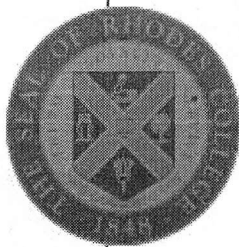


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Campus Safety Insight: A News Commentary

By Ralph Hatley
Director of Campus Safety

What a transition! Compared to policing the streets of urban Memphis for almost twenty years, Thomas, Bailey and Phillips Lanes would be a snap, right? NOT! Even after twenty years in the business and having attended and graduated college myself, I had a lot to re-learn about students, their dreams and their experiences. Ironically though, I am still very much a student myself and am happy to learn something new every day.

If you haven't met me yet, HI! I'm Ralph Hatley, the Director of Campus Safety. I am very happy to have been asked to submit an article for *The Sou'wester* about Safety and Security here at Rhodes. So as not to bore you with a matrix of security information, I thought it more important to explain a few simple dynamics of our typical security model here at Rhodes.

Simply put, "security" is the sum total of four elements; Physical, Technology, Policy/Procedures and, finally, you. Each of those four elements has varying dynamics and applications that are fluid and change as the threat profiles change. Now that's an intimidating coupling of words, "threat profile." But threats are very real, and it is necessary for us to evaluate them both timely and accurately. They can be criminal, terrorist, atmospheric, domestic, civil, or accidental. Before we apply the "security" formula (physical, technology, P/P, you), we continuously evaluate what our

threat profile is on campus. Once that is clear, we address the values of those four elements, physical, technology, P/P and you). Okay, here's more about those elements:

- Physical: Fences, shrubs, and gates on campus, as well as staff (officers themselves)

- Technology: Cameras, alarm systems, motion detectors, and card access systems that monitor activity

- Policy/Procedures: Written, administratively approved policies that support the other three elements and procedures that adequately operate them

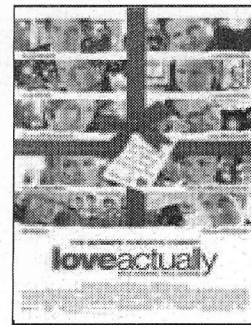
- You: Regardless of the efforts of the first three elements, each of us has to share responsibility for our own and others' safety.

Of the above four elements of security, the element of "you" has more impact on the success of a security program than any of the other three combined. Regardless of the locks we put on doors, alarms on buildings, cameras in parking lots, etc., we each have to take responsibility for ourselves. Of reported crimes on any college campus, nationwide, larceny is the most reported crime anywhere in the U.S. Petty larcenies are reported hourly across the country on campuses, yet we still leave our residence hall room doors unlocked, even standing open. You wouldn't do that in a hotel. Why would you do it here? The answer is usually because it is too inconvenient to

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Review

Caroline Vance reviews the popular holiday film *Love Actually*. From the director of *Notting Hill*, *Love Actually* stars Hugh Grant and Emma Thompson.



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Sports

Camelia Trahan covers Lynx basketball with highlights from the women's and men's games against Webster University and Huntingdon College.

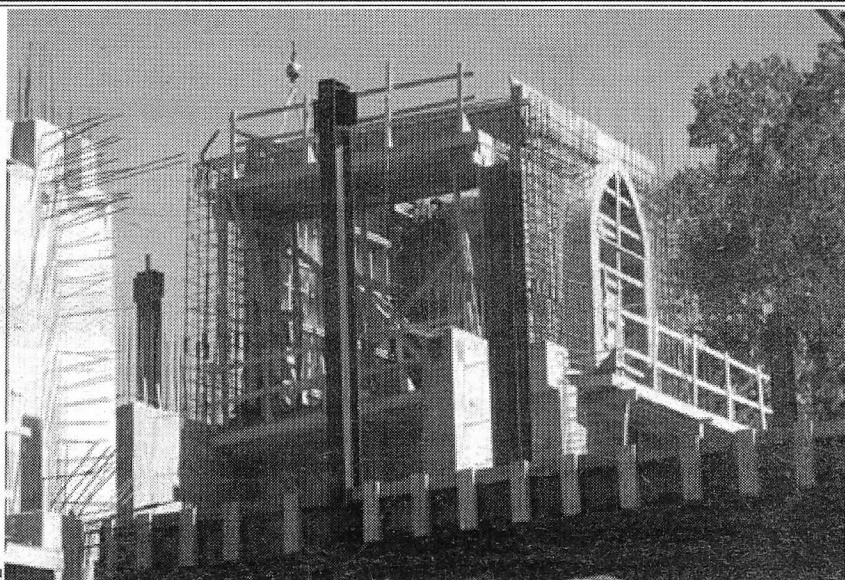
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BARRET LIBRARY

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

Members of the Rhodes community have noticed changes occurring on the construction site. The library is funded by a \$35 million gift from the trust of Rhodes alumnus the Paul Barret Jr. Barret is the great-nephew of Catherine and A.K. Burrow, whose donation funded the current Rhodes library. A state-of-the-art building, the Barret Library will contain 24-hour study areas as well as improved facilities for housing Rhodes' collections. The new library will be open in the fall of 2005.

Photo taken from www.rhodes.edu



Rhodes receives money to create Learning Corridor

By Michelle Hope

On Thursday, December 4, 2003, the United States Senators from Tennessee, Bill Frist and Lamar Alexander, announced that Rhodes College was to receive a \$500,000 grant from the Department of Education. This money will be used to help create the Rhodes Learning Corridor in partnership with Snowden School, Cypress Middle School, Central High School, Memphis Zoo and St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. The aim is to improve science education and academic performance in Memphis Schools, and the program will allow the college to take a more active role in the community.

The program will allow students to work closely with high school students either as a mentor or as a partner in research projects. This will hopefully prove beneficial to both the undergraduates and high school students. In comments made in last week's press release, Dean Llewellyn said, "This program will be a sig-

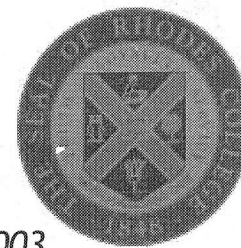
nificant expansion of programs currently in existence," says Rhodes. He continues: "We already have 100 students who serve as tutors and mentors in neighborhood schools every week. This funding will help us expand the reach of these programs and start new ones."

The Learning Corridor, as envisioned, aims to offer a series of activities that will benefit both Rhodes students and the students of the schools involved. The program will give Rhodes students the opportunity to give something back to the community, while the process of teaching concepts of math and science will undoubtedly help solidify their own grasp of the topics at hand. In addition, the program aims to provide school-age children with research and laboratory access, by way of the Rhodes campus, that they would not otherwise have. This access will help to further their knowledge and interest in math and science, thus providing a basis for further study in these areas.

The idea for a Learning Corridor has been in process since January of this year and is modeled on a similar program currently in effect at Trinity College; the program directors hope that it will be active come the fall of next year. In the meantime, the program is to undergo further development. One area of development will involve the rescaling of the program objectives to meet current funding while at the same time lobbying to obtain more funds. Indeed, though the college received \$500,000, this was significantly less than the \$2 million needed for full execution of the program as envisioned.

In addition, it is still not known exactly which students will most benefit from the program or which undergraduates will be placed in the role of mentor. It is likely, however, that there will be a selection process that would privilege the most able, the most interested, and the most motivated of undergraduate students.

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

I am a commuting student who also happens to be a freshman. Because of this I am forced to park in the boondocks of freshman parking, and I have a distinctly bruised knee from where my overfilled book bag slams when I walk to my car. Outside of classes, I also work on campus, and this means that I have to be parked before eight o'clock in the morning, far, far away from civilization in a sea of yellow parking stickers. Throw in fourteen hours of classes scheduled primarily back-to-back, a forty-pound bag of required books, and I'm a prime candidate for back surgery before I'm 21.

I haven't been here that long, but as far as I can tell, Rhodes is pretty big about squashing discrimination. Therefore, why is Rhodes discriminating against commuting freshman? Commuting upper-classmen have special little reserved spaces, and all eight of us freshman really wouldn't take up that many parking spaces, I'm sure. If any discrimination must be made, commuting freshman need reserved space more than anyone.

When classes first started, it was hard enough for me to adapt to living on the run with no "home base" to refuel, now it's nearly impossible for me to make the hike out to my car to grab a snack or switch books.

Now that it's below 60 degrees, I'm wearing an overcoat and gloves and mittens. My bag of books doesn't seem quite so odd, I guess; I'm just a big, bumbling block that's about 4 feet wide, and I can't lean too far in one direction or I fall over. Maybe Campus Safety will understand when they read of my indecent exposure in *The Sou'wester*.

11/25/03 Female commuting student reported streaking around campus wearing only a bag of books, apparently in protest of her God-forsaken parking place, under the berry poop tree in the outer boundaries of freshman parking.

Does it have to come to this? I surely hope not...

Bethany Reisner '07

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their actions is something that this country was built upon, and to call such expression unpatriotic is clearly wrong. When you find satisfaction in the faults and failures of your country, however, you are not a patriot. Those who gleefully point at lagging statistics and indicators and rising anti-Americanism around the globe are political agitators of the worst kind, those who would gladly see the nation fail at the expense of their adversaries.

It still burns these people up that the Supreme Court decided an election over two years ago in which voters in Florida had difficulty understanding a ballot designed for a third-grader, and they wait for the day that Bush will fail miserably so that they can claim some sort of moral victory. The recent congregation of the presidential hopefuls in Florida demonstrated this partisan preoccupation almost laughably, showing that the Democrats are determined to revert to the played out challenge of the president's legitimacy if all else fails.

Undeterred, President Bush now rides a wave of unprecedented economic growth over recent months, and sees a resolution to the Iraq conflict growing clearer by the day. The faults that his critics point out are becoming less and less significant, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to deny that things are improving.

Recent experience has taught me that it is far from cool to approve of this president, and it is especially unenlightened to show any such optimism in an academic climate. Honestly, there are even times when I wonder what the hell he is thinking. Nevertheless, I am pretty pleased with the guy right now. And to those on the left who tirelessly continue their attacks, I have only one question: Where were you on Thanksgiving?

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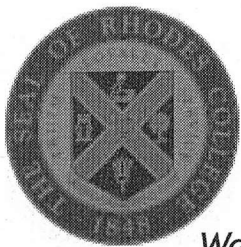
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OPINION

CHRIS EBERSOLE OPINION EDITOR

Trying their hardest to hate the president

Call it opportunistic, dismiss it as a publicity stunt, and ridicule it all you want, but the bottom line is that President Bush's Thanksgiving day visit to Iraq was not only one of the crowning points of his first term in office but also an unprecedented show of concern, commitment, and dedication to the well-being of this nation and our military. For a president to slip out of his cushy holiday abode undetected, travel with minimal security, and land Air Force One in one of the most dangerous places on earth is unbelievable. I doubt that any one of us can even begin to fathom the emotion that overwhelmed members of the 1st Armored Division and the 82nd Airborne as their commander in chief emerged in person to serve their Thanksgiving dinner. The President himself commented on the feeling in that hangar, saying it was unlike anything he had ever experienced before.

This was a man who could have stayed at the family

it just felt right; something bothered President Bush about spending a holiday in the lap of luxury while others risked their lives across the globe in a war that has not turned out quite so well. He did it because he loves both this country and the men and women who fight for it.

I must confess that I did not believe this entire story when I first heard it. I could not believe that this president would make such a brazen move right in the enemy's backyard, and I certainly questioned the motivations of such a move. In the days that followed, however, I became increasingly impressed. President Bush could not have made a bolder move or a stronger statement of his determination to see this war through. He let our military know that not only are they remembered at home, but they are also appreciated, a message that may easily be lost in the relentless partisan criticism

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ranch, surrounded by family and friends, and enjoyed the kind of meal that many could only dream of. He could have sent his regards to the troops overseas in writing or over the telephone, and few would have found fault with it. Instead, however, he chose to risk both his life and his office in selfless gratitude for all that our armed forces have done. He chose to enter an area in which he risked being shot on sight, in a country in which no American president has ever set foot, to eat a cafeteria-style meal with vastly lower ranks of men and women whom he did not even know. He did it because

of his leadership. Whether or not you agree with the war, you can no longer legitimately doubt the strength of this president's character or the substance of his leadership.

While Dr. Howard Dean, General Wesley Clark, ninety percent of Hollywood and leftist professors everywhere bash on the man with the hardest and most thankless job in the world, that man is seeking to hold this country together and to raise our spirits. While these Democratic presidential contenders and their cohorts paint a picture of gloom and despair, the president is staying the course. He has ignored the constant insults and

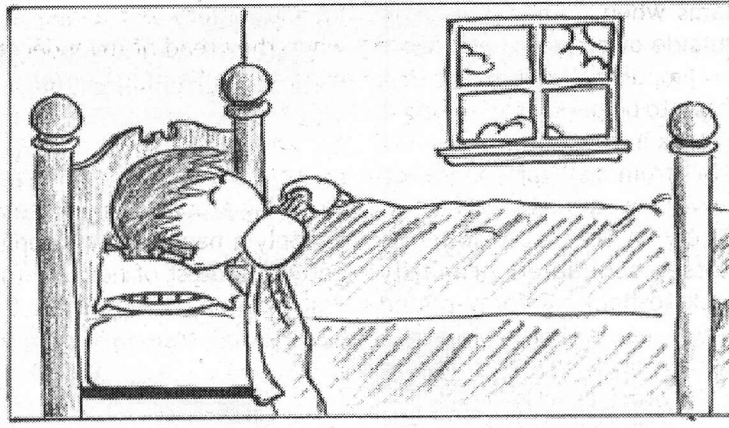
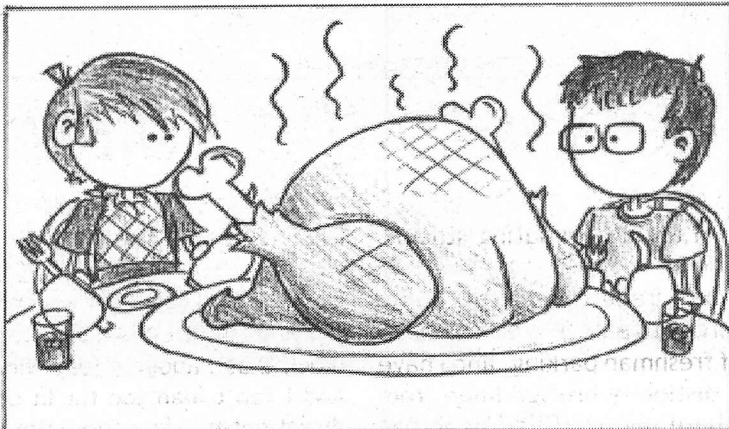
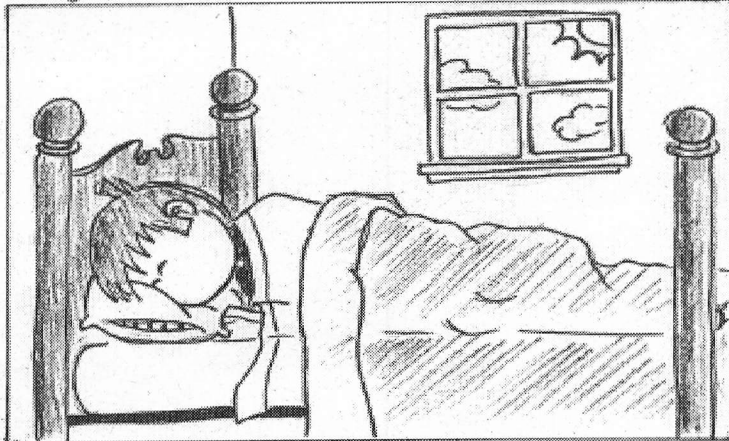
condescension and has focused upon improving things at home and abroad in the manner he sees fit. Although I find it difficult to comprehend how anyone can react with such anger and vitriol toward the man as many do, I can see how frustrating it must be to those who try to shoot him down as he merely ignores them and grins in their face. And it must compound things when the economy actually improves in light of their ongoing denunciation of his fiscal strategies. One by one, the issues raised by the Democratic candidates seem to be resolved, although they will be the last to admit this or to give the man any credit whatsoever.

Democrats are scrambling to organize some sort of viable bid for the White House in 2004 with precious little to run on. Their party is in danger of being torn apart by infighting, and their best chance at unity seems to be in deriding the president and his party. Rather than focus on why former Vice President Al Gore betrayed the loyalty of one of his closest political allies in Senator Joe Lieberman to endorse the only candidate who seemingly has a shot at this point, the members continues to sling mud. The problem is that there is very little to hit. Senator John Kerry can drop the f-bomb all he wants, but at this point it means very little.

Indeed, it seems that many of the most vehement anti-Bush advocates out there are rooting for him to fail on any front so that they can be proven right, and there is something fundamentally wrong with this. People will jump on the defensive when their patriotism is called into question, and, in most cases, they rightfully should. The freedom to express disapproval of our national leaders and

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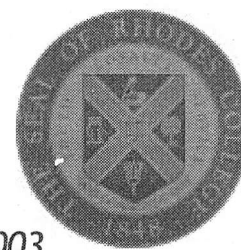
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Studying in the City of Dreaming Spires:

Michael Lamb selected as Rhodes Scholar

By Ashley Kutz

Michael Lamb was recently selected as a Rhodes Scholar. He will be one of thirty-two American students who will begin studies at Oxford University in England in the fall of 2004.

Rhodes Scholars are chosen in a process that consists of three stages. First, candidates must be endorsed by their college or university. Selection Committees in each of the fifty states then nominate candidates to be interviewed by District Selection Committees in eight regions of the United States.

Michael recalls that "the committee members asked several really difficult ethical, political and personal questions" geared at testing his ability not only to process and effectively analyze information but also to apply various schools of thought to challenging situations.

Each district committee makes a final selection of four Rhodes Scholars from the nominees of the states within the district. Candidates may apply through either the state in which they are legal residents or in which they have attended college for at least two years.

The application process is tedious. Requirements include eight letters of recommendation and an extensive application which details the desired route of study, exposes a desire for the subject and enumerates accomplishments. According to Michael, the most challenging part of the process was "writing a personal statement that described [his] life, experiences, interests and goals all in only 1,000 words."

Applicants are chosen on the basis of the criteria set down in the will of Cecil Rhodes. These

criteria include high academic achievement, integrity of character, a spirit of unselfishness, respect for others and potential for leadership. These basic characteristics are directed at fulfilling Cecil Rhodes' hopes that the Rhodes Scholars positively contribute to the development of the world and those who live in it. As he wrote, Rhodes Scholars should "esteem the performance of public duties as their highest aim."

Michael "was just shocked" and "very excited" when the District Chairman announced his name as one of the final four nominees.

A highlight of this opportunity, according to Michael, will be the opportunity to interact with other students from around the world. He is "really excited about meeting the other Rhodes Scholars and being able to travel throughout Great Britain and Europe" in addition to his academic studies. Ninety-five scholars will come together to study at Oxford in the fall of 2004. Michael will join students from the following areas: Australia, Bangladesh, Bermuda, Canada, the Caribbean, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Singapore, Southern Africa, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

"Rhodes has challenged me to think in new ways, and I still have a lot of questions," Michael explains. Through his study of philosophy and theology he "look[s] forward to searching for answers to these questions."

Michael is "particularly interested in understanding how philosophical and religious ethics shed light on current political issues," and his studies will allow him to explore this area in depth. He

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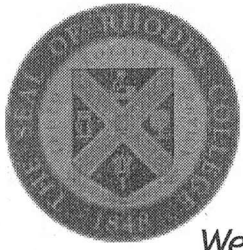
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CampusSafety

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11/22 8:30 a.m. Stewart Hall, officer investigates a suspicious person call. Subject was later identified as a male student who lives in the dorm.

11/23-11/29 NOTHING UNUSUAL REPORTED

11/30 4:25 p.m. East Village B, fire alarm in room 110, smoke detector with a low battery. Battery was replaced and alarm system was reset.

12/1-12/2 NOTHING UNUSUAL REPORTED

12/3 9:05 p.m. Buckman parking lot; CS officer found a green Chevrolet Blazer with the door to the driver's side open and keys in the ignition. Officer confiscated the keys and secured them at the CS control desk. Vehicle belongs to a student in Glassell Hall. Student was notified.

12/4-12/5 NOTHING UNUSUAL REPORTED

STATS:

ACCESSES: 149	ESCORTS: 39
VISITORS: 1,633	TOW: 0
CITATIONS: 79	BOOT: 0
PROPPED DOORS: 2	JUMP: 2

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always take my key or because we've got an honor code. Don't forget, not everyone who visits our campus is bound by that same honor code you signed, and there are visitors on our campus every day. Inconvenient? Which is more inconvenient, locking your door and remembering your key or calling all of your credit card companies to cancel your cards and calling home to tell your parents what happened? Ninety percent of larcenies could be prevented if simple precautions were taken.

At Rhodes, we employ this security equation daily and evaluate the changing threat profiles of the country, the city and the campus. Our resources are applied accordingly for the current threats and further evaluated routinely for future planning and implementation as needed.

Can we eliminate threats? No. That would be impossible. Can we reduce threats? Yes. Through community participation, effective threat evaluation and application of adequate resources, we can minimize threats. But all four elements must be utilized; Physical, technology, policy/procedure and especially you.

We're here for your safety and security, so you can pursue your academic dreams as free of as many threats as possible. Call me, email me, or just drop by the office if you have any questions. Oh yes, for those of you who have been living in a cave for the past three months, Campus Safety is now located in brand new office space located in Spann #5 at the corner of Tutwiler and University. Come see us. We have candy.

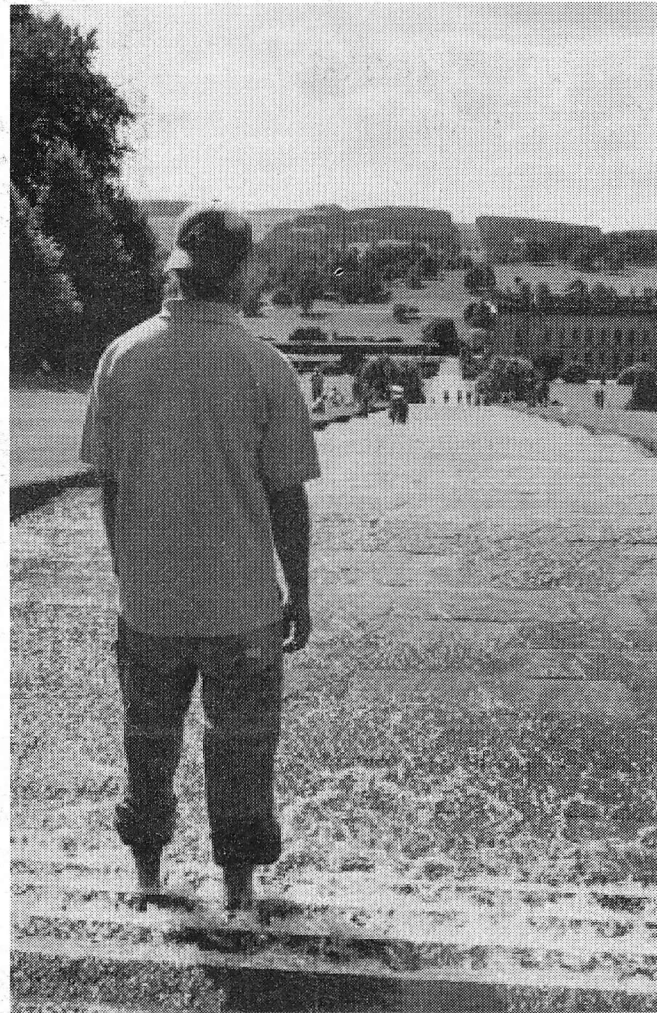
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adds that "re-living the British Studies tradition of late-night 'chips 'n cheese'" will also be a perk!

Michael considers his experience at Rhodes invaluable to his selection as a Rhodes Scholar. "Rhodes College has played such a large part in shaping who I am and who I want to become."

Gratefully acknowledging those who have supported him during the application process, he asserts that "this is not just my scholarship but belongs in part to all of those people—faculty, staff, administrators, and students—who have taught, mentored, challenged, supported, and inspired me over the past few



years. Winning the Rhodes Scholarship truly was a Rhodes community effort." There are a variety of post-graduate fellowships and schools into their Learning Corridor, they can help improve the standards of education within the community. Obviously this is a substantial task and that is why only three schools have been partnered with the college, at least so far. More specifically, the aim is to improve elementary, middle, and high school students' ability and interests in science and math. These subjects are generally those in which students demonstrate the most difficulty. In this way, the College hopes to help overcome the problem, recently termed "the education crisis."

grants available to Rhodes College students. Professor Morrell is the faculty representative for the Rhodes, Gates and Marshall, Professor LaRosa is the Watson liaison, and Professor Henager is the Chair of the Post-Graduate Scholarship Committee. Interested students may contact them for additional information regarding the application processes.

Looking ahead: Michael Lamb to study at Oxford.

Photo by Ashley Kutz

If you are interesting in applying for the Rhodes Scholarship or any other post-graduate scholarship, please contact Professor Henager at henager@rhodes.edu.

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Rhodes College already has a long tradition of community service and it is hoped that the Learning Corridor will provide some specific objectives for these institutional relationships. Indeed, the program acknowledges that the Memphis community has a variety of needs and intends for Rhodes students and faculty to assist in meeting these needs.

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Overall, though the program is still in the early stages of development, the objectives and intentions of the program as it stands are laudable. The aim is to focus and enhance the already outstanding contribution that the College and its students have to offer the community, and, in doing so, to make a real difference in the educational lives of Memphis public school students. In addition, the program will provide Rhodes students with the chance to enhance their own learning through the process of helping others.



Former Rhodes band The Generics to perform at Young Avenue Deli

By Haynes Knight

Memphis phenomenon The Generics gather together for a (gulp) 15-year Anniversary Reunion show entitled "Tell the babysitter she's getting O.T." Tour 2003.

The Young Avenue Deli is proud to announce that on Saturday, December 13, 2003 at 10:00 p.m., the Memphis band The Generics will be performing a reunion show. It is 15 years since the band harmoniously called it quits after incredible success performing throughout the country.

The Generics were perhaps one of the most successful unsigned artists to have ever come out of Memphis and took the mantle of the most in-demand college and club act following the breakup of The White Animals.

From 1981-1988 The Generics set the standard of touring rock bands, traveling the college and club circuit in the Southeast. The Generics' innovative and fun style made them a hit throughout this part of the country . . . and beyond.

By the time the band finally called it quits, they were grossing close to a quarter million dollars annually and performing over 200 engagements a year from Virginia to Texas, Minnesota to Florida and everywhere in-between.

The Generics began in 1981 when 4 ATO fraternity brothers including Lee Booth, Rodney Nash and Kevin Ferner from Rhodes College (then Southwestern at Memphis) performed for one of their fraternity parties. Memphis native Kurt Ruleman joined the band in 1983 about the time that the band began to enjoy unparalleled success (i.e. they could quit their day jobs). Original member Rodney Nash left the band in 1986 to pursue other musical directions and was replaced by Tray "Spot" Allison. Original founding Members Lee Booth and Kevin Ferner have kept in close contact through the

years and are very excited to be playing a live show again.

The band will performing, in addition to some dusted off originals, everything from XTC and Big Star to the Beatles and Hoodoo Gurus. In addition, there will definitely be a healthy smattering of fun, edgy 80s material.

Where are they NOW?

Although drummer Kurt Ruleman can still be seen performing throughout the city and on-tour, the rest of the band members have (at least temporarily) pursued careers outside of the music business.

Lee Booth is the President and CEO of Nursing Innovations, Inc. Kevin Ferner now lives in Destin, Florida and, although still active in music, spends most of his time shepherding the family's import business. Tray "Spot" Allison played music for years after the breakup of the band but eventually went into the restaurant business, where he was the first executive chef of Koto Restaurant and Sekisui, Pacific Rim. Following that, he graduated to finer, bolder cuisine and plies his trade as a chef of Yia Yia's Euro Bistro in Saddle Creek. Rodney Nash, a self-styled entrepreneur, has (as he likes to call it) a small real-estate empire. Rodney continued his musical career after The Generics and fronted such bands in Memphis as Upsetting the Mothers and, most recently, The Gecko Brothers.

Tickets are \$10.00 at the door but may be purchased in advance at www.ticketweb.com.

The Generics

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For more information, contact Haynes Knight (Class of '83) @ 901-596-6342, or at haynesknight@hotmail.com.

The Stoic Philosophy of Bobby & Barry

Hey, Barry, what do you want for your birthday?

My birthday is more than two months away.

Well, you remember how last year you asked for a throne...

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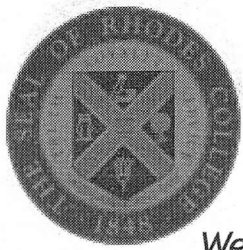
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Last week's movie pass winner: Anne Rain Tanner

Fred was so eager to get to his parents' house last week for Thanksgiving that he could not wait for his girlfriend Rita to finish her Calculus exam. Fred left Memphis at 9:30 in the morning and drove at a constant speed of 75 miles per hour. Rita left twenty minutes later on the same road and in the same direction as Fred but she drove at 90 miles per hour. At what time did Rita catch up to Fred?

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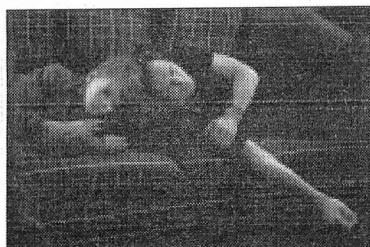
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Dinner & a Movie

This week, Leah Kaye reviews the Japanese restaurant Sekisui, and Caroline Vance reviews the romantic comedy *Love, Actually*, starring Hugh Grant.

Actually, it's pretty good

By Caroline Vance



ON THE NATURE OF LOVE

Liam Neeson (*Daniel*) and Thomas Sangster (*Sam*) discuss the pitfalls of being in love in the charming romantic comedy *Love, Actually*, starring Hugh Grant and Colin Firth.

In my last review, I asked Santa to bring me a better Christmas movie, thinking that the possibility of discovering a better seasonal flick this late in the season was about as feasible as earning a better grade in calculus after a semester of dismal failures. When I saw *Love Actually*, though, I began to believe that maybe Santa does exist under the pseudonym Richard Curtis (writer/director). *Love Actually* is a movie full of clichés, but with an all-star cast and just the right amount of camp, Curtis makes the clichés work and gives them to us in a sparkly holiday wrapper.

The movie's gimmick is that it traces the various stages of romantic relationships in the lives of about fourteen characters, and all of those characters are connected to each other in some way. Because the movie follows so many characters, it gets a little bit overloaded at times, and some of the stories lack complete development, but overall, the stories that are developed are win-

ning and, yes, in some cases, even poignant.

The main character, David (Hugh Grant), is the newly elected prime minister of England, an effective and powerful leader but a fumbling and awkward suitor. He finds himself becoming interested in one of his staff members, the endearingly potty-mouthed Natalie (Martine McCutcheon). After he walks in on Natalie in an uncomfortably close situation with the visiting President of the United States (hilariously rendered by Billy Bob Thornton), he asks to have her transferred to another office, then immediately regrets his decision.

Emma Thompson gives a wonderfully believable and mature performance as Kate, the prime minister's married sister. She grapples with her own problems in her relationship with her husband Harry (Alan Rickman), who is flirting with infidelity at his office. At the same office, the meek Sarah (Laura Linney) nurtures two years' worth of feelings for her co-worker Carl (Rodrigo Santoro), but never succeeds in landing him; she's too devoted to her brother, the "love of her life" (in a platonic sense).

The movie contains some real comedic gems — Rowan Atkinson (the former Mr. Bean) makes an appearance, and Bill Nighy plays a crotchety old rock star who tries (successfully) to make a Christmas comeback with a remake of a song that was never good to begin with. A pair of porn stars provide

some sight gags, and the language barrier between Jamie (Colin Firth) and his non-English-speaking Portuguese maid Aurelia (Lucia Moniz) makes for some sweetly hilarious miscommunications.

Love Actually requires moviegoers to engage in some serious suspension of disbelief. A mousy office girl probably wouldn't walk away from a night of torrid lovemaking with Rodrigo Santoro and no, I don't believe that the prime minister of England is so awkward that he can't find a woman to sleep with him. It's not very likely that a washed-up seventies rock star would beat out the hottest boy band for best Christmas album. But what's important is that I didn't care, and neither did anyone else in the theater. Thanks, Santa.

Love, Actually

Starring: Hugh Grant, Colin Firth, Emma Thompson, Alan Rickman

Written and directed by: Richard Curtis

Rating: R, for sexuality, nudity and language

Running time: 135 minutes

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Hibachi and waterfalls at Sekisui

By Leah Kaye

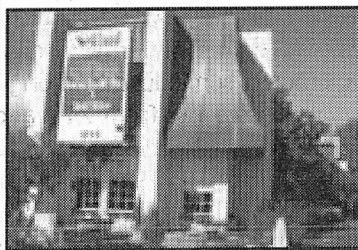


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SEKISUI

One of four sushi bars under the same ownership, Sekisui is the perfect place to take a date.

When planning the perfect night out for a date party or formal week, it is often necessary to find somewhere nice to eat that isn't Benihana's, since that is where it seems everyone tends to go. So when Japanese hibachi is what you really have your heart set on, consider the Sekisui in Germantown.

The ambiance alone is unmatched. Upon entering, we noticed that the sound of running water was not the typical serene fountain found in chiropractic waiting rooms across the country. Rather, there was a full-blown stream running through the dining area, complete with waterfalls and bridges. The hibachi was only one of several sections, as Sekisui also serves typical Japanese cuisine, like teriyaki and sushi, and offers pillows-on-the-floor seating.

Of course, the hibachi is much more exciting. The scallop-flipping entertainment while you wait for your meal only increases your ap-

petite up until the first blissful bite, which sounds cheesy but is true; that first bite of my shrimp appetizer made my eyes cross.

While Japanese cuisine seems very light, the soup, salad, rice, complimentary shrimp appetizers and the entrée left me waddling back to the car.

Prices ranged from \$12-25, and Sekisui makes for a fancy evening out. However, it is probably a good idea not to put on the tight sequined gown until after dinner. The smells of the food cooking before your eyes will sink into your clothes, and there is no telling how much your waistline will expand in a mere hour.

Sekisui East is located at 50 Humphreys Center and is open for lunch and dinner. Reservations are strongly recommended, particularly to sit at the hibachi tables or on the floor in the traditional Japanese fashion. Further, large parties are easily accommodated and welcomed, so gather friends and dates and fill yourself to the brim for the next date party.

Sekisui

Genre: Japanese, Sushi
Locations: 160 Union Ave. #1, 25 S. Belvedere Blvd., 4724 Poplar Ave., 50 Humphreys Ctr. #16
Prices: \$12-\$25
Dress: Dressy/Dressy Casual

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Lynx basketball teams win

By Camelia Trahan

Rami Almefty ('06), scored a season-high 29 points (leading four players in double-figures) as the men's basketball team defeated the Huntingdon College Hawks by a score of 85-76 at home on Monday, December 1. Kevin Campion ('05), added a double-double of 14 points, ten rebounds, and four assists for Rhodes. Huntingdon was led in scoring by Brandon Addison with 20 points.

"This was a good win for us. Down the stretch they made some shots, but we got better defensively," said Head Coach Herb Hilgeman. Rhodes led 42-37 at the half, and held on to win its third consecutive game.

With the win, Rhodes improves to 3-2 on the season (0-0 SCAC). Huntingdon, on the

other hand, drops to 2-2 overall.

On the women's side, the Lynx faced up against Stephens College on the road on Friday, December 5th, and walked away with a convincing 69-33 win, improving the Lynx record to 4-3 overall and 0-0 in the SCAC.

The following day, Saturday, December 6, the Lynx suffered a tough loss to Webster University by a score of 68-70 in St. Louis, Missouri, in the first round of the Webster College Tournament. Lynx Taylor Cook ('06) dropped in a game-high 25 points, while center Crystal Jessee ('07) added a season-high 14 points of her own. The game-winning basket was scored by Michelle Irving of Webster with 53 seconds remaining in the game.

The Lynx bounced back from the close loss to Webster with a come-from-behind win against the University of Chicago on Sunday, December 7. Down 26-43 at halftime, Rhodes stormed ahead in the second half to score 50 points and get the win with a final score of 76-73. Freshman Rene Orth hit a buzzer-beating three-pointer to give the Lynx the win. Rachel Hettinger ('06) was strong down the stretch; in the last two minutes of play, she scored three points and recorded two assists and a steal. Orth's game-winner was assisted by Hettinger, who scored a season-high 16 points. In addition, Cook once again had a game-high 25 points to lead all scorers and was named to the All-Tournament team.

The Lynx are now 5-4 overall (0-0 SCAC).

November athletes of the month

By Erica Archer

Laura Borg ('04), a middle blocker on the women's volleyball team, was named the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee's Student-Athlete of the Month for November 2003. She was also recently named Second-team All-SCAC as well as to the 2003 Verizon District VI Volleyball Division III Academic All-American Third-Team.

For week number seven of the 2003 season, she was also selected as the SCAC Player-of-the-Week, establishing herself as the first Lynx volleyball player to capture the honor since 1996.

Borg led the Lynx to a 23-15 final record and a fourth place finish in the SCAC. She ends her collegiate career with 1321 kills out of 3551 total attempts, 28 assists, 90 service aces, 771 digs, and 156 blocks after playing in 473 games—all of which earns her

a place in five categories of Rhodes volleyball history.

Danny Heine ('05), a defenseman on the men's soccer team from Metairie, Louisiana, has been named the Student Athlete Advisory Committee Male Student-Athlete of the Month for November 2003. He was also named to the All-Central Region 2nd Team. Earlier this fall, he was also awarded the SCAC Defensive Player-of-the-Year award.

Heine, a strong defender in the air, organized and led the Lynx defense to seven shutouts in 2003. He was instrumental in shutting down opponents' top goal-scorers, often in one-on-one situations, and also proved to be an offensive threat as he started Lynx counter-attacks that earned him one goal and three assists, for five points, from his central defensive position. Heine was also awarded 2nd Team All-SCAC honors.

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