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Chris Ebersole offers his suggestion to revive the college's spring music festival.

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## Northwest Airlines to cut almost 5,000 jobs

By John Zeanah

Northwest Airlines announced recently that close to 5,000 employees across the country will be laid off as a result of lower demand because of the war against Iraq. Though the state of Tennessee will only lose 174 workers, with most of the workers from the Memphis hub, other Northwest hubs will cut jobs in the thousands. Northwest officials have released that Minneapolis will lose almost 2,000 employees. Milissa Reiersen, spokeswoman for the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, told the Associated Press that types of jobs and locations in the state of Tennessee are not known at this time.

According to Paul Volker, legislative officer for the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Associates Local 33, 2,000 mechanics will be out of work, as well as 1,400 flight attendants, 250 pilots, and 300 management employees. Northwest has already laid off 12,000 workers and lost \$1.2 billion since demand for air travel declined as a result of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

The airline has said that some employees will be given relief packages, but did not specify which ones.

These cuts follow a pay-cut proposal for pilots and

mechanics that was announced earlier this month. Northwest asked pilots to take a 17.5 percent pay cut, give up a scheduled 5.5 percent raise for September 2003, and wait until July 2006 before another raise will be given. Northwest pilots are currently the highest paid employees at an average of \$140,000 per year.

The airline's net loss for last year's fourth quarter was almost \$500 million dollars, a figure that airline officials do not expect to improve during wartime. Northwest has set the goal to have the lowest operating costs of any United States airline company to try to reduce heavy losses.

Northwest has projected savings of \$2.76 billion over the next six and a half years for the pilots' pay cuts alone, but this measure still has not been approved by airline union organizations, who have already rejected one plan offered by the airline.

Northwest joins American Airlines, United Airlines, and Continental Airlines in recent pay cuts, layoffs, or substantiated layoff threats. In addition to the layoffs and pay cuts, Northwest will reduce their flight schedule by 12 percent, compared to a six percent cut for American.

The airline is exercising the "force majeure" clause

of the union contracts to make these layoffs. *The Commercial Appeal* reports that officials have said the use of the clause is justified since, as they believe, the "war is beyond the scope of day-to-day business and beyond its control."

Some facts compiled from articles from *The Commercial Appeal* and *the Associated Press*.

## Rhodes Indian Cultural Exchange hosts Indian fair

By Ellen Moore

Last Saturday, students came out in support of the RICE Indian fair held in the Amphitheater. Whether lured by exotic Indian music or sheer curiosity, numerous students had the opportunity to sample Indian snacks, receive henna tattoos, purchase Indian clothing, and shuffle through Indian CDs. Patricia Clayton ('05) remarked, "I thought it was a great opportunity to experience authentic Indian culture."

Rhodes Indian Cultural Exchange, a student organization at Rhodes, sponsored the fair in an attempt to raise awareness of diverse cultures, namely the Indian culture, within the Rhodes community. RICE president Parag Shah ('03) said he was glad that "students, faculty, and staff [could come] together...through a sharing of cultures."

The main goal of the Indian fair was to raise money for the Opportunity School in Banga-



Photo by Miriam Dolin

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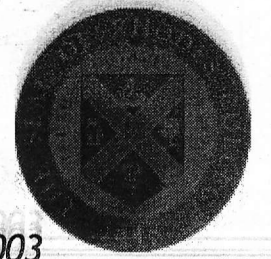
Anders Reynolds ('04), sponsored by Alpha Omicron Pi, was the winner of Kappa Delta's annual Mr. Shamrock competition. Reynolds performed his rendition of "Tequila."

lore, India. The school was created to assist children with mental disabilities who live in impoverished conditions. In order for the Opportunity School to continue with its mission, they need to raise \$34,000. On Saturday, RICE raised around \$400, all of which will be donated to the school, and RICE hopes to raise more money at subsequent fundraising events.

In addition to the Indian Fair, RICE is holding a clothing fair on Thursday, March 27, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Java City. Afterwards at 10:00 p.m., RICE will hold a meeting in Java City to discuss their plans for next year. They extend an invitation to all students who are interested in RICE to attend the meeting this Thursday.

*The Sou'wester is looking for an executive assistant (we like to call it intern) for next year. Interested? Email Amber Shaw at [shaan@rhodes.edu](mailto:shaan@rhodes.edu).*





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## What would Captain Planet do?

First of all, if you're still with me, I realize Captain Planet is very uncool. That said, I think the guy did have a good point, if you look past his dubious fashion statement. Plus, admit it. All of us 80's kids are pretty familiar with him. I bet you remember the theme song.

Captain Planet isn't highly ranked among superheroes. He's not Superman or X-Man: he doesn't have amazing powers due to an extraterrestrial origin or mutated genes. He's not even Batman, who at least has gadgets to supplement his lack of real superpowers. He appears from nowhere when five kids combine their powers. Lame, right?

Well, it is at first glance, anyway. Ignore the bad plotlines and the stereotyped villains. What do you get? Five kids doing their part to save the world every day. That's not so bad in my book.

So toxic sludge doesn't glow green, and evil polluters aren't dumping it on your doorstep. And you don't have a magic ring. Nonetheless, there are real environmental problems out there, and they need real heroes, but not of the blue flying variety. What they need are normal people who make a difference through small daily decisions. Does this sound like you?

If Captain Planet were here at Rhodes, what would he do? Well, for starters, he wouldn't use those Styrofoam cups in the Rat. The Rat is kind enough to provide Styrofoam for your hot chocolate, coffee, or ice cream-toting convenience. But I challenge you to not use it. Ever again. Starting today. Captain Planet wouldn't. Polystyrene is so cheap to produce that recycling it isn't profitable, so it all ends up in a landfill. And it doesn't biodegrade. Furthermore, its production is harmful to the environment, since it is a petroleum product.

The truth is that there really is no need to ever use the styrofoam in the Rat, since you can easily bring your own mug with you to fill with hot chocolate or coffee. The staff doesn't mind. And, there are these marvelous inventions called ice cream cones that do double duty as ice cream containers and food.

I know many of you reading this think that lugging a mug is too obnoxious. That's why it's a *challenge*. I never said that saving the world happened without effort. Lugging a mug is a habit that will take a little practice to cultivate, but if you try it, you'll soon be wondering why you ever used the styrofoam in the first place. I mean come on, they're worse insulation than a mug, plus they break easily.

Some of you not only use styrofoam to carry things *out of* the Rat, but actually use it to hold things you eat or drink *in* the Rat! I've seen people with as many as FIVE polystyrene cups in a little row their trays. Imagine how many of those cups you go through in a semester if you do that every day!

Remember: the power is yours. If you think that those little things that you decide every day aren't powerful stuff, think again. When you consider the actions of everyone eating on campus everyday, our powers combined become something pretty significant. Please consider what Captain Planet would do, if he were you, and lug a mug.

Campus Green will be selling Earthsense mugs during lunch and dinner this Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. They are \$2.50 each and come in two styles that would make Batman proud. Please help us free the Rat from styrofoam. If you don't buy one of our mugs, please lug one of your own.

TREVOR GALLIGAN CONTRIBUTING WRITER

## The plight of the refugee: worthy of our attention

Imagine being thrown in jail because your father, who has now been killed by the government, started an opposition political party in a country with an authoritarian dictator. In jail, you are beaten cruelly and watch your friends suffer until death. Your only chance at survival is to escape, and you get lucky by bribing a prison guard to let you free. You must leave your wife, children, all assets, and successful business behind without notice. You somehow arrive in a foreign land lacking all necessities, unable to speak the language, pay for a sandwich, or make a phone call, and you cannot stop thinking of how your family must quietly move from town to town in order to escape persecution. This story is real and is occurring many times over as you read this.

You may have noticed some of the flyers around campus advocating awareness of the plight of refugees. Most Americans ignorantly group all migrants together; however, there is a stark difference between an economic migrant and a refugee. Refugees flee their home because of the threat of persecution and the knowledge that they will not be able to safely return. Their governments are not able to adequately protect their basic human rights. If they are not deemed by the United States government to be in a threatening situation, they are quickly

sent back. Those who do stay must get a job within sixty days, pay taxes, and receive a small sum of aid that commonly does not even cover rent. They are forced to become productive members of our society, and for the most part are enthusiastic about doing so. The United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) estimates there are some 27 million "people of concern" of which at least 15 million are entitled to international protection as refugees. Most of them are women and children.

Since September 11<sup>th</sup>, the United States' acceptance of refugees has declined drastically. For (FY) 2002 President Bush set the refugee acceptance number at a low total of 70,000, an understandable ceiling considering the state department was attempting to revamp the security system for the admittance of all immigrants. The state department finished their revisions for security more than one year ago. However, for (FY) 2003, expectations of a raised ceiling for acceptance were not met as President Bush again set the number at 70,000.

Here begins the real crux of the issue. War with Iraq has now begun as the administration pleads with Iraqi military personnel to flee the country. However, the administration seemingly pays little mind to the consequences that such an act will

create for the refugee situation. War with Iraq is estimated to produce some 900,000 Iraqi refugees. Turkey has already declared that their borders will remain closed to refugees. Nonetheless, the President again set the acceptance ceiling at 70,000. Such inconsistencies in policy should not be ignored. We cannot expect Iraq's neighbors to completely bear the burden of the negative consequences of our war.

Not only is 70,000 a disappointing number for the most wealthy nation in the world, one which condemns foreign countries for human rights abuses, but we are not even accepting the determined number. Between October 2002 and January 2003, only 5,206 refugees were admitted into the United States. At this rate, only some 21,000 refugees will be admitted this year, less than 1/3 the allowed number. Does this mean that there simply aren't many refugees needing assistance at this time? Absolutely not! Inefficient bureaucracies are to blame. As the FBI and the State Department fight over who has ultimate authority to accept each applicant, thousands and thousands of refugees fear for their lives.

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**TED STONBELY** FEAR THE BEARD

## War in Iraq: dangerous measures for the U.S.

I was sitting in the airport on Friday, waiting for my flight, when I caught a glimpse of the TV. The caption read "Shock & Awe Campaign Begun." A pilot behind me commented, "That's better than a fireworks show!" My stomach cringed slightly. The war has begun. All of the debate, all of the opinions, and all of the dissent have been effectively pushed aside. The precedent has been set, though not necessarily by this president, that if you want to legitimate a war, just start it.

We are now six days into the campaign to "liberate" Iraq. Starting in southern Iraq, where the Shi'a Muslims are predominant, the US has found minimal resistance but has been slowed down nonetheless. The little celebrating we have witnessed on the TV have been from those that have felt most significantly the lash of Saddam's power compounded with the sanctions. They seem to be willing for anyone to ease their burden.

Resistance has been met, though. This will not be the sweep that we remember the Gulf War being. It will not be the benign scenario that the Pentagon and White House predicted. I have heard that some 3,000 Iraqi soldiers, mostly local militias that were heavily armed but disorganized, have surrendered. On the other hand, some of these soldiers have dug into the urban landscape, necessitating a block-by-block push by the "coalition." The Republican Guard has yet to be faced, and they number in the hundreds of thousands. They too are encamped in an urban environment that will prove hectic to the battle plan.

Another problem is with our close friend and ally, Turkey.

They have reportedly been building up their military on the border with Iraq, and there are mixed reports that include up to 5,000 troops already in Iraq. Both the Turkish and US governments deny the existence of

### *Stop this war, before it consumes us.*

Turkish troops in Iraq. Many believe that there will inevitably be a military conflict between the Kurds' 70,000 lightly armed militia and Turkey's heavily armed military.

That said, I want to express my fear of what the United States could face in the future, most likely during President Bush's administration. I fear that now that we have begun our invasion of Iraq, the entire Gulf Region will collapse. The U.S. will be forced to confront not only Iraq but also Iran, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, and the incalculable amounts of home-grown rebellion that will explode with war and the continued American military presence in that area. I fear that people like Paul Wolfowitz, Richard Perle, Douglas Feith, and Dick Cheney will get their way and expand our global campaign to North Korea as well.

In North Korea, there are more than a million soldiers gearing up for a conflict and an authoritarian weirdo with sunglasses itching for either

money or war. I fear that this administration will never get it in their heads that the best way to administer American power abroad right now is through resolving conflicts, like Israel and Palestine, not through starting them. I fear that this administration has put us directly in harm's way, and has little regard for the ramifications and consequences of their horrendous actions and atrocious policies.

I believe that Americans will soon learn the grave mistake that President Bush has made. As we spread our military across the globe, we will find more and more risks and dangers to confront. We undermine our own freedoms and liberties when we start to believe that we can bring liberty to others through force.

I know that people are sensitive these days about any opinions that can be construed as not in support of our troops. I believe that it is silly to look at the troops and blame them for the situation. I support my troops in the best way that I know how; I wish for their immediate and safe return. I wish that they never went there. Those who think that anti-war protesters are wrong, seditious, or unpatriotic really need to take a breath and remember that it has been America's tradition that the dissenters were the ones proven to be most patriotic in times of emergency.

Stop this war, before it consumes us.

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**CHRIS EBERSOLE** I DON'T WANT A BYLINE

## Where did Rites go wrong?

They say that Rites used to be a hell of a party. I must confess that I never actually witnessed it. My freshman year was when they "cracked down" on Rites of Spring. The new rules were pretty imposing: no outside beverages were allowed, fences were erected everywhere, and a substantial amount of extra security was hired. At the time, the measures seemed rather elaborate for the fifty or so students who were usually out there standing in front of (as opposed to listening to) bands that most had never heard of or had any interest in.

So where did Rites go wrong? Undoubtedly many of you have seen some of the older Rites t-shirts around campus, boasting bands such as The Smithereens, The Toasters, and Pat McGee, but I am not so sure that any of those bands were ever here. They just do not seem to fit in with the whole Antigone Rising/Sister Hazel/Better than Ezra theme. I also hear that people used to look forward to Rites all year, but that idea seems similarly fictitious. It seems that curbing rowdiness, vandalism, and destruction had to come at the expense of having a good time and hearing good music. I don't think, however, that this has to be the case.

Some of you may remember the North Mississippi All-stars' day-long festival at the Overton Shell in September. It was a free show open to the public consisting of various local and regional acts; people brought families, pets, Frisbees, coolers, and whatever else to the amphitheater to spend the day. Patrons were allowed to come and go as they pleased, various forms of vending were offered, and there was a noticeable absence of law enforcement personnel. Believe it or not, the show went off without a hitch. Plans are already in the making for this fall.

Similar events are held in the Grove at Ole Miss two or three times a year. People from all

around the southeast congregate at the center of campus to hang out and enjoy a day of free tunes (those of you who missed Robert Randolph, you have been slighted). All campus police ask is that drinks be in cups and that people pick up after themselves. These shows have also been overwhelmingly successful.

Every time I attend events like these, I am reminded of what Rites could be, and sadly, of what it has become. I firmly believe, however, that things can be better. What follows is my solution, and it is one that I stand behind as completely reasonable and feasible for this college.

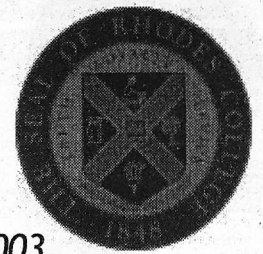
**Use the Overton Park Shell.** Reserve the Shell for a weekend, or even just a day or two. This would allow for a less congested and more wide-open environment, and would be easily accessible to everyone. Administrators would not have to worry as much about damage or vandalism to campus property, and would have better facilities at their disposal to accommodate a larger crowd.

**Make the show open to the public.** Remember all that talk about strengthening our ties with Memphis? This is how to do it. Holding an open party in Midtown would be one of the smartest public relations moves this college could make. Admit people for free, or even for a reasonable charge if it is absolutely necessary. A cooler fee could be charged to those bringing in beverages, and vendors could be solicited to sell food, drinks, and other items.

A restricted show that is more or less closed to the public will have very little appeal to a band that can play for a larger and more laid-back crowd elsewhere.

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## Week in Review

### International

**BURUNDI** In capital city Bujumbura, a ferry exceeding its passenger limit overturned, drowning at least 111. The Burundian navy was able to save an additional 41 passengers, all of whom were fleeing from tribal fighters in the Mayi Mayi area. Both ports near the tragedy, on Lake Tanganyika, are controlled by a rebel force in Congo. Officials estimate that the boat, which sank in a storm, had an actual capacity of less than 100.

**HONG KONG** A lethal pneumonia virus, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), triggered both extensive quarantines and panic for the passengers of a flight on which at least nine people contracted the virus from another passenger. Around the world, SARS has to date killed 17 and infected at least 470. Authorities in Hong Kong are making efforts to locate anyone who might have been on the plane. The virus's symptoms resemble that of typical pneumonia and

generally appear 2-7 days after infection.

### National

**WASHINGTON** White House and Pentagon officials expressed concern about a much stronger opposition once they get near Baghdad than forces have combated thus far. Three divisions of between 8000 and 10000 are thought to be surrounding the city in waves, though U.S. officials note they have been and are still knocking down the numbers. In addition, the Iraqi Special Republican Guard closer to central Baghdad may contain between 5000 and 15000 soldiers. Intelligence denied fully by the Iraqi foreign minister indicates that these soldiers have orders to use weapons of mass destruction, in particular chemical warfare, if troops enter the Baghdad area.

*All news compiled from CNN.com*

## Mortar Board Inductees

Mortar Board is pleased to announce the new inductees in the Torch chapter for the 2003-2004 academic year. Inductees are Daniel Anglin, Kim Bartmess, Laura Borg, David Burke, Carl Carlson, Meg Chambers, Jenny Dill, Miriam Dolin, Natalie Dumont, Daniel Dunnavant, Jessica Ezell, Marissa Foshee, Liz Glass, Caitlin Goodrich, Casey Hail, Daniel Head, Will Higginbotham, Erin Hoekstra, Lindsay Hughes, Kristy Kummerow, Michael Lamb, Michael Lyerly, Justin Nylund, Josie Orlando, Michael Phillips, Megan Pollock, Jennifer Richelson, Lindsay Seifert, John Sexton, Amber Shaw, Stacy Sidle, Jay Sulzman, and Emily Walker.

Honorary Inductees were Dean of Student Affairs Bette Ackerman and President Bill Troutt. Mortar Board, Inc. is a national honor society that recognizes college seniors for distinguished ability and achievement in scholarship, leadership, and service.



Photo by John Zeanah

### BARRET CONSTRUCTION

*The first evidence of the new Barret Library has been dug out of the BCLC field in the past couple of weeks. The diggers have moved all of the dirt into a pile behind the soccer field on the north side of campus.*

*The Sou'wester needs new writers. Anyone interested in contributing campus, city, or state news, arts and entertainment articles, or sports articles should email Amber Shaw at [shaan@rhodes.edu](mailto:shaan@rhodes.edu)*

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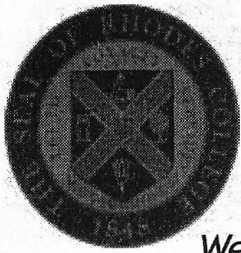
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## Campus Safety

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3/10	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 4:15 p.m.	Thomas Lane Closed - Construction Glassell Hall - Two window panes found broken out from inside F.J. - Suspicious persons: Campus Safety located three juveniles roaming the hall ways. Escorted off campus
3/11	NOTHING UNUSUAL REPORTED	
3/12	11:55 p.m.	North Parkway: Suspicious Person. Campus Safety located and confronted subject. Intoxicated, walking home. Monitored until leaving the area
3/13	NOTHING UNUSUAL REPORTED	
3/14	11:32 p.m.	Glassell Hall: Unauthorized access by student returning from break. Escorted out of hall
3/15	NOTHING UNUSUAL REPORTED	
3/16	6:58 a.m.	Bryan Campus Life Center: Bike found unsecured, impounded
3/17	5:00 p.m.	SAE House - members filed complaint of vandalism and larceny after one Lion statue was found missing and other property inside the house found damage
3/18	1:16 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 9:15 p.m.	Bryan Campus Life Center - Coach's locker room: Larceny from the building Health Services - Ambulance called to transport a student East and West Residence Halls - Fire drills: all okay
3/19	4:21 p.m.	Mallory Gym Parking lot - Vehicle accident
3/20	9:00 p.m.	Bryan Campus Life Center - Wallet stolen from the bench in the Multi sports arena while victim played basketball
3/21	10:40 a.m. 11:35 p.m.	Sorority Row - Suspicious persons reported wandering around the houses, described as one older and one younger women. No one found East Village - Noise complaint: all okay

Rites of Spring 2003  
April 4, 5, 6  
Headliner Bands: Better Than Ezra (Friday night), Dr. Dre & DJ Kut (Saturday night), and Pat Green (Sunday afternoon)  
\$1 Beer all weekend

Can't wait for Rites of Spring? Join us for Salsa Night on Saturday, March 29, from 7-10 p.m. in the Amphitheater. There will be a free dance lesson from 7-8 p.m., followed by Salsa dancing and live music from 8-10. Sponsored by HOLA and The Office of Multicultural Affairs.

"Rites to Shop" will be held on the Sunday afternoon of Rites of Spring from 1-5 p.m. If you need information contact Daniel Head at headl@rhodes.edu.

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3/22	2:00 a.m. 3:00 a.m. 4:33 a.m.	East Lane - Noise complaint - vehicle music: complied and turned music down Glassell Hall - Fire Alarm - all okay, faulty smoke detector East Village A: Arson vandalism: Phone cords on both the first and third floors damaged when someone apparently set fire to them. Memphis Fire Department Responded along with the police department. Both Agencies are investigating this incident and request that if anyone has information, they call Ralph Hatley at Campus Safety 3880
3/23	4:30 p.m.	Construction Fence south side: Vandalism and graffiti. Under investigation, video records being reviewed

### STATS

ACCESSES:	167	VISITORS:	4,665
CITATIONS:	126	PROPPED DOORS:	22
ESCORTS:	52	JUMPS:	4
BOOTS:	4	TOWS:	0
AVs:	0		

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Also, because of the low acceptance numbers, many government-funded resettlement programs, such as the one in Memphis, are threatened with termination.

So, what can we do? As concerned citizens we should use the best tool available. We should write to our congressmen/women and encourage them to lobby the president to raise the determination for (FY) 2004. We should complain about the inefficient bureaucratic politicking that has clogged the admissions process. Aside from this we should make fellow citizens aware of the plight of refugees and the nature of their special status. Help eliminate some of the ignorance that exists about refugees.

The UN's 1948 Human Rites Declaration stated that anyone in fear of persecution should be able to seek a safe refuge.

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## The Sou'wester announces its editorial staff for 2003-2004

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The Sou'wester is still looking  
for a Forum editor for next year





# Oscar shines bright on his 75th birthday

By Sarah Clark and  
 Amanda Moshier

The 75<sup>th</sup> birthday of Oscar night started this year with a truncated Red Carpet and inflated security due to recent events. Very few stars walked the Red Carpet, and those who did posed only for photographs. With Joan Rivers exiled to a hotel room across the street to do the E! pre-show, it was quite a peaceful beginning to this year's Academy Awards. Despite orange alerts, the stars turned out in droves and in any color other than black.

With Steve Martin hosting, the show got off to a light start. He ending his opening bit by cracking on several celebrities including

a laundry list of actors he has "slept with," including Nicole Kidman, Julianne Moore, and Halle Berry, just to name a few. Incidentally, all of these actresses have an established restraining order against Mr. Martin.

Throughout the night Steve Martin continued to keep the mood light at a time when several political statements were being made about the war, some more dramatic than others. For example, after Michael Moore's "fictitious" acceptance speech for Best Documentary, Martin replied with, "You should have seen the atmosphere backstage. The teamsters are now helping Michael Moore into the trunk of his limo." For the rest of

the evening, most of the comments made about the war focused more on peaceful resolutions and wished luck to the troops overseas.

The winners Sunday night included sure things and a few surprises. Chris Cooper, who won a Golden Globe for his role in *Adaptation*, also won the Oscar for Best Actor in a Supporting Role. Catherine Zeta-Jones picked up her Best Actress in a Supporting Role Oscar shortly after performing the Oscar nominated song "I Move On" with Queen Latifah. Oscar trivia: due to the impending birth of Zeta-Jones' and Michael Douglas' second child, an ambulance was on call at the Kodak Theater just in case Zeta-Jones went into labor.

*The Pianist* was another surprise winner Sunday with awards for Best Adapted Screenplay, Best Director Roman Polanski, and Best Actor Adrien Brody. Brody gave a very impassioned acceptance speech reflecting on his experience making the WWII film in comparison to the current war--only after he almost swallowed presenter Halle Berry's face in an unexpected kiss.

Oscar trivia: Roman Polanski was not personally able to collect his award for Best Director due to legal issues that have kept him out of the country for 20 years. Nicole Kidman, the favorite for Best Actress, took home the Oscar after expressing her wish to make her mother

and daughter, who were both with her Sunday night. *Chicago*, after winning one acting award and several technical awards, won the coveted Best Picture category and rounded out the evening.

As with any Oscar year there were new additions and traditions introduced into the schedule. Peter O' Toole was awarded an honorary Oscar at the age of 71. He began his short and eloquent speech with, "Twice a bridesmaid, never a bride, MY FOOT," a comment on the fact that as a celebrated actor for over fifty years he has never received an Oscar, not even for his famous role in the movie "Laurence of Arabia." The

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## Rhodes' newest rite: students organize Rites to Pray

By Josie Orlando

What's the first thing you think of when someone says "Rites of Spring?" While this term is definitely particular to Rhodes, you most likely conjure up images that are very typical to the universal "college experience": loud music and partying with friends on the weekend.

I enjoy Rites myself and would agree that it's a great time to celebrate our shared experience of being (or, perhaps, not being) college students for a weekend. This sense of shared college experience trickles down to smaller college events as well, including meetings for your major, Greek life, political activism, and community service

projects; my time as a tour guide and organization leader has taught me that Rhodes is known for connecting people with similar interests.

There is one large group of students on our campus, however, that has not traditionally had the "rite" to come together to express common goals: I am speaking of the Christians at Rhodes. While we certainly have the legal right to gather together, I am instead referring to the dictionary definition of rite, which is "the prescribed or customary form for conducting a religious or other solemn ceremony" (*American Heritage*); until now, we have not had an annual, unifying experience. I am pleased to announce that this is no longer the case. The first annual Rites to Pray will be this Saturday from 12:30 to 4 p.m. in

the Amphitheater (or the Ballroom in case of rain) and is sponsored by every Christian organization on campus.

Rites to Pray will include alternating times of worship (led by Greek Fellowship and the Ministry), speakers (a student, faculty, pastor, and ministry leader), and prayer (led by fellow students from various campus ministries). This event has grown out of the strong desire for Christian unity that many campus ministry leaders have had for the last few years; it has been carefully and prayerfully planned.

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to join us (and bring a friend) for what promises to be an afternoon that will forever change our campus. While an event like this would be an excellent idea anytime, it is especially crucial for Christians

to come together and pray for our world during difficult times. Whether you think you're alone in your faith on this campus, wonder who the other Christians on campus are, desire friendships with other believers, or want to know what being a Christian is all about, the amphitheater is the place to be Saturday afternoon.

As Christians, our command to come together can be found, among

other places, in the book of Ephesians, chapter four: "I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received... bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Rites to Pray promises to be the beginning, not the culmination, of Christian unity at Rhodes.

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show was a star-studded event like never before. Presenters of awards ranged from actors like Ben Affleck to the family tag-team of Kurt and Micheal Douglas, who presented Best Picture, to one of our most celebrated actresses of all time, Olivia de Havilland at age 87. More celebrities followed in a

presentation of past Oscar winners all the way back to 1936, including Mickey Rooney, Julie Andrews, and Jack Nicholson. The unstoppable excitement of the evening closed with emotion, laughter and celebration. Even though this was Oscar's 75th birthday, he had not forgotten how to shine.

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A bigger potential crowd would generate more band interest.

Invite better bands. By better I mean bands that actually interest people and are suited to play in such an environment, and better does not necessarily mean bigger. The lineup could consist of mainly local bands with a couple of larger headliners, allowing students to see bands that they're familiar with on a local level as well as one or two more national acts. The school should have no trouble attracting talented local bands that would play for little or nothing instead of spending money to draw little-known groups from around the country that are essentially bar bands anyway.

Take care of all the other stuff. Campus Safety officers could be paid to provide security, or people could volunteer. Given the success of other events like this, however, it seems unlikely that there would be any major problems. Publicity would not require much, just some flyers around town and maybe a radio announcement. Other details could be handled in much the same way that they are now.

Such an idea would involve a lot of planning, but you can sign me up. Rites has been besieged by the powers that be, but we can revive it and make it a party once again.



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## Golf team travels to Pebble Beach

By Pat Browne

The men's golf team recently returned from the golf trip of a lifetime. The top seven players on the team traveled to Monterey, California, to play five famous courses. The players who were lucky enough to make the trip were Dan Norton ('03), Scott Puttick ('03), Chris Thompson ('04), Mark Stratton ('06), Matt Durand ('06), Sean Quinn ('06), and Pat Browne ('03). Accompanied by Coach Bill Cochran, the team arrived in Monterey late on Saturday night and quickly went to bed, exhausted and in need of catching a few hours of sleep before their 6:30 am match against Cal. State.

A few hours later, when the alarms rang at the ridiculously early of 4:30 a.m., the team was uncharacteristically lively and energetic. Everyone could not wait to finally get to step foot on the courses they had seen the PGA tour pros play on television. The team's dual match was held at Spanish Bay. This course had the most holes directly along the water out of any of the courses they were fortunate enough to play. The match was structured in a different format than their normal events. Instead of the usual "Stroke Play" events, the team played "Match Play." Fortunately, our team was able to defeat California State by a four-to-two margin, with individual victories coming from Matt Durand, Mark Stratton, and Pat Browne.

Later that afternoon, the team went to another course, called Bayonet, which has hosted numerous qualifying tournaments for the PGA Tour. The following

day, the team played Spyglass, which is one of the courses that is played in the PGA Tour event every year. Statistically, it has always been rated as the most difficult of the three courses the pros play in the tournament each year. The team immediately found out why. Let's just say that none of the team fired a career best round there, but they had an amazing time, nonetheless. That afternoon, the team traveled inland to play a course called Delmonte, which was a little more forgiving and did not bruise the team's egos as badly. Consequently, it provided them with an opportunity to rebuild their confidence for the final and most anticipated round of golf: Pebble Beach.

For decades, Pebble Beach has been considered as close a golfer can come to experiencing heaven on earth. After seeing countless pictures of the course, each member of the team had fabricated their own mental picture of what to expect. Once they arrived, it turned out to be even more amazing than the team could have imagined. The course winds around the edges of the Pacific Ocean, and oftentimes one finds oneself wondering if he is actually finally on the course. The team was able to gather their composure and fire some very respectable rounds, despite having to constantly hit themselves there and it all was not just a dream. The team would like to thank Rhodes Alumni R.J. Harper, the Director of Golf at Pebble Beach, for giving them the opportunity to take such an amazing trip, one which they will never

forget.

## Upcoming Sporting Events

### Men's

#### Baseball:

-March 27- DePauw Univ.- @ Home, 1 p.m.

#### Tennis:

-March 28- Washington & Lee University- @ Lexington, VA

#### Track & Field:

-March 29- Rhodes/Univ. of Memphis Big Cat Classic- @ Home

#### Golf:

3/29- Rhodes Alumni vs Rhodes (Ryder Cup Matches)- @ Home, Colonial C.C.

### Women's

#### Softball:

-March 29- Millsaps College- @ Millsaps, 12:30 p.m.

#### Tennis:

- March 28- Williams College- @ Emory University, GA.

#### Track & Field:

-March 29- Rhodes/Univ. of Memphis Big Cat Classic- @ Home

#### Golf:

-March 30- April 1- Burriss, Inc. Intercollegiate Golf Classic- @ Arkansas Tech, Russellville, AR, Russellville C.C.

## Track competes in Emory meet

By Bill Harrison

This past weekend, the Rhodes' women and men's track teams ran in Atlanta at region rival Emory University for their Division III Spring Bre. Invitational.

With twenty teams running, the competition would be the deepest and best the Lynx had encountered all season. The Rhodes women started off just the way they ended their season last year: dominating with a second place finish among all teams. The Lynx ladies started off winning the 4x100m in 50.60. The team of first-years Jennifer Andrews and Raven Scott, senior co-captain Sarah Donley, and sophomore Corletra Mance laid the smack down on all other teams, coasting to a .4 second win.

Individually, the women went on to win four more events. Mance won the 100m dash and finish third in the 200m. In the 400m, Scott beat the school record impressively, as she sprinted away from the field in 58.85, beating the field by almost a full second. Senior co-captain and recent Indoor All-American Amy Paine dusted the opposition and qualified provisionally for the Division III national championships in the 800m with a time of 2:15.01. First-year Haley McConaghy, running in front of a home crowd, also scored in the 800m on her way to a 2:22.78. Junior Marie Brandewiede opened her season with another win in the

1500m in 4:45.21. Senior Betsy Bogler ran the 5000m run in a very competitive field, finishing 6th in 18:46.

So while the runners were having their day, the throwers and jumpers were not to be outdone. Both senior Rosemary Boner and first-year Martina Melliand scored in the javelin, with Boner breaking the 100-foot mark and Melliand just underneath at 99' flat. Boner, fresh off an all-conference basketball season, also went onto to finish fifth in the triple jump in 33'.25". To end the meet, Mance, Scott, and McConaghy teamed up with junior Cheryl Finster to run to a second place finish in the 4x400m with a time of 4:08.14.

The Lynx men, meanwhile, were showing off a much improved and deeper squad as compared to last year's team. The team tied SCAC rival Centre College without fully flexing their muscles in what was a good start to a promising season. Senior Matt Capitanio took on the role of Ironman for the day, anchoring the 4x100m (along with first-years Joe Morris and Enoch Devors and sophomore Randall Scott) to a 44.40 performance,

running the 100m (12.31), 200m (24.46), 400m (55.16), and tossing the javelin (140'). Joining Capitanio on the runway was first-year Scott Sicard, finishing fourth in the javelin, unleashing a 165' throw. Randall Scott also led the sprint-corps, finishing 3rd in the 200 with a time of 22.77. Scott capped off the day with a gutsy finish of the 4x400m, where, with Joe Morris, Enoch Devors (fourth in the 400m with a 51.26), and senior Bill Harrison (fifth in the 800m in 1:57.40), Scott chased down two other anchor legs to finish 2nd overall in 3:23.68, the fastest time for Rhodes in over two years.

On the distance side of things, sophomore Matt Wood kicked off the 3000m steeplechase season with a sixth place finish and a time of 9:47.78, a rising Wood to the rank of third fastest steeplechaser in Rhodes history. Senior Brian McCarthy led the rest of the distance folk in the 5000m, running a 15:29, only four seconds away from a school record and onto a fifth place finish.

The Lynx will be at home this weekend for the Big Cat Classic.

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