

Students learn sign language during "Deaf Awareness Day", November 19.  
Photo by Aaron Kaufman

## Rhodes Purchases Pi Kappa Alpha National Headquarters

The Pi Kappa Alpha Memorial Headquarters, located at the corner of University Street and North Parkway, will soon be housing college students instead of fraternity memorabilia. Rhodes College is buying the three-story Georgian structure and the two-acre lot on which it stands at a cost of \$1.5 million.

The property once belonged to the College, but it was sold to Pi Kappa Alpha in 1948. The fraternity built its administrative headquarters there in 1954, dedicating it to those fraternity members who had lost their lives in various wars. Since then it has housed the staff and the facilities needed to serve Pi Kappa Alpha's 180 chapters nationwide as well as a museum of fraternity artifacts.

Thomas Kepple, provost at Rhodes, said the College had approached Pi Kappa Alpha about selling the building a year ago when it learned the fraternity was in need of expanded facilities. "The location of the PiKa house, across from Rhodes' main entrance, made it a highly desirable piece of property for us, both in terms of proximity and visibility," said Kepple.

The College will be seeking gifts to fund the Pi Kappa Alpha purchase, according to Kepple. In the meantime, however, Rhodes will borrow from internal funds to finance the purchase.

The fraternity, which will vacate the 13,000-square foot facility in February, 1988, plans to remain in Memphis, though it has not yet determined where, according to Ray Orians, executive vice president of Pi Kappa Alpha.

With Rhodes' growing student body and a greater than ever demand for campus housing, the building will initially be used as dormitory space, noted Kepple. "We expect to spend about \$500,000 to convert the building to a residence hall for 40 to 60 students," said Kepple. He predicts the building will be ready for occupancy by the fall of 1988.

In the long run, however, Rhodes hopes to transform the building into a Rhodes Faculty Club and Inn, with 10 to 12 guest rooms for campus visitors and meeting rooms for faculty, staff and groups associated with the College.

Rhodes does not plan to change the exterior appearance of the facility. "Some people have even joked that we wrap the building in sandstone, like the rest of the Rhodes campus, but that's not going to happen," said Kepple. The only probable change is the addition of a stone Rhodes sign, like that which currently stands on the east corner of North Parkway and University.

## Amphitheatre Becomes "A Deaf, Deaf World"

By JOAN MARGRAFF

The amphitheatre became a world for the deaf on Wednesday, November 19, as the Baptist Student Union sponsored "It's a Deaf, Deaf World" in conjunction with the First Baptist Church. The goal was "to promote deaf awareness and express our experience of God's love in a concrete form," said Greg Carey, Rhodes BSU president.

BSU members attempted to simulate the everyday experiences of living in a deaf world. Participants were instructed not to speak as they did business at tables set up as an employment office, a bank, and a hospital. They were challenged to find new ways of communicating by using gestures, lipreading, and fingerspelling.

Many students seemed to

find communicating without talking an awkward experience. One said, "I became frustrated a bit because I did not know sign language." However, the student added he also realized that he "could learn it and alleviate that problem." Through this experience participants gained insight on what trying to communicate is like in a world that does not really try to understand.

Rev. Buddy Burgess, an associate pastor of First Baptist Church, holds services for a deaf congregation and came up with the idea for "It's a Deaf, Deaf World." The members of his deaf congregation sing, worship, and learn from the message much the same as any other congregation. Members of his congregation also participated in the Rhodes event.

A favorite event among the participants of the program was an eighty year old man named Asbridge, who enthusiastically led a class in sign language. Some participants attended his section more than once.

The Deaf Awareness Day aimed to prove above all that people are able to love and care for each other without speaking. Participants were warmly greeted with stickers that read, "I love you." The positive feeling was captured in the written response of one student: "Thank you for a great experience."

In the future Rhodes may sponsor a sign language club. Members would learn the language and spend time with deaf people.

They hope to communicate that it doesn't have to be "A Deaf, Deaf World."

## James A. Thomas III Elected To Board

James A. Thomas III, chair of NewSouth Capital Management Inc., has been elected to the Board of Trustees of Rhodes College. He fills the post of John C. Whitsitt who will retire as a board member at the end of this year. Both Thomas and Whitsitt are alumni of the College.

Thomas serves on the board of directors of Home Federal Savings & Loan. He is also a trustee of The

Hutchison School and a member of the Center City Revenue Finance Commission. At Rhodes he has served as chairman of the President's Council, president of the 1986 Annual Fund, as well as president of the Red and Black Society gift club. His and his wife Margaret's names are inscribed in the Benefactors' Circle in Palmer Hall which recognizes those who have altered the face and future of the College.

Whitsitt recently retired as vice chairman of First Tennessee National Bank of Memphis. He has also served as vice chairman and board member of First Tennessee National Corp., board member of Allied Bank, International of New York and the Bryce Corporation. Whitsitt, who began his career with First Tennessee in 1946, has been a member of the Rhodes Board of Trustees since 1979.

## Seasonal Spectacle Returns to Memphis

Theatre Memphis will continue its holiday tradition of presenting the Yuletide extravaganza A CHRISTMAS CAROL with Mainstage performances Dec. 4-21. Written in 1843 by Charles Dickens, this immortal classic has entertained millions through public readings, movie versions, television and stage presentations. Theatre Memphis' ninth annual offering of the show will be directed by the theatre's executive producer, Sherwood Lohrey. The show's live 19th

Century English music is under the direction of John Buchanan, and husband-and-wife team Ruth and Las Woodard are handling the choreography, which consists of folk dances from the era.

Opulent stage designs of Victorian London Times include scenery of a commercial street and several homes and offices in the mid-1800s originally designed by the late Jay Ehrlicher. Costumes are by Andre Bruce Ward with Daniel C. Hall designer of lights and special effects

that include flying spirits and surprise appearances (and disappearances) of ghosts.

Performances will be Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$6 for students on Friday and Saturday evenings, and \$8 for adults and \$5 for students Sunday to Thursday. Reservations can be made by phoning the ticket office at (901) 682-8323 or by stopping by the theatre located at 630 Perkins Extended.

## SGA Says, "May I Serve You?"

By SUSAN ECK

Thanksgiving is a time to show honor and to give thanks to those people in our lives who have helped us or provided for us at some time. As a part of Rhodes' appreciation to ARA Food Service, the SGA sponsored an ARA Appreciation Day the Tuesday before break.

Dressed in white aprons and chef hats, members of the SGA took the place of ARA workers and served dinner to the students. It was quite hot behind the serving line, according to several of the servers. Although the student workers might have

given a few extra french fries, they proved the ARA staff to be definitely neater; they had to spend more time cleaning up than usual.

According to Sarah Hodges, "This was an experience that I will never forget. I would like to try it again but I'd like to serve something a little more advanced like Chicken Supreme."

David DuBard, vice-president of SGA, presented a festive basket of flowers to Jessie Wigington, Director of ARA Services at Rhodes. It was definitely a meal in the Rat not to be forgotten anytime soon.



SGA members give ARA servers a break as surprised diners look on.

Photo by Aaron Kaufman

## Sondheim at McCoy

The McCoy Theatre will present *Sondheim & Sondheim*, a benefit production of the music of Stephen Sondheim. Performances will be at 8 p.m. December 6-7 and 12-14, and at 2 p.m., December 8 and 15. For more information call 726-3839.



# Editorials

-Alan Harris  
**My Side**

## The End of All "If Onlys"

Almost 2000 years ago, on a day or night perhaps very much like this one, a young woman and her fiance were slowly making their way toward his hometown. What was going through her mind? Perhaps she was reeling from criticism and ostracism for her premarital pregnancy. If her own fiance had wanted to break the engagement, what would others have been saying?

Perhaps she wondered why now, of all times during her term, she had to endure the hardship of travel. And perhaps she worried they would find no place to stay if the crowds were heavy in Bethlehem.

One can easily imagine that people and circumstances were letting Mary down. In the face of discouragements and disappointments, she could be sure only of one truth — the Lord's promise that she as a virgin would give birth to the long-awaited Savior.

People and circumstances let us down, too. Students sign up for the Oxfam fast only to enjoy a refectory feast on the appointed day. Professors assign more pounds of pages for the holidays than pounds of turkey we gobble. Administrators plant satellite dishes in our rose gardens. Summit leaders parade plans of peace only to walk out of the talks. Presidents we trust compromise our values and then lie to us about it.

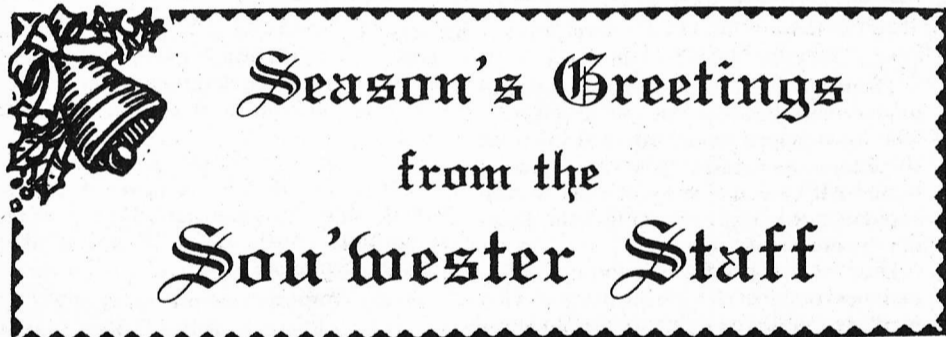
We let ourselves down as well. We make appointments and forget to keep them. We redefine "term," (as in paper) as "two-day," (as in rush job). We speak bitter words to friends, or leave kind ones unsaid.

We often seek explanation for our frustrations and disappointments in a long list of "if onlys:" if only I had taken that class instead of this one; if only we were informed of administrative decisions; if only I had voted for the other guy; if only I had started that assignment in September; if only I had kept my mouth shut . . .

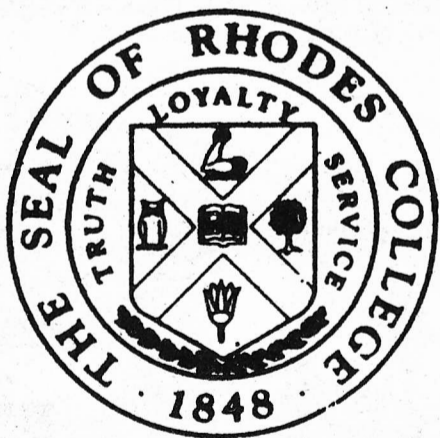
But even our "if onlys" let us down. Resolve one, and another will pop up to take its place; we can dream up an endless supply for a single situation. That's the way things work in a fallen world; we have perpetual possibilities for letting ourselves, others, and our Creator down.

But that's where Bethlehem comes back in. Our Creator cared enough for us to send a Savior that would reconcile us to Him. And that Savior is the only One who will never let us down. He is the end of all "if onlys."

This Christmas, may you abandon your "if onlys" and find the joy of the Prince of Peace.



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## Letters to the Editor

It has come to my attention that there is a proposal in front of the IFC which would close all "open" parties (swaps, second term open houses, etc.). Evidently, the Panhellenic Council has already voted to pass this proposal. Why? I understand that there is a great willingness on the part of the Administration to resolve the question of liability in the case of an accident involving alcohol. The solution, however, is unacceptable at this point and time from a legal and social standpoint.

If a person drinks at a frat, and then leaves and kills or injures someone by driving intoxicated, who is liable in a lawsuit? One can equate this question to similar issue that has faced the Tennessee legislature. Over the years, there has been movement in Western states to make a bartender liable if a person that he serves later causes bodily harm to someone as the result of being intoxicated. Should he be?

The answer is both yes and no. If the bartender serves one drink, and then the person leaves and goes "bar-hopping" and eventually gets in an accident, who is liable? Should the liability be split among all the bars even though the person in question may not have been legally intoxicated upon leaving the first bar? I would be inclined to say no. On the other hand, if the bartender continued to serve a person who is "clearly" intoxicated, then he should be responsible and thus slapped with the lawsuit. Even here, the placing of responsibility upon a bartender to determine who is drunk and who is not might be unfair. A test was conducted by 20/20 to examine how well bartenders and everyday people could distinguish the legally intoxicated from the sober. The failure rate was alarmingly high. I think that "intent" is the key. The "grayness" of the whole law is what has made the Tennessee legislature reluctant to put the whole issue on the books.

Right now, a frat faces this same gray area. If a person is served alcohol at a party and later kills someone or himself then the frat may in fact be liable. Does this also apply to a B.Y.O.B. type of party? If

the frat makes a reasonable attempt to refuse admittance to someone who is intoxicated or "takes care" of someone who becomes intoxicated at the party, the "intent" is not harmful on the part of the frat.

It seems to me, therefore, that if at the discretion of the frat, future swaps and open houses were open and none of the alcohol bought by the frat for its own members was served to others, then the frat or the school would not be liable if someone caused a problem later. If a member of frat had an accident, then the frat would be responsible (a risk that I assume it would be willing to take regardless of if swaps are open or not.) Thus, I think that just shutting up "open parties" is an overreaction and may not be actually necessary under current state law.

The closing of the parties would also have terrible social ramifications. One positive thing that has happened on campus is that there seems to have been a relaxation of tension between "Greeks" and "non-Greeks" and between the "Greeks" themselves. I'm sure that one of the intentions of the Dean of Students office is to bring the whole campus closer, versus a "country club" type atmosphere that exists at many other colleges and universities. Closing frat parties would conflict with this ideal, since it would once again put a schism between independents and Greeks, and the various fraternities and sororities. As an independent, I enjoy going to swaps after 12:00 p.m. and open houses. If these opportunities are removed, it makes the campus that much "deader" on the weekend.

Also as the proposal

stands, the parties would be strictly closed. Does this mean that if I were an SAE and my girlfriend were a KD and the swap were between the SAE's and the Tri-Delts, she can't come? What if, say, half of a given fraternity has girlfriends, many of whom are independent or of another sorority (or vice-versa in the case of the sorority)? This may effectively "kill" the party because then why should these people with boyfriends/girlfriends ever show up? Also, does this mean that the fraternity little sisters or sweethearts cannot show up? This is really ludicrous.

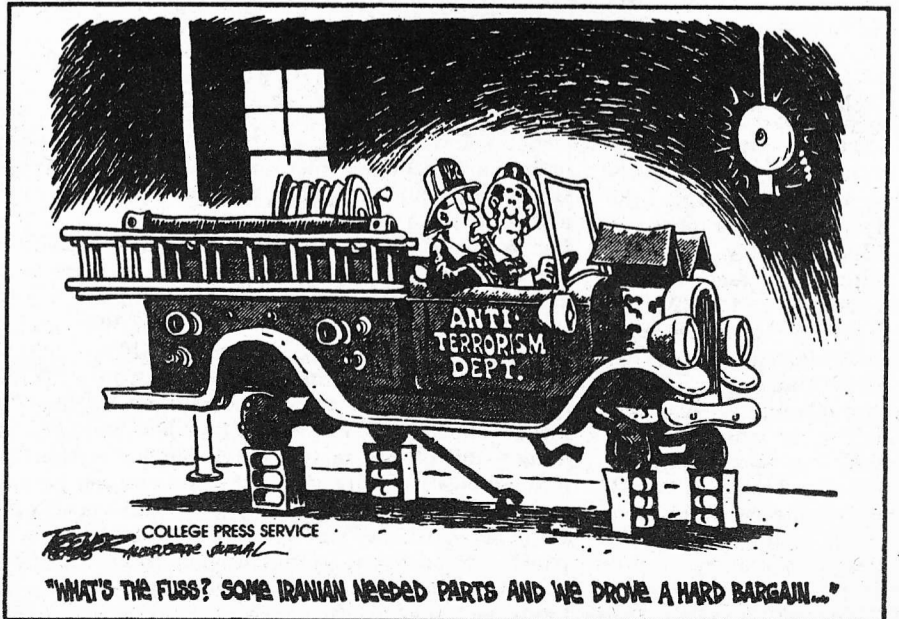
In short, the passing of such a proposal has many more consequences than I think were considered. Plus the legal question is hardly cut and dried, therefore I don't see the justification in "jumping in with both barrels." Until the legal question is "definitely" drawn up, don't make a decision that would have such an effect on the social atmosphere. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, and if things progress much further, things may get really dull.

Jeff Peterson

P.S. Is this whole issue and other issues relating to it within the entire IFC/PAN package deal based on what our five friends at Pomona, Amherst, etc. . . are doing? Just wondering. If it means anything, I would be more than willing to help with the composition of a more equitable proposal. After all, it affects entire campus life (including independents). Also I think that the existing proposal should be printed up in *The Sou'wester*, so that everyone has a clear idea of what is going on.

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# Sports

## Being Thankful for Rhodes Athletics

In this holiday season Rhodes sports fans have much to be thankful for. Compare our football program to that of the University of Texas. The Longhorns just fired head coach Fred Akers because he lost six games this year. Akers had won over seventy percent of his games in ten years with Texas. Rich boosters forced the school administration to boot a man for losing to Texas A&M three straight years.

Our games are fun. Heck, our guys even get to play on real grass. Head coach Mike Clary is treated like a

real person, and look at the results: in 1984, 4-4; in 1985, 8-1-1; and in 1986, 6-3. Rhodes has now joined the South's Division III football elite. And we did it without giving players \$350 a month like S.M.U. does.

I'll bet Texas doesn't get five players on its all-conference team, either. We did. Seniors Robbie Baker, Wright Bates, and David Maddux, along with juniors Steve Becton and Johnny Moore, made all-CAC. Congratulations! And these guys will graduate and get real jobs too.

On the women's scene,

we watched as volleyball improved all season to place fifth in the WIAC. Liz Kiely was all-WIAC. As this is being written, the women's basketball team stands at 3-0. Good work!

Congratulations also to the men's soccer team. Their 9-10-3 record included wins over Vanderbilt and Tennessee. Only two seniors, Todd Doolen and John Rosser, will leave the team this year.

So Texas has nothing on Rhodes. Our folks work hard — for free.

By GREG CAREY  
Sports Editor



A Monday afternoon, a little free time, and a quarter ring allow Rhodes students to enjoy the antics of the Royal Lichtenstein Circus November 29.

Photo by Aaron Kaufman

## Equestrian Team Completes Fall Season

By MICHELLE ROZANNO

The Rhodes Equestrian Team competed in the final intercollegiate show of the fall season November 22 and 23 at Morehead and Midway, Kentucky. Being the last show of the season, the team hoped to do better than they did.

Despite problems with difficult horses, the team of five held their heads high and came home with seven ribbons. With her fifth

place in the Intermediate division on the flat, Elizabeth Rubin qualified for both the Open division and the regionals. Miss Rubin also took a second in the Intermediate division over fences. Don Wikle earned both a fifth and a sixth in the Novice division over fences. Joe Vaughn received a fourth in the Beginner Walk-Trot division. Newcomer to intercollegiate competition Binky Uphaus received a

fifth in the Intermediate division on the flat.

With the completion of the fall season, the team looks to a long winter of practice in preparation for the more rigorous spring season. This winter will also bring the addition of two horses to the Rhodes collection. Such added support will be appreciated and could lead to Rhodes' hosting its own show this spring.

## Letters to the Editor (Continued from Page 2)

To The Rhodes student body:

It's that time of the year again. Thanksgiving, the leaves are golden brown and orange and a faint hint of the coming winter penetrates the humid air.

For all I know it may still be 100 degrees in Memphis but that's how it feels here in Paris. It's that feeling in conjunction with the time of the year that inspired me to write a note to all of you cradled in the warm nest of Rhodes College.

Be thankful for the experience given to you now.

Savor the flavor so that when present comes to past, the memories will be strong enough to see you through.

Be thankful for the time given to you to read the great philosophers, think about the cosmos and attempt to solve the issues of our time. The time to increase understanding and perspective to explore the treasures of history, literature, art, politics, math and science.

Everyday new light is shed on the valuable qualities of a liberal arts education. From CNN in Hollywood,

CA to the council on International Educational Exchange in Paris, France, I can truly say — enjoy your present opportunities! Take them for all they are worth while time stands still at 2000 N. Parkway. Because one day soon you will all do what it is that you have to do and that is move! You will say — look out, here I go, and time will have just begun.

Happy Thanksgiving,  
Robert Finch '86  
Former Editor,  
The Sou'wester

The Bookstore requests your participation in an analysis of the store hours offered in the Textbook and Supply Annex — the portable building.

Because of sales indicators and limited personnel, the annex is open four consecutive hours, Monday through Friday, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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We want your involvement in the selection of hours we plan to staff beginning Term II. Please review and mark the choices below and return to us by December 11.

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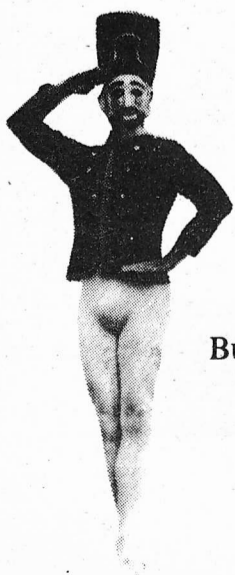
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