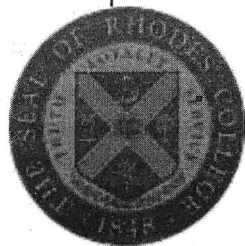


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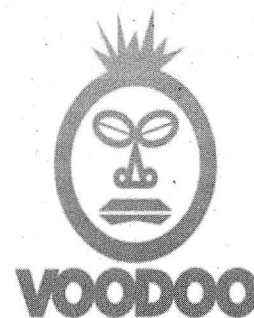
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Voodoo Fest

Normally held in New Orleans, the Voodoo Music Festival comes to Memphis this year; held downtown at Autozone park on Sunday.

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Religion

Michael Turco discusses the views shared at a recent Rhodes Atheist Fellowship meeting and their conflicts with his own Roman Catholic beliefs.

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Clinton Diarist speaks on Hurricane Katrina

By Stephanie Nielson

On Friday, October 21, Janis Kearney spoke to Rhodes students, faculty, and community members in Blount Auditorium on "Katrina's Hard Lessons About the People of the Delta." Her visit was sponsored by the African-American Studies program. The Rhodes Institute for Regional Studies and Facing History and Ourselves co-sponsored the event.

Kearney, one of 19 children of Missionary Baptist sharecroppers, grew up in Gould, Arkansas. She credits her parents with instilling in her the value of hard work, which allowed her and her siblings to succeed. Nine of her brothers and sisters became lawyers, and two served in the Clinton administration. Kearney herself served as personal diarist for former President Clinton, and has been an oral historian and newspaper publisher. She is currently a visiting fellow at DePaul University in Chicago.

Kearney spoke on the lingering challenges that Katrina has revealed in the Delta region. The poverty, unemployment, and poor education that exist in the region are what she calls the nation's "raggedy underpants." Though Katrina drew national attention to these problems,

Kearney predicted that they will not be solved as easily as the physical damage done by the storm.

Kearney said that an abundance of hard work will be required to correct these problems of poverty and poor education. She urged the audience, those members who were children of the delta or who had adopted it as their permanent or temporary home, to become involved in the struggle for change in the region.

She stressed the importance of volunteering as well as political involvement, saying that waiting for government money without adding individual hard work would not be enough to bring about the necessary change.

She added that the political arena is one of the places in the nation where changes are taking place. A failure to be involved would result in funding going to other places instead of being available to help with the delta's problems.

Encouraging such practices as contact with elected officials and advocacy for the region, Kearney emphasized that there was much work to be done, and that it would not

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Rhodes and Christian Brothers University host annual Ghandian conference on nonviolence

By Jonathan Wigand
News Editor

On Friday, October 14 and Saturday, October 15, Rhodes College co-hosted the annual Gandhian Conference on Nonviolence with Christian Brothers University. The conference was sponsored by the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence, the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) Memphis Region, and the National Civil Rights Museum.

The events Friday were held at CBU and began at 1 p.m. with a welcome speech by Manoj Jain, the chair of the 2005 Gandhian conference and one of the co-founders of the Jain Center of Memphis. "There is violence in our world, violence in our country, violence in our cities, vio-



Photo courtesy of M.K. Gandhi Institute
KATHY KELLY
Kelly gave the keynote speech at the banquet at Mississippi Blvd. Christian Church.

lence at our schools, and violence at our work. But today and tomorrow in Memphis, there is nonviolence," said Jain.

Arun Gandhi, Mahatma Gandhi's fifth grandson, gave the opening plenary speech in the CBU Theater. He spoke on "Nonviolence in the Twentieth Century." Mr. Gandhi founded the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence in 1991 with the help of his wife, Sunanda. The two provided the original funding for the Institute by selling letters Gandhi wrote to his son and daughter-in-law, Manilal and Sushila (Mr. Gandhi's parents).

The Gandhis founded the Institute to teach individuals about conflict prevention, anger management, diversity training, and relationship and community building. The programs they started in India have since affected the lives of over half a million people in over 300 villages.

During the day, there were panel discussions and paper presentations given by various scholars who have written extensively on peace and nonviolence.

The day's sessions were concluded with a plenary speech given in the CBU Theater by Rev. Dr. Luther Ivory, an associate Religious Studies professor at Rhodes. Dr. Ivory

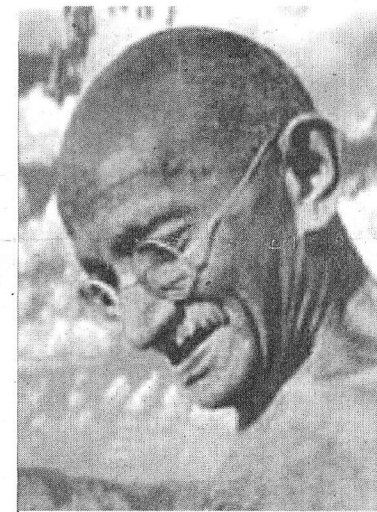


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MAHATMA GANDHI
The M.K. Gandhi Institute was founded by Gandhi's grandson in honor of his life's ambitions towards peace.

spoke on "Prophetic Dreaming and Nonviolent Activism," wherein he discussed the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s philosophy and theological legacy. Dr. Ivory has written extensively on Dr. King and the ethics of the Civil Rights Movement.

The events Saturday were held on the Rhodes College campus, and the welcome speech for the day was given by the Rhodes chaplain, Rev. Billy Newton.

Mark Juergensmeyer gave the opening plenary speech on "Nonviolence in a Time of Terrorism" at 9:10 a.m. in the MacCallum Ballroom. Juergensmeyer is Director of

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Matches in heaven?

BY ADAM TEER

Well ladies and gentlemen, if you haven't heard yet, Demi Moore and her boy-toy Ashton Kutcher got married on September 24 after a highly publicized two-year relationship. They got married in an intimate setting with only about 100 guests. I say we should not be happy for them or proud that they found each other. The American populous should rise up and strike back. How can we let our lives be controlled by the drivel that we call Hollywood romance? They never freaking last. The most successful one to be recorded was Courtney Cox and David Arquette, and that doesn't count because Arquette really isn't famous. Most celebrity weddings end in a flaming disaster, and hopefully this one follows suit. I have dollars down that the Demi/Ashton split will occur in about two years, leaving Demi with another fatherless child.

But returning to the wedding itself. This was the first wedding for the 27-year-old Ashton Kutcher. It was the third for Demi Moore, who will be 43 in November. Apparently Demi clearly thinks the third time is the charm, because according to her track record, she really isn't doing that well. The wedding was a "last-minute Beverly Hills ceremony" that was in the back-

yard of a friend's house. Call me crazy, but I think that a last-minute ceremony in your friend's backyard is a far cry from an "intimate and romantic" wedding. I also like how several of the articles regarding the wedding stress the fact that everyone was formally dressed. What would you expect for wedding attire? After much contemplation, I arrived upon the reason that the formal dress was stressed. Everyone expected Ashton to show up unshaven in a grungy white t-shirt and a trucker hat. He actually did manage to ruin the occasion by wearing a hat that you would expect to see someone like Kevin Federline wearing. Are Demi and Ashton just as white-trash as Britney and Kevin? Food for thought.

Demi and Ashton also decided to follow a creepy Hollywood trend and have a Kabalah wedding. Wow. I bet that made it even more romantic. Despite the wedding being impromptu in someone's backyard, they still found a way to scrounge up formal attire, 100 guests, Kabalah decorations, and more importantly, a Kabalah priest. I hope their wedding was as enjoyable for them as I found it flipping ridiculous.

I've always been skeptical of Demi and Ashton's relationship. It started right when Demi Moore returned to acting with an appearance in *Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle*. She returned from a six year sabbatical with a new body due to plastic surgery and a new boyfriend who is young enough to be her child. I thought it was nothing more than a publicity stunt, especially because

Bruce Willis, noted roughneck, still hung out with and supported Demi and Ashton. Bruce Willis must be getting soft, because if I were him, I'd go *Die Hard* and give Ashton a piece of my mind for moving in on my ex-wife. I would be pissed because the same kid that snuck into *Striptease* to see Demi's breasts when he was a teenager is now sleeping with my ex-wife. Am I the

only one who sees something wrong with that? Bruce Willis should be freaking out because a guy who is young enough to be his daughter's brother is now his children's "M.O.D." (My Other Dad). Ashton is only ten years older than Bruce's oldest daughter, Rumer, who is seventeen. That is thoroughly disgusting.

I have a feeling that the marriage will end soon. I can see a new episode of *Punk'd* in a couple years where Ashton and Demi are having a romantic dinner in Paris and Ashton leans over to Demi and says, "I still love you and find you sexually attractive." "I love you too Ash..." YOU'VE BEEN PUNK'D!" After the episode is aired, Ashton will start dating her oldest daughter, Rumer. Its okay though, the age difference is still less than the difference between him and Demi. And strangely enough, Bruce Willis will still be OK with it.

Well, what does this wedding mean for America? Being the pa-

triotic Yankee that I am, I say that this marks the steady decline of the moral fiber of our youth. This is just another example of how Hollywood romance sucks up our attention and turns us into gossip-whores. It is a pitiful sight to see more people buying tabloid magazines about celebrities, hilarious though they may be, instead of a good old Car and Driver or Playboy. I fear for the future of America. Cradle-robbing will be the newest trend in Hollywood. So what can we do? Are we totally defenseless? I have lost faith in humanity when everyone supports a 43 year old woman dating a kid who is as mature as her seventeen year old daughter.

And on a final note, Ashton and Demi are supposedly expecting a baby in December. Merry Christmas Demi! Here's another child who you'll end up raising alone. And if you two are good this year, maybe Santa will give you some dignity. Congratulations to you both.



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OPINION

Atheism and the calling to Jesus Christ

By **MICHAEL TURCO**

In writing this article, I feel it prudent to first examine my own bias: as a Roman Catholic educated by Benedictine monks, my life is Christo-centric. This means that my world view stems from a tradition that centers itself on the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross; these views are expressed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and my own do not often stray far from this teaching. This being said, I attended Frank Zindler's lecture in perfect ignorance of the topic, the speaker, and my own bias. I say all this because this article is not a refutation, nor does it seek to argue a point; rather, its purpose is to give my impressions as one ignorant of atheist thought, who in seeking knowledge was intrigued by the words "You stand to learn something."

I confess that my faith is often enlightened by reason, yet there are occasions of doubt in my mind. Zindler's lecture, true to this statement, sent my mind reeling. The basic premise that Jesus Christ never existed is a poignant and powerful argument that bleeds Christianity of its validity. Suffice to say, if Christ never existed, then nearly two thousand years of Western history is now emptied of one of its most influential tenants. Zindler's assertion marginalizes not only Christians but also its opponents, who took for granted Jesus existence.

It is one thing to say that Christianity makes Jesus something he is not, but quite another to say that Jesus never existed in the first place. What of all the atheist philosophers who diligently labored to assert Jesus was not a god? Entire bodies of philosophical thought made useless, because the cen-

tral figure *never existed*. Zindler's point lays bear an often overlooked point: the historical proof for the existence of Jesus. If Zindler's claim is correct, then modern Western thought and society, spanning from Pliny and Trajan to Nietzsche and C.S. Lewis (who died an atheist, amusingly enough), is a history revolving around a figment of the imagination.

In hearing the lecture, I realized I was incapable of refuting the charges leveled against Roman Catholicism (which was the largest propagator of what Zindler calls the

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"Christ-myth") because I was ignorant, whereas Zindler had spent a portion of his lifetime coming to his conclusion. I felt as though my entire life was called into question, from my faith to how I acted in daily life-trapping me somewhere between amazement and dread. In truth, I was not so much concerned with Jesus existence as I was my own ability to be completely unaware of things I

thought I knew. I considered myself a rational individual, capable of my own defense yet for the first time I was stunned into silence. At the cusp of my complete and utter confusion, Zindler spoke of "pursuing the truth." This one phrase stilled my mind; I realized it was something I had heard before: Christianity is exactly that, the pursuit of truth. In that moment, I realized that in order to understand Zindler's account, I would first have to synthesize my own thoughts.

In grappling with these claims, I came to some important realizations: Zindler's assertion that "Faith makes one vulnerable" is true, as I had never considered the possibility of Jesus' non-existence. We take much of our lives for granted, and never examine what we hold closest to us. I would say this stems from fear and avoidance of suffering: it is uncomfortable to challenge that which composes a part of who we are. Yet, in doing so, we come to a better understanding of ourselves, and how what we take for granted can have enormous impact. But how should I respond to Zindler's claim? My initial response was to examine the case against Jesus existence, and to respond to this with diligence and an open mind.

However, I wanted immediate satisfaction, and turned to a refutation of Zindler presented by Lentz and Weitnauer. Comparing Zindler's work and articles to this refutation and its subsidiaries turned up a surprising and disheartening similarity: *ad hominem* arguments. In both cases, I was astounded to see some good scholarship blemished by personal attacks. I had hoped to find a way to evaluate point

by point; however, I was often distracted by blanket statements and childish finger pointing. I was quite upset by this, because neither side demonstrated its authority, leaving those of us looking for a substantive and informed comparison unsatisfied. How can both sides claim that they are presenting the truth and yet completely ignore common courtesy and objective rules for proof and debate? They cannot. That being said, I cannot even broach the body of material that the two presented, and I would say that both express good understanding of their position.

So how does a rational, perhaps even skeptical person of faith understand any of this? My answer is found within Zindler's lecture, as he mentioned that someone who knows the truth and doesn't attest to it is a hypocrite.

If one is a Christian, then professing anything else would be an act of hypocrisy, as would an attack against Zindler and atheism, by the commands of Christ. Thus, a person of faith should strive to counter arguments such as Zindler's in an informed way, ensuring that faith does not become a weakness. In this way, one's faith will never be a point of vulnerability, nor will it be the source of hypocrisy, as practice, understanding and belief will be concordant with the tenets of faith. My conclusion: if you are a person of faith, then follow it to the truth; if you are not, then persist in following the truth as revealed to you. Perhaps truth itself is universal, but our understanding of it is certainly not, subject as we are to time and our own limited perspectives. From here, I depart and turn you to another interesting fellow who also can't quite be historically pinpointed, Siddhartha Gautama, the Buddha, whose teaching that "all conditioned things are impermanent. Work out your own salvation with diligence" might be worth reflecting on.

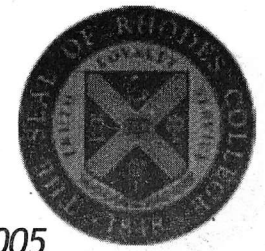
Thought

By **WILL CORVEY**
OPINION EDITOR

We at Rhodes spend perhaps too much time talking about the future of scholarship and not enough time reminiscing about the past. One of the more fulfilling courses I've taken has been this past semester, Dr. Michael Leslie's section on Renaissance Poetry and Prose. What I find amazing about the material is not simply the immense skill and knowledge of the writers of the period, but the young ages at which they got their start. At twenty-two years old, I feel I have already fallen behind. What is the future of scholarship and what is the future of scholarship at Rhodes?

As I broke briefly from other activities recently to surf the now almost banal Facebook, I came upon a group entitled "Rhodes is a High School." In my experience, high school had several connotations, the greatest of which was perhaps the feeling that the goal was just to get through it all: to get the grades, to graduate, to get out. High school was about pragmatism, not learning. I challenge many of us to remember much of what we learned in those formative years, much less apply them in a form of art.

I find it terrifying that we might label Rhodes in this fashion, but not that unbelievable. I know very few people, including myself, who do much outside reading, and even fewer who do much outside production of literature. We are still engaged in the act of "getting over the hump." We collectively believe, I think, that pulp fiction read over breaks will make up for the emptiness left by skimming in and out of classes, by not doing background research on authors, by not challenging ourselves to do as our predecessors have done. The world is not harder than it was in the sixteenth century. We are maybe not a culture of sloth, but instead a culture of unconcentrated toil. We are also a culture that can change.



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Campus manners: early eating, inquiries on grades

BY BETTY ETIQUETTE
STAFF COLUMNIST

served before one begins to eat, particularly with a small intimate party.

If, however, the kitchen has made a mistake and needs to take back an order, or forgot an order all together, the table may eat, but only after the waiting guest generously prompts the table to begin. If the party is large and the wait staff brings the entrees to your end of the table first and the foreseeable future shows no delivery of the other end's entrees, you may commence as long as those seated within earshot have been served. The dessert exception is a soufflé which needs to be eaten immediately after coming out of the oven.

Generally, the restaurant service is trained and experienced in serving entrees all together. If this is not the case and the dinner party is small, wait. Do not be caught looking at your entrée or fork and drooling; simply continue in the lovely conversation until everyone has been served. Remember, patience is a virtue.

Dear Betty Etiquette,

Yesterday in one of my classes, the professor handed back a test and a paper that we had taken before break. One of the assignments I did well on and the other... not so hot. As I was leaving class, people behind me were discussing their grades and someone raised their voice and questioned up to me about my grades. I thought it was rude that they asked. It doesn't bother me that I did poorly; it bothers me that they asked. Is it okay for them to ask "what did you get?" or "how did you do?" Please help!

Dear Private Grader,
 Grades can be a very personal thing. Here at Rhodes, students are very competitive about their academic performances and achievements, especially in comparison to others. That, however, is not grounds for people to blatantly ask you for your scores on tests or papers. If someone directly asks you for a grade, respond with something that you are comfortable with, such as "I did well, I am happy with the results," or "The professor liked it (or didn't like it) more than I thought he would." Whatever you say, say it with confidence and a polite, closing tone to signal that the response is as much as you are revealing. You are free to give a raw score if you would like, but if that irks you, go with a vague overview and they should get the idea not to persist. There is a difference between someone comparing scores and someone who genuinely cares about how you did on something in which you put so much time and effort. No need to reprimand the inquirer, just respond within your comfort zone.

Yes Ma'ams and No Sirs

Yes Ma'am, If you must leave class in the middle of a lecture, be sure to leave and return quietly and discreetly. Do not make a scene or disrupt the professor. When entering and exiting a closed door, guide the door until it is closed so it will not slam and to minimize the noise and the attention brought to your disturbance.

No Sir, Do not talk on your cell phone in the library where people are trying to do work. It is distracting to all of those around you trying to concen-

trate on work while they have to filter out your conversation. Just take the call out side. (More on cell etiquette later).

Yes Ma'am, You should always push your chair in when you are finished to keep the walk ways clear for those that come behind you.

No Sir, you should not leave your trash (eg. Empty Doritos bag), excess paper, empty coke cans, books, gum, trays or anything you don't feel like tidying up, for the custodial staff to attend to. Their job is not to serve as a personal maid for lazy inconsiderate students. Always try and leave a place in better condition than when you found it.

Please send all unfortunate breaches of etiquette to MUECL.

Where are the writers?

BY HEATHER HOUSER

I can say anything I want. I have complete editorial freedom at my command. I am a college student. And not only that—I am a college student at one of the premier (i.e. most expensive) liberal arts colleges in the nation.

It is here, at an institution which touts a reputation for attracting independently-thinking and society-challenging students, where I expect my boundaries to be pushed. I expect my views to be challenged, but respected. Debated, but appreciated.

It is also here that I expect a little bit more out of everyone and everything than I did in high school. I expect myself to work a little bit harder. I expect professors to be a little bit more knowledgeable. I expect classmates to be a little bit more informed—and, dare I say, concerned. And, I would

have to concede, for the most part they have been.

There are a number of policies and mindsets on campus that I disagree with. While I am not out to change them all, I do think that they could certainly use some broadening. A thought for another day. For now, I will hold my commentary on mass alcohol consumption and other issues of frustration (many of which I might have expected to find on a college campus), and will turn instead to one issue of surprise—the newspaper.

Having spent three years as a writer and editor on my high school newspaper staff, I am fairly aware of the stress and labor required to produce a single issue—let alone a weekly issue. Yet I had always believed that things would be different once I got to college. I thought that the staff would be larger. I thought that students would be eagerly competing with one another to get their work into the paper—to voice their opinion, to make people listen. I thought that even a weekly paper would not be able to print all the news and, especially, all the opinion articles that it had access to, due to the sheer number of them.

And when I signed up to be on the newspaper's mailing list, I had no idea that it would be quite so easy to get involved—indeed, the paper often seems to be suffering from a lack of stories, not an abundance. So I cannot help but wonder: where are all the opinions? Where are all the stories that truly make an impact on people's lives and in the way society operates?

I have heard my fellow classmates voice their ideas in the hallways, the lunch line, the classroom, the gym, the dorms, and in many social situations on and off campus. So why not write them down? Why not dare to be heard and dare to make a difference? The public press is just fingertips away in the form of your very own college newspaper. Take advantage of the great and mysterious power of the written word. Write.

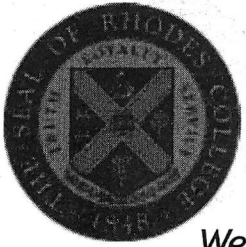
The life of today's students and professionals demands more to be achieved with less time to enjoy the company of others within the daily rush. Our days that are non-stop leave little room for us to apologize when necessary, give thanks when needed or smile while mindlessly sprinting through life. Consequently, our interactions are not as gentle or considerate as they could be. Yet President Washington's first rule of Civility and Decent Behavior concisely remedies the issue as he writes that, "Every action done in company ought to be with some sign of respect to those that are present". Let us strive to respect those around us by being mindful and respectful of our comments, actions and thoughts regarding others.

Dear Betty Etiquette,

My boyfriend and I have recently gone out to dinner with several other couples, three to be precise. When we were served, we did not receive our entrees at the same time and one gentleman began eating before everyone else in the party was served. Was this correct? Should he have waited for all of us to be served? Are there any restrictions or stipulations that allow one to start their meal before the rest? Please clarify.

Dear Hungry-But-Waiting,

It saddens me that people still act in such selfish manners. No, the act of the over anxious and apparently starving man was not correct in the given circumstance and should not be mimicked. It is proper to wait for the entire table to be



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be easy for the region to solve its problems. One of the needs that Kearney pointed out was the continuing need for racial equality in the region. Re-

membering her childhood and the movement to integrate schools in the area, she pointed out that there has indeed been progress in equality, but that there is still more that needs to be

made. "We've been asleep," she said, when asked about the state of dialogue on racial issues in the United States. "We've ignored all these things that led up to Katrina."

She expressed a hope that the time is near when people in the United States will be willing to discuss the continuing issues of racial inequality in the country, and again emphasized the work that would be necessary to resolve those issues. A situation born of several hundred years of oppression, she pointed out, is impos-

sible to remedy with any single act or program. Kearney expressed that such change must be the result of many people, those who live or have roots in the region, working tirelessly for that change, keeping at it until whatever or whoever stands in the way throws his or her hands up and helps make equality a reality.

CampusSafety

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10/10	8 a.m.	Officer posted at the southwestern gym gate to guide pedestrian traffic for admissions open house.
	11:15 a.m.	Call from professor in Buckman requesting assistance. Officer dispatched.
10/11	12:37 p.m.	Call from the manager of the Woodmont Apts. reporting approximately four vehicles had been broken into.
	10:50 p.m.	Surveillance camera observed two individuals on University acting suspicious. Campus Safety questioned both individuals, who were under-aged Rhodes students attempting to bring beer onto campus using a backpack. Contraband confiscated. Both students cited.
10/12		NOTHING UNUSUAL TO REPORT.
10/13	11 p.m.	West Precinct supervisor Lt. Hestor requested the presence of Campus Safety officers at an off campus residence party involving Rhodes students. Incident still under investigation, report filed.
10/14	7:20 a.m.	Report of an off-campus robbery involving a resident of the Barksdale/ Glendale area.
	8 p.m.	Fire alarm in Robinson dorm. Memphis Fire Department in route. False alarm due to a faulty smoke detector. System reset. Fire department exited campus.
10/15	9:15 p.m.	Vehicle broken into in the East Village parking lot. Report filed.
	10:07 p.m.	MPD on campus to take report of auto burglary.
10/16		NOTHING UNUSUAL TO REPORT.
10/17		NOTHING UNUSUAL TO REPORT.
10/18		NOTHING UNUSUAL TO REPORT.
10/19	7:00 p.m.	Student needed medical assistance; transported to hospital by ADRL.
10/20	12:56 a.m.	Fire alarm detected in the refectory. Faulty smoke detector, Physical Plant notified. System reset.
	1:03 p.m.	Vehicle vandalized on the west side of the Evergreen parking lot. MPD notified.
	1:13 p.m.	Vandalism of a student's computer in Ellett dorm. Report filed.
	10:40 p.m.	Student reported vandalism in East Village A. Report filed.
10/21	7:58 a.m.	Report of a housekeeper stuck in an elevator in the Rhodes Tower. Maintenance responded; housekeeper freed.
10/22	1:30 a.m.	Report of a vehicle vandalized in the Spann parking lot. Officers also discovered a second vehicle on Tutwiler. Both vehicles had broken windows and the radios had been stolen from both. Reports filed with both Campus Safety and MPD.
	6:40 a.m.	Vehicle found on Crump St. vandalized. Owner was located, MPD called.
10/23		NOTHING UNUSUAL TO REPORT

Environmental Tip of the Week

Brought to you by the Environmental Planning Cooperative

A large amount of energy and water go into doing laundry. To reduce your use of both, try to wash and dry only full loads. If your laundry does not have stains that require hot water to remove, wash them in cold water. And don't forget to clean the lint filter before every load!

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The Puzzler

Professor Schmoe has a total of 16 sticks of chalk. When a stick of chalk reduces to 1/4 of its original size, it gets too small for him to hold, so he sets it aside. But he hates wasting chalk, so when he realizes that he has enough of these small pieces to join and make another full stick of chalk, he joins them and uses the new chalkstick. If he uses one full stick of chalk each day (4/4 of a stick), how many days will the 16 sticks last?

Send your answers to LAPSE@Rhodes.edu. Responses are due Monday at 1 PM. In the case of multiple winners, a drawing will be held for the week's movie tickets. You can find answers to this week's puzzle in next week's Sou'wester.

Last Week's Answer:

No matter where the other native is from, he will say he is from the west. So if the guide is a liar, he will report that the other native is from the east. If he is a truth-teller, he will report that the native is from the west. Thus, the guide is a truth-teller, and so the scientist will keep him.

Be sure and congratulate **Jeremy Sadkin**, last week's winner!

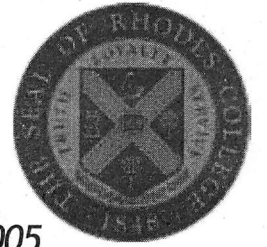
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Global and International Studies and a Sociology and Religious Studies professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He is an expert on religious violence, conflict resolution, and religion and politics in South Asia. Juergensmeyer has published 12 books; the two most famous are *Terror in the Mind of God: the Global Rise of Religious Violence* and *Gandhi's Way: A Handbook of Conflict Resolution*.

The conference was concluded with a reception and banquet dinner at Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church at 7 p.m.

The Keynote speaker was Kathy Kelly, a three-time Nobel Peace Prize nominee who helped launch Voices in the Wilderness, a campaign to end United States/United Nations sanctions against Iraq, in 1996. Kelly has traveled to

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Week in Review

International

Sudan - Refugees took 34 aid workers hostage in Darfur's largest refugee camp Tuesday, but they later released 29. The refugees responsible were demanding the release of a local tribal leader in the Kalma camp who had been arrested on Sunday. The hostages were employees of the Sudanese Red Crescent, the governmental water and sanitation agency, and the U.S. CHF aid agency.

England - The BBC World Service has announced plans to establish a new Arabic television channel. In order to fund this new station, the service will cease radio broadcasts in Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Greek, Hungarian, Kazakh, Polish, Slovak, Slovene, and Thai. The channel, due to launch in 2007, is part of a package of new initiatives unveiled Tuesday that will cost

£30 million (U.S. \$53 million). It will compete against Qatar-based al-Jazeera, which itself is launching an English-language service next year.

Brazil - Amnesty International accused the country Tuesday of lacking in commitment to fighting human rights abuses, citing the murder of an American nun in the Amazon and the massacre of 29 people by police earlier this year near Rio de Janeiro as evidence. The group's report was timed to coincide with the Brazilian government's report on civil and political rights, which was presented on Tuesday to the United Nations Human Rights Committee in Geneva, Switzerland. The human rights secretary of Brazil was in Geneva at the time, and was unable to comment on the group's report.

National

Hawaii - The ACLU on Monday filed a civil rights class action lawsuit against the state, claiming that there are "brutal conditions" at the youth prison in Kailua. The ACLU stated that the situation is inhumane, the discipline is abusive, and the juveniles are denied proper access to education programs.

New Jersey - Sex offenders who face supervision under Megan's Law for the first time will be confined to their homes Halloween night and will be ordered not to answer the door for trick-or-treaters. The state parole board, which issued the rules to the 2,200 offenders under supervision, reiterated that they must be indoors by 7 P.M., that they

must not attend parties where children are present, and that they cannot take children, even their own, trick-or-treating.

Michigan - Authorities believe vandalism may have caused a train derailment Monday in Northfield Township. At about 1:20 P.M., the first engine of a 66-car train derailed, according to a report in the *Ann Arbor News*. Officers from the local police department believe that youths tampered with a switch box on the train track and moved the train. The train stopped after the first car went off the tracks, and after crews worked Monday afternoon to put the derailed car back on the tracks, the train continued on its path.

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Iraq more than 20 times and was actively involved in peace efforts both during the Gulf War and the U.S. Shock and Awe military campaign in March and April 2003.

Kelly received an honorary doctorate from the Chicago Theological Seminary in May 2005.

This was the second annual Gandhi Conference presented by the Gandhi Institute. The first was held in October 2004 after Arun

Gandhi announced at a dinner party in 2003 that his institute would host a Nonviolence Conference. He did this after a casual conversation with his board members before any organization or funding had been planned.

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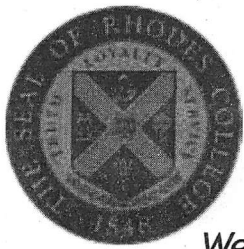
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Dinner & a Movie

This week, Katie Bonds reviews Central BBQ, a new option for classic Memphis fare, and Jennie Tomlinson reviews the Orlando Bloom movie Elizabethtown.

By Jennie Tomlinson

About the only thing that you need to know before you see *Elizabethtown* is that it feels very much like *Garden State*, except it isn't as well made or entertaining. The film, directed by Cameron Crowe (*Say Anything*, *Almost Famous*, and *Vanilla Sky*), stars Orlando Bloom, Kirsten Dunst, Judy Greer, and Susan Sarandon.

The film opens by introducing Orlando Bloom as Drew Baylor, a bright designer in a massive shoe company, whose failed design for a new shoe has just cost the company about a billion dollars. The audience never learns why all of the shoes had to be recalled, or how exactly one shoe could cost a company a \$1 billion.

After being fired by his boss (Alec Baldwin) and dumped by his girlfriend (Jessica Biel), Drew learns that his father has passed away while visiting relatives in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. He is sent by his mother (Susan Sarandon) and sister (Judy Greer) to Kentucky to retrieve his father and have the body cremated.

On the plane, Drew meets Claire (Kirsten Dunst), a flight attendant with a shaky Kentucky accent. Although Dunst is usually charming in films, in *Elizabethtown* she just comes off as annoying. She seems more like a stalker than a potential love interest.

Upon arriving in Kentucky, Drew meets his father's side of the

family. This quirky bunch, including a rockabilly cousin and a constantly screaming kid, has never mingled with the rest of his family. Despite the inevitable conflicts, Drew comes to appreciate the strangeness of his extended family and ultimately realizes that there is more to life than excelling in the corporate sphere.

The relationship between Drew and Claire develops awkwardly through overly long phone conversations and kooky outings. Claire talks a good deal about each

The last part of the movie is filled with a solitary road trip that Drew takes by himself. He follows a map that is designed by Claire, and is accompanied with CDs that she burned. Pushing aside the fact that it is impossible to map out a detailed road trip and organize accompanying music overnight, the road trip is probably the best segment of the movie. Drew's journey, with his father's funeral urn in the passenger seat, is basically a voyage of self-discovery. He is able to come to terms with his father's death.

One good thing about the movie is the soundtrack. The music was selected by Cameron Crowe's wife, Nancy Wilson, former member of the band Heart. Judy Greer also does a nice job as Drew's sister and brings some life to the screen. The Kentucky family is interesting and diverse as well.

Unfortunately, the positives don't compensate for everyone else's bad acting. Bloom, despite looking fantastic, falls flat and Dunst fails to find that trademark charm. Sarandon is okay, with the exception of a cringe inducing tap dance scene at her husband's memorial. All of this would be somewhat bearable if the

movie was shorter, but it runs way too long. *Elizabethtown* is decent at times, but most people who are looking for a quirky film will probably walk out of the theater thinking, "I should have rented *Garden State* instead."

of them being the "substitute person" for the other, but never explains quite what that is supposed to mean. Claire eventually worms her way into Drew's heart with her gal-pal craziness.

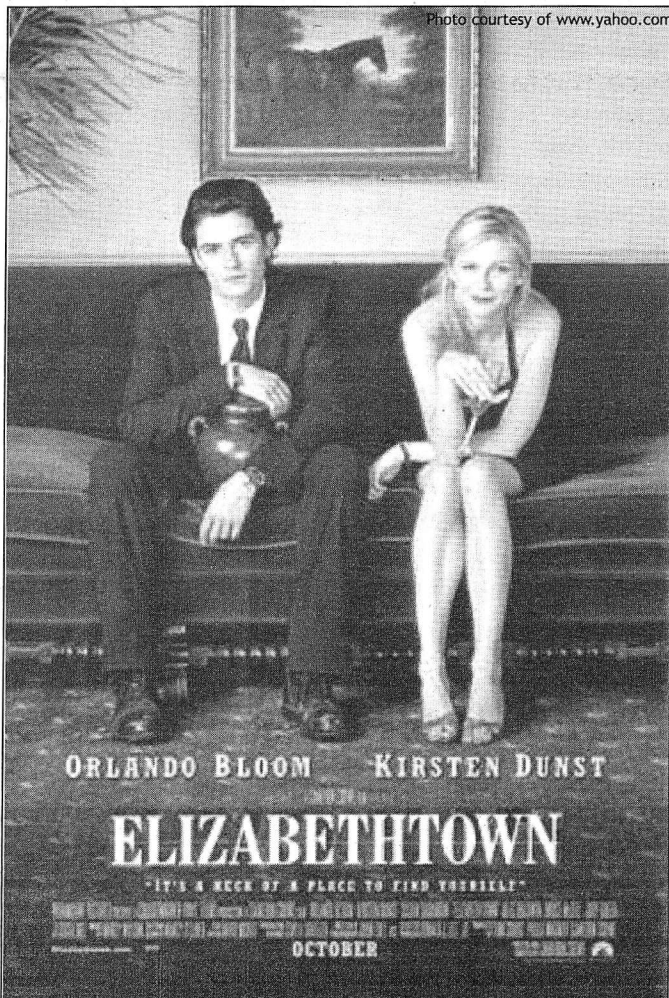


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Central BBQ offers stylish figurines, live music, and so much more

By Katie Bonds

Porcelain pigs, a patio, and pictures of Memphians throughout...what more could you ask for in a BBQ restaurant? How about good beer and good bar-b-que? Well, Central BBQ has got all these things and much more.

Central BBQ opened in April of 2002. It's a relatively new restaurant but you'd never guess it. The owners are veteran competitors in the Memphis in May International World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest. The ribs are cooked using "dry rub," instead of your average ribs which are usually grilled in the sauce. Spices are infused in the meat during the smoking and sauce is added when served or on the side. You can choose from mild, hot, mustard, or vinegar sauce.

Choices are always essential. Not only do they serve BBQ pork, but also smoked turkey, chicken, and sausage among other meats. We're used to just having the option of baked beans or cole slaw with our BBQ, but Central also includes the options of mac-and-cheese, greens, potato salad, French-fries, or their

amazing home-made chips (which, as I was warned about upon ordering, are incredibly addictive). I was also very impressed with the beer selection. They have plenty of domestics and imports, including Kronenburg, Blue Moon, UFO Hefewiezen, Killian's, Rolling Rock... all the best. And did I mention dessert? Cheesecake and Ben and Jerry's. Need I say more?

Central BBQ is cozy and intimate, but not annoyingly so. Walking in the front door is like walking into a friend's kitchen. Service is fast and staff is welcoming, unlike some other unmentionable BBQ restaurants in Memphis (where I shall never rendezvous again). The patio provides extra seating and an outdoor retreat, but better still are the local bands that entertain there weekly.

If you've never been to Central BBQ, I definitely recommend it. It's more than affordable and open seven days a week for lunch and dinner. Central BBQ is tucked among other old buildings on Central between East Parkway and Cooper.

DRY RUB BBQ IN A LAIDBACK SETTING

Central BBQ, located at 2249 Central Ave, does BBQ with a sense of humor and plenty of Memphis style.



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New Orleans' Voodoo Fest comes to Memphis, offering the city of the blues a taste of New Orleans style funk

By Daniel Jacobs
Staff Writer

This weekend is Halloween, and of course that brings with it the requisite Halloween parties. But if you are tired of Halloween parties where the girls try their hardest to wear nothing and pass it off as a costume while the guys try to ogle them without looking too conspicuous, then you should try the Voodoo Music Festival.

Not that there is anything wrong with scantily clad women, but with bands like Cake, the North Mississippi All-Stars, the Neville Brothers, Doctor John and Cowboy Mouth, the Voodoo festival is a sure bet for almost anyone, no matter what their musical taste. And who knows, maybe someone will be wearing an interesting costume.

The actual music festival is this Sunday at the AutoZone Park in Downtown Memphis, but there is also a free concert series on Beale Street starting Thursday and ending Sunday.

Voodoo Music Fest, which originated in 1999, is typically held in New Orleans, but because of Hurricane Katrina the planners of the festival moved it to Memphis. After the recovery operations in New Orleans got under way they decided to split the festival up, with 24 bands playing in Memphis on Sunday and 27 bands playing in New Orleans on Saturday. The concert in New Orleans is a tribute concert for the police, firefighters, National Guard, military and other relief workers who are serving in New Orleans.

Tickets for the Voodoo Music Festival in Memphis are \$35. A complete lineup and information for ordering tickets are available at www.voodoomusicfest.com.

There are several great bands playing in the free concert series. Bonerama and Dr. John are two bands that inject their own style into New Orleans' traditions. Take your high school marching band and get rid of all the boring instruments (basically everything but the trombones and one sousaphone). Now add a whole lot of funk, a guitar, drums, and a creative approach towards brass band music and you have Bonerama.

When that wall of brass sound blasts in their recent release *Live from New York* it is impossible not to start dancing. Bonerama's music, from the driving drumbeat to the bottom end provided by the sousaphone to the trombones soaring above it all, is pure, stone-cold funk.

Not to say that Bonerama doesn't push musical limits. One track on *Live from New York*, "It's Electric", is almost completely electric trombone. The warped, distorted noises barely sound like they are coming from a trombone, and while it goes on a little long it shows that Bonerama knows how to break typical conceptions about a brass band.

In addition to their original compositions, Bonerama also converts contemporary pieces, like the Allman Brother's "Whipping Post" and Jimi Hendrix's "Crosstown Traffic", to brass band format.

Even when they are pushing the limits of what a brass band can play, Bonerama draws on the famous institution of New Orleans brass bands to make great music. Bonerama plays from 9:30 to 11 on Thursday at Handy Park on Beale Street.

New Orleans has a long tradition of pianists who take the typical image of a piano, the nice classical one where calm, dignified people play calm, dignified music, and turn it into something more. Something funky. Something raw. Something that makes anyone within hearing distance want to shake what they got, no matter what it is.

The names of the people who play New Orleans R&B piano reflect the wild exuberance of the music: Professor Longhair, Fats Domino, and Dr. John, who took the style and popularized it in the 1970's. Dr. John will be playing a free concert in Handy Park this Sunday from 9:30 to 11 p.m.

During his heyday in the 1970's, Dr. John had a stage show that mixed elements of voodoo and the psychedelic movement. He played alongside musicians like Eric Clapton, Jimi Hendrix, and The Band in Martin Scorsese's "Last Waltz," while building himself a name as a premier, and eccentric, New Orleans pianist.

His music has a swagger and funk that makes it seem timeless. Once his piano starts banging out that New Orleans rhythm it's hard to stand still. His concert will be one that anyone with an interest in good music shouldn't miss.

ALBUM REVIEW

You Could Have It So Much Better by ~ Mike Tangaro



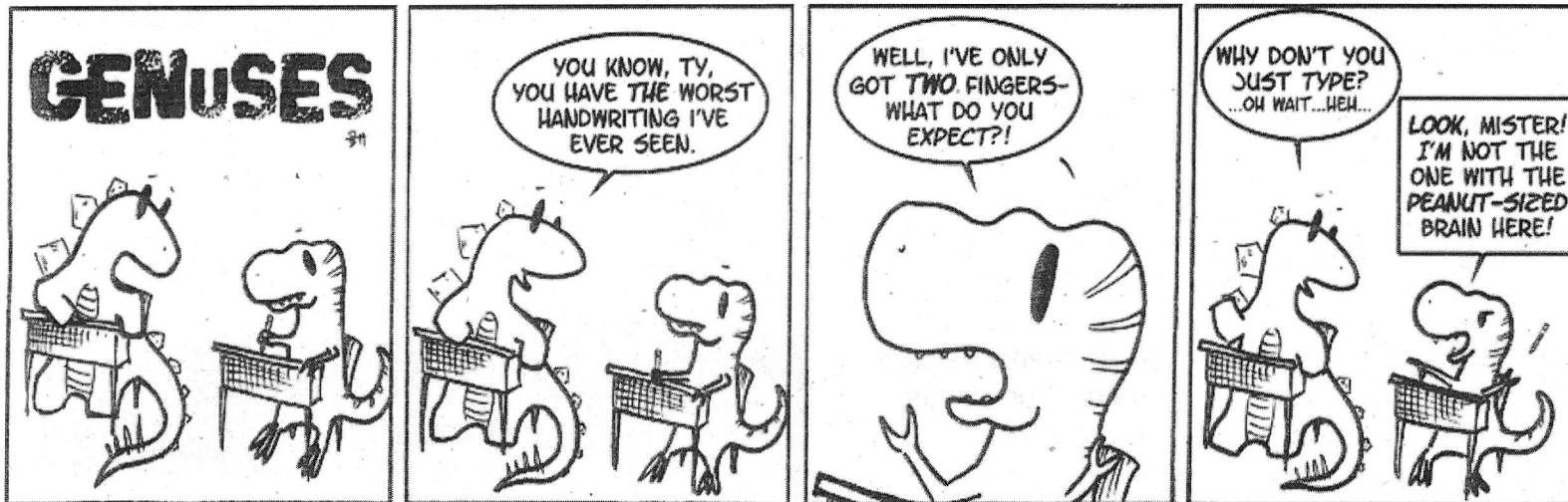
I'm moving to Scotland. I may never get used to wearing a kilt and I don't know if I can tolerate the incessant bagpipe music, but I love Franz Ferdinand so much I'm willing to look past all of this. Franz Ferdinand's cocky swagger is back with *You Could Have It So Much Better*, the band's sophomore CD. *You Could Have It So Much Better* is a whirlwind listening experience that only is only slightly less awesome than their self-titled debut.

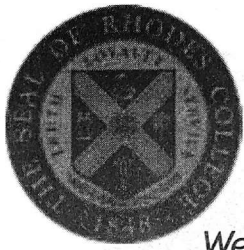
The only thing I hate more than the Rat's Italian cuisine is dancing, but I can't help it when I play Franz Ferdinand. Whenever I play *You Could Have It So Much Better* in my room, I uncontrollably feel my head start to bob, my feet begin to tap, and my shoulders start to gyrate. "Do You Want To," the first single, is quite possibly the most addicting thing since the invention of crack-cocaine. No other band in music could pull off such a cheesy, bouncy pop song, but Franz Ferdinand does AND makes it look cool. Get used to this song; you're going to hear it a lot.

Although most of the songs on the CD are fast paced dance-punk tunes, Franz Ferdinand tries their hand with a few slow numbers. The most impressive of these songs is "Eleanor Put Your Boots On." Sounding like *Sergeant Pepper's* era Beatles, the song employs a steady acoustic guitar background that shows off intricate piano playing. This may sound like a big departure from old Franz, but it doesn't sound forced or out of place. These songs not only prove that Franz Ferdinand are more than capable musicians, they also serve as perfectly placed breaks from the frantic, dance inspiring beats of the other songs.

There is not one bad track on the album, but there are a few standouts. "This Boy" begins with a foot stomping chorus that beautifully bridges into a chant of "I WANNA CAR!" The real high point is "You're The Reason I'm Leaving," which serves as a final departure for any awkward relationship. Paced by frenzied guitar and hysterical drumming, Kapranos sings of "sitting on skinny hands/ nothing to say, nothing at all," and brings me back to my first date in eighth grade. "I'm Your Villain" is a great song that reminds me of "Michael" on their debut CD. With its slow sinister chorus and pulse pounding refrain, this song shows off the brazen arrogance that I've come to love from Franz.

Many critics have attacked Franz Ferdinand for not releasing a "statement" album, but I applaud them. Franz Ferdinand doesn't want to change the history of music, but for that very reason they just might. One of the few bands around today loved by both anti-pop indie kids and MTV culture alike, Franz Ferdinand is blurring the line between what is indie and what is pop. Franz Ferdinand is one of the most exciting bands today, and if they keep releasing albums like *You Could Have It So Much Better*, they will stake their claim as one of the best Rock bands of our era.





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Women's soccer contends for SCAC championship

By Tiffany Wilding
Staff Writer

Rhodes women's soccer quietly contends for the SCAC championship with two more wins under their belt. The Lynx defeated Centre (3-0) and Sewanee (2-0) this weekend to earn their number 5 ranking in the NCAA/adidas South Region Poll. This is the highest ranking Rhodes has seen since 1997. The adidas poll is a widely recognized national poll that was put in place by the NCAA to recognize those soccer teams who are showing incredible success in their season. Rhodes has 9 wins on the books to prove their status. "With 4 games left Rhodes controls their own destiny. If the team can win those 4 games they will win the conference," comments head coach Bobby Lessintine.

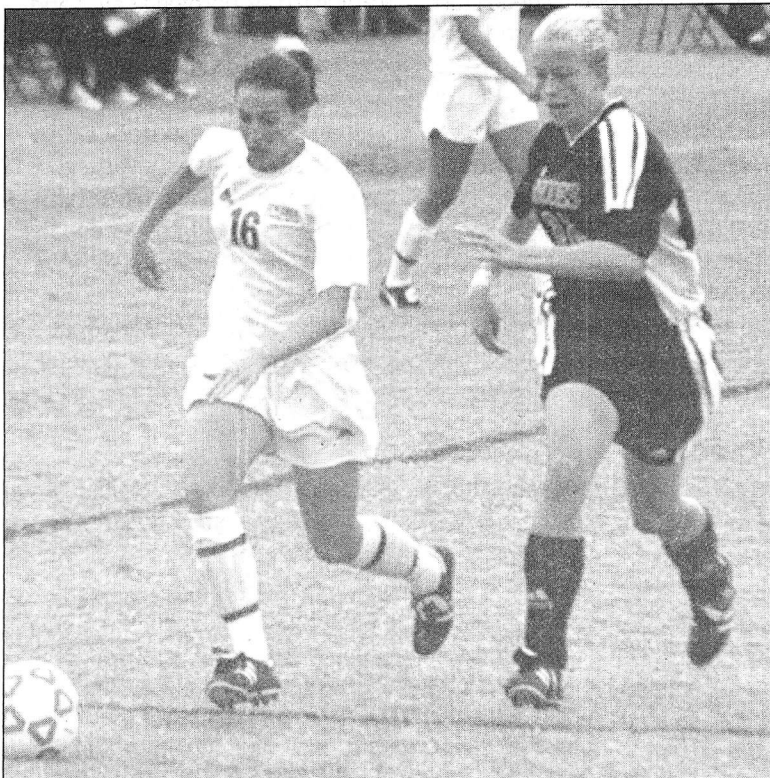
Katy Buckner, junior, was the spot light player of the weekend with 3 goals, one against Centre defense and two in game versus Sewanee. Buckner is currently recovering from a pulled quadricep muscle and an ankle sprain. Since transferring to Rhodes for the 2004 season Buckner has been nothing but an asset to the team. She started her career at the University of Memphis and joined the Lynx as a sophomore.

On Friday, Rhodes shut-out Centre with an amazing defensive show. Centre's Erin Menard who leads the country in scoring, was shut down by the Lynx defense, piloted by Jessica Devitt, senior. Menard was unable to get a single shot off. Buckner scored the Lynx' lone goal in the first half. Caroline Voelkel, sophomore and Katy Joyner, freshman,

each had an assist on the goal. Voelkel went on to score in the second half, along with Melanie Sharry, freshman, to give the Lynx the edge. Rachel Haggerty received an assist on the third goal. The Lynx out-shot the Colonels 9-6 giving Centre's goalkeeper Erin Haney, senior, the loss. Haney completed eight saves to finish out the game.

Rhodes went on to defeat Sewanee at home by a score of 2-0. Buckner scored both goals for the Lynx and ended Sewanee's 10 game shutout streak. Sewanee's goalkeeper Taylor Steedman had not been scored on this season coming into the game versus Rhodes. This was Rhodes' first win against Sewanee since 1998 and the first shutout since 1996.

The lynx will go on to play Oglethope and Millsaps this coming weekend and will finish up the regular season at home against Rose-Hulman on Friday, 11/6.



JESSICA DEVITT PURSUES A SEWANEE ATTACKER.
Devitt ('06) helps lead the Lynx to 2 SCAC shutouts against Centre and Sewanee.

Photo by Bill Mathis

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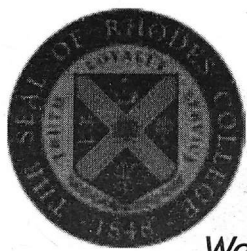
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Border control deports illegal Texans at Rhodes

Laura Owensby
Rhode'ster Illegal Immigrant Bounty Hunter'ster

After hearing constant reminders that Texas is a separate country, the Bureau of Immigration descended upon Rhodes last Thursday and deported all Texans without a greencard.

"They always say, "We fought Mexico. We had the best army in the world," said an officer as he handcuffed a bawling Texan male. "I mean, come on. Mexico."

The response was made after DHS' Michael Chertoff's proclamation last week to rid the nation of all illegal immigrants.

"Texans are the worst kind of illegals," confided an anonymous source at the U.S. Border Control. "They leave their country to come to places like Rhodes, where they can get a better education than what's offered at home. Yet they blast everything in America - the food, the sports, the quality of life - and talk only about the motherland. There's a lot of anti-American sentiment."

Other police officers noted the same thing.

"On average, Texans commit more crimes than United States citizens," said a statistician from the RAND Corporation. "Most of the crimes are minor; they have twice the amount of arrests for disturbing the peace and public misbehavior. And a good deal of the crimes are copyright infringements- it seems that Texans take credit for many traditions that aren't theirs."

"We're not placing a moratorium on all the Texans," said a public relations official. "We understand

those immigrants who try to assimilate into the American culture, yet still take pride in their roots. There's nothing wrong with waving the Lone Star flag on certain holidays, or cheering on the Longhorns as planned celebrations when they defeat difficult teams like Missouri and Louisiana-Lafayette. We only deport extremist Texans."

The remaining students at Rhodes have already "Starting Monday, the Rat will serve nothing but Mexican food," confirmed an Aramark spokesman. "If we're feeling really spiteful, we may cater Taco Bell."

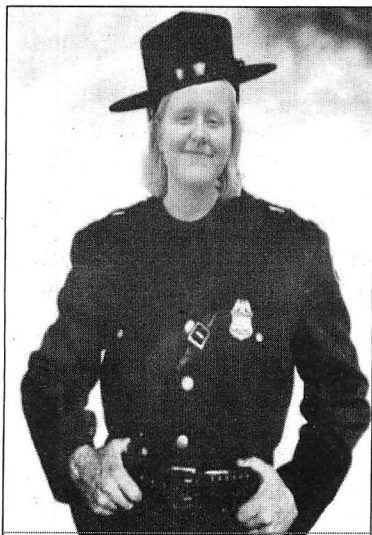


Photo by Patrol Leader Alice King

AND YOU THOUGHT CAMPUS SAFETY WAS BAD...

Don't mess with the Border Patrol. The only thing they like more than making fun of Texans is committing acts of brutality.

TWO ISSUES OUT AND YOU'RE STILL DISAPPOINTED?

Damn, what do you people expect from a poor little publication such as this. You know, you're just sitting there, in your little dorm room, and I'm sitting here, in the pub center, and you, with your little dorm room...WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME? I'll tell you what you want...you want nothing, because everyone knows that no one at Rhodes College cares. I mean, if they did, they'd consider sending in a submission, you know, to ASHCB@rhodes.edu. I mean, that would be cool. We could even hang out sometime. Wait...stop judging me. I'm not desperate!!!!

The Spineless Students of Rhodes

Marjorie Smith
Rhode'ster Cut Through the B.S.'ster

I am writing this article as a protest to the one phrase that has been echoing through my ears for the past 6 or so weeks that I have been at Rhodes. The one phrase that now causes my blood to boil, the one phrase that makes me want to shout obscenities and throttle the necks of all who utter it. These people, the spineless creatures too afraid of stepping on toes to say what they really think, have begun employing a phrase that is so ambivalent it forces me to wonder why they bothered to share their opinion at all. What is this phrase that cuts to the core of the epidemic fear of trampling on politeness? "It's just not my thing." "Sororities/Fraternities are great for some people, but you know, they just aren't my thing." "Playing Rugby at 2am sounds swell, but you know, it's just not my thing." And, "Running over old ladies just for the heck of it sure sounds dandy, but it's just not my thing." When asked why the individual feels this way, the response comes into accord with his or her spineless nature and inability to think for oneself as a "well, it just isn't." Why can't one ever get a straight answer? I consider myself a Christian, but in all truth and sincerity if I were to ask you, "Why don't you go to church on Sundays?" I would most definitely prefer the answer of, "Well, Margie, I find church to be a tool of the man, used to keep the people in quiet

order," to "It's just not my thing," any day of the week. When will people realize that offering opinions, truthful opinions, when asked, is allowed? I mean, we have gotten to the point at which when one is asked the reason for disliking a particular brand of soft drink, the reply is "Well, you see, *insert drink here* just isn't my thing..." as opposed to the ever appropriate "I think it tastes nasty."

I think the main issue here is a fear of offending other individuals. Buck up people, everyone gets offended sometimes. Wouldn't you rather they hate you for your beliefs than love you for your ambiguity? I mean, what is so wrong with saying, "I think sacrificing cats to the soil god is a gross and out of date practice?" Why can't we just learn to be able to state the reasons as to why we disagree instead of hiding behind an over-used and flimsy phrase? We need to learn to stand up for our beliefs. Be able to say that "You know what, I didn't want to RUSH because I thought it would have been degrading to my individuality," or "I disagree with your opinion that a specific political ideology is the best thing ever because frankly I think it's weak and ill-conceived." It seems like we spend so much effort trying to agree upon everything that we forget who we are. We lose the reason for disagreeing with a decided concept. We forget our reasoning, and if we lose that then what good are we? What is a man without firm beliefs but a strip of cloth to be batted around by the wind? It is our differences that make us stronger; our ability to realize that, "You know what? She can think that what I do is stupid! And you know what else? I'm perfectly fine with that."

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tickets for our VIP suite on the Second floor, right near the apse. We guarantee it's better than the floor, and tickets are only \$10 each. As to whether you'll be able to use the suite, well... just remember that the money goes to a good cause: Beer for *The Rhode'ster* Staff.

Editor's Thoughts

Chelsea Ashworth
Rhode'ster Philosopher

Oh children, I am ever so happy. Yet another splendid issue of *The Rhode'ster* is out for your viewing pleasure, done early by my standards, I might add. What more could a humble editor want? Not much, I assure you, but something vital to the survival of this little parody newspaper...heat. While you're all snuggled up tight in your warm beds, I'm freezing my nads off in Briggs. Man, it's not even that there isn't heat in here, it's that the window is broken and set ajar such that brain-freezing air is being let in. Really, I'm losing brain cells here. If anyone is in good with physical plant, I could use a hook-up.

Anyways...um...things to say. For one, the breakfast menu should not start until like 6. I don't care if it's 4:37 on a Tuesday morning...I want some damn chicken tenders and I want them now...with barbeque sauce please.

Also, and this is really the last thing...this campus gets so much money...\$42 million for a kick ass library with state-of-the-art everything. I gotta question. Why do you cheap bastards keep buying your sandpaper one-ply dollar store reject toilet paper??? I love that you're so concerned with my intellectual development, but please, what about campus wide rectal health? It's ridiculous. I mean, if you haven't got a healthy rectum, you don't really have anything, do you?



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Paul Barrett, Jr. Library Maiden Voyage

Meg Sizemore
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The Paul Barrett, Jr. Library is primed to set sail this Spring. A year after its final touches were placed, engineers have finally OK'd it for tours up and down the Mississippi. "This ship," said one of the builders "is possibly one of the most sophisticated casinos on the market today. Since Tennessee doesn't seem too keen on gambling, we can take the students right down in to Mississippi on the cruise of their lifetime."

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data. In practice, the formula looks like this

$D/R * R/D = Bi \text{ or } Homo$

Now, some people might say, "hey, Patrick, that doesn't make any sense, the answer is always going to be one," or "hey, aren't you mathematically retarded?" Those people are communists... or terrorists...or both (which-ever is scarier). That's right, red flag-waving, God-hating, freedom-despising, baby-killing, pinko commerrorists...is that a word? It doesn't matter...I just made it up, bitch! Thanks Colbert Report!

Obviously, not everyone is for the project, as several dissenting voices have been raised. Ann Coulter, in a high pitched shriek that was later identified as her real voice, accused the Republican members of the bi-partisan group as "Democrats in Republican clothing...siding with Al-Qaeda." Ted Kennedy remarked "Belch [sic]." Democratic Senator Charles Schumer of New York winked and said, "Forget about it." After three hours of rehearsal, President Bush was quoted as saying, in that drunken, fatherly way of his, "these folks are good folks. They've got good souls. I know their hearts."

With its flashy new carpets and study rooms that can double as suites for those who win the lotteries, the ship is built for comfort and will most likely be used to kick off senior week. Some students, however, are concerned about the use of the library. Said one sophomore, "I go to the library to get work done, how am I supposed to concentrate when there are all those computers just sitting there? You know those fobs they give you? They turn them into slot machines!" Seniors, however, are very excited and hope that this will take the cost of senior week down a little bit. Our own Chelsea Ashworth will be the first one to enjoy the free cocktail hour at the ILL desk. "You better believe I'll be all over that shit," Chelsea slurred drunkenly in celebration of the news. "Me, the Captain, and Jose gonna have a great senior week." The Paul Barrett, Jr. estate declined to comment on the situation, apparently not realizing that Rhodes was hard up enough to take students' money in more secretive ways. The head executor of our benefactor's will said only that he was "amazed that people were buying in to this—worse than the Tennessee state lottery..." trailing off as he climbed into his Mercedes S-Class. He also declined to give yours truly a ride home. With only a few months left to graduation, I'm already waiting to sign up to be a senior monitor—who knows, maybe they will have gotten the "gamble for your tuition" program up and running. If not, I'll just join Chelsea for a Jack and Coke at the bar and watch a few special seniors puking it up into the Mighty Mississippi. For more information, don't hesitate to contact *The Rhode'ster* for raffle

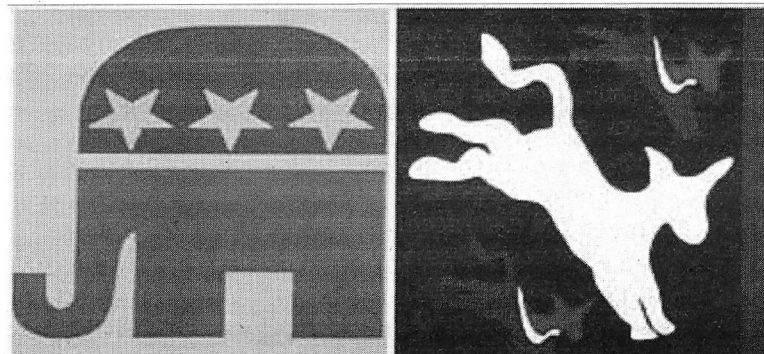
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Hot bi-partisan action

Patrick Callihan
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In a joint effort to quell some of the partisan rancor that emanates from every pore of Lady Liberty's bi-pimpled visage, Republicans and Democrats came together (Independents were not invited, and I mean hey, it's not like they count, there are only, like, two of those *Eau de B.O.* wearing tree huggers in the House anyways...seriously, they're probably from Oregon and Vermont). Well, Republicans and Democrats didn't really meet together in person, they sent their respective lawyers, but it's the thought that counts, right?

So, lawyers representing both Republicans and Democrats met together in a family friendly Italian Restaurant in the Bronx, where they discussed the formation of a bi-partisan think tank, which would, in the founders' minds, more accurately relay information to the American public concerning such fundamental issues as abortion, gay rights, gun legislation, the Iraqi War, and how to appropriately beat a dead horse. Unfortunately, the meeting was broken up in a fit of carnage after it was discovered that one of the Republican lawyers had planned



GETTIN' JIGGY WIT IT?

Could bi-partisan cooperation be our future??? Hell no, says our source.

Photo by The Internet

ahead and had taped a gun behind a toilet. Apparently, after "asking permission to use the bathroom... [Unnamed Republican] came out shooting." A second meeting was postponed due to an interim period of "going to the mattresses." Finally, after much deliberation, and, well, death, it was decided that the think tank would go on as scheduled.

Amidst a country clamoring for a more fair and balanced media (let's be honest, Fox News can't be expected to do it all, even in this day and age of trickle down media), it was conceived by the founders, that a convergence of the two (only) major parties would send a powerfully positive message to the citizenry, providing digestible statistics, representative of a balanced bi-

partisan model of number crunching. The equation is quite simple and is derived from the Fibonacci sequence. The think tank's statisticians combined and then divided the exaggerated numbers provided by Democrats and Republicans. The variables are listed below:

D=Democrats, R=Republicans, Bi=Bipartisan

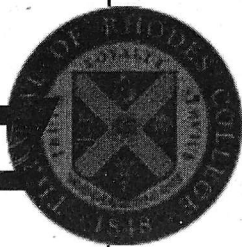
Some have argued in favor of the *Homogenous Complex*, which would make the desired result *Homo* rather than *Bi*. Whatever the case may be, the result on the left side of the equation (if computed correctly and punched in by three Democrats and two Republicans simultaneously, because one of the Democrats is probably stoned and the Republicans always want it 1.5 times more) is the desired result and represents logic based

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AIDS on the Rhodes Campus

This isn't the same AIDS that your parents ignored in the '80s

Chelsea Ashworth
Rhode'ster Triple Cocktail'ster

That's right comrades, AIDS is upon us, and we must protect ourselves. What, no, I don't mean AIDS as in Acquired ImmunoDeficiency Syndrome...I mean AIDS as in Angry Isolated Desperate Skanks. That's right, you read correctly. The weather is cooling, and in typical Rhodes fashion, mating season has begun. After the traditional pairing off, there are always gaggles of single women left, but the sex ratio differences on campus have gotten way out of control. The ratio of males to females on the Rhodes campus has become so disproportionate that I couldn't even find the hard numbers on the website. What was once a small ostracized group of aesthetically disabled and socially moronic girls has developed into a terrifying estrogenic nightmare.

Amanda Hugginkiss of the Rhodes Student Life staff admits that she tried to warn her superi-

ors of the dangers of such disproportions. "I tried and tried, but no one wanted to listen. Everyone kept saying that the disproportion wouldn't be a problem as long as the majority was female. In fact, when I hinted at the potential for violence, I'm pretty sure I heard some guys yell, Hot! I bet they won't be laughing when 50 irate ugly girls are running after them with butter knives."

This reporter went to the street (or sidewalk) to observe the tension between the sexes. After a half hour of scrutiny, everyone seemed to be behaving normally, that is until I overheard Morgan McCann ('06) bragging about how she'd snared campus hottie Casey McElroy ('06) as a date to an upcoming sorority swap. The comment was followed by a brief silence, after which the women surrounding McCann tore her to pieces in a horrific scene reminiscent of a scene from Beowulf. Before I could catch my breath, Campus

Safety officers had descended like vultures and quickly disposed of what was left of McCann...some of which had to be pried out of nearby bushes and grass. When asked to comment on the gruesome atrocity just witnessed, the only phrase that bystander Andrew Svec ('06) could muster was "That was crazy...like AIDS."

Determined to stave off the bloodshed and to bring about a more speedy resolution, I began canvassing the campus in search of advice on the best course of action for Rhodes. Liz Ashton ('08) suggested "an immediate acceptance of any male applicant with a 15 composite ACT score and wash-board abs". Meg Sizemore ('07) says "Rhodes should definitely become more conservative. I mean really, young men and women should not be allowed in each others dorms at any time, and Rhodes needs to enforce a curfew. The blame for this entire ordeal lies with the stupid liberals in charge... President Troutt...damn



Photos by a terrified Kristen Parker

MEET THE NEW AIDS SPOKESWOMEN OF RHODES

If you thought your mother was ugly, you haven't seen anything yet.

hippie." Perhaps the best advice came from Christina LaPrease ('06), who said, "get an apartment downtown, wear tennis shoes, because no girl really wants to wear stilettos, and get the hell off of campus as soon as possible." As for this reporter, I'm

staying right where I am, but I'll give you AIDS girls one last piece of advice should any of you harbor any malicious thoughts towards this dedicated journalist...I may be white, but don't test my gangsta.

12 Steps to better eating at the Lair

Catherine Bloom
Rhode'ster Concierge'ster

You know that feeling you get when you walk through the double doors to that most intimidating of all campus challenges, the Lair? Eating at the Lair has become Jr. High all over again: no one has a clue what's going on and we're all trying to cover it up to look cool. Friends, it's just not working and I can't take any more chicken tenders.

1. If you're not up for the

challenge, be sure to dart in early and grab a box before the bread goes all soggy.

2. There's no reason why some chips cost more than others. It's elitism and should be discouraged. We'll be holding a rally early next month, watch your campus mailbox for flyers.

3. Sacrifice a small woodland creature to a pagan god before crossing the threshold.

4. Remember, milk comes pre-

packaged and therefore shouldn't run you over your meal plan equivalency.

5. Avoid having to learn new vocabulary, like "equivalency," and try to remember where you put that dictionary you got when you graduated from high school.

6. Try and gauge which is worse for you, real grease or fake grease, and order accordingly.

7. No matter whom you talked to that very afternoon, the meal

plan will have changed by the time you get to swipe your card.

8. Contact your ResVoice rep and ask them what's good and how much it costs. Then ask them why that's not part of the meal plan. They won't know either, but it's fun to watch them change colors.

9. Always have a back up plan because you know the one night you really want chicken tenders they aren't going to have any.

10. Sacrifice a goat when you

reach the front of the line so the workers know you're ready to order (the Religious studies department can help you with the chanting; that's what they're there for).

11. Estimate the number of Lynx bucks you still have on your Lynx Card (easiest way: number of all-nighters pulled x \$4 = amount spent; don't forget to adjust for inflation) because you know you're probably going to go over.

12. Life's short. Get spicy fries.