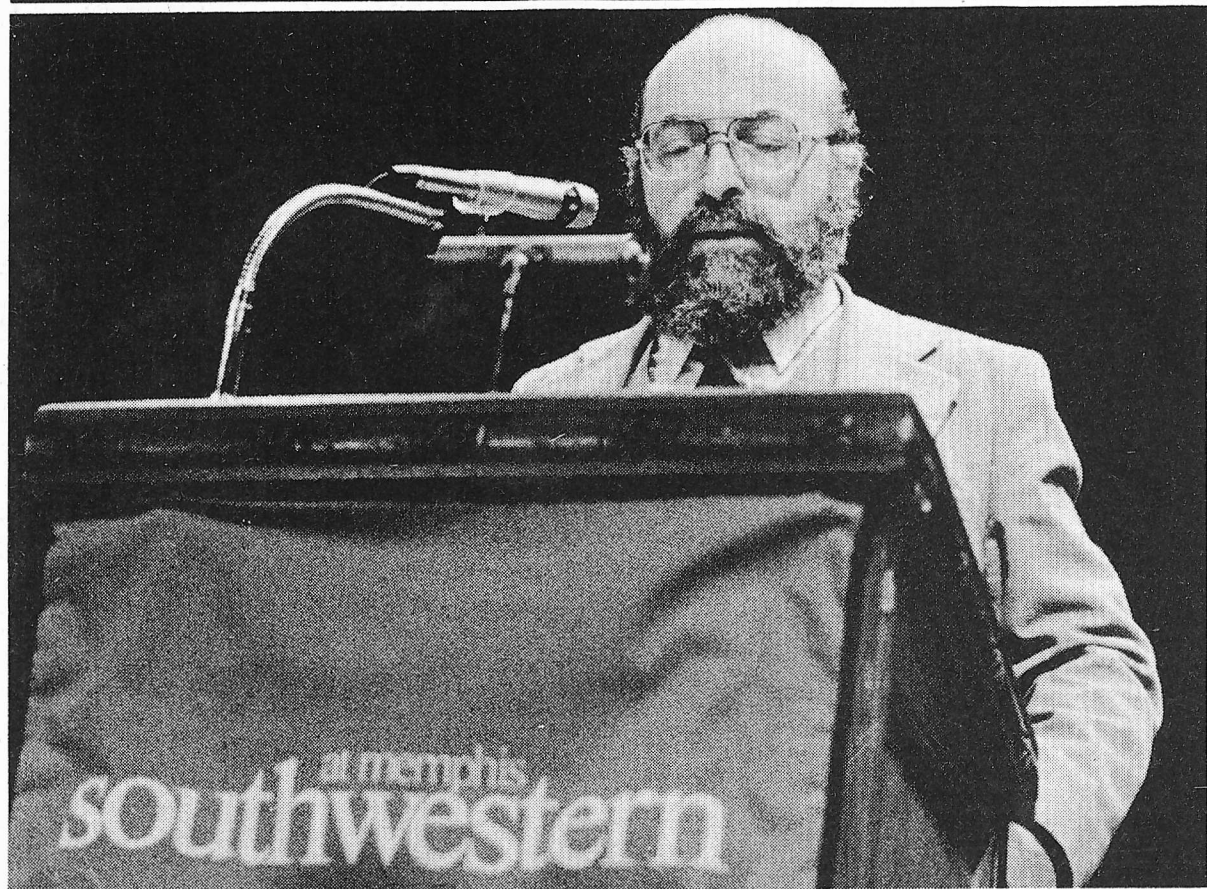


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Author Chaim Potok, speaker at this years Literary Arts Festival, reads from his works.

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## Brown U. Dean To Address 135th Class

by Alan Harris

Dr. Harriet Sheridan, dean of the college at Brown University, has been named the speaker for Southwestern's 135th annual commencement on June 2. One of the nation's most prestigious educators, Dr. Sheridan will deliver her address entitled "Good Sense and Good Conscience" in the ceremonies beginning at 10 a.m. in Fisher Memorial Garden.

In addition to occupying her administrative post, Dr. Sheridan serves as an English professor at Brown. She has involved herself heavily with boards and commissions acting in the areas of higher education. She has been a consultant to HEW and the Office of Education and chairman of a conference on public literacy sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation. Dr. Sheridan has also served on the National Board of Consultants for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Six people from off-campus will

receive honorary degrees given in addition to the 245 bachelor's degrees to be conferred. Dr. Sheridan will receive the Doctor of Letters degree, while Douglas Arant, a Birmingham attorney, will be awarded a Doctor of Civil Law degree.

Rabbi Harry Danzinger of Memphis' Temple Israel and John Mulder, president of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, will receive Doctor of Divinity degrees. Honorary Doctor of Humanities degrees will be conferred on well-known ontologist Dr. John Shea and Speros Vryonis, Jr. '50, now a history professor at UCLA.

A baccalaureate service will open commencement weekend on Friday, June 1, at 3:30 p.m. at Idlewild Presbyterian Church. Leslie Tucker, Jr. '48, minister of First Presbyterian Church of Belmont, N.C., will give the sermon. Tucker's daughter Frances, is a member of the graduating class of 1984.

## Box CE: BSA Riled

**Letter Policy:** *The Sou'wester* welcomes letters from its readers. An effort will be made to publish all letters which are received by the weekly deadline, 8 p.m. Wednesday of the week of publication. The editorial staff reserves the right to reject any letter which they find libelous, insipid, or excessively lengthy. All letters must be signed. Published letters do not necessarily reflect the views of Southwestern At Memphis, the Publications Board of Southwestern, or *The Sou'wester*.

To The Student Body of Southwestern:

In most cases, the purpose and primary objective for a school's yearbook staff is to capture the spirit and heart of the school. The yearbook is designed to be a reflection of the school's community, working, playing, and existing with one another within the established environment. In the close-knit community of Southwestern, however, it appears that our yearbook champions a new cause. One which fosters lack of concern and integrity as its distinguishing characteristics.

A recent example of the haphazard nature with which *The Lynx* is facilitated (by editors Angie Biegler and Bill Townsend) concerns the Black Student Association of Southwestern (BSA). The BSA is a campus oriented organization sponsored by the college which "seeks to channel communication in order that members may participate more fully in campus social life; coordinate presentations and exhibitions of Black culture; to foster a better understanding of the conflict between the races; to recruit, and to orient new black students to the adjustments to be made upon entering the college." Without prior notification, it has come to the attention of the BSA that its members were to be excluded from the annual organizational picture published by *The Lynx*.

It appears that the editors of *The Lynx* deemed the BSA to be an organization which was barely visible amongst the campus and offered little to the community. I would like to take the opportunity

to express my fierce disapproval against the presumptuous and ignorant actions taken by the editors of *The Lynx*.

As stated earlier, the purpose of a school's yearbook is to reflect the school's community working, playing, and existing with one another in an established environment. The Black students on Southwestern's campus are an essential part in the composition of Southwestern's community, and should not be denied the right to appear as a campus oriented organization in *The Lynx*.

The BSA commits itself to sponsoring open functions for the entire campus; stemming from the well-received BSA talent night in the Pub to the entertaining, but less attended Evening of Soul. Whether or not the editors of *The Lynx* desire to open their eyes and recognize the role of organizations such as the BSA at Southwestern is not a responsibility that lies with organizations, but one which lies solely with the editors.

Members of the BSA, including myself, consider the action taken by Angie Biegler and Bill Townsend as presumptuous and dictatorial. They overextended their editorial rights by attempting to censure, with no reasonable assertion, an operative and valid organization. The BSA asserts that the action taken by the editors be remanded, and an apology given. This should not be a mere consolation or flippant gesture recognizing their wrong, but a sincere act of apology, not only to the BSA itself, but to the Southwestern community as a whole.

Ira Jackson '87

To the Southwestern Community:

We as editors of the 1984 *Lynx* adhered to the following editorial policy:

The groups which we felt had the greatest impact on the campus were included in the organizations section. All other groups were given the opportunity to purchase a page with a picture in the yearbook. Notice of this opportunity was placed on signs around campus and in *The Sou'wester*.

Angie Biegler '85  
Bill Townsend '84

## MY SIDE

by Sherard Edington

If we, the students, are not careful, we will eventually lose Term III. Not next year, not the year after, but some time in the near future Term III will be pulled under and replaced by a generic semester system as was proposed to the faculty last year.

Last year's ineffectual assault on Term III has been replaced by a more calculated strategy that will simply strangle the abbreviated session. Right now, Term III is being slowly starved of its energy and impact.

To say that the Administration is behind this death sentence is being overly broad. Many members of the Administration, including at least one dean, will readily admit their support for Term III. These voices, however, are not the ones with the most power and say-so.

Term III is different, too different, in fact, for some. I have heard too many prophecies about how the Project One committee on national recognition will turn in a report specifying that a two-semester sys-

## Term III Decisions

tem is necessary to gain national recognition.

Term III is special and we must exert extra effort to make it shine like the gem it really is. Understand, that "effort" is by no means limited to \$5,000 or \$20,000 cash funding. Term III can be a success without a special budget. What it requires is support from the faculty, administration, and students—support in the form of excitement, enthusiasm, ingenuity, and the willingness to make it work.

Pete McLain, student member of the Third Term ad hoc committee, said, "As students, we need to decide whether Third Term is something we want to keep a hold of."

We pledged last year to give that extra effort to Term III. The faculty promised innovative classes and the students promised to take them.

Explained Dr. Rodney Grunes, chair of the ad hoc committee, "In terms of innovation and choices offered, it was a success."

Last year, exciting, innovative

classes and trips were offered and the class sizes were smaller. For the most part, students did their part and enrolled. But as McLain noted, "The fervor has died down."

This year, courses like New York and Washington were dropped. There was a 25% drop in classes offered and a drop in enrollment in the innovative Term III classes. Two of the largest classes in Southwestern's history are currently being taught. That small liberal arts college with the terrific student/teacher ratio can now boast of classes of 120 students and more. This might lead to changes in our publicity and recruitment: Southwestern — The Small College You Can Get Lost In. We might as well brag: "Our Kudzu Is In A League By Itself."

We don't have to accept the demise of our spring term. It has become too deeply ingrained in Southwestern's tradition to let slip away. Last year, we raised our voices and were recognized. Now we must follow through and reaffirm the energy we pledged. The students must show they are as academically industrious during Third Term as they are in the First and Second Terms.

Faculty: the students only showed their vocal support last year. You voted. You chose, quite overwhelmingly, to retain Term III.

Now you must offer the courses as you promise. Next year when course lists are due, don't just retreat to "standard courses, but give us some we will remember.

As we have seen before, Third Term is a complex issue, but the simplest way to keep it is to support it actively, and I hope we do.

### Thanks!

The Sou'wester, on behalf of the students of Southwestern, wishes to thank the players, coaches, and staff of the Memphis Showboats for their gracious gift of the Showboats tee shirts. See you at the Liberty Bowl next week.

## SGA Corner

by Beth Baxter

The SGA has been addressing student concerns about the proposed plan for national recognition; in particular, a forum has been held and a referendum will be held concerning the probable name change of the college. The referendum will be held on Tuesday May 8, under the auspices of the SGA Election Commission. The results of this referendum will be compiled and presented to the Board of Trustees.

Members of the SGA feel there is a need to take a further look at the structure of Third Term and any related, unresolved issues. The status of funding for Third Term ad hoc committee will be investigated. There will be a forum held on May 9 to discuss this issue.

The members of SGA have also been discussing the idea of recognizing a male student, as well as a female, at Homecoming. The specifics of this possibility are being determined by a delegated subcommittee.

SGA meetings are open to all students. Please feel free to share any concerns or questions about these issues with your SGA representatives, or at the next SGA meeting.



# OPINIATED: The weather is here . . .

by Richard Barnes

Oh well, gang, just when you thought it was safe to go back and read the paper, along comes this mess. I fully intended to quit writing last term, especially when Jeff interviewed for the job of newspaper editor, and he declared, "There will be no more Opiniated, people are tired of it."

But when he had become editor and when "Run, Jesse, run" Jackson didn't show up (but at least we could buy pictures), Jeff called me and said, "Richard, I need you to write an Opiniated, we're hurtin' for space," well, my pride got the better of me and I said, "Oh shucks, I'll be glad to." So Clayton, hold on tight, and remember, you only have one more week to write in if you want to say something.

As usual, I thought that I'd give you a brief rundown on the events of my life since the last time I wrote. Heck, its been about a month — could you live without General Hospital for that long?

Spring break. Destin, Florida. Fun City. My senior year, the final fling. I think we're all spoiled by the teen-age flesh movies. I fully expected to meet on the beach four hundred beautiful females, pick out one I liked, have some hilarious adventures involving a Volkswagen in a tree, and come back battered and bruised, but tanned and happy.

What I got was sharing a cabin with 12 other people and a killer frog in the bathroom; sunburned; and forced to spend a week with someone who made toast all day long, refused to go out in the sun,

and threw things at you when you called him Sluggo.

The only girls I met were those down from Southwestern, at a thing called "Beat the Clock Night" at Victor's, where if you survive until the drinks reach about two dollars, even the girls wearing AC-DC concert shirts and shark earrings start to look beautiful.

Forced to cook for myself, I began to miss the refectory:

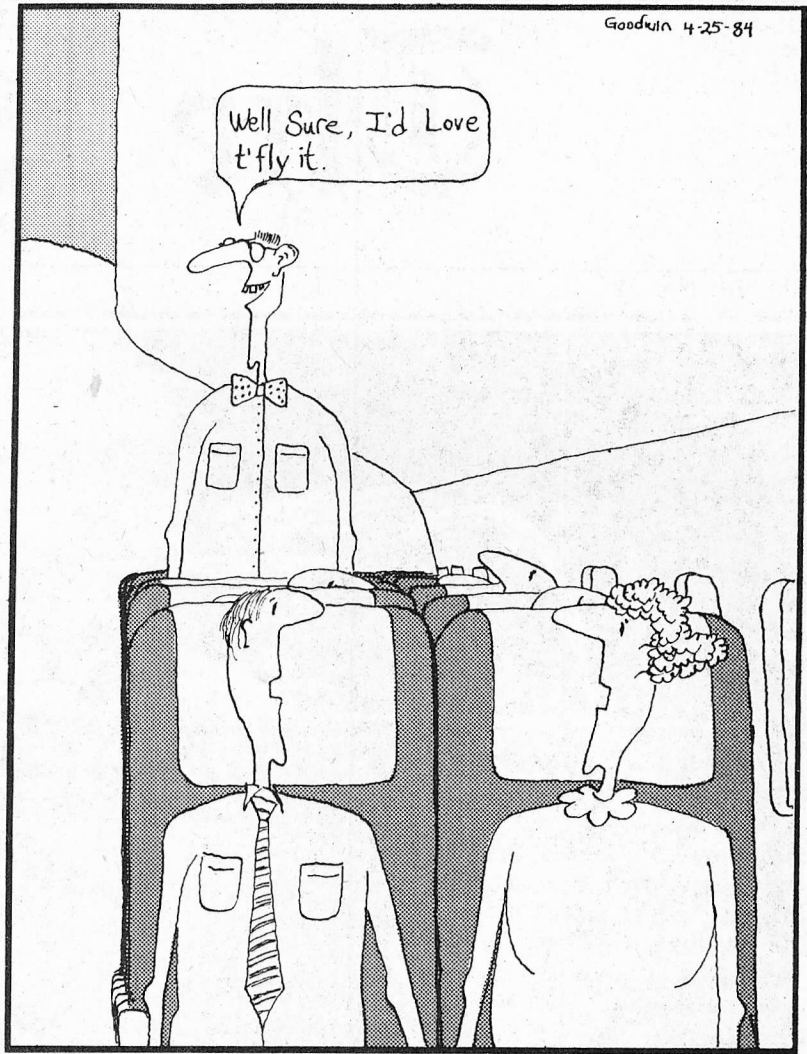
"What's for dinner, Richard?"  
 "What did we have last night, Feave."

"Spaghetti."  
 "And the night before?"  
 "Hamburgers."

"Well, then, it's time for hamburgers again."

I began to have serious concerns about malnutrition around Tuesday, so every night before I went to bed I'd go over to the 7-Eleven, heat up a big burrito, take it back and finish it off with a can of beer before passing out in a sandy bunk. Try eating a burrito five minutes before you go to sleep, and imagine what kind of dreams you'll have.

But anyway, we're back now, and you know it's spring in Memphis when it starts raining every day again. For the first time, I decided to take advantage of the unique educational advantages of third term by not going to a foreign country with a handful of other people, not going to New York or on a field trip, not getting an internship, but scheduling all my classes in the morning, just like the rest of you did, so I can spend my afternoons trying to stalk and bag my own savage tan by the pool.  
 If it ever stops raining.



SOMEWHERE BY GREG GOODWIN

On hearing that the crew had been incapacitated, Donald, having always wanted to fly, volunteered to save the passengers from almost certain doom.

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Remember, B.Y.O.B. (hard liquor only) — beer, wine, and drinks will be on sale during the formal. Music will be performed by the band **Fine Line**; for further information see Harriet Turnbull, Fred Ramage, or Al Nimocks. This fine event is being sponsored by the Social Commission and the SGA.

### REFERENDUM

The Election Commission of the SGA will be holding a referendum on Tuesday, May 8, in the Student Center and the Refectory to collect the opinions of the student body concerning the possible name change of the college. The results of this referendum will be compiled and presented to the Board of Trustees.

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# Lady Lynx Go 1 for 3 In Mobile

by Michael Blair

The Lady Lynx dropped two out of three last weekend against tough competition in Mobile, Alabama. The real loss, however, was in the Lynxcat's personnel. An injury left Dawn Warmington, the team's regular goalie, unable to make the trip, and questionable for this week's play in Sewanee Tournament.

First time goalie Alice Quarg-

nenti fell prey to an aggressive Port City team and left the game with back injuries as the Lynx were defeated 0-3 in their opened.

Southwestern looked strong in the second game despite an injury to key player Sally Johnson. The Lynx went on to win 3-0 and Sally was able to return to the game, but Lady Luck didn't hang around very long. In the final game of the weekend, the coup de grace was served to the already

injury riddled Lady Lynx. Susan McLean, who had been playing well throughout the tournament, suffered a knee injury which will keep her out of the season's finale against Sewanee. SAM lost 0-3.

The Lynx soccer team carries a 5-3 record into this weekend's tournament with UT, Millsaps, and arch rival Sewanee. The caliber of the competition, coupled with SAM's various injuries, will make this a tough tournament. They will need an outstanding team performance to sweep the tournament.

# SAM Splits On Peanut Day

by Michael Blair

Peanuts, beer, and baseball: all the makings of a perfect afternoon. To top it off, the SAM baseballers were winning! So started the "Doc" Browning 2nd Annual Peanut Day at Stauffer Field.

By the second inning SAM had taken a six run lead. The crowd, a new Southwestern attendance record as attested by Browning, was roaring with enthusiasm. They chanted "Jabba, Jabba" following Bill Lansden's deep drive to right center field. Unfortunately the otherwise supportive crowd dwindled in numbers as the beer ran out.

The Lynx used an explosive hitting attack to defeat Bethel College in the high scoring, error prone first game of Tuesday's

doubleheader. SAM didn't fare as well in the second game. Bethel's bats stayed alive; ours didn't.

The Lynx are at Centre this weekend competing in the CAC sports tournament. They'll need good play to come away with first place. In any event, it has been a good season.

# Griller Wanted

Full time position available managing Student Center Grill. For more information contact Susan Murray at the Grill or in Room 308 of the Student Center. Application deadline: May 7, 12:00 noon.

*One of the many attributes which attracted me to Southwestern was its awe-inspiring beauty. Because the campus seemed to manifest the pride and respect which the students held for the school, I realized that Southwestern was a very special place.*

—Jeannie Garten

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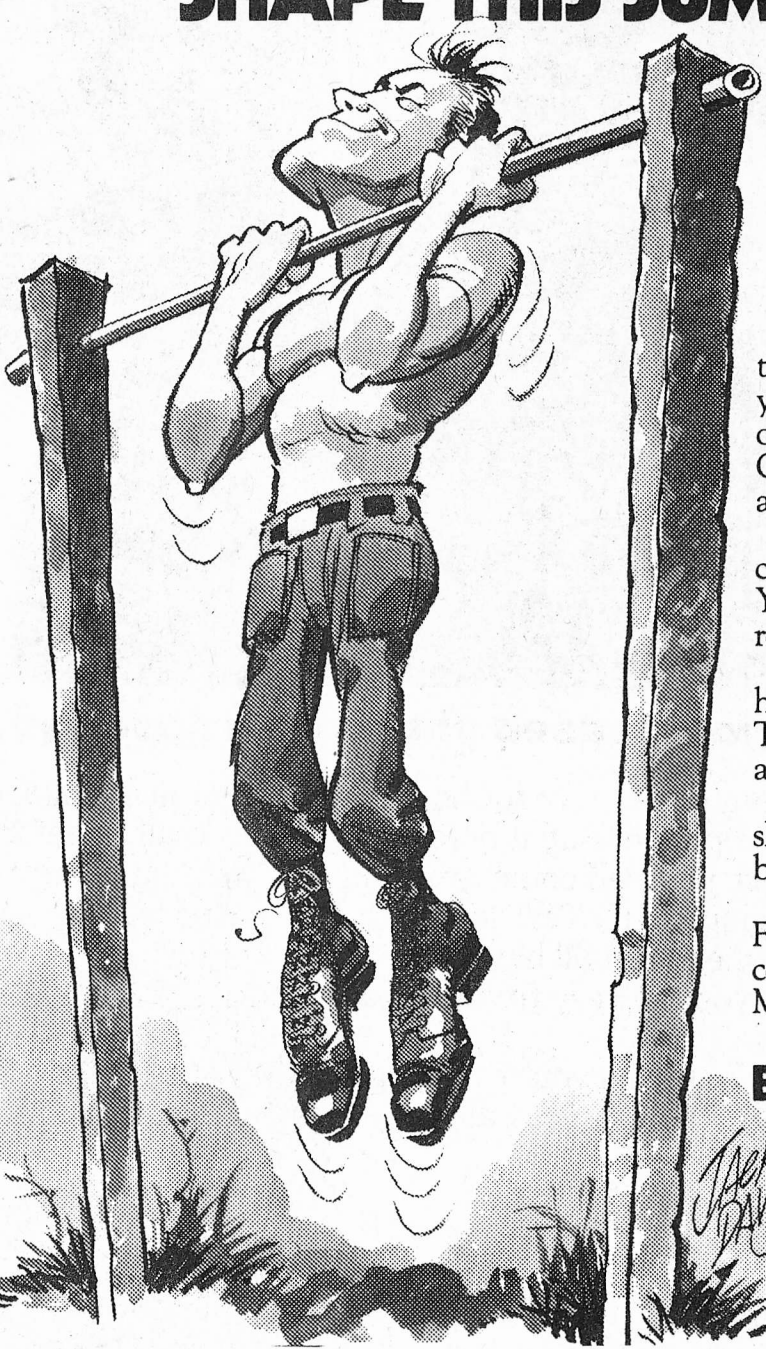
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