dress Diehl."
-J.R. Tarabocchia ('03)

"That wasn't a costume. Why are you laughing?"

-John Zeanah ('03)
"Clothe that indecently naked statue of David that the Italians keep showing us!" or, "Put it on a mannequin and repeatedly toss it from Halliburton just to see how many people come to help."

-Chris Jones ('03)
"Make it into an Emily-decoy and sleep through class!"

-Emily Ramsey ('03)
"Tack it to the wall with a sign above it with its name on it. Then I'd talk to it as if it were my roommate."

-Andi Lynch ('03)
"Make it write for *The Sou'wester*."

-Frances Rabalais ('05)
Frances' costume, Staff Writer. It might be; it just might be.

This was a really fun article to write, but a considerable waste of space, given the things that have been going on in the news lately. There is, of course, the impending threat of war with Iraq, the collapse of Israel's government, and yesterday's elections in our own nation. Inside the gates

of the campus, the issues of faculty tenure and the results that raising our student activity fee will have also merit discussion.

In light of all this, this article seems even more superfluous than it did when I started it. It was, however, necessary to fill the space that I couldn't beg, cajole, blackmail, or pay anyone to fill this week. I myself might have written an article of some substance, but it's been a few days since I've turned my thoughts away from what I personally am doing and watched CNN long enough to gain any perspective on current issues. And I would estimate that my lack of perspective is not uncommon among Rhodes students.

This isn't good. Even though I study pretty hard most of the time, I still manage to waste an appalling amount of time every day. So, I'm going to waste my time fruitfully. (As Erma Bombeck said, "Don't read that again. It makes even less sense the second time around.") The thirty minutes of news exposure that it would take each day for me to become a reasonably well-informed individual, as opposed to the current issue

void that I am today, could easily be incorporated into the time that I usually pass idly. So, that's what I'll do. After all, relaxation doesn't have to be completely non-productive.

Being a college student is an absorbing task, to be sure. However, part of the responsibility of being an educated individual in today's world, I think, is possessing a reasonable understanding of what is going on beyond the perimeters of your particular life.

So, for next week, I promise to write a fairly well-informed article on a current issue. In fact, I would like for the two pages of the Opinion section to be filled with fairly well-informed articles on current issues. That's how they should be every week. (This, of course, is not to belittle columnists or submitting writers. I would just like to see more of what they have written.) I'll write five hundred words of it. Any other takers?

Oh, and if anyone has any bright ideas for leftover turkey, send them in. I'll need an article for the week after Thanksgiving...

Sigma Tau Delta (The English honor society)

Will be holding a banned poetry reading on November 21st at 4:15 p.m. in the amphitheatre.

Want to know more? Look in next week's Opinion section for a preview of the event.

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All I want for Christmas: two front teeth just won't cut it

By Jessica Paz
Confused as Hell

Now that Halloween is over and the candycorn and polyurethane "Scream" masks have gone in the discount pile at your neighborhood Walgreens (a shout-out to my next-door neighbor, Jen), retailers are stocking up for the holidays or, as I like to refer to it, The Season of Mass Consumption, Avarice, and Materialism. "It's the most wonderful time of the year," according to one of those Nat King Cole-type Christmas songs. In this cheerful, thankful, and joyous spirit, I would like to let everyone know what I want for Christmas. The following list is not to be taken lightly by any means. I expect to get every single one of these items or heads and testicles are going to adorn my Douglas Fur this year. You might think I am being slightly pushy, but, dammit, I have been a good little girl in 2002. I have not lied (except to get out of responsibility), cheated (only in a games of bowling or Life, but like that

counts), stolen (The Gap needed to move their summer merchandise anyway), or killed (I have not been formally charged only interrogated. *You imbeciles will never discover the truth! Never!*). Here are my top five Christmas gifts:

1. **Revenge.** Over my four years at Rhodes, a lot of people have had their names on my "Excrement" List. As a matter of fact, I have had to register the list with the Library of Congress, as it marks significant historical events in my life. Plus, it never hurts to keep accurate records for blackmailing when I need to support myself after graduation. I would like my dearest friends and associates to make my enemies' lives completely miserable by a good thrashing, bottom-beating, or knocking them off. Fewer diplomas for Rhodes to print, right? For the weak of stomach and morally tenacious, I would suggest the good old prank of laxative in baked goods. 'Tis the season for giving and ridding the population of Scumbags, Liars, and Manipulators! Worried

about getting caught? Have no fear. The CIA and FBI have never found Jimmy Hoffa and that was my most careless work.

2. **A Job after Graduation.** Surely Santa can put a decent job with a comfortable salary, a plethora of vacation time, a fabulous benefits packages that covers myself and three pets, a company luxury car, a \$5,000 dollar bonus for never using all your five sick day absences, and underlings to pay me tribute and homage in his little red sack! Who cares if the economy sucks? Who cares that my degree is not marketable? If Santa can deliver hundreds of millions of toys to every child around the world in one night (the time zone thing helps), he can put a lucrative employment contract in my Christmas stocking. And if I don't get it, I will show him how really naughty I can be.

3. **Mob Ties.** Making out my initial list, I realized it might be difficult for my friends, family, and a fat jolly old Canadian to get the top things on my list. To alleviate the pressure of my loved ones not following

through, I would like to become acquainted with a few high ranking members of organized crime families. It may too much to ask to meet a Don but how about a lieutenant or several members of middle management? Someone who knows how to "ask for favors," "get rid of problems," and "take care of things" like accidents, dead bodies, and reluctant employers. To my Italian friends, why don't you be a gem and invite me over to family gatherings, funerals, or warehouses so I can get friendly with the family, particularly your Uncle Michael?

4. **Jackass Detector.** Much like a metal detector, yet the size of a cell phone or a palm pilot, the jackass detector goes off like a car alarm when I come into contact with a jackass. The sophisticated technology of the jackass detector can spot a jackass or jackass comment within fifty feet. Thus, I do not have to waste my breath, energy, or time associating or conversing with a flat-out jackass or those who have the propensity to be a jackass. These helpful devices are

reasonably-priced at your neighborhood Target or Walmart. Kmart carried them for a short while; however, the detectors would go off like crazy when shipments of Martha Stewart Living products arrived at the store.

5. **To be 8 Again.** I want to go back to a simpler time when pig-tails, Barbies, Nickelodeon, and uniform jumpers defined my existence. (The world was wonderful, my oyster, and my Lego collection.) My parents had all the answers, and I was the smartest kid in the third grade. I want to be chased by and chase boys on the playground while listening to NKOTB tapes on the jambox! Girl Scout meetings, children's museum visits, and coloring books. I am all for regression! Anything is better than writing my senior seminar paper. Anything is better than accepting my reality, future, and responsibility. Therefore, I'll procrastinate by compiling my top ten Christmas items. It's only November. Don't worry; I'll have time to get you a revised copy. I only have seven more papers due this semester.

Survival of the fittest: an unnecessary doctrine when in line for the bus

By Ellen Moore
Staff Writer

There's at least one in every crowd. He looks seemingly innocent and calm until the headlights of the approaching bus round the corner. Suddenly, he morphs into a screaming, pushing maniac. It appears that many students here at Rhodes think it's perfectly acceptable to be inconsiderate when it comes to getting on the bus to a party. They act as though the party cannot start until they arrive; therefore, all pushing, jabbing, swearing, and clawing are justified because it is for the sake of the party.

Don't try to act like I'm not talking to you — you know

what techniques you use to get on the bus. Some girls grab onto a larger guy and hope for the best. Most guys rely on sheer force to wade through the mob. The really daring try to climb in through the windows or pry open the door in the back; both of which only succeed in angering the bus driver. Fellow student Natalie Moll ('05) summed it up best when she said, "It's a claustrophobic's worst nightmare to be stuck in a mosh pit of sweaty, drunk, belligerent ceds who act as though we are all trying to catch the only bus to the party...when in fact one comes every 10 minutes."

This bus party madness is a rare phenomenon because on the whole, students here are very

polite. By day, most people are more than willing to hold open a door or simply offer a smile in passing. But, when it comes to bussed parties, the very same student who earlier let me ahead in line at the Rat is now content with jamming his elbow into my side. Cynthia Pfohl ('05) remarks, "I guess people have a hard time remembering please, thank you, and excuse me when they've had a few beers."

What is wrong with Rhodes students? It's not like you're going to die if you get separated from your friends and have to WAIT for another bus. I know this may come as a shock, but some people do arrive at parties although they have missed the bus they had hoped

to take. Come on everyone, we're all adults (at least legally), so why can't we be patient enough to wait in line for a bus?

I understand that you're cold and ready to start partying, but so are the other people waiting with you. Maybe it's the beer or maybe we just get caught up in the excitement of the crowd, but regardless, we all need to stop acting as though it's the end of the world if we don't make it onto the bus.

The bottom line is this: I don't like getting beer spilled on my new dress as you push me out of the way or having my face pressed up against the back of some stranger. Please try to be aware that some of us don't appreciate being shoved aside be-

cause we aren't willing to fight for a seat. Also realize that everyone heads for the bus at about an hour after the buses start running, so the first bus is never crowded. If you want to go to the party bad enough, get some initiative, and get on the bus early. You might be the first to the party, but hey, at least you got there.

All opinions are, as always, welcome. Email halmn with submissions.

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These activities got Combs jobs not only that paid well but also that he enjoyed doing. He considers enjoyment the most important criterion for job selection and strongly discouraged students from picking a career just because it is "practical." Combs thinks that students should always follow their passion, because as the saying goes, "If you do what you love, you'll never work a day in your life."

Combs's talk was well-received by the students in attendance, and students

laughed especially loudly when he said he was going to pick out a student to give a three-minute motivational speech but turned out only to be demonstrating the meaning of "true fear."

There was, however, an awkward silence when he gave the opinion that successful students cannot be heavy drinkers, but this comment was forgotten by the end of the talk, when he made an impassioned plea for students to "make a commitment to yourself to get a job you love."

This idea made an impression on many listeners, including Business/Economics major Chris Hathorn ('05), who said, "It was refreshing to see that a seminar on career success was not all about money—I get enough of that in class."

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the vote. Bush becomes the first Republican governor of Florida to win reelection. Two constitutional amendments of interest were passed in Florida, one banning cigarette smoking in enclosed indoor workplaces and the other requiring the state legislature to provide the necessary funding to establish maximum classroom size limits in Florida public schools.

Other state measures of significance include Arizona's vote to legalize marijuana for medicinal use and Nevada's vote to partially legalize the drug, allowing persons 21 or older to possess three ounces or less. Voters in both states objected the measures. Also in Nevada, voters

approved an amendment to ban same-sex marriages in their state. Ohio voters objected a measure that would give certain drug offenders the option of treatment instead of incarceration, and in Montana a referendum to allow any public funds to be invested in private corporate stock was rejected.

Gubernatorial races across the country yielded numerous changes in power for both parties. In Maryland, Minnesota, New Hampshire, and South Carolina, as well as Georgia, Republicans took control of the office of governor, while the Democrats won back power in Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, New

Mexico, and Pennsylvania, as well as Tennessee.

In Tennessee House Representative elections, incumbent parties kept control of each seat except for District Four, where Democrat Lincoln Davis defeated Republican Janice Bowling. In Memphis, Harold Ford, Jr. was reelected with ease to Tennessee's Ninth District.

Republicans were successful in retaining power in the House of Representatives and took control of the Senate on Tuesday with the support of key elections in Georgia and in Missouri, where challenger Jim Talent narrowly defeated Democratic incumbent Jean Carnahan.

Daniel Head has won the \$15.00 gift certificate to Java City from Aramark. It can be picked up from Mary Kingery in the Rat as soon as possible.

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The Muslim Students' Association is holding the 2nd Annual Islam Awareness Week at Rhodes the week of November 11-15. This week will try to foster awareness and understanding of Islam and Muslim people to clear up misconceptions and strengthen bonds between Muslims and non-Muslims. The two main events of the week will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Tuesday, November 11, at 8:00 p.m. in the Orgill Room will be a showing of the ABC Nightline documentary "Muslims in America: The Misunderstood Millions." This will be followed by an open discussion on the image of Muslims in the United States.

Wednesday, November 12, at 7:00 p.m. in Rhea Lounge will be the Eid Party. Topics of discussion will be the Islamic festival and its relation to the Islamic month of fasting. Afterwards, there will be food, fun, music, and Henna. Displays will be up in the Rat throughout the week.

Alpha Tau Omega and Delta Delta Delta invite you to participate in the 5K race to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital on November 16, at 10:00 a.m. Awards will be given by age group as well as to the fastest male and female students and male and female staff members.

The two organizations with the largest participation (calculated as a percentage of membership) will receive a donation to their selected charity. The course will be in and around the Rhodes and Hein Park areas.

Please take this opportunity to get some good exercise and support St. Jude. Walkers are welcome!

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In the Bubble

Campus Safety Log

10/28/02 to 11/03/02

10/28/02	9:03am	University/Tutwiler-Vehicle accident: no injuries. MPD on the scene
	11:15am	Hit and Run Vehicle Accident – McCoy Parking lot near the Tennis Courts. Report taken
	12:25pm	Bellingrath Quad: Two females (one juvenile 16 and one adult 19) arrested for trespassing. Pretending to solicit money for a school project. Possibly responsible for other petty thefts in residence halls. Both subjects were let into the residence hall by students entering with keys. Both arrested and matter turned over to MPD
	10:25pm	ATO Fraternity house – MPD responding to a “911” call. No calls made from this location; all okay.
	8:10pm	Tutwiler/University: Suspicious Vehicle – older model Ford Mustang seen cruising the area: When foot patrol officer tried to get his attention, he sped away.
	8:45pm	Tutwiler/University: Suspicious Vehicle – Tan Olds Cutlass – right rear passenger side window broken out. Temporary plates on the back. Again, after foot patrol Officer noticed vehicle, he sped away. Note, he returned a few minutes later, but again sped away.
	10:42pm	Ellett Social Room – Television reported missing – recovered on 10/30/02.
10/29/02	12:30am	Townsend – Student shot a BB gun into what he reportedly thought to be an empty restroom. However, it was not empty and the victim was struck in the foot by the BB. The person responsible was determined to be another student resident (by Res Life) and turned over to Campus Safety, whereupon two BB guns and one plastic pellet gun were seized. Person responsible eventually removed from campus.
	1:55am	Ellett Hall: Intimidation – a dead animal was left on top of a resident’s computer while he was out of the room along with a note. Animal removed by CS and under investigation

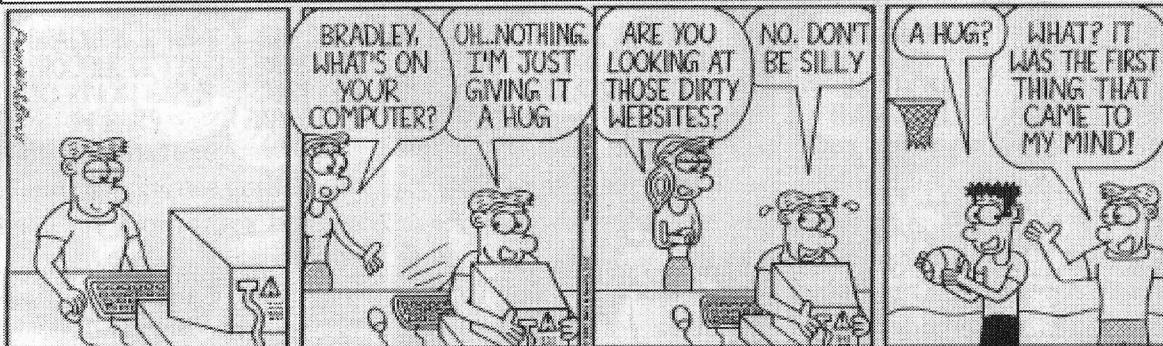


Ten questions

with *The Sou'wester*

This week's questions were asked by Marie Francis to Marissa Foshee. *The Sou'wester* is in no way responsible for the content or opinions expressed in either the questions or the answers. If you would like to submit ten questions, email holzb.

- 1. How did your awesome band, Devoted, get started?**
I went to an open-mic night and people told me I should do Battle of the Bands, so my friend Sam, his ex-roommate, and I found a drummer and started the band.
- 2. How has being in Devoted affected you as a student; does it take priority over school work?**
Well, I was already a minor in music, but I definitely met a lot of people on campus through the band. Devoted is a Christian band, so it has a purpose. I've seen it have a positive effect on people, and because of that it can take priority over school sometimes.
- 3. What's going to happen to the band after you graduate from Rhodes?**
Sam actually graduates this year, but he's staying in Memphis, so we're going to try to play some local gigs and develop the band. I do want to make it a career if I can.
- 4. You're an RA. How's that working out for you?**
It's the most important thing I've done on this campus. It's also the hardest and most time-consuming.
- 5. If you had known you would have to supervise this particular group of people, would you have still been an RA?**
Yes (laughing). I love my residents and I am actually a lot closer to them than I expected.
- 6. Do you enjoy exercising power over a group of helpless freshmen girls?**
It's not that I enjoy it. I just wish that I could just hang out and be people's friend instead of being "the RA."
- 7. Do the RAs have a secret network that keeps the same people in trouble constantly? Is there a phone tree or something?**
No, the RAs are not a mafia.
- 8. Are you a natural blonde? Come on, you must highlight or something.**
I'm a natural blonde, but I highlighted once.
- 9. So where do cool female lead singers hang out on the weekends?**
When I have time, the Ugly Mug with all the beautiful people.
- 10. Coke or Diet Coke?**
Coke.



Cartoon Network's *Adult Swim* is a precious jewel of humor

By Scott Holmes
Editor-in-Chief

On Sunday night on the Cartoon Network at 9 p.m. hides a sparkling little jewel in the rubbish pile that is television. As I am sure at least a few of you already know that the program I am speaking of is *Adult Swim*, Cartoon Network's adult animation block. Adult animation, in this case, does not mean pornography. It simply means they say "ass" a few more times than Bugs Bunny does and may talk about things that are not suitable for younger viewers, at least not according to the censors.

The lineup of shows on *Adult Swim*, which lasts until midnight, varies from week to week, though there are a core group of shows that can generally be seen every week. Among these is the widely popular *Space Ghost Coast to Coast*, a talk show-styled cartoon which features the superhero Space Ghost as the host of his own talk show and stars guests ranging from Björk to Jeff Foxworthy. *The Oblongs*; *Home Movies*; *Aqua Teen Hunger Force*; *Mission Hill*; *Sea Lab 2021*; *Harvey Birdman, Attorney at Law*; *The Brak Show*; and *The Ripping*

Friends.

The Oblongs is a quasi-Marxist show with enough political sarcasm to make Bush stutter for weeks. It features a family that lives "down in the Valley where a chemical spill came from the people living up on the hill," as we are told in the theme song. The family is comprised of the father who has no arms or legs, the mother who is a chain-smoking alcoholic who wears a wig and was originally from the hill, and a neurotic son who wears a shirt that simply says "NO." The neurotic son, Milo, is generally the main attraction of the show, but his conjoined twin brothers and his little sister, who has a suspiciously phallic-looking growth coming out of her head, generally get plenty of attention also.

The plot usually features one or more characters' hardships of growing up in a working-class family. The father works in a factory where he screws the lids on jars of rat poison with his mouth while being yelled at by his boss from the hill. Milo attends a special school for the mentally challenged; its slogan reads, "Helping to make slow kids average since 1970." He suffers such fates as falling in love

with a girl from an upper-class family from the hill. Generally, the show spends most of its time commenting on the separation of the classes and the absurdity of it, yet sometimes it manages to add a sarcastic message about love or addiction.

Home Movies, from Tom Snyder and Loren Bouchard, the creators of *Dr. Katz*, is a less squiggly cartoon about third grader Brendon Small. Brendon is an aspiring filmmaker and spends much of his time in the basement with his friends making...home movies. The voice of H. Jon Benjamin (the voice of *Dr. Katz*) provides the voice for Brendon's soccer coach, Coach McGuirk. Much like the show's predecessor, *Dr. Katz*, the show is slow-paced and features a dry humor that is certainly not going to please all audiences.

Aqua Teen Hunger Force—what to say about the *Aqua Teen Hunger Force*? Well, they are three food products that are the size of people that solve crimes. Just stick with me here. Their self-appointed leader is Shake, a large cup presumably filled with a milkshake. The only one with any sense is Frylock, a floating box of french fries

which can shoot lighting. The least intelligent of the group is Meatwad, a moldable piece of processed meat. The team somehow finds it in its capacity to solve crimes and even goes to Memphis in one episode. When asked how it was, Shake replied, "Oh, it was great, they light up the bridge and everything."

Mission Hill finds Andy French, a practically out-of-work, 24-year-old comic artist forced to allow his nerdy teenage brother to come live with him in his loft. Conflicts arise when Andy is trying slack with his laid-back (read: free-spirited) roommates. Geared for a college audience, even the dog has little bubbles come off his head when he gets drunk. Definitely the most plot-driven show on *Adult Swim*.

Sea Lab 2021 and *Harvey Birdman, Attorney at Law* both incorporate old cartoon characters and plenty of sexual innuendo. *Sea Lab* features several moronic characters whose stupidity constantly gets them in trouble and inevitably causes a catastrophic explosion to destroy themselves and *Sea Lab* at the end of every show. *Harvey Birdman* features Birdman as an attorney who is constantly battling to keep cartoon char-

acters such as Fred Flinstone and Yogi Bear out of prison.

The Brak Show is a spin-off from *Space Ghost Coast to Coast*. A coherent description of the show is hard to articulate, so I will rely on the description given by Cartoon Network: "*The Brak Show* is the story of a neighborhood. It's the story of a family. It's the story of what happens when adults have children and those children go to school. And Brak is in it. He lives in a house. A house on a quiet street no unlike yours or mine. A house in a neighborhood. That's *The Brak Show*." I guess you will have to watch and see.

The Ripping Friends is the new cartoon from the creators of *Ren and Stimpy*. The show has only aired a few times and proves to be humorous but disappointing. The overly-manly superheroes follow along the same lines such as Powder Toast Man from the original cartoon, but the adult humor has somehow been lost in the expansion.

Overall, the block of shows that makes up *Adult Swim* is certainly the most amusing three hours on television. Not suitable for children, but just right for getting ready for Monday.

Eminem's *8 Mile*: a semi-autobiographical foray into cinema

By Christian Masters
Staff Writer

Eminem is an enigmatic figure in pop culture, counter-balancing the mass-market facades of artists like Britney Spears and NSYNC with a dark, angst-ridden hip-hop message. *8 Mile*, Eminem's first foray into the cinematic medium, is being unleashed nationwide on No-

vember 8th. Critical buzz has been overwhelmingly positive; it seems like this blithely controversial rapper is making another successful transition.

Curtis Hanson, a director who established himself with the great flicks *LA Confidential* and *Wonder Boys*, further pursues his art with this project. *8 Mile* concerns a young man's struggle to

transcend the urban squalor of 1995 Detroit through hip-hop. Once again, Hanson confronts the theme of persons who are not exactly what they seem. Purportedly working from an excellent script and operating with a compelling setting, the framework is set for another classic.

Hardly any acting flexibility is demanded of

Eminem. Hanson is asking the rapper to portray himself, and being genuine has never been an issue for the star. The bizarre charisma of Eminem's nihilism and unflinching honesty has transferred well to celluloid in the past, and hopefully it can be sustained for two hours. Support for Eminem is provided by veteran actors Mekhi Phifer and Kim Basinger.

Basinger is the antagonizing alcoholic mother with whom Eminem's audience has become familiar, and Phifer is the benevolent force who encourages Jimmy "Rabbit" Smith's hip-hop aspirations.

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Brittany Murphy, in her first major role, plays the love interest.

The trailers have served to illustrate the gritty tone of the picture and provide a quick sample of the soundtrack. The lyrical/musical aspects of the movie alone warrant a fan's attendance, but the often insatiable curiosity of the public regarding Eminem and the forces which shaped him into what he's become are also sure to draw crowds. We can also expect a new perspective on race relations as relevant to music; we are following a white man's journey into a genre dominated by black artists.

Enemies made, friends earned—the audience will gain a glimpse of a world most of us haven't pursued or experienced.

Regardless of the critical outcome, this movie clearly distinguishes itself from recent fare. It would be easy to condemn the movie for its association with Eminem's antagonizing morality, but perhaps becoming educated about his history might be beneficial. Following the death of hip-hop great Jam Master Jay, further appreciation of the genre can't be anything but healthy.

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10/29/03	2:00am	Glassell Hall – Liquor Law violation: Underage consumption
	9:16am	Purse found in Buckman, recovered and returned to owner, nothing missing
	8:50pm	DCK parking lot. Property damage reported to rear passenger window. Nothing missing, just broken window

10/30/02	12:40am	Voorhies Hall – outside: noise complaint: located subjects, they left the area
	9:00pm	Orgill Room – Man disturbing during lecture. He left the lecture upon CS arrival, after the event

10/31/02	5:05pm	Glassell Lot – Theft of parking sign
	8:05pm	911 call to Chi Omega house. All okay – no call made
	9:00pm	CLC – Injury

11/1/02	3:25am	Ellett Hall – Call to CS that someone passed out in restroom. All okay, not alcohol-related. Subject escorted to his room
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11/2/02	NOTHING UNUSUAL REPORTED	
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11/3/02	1:10am	Trezevant Hall – Drug paraphernalia seized.
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STATS THIS WEEK:			
ACCESSES:	94	PROPPED DOORS: 4	BOOTS: 2
VISITORS:	1973	ESCORTS: 19	TOWS: 2
CITATIONS:	115	JUMPS: 3	AVs: 1

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Cross country places second

By Colin Strickland
Staff Writer

The cross country team was well represented at the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Championships in Sewanee, TN on Saturday, November 2. The women won their second Conference Championship in a row which is also their sixth in the past eight years. The men raced to a second place finish which was their second consecutive SCAC runner-up finish.

The Conference Champion Lady Lynx were led by senior Amy Paine who finished second place overall in a seasonal best time of 18:44 for 5k. This is the second fastest conference finishing time in school history, only behind Nicole Horvath's 1995 18:35. Elizabeth Wester ('03) finished right behind Paine in third in a time of 19:05, a one-place improvement from last year's conference meet. Marie Brandewiede ('04) finished strong to place fifth in a time of 19:22. These three runners all made the All-Conference team for the second year in a row.

Joining these three on the All-SCAC team was freshman Haley McConaghy. She ran a personal best time of 19:56 to finish 13th overall. The top 14 runners in the race earn All-SCAC honors. Not far behind was Lauren Glas ('03) who ran an outstanding 40 second personal best time of 20:10 to finish 16th. Head coach Robert Shankman commented, "Today it was our four through nine runners that especially stepped up. In particular, Haley and Lauren knew they had to close our one through five gap. Mentally, they were very tough."

The combined top-five score for the women was 39 points, well ahead of second place Trinity University with 57. DePauw's Natalie Shaffer was the individual winner in a time of 18:28.

Senior Brian McCarthy led the men's team to their runner-up finish with a fourth place overall finish in a time of 26:11. This was the fastest time ever recorded by a Lynx in a conference meet. McCarthy is a four

time All-Conference runner and finished in the top five for four consecutive years, another school record. Coach Shankman noted, "McCarthy has set the standard for excellence in Rhodes men's cross country."

Colin Strickland ('06) and Matt Wood ('05) also made the All-Conference Team with tenth and 14th place finishes. They ran times of 27:14 and 27:41, respectively. Todd Ridley ('05) had his best race of the season and finished close behind Wood in 17th place at 27:46. Bill Harrison ('03) ran a personal best of 28:08 to finish 22nd and round off the Lynx scoring.

The Lynx score of 66 was second only to DePauw University of Greencastle, IN. DePauw's Graham Welman was the individual champion in a time of 25:53.

The men and women will travel to Fredericksburg, VA to compete in the NCAA Division III South/Southeast Regional Championships on October 16.

Rhodes Rec Services boasts, "A new way to play."

By Nick Reed
Graduate Assistant, Recreational Services

"New Staff, New Rules, A New Way to Play." That is the motto of the Recreational Services office this year. "We want to get back to our roots," said Bobby Lessentine ('98), Rhodes' new Coordinator of Recreational Services. "We want to get back to the idea that Intramurals are about participation. Our staff is committed to creating programs in which the Rhodes community will want to participate and have a lot of fun!"

Lessentine, along with graduate assistant Nick Reed ('02) and input from students, created a new set of rules and policies by which the intramural leagues are governed. Some of the new policies include: allowing participants to play on more than one intramural team per sport and the new Organizational Championships nicknamed the Greek Cup and the House Cup.

The flag football season

was the Recreational Services staff's first attempt at implementing their new policies. Nineteen teams competed for four championships. The Franchise, led by the elusive Rod Bailey, won the Men's Black (competitive) Division in a very close game with Sigma Alpha Epsilon 1. Alpha Tau Omega won the Men's Red (recreational) Division behind the strong arm of quarterback Jason Deere. Co-champions were declared in the Women's Black Division, when daylight savings time cut short the championship game between Chi Omega and Alpha Omicron Pi.

The wallyball season ended this weekend. Championship t-shirts were awarded to Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Kappa Delta for winning the Men's and Women's Black Divisions respectively.

Faculty/staff teams have done exceptionally well this fall, winning Co-rec championships in flag football and wallyball. Dexy's, led by new Religious

Studies professor Matt Stith, completed an undefeated flag football season. Following suit was the wallyball team Chronologically Challenged, captained by Mac McWhirter.

The Greek and House Cup races are heating up and after the completion of two sports. Kappa Sigma and Williford sit atop the leader boards. Teams accrue points towards the Greek or House Cup through participation as well as achievement.

Greek Cup Standings	
1. Kappa Sigma (300)	
2. Pi Kappa Alpha (235)	
3. Sigma Alpha Epsilon (195)	
4. Kappa Delta (76)	
5. Alpha Tau Omega (75)	
6. Chi Omega (72.5)	
7. Alpha Omicron Pi (63.5)	
8. Delta Delta Delta (40)	
House Cup Standings	
1. Williford (110)	
2. The Franchise (75)	
3. East Village B (70)	
4. Fancy Lads (56)	



The Rhodes crew team stops to pose for a picture while derigging their boat after their race in Chattanooga, TN. The team placed fourth against six teams in their first race of the season, defeating both the University of Alabama-Huntsville and Vanderbilt University.

Photo by Ben Cavazos

Rhodes crew: we be strokin'

By Mills Ramsay
Staff Writer

Ever since the Rhodes crew club was founded in 1996, it has never before had the opportunity to compete on a level reflective of its potential. In the past year, the crew club has gone through a lot of changes and had many accomplishments.

The first change was to find a committed volunteer coach, Ben Cavazos. The coach has turned the club from a disorganized bunch of students into a crew team. He has successfully gotten fifteen kids to commit to waking up at five o'clock in the morning for rigorous physical activity. The crew team now has organized water practices in which they have moved up from rowing in pairs to rowing in fours.

On October 12, the team traveled to Chattanooga for their first race ever. They placed fourth out of six boats in their division in the three-mile Head of the Chattanooga Race. They defeated the University of Alabama-Huntsville and Vanderbilt. The team later found out that if it had entered in the True Novice division, it would have taken first place. But they stepped up a notch and fared well against schools with much larger programs.

Building on this experience, the team made their way to St. Louis two weeks later to row against St. Louis University, Washington University, and University of Missouri. The three-thousand meter race course followed the shoreline of a lake used regularly by SLU and Wash. U. The Rhodes men's boat, rowed by Andrew Romeo, Calvert Tooley, and Brice Blanton, stroked by Mills Ramsay, and coxed by Shannon Keeling, took first place. The work the members of the crew team put into strength and endurance training contributed to their win.

The crew club's goal is to become a competitive team and to some day obtain varsity status at Rhodes. They are currently raising money to purchase a new shell so that more than four people can attend practice at a time. The team is also trying to attend several regattas this year as a first step in becoming a varsity sport. The difference in the current crew team from previous years is the sense that they are moving away from simply an exercise club towards a competitive varsity team.