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Around the World...  
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The United States raised its security threat alert status to the second highest level, code orange, Tuesday, in response to intelligence, indicating that terrorists were planning attacks to coincide with the anniversary of September 11. While no specific threats were made to the U.S., officials learned recently of a significant increase in communication between terrorists. Potential targets for the attacks are transportation and energy facilities, and the U.S. government closed two embassies in Asia in response to the intelligence reports.

Japan successfully launched its third H-2A rocket, putting a satellite and test module into orbit. The launch was crucial for the future of the Japanese space program, as it struggles to compete with the United States, Europe, and China. Glitches in the rocket and budget cuts have threatened Japan's commercial satellite industry, but the H-2A has become the focus of Japan's space program and commercial satellite businesses.

Switzerland became the 190<sup>th</sup> member of the United Nations Tuesday. While Switzerland continues to retain its traditional neutrality, it focuses on issues of human rights, world peace, the struggle against poverty, and democracy. Switzerland was the first country to join the U.N. after a popular vote.

Mexican bank officials announced Monday that Mexico is changing its twenty peso bill from paper to plastic, making it more difficult to counterfeit. It is a shiny blue bill of similar size and thickness as the paper bill. Expected to take a year for the plastic bill to completely replace the paper one, the plastic peso lasts four times as long as the paper bill, and it costs fifty percent more to produce.

## New Aramark director brings alternatives to food service

By Calvert Tooley  
Staff Writer

In April, Mary Kingery took over the position vacated by Tim Vandermeersch as Food Service Director at Rhodes. This position includes responsibility for the Rat, the Lynx Lair, and Java City.

Since coming to Rhodes, she has worked to improve the Rhodes dining experience, especially for those students with non-traditional diets. "We're really trying to pay more attention to our vegetarians and vegans." Kingery, herself a vegetarian, has worked to provide food options such as the new South of the Border bar in the Rat, where students can find many foods that are free of animal products.

She has also added more foods that allow students to pick their own ingredients, the newest being Vietnamese spring rolls, which will make their debut this Thursday at lunch. These types of food make it easier for vegetarians, but "does not leave out the meat eaters."

## Orientation adjusts focus for class of 2006

By John Zeanah  
News Editor

Significant changes were made to the orientation program for the class of 2006, focusing on exposure not only to Rhodes, but also the city of Memphis. The First Year Experience Committee, formed last year for this purpose, included members of the faculty, administration, and the student body.

The committee worked to shape the orientation program around ten main goals, building on the ideas of linking academics to life interests and value for diversity.

The five-day program began with an introduction to the academic community at

While improving the selection of the food at Rhodes, Kingery has not neglected its quality, and she is currently arranging to buy organic vegetables and grains from a Memphis Co-op. She is hoping that everything on the salad bar will be organic by the end of next week.

Her efforts to "go organic" have been largely focused on Java City, where she has been working with Emily Hogue ('03) to provide Fair Trade Coffee. This coffee is imported directly from small growers in South America and Asia. By cutting out the distributor, the growers keep much more of the profit.

Its proponents claim that the benefits to growers and to the environment outweigh the few extra cents that students will have to pay to drink it. There will be a Fair Trade Coffee tasting on the morning of September 18, in Java City, where students can decide the merits of the coffee for themselves.

Aside from buying organic food, her environmental efforts include cutting styrofoam plate usage by

Rhodes. First-year students met with their faculty advisors for lunch, allowing them to meet not only professors, but also fellow students with the same academic interests. First-year students then attended the first Search or Life class of the semester.

Students then organized into peer assistant groups. This year PA groups were doubled in size, led by two peer assistants, and organized by students living within close proximity to each other to immediately promote lasting connections between students.

The second day the orientation moved into the city of Memphis. The Rhodes Memphis Connection pro-



Photo by Stu Johnston

Wide Receiver Ryan McLaughlin ('04) is taken down after a catch against DePauw on Saturday. The Lynx were defeated by the Tigers 34-25.

more than eighty percent. The Lynx Lair has started distributing food on reusable plastic baskets, only using the disposable plates for outdoor events.

Kingery estimates that this year Aramark will use less than 30,000 plates compared to last year's total of close to 150,000. Aramark is also in the process of switching from wax paper to more environmentally friendly paper made of corn or potato starch.

Along with this commitment to wasting less, Kingery wants to ensure that campus recycling efforts are not im-

peded. She mentioned, in particular, that students from Glassell have been putting trash in the recycling bins in the service lane. "This really makes it difficult to empty the bins since you have to remove all of the trash first."

The new editions to food service come at a time when some students were beginning to challenge the compatibility of student interests to the menu selection on campus. Kingery's initiatives in Java City and with recycling also match an increasing level of environmental awareness on campus.

program, one of the new events, aimed to expose students to the numerous cultural, artistic, economic, and historical characteristics and sites of the city. Students chose one trip from nineteen options, including tours of Graceland, St. Jude's Hospital, and Tunica, as well as exploring the Hispanic and South Asian cultural influences in the Memphis area. The trips were led by professors and sought to bring the classroom out into the community, exposing students to more than just the service opportunities available in Memphis.

Sunday was centered around the rules and regulations of campus life.

First-year students were in their dress attire for the entire day and attended presentations by faculty, staff, and students which culminated in the Honor Code and Social Regulations pledge signing.

The main subtraction from the orientation program was the Cruise-In. Marie Lindquist, Director of Student Orientation and Leadership, scrapped the program since it was a very costly event. She cited the lack of positive feedback on first-year student orientation

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## Rhodes needs to encourage 'fandemonium' Enthusiastic crowds encourage athletes, increase support

By Chad Jones  
Contributing Writer

Last Saturday afternoon I attended the first home football game of the season down on our own Fargason Field. Though a good time was had by most (the marching band from Whitehaven High School showed up with some cool tunes and a great halftime show — some quality entertainment), I was a bit disturbed by a sign that adorned the gates on the way into the field; it read that there were to be no alcoholic beverages nor any organizational (read: "open") cups at the game. I paused for a moment and reread the sign. Yep, it said the same thing the second and third times through.

This is the most recent episode in a chain of restrictions put in place at the athletic events at Rhodes in order to eliminate alcohol and "fan fanaticism" from the games.

My first introduction to these restrictions came last winter at a home basketball game, where all spectators were given little slips of paper that strongly encouraged Rhodes spectators to maintain a high degree of decorum and proper supportive attitude during the game. Loose translation: no jeering the other team, no hooliganism, and no raucous spectating.

My second run-in with the anti-spirit campaign came at a men's soccer game in the spring, where a sign at the field boldly proclaimed that there were to be no "open containers" at the game and that possession of such vessels would result in a swift escort away from the field.

And now, football has been given the kiss of death by the "dry police...."

I am a member of the Student Athletic Advisory Council (SAAC) which is a committee that draws together representatives from each varsity sports team (men and women).

Last year we had extensive discussions on the state of athletic programs here at Rhodes and how we might improve those programs.

I, a representative of men's swimming, was on a sub-committee with a men's soccer captain, a women's track member, and a men's golf member. Our mission was to evaluate the situation of athletic spirit at Rhodes and propose solutions to increase student support at athletic events. The suggestions we proposed were mainly centered around increasing fan interaction at the games.

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We concluded that the first and most obvious step is to get MORE fans at the games, which requires that games be entertaining enough to compete with other student activities.

For most people, sporting events are just that, EVENTS, meaning that the game is not the only part of the experience. Games are largely social events, and we see the emergence of numerous social opportunities before, during, and after any quality sporting event. For instance, "pre-game" is nearly synonymous with "tail-gate" which, if done effectively, stretches throughout the entire event. These tail-gates are assemblies of friends' enjoying the pleasant diversion that only a afternoon of sports and leisure can provide. They also prepare the attendees of the games for the environment of a true and worthwhile sporting event.

While the purist would argue that the sport alone is enough to keep a true fan happy, the reality is that few sporting events can be successful without some degree of active fan participation. Picture in your mind an arctic winter football

game in Green Bay. As the television camera pans around the stadium, it invariably focuses on a couple of rabid fans: nearly naked, painted green and yellow, wearing a bonnet of fake cheese, and obviously well-imbibed with beer. Yes, my friends, beer — the dynamic beverage that has shaped Sport throughout the world for hundreds of years. It is alcohol that allows these guys to yell and taunt during a three hour, sub-zero grudge match on the frozen tundra of Lambeau Field. These fans are not causing trouble; they are giv-

ing the most invigorating support to their team and the other fans. Beer is not their primary reason for coming to the game, but it does turn regular people into heroic fans. People like heroes, and better fans attract more fans.

So what do the loyal followers of the Packers have to do with us at Rhodes? Simply this: prohibiting alcohol at games is working to kill the athletics here.

NOTE: I am NOT endorsing underage drinking, nor am I arguing for anyone who gets plastered and injured at the games. I am saying that legal, responsible drinking makes a better event for all involved (athletes included). What do open containers do? For the most part, they do not do anything — it is the LACK of them that does a lot; it discourages attendance by undercutting the social atmosphere.

What about the restrictions on fan behavior?

The fan behavior restrictions also take away from the atmosphere of the game. No athlete likes to play in front of a small silent audience; rather, it is the loud cries from a filled arena that spur athletes to greatness.

I guess the restrictions were put in place in an attempt to create the perception that Rhodes is more respectable, civilized, and family-oriented than other institutions. The reality is that they are making a farce of our sports by supplying the games with an implausible audience. The effect? I spent the recent football game fully expecting a "Quiet Please" sign before each down. Before I could cheer, I thought it perhaps more prudent to clap with only the tips of my fingers.

As it stands now, many people who would have come to the games will instead retreat to their rooms or sorority and fraternity houses to enjoy sports on television and socialize with their friends. Many of these would-be fans do not want to drink at games but are turned away by the lack of fan energy due to the "please stay sober and quiet" attitude that is subverting an increasing number of our sports here.

We need a state of fandemonium at Rhodes college. Making our sporting events dry and dull will undoubtedly squelch any chance of that's happening. The students want it, the players want it, Sport demands it.

### Got an opinion?

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## The answer to the universal question is...

By Carson Weitnauer  
Contributing Writer

Some things never change. If you are anything like me, this year has begun like many other fall semesters at Rhodes: meeting new friends, reconnecting with old ones, getting involved with a half-dozen student organizations, significant amounts of homework, trying to keep in shape (or get in shape), and finding a few hours each day to sleep.

The campus is now recovering from the frenetic energy of Rush, awakening to the fact that our professors did expect us to do every reading on the

syllabi, and patiently waiting out the end of summer so that we can enjoy the beauty of autumn.

But there is another

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reality, buried beneath the surface of our lives, that we rarely talk about and which I would like to briefly touch on. If you will take a second for some reflection (I know you're busy), and give yourself a moment or two to be still, you may find that what drives much of

your behavior is the question, "do you like me?"

We are all asking that question, every day, in every encounter with every per-

bright, rosy futures awaiting us all. Don't we? Perhaps. But, if just for a minute, I want to push those achievements to the side and bring us a reminder that we don't have it all together.

In spite of all we do, the truth is that one of our most unsatisfied longings and needs is for acceptance. Do you like me?

We are afraid to say no because we do not wish to offend. We are afraid to be less busy because the distractions are so safe. We are afraid to reflect and be still because we are not sure what we will find inside. Our need for acceptance is driving us to insan-

ity. Am I okay? Will you please just tell me that I matter? Do you like me?

My friends, if perhaps these questions and struggles are foreign to you, they are very real to me. And I have only found one Source which satisfies my ever-present yearning for acceptance: the profound love of God, which is richly available and lavishly offered to everyone of us. Only in the unconditional, freely given, non-selfish love that Jesus is offering will we experience the acceptance we are looking for. Do you like me?

If you are asking God, the answer is yes.

## U.S. foreign policy regarding Iraq ill-advised

### Iraq successful in polarizing East/West conflict, dividing U.S. from allies, U.N.

By Ted Stobely  
Contributing Writer

The Bush administration has set the U.S. on an inevitable course of war with Iraq. It is their intention to convince the United Nations, U.S. allies, and Congress that pre-emptive war is the only course of action left in eliminating the threat of Iraq's president, Saddam Hussein.

It is hard to believe that with Israel and Palestine at momentous occasions in their conflict and development, the U.S. has decided not only to ignore the situation, but to destabilize the entire region further by demanding "regime change" more fervently.

President Bush's ill-begotten notion that war with Iraq can be a unilateral decision by the U.S. and its Western allies is incorrect. Germany refuses, the U.N. has not given its support, and even the U.S.'s strongest ally, Great Britain, has conceded to the U.N. as a more fitting authority.

So far, the only product of the situation surrounding Iraq is a slow disintegration of U.S. friendships in Europe. Whether or not Hussein actually

has nuclear, biological, or chemical weapons has become a moot point. Iraq

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has positioned itself in a way that serves two-fold: they have been able to isolate the U.S., creating dissension in our alliances, while also broadening the scope of the conflict beyond U.S. versus Iraq to an expansive Islam versus the West.

Hussein is savvy enough to capitalize on popular support in the Middle East caused by the U.S. creating such hostility in that region. This exposes a trait shared by both Bush and Hussein, expressed by Caesar, "bang the drums of war in order to whip the citizenry into a patriotic fervor."

Diplomacy must be completely exhausted before a decision is made about invasion. Baghdad has sent the White House letters inviting delegations to Iraq, but the U.S. refused to respond. Congress has been largely se-

questered on debating Iraq, and most recently been told that their opin-

ions and the opinions of U.S. allies and the U.N. will be irrelevant in the decision-making process. Isn't dialogue where an understanding begins?

I hope that in the coming months Congress will be able to build up a substantial debate about Iraq and find other means

to solve the problem, such as reverting authority to the U.N.. I also hope that nuclear weapons are specifically banned from even entering the debate or eventual war plan. It is likely that before the year is up, maybe even before November elections, the U.S. will be in a full-on invasion of Iraq, probably without the support of the U.N. or allies.

It seems appropriate to quote further from Caesar since the U.S. has become the new Rome. "Patriotism is indeed a double-edged sword. It both emboldens the blood, just as it narrows the mind, and when the drums of war have reached a

fever pitch and the blood boils with hate and the mind has closed, the citizenry, infused with fear and blinded by patriotism, will offer up all of their rights unto the leader and gladly so."

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## Extra, extra! Writers needed!

**The Sou'wester needs any and all writers to contribute: News, Arts and Entertainment, Scene, Sports, and Opinion pieces are available to willing writers every week. No commitment needed, just write when you like. Interested? Email holsb for details.**

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## Name the mascot Class of 2006 second-largest in history

Nominations for possible names of the Lynx mascot will be accepted until September 21 at the football game against Centre College. A panel from the faculty will choose five names from the suggestions. The student body will then vote to select the winning name.

The official mascot name will be announced to faculty, students, and alumni during halftime of the Homecoming game against Colo-

rado College on October 25, 2002, at 2:00 p.m.

During the nomination period, students can submit suggestion entries at home games for volleyball, cross country, field hockey, football, and men's and women's soccer. Entries should be placed in the red boxes at these events.

Since President Charles Diehl selected the mascot of the Lynx in 1923, it has remained nameless.

The class of 2006 became the second-largest in Rhodes' history behind the class of 2003, registering 446 first-year students. Sixty-nine percent of all applicants were accepted into the freshman class. The average high school grade point average for first-years was a 3.62 on a 4.0 scale, ranking in the top fifteen percent of their graduation class.

The middle percentile of SAT-I scores is 1200 to 1360, while the middle range for

ACT scores is 26 to 30.

Students of the class of 2006 come from 34 different states and four countries. Eleven percent of the incoming class are minorities. The class includes 23 National Merit or National Achievement finalists or semi-finalists.

Many of these factors contribute to national college rankings, particularly selectivity and standardized test performance.

evaluations as another main reason for the cut. "The money could be better spent," said Lindquist, adding that no one had ever expressed any sort of extreme satisfaction about the Cruise-In.

One of the primary uses of the money saved by dumping the Cruise-In was the Rhodes Memphis Connection day trip.

## Kinney highlights year with campus-wide contest

By Tyler Sanders  
Staff Writer

The Kinney Program is an umbrella volunteer organization on campus that sets up service opportunities in a variety of different areas such as Hunger and Homelessness, Hospitals and Healthcare, Children and Youth, Disabilities and Independent Living, and Peace, Justice & Environment for students at agencies around in Memphis.

The program creates service opportunities for Rhodes students, as well as organizes different awareness weeks, such as the Hunger and Homelessness Awareness and AIDS Awareness weeks in November and December, respectively, as ways to educate students about those areas.

In 2001, Kinney began offering monthly service plunges as a way to highlight specific volunteer opportunities in the different areas of Kinney.

The first service plunge this year will be on September 14 in the area of Multilingual and Multinational communities. Volunteers will be working at a tutoring program with immigrant and refugee children in elementary and junior high schools in Memphis on upcoming school assignments.

These children regularly attend the tutoring program sponsored by the Memphis Leadership Foundation. Interested persons should meet behind the mailroom at 2:15 p.m.

In addition to these service plunges, Kinney

offers the Service-Training (S-T) Series that exposes students to issues faced by a particular community, highlighting ways to deal with those issues on Sundays following the service plunges.

With the increasing number of Kinney volunteers, the number of programs and opportunities are also growing. The area of Crisis Services is expanding to include Women's Issues. Women's Issues will be working with agencies that offer support and assistance specifically to pregnant women and victims of domestic violence.

In the area of Disabilities and Independent Living, Kinney organizes a theatre program for youth with disabilities. Volunteers aid students in remembering their lines

and working with them through the practices. At the end of each semester, the group performs at Rhodes.

In the area of Hospitals and Healthcare, Engineering World Health offers students the possibility to volunteer during the year, learning to refurbish technical equipment that will be donated to developing countries. Also, students now have the opportunity to have a summer internship in Nicaragua repairing medical equipment.

The Kinney Program is also excited to introduce a new aspect of its programming. This year, Kinney is challenging campus organizations to see who can do the most service. All members of each organization are challenged to do five or

more hours of service in a semester, and then encouraged to report their service to calculate the percentage of each organization's participation.

Once the Kinney Challenge is underway, monthly updates will be posted in the Rat, and the organization with the highest percentage of participants will be recognized at the end of the semester. The Kinney Outreach Coordinator, Casey Blalock, is in the process of contacting individual groups to offer them assistance in finding service sites. Kinney will help organizations find service opportunities according to their areas of interest, membership, and time constraints.

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## Wigginton named to improve town-gown relations

History professor Russell Wigginton was named to the post of Special Assistant to the President for Community Relations in hopes to broaden the college's relationship with the city of Memphis.

Rhodes has the unique position of being one of the few first-tier colleges in the nation to be located in a major city. President Troutt is seeking to build upon this opportunity by the creation of this office.

In the 2000-2001 academic year, Wigginton chaired a presidential initiative focused on how to increase the connection between the Rhodes com-

munity and the city of Memphis.

Wigginton, a graduate of Rhodes, has been charged with the task of connecting the school to the city through strengthening already established volunteer ties to direct partnerships between the college and Mid-South organizations.

Wigginton not only chairs the Urban Studies department, but also holds a position on the advisory board for the Memphis Interfaith Association and serves as a faculty consultant for the Peabody Vance Neighborhood Project.

He is a historian and consultant for the Memphis *Tri-State Defender*, as well as a contributing writer. Other notable positions Wigginton has held are advisor for the Memphis City Board of Education and advisor to the Tennessee Assembly's Black Caucus.

President Troutt says Wigginton "is the ideal person to guide the college" in strengthening community relations. "He is heavily engaged in the Memphis community...and has the vision...to bring about positive change."

# In the Bubble

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## Campus Safety Log

For the week of... 8/26/02 to 9/1/02

8/26/02	8:55 a.m.	BCLC Suspicious person located and escorted from campus.
	10:15 a.m.	Falls/Austin Bldg. Larceny of a wallet. Suspect apprehended by Campus Safety officers near Evergreen Church while still in possession of stolen wallet. Arrested and turned over to MPD for transport to jail
	10:50 a.m.	White Hall Vandalism of fire extinguisher cabinet reported
8/27/02	1:20 a.m.	Large crowd gathered in the Mallory gym lot. Took over an hour to disperse
	3:30 a.m.	Glassell Hall Suspicious person reported. Located escorted off campus
	10:17 a.m.	Williford Hall: Fire Alarm... all okay, false
	11:05 a.m.	East Village "B": Fire Alarm... all okay, false
	7:26 p.m.	Bailey Lane Gate: Suspicious person earlier escorted off campus returns and denied entry.
8/28/02	NOTHING UNUSUAL REPORTED	
8/29/02	10:45 p.m.	Trezevant Hall: Fire Alarm... all okay, false
8/30/02	NOTHING UNUSUAL REPORTED	
8/31/02	12:50 a.m.	Williford Hall 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor: Unregistered event broken up.
9/1/02	10:10 a.m.	East Village "A" Fire alarm... all okay, false

### STATS THIS WEEK:

PROPPED DOORS: 21	ESCORTS: 30
ACCESSES: 90	VISITORS: 697
CITATIONS: 191	JUMP STARTS: 5
CARS TOWED: 1	A.V.: 1
BOOTS: 1	

## Want to help plan activities as a part of Rhodes Activities Board?

Do you not have much time to commit? No experience is needed! Right now, RAB is looking for students interested in serving on committees in charge of planning concerts, cultural events, campus-wide study breaks, lectures, etc. If you are interested, please contact Kim Kirkpatrick, RAB President (kirki@rhodes.edu).

# Please talk to us

Scott Holmes  
Editor in Chief

Welcome to the new section of *The Sou'wester*. This year we have divided the News section into two sections, the standard News section, and this section, In the Bubble. The new section will include old favorites, the Campus Safety Log and Student Announcements, but will also include some new features. In fact, these features are so new that they are not even ready for this issue, so you will have to wait until next week.

The first of these new features will be the survey to the new *Sou'wester* sponsored happy hour in the Lynx Lair. This new event, called Thirsty Thursday, will take place (as you might have guessed) on Thursday nights. The survey will have questions that can be answered on-line and allow the students and faculty to pick what kind of beer they want sold at Thirsty Thursday. Each week *The Sou'wester* will publish a couple of choices of imports and microbrews, and the one selected will be the one on special.

The other new feature is called Ten Questions with *The Sou'wester*. Have you ever wanted to ask someone in the Rhodes Community questions

at random just to get a better feel for who they are? Well, now is your chance. Each week a writer will ask anyone in the Rhodes Community ten questions, just to break the ice. The chosen person for the week will answer the questions. Twenty issues later everyone in our community will have a better idea of who surrounds us.

We hope you like the changes you will see in *The*

*Sou'wester* in the coming weeks, but either way we want you to let us know. If you hate something we did, write a letter to the editor. If you love something we did, write us a letter. Do you miss writing on the Bulletin Board, where everyone could read what you thought about Rat food or some other burning issue on campus? We are your outlet, so please do not make us do all the talking.

## Happening this week around campus...

Thursday, September 12, **Campus Green** will hold its meeting at 6 p.m. in Java City, and the **Black Student Association** will hold its first meeting at 7 p.m. in the Orgill Room. Also, on the September 12 the **Hispanic Organization of Language and Activities** will hold its first meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Rhea Lounge.

Saturday, September 14, the **Black Student Association** will hold its Welcome Back Bash featuring a live D.J. in the Amphitheatre from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. For more info contact Summer Banks.

Wednesday, September 18, **All Students Interested in Asia** is celebrating the Harvest Moon Festival in the Amphitheater at 6:30 p.m. The **Fellowship of Christian Athletes** will hold its weekly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the BCLC Ballroom.

Thursday, September 19, The **Society of Physics Students** will hold its Summer Research Symposium at 5:15 p.m. in the Alburty Room of the Rat.

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## My Big Fat Greek Wedding promises 'big' fun

By Amanda Moshier and Sarah Clark  
Staff Writers

This was the summer of the movie that could. A movie that began as an unknown independent film and barely sparked the interest of moviegoers became the sensation of the summer. *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* is the fall-out-of-your-seat, laugh-out-loud comedy of the year, expressing the lifestyle and culture of a large, ethnic family.

This movie follows Toula Portikalos (Nia Vardalos) as she learns to accept her family's overzealous Greek heritage. Her goal, according to her father, is

for her to marry a nice, Greek boy, have lots of Greek babies, and preserve the Greek culture. However, at the age of 30, Toula has a revelation and decides to go against the wishes of her family by pursuing a college education instead of continuing in the family business. She gains independence and confidence through new skills and a new job at her aunt's travel agency, where she catches the eye of high school teacher Ian Miller (John Corbett).

Ian is a product of white Suburban America whose family has no strong cultural or religious ties. Toula and Ian find

themselves in the throes of a romance that eventually leads to a proposal. However, things become complicated when Toula has to tell her family that she has been seeing Ian, a non-Greek, when they believed that she was taking a pottery class.

After Toula's father, played by Michael Constantine, experiences the initial shock of the news, Ian begins the daunting task of winning the approval of the Portikalos family. This task is made difficult by the dramatic contrast between the Miller and Portikalos families. The Millers are a very reserved, upper-class,

white family, while the Portikalos family is large, loud, and overwhelmingly proud of their Greek heritage.

The families eventually meet in a hilarious scene where there is much food, dancing, and "Opa!"-ing. Hilarity ensues in the planning of the wedding so Greek that even Toula is overwhelmed. The wedding is no longer Toula's and Ian's.

It truly becomes a big, fat, Greek wedding that is overtaken by her mother, aunts, and cousins. Everything from the reception hall to the bridesmaids' dresses (which are perhaps the ultimate picture of disastrous

bridesmaid gowns never to be worn for another occasion) to the invitations to Toula's wedding dress is decided for her with no consideration of her wishes. Although Toula has a resistance to her family's overdone emphasis on their Greek culture, her engagement and wedding teaches her to embrace her heritage and make it her own.

This movie is a comedy that embraces the themes of family, culture, and finding one's personal identity in such a culture. If you see this movie for no other reason, go to learn more about the many uses of Windex. Trust us. Just go.

## Upcoming video games offer exciting new options

By Christian Masters  
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The holiday season always offers a prolific range of video game titles as publishers jump at the opportunity to satiate increased demand. This year, gamers are offered more franchise titles than unique efforts, but there are exciting candidates for your hard-earned cash in both areas. At the E3 convention in May, critics were given a salivating taste of the coming winter months, and recent video game shows have allowed an even fuller experience of these games. Several titles are generating very positive hype; gamers can look forward to an exciting few months.

### XBox

While the major box event of the season is the November 15 release of Xbox Live, there are still a few games of note creeping onto the system, most notably, *Splinter Cell*. Published by Ubi Soft, it is the latest of the recent spate of Tom Clancy-inspired games. Borrowing heavily from *Metal Gear Solid*, *Splinter* recounts the adventures of one Sam Fisher as he investigates the mysterious disappearance of two CIA agents in Georgia. The plot thickens, of course, and we eventually end up saving the world, America, or something to that extent.

This game has something for every action fan; there is the stealth/sniping element, some

sweet Van Damme-style acrobatics, a flexible engine that allows for peeking into keyholes, and fiber-optic cables under the doorways. Another plus is the graphics, which are reminiscent of the recent ultra-realistic *Resident Evil* remake on the Gamecube. If you enjoyed either of the *Metal Gear Solid* games, this seems to push the genre even further. Besides *Splinter Cell*, *Panzer Dragoon Orta*, and *Blinx* are also high on the Xbox gamer's holiday wish list.

### Playstation 2

For the two people out there who have not heard of *Grand Theft Auto 3*, here is a brief recap: gamers are given free reign to explore a huge city.

Entertainment rises from the fact that your character also happened to be a member of the Liberty City Mafia, and, in order to get to the top, you had to annihilate a wide variety of structures and opponents. *Grand Theft Auto: Vice City*, a sequel of sorts, is due to arrive on store shelves October 22.

The free-roaming aspect of the first game is back, albeit in a newer, much larger setting, Miami, and a new time, the mid-eighties. The player's arsenal is expanded to include chainsaws, M60s, magnum revolvers, and more, while the variety of helpless vehicles waiting to be stolen now includes helicopters, powerboats, and such. The an-

archic attitude still hovers below the surface, and the new environment should be a guilty pleasure; if the first game was your piece of cake, imagine a drive-by set to the tunes of Hall and Oates.

Even odder, perhaps, is the title *Kingdom Hearts*, an adventure game which combines the characters of *Final Fantasy* and *Disney*. *Tekken 4* is coming out, too, of course.

### Gamecube

The star of the aforementioned E3 convention was a tiny gem of a game by the name of *Metroid Prime*. An eagerly-awaited continuation of the *Metroid* series (which began on the original Nintendo, produced an uber-classic on the Super NES, but was sadly absent from the Nintendo 64), the title takes a radical new direction as a first-person shooter. This November, gamers will finally get into Samus Aran's golden space suit, with an immersive perspective from inside the helmet.

This isn't a formulaic shooter; the publishers, Retro Studios, have remained true to its roots in this regard. There is reportedly more of an emphasis on exploration than most games in the genre, and firefights are based more on intellect than on firepower. The dynamic graphics feature environmental glare on the visor and condensation.

*Metroid's* main objective is to plunge the gamer into Aran's world, and this attention to reality is a very positive sign. For

diversity's sake, Nintendo gamers also get *Star Fox Adventures* and the gritty *Resident Evil 0* this winter, both excellent-looking titles. Nintendo's GameBoy Advance also has an exciting lineup; its premiere titles include a new *Zelda* game, *Metroid Fusion*, and *Ecks vs. Sever 2*.

### PC

*World War 2* has always fascinated movie-goers and videogamers alike. While the most ambitious attempt to capture the experience was the massively multiplayer *World War 2 Online*, that game failed because of a quirky engine and terrible servers. Gamers' desire was unsated, but *Battlefield 1942*, a new offering by Electronic Arts, should remedy the situation. You play the part of a faceless soldier dropped into World War II scenarios in which you must lead your team to victory. Players can commandeer over 36 different vehicles, including

planes, to help them achieve these ends. Each craft is modeled with specific physics.

The real thrill, however, will come from the multiplayer experience. Imagine loading three of your hallmates into a B-52, carpet-bombing an enemy base, then parachuting out, with friends behind, into the center of the encampment. Missions vary from the standard "rush the base from the beach," to sniper hunts in Guadalcanal, to massive military engagements in Stalingrad. The flexibility of the game is its selling point, and one that should have any online fiend drooling in anticipation. Other major PC titles headed our way include *Age of Mythology*, a real time strategy game, and the shooter sequel *Unreal 2*.

Above are debatedly the most anticipated video games of the coming semester. Now the only difficulty is choosing those that fit your budget.

Who ever said gaming was easy?



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## Authentic Mexican food minutes away from Rhodes

By Ann Young  
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At a time when Mexican food has become America's most popular food genre, and salsa outsells ketchup, Mexican food is easy to obtain. The search for good Mexican food, however, can be a daunting task. Fortunately for Rhodes students, the best Mexican restaurant in Memphis is located only blocks away in Overton Square at 2006 Madison. Molly's La Casita offers authentic Mexican cuisine

within five minutes of Rhodes' campus. From long list of appetizers, the Kelly's Bean Dip (\$3.50) and the Seven Layer Dip (\$3.95) should not be overlooked. Favorites from the menu include black bean, mushroom, and spinach quesadillas (\$6.50), chicken fajita salad (\$7.50), Red Snapper A La Casita (\$11.95), and Pollo de Yucatan (\$7.95). For those desiring a truly traditional Mexican taste adventure, Pollo con Molé (\$6.50) is a zesty and unusual dish, with an elaborate red molé sauce comprised of ground

chili peppers, chocolate, and other spices. Perhaps the best item at Molly's is the delicious salsa, made fresh with chunky tomatoes and cilantro.

Molly's is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays, and until 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturdays. A lunch menu is offered from 11 a.m.-3p.m. daily. Average prices range from \$5-7, with house specials ranging from \$7.50-10. The knowledgeable staff provides swift service in keeping chip baskets and salsa always filled, which is certainly no easy task consid-

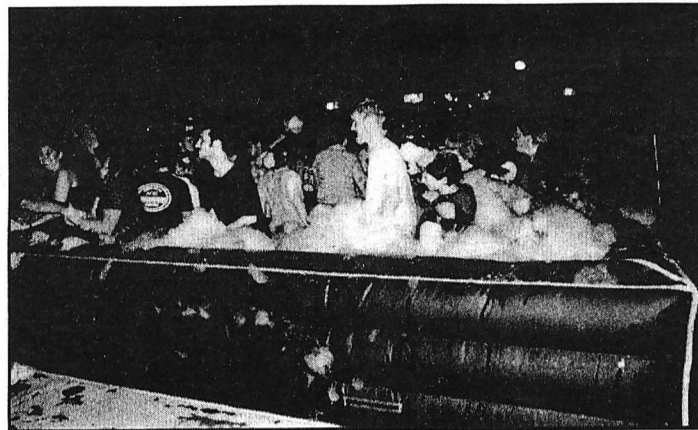


Photo by Joe Petri

Above: Students frolic in the bubbles at the Foam Party, held the Sunday before Labor Day. This activity was sponsored by interested students who had heard of similar events held elsewhere.

ering the popularity of both items. A to-go menu is available, and orders can be called into 726-1873. For

its low prices, apt service, and spectacular food, Molly's La Casita cannot be beaten.

## Serious 'illness' attacking campus

By Andrea Coleman  
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There is a serious problem on the Rhodes campus at the moment. It is something that is affecting everybody, freshmen and seniors alike. Symptoms are fatigue, yawning, sighs, irritability, and back pain. What is this serious illness? It is the dreaded "first two weeks of school syndrome." Everywhere I go I see people exhausted from school already! The last two weeks have been packed with activities for first years, Greeks, and independents. Freshmen moved in and began with orientation right away. Peer assistants have been running around in their green shirts asking their closest friends to *stop* asking them questions. Greeks have just finished with their recruitment process, and independents have been supporting other activities on campus. The syndrome has passed its high point, and hopefully students can get into their daily routines.

When listening to the freshmen, it sounds like their loads have been pretty overwhelming. Moving in, saying goodbye to the family, becoming detached from their hometown friends, and trying to deal with a roommate's snoring problem is enough to make anyone homesick. Luckily, there are helpful signs posted in the dorms by RAs that list how not to be

homesick. The number one tip is to stay busy. Apparently orientation did a good job of that. According to first year Ashley Crosland, "there were *too* many planned activities." Overhearing conversations from PAs and freshmen makes it seem like the administration kept them on their toes, doing everything from the traditional ice-breakers to the new "Memphis Connection," where new Rhodes students spent a day in Memphis to see what the city has to offer.

The freshmen have not only been busy with school, but also with the new student interrogation process. I remember this as one of the most frustrating times of my freshman year. The repetitious, constant stream of superficial and meaningless questions (which were usually based on good intentions) drove me nuts! The common interaction goes like this: "Hello, my name is (insert name) and I'm majoring in (insert major/minor), and I am from (insert city, state, high school, parents' jobs, social security number). Why did I come to Rhodes? (insert standard answer: the gothic architecture, it is a good school, my parents went here, I did not get into Sewanee....). Well, freshmen, if you are tired of hearing these standard lines, have hope! It gets much better!

A common misconception on arrival to Rhodes is that the four-year

stay will be much like the prospective student experience, whatever that may be. Ahem. But it is not. It is work, and it is hard work. There are NOT parties every night at three different fraternity houses on campus or wild and crazy fraternizations off campus. Last year many of my Williford quadmates were saddened to listen to our friends that went to big universities. They *loved* college. They were having *so* much fun, and they had not had homework in days. Well, I am here to tell you that Rhodes is fun, but it does not have 20,000 people in attendance each day. Sometimes keeping homesickness at bay by staying busy is hard because freshmen do not what there is to do.

My suggestion to the freshmen is to join something. Anything. Do something! For those who are already on a sports team, congratulations, but for those who desire less disciplined forms of exercise (like myself), try intramurals. Get the guys on the hall to make a team and play flag football, wallyball, racquetball, squash, or basketball, and those are only this semester's sports. Take a yoga class or pick up a fencing épée. Check out Student Life on the Rhodes webpage. It has listed schedules for all the aerobics classes, intramural sign-ups, and sports team schedules. Going to the

sports games is not only fun, but friends on teams will really appreciate the support. Watch a field hockey, volleyball, or football game.

Having trouble financing your weekends? Trying to help pay for school? Have a few spare hours in the afternoon? Get a job on campus. The best way is to go to the financial aid office on the first floor of Palmer, and give them your name and interests. Be an aide, or work in the library, the mailroom, or the BCLC. Be a paid or volunteer tutor. To curb homesickness and find something to do, get involved in community service. On campus there are flyers everywhere announcing walks for different organizations and club-sponsored fundraisers. If it might be too much of a time commitment, only do a couple hours each week. Last year I worked in the city for MIFA each week for about 2 hours. It was not a chore, boring, or stressful; it was part of my normal routine. If weekdays are bad, weekend projects like Habitat for Humanity are great. Those without a car can walk to Snowden Elementary for Adopt-A-Friend and read stories to children. There is no excuse not to do something on campus or volunteer in the area. It is a disservice to the Rhodes experience not to take advantage of the huge list of opportunities available here.

Most important (well, behind academics) is finding a "niche," or friends, on campus. Freshmen often struggle with finding their place because the college experience can be overwhelming and confusing. Which party should I go to? Is it going to be any fun? Will I have enough time to read *Pride and Prejudice* by Thursday? Am I ever going to find someone who loves country music as much as I do? Take heart. Get ready to make incredible life-long friends here and interact with many new people and ideas. Feeling homesick or overwhelmed? That is normal. Try getting the guys on the hall to have a Grand Theft Auto 3 tournament. Or like my Williford quad last year, round up everyone and go out to eat (if you have not been to the Rendezvous, go!) Or like junior Lindsay Hughes recalls about her freshman year, "these girls in my hall were obsessed with watching Dawson's Creek, so every Wednesday was 'Crick' night. We would all watch it together after making a food run to Kroger for ice cream and cookie dough. All four TVs would be on in the quad so none of us would miss anything." Such bonding activities are known on campus to cement great friendships, so have fun. For those of you wanting the party scene, I understand Rhodes seems claustrophobic now. Just wait until next week's followup: what to do in this town known as Memphis.

## Rough start hurts Lynx

By Stu Johnston  
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The Rhodes Lynx football team opened the football season at home on Saturday, bowing 34-25 to the Fighting Tigers of DePauw University.

Take away the first 5:12 of the game, however, and the Lynx outscored, outgained, and outplayed their counterparts, showing a lot of promise for a team missing several key components from last year's squad.

"The coach put it best," said senior defensive end Coby Cagle ('03). "We are disappointed but not discouraged. 'Disappointed' because we had a lot of little missed assignments that ended up getting the best of us. 'Not discouraged' because we made many good plays and did not quit fighting."

Rhodes came out of the gates flat, and the Tigers capitalized, with a touchdown both on their first possession and off a Lynx turnover shortly thereafter. Before Rhodes could catch its collective breath, they were in a 13-0 hole.

DePauw's first score came via the lethal combination of quarterback Andy Yoder and all-conference receiver Dan Ryan. At 6'3", 230 pounds, Ryan presented the Lynx defensive backs with mismatches throughout the game, and he ended up catching nine passes for 149 yards and three touchdowns.

The first one covered 38 yards and put the Lynx in a 7-0 hole. DePauw struck again quickly, when a defensive back stepped in front of a Dan

Swanstrom ('05) pass toward the Lynx sideline and took the interception to the end zone.

The Lynx kept DePauw from scoring but had trouble gaining any momentum themselves until the second quarter.

DePauw got the ball back and before they had a chance to mount a drive, linebacker Chris Talley ('05) pummeled a Tiger running back just beyond the line of scrimmage, knocking the ball loose.

Safety and captain Zack Self ('03) recovered the ball. After negotiating their way to the 2-yard-line, the Lynx settled for a 20-yard field goal from kicker Andy English ('03).

Rhodes used the big play to their advantage again, after forcing DePauw into three-and-out on their next possession. As the Tigers lined up to punt, receiver Ed Roberts ('03) slipped through a crack in DePauw's blocking scheme and cleanly blocked the punt. Self recovered again, this time at the 10-yard line. Quarterback Dan Swanstrom then hit Matt Dement ('05) with a five-yard pass for the score. After another Yoder to Ryan touchdown, Rhodes went into the locker room trailing 20-10.

The Lynx began the second half on a sour note, turning the ball over on downs to DePauw on their first possession. The Tigers scored touchdowns on two of their first three possessions of the half, making the score 34-10 and putting the game seemingly out of reach. Rhodes would have to score three touchdowns, adding two-

point conversions on each, to have a chance of catching up.

The Lynx offense had other ideas, though. On the ensuing possession, Swanstrom threw a swing pass to tailback Rory Faver ('05), and he took off down the sideline for 54 yards, all the way to the Tiger three-yard line. Two carries later, Faver found the end zone, and after the two-point conversion toss to Ryan McLaughlin ('03), Rhodes was down only 34-18, ending the third quarter.

The most impressive Lynx drive of the game began with ten minutes to go in the game. It covered 71 yards and 14 plays, with Swanstrom completing five passes and rushing twice for 19 yards. The clincher was a seven-yarder to Ed Roberts, who made a spectacular catch, tipping the ball once before it fell into his arms in the end zone. The Lynx opted for the extra point, bringing the score to 34-25.

The game ended for Rhodes, as the Tigers defense proved too much to handle. Rhodes mounted a drive, marching 42 yards on four plays, but their hopes were dashed after a fumble after a catch turned the ball back over to DePauw.

The Lynx suit up again next week, traveling to Maryville College in eastern Tennessee. Kickoff is slated for 1:30 p.m.

## Men's soccer competes in Sewanee tournament

By Lance Ingwersen  
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The Rhodes men's soccer team competed in the fourth annual SCAC/UAA challenge this past weekend at Sewanee, during which the team competed head-to-head against regional competitors University of Chicago and Washington University of St. Louis.

In Friday's game against the University of Chicago, the Lynx dominated and dictated play, but fell short in the end after Chicago scored off a set play midway through the second half.

The first half saw numerous scoring opportunities for the Lynx, none of which, however, the team was able to put away. The second half turned out much like the first for the Lynx, and the credit can be given to the Maroons' freshman goalkeeper who came up big on many occasions. The Lynx best opportunity came with less than ten minutes remaining when defender Brad Stoner ('03), who had been moved into the midfield to put more pressure on Chicago's defense, followed up on a shot from Nick Frankel ('05). The keeper, fully extended, robbed the Lynx of a sure goal and preserved the win for Chicago.

Sunday's game saw the Lynx face a young and talented Washington University team. Unlike on Friday, however, it was the Bears of Wash U who controlled the game and forced the Lynx into a defensive posture. Responding to the challenge, the defense held the game scoreless after weathering an onslaught by the Bears.

Lynx goalkeeper Jonathan Nelson ('05) made a crucial save early in the second half off a low driven shot to keep the game deadlocked. With just over six minutes left in the game, Michael Phillips ('04) played a ball into the corner to a streaking Kevin Brown ('06). Brown then drove the ball across to Jeff Wishnew ('05), who headed the ball into the back of the net. While it was one of the only opportunities of the game for Rhodes, it proved to be the game winner.

Having split over the weekend, the Lynx upped their overall record to 3-1 on the season, and 2-1 against UAA opponents.

The Lynx open up conference play in two weeks with a game against rival Trinity on Friday, September 20, at 2:00 p.m.

The Lynx also play this weekend on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. against Huntingdon College.

## Men's and women's cross country teams face rival Emory

By Bill Harrison  
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This past weekend both the Rhodes men's and women's cross-country teams ran at the Sewanee Invitational held at Sewanee.

The meet had a two-fold purpose. Both teams would get to run normal race distances for the first time in the season as well as face intra-regional rival Emory University. The course itself had little shade as it looped through Sewanee's rolling golf course.

The women started

off the day and the start of the regular season finishing third to Mississippi State (a Division I team) and Emory. The Lady Lynx came the closest that any Rhodes team, men's or women's, has come to beating a full-strength Emory team. A mere three points separated the Lynx from the Eagles. Last year Emory women finished 16<sup>th</sup> in the nation at the national meet.

Amy Paine ('03) led the Lynx with a fifth place finish in 19:21 across the 5-kilometer course, finishing second among Division III athletes.

Following Paine were Elizabeth Wester ('03) and Marie Brandewiede ('04) in 19:41 and 19:44 respectively. At that point the Lynx had put three women across the finish line, all before Emory had their second runner across.

Haley McConaghy ('06) and May King ('06) would follow up in 20:37 and 21:39 to round out the top five women.

The men's race followed shortly after, but with a much different result. With no other significant presence, it

would be a face-off with nationally ranked Emory and Rhodes. Immediately, Emory's pack swarmed the Lynx lads with five men to Rhodes' three. Heat and numbers eventually wore on the men, as Rhodes finished second to Emory again.

Brian McCarthy ('03) went head-to-head with Emory's top runners to finish third, covering the 8-kilometer course in 27:17, narrowly behind Emory's first and second runners.

Colin Strickland ('06) and Matt Wood ('05) would follow

McCarthy with seventh and eighth places finished in 27:47 and 27:49. Rhodes' top runners battled Emory's top three as well as any have in recent history. Rounding out the top five were Matt Sauter ('05) and David Bell ('06) in 29:17 and 29:42, respectively.

It will be more than two months before Rhodes faces Emory again. However, the stakes will be much greater, with the opportunity to compete in Division III's grandest stage, the National Championship.