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Lecture Board brings Ben Stein to Rhodes

By Caitlin Goodrich

Ben Stein came to Rhodes. And, thanks to the work of the Rhodes Lecture Board and last year's rise in the student activity fund, you just might have heard him drone "Bueller. Bueller. Bueller," in his famous nasal monotone during his speech on Tuesday, March 29.

Stein is best known for his position as the host of the Comedy Central quiz show, *Win Ben Stein's Money*. Students also remember him for his role as the teacher in the 1980s movie *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*. Recently, Stein served as a celebrity judge on *Star Search*.

While Stein is most often recognized for his celebrity status, he is also a well-known economist and writer. After receiving his undergraduate degree from Columbia University and his law degree from Yale University, Stein worked as a speech writer for Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford.

The process of bringing a speaker of Stein's caliber to Rhodes has been a long one. "Last year, leadership in the Rhodes Student Government expressed interest in bringing big name, big reputation leaders to campus," explains Dane Wendell, RSG Treasurer and Chair of the Lecture Board. "While examining a potential increase in the student activity fund, RSG polled

the student body and discovered that, like the leadership, the majority of students desired the creation of a student lecture series, one with the central purpose of bringing world-class speakers to Rhodes College." With that goal in mind, and with the eventual increase in funds, the Lecture Board was formed.

The Internal Affairs Committee of RSG was charged with soliciting applications and selecting four board members from the student body who, led by the RSG Treasurer and advised by John Rone, Director of Special Events and College Publications, would serve a yearlong term with the option to reapply at the conclusion of this period. Michael Lyerly, Casey Hail, Philip Ruppel, and Danielle Mashburn were chosen to fill these positions.

The newly formed group had one goal in mind: "We wanted a speaker that would simultaneously bring prestige to the College and excitement to the student body," Wendell says.

The board began its search at the close of the 2002-2003 school year. "Our initial thoughts were to bring the biggest name that we could afford to campus, someone along the lines of an ex-president or a former world leader," explains Lyerly. "We soon began to realize that the logistics and the expenses for

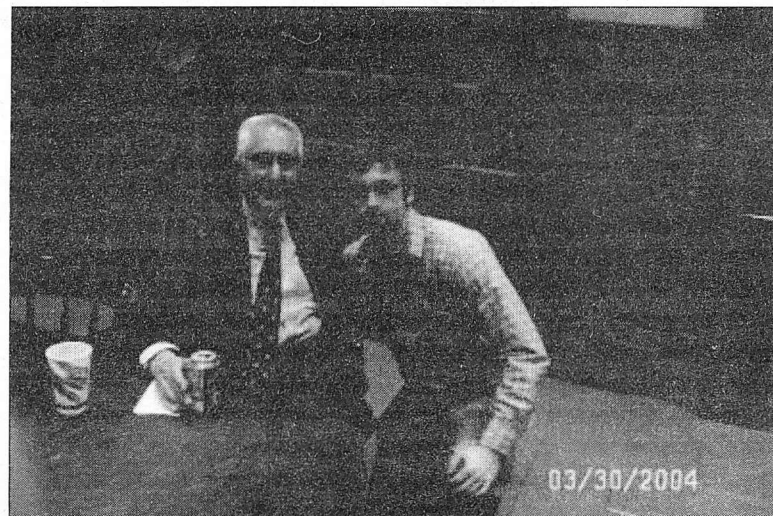
someone like that were well outside of our price range."

The board's \$50,000 budget limited its list of potential candidates, excluding names such as Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton, and Mikhail Gorbachev who can charge as much as \$125,000 for a single engagement. In the end, the group decided on Ben Stein.

"Not only is Stein an accomplished scholar in the field of economics, but he has proven himself to be an entertainer through his work in movies and television," Lyerly states. "He is exactly the type of speaker that we were hoping to attract and is just a preview of the speakers that will be invited in the years to come."

Wendell and Lyerly both expressed pride in the work their group has done this past year and hope that the Lecture Board will become another great Rhodes tradition, one that will bring a variety of nationally and internationally known speakers to campus.

"As long as we continue to get diverse board members brimming with ideas, I can confidently say that we're going to give the student body the very best we can. Our budget will always be our greatest obstacle, but with creativity, leadership, and work ethic, we can work through our limits and give the student body what they want - a speech they'll remember."



BEN STEIN ON CAMPUS

Newly-elected Publications Board Commissioner Brian London gets his photo taken with Ben Stein. Stein was brought to Rhodes by the Lecture Board, a body created to draw interesting speakers to campus.

Photo by Brian London

Ben Stein offers his take on life to Rhodes students

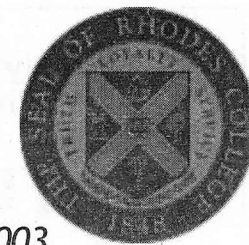
By Chris Ebersole

In representation of "gangstas around the world," Ben Stein brought his unique brand of motivational humor to the McCallum Ballroom on Thursday night. A notable journalist, author, speechwriter, actor, and comedian, Stein spent most of the day on campus, visiting classes and speaking informally with students and faculty. He spoke his opinions on various subjects ranging from current events to job hunting.

Stein's keynote address drew largely from his latest book *How to Ruin Your Life*, which he claims was inspired by his adolescent son. After opening with a series of jokes, Stein settled into his main topic, first providing amusing examples of what choices not to make and then outlining several maxims to live by. Stein emphasized education and gratitude above all else, especially to

one's parents. He provided a poignant example of how he was able to build a strong relationship with his parents later in their lives, and urged everyone in attendance to do the same before it was too late.

The hour following the speech was dedicated to questions from the audience, many of which were political in nature. When put on the spot, Stein held strongly to his conservative beliefs, expressing support of President Bush and of our troops overseas, advocating the right to life, and condemning discrimination against homosexuals. He emphasized that nobody is perfect and we cannot expect our political leaders to be supermen. "Human beings are often not able to handle the challenges of life," he asserted, "and the only way to bridge the gap is faith."



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Gasoline prices reach all-time high, my bank balance hits all-time low

As an admittedly overzealous economics student in her senior year, I'm quite aware by now that references to economic concepts often elicit an inevitable rolling of the eyes (or a not-so-subtle yawn) when spoken to other students who, go figure, just aren't aroused by discussions of, oh say, supply and demand. But in this most recent attempt of mine to prove myself a bona fide school nerd, I tell an economic tale that must evoke from even the most uninterested of students at least a slight nod that says, "Yeah, I hear that!" It's the story about the gas pump, and it goes something like this:

Once upon a time, the Industrial Revolution occurred ... then subsequently cars were invented ... we found ourselves increasingly dependent upon oil ... blah, blah, blah ... then OPEC was formed ... and now skip to the part that I actually care about: the day I started driving and, accordingly, actually started caring about those numbers posted on the sign at the corner station. That day actually occurred in early 1998--back in the good ole days when filling up my gas tank (with the cheap-

est kind of gas, of course) set me back just \$0.99 per gallon.

Yep, gasoline used to cost me just \$0.99 per gallon, yet now I find myself celebrating when I see any price below \$1.50 per gallon. And now the average price per gallon of regular unleaded self-serve gasoline is currently \$1.738, according to a survey conducted by the American Automobile Association. Currently, in Memphis, baseline prices per gallon are lingering in the high \$1.60s while the current high in the nation, a not-so-glorious title held by a Californian city, is at \$2.38 per gallon.

Furthermore, another day of price reckoning dawned with moving off-campus, a change in my lifestyle that was accompanied by the onset of paying my own utilities as fuel prices were rising. Perhaps I just never before paid much attention to price movements, but my checkbook can attest to the fact that this sense of financial uneasiness is particularly painful!

And indeed it is. The February 2004 posting of the Consumer Price Index (CPI), registering a 2% increase in

the average U.S. city's price of a set basket of goods in the past 6 months, was driven up in particular by soaring fuel prices, with the price of fuel oil for housing and utilities rising 13.9% and the price of gasoline for transportation rising 10.9%.

Yet one does not need to see CPI statistics, the receipt from a gasoline purchase, or his utilities bill to know that prices have reached an all-time high--the increasingly heated debate between Bush and Kerry is progressively centering on pointing fingers toward one another's energy policy proposals. Debates run fierce as some policymakers, despite others' concerns with intervention in the oil market, want to increase the supply by tapping into reserves, contending that OPEC interfered with the market long ago. Others want to avoid using the reserves so that they will be available in the event of national security emergencies. Some policymakers want to increase incentives for developing supply while others argue that this benefits no one but the high-profit-reaping gasoline companies.

Many consumers are calling for state legislatures to lift

taxes on gasoline while environmentalists push for more fuel-efficient cars, carpooling, public transportation, and bicycles as ways of decreasing the demand for gasoline. The only thing that seems to have gained some consensus is the idea that more resources must be allocated to the development of alternative sources of energy so that OPEC no longer has such tight control over the economic destinies of others.

As for me, there appears to be little I can do, as a dearth of substitutes for gasoline renders the demand for energy relatively inelastic. In English, I cannot reduce the quantity of energy that I consume at the same rate that the price increases. And I am not one of those lucky ones with Dad's Exxon credit card. Perhaps I can change my ways, sacrificing my beloved SUV for a compact car or a Schwinn ... Nah! I'll just call home and ask that my income be adjusted for inflation!

MEGAN DYER





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OPINION

GRAEME ADAMS

My brush with the long arm of "the law"

It is a sad state of affairs when a student cannot use a campus social room for such peaceful events as sleeping. I am one of those students to whom this pertains. I feel that my rights are being exterminated by a narrow-sighted regime when after a night of fun, my keys fell casually out of my pocket in a friend's car and I couldn't find my way into my room in East Village. Previously, I had been under the impression that students could use social rooms for their own purposes given there was no vandalism or unlawful activity involved. Sleeping, I assumed could not be misconstrued as either of those activities.

However, after a night of supporting our basketball teams and enjoying the pleasant reverie of my fellow Rhodes students at various meeting points on and off-campus, I was saddened in my heart to find that the keys to my room were not with me when I became tired and wished to return back to my dwelling in East Village. Being 23 and enjoying a weekend night I engaged in the act of alcohol consumption which does have some bearing on where this story leads, but I in no way feel that I was out of order in the events proceeding from my resting state on the couch in the East Village social room.

So there I was at the relatively late hour of let's say 2 A.M. when my dreams of teddy bears and lollipops were interrupted by a concerned Resident Assistant (R.A.) who reported my state to be at a normal condition of regular breathing and when roused I was able to convey my message of loss to him/her as well as all vital information pertaining theretofore. Being unable to single handedly assist me back to my dwelling (which happened to be only 20 feet away from where I was resting comfortably), the R.A. asked for the assistance of a nearby candy machine patron. Given my freshly awakened state such a late hour, my mo-

tor skills were somewhat inhibited, but this in no way caused a public display for an offense of which I am accused.

Once in the room, I left the company of the R.A. and decided to engage once again in the act of sleep, only this time I decided to sleep on the floor of my bathroom. Once again, the concerned R.A. roused me from this position and cut short my dreams of frolicking in sun-drenched wheat fields to help me into my bed. A few words of pleasant banter were exchanged at this point, and I was under the impression that we were both speaking in jest. I was casually helped into my cozy bed complete with down comforter and

tucked in for a night of well deserved sleep.

A couple of days later, I received word that the higher powers were to pass judgment on me. Because I could not recall many details of this casual encounter, it was deemed that I was in violation of the alcohol policy for Rhodes. Subsequent appeals likened my offense to a group of cars traveling 50 mph down a 40 mph road and although everyone was doing it I was the only one cited. I never go above the speed limit in my car so I was unaccustomed to this metaphor, but since the tank

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Campus Safety

3.13.04-3.26.04

3/13	1:28 p.m.	Mallory Gym, five people escorted off campus by CS for unauthorized entry into campus.
3/14	8:10 a.m.	Students return to campus after Spring Break
3/15	7:05 a.m.	708 Charles Place, CS officers found a Honda Accord, parked on the street that had been burglarized. MPD was notified.
	11:45 a.m.	Mallory Gym, the Philadelphia 76ers basketball team arrive on campus for practice. CS officers are on scene for traffic control and media access.
3/16		NOTHING UNUSUAL REPORTED
3/17	4:52 p.m.	Tutwiler Street; suspicious person is seen walking back and forth down the street. CS officers and DOCS Hatley, talked to subject and identified him as Gabriel Johnson. MPD was notified. Information was later obtained from MPD that subject had two prior arrests for possession of controlled substance with intent to sell.
3/18		NOTHING UNUSUAL REPORTED
3/19		NOTHING UNUSUAL REPORTED
3/20	7:05 p.m.	Campus Safety officers, rescued six Rhodes students from President Troutt home at 91 Morningside. Students needed a way back to campus but were unable to drive their cars, because the streets were flooded, due to rain. NOTE: The campus safety patrol vehicle (Explorer) gave its life in the line of duty; he will be missed.
3/21		NOTHING UNUSUAL REPORTED.
3/22		NOTHING UNUSUAL REPORTED.
3/23	1:40 p.m.	Palmer Hall; vandalism and property damage, photos taken by Campus Safety and a report has been filed.
3/24	11:06 a.m.	MPD on campus, courtesy patrol.
3/25		NOTHING UNUSUAL REPORTED.
3/26		NOTHING UNUSUAL REPORTED.

STATS:

ACCESSES: 177	ESCORTS: 32
VISITORS: 5251	JUMPS: 4
CITATIONS: 196	BOOTS: 2
PROPPED DOORS: 8	TOWS: 0

rites of Spring

Rites of Spring Line-up

Friday:
 Phil Had Twins
 North Mississippi All Stars
 666 Mafia

Saturday afternoon (during Rites to Play Harder):
 Chumsford

Saturday night:
 Granola Shrapnel
 TBA
 The Verve Pipe

Rites to Play

Saturday:
 Rhodes Community Carnival
 12:00-3:00 p.m. on the lawn surrounding Buckman Hall

There will be face painting, dunk booth, moon bounce, duck pond and lots of other games and activities. Come play with children from the surrounding neighborhood.

Enjoy hot dogs, cotton candy, cookies, and more!

Rites to Play Harder

Saturday:
 12:00-3:00 p.m. on the lawn in front of the Bryan Campus Life Center

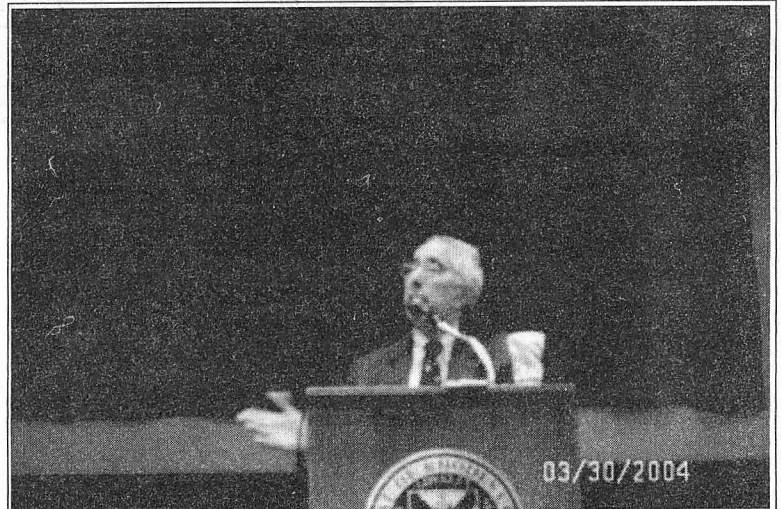
"Rites to Play for Big Kids"--V. Kosloski, RAB President
 This event, sponsored by RAB, is for current Rhodes students. There will be inflatables as well as other activities for students to enjoy. Food and beer are likely to be served.

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of gas in my car of appeals had hit empty (I do have experience with this auto travel metaphor), I was forced to accept my \$50 fine as well as other sanctions.

I don't look at this story as anything more than amusing, but if there is anything you should learn from it: 1) Don't support Rhodes College athletics no matter how involved in the campus you are: 2) Keep your doors open at all times so no matter who wants into your room it is always accessible. It may not be you, but your roommate who loses his keys, and 3) For Heaven's sake, the social room is off-limits to anything that may be deemed too quiet and peaceful for the enjoyment of others. This does not include studying though. If there is any event more sociable than studying you'd be hard pressed to find it.

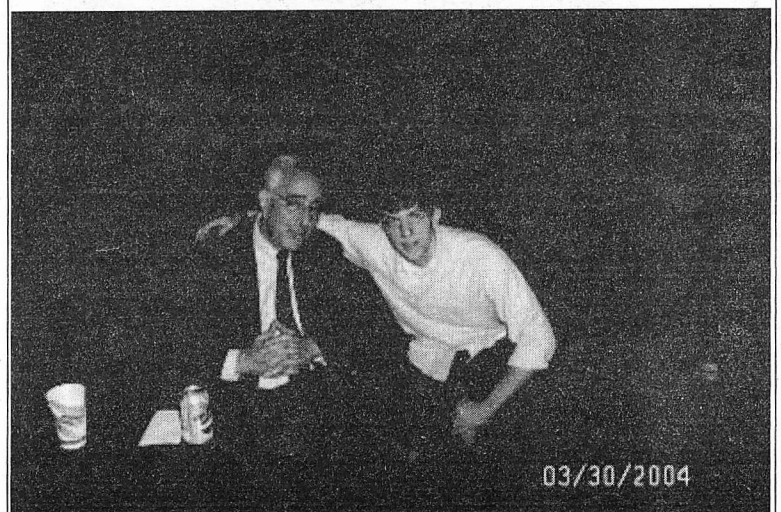
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BEN STEIN SPEAKS WITH STUDENTS

Photos by Brian London

Students were able to interact with Ben Stein in a variety of ways, including an informal discussion in the Lair and a reception following the talk. Several campus leaders were also invited to share a catered dinner with Stein.



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Have a ball with great party recipes from Rachael Ray

By Autumn Brice

It's been quite a while since we've visited Rachael Ray's kitchen for great, quick recipe ideas. Here are two of her delicious, sure-to-please party dishes: Swiss and Bacon Dip and Super Nachos:

Swiss and Bacon Dip

8 slices center cut bacon, chopped
8 ounces softened cream cheese
1/2 cup mayonnaise
2 rounded teaspoons prepared Dijon-style mustard
1 1/2 cups shredded Swiss cheese
3 scallions, chopped
1/2 cup smoked almonds, coarsely chopped

Baby carrots and a selection of spiced flat breads, cocktail-sized pumpernickel or rye breads or sliced whole grain baguettes, for dipping

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Brown bacon in nonstick skillet over medium high heat. Drain crisp bacon on paper towels; crumble into bits.

In a mixing bowl, combine cream cheese, mayonnaise, Dijon, Swiss and scallions with cooked bacon. Transfer to a shallow small casserole or baking dish and bake until golden and bubbly at edges, 15 to 18 minutes. Top with chopped smoked almonds. Place dip on a platter and surround warm

casserole with breads and carrots for dipping.

Super Nachos

2 bags corn tortilla chips in 2 colors or different flavors, such as blue corn, red corn, yellow corn, lime flavored, chili flavored or black bean chips.

Pico de Gallo Salsa:

4 vine-ripe tomatoes, seeded and chopped
1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and finely chopped, for medium to hot heat level
1 small white onion, chopped
1/4 cup cilantro leaves, finely chopped (substitute parsley if cilantro is not to your liking)
Salt

Beef and Beans Topping:

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
1 pound ground sirloin
2 cloves garlic, chopped
1 small onion, chopped
1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and chopped
1 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 teaspoons dark chili powder
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
2 teaspoons to 1 tablespoon cayenne pepper sauce
1 can black beans (15 ounces), drained

Cheese Sauce:

2 tablespoons butter

2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
2 cups milk
3/4 pound pepper jack cheese, shredded, about 2 1/2 cups

Arrange a mixture of 2 varieties of tortilla chips on a very large platter, or use your broiler pan as a platter. Combine salsa ingredients in a bowl and set aside for flavors to marry.

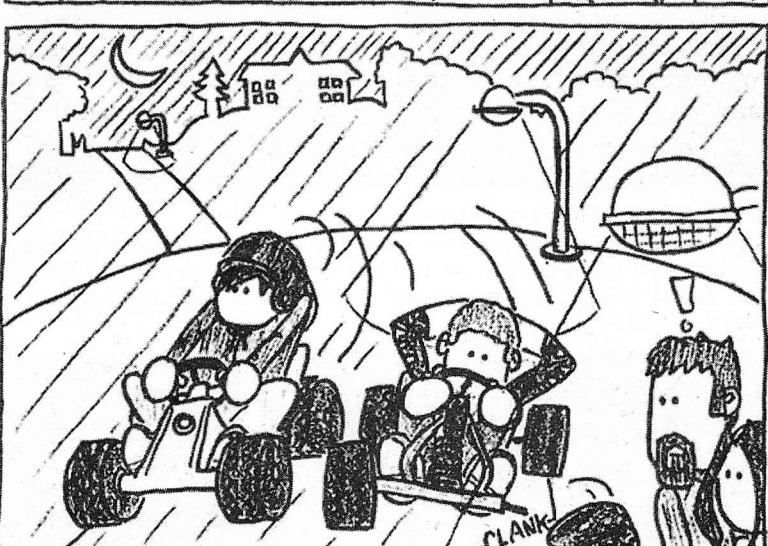
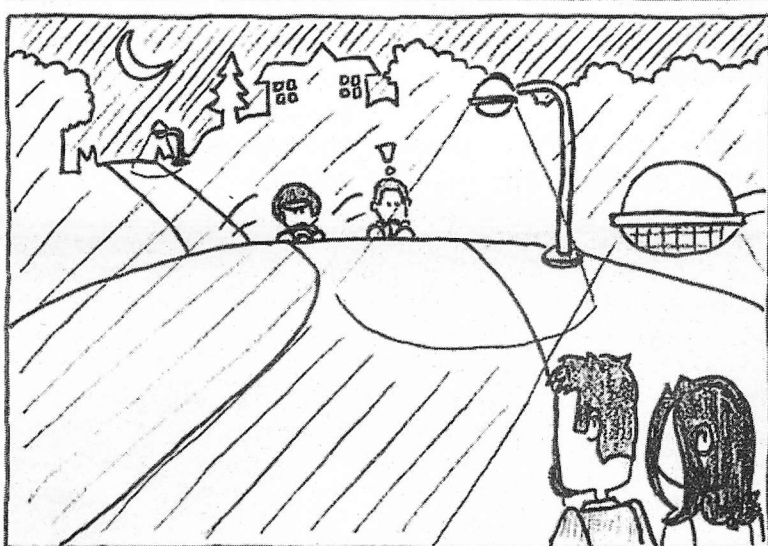
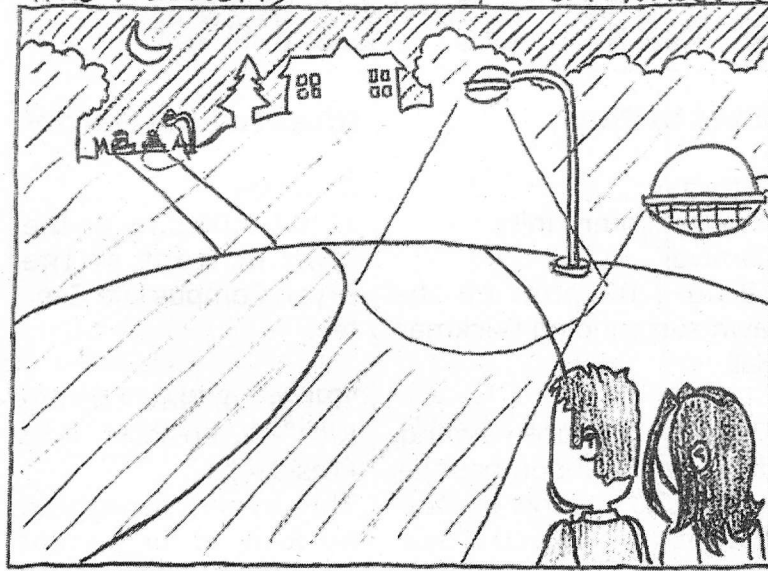
Heat a medium nonstick skillet over medium high heat. Add oil, garlic, onion and peppers to the pan and sauté 2 minutes, then add meat, crumbling with wooden spoon. Season meat with salt, chili powder, cumin and cayenne pepper sauce. Cook meat 5 minutes, then stir in beans and reduce heat to low.

In a medium sauce pot, melt butter and add flour to it. Cook flour and butter 1 to 2 minutes over moderate heat, then whisk in milk. When milk comes to a bubble, stir in cheese with a wooden spoon. Remove cheese sauce from the heat.

Pour cheese sauce evenly over the massive spread of chips and top evenly with beef and beans and the pico de gallo. Serve immediately as is, or garnish with your choice of extra toppings.

Watch Rachael Ray on Food Network at 1:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. daily for more great recipes!

THIS WEEKEND by LOGAN WHEELER.



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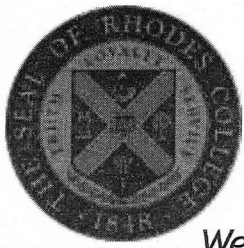
RHODES PUZZLER

#45 (March 24, 2004) Last week's movie pass winner: *No one!*

The weather is changing! Help it along by changing the word COLD to WARM in four steps by changing one letter at a time; the intermediate steps should form English words.

<u>C</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>D</u>
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<u>W</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>M</u>

The Rhodes Puzzler sponsored by the Math/CS Department of Rhodes College. Send your solution (with your name!) to shelton@rhodes.edu or turn in a hard copy to Kennan Shelton, 318 Ohlendorf. All solutions must be received by 5:00 p.m. Monday. A weekly winner will be randomly chosen from all correct entries to receive two free movie passes donated by Malco Theatres. See the Rhodes Puzzler Page at <http://www.mathcs.rhodes.edu/Puzzler/puzzler.asp>.



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Dinner & a Movie

This week, Caroline Vance reviews the Jim Carrey movie *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, and Leah Kaye reviews *Thai* restaurant *Jasmine*.

Kaufman and Carrey dazzle in *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*

By Caroline Vance

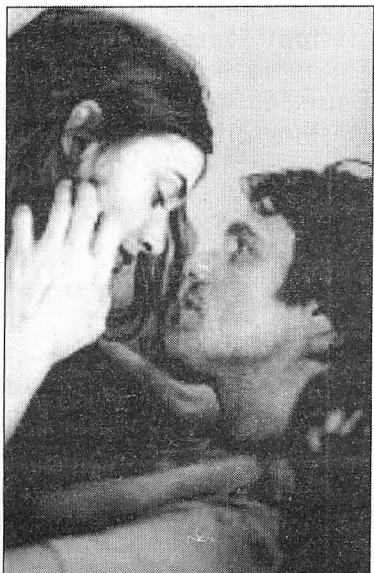


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CARREY AND WINSLET IN *ETERNAL SUNSHINE*

Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet play lovers who undergo a procedure to erase painful memories of their relationship in Charlie Kaufman's new film *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, released by Focus Features March 19.

If you could eliminate painful memories from your consciousness, would you do it? And would you regret it? Well, no, because you wouldn't remember having done it. But, at the same time, yes, because you're only human. *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, the latest film from Charlie Kaufman (*Being John Malkovich*, *Adaptation*), ponders this conundrum. And while I didn't expect for Jim Carrey to convince me of anything, I did think that Charlie Kaufman probably had something worthwhile to say about memory, relationships and meddling with the human experience. I was wrong on the first count; right on the second.

Kaufman and director Michael Gondry explore the problem of caring deeply for another person against a background of an existence so drab that anyone could recognize it as his own: Joel is lonely, hates his job, then meets Clementine (Kate Winslet), who seems to bring some spark into his life (a not-so-subtle symbolic function of her rainbow-colored hair). Of course, they end up hurting each other, and one day Joel shows up to Clem's workplace only to find that she seems not to recognize him. Instead, she makes out with some guy (Elijah Wood), leaving Joel bewildered. Joel then discovers that Clementine has had him erased from her memory using a mysterious medical procedure.

Playing the familiar game of one-upmanship, Joel rushes to the doctor (a benignly smiling Tom Wilkinson) to have Clementine erased from his memory. One of the most moving scenes in the movie is the shot of Joel entering the clinic and finding himself surrounded by mournful people, all of whom desperately seek to eliminate the pain caused by loved ones.

Carrey spends the majority of the film unconscious as Stan (Mark Ruffalo), Patrick (Wood) and Mary (Kirsten Dunst) erase Clementine from his memory. Ironically, it is during the erasure that we learn the most about the bond that the two shared. And as the procedure begins to take effect, Joel objects to the

idea of erasing the memories, however painful they might be. Stan and Mary are too busy smoking marijuana and having sex to notice Joel's dream state of distress, and Patrick has left the scene to hang out with his new girlfriend, Clementine, with whom he became enamored as he erased her memory days before.

For the remainder of the movie, Joel and Clementine attempt to escape the erasure process by hiding in the forbidden corners of Joel's memory. In the end, the pair cannot escape their own folly. Their rash decision to stop caring about each other dooms them to forget about each other forever. Kind of.

This movie works magnificently. Kaufman and Gondry portray the insecurity and doubt that plague even the best relationships with such stark human realism that we cannot help but want for these two flawed people to find and love each other again. At first, it seems that the film refers to the fundamental question of all relationships: Are you going to hurt me? By the end, it's clear that the real question is: Does it really matter if you do?

Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind

Director: Charlie Kaufman
Cast: Jim Carrey, Kate Winslet, Tom Wilkinson, Kirsten Dunst, Mark Ruffalo, Elijah Wood
Running time: 1 hour, 48 minutes
Rating: R

Jasmine adds Thai flavor to Cooper Young

By Leah Kaye

This week, I have chosen to review my favorite Thai restaurant ever: Jasmine. So many aspects of my experience there impressed me; I will definitely return.

Enough cannot be said about the food. The menu is enormous, offering both Thai and Chinese dishes, including a large vegetarian section. With appetizers, soups and desserts, there are probably about 100 items on the menu, most of which probably taste unbelievable.

The quality of the food is much higher than that of other Memphis Thai restaurants, especially for the reasonable prices. The ingredients taste fresher, include many vegetables, and emphasize various flavors like curry, garlic, peanuts and chilies. The best part, however, is the versatility of nearly every dish; they are served with a choice of meats or tofu, they are tailored to degrees of spiciness, and they remove the mushrooms without hesitation for the allergy-prone or the picky.

The entrees we ordered looked and smelled beautiful. We caught ourselves staring at other people's plates as they ate, which was likely obvious and slightly creepy given the intimate, closed-in setting of the dining area. Order an appetizer while you wait so you don't scare the neighboring table seated only a foot away. In addition, save the vulgar gossip for after the meal if you are

seated next to your religious studies professor.

Recommended dishes include everything I tried that night: kung pao, massaman, chestnut chicken served on the mysterious potato basket, and the garlicky number 31 whose name remains forgotten. In addition, the coconut soup is praiseworthy, and the fried bananas ended the meal with bliss and jealousy. I could see the covetous look in my friend's eyes as she fought the temptation to steal a delectable deep-fried fruit morsel despite the allergic reaction to bananas that would have ruined her night.

I must mention the excellent service. Multiple cute-as-a-button waitresses helped us to pick dishes to suit our tastes. Our waitress knew the impossibly long menu thoroughly; she also knew to warn us about the jalapeños, and I think if I had asked her about the existence of God she would have known that, too.

Anyone who appreciates food, particularly Thai and Chinese food, would likely enjoy Jasmine and all its wonders. I had to brave mid-calf standing water and a run-in with the police to get there, but I know I'm sold.

Jasmine Thai Restaurant

Genre: Thai, Chinese, Vegetarian
Location: 916 S. Cooper, near Young
Phone: (901) 725-0223
Prices: \$7-\$15

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Track, field runs in Vanderbilt Div. III meet

By Colin Strickland

The month of March has been an exciting one for the Rhodes track and field program. Over spring break, Marie Brandewiede ('04) competed in the NCAA Division III National Indoor Track and Field Championships in Whitewater, WI. Seeded twelfth out of 15 competitors in the 1500m, she not only qualified for the finals, but raced to a fourth place finish earning All-American honors for the second time in her career. Her time of 4:40.92 was her best indoor 1500m ever and only 1.14 seconds behind the event winner, Gina Lucrezi of DeSales University.

Fueled by Brandewiede's stellar performance at indoor nationals, the Rhodes men and women runners took on Division III confer-

ence foes at the Vanderbilt Division III meet on March 20. Although the meet was cut short due to a lightning storm, both the men's and women's teams had some solid performances in the first outdoor meet of the season.

The men were led by newcomer Nick Campbell ('06). He raced to a fourth place overall finish in the 100 meter high hurdles in a time of 15.79, beating conference rivals from DePauw, Center, and Sewanee. Campbell also competed on the 4 X 100 meter relay team that placed seventh. Jeff Freyder ('07), Chris Calamese ('07), and Joe Morris ('06) also participated in this event.

Middle-distance runner Morris ran a personal best 1:58.61 in the 800 meter run, breaking the two

minute barrier for the first time in his career. He took sixth place overall in the event. Junior distance runner Matthew Sauter led the distance-core with a seventh place finish in the 5000 meters, running a 16:08 in terribly hot and windy conditions. Daniel Mack ('06), took charge and led the Lynx throwers with a ninth place finish in the discus throw, rounding out the events that were completed before the rainout.

In the women's competition, Corletra Mance ('05), and Brandewiede set the pace for a solid day on the track. Mance won the 100 meter dash in 12.34 seconds which is a provisionally qualifying mark for the Outdoor National Championships. This time currently leads the nation for Division III athletes. She also an-

chored the 4 X 100 meter relay team which finished fourth in 51.44 seconds, ahead of conference rivals DePauw and Centre. Ande McDaniel ('04), Jennifer Andrews ('06), and Megan Terral ('07), were her three teammates.

Brandewiede was the 800 meter champion of the meet, winning in a time of 2:17.95, two seconds ahead of the runner-up. In the 5000 meter run, freshman Jennifer Emo ('07) led the way with an eighth place finish in a time of 19:20. Ke Qi

('07) also had a solid day, finishing fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 33 feet, 6.5 inches. Kara Wall ('07) and Lundy Plash ('05) finished fifth and sixth in the triple jump, respectively.

The Lynx are off to Starkville, MS, next week-end to compete in the Mississippi State Invitational followed by a trip to St. Louis to compete at the Washington University Invitational the following week-end.

Student Athletes of the Month



Steve Wright

March 2004



Marie Brandewiede

By David Hicks

Steve Wright ('04) of Nedham, MA, has been named the March Student-Athlete of the Month by the *Student-Athlete Advisory Committee*. Steven hit .361, scored eight runs and drove in 11 RBI for the month, leading the Lynx to a five-game winning streak to start the month. The winning streak included a three game sweep of SCAC rival Hendrix, the Lynx first SCAC series sweep in recent memory.

Steven was named the SCAC Offensive Player of the Week for his efforts.


Steve currently leads the team in average (.414) hits (29), RBIs (18), and total bases (36). He also has a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage and is currently sixth in batting average in the SCAC.




Marie Brandewiede ('04) earned All-American honors for the second time in her collegiate career with a fourth place finish in the 1500 meter run at the

NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Nationals held in Whitewater, WI. Her time of 4:40.92 was a personal best and only 1.14 seconds behind the national champion. Initially seeded twelfth out of 15 entries, Brandewiede stormed to a second place finish in her preliminary heat of seven entries, and shocked the field with a fourth place finish overall in the finals. She has been named the *Student-Athlete Advisory Committee* Student-Athlete of the Month for March.

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