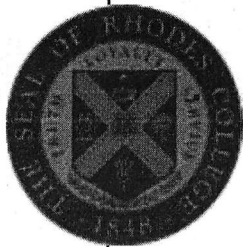


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criticism of the SRC. In
particular, he com-
ments on the harsh
punishments and lack
of tolerance.

SeeOpinion

Barret Library nears its completion

*Rhodes prepares to open large state of the art facility
dedicated to Paul Barret, Jr.*

By Michelle Hope

Six years ago, Rhodes College began its biggest construction project, the building of the new library. The Barret Library project, a \$42 million state-of-the-art facility, was made possible by a major gift from the Paul Barret, Jr. Trust. It is located just south of the Bryan Campus Life Center. Barret, a graduate of the class of 1946 who died in 1999, was the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. A.K. Burrow, who provided Rhodes' current library.

The Barret Library construction began in March 2003, and is currently on schedule and on budget. The building work is now

complete and a majority of the painting work and carpeting is complete, especially on the upper floors. It is projected that by the end of May, the entire building will be complete. By mid June the library collections from Burrow Library will be moved to the Barret Library. The library will be officially opened to the campus community in August.

The sheer size of the project called for a number of changes on Campus. Indeed, improvements to the campus began two years ago with construction to the under-

ground infrastructure beneath Thomas Lane in preparation for construction to the Barret Library. In addition, it was necessary to move the location of the mail room. This construction was completed in October 2004.

The 110,000 square foot building was completely designed by two architectural firms, Sheply, Bulfinch, Richardson, and then by Abbott Hanbury, Evans, Wright and Vlattas. There will be an additional seven thousand square feet of unfinished basement space for future expansion. In comparison, the Burrow Library is only 44 square feet.

The new facility features hundreds of carrels wired for laptop use, a 24-hour study space and group study rooms, vastly improved facilities as well as archives and rare books, peer tutoring space, three computer laboratories, teaching/learning technology laboratory, and the media center. In addition, the library will house both ITS and the Hassel music library.

The library will have a total of four floors. The first floor is at street level. The 24 hour study zone is located in the south wing. Here, will fea-

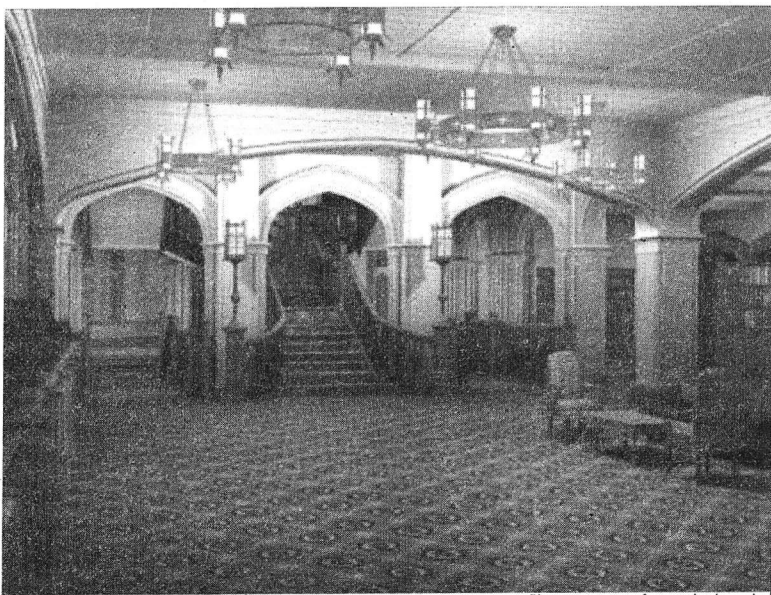


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BARRETT LIBRARY TO HOUSE STATE OF THE ART FACILITIES

The Barret library will be completed in early May. Transition will take place in June. The facility will be open in the fall.

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Recruitment at Rhodes

*Campus looks to fill several faculty
and administrative vacancies for the
fall*

By Jonathan Wigand

The Rhodes administration is currently trying to fill several important positions that have significant impacts on the lives of students as well as the Rhodes Community in general.

Those positions which most affect Rhodes students are in the Office of Student Affairs. By fall semester, the administration expects to have found new directors for ResLife, Campus Safety, and Multicultural Affairs. "Ms. Casey was promoted from ResLife Director to Associate Dean two years ago," says Dean Stackman. "It doesn't make sense to expect her to continue to perform two such demanding jobs at the same time."

Candidates for the job are expected to have their master's degree (as are candidates for any administrative position) and at least five years experience in higher education administration. All of the candidates being considered are coming from universities where they have gained significant experience working in student affairs.

A new director and dean are also needed to replace Ms. Cheryl Garner, who will be moving to Fisk University in

Nashville to be their new Dean of Students Affairs." This is a promotion for Ms. Garner, and we are very happy for her," says Dean Stackman.

Rhodes has been without a Director of Campus Safety since the original director, Ralph Hatley, Jr., retired in January. While almost every Campus Safety officer at Rhodes has a background in either security or law enforcement, this is a requirement for the Campus Safety Director. Each of the candidates has worked in an administrative or supervisory position in law enforcement for at least five years.

The Admissions Office will be hiring an Assistant Director of Admissions to begin working for Rhodes this summer. The assistant director will be concerned with prospective students, conducting information sessions and interviews and communicating on behalf of the college with applicants and prospective students. He or she will also read applications and serve on the scholarship committee.

The Department of External Programs, a department which was created this year

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No limit government

RYAN CALL

On February 22nd, William Poole of George Rogers Clark High School was arrested by local authorities and charged with terroristic threatening in the second degree, a Class C felony according to Kentucky Revised Statute 508.078. If convicted, he faces up to five years imprisonment. The main evidence in the case: several

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horribly written journal entries describing a band of brothers, variously referred to in the journal as "No Limit Soldiers" or "True Soldiers," who embark on a path of testosterone-fueled violence at a

school. In one entry they "sit down at the kitchen table" and plan the attack." In another section, "[The boys] yelled, 'Kill them,' and all the soldiers of Zone Two started shooting [...] After five minutes, all the people are laying on the ground dead."

Advocates of the prosecution cite these excerpts as damning evidence that a national disaster was in the making (apparently, Poole refers to Zone Four as New York City). Those blindly clamoring for Poole's acquittal argue that this is simply another case of the government abusing the privileges it has acquired from perpetuating its rhetoric of fear.

The case is not as simple as either group would like; both sides seem oblivious to the numerous contradictions running through their arguments. In his defense, Poole argued that "the short story they found was about zombies. Yes, it did say a high school. It was about a high school over ran by zombies." He asserts it was for an English class. However, the excerpts that Detective Steve Caudill read during a preliminary hearing mention no zombies. And Poole's teachers have denied giving any such assignment. Apparently,

Poole, eager for feedback, showed an entry entitled "Overview" to a teacher, who told him that he could get into trouble if others at the school read his work. The teacher did not report the incident. Still, the excerpts that have been released do seem to outline a plan to organize a gang to attack a school.

But this is all we know; information about the case is relatively thin. What troubles me is the fact that we have yet to hear about the content of the rest of the entries. Unfortunately, District Judge Brandy O. Brown ordered the documents sealed from public viewing because they contained references to juveniles. Sure, this order makes sense, until we find out that the fellow soldiers described in the entries are identified by pseudonyms. This somewhat weakens Judge Brown's reasoning for sealing the documents. Additionally, Caudill testified that Poole had in fact propositioned seven of his friends to join his gang, but they were uninterested. Furthermore, the authorities discovered in Poole's possession a letter from a contact in Barbourville named Nappy Boy, who promised to aid Poole with guns and money. It seems to me that this is

the prosecution's trump card, but only if it can be proved that Poole solicited this help. If not, then the authorities should be looking for Nappy Boy. That's all the information I have. I've done my best to provide you with the facts.

In this fearful culture, whether or not Poole actually planned to attack the school is the newsworthy issue here, but I tend to wonder about the laws with which he is being prosecuted. KRS 508.078, passed in 2001, says, "A threat directed at a person or persons or a school does not need to identify a specific person or persons or school in order for a violation of this section to occur." It seems this clause gives authorities a

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dangerous amount of freedom as they interpret the nature of a threat. But this ground seems to have been covered already: in 1974, Kentucky passed a similar law about menacing. It reads: "A person is guilty of menacing when he intentionally places another person in reasonable apprehension of imminent physical injury." This is a Class B misdemeanor, punishable by up to 90 days in jail. Why is it that the vaguest threats warrant

a felony classification (and the punishment) whereas threats of "imminent physical injury" deserve 90 days in jail? Hypothetically, it follows that by identifying one's intended victim, a felon can possibly knock four and a half years off a possible sentence. Of course, that's only if they are caught before they carry out the contents of the threat. Yet, the laws are a bit more complicated and I may have misunderstood their meaning. I encourage anyone interested to do a bit of their own research. I certainly will be following this case to its conclusion.

That an 18 year old can be imprisoned for writing what even the authorities have referred to as "stories" should be alarming to us. This is not to say that I don't sympathize with the victims of school shootings or terrorist attacks, but that our government must find another process by which they can prevent such disasters without infringing upon its citizens' privacy. And its citizens must hold the government accountable for any such breaches of trust.

Although this is a local issue, I believe it reflects a dominate trend in our government's thinking: that basic rights can be easily exchanged for national security. Unfortunately, this belief is a lie; our rights and our national security are one in the same. To take away these rights is to weaken this country. But the system we have will not change overnight, and despite its flaws, I have a bit of faith that it will work smoothly to reveal the full details as to Poole's guilt or innocence. Perhaps a potential disaster was averted by our authorities' swift action; however, I think that, if anything, Poole is guilty of writing really bad fiction and our government is guilty of disseminating a really bad lie.



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OPINION

The SRC won't protect me

ALEX CONFORTI

I will be honest and say right off the bat that I do not like the Social Regulations Council (SRC). I do not trust the SRC. I feel like the SRC has not tried to help anybody but instead tried to apply every violation possible to help them find people guilty. When I talk to students around campus about the SRC, the reaction is generally the same. The SRC has two functions from what I can tell. One is to determine if a student is guilty of an act and the other is to determine the punishment of any guilty party. I personally believe that there is a third function of the SRC, which the current board fails to fulfill. That third duty is to protect the rights of students. This is precisely why I decided to run for a spot on the prestigious Social Regulations Council. How can I make a difference by just complaining with other students about how this institution is run? The answer is simple: get on the SRC and work hard to help the people who are summoned before it and VOTE.

I wanted to be on the SRC so that I could advise people on how to act before it. I want to be on the SRC to help make sure that simple or unnecessary cases are not put on trial. I want to ensure that the rights of the students are protected. The main reason why I want to be on the SRC is so I can stop unnecessary suspensions. Rhodes has zero tolerance for several acts that call for suspension, but often it is impossible to distinguish black from white. Grey areas exist in several cases that I personally know about and have heard about.

If there were no negotiable areas then we would not have the SRC in the first place. The members of the SRC should be able to judge the issues. After all, weren't members of the SRC elected because the student

community trusted that they could distinguish grey areas?

Wrong!

Current members were elected largely because of low voter turn-out. The members of the SRC were elected by amassing a coalition of friends to vote them into office. I admit I am to blame as well, I did not vote last year and have grown to regret that fact with every passing month of the 2004-05 school year.

But just let me get back to my stance on the suspensions that are allocated by the SRC. I have heard about a lot of suspension that are ridiculous. Some of them probably are rumors but then again many of them are not. I know two students who played a prank on campus. I will say that it did make me angry; however, I still believe that those students should continue to be enrolled here. Those two students wasted several thousand dollars for them to go to Rhodes for not even a semester. One of those students is now in a community college, a step down from going to Rhodes. The other is struggling to enroll in classes that will transfer back to this "prestigious" academic institution. For one student, his life has drastically changed and there is no telling what the future has in store for him. The other student will be coming back but at a drastic financial cost.

I will give another example of what a suspension can do to somebody. This example is quite important to those who are rising seniors and juniors. An individual was set to graduate this spring, but was suspended because of reasons with which I do not agree. Now, not only did much of his time, effort, and money go down the drain, he is having trouble try-

ing to transfer to schools so late in his academic career. He needs just eight hours in order to graduate from Rhodes. If he transfers, he would be required to complete at least 40 percent of his classes from his new school. His only choice is to either wait to return to Rhodes next year or go to a different school for another year and a half in order to graduate. That is a tough and unfair decision to make.

There are several other punishments and sanctions that the SRC could implement instead of suspensions, such as on and off campus community service. These forms of punishment can positively benefit the rest of campus in the process. Additionally, there are fines or fees that can be applied for certain acts. I am sure that the members of the SRC could become even more creative in finding ways for punishment that does not require suspension. Suspensions ruin lives and I do not think that the SRC realizes the power of their decisions over the life of the people put before them.

This brings me to my final point in the limited space that I have. Many of you may or may not know about how the last student election was a disaster. The election commission used a new program that had several bugs, allowing many invalid votes. In short, I believe that the student body deserves an election that is not to be self-proclaimed to be severely flawed. That is why I am going to start a petition that I hope you will sign for a new election that will go off without a hitch. I encourage everyone to consider signing my petition and voting. The student body deserves a clean election. Not only do I demand a re-vote, I also demand a greater response from the student body.

We cannot permit people who are not elected by a sizable majority to serve on the SRC or the Honor Council simply because they have too much power over our lives.

Tuition and Image

TODD RIDLEY

For the privilege of attending Rhodes College, next year's incoming freshmen will pay the highest tuition this school has ever charged. This article will suggest that the exorbitant tuition increase is not something new, but symptomatic of a larger problem facing this campus.

When I decided to write this piece, I thought it would be best to figure out how much it actually costs to go to Rhodes. This is harder than you might expect. First, the internet. Go to our admissions page and notice the price listed in the quick facts box. Then, click on the link and notice a different (and higher) price in yet another box. Finally, call your parents and ask how much the bill actually is. As much as I like the idea of an endless series of internet links and college memos revealing higher and higher prices, culminating with the sale of your soul in exchange for enrollment, it is false advertising. And maybe an Honor Code violation? Quick note. Perhaps anticipating the wrath of my keyboard, the website has been changed in the past day to fix the disparity. The point, however, is that prospective students were enticed by the sub-\$30k price tag, and will now be shocked to discover the new list price of \$34,778.

Higher tuition is not necessarily a bad thing, but the priorities of the college in spending that tuition are more directed towards making Rhodes look like a top tier institution than making it one. Rhodes has become so distracted in maintaining its architectural style that it has forgotten its primary responsibility to its students. Having two towers straddle the campus is dynamite aesthetically and for its trendy *Lord of the Rings* association, but entirely unnecessary.

The City of Memphis also recently erected a beautiful new library that is significantly larger and cheaper. In our efforts to keep the campus unsullied by non-Gothic

architecture, the college has forgotten that it is what is inside the buildings that matters.

The image consciousness of Rhodes, unfortunately, extends beyond its buildings. My four year existence here has seen countless mission statements and surveys regarding racial diversity, and yet, I have still had the surreal classroom experience of discussing affirmative action without a single African-American in the room. By spending our money as it does, the College has confirmed that its primary commitment is appearance. So long as the school can publish information about racial task forces and commitments to diversity, it can maintain the appearance of caring without having to implement the necessary changes. Through its website and publications, the College presents a false image in which tuition is low and every picture includes a minority student. This image is contrary to the experiences of its students. The college is spending our tuition to present the image of an ideal college experience rather than trying to fulfill the reality of that ideal.

Appearing on CNN in his role as the chair of the National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education, President Troutt argued that tuition increases are necessary because of "increasing expectations students and families bring to college today." What are these expectations? Is it simply for well-groomed lawns and ivy covered walls? A liberal arts education is about more than a campus, it is about bringing together a diverse, talented body of students to foster intellectual growth.

It behooves the college to explain to its students and the parents that there are tuition increases and why those increases exist. High tuition places a strain on families that must be accounted for, not just to CNN or a national commission, but to its actual students and their parents.



Week in Review

International

Russia- President Vladimir Putin again ruled out the possibility of running for re-election in 2008, ending speculation that he might try to revise the constitution and lift the ban on third consecutive terms. Putin did not rule out the possibility of running in 2012, though, fueling rumors that he might still try to hang onto power in the Russian government.

China- In a strong stand against a Japanese bid for a seat on the U.N. Security Council, the Chinese Premier stated that the Japanese government should formally apologize for their aggression in World War II before aspiring to become a bigger global leader. The statement hinted that

China might exercise its veto power as a member of the Security Council and vote against Japan. Citizens in both China and Japan are furious and rumbling for a fight.

Netherlands- Dutch brewer Heineken appointed Jean-Francois van Boxmeer chief executive Tuesday, replacing Anthony Ruys in a shakeup to help revive the group's sinking shares. The shuffle came after Heineken warned in February that 2005 profits would drop for a second year, and after 2004 profits fell by one-third, hit by sluggish European beer sales, dollar weakness, and losses in Brazil.

National

North Carolina- A skating facility about 45 miles northwest of Charlotte could have one of the largest indoor sheets of ice in the world when it's finished later this year. Covered by an air dome, the ice will measure 300 feet by 100 feet, said Gray Johnson, a partner in the venture. It will offer training space for skaters, hockey players and curlers.

Virginia- Tiny parasites have cut Virginia's wild honeybee population in half since the 1980s, devastating apple growers who need the bees to pollinate fruit trees. State officials say they're concerned about losses to the apple crop in Virginia, which ranks sixth in production in the USA.

Tennessee- Fifty-four percent of traffic fatalities in Tennessee between 1999 and 2003 happened on rural roads, according to a study by The Road Information Program, a nonprofit group that studies travel and traffic-related policies. Officials say drivers are often tired or intoxi-

cated, but also blame the poor conditions of rural roads and the lack of money to fix them.

Wisconsin- Residents of 72 counties were asked to vote whether or not all free-roaming cats should be listed as an unprotected species. If the ordinance passes, all felines, including domestic cats without collars or tags, could be hunted. The issue has caused a massive response from cat lovers who would hate see "Thunderpaws" shot.

Seattle- In a statement released Tuesday, Microsoft Corp. announced five "critical" rated flaws in their Windows, Word, Internet Explorer, and messenger programs that could allow attackers to take over personal computers. Microsoft is working hard to uncover flaws in security and prevent hackers from gaining the upper hand in their war to inconvenience us all.

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to combine all of Rhodes' outreach endeavors (such as the Meeman Center, Communications, and Admissions and Financial Aid). Now the department will be expanding by hiring an Associate Director of Development who will be in charge of obtaining gifts and contributions for the college and will also oversee the planning of class reunions in order to secure donations from the alumni.

In addition to these administrative positions, the college is also looking to hire an Associate Director of Information Services who will oversee the collection of both internal and external data (surveys and assessments) as well as the reporting of that information which is found. "A broader way to explain it," says Robert Johnson, Director of Information Services, "is to say that this position bridges the gap between the staff in ITS who take care of data, and those who need the information." A good example of this is Faces, a program which was built by Brian Hummer, the former Associate Director for Information Services who left for Chicago in January. Faces reports to students and faculty information which is collected and compiled by Information Services.

In addition to these executive administrative positions, Rhodes will also be hiring several new faculty in academic departments such as biology, modern languages, chemistry, and economics/business administration; athletics, and grounds management (Physical Plant and Housekeeping).

The Sou'wester would like to make the following corrections:

VOL. XCI. NO. 16. March 2, 2005. "Rhodes celebrates Chinese New Year." This article was co-authored by Rene Orth and Monica Tam, not just Rene Orth.

VOL. XCI. NO. 17. April 6, 2005. "Rhodes Celebrates 2nd annual Greek Week." Correction in spelling of IFC President, Billy Willson. Greek Woman of the year was Mary-Claire Giffin. Joanna Young won Chapter President of the year.

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ture a Starbucks, vending machines, and numerous areas for comfortable seating as well as tables for study. This area will most likely have key card access.

The circulation desks, check-out desks, and inter-library loan desks are all located on this floor. As well as the archives, rare books, the reference collection, a large reading area, new books, and two group study rooms. There is also a plasma screen television. In total there are to be 16 group study rooms of varying size, all equipped with a table, seating, and a white board. In addition, they will be connected and have a wireless feature. Some will be available for reservation, others will be on a first come first serve basis. In addition, there are four other rooms designated as conference rooms.

The lower level of the library houses the second and third computer lab alongside numerous listening rooms. Most impressive here is the presence of a movie like Theater, able to seat 31 with high quality sound and projection. There are 12 individual work stations and room for the Media Center. In addition is a large area of unfinished space for future expansion.

The second floor has six additional group study rooms and is where the full library collection begins. Between the stacks is a place for seating, and a reading room in the bay window area. There will also be the college journal collection, two conference rooms that will be used as classrooms during the day, and the learning center. The learning center will hopefully include the writing center, which will thus become more accessible and be able to extend its hours. It is also hoped that this area will be used for tutoring and assistance in large scale projects.

The third floor, in addition to seven group study rooms, the stacks, and a reading area, holds faculty carrels. This is an area designed for professors on sabbatical or visiting professors without office space to use for research. It is also hoped that areas like this will help promote greater interaction between faculty and students. The third floor also had a balcony that

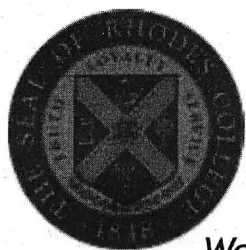
overlooks the second floor and a reading area with comfortable seating is placed here in front of the large bay windows.

Overall, the color scheme is fairly basic, designed by the architectural firm. The carpets are mostly red and black and designed to be hard wearing. In addition, beige and tan colors have been used to complement the wall color scheme. The library's grand ceiling will be painted to represent the arrangement of stars on the first day of Rhodes' first year, in January 1849, when the Lynx constellation ruled the sky. Chandeliers will hang from the ceiling.

In addition, each floor features seating between the stacks and most floors are built for compact storage to allow for the expansion of the collection. Each floor has individual study space, group study rooms, computer terminals, a printer and a copier, and restroom facilities. Each floor is equipped with spot lighting and there are numerous windows to ensure maximum light.

Director of Library Services, Lynne Blair, is excited about the new library and explains that a lot of thought and consideration went in to its planning. Both student and faculty comments and requests were taken into consideration in the planning of the project, and will continue to be important to the success of the new facility. Indeed, the use of many rooms, though designated for certain purpose, will be determined by need.

Overall, the Barret Library is intended to thoroughly enrich and expand the Rhodes experience for both faculty and students by offering a brighter, more comfortable, better equipped facility, more in keeping with 21st century demands. The Burrow Library building will likely remain unoccupied for the short future while changes to the interior are made. It is hoped that a number of administrative offices will move over, including the Dean of Students office. There is also likely there will be space for student organizations.



Campus Safety

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04/03	12:19 a.m.	Report from a student on North Parkway that a black male attempting to climb the North Parkway gate. Officer dispatched. No one found.
	12:45 a.m.	Noise complaint 2nd floor Blount. Officer dispatched. Checked all three floors, everything quiet.
	12:53 a.m.	Report of three white males walking from the quad area going toward the refectory, throwing trash and pulling up stakes from the yard.
	8:09 a.m.	Found Williford main entrance door propped open, secured.
	10:05 a.m.	Found Jackson Street chain unlocked, gate secured.
	10:45 a.m.	Found Williford main entrance door propped open again, secured.
	1:10 p.m.	Found 1st floor window open in Bellingrath social room, secured.
04/04	7:38 a.m.	Flags placed at half mast for Pope John Paul II until the end of the week.
	8:18 am	Director Foshee, Physical Plant, reported one of his maintenance golf carts missing. Under investigation.
	6:29 p.m.	Fire alarm, Servery A, faulty smoke detector. Cleared and reset.
04/05	10:15 p.m.	Fire extinguisher inspections.
	11:01 p.m.	Suspicious person noticed by contract officer at the Spann gate area. Search of the area, no one found.
04/06	12:48 p.m.	Report of a theft, BCLC, report to be filed.
04/07	11:28 a.m.	Student's vehicle escorted off campus by tow truck for repairs at student's request.
	5:28 p.m.	Four individuals detained at Bailey Lane. All four had gained access to the BCLC by using an expired membership card. Card confiscated.
	10:15 p.m.	MPD on campus responding to a 911 call in Bellingrath. Administrator on call notified.
	10:51 p.m.	Student cited; AV issued.
	11:01 p.m.	Six students adjacent to Robinson Dorm singing very loudly. Asked to quiet down; all six complied.
	11:52 p.m.	Report from an RA stating that she had seen a black male enter the first floor of East Village A through a window. Officers responded, spoke to several students. No one found, no signs of forced entry. All first floor windows secured.
04/08	11:25 p.m.	Noise complaint, 3rd floor Blount. Students asked by Campus Safety to lower the volume of their television.
04/09	12:09 a.m.	Report of a possible under-aged female drinking outside of Williford/Blount area.
	12:14 a.m.	Female located, no alcohol involved, student released.
	1:03 a.m.	Vehicle outside of East Village playing loud music, advised by Campus Safety to turn the music down or leave the area, chose the latter.
	9:05 a.m.	Report of three license plates removed from vehicles in freshman lot.
04/10	2:02 a.m.	Report of two males entering the Mallory gym through the south door. Officer dispatched, found two students playing basketball. Counseled about after hours entry, released.
	2:37 a.m.	Noise complaint, 3rd floor Glassell. Officer dispatched, no one located.
	12:20 p.m.	Campus Safety officer observed four black males attempting to enter the Spann parking lot area. When suspects noticed this officer, they backed up and sped off. Security surveillance cameras had the vehicle description on tape, but were unable to read the tag.

Announcement

The Rhodes College Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa is pleased to announce that the following students from the class of 2005 have been invited to join the Society as Members-in-Course.

- Sunita Arora
- Stacie Beverly
- Caroline Bishop
- Patricia Clayton
- Caroline Downing
- James Feuerbacher
- Christopher Hathorn
- Daniel Heine
- Hailey Hopper
- Alexander Hornaday
- Leah Kaye
- Lynn Keathley
- Lauren Lewis
- Brooke McClelland
- Noelle Norris
- Stephen Ogden
- Pratik Patel
- David Pool
- William Rives
- Bradley Romig
- Hannah Syburg
- Benjamin Tanner
- David Watkins
- Daniel Webb
- Jonathan Whaley
- Millicent Worley

Six other members of the class of 2005, Courtney Collins, Emily Furlow, Charles Hartigan, Frances Rabalais, Lisa Ulevich, and Stanley Vance accepted membership during their junior year.

Election to Membership-in-Course in Phi Beta Kappa is based upon a record of excellence in the study of liberal subjects. The chapter congratulates all the members-elect for their exceptional academic accomplishments.

New members of Phi Beta Kappa will be inducted in a ceremony, which will be held at 11:30 on Friday, May 13 Blount Auditorium. The annual luncheon will follow the induction ceremony at approximately 12:15 in the West Dining Hall of the Burrow Refectory.

The Rhodes Chapter of Up 'Til Dawn 2004-2005 would like to thank the following sponsors for their assistance in helping to raise \$52,000:

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- Party City
- Party Land
- Putt Putt Golf and Games
- The Pink Door

Rhodes presents the eighth annual Rites to Play community carnival. Saturday, April 16, 2005. 12 p.m.- 3 p.m. in Oak Alley.



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Actor Sylvester Stallone stars as *The Human Mongoose* Commentary on the Stallone/Mongoose phenomenon -by Eben Cathey

Have you ever noticed the similarities between Sylvester Stallone and the mongoose? Their likeness is overwhelming.

As we all know, the mongoose cannot be killed. It is also famous for killing cobras. Certain mongeese (the South Indian Mongoose) have a 98% efficiency rating in defeating the cobra enemy. I mean, let's get serious - a small, weasel-like animal that has such agility and fearlessness that it will do battle with a King Cobra, and win 98% of the time - this is unbelievable and off the chain!

The mongoose defeats its enemy by slowly, yet aggressively approaching the snake's personal space. The cobra immediately knows its time is up. In a vain attempt, the cobra will begin striking at the mongoose ferociously. Does the mongoose give a crap? Hell no. It withstands the attack, waiting to catch the cobra when it is winded. As soon as the mongoose sees his enemy striking with less intensity, it will catch the cobra's head in its mouth and crush it. The mongoose will kill it until it's dead

every time. The mongoose is easily nature's greatest competitor, simultaneously being the underdog as well as the obvious champion. How can something so small be so dominant? Well, let's look at Sylvester Stallone.

Stallone is only 5' 9, 185 pounds: not very big for a man who single-handedly wins the Vietnam and Cold War in a single year - 1985. However, if you compare the fighting style of Stallone to the mongoose, it's easy to infer that big things come in small packages. Stallone is the epitome of a small package, as is the mongoose. In every Stallone movie, ranging from Rocky I - IV to Rambo I and II, Stallone wears down the enemy to the point that he loses the will to win, much like the mongoose. This is the point when Stallone makes his move and grabs hold of the hearts of millions. Billions. He just won't give up,

whether it's taking a beating from the genetically enhanced Russian super boxer or thousands of commies with automatic weapons. He always comes out on top. This is what we find so appealing about Stallone. He can't be killed, and what other being on this earth can't be killed? The mongoose. I'll conclude this with a poem written by Aaron McNutt, addressing an issue that's on all of our minds at this point, titled "The Showdown."

THE SHOWDOWN

if a mongoose & rocky fought
it would be in sweltering mongoose habitat.
thailand or india perhaps.
with their big red gloves
they would wait
to dodge head strikes
that would never come
because neither of them
has cobra nature.
at the end of round three
with the outcome assured
they would dance
spry on their hind legs
to the center of the ring.
wet fur pressed to wet skin
they would hug
for they are brothers in spirit.

Children and adults experience *The Mystery of the Nile*

By Molly Chapman

Once you get past the many neighboring whispers of "Daddy, I gotta tee-tee," the Pink Palace's current IMAX feature, *The Mystery of the Nile* (2005), directed by Jordi Llompart, is a fabulous film for the adventurous. Filled with absolutely stunning images of the Nile River and its surrounding people and landscapes, this movie tracks the first expedition of the Blue Nile river from start to finish in which no one has been killed.

The Blue Nile is the most dangerous river in Africa, and probably the world, due to its large population of crocodiles and hippopotami, not to mention its lethal rapids and falls.

The narrator/expedition leader provides some comic relief to the content's majority, flooded with dramatic adventure

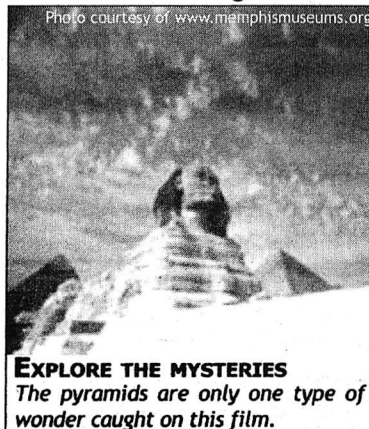
stories, all remarkably caught on video.

One crazy crew member, the safety kayaker, is a somewhat psychotic outdoorsman who seems to refuse to do anything outside of his kayak. He repels down giant falls in it with ropes attached and he gets shot at by local bandits (many claim ownership of the river itself). In addition, the team is made up of an anthropologist, a journalist from Spain, and a geologist.

Perhaps more influential than the daring stories of river travel are the glimpses into the lives of Ethiopians, Sudanese, and Egyptians. It is almost as if we are in Africa ourselves, walking through ancient temples and laughing with native people. It is difficult to verbalize the beauty of the people and the land captured in the film.

If I could ask for more of anything, however, I would want to see more gore. I may be sick, and I know the movie must be family-friendly, but it was somewhat hard to see how so many people have been killed attempting this feat.

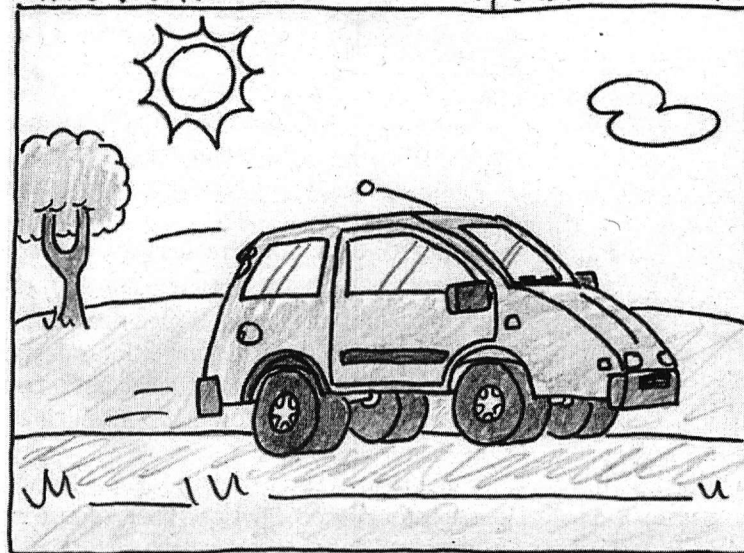
The Mystery of the Nile would not have the same effect were it not an IMAX film, so go catch it before it's gone.



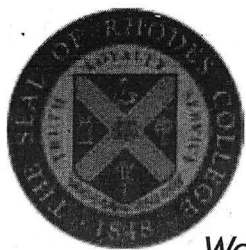
EXPLORE THE MYSTERIES
The pyramids are only one type of wonder caught on this film.

THIS WEEKEND

by LOGAN WHEELER.



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Dinner & a Movie

This week, Allison Brown reviews oyster bar *Sleep Out Louie's*, and Patrick Hoover reviews the performance of the slew of celebrities in *Sin City*.

Graphic novel turned film adds new dimension to Tarantino

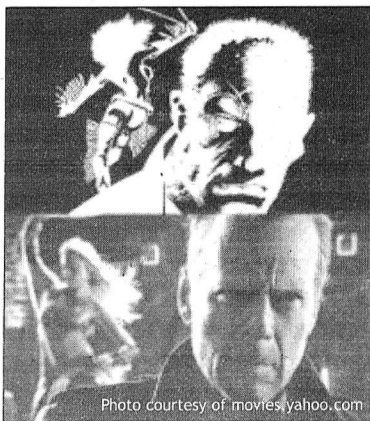
By Patrick Hoover

With the presence of such acclaimed directors as Robert Rodriguez and Quentin Tarantino, one can only expect the action adventure blockbuster that *Sin City* has promised to be. But, *Sin City* is a little different than the typical Tarantino/Rodriguez style of killing everyone and everything in the movie because if it isn't worth blowing up, it isn't worth putting on screen.

As most people have already noted, *Sin City* is based on a graphic novel, (or "comic book" to those that didn't have a childhood) by Frank Miller, another of the film's directors. Because of its comic book background, the film's creators decided to take a different approach to graphics and effects in the movie. Staying true to form, the film resembles comic book style graphics and effects in appearance, making it not necessarily revolutionary, but definitely not something seen in mainstream film-making.

Also, parts of the dialogue and the action sequences feel as if they were lifted straight from the pages created by Frank Miller.

Another interesting aspect was that the entire film was shot in black and white, with



I'M GONNA WIN IN SIN CITY
Jessica Alba and Bruce Willis are Nancy and Hartigan in Frank Miller's *Sin City*.

only certain features, like some blood or a character's eyes put into color.

Sin City has three distinct plot lines with small elements of convergence, but if you blink

you might miss them. The film opens weakly with a teaser involving Josh Hartnett as a hit man, but it quickly launches into a spectacular performance by Mickey Rourke as a hard-nosed ex-con hell bent on finding the murderers of his new obsession, a hooker running from her past. The next plot involves a wanted murderer, Clive Owen, and his attempts to make sure the hell-raising band of hookers from the "Red Light District" of Basin City don't get caught with a dead cop in their midst. Finally the story evolves into Bruce Willis' struggle to protect a little girl from a powerful and corrupt senator's rapist son: The cast of characters alone is astonishing, and makes the film worth seeing.

If you want something a little less mainstream, but with the same punch as a typical Tarantino film, this would be a good one to see, but the dialogue and different cinematic qualities take some getting used to.

Sleep Out Louie's draws customers downtown with Bloody Marys, burgers, oysters, and fish racing

By Allison Brown

I was beginning to feel that there was a definite dearth of good, fun, casual burger places in Memphis. With the notable exception of Huey's, most places claiming to offer a good hamburger were either big chains or had some sort of gimmick attached, like an old famous musician, for instance.

To satisfy the burger craving, which I'm sure every good, red-blooded, non-vegetarian American gets from time to time, you either have to wait for a break and the chance to order your dad to throw one on the grill, or demand that ResLife relent and allow George Formans in the dorms.

This, of course, was all before I discovered Sleep Out Louie's last weekend. It calls itself an oyster bar, but the menu has tons more to offer. For brunch on the weekends, you can order eggs pretty much any way you like them with just about anything, including french fries or chili. And that's a combination they won't give you at the Rat.

In addition to all the food, if you're lucky when you make your way downtown to check out Louie's, you just might get to race a fish. That's right, Sleep Out Louie's is the only place I have ever heard of that holds customer fish-racing competitions.

When you walk in, Sleep Out Louie's looks like a normal

bar and grill; it has a full bar, tons of people, and huge TVs showing boxing matches and baseball games. But right up by the door are two long basins filled with water. The restaurant's patrons volunteer to squirt a water gun into the basins behind a fish, and the first player whose fish is irritated enough to swim all the way to the other end of the basin is the winner. Voila: cheap, gaudy entertainment to go along with your dinner.

Named for a man who was so laid-back he quit his job and became a hobo, Sleep Out Louie's has a lot of character. If big portions, a 3-hour daily happy hour, and the blatant misuse of goldfish seem like your thing, then Louie's is your place.

It's a straight shot down Union not far from Peabody Place, so you know you'll be around there eventually. And the food's not expensive; two people can eat for about 20 bucks. Give it a shot.

Genre: Oyster bar and grill

Location: 88 Union Ave.

Happy Hour: Mon.-Fri. 4-7 p.m., Sat. 12-5 p.m.

Phone: (901) 52-SLEEP

Menu Feature: Weekend brunch of eggs benedict, pancakes, mimosas, and Bloody Marys. Perfect patio for a post-theater bottle of wine.

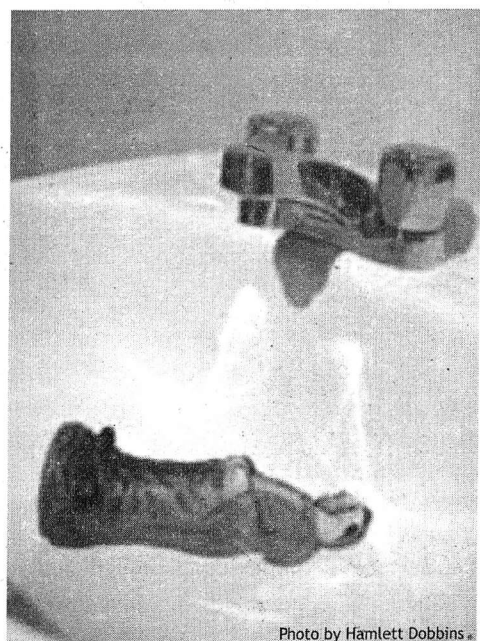
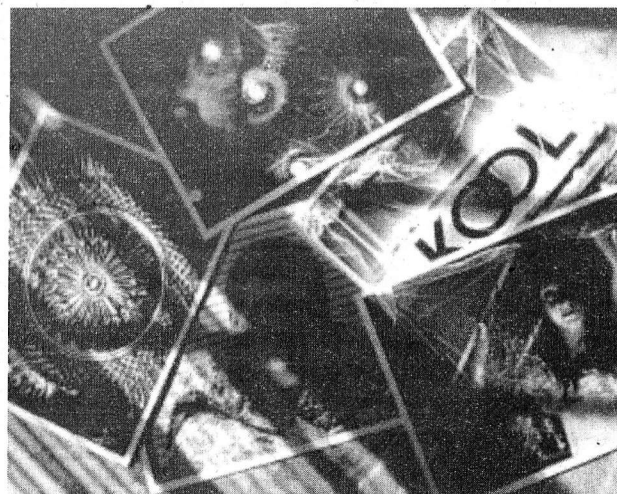


Photo by Hamlett Dobbins



Selections for the 2005 Juried Student Exhibition were chosen by Beth Edwards, local painter. Congratulations go to Jennifer Todd ('06) who won Best in Show, Jenny Rogers ('06) who received First Runner-up, and Joel Parsons ('07) awarded Honorable Mention. Pictured here: (left to right) "Kitsch in Sink" by Parsons, and silver gelatin print two out of six in the series "Untitled" by Todd.

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Men's Golf within striking distance at Emory

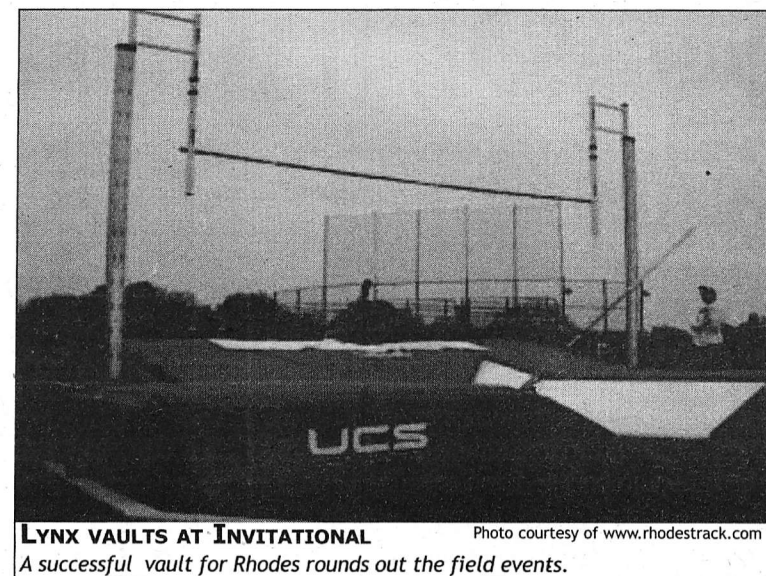
By Matt Dean

Matt Durand ('06) of Bartlett, TN and Carter Lawin ('07) of Houston, TX each posted a two-over par 74 in the first round of the Emory Spring Invitational on Monday, putting the Lynx in a seventh place tie with number two ranked Methodist at 303. The strong tour-

namment field features five of the top six teams in Division III and ten of the top 25. The solid team performance by the Lynx have them within striking distance of tournament leader Guilford, who posted a score of 290, and second place LaGrange, who posted a day

one score of 290. Round two teed off at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday morning with a shotgun start.

Coach Cochran is looking for a strong finish for the Lynx leading into the SCAC Championships April 22-23, where the Lynx will defend their 2004 SCAC Championship.



LYNX VAULTS AT INVITATIONAL Photo courtesy of www.rhodestrack.com
A successful vault for Rhodes rounds out the field events.

Lynx baseball goes on to SCAC competition

By Matt Dean

Baseball concludes their 2005 season with a conference road trip at Hendrix. The men currently are 8-24 overall and 2-15 in the SCAC after dropping a pair of SCAC games to Trinity University this past weekend. Rhodes defeated Hendrix earlier in the season and will be looking to win the season series with the Warriors.

Thus far the Lynx have been paced by three outstanding freshmen. Daniel Vanaman leads all

Lynx hitters with a (.388) batting average. Vanaman also has a (.455) On Base Percentage and has two home runs and 24 runs batted in.

Centerfielder Richard Hurd ('08) is currently hitting at a (.344) clip and has hit for a team high (.533) slugging percentage. Hurd also leads the Lynx with three home runs. Catcher Matt Beesley ('08) has thrown out a league high 28 runners, and is also hitting (.319).

Crew rows

By Eric Schumacher

At 10:00 a.m. on the morning of April 9th, the Rhodes club crew team awoke to prepare for their race at 1pm. They had spent the night in a pitch black squash court in the gym complex at the University of Alabama, rising early to compete.

Rhodes rowed against four Division I teams, Tulane, Vanderbilt, Auburn, and University of Alabama. At some of these schools, crew is a varsity sport and the teams are provided with coaches and a substantial amount of equipment. Also, the starting time for the regatta was pushed back

because of a fierce current that was instigated by torrential rain. An official at the race described that at certain portions of the course, "the water was moving faster than the boats could row." The Lynx rowers remained undaunted even with these odds. At 1:00 p.m., the races began.

Starting off the race was the women's varsity four. Their boat came in third among six teams rowing. After their race came the men's novice four. The novice men rowed against three other teams and took the gold medal by a boat length. Directly after them, the men's varsity four came into the finish line with a bronze medal.

Invite brings individual success

By Dan Schofer

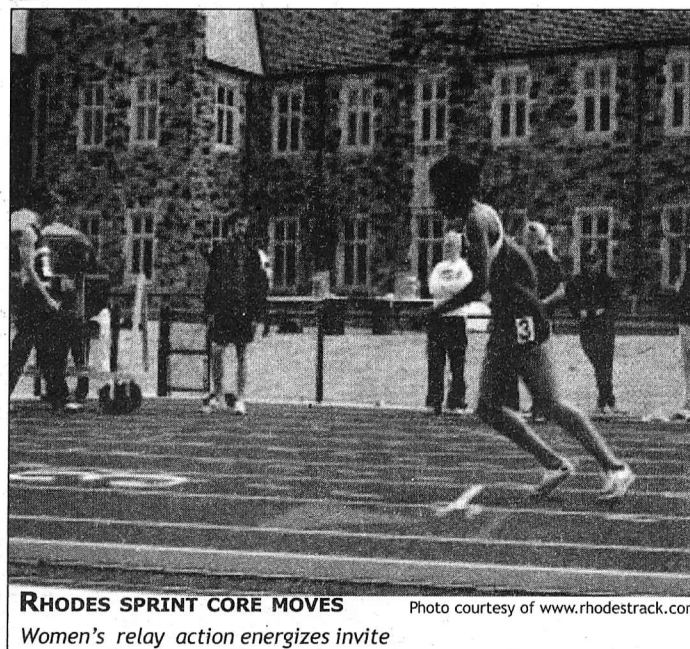
The Rhodes women finished third of six teams in Memphis on Saturday. Team captain May King ('06) finished second in her first ever 3,000 meter steeplechase, running 12:14.47, less than one quarter second short of the winner. King's co-captain Lundy Plash ('05) also turned in a runner-up finish, clearing 9' 1/4" in the pole vault.

The squad's other second place finish came from the 4x100 relay team, where Laine Royer ('07), Marni Green ('06), Angela Jennings ('05) and Sha King ('08) joined up to run 51.20. Royer placed third in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles in 74.13 and fourth in the 100 meter high hurdles in 17.03. Sha King and Jennings placed fifth and seventh in the 100 in 13.02 and 13.21, and fifth and sixth in the 200 in 26.76 and 26.90, respectively. Plash placed

fifth in the high jump (4' 9") and seventh in the triple jump (32' 1/4"), behind Megan Thompson ('08) who placed sixth (32' 11 1/4"). Green ran a personal best 64.20 in the 400 meter dash, while Melanie Woods ('05) led the Lynx throwers, placing fifth in the javelin (98' 3"), sixth in the shot put (31' 9.5"), and seventh in the discus (88' 3"). Jennifer Emo ('07) inched down her personal best in the 1500 meter run, placing fifth in 4:55.71, ahead of Nicole Goette ('08) (5:03.46 for 6th) and Lizzie Phillips ('07) (5:07.61 for seventh).

steeplechase in 10:02.58. It was Harrison's second career collegiate win. Team co-captain Nick Campbell ('06) turned in a pair of runner-up performances, placing second in both the 110 meter high hurdles (16.01) and 400 meter intermediate hurdles (57.58). Cody Haslett ('08) took third in the hammer throw (119' 10"), one spot ahead of Ed Smith ('06) (114' 7"). Haslett also placed sixth in the shot put with a heave of 39' 1 1/4". Jeff Freyder ('07) took fourth in the 400 meter dash (53.72) and led off the fourth place 4x400

meter relay team, consisting also of Casey Conley ('06), Will Pitts ('08), and Campbell ('06), which ran a season best 3:30.77. Conley ran a season best 2:00.56 in the 800 meter run to place eighth, while Will Sheftall ('07) ran a personal best 4:09.25 in the 1500 meter run to place fifth. Matthew Sauter ('05) and Scott



RHODES SPRINT CORE MOVES Photo courtesy of www.rhodestrack.com
Women's relay action energizes invite

On the men's side, Rhodes had several strong performances but finished sixth of six teams in Memphis on Saturday. John Harrison ('06) had the squad's lone victory, leading wire to wire to win the 3,000 meter

Barrows ('07) placed sixth and seventh in the 5,000 meter run in 16:23.64 and 16:25.61, respectively.

The Lynx next compete April 16th at the Millikin Classic in Decatur, Illinois.