

Relative newcomers to the McCoy Theatre, junior David Peterson and freshman Charles Carrico, polish up on their lines for the production of *The Rivals*.

Newcomers Aid In McCoy Success Story

by MIMI SWORDS

Allow me to introduce you to some names that will be popping up on theater programs quite often in the future: Charles Carrico, Chris Davis, Greg Krosnes, Ann Lyon, Charlotte McCrary, Leigh Ann Mills, and David Peterson. These are the newcomers to the McCoy Stage, but though they are new to the McCoy, they are not new to theater. All have participated in high school shows, community or dinner theater productions, or children's troupes. Their stage experience ranges from leads in romantic musicals, like "The Music Man" and "South Pacific" to roles in Shakespearean tragedies. But don't jump to the conclusion that these new "stars" are exclusively the-

ater majors. Their majors range from Theater and Theater/English to Political Science and International Studies/Economics. So you see, everybody can get involved!

I asked our newcomers how they went about becoming familiar with the McCoy. Many started backstage, working on set construction, collecting props, and sewing costumes. This seemed the best way to get the proverbial "foot in the door."

Some found themselves coerced into involvement, when friends persuaded them to audition, and found themselves pleasantly surprised when their names appeared on the cast list. But no matter how they came to be in *The Rivals*, all agree that they are having a

wonderful time. The new friends and the learning experience are well worth the time and effort that must go into presenting a period piece such as this.

The experience has been so positive in fact that all plan on participating in theater, both here at the McCoy and out in the Memphis theater scene, in the future. Look for Chris Davis and Charles Carrico in *Twelfth Night*, the next McCoy production, directed by Cookie Ewing. And don't miss *The Rivals*, I was assured it would be an evening of fun and entertainment - no heavy messages here. After a tough week of study, this is what we all need. If not for anything else, come see Chris Davis wear a couch! Don't ask - just see for yourselves, in *The Rivals*!

Career Conference Scheduled For March 22

by CHRIS ALLEN

Any seniors who are not sure what they are doing when they graduate, any under-graduate who is interested in personnel administration, and any one who has no idea what personnel administration is, is invited to the Third Annual Mid-South Resource Management Student Conference. The conference is scheduled for March 22 on the Rhodes College campus.

The purpose of the conference is to provide students and recent graduates facing career choices and young professionals considering a job change. The information available will be invaluable experience for students entering the job market. Leading professionals in the

field of management will speak on important aspects of today's job market and offer practical "how-to" advice.

The conference runs from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM, with a lunch break from 12:30 to 1:30. Registration begins at 9:00. Classes will be offered including the following: "What are the Best Career Opportunities of the Next Decade? Where are they? How will they affect job search strategies in the mid-south? How can you tap into the industrial resurgence of our area?", "Polygraphs in the Work Place: Should they be used?: A civil libertarian, a polygraph operator, and a physiologist will discuss the legal, practical and theo-

retical issues involved in this controversial practice.", choose two of the three presentations: "Getting What you're Worth", "Making an Early Career Change", "Presenting your best self."

The cost for students will be eight dollars, which includes lunch. There is only a three dollar charge if you do not eat lunch. Non-student's fees are fifteen dollars with lunch, ten dollars without. There will be a two dollar late registration fee if you are not registered by March 15. Applications may be picked up in the Counseling Office, or call Tina Fockler, one of the members of the Conference Faculty, for more information at 901-726-3800.

New Members Tapped Into ODK

Associated Press

What is ODK? To whom it may concern, ODK (Omicron Delta Kappa) is a national leadership honor society that recognizes juniors and seniors who have shown outstanding achievement in the leadership roles.

The present members of ODK include: Sue Gibson, Secretary/Treasurer, Sann Gossam, Brad Priester, Vice

President, Ricky Samuels, Steve Threlkeld, and Catherine Winterburn, President.

The individuals tapped for initiation into Omicron Delta Kappa are: Susan Adams, Raymond Barfield, Harold Dufour, Steven Estock, Lorraine Fincke, Mindy Gard, Andy MacQueen, Lilla Magee, Julie Owens, Marvin Quattelbaum, Laura Richens, Todd Speed, Wendy

Tallent, Lisa Trolinger, Alan Truitt, Kristen Vandenberg, Edie Vincent, and Audrey Weston.

If one should have any questions or need any information about ODK, please feel free to call Catherine Winterburn at #3324.

SGA Corner

by BETSY HAMILTON

SGA/Sou'wester Correspondent

In the SGA meeting of March 5, 1986, David Dubard announced that plans are underway for the campus BBQ contest to be held during Rites of Spring this May. If you would like to participate in planning this event, contact David.

This week SGA members are signing up people for next week's Oxfam Fast (Tuesday, March 18). Please support this effort!

The Welfare Commission announced that Wednesday, March 26, would be the deadline for Destin-ed students to pay the full balance for their Spring Break condominiums.

Applications are now available in the Dean of Students for positions on the Publications Board.

SGA members are in the process of composing a letter to Dean Llewlynn concerning student opinions about the calendar for 86-87. If you have constructive suggestions, please voice them to Steven Estock.

Seniors: Please get your orders in for graduation invitations by March 20 to Crista Crisler or Brad Moody; the invitations are 95c each and can be ordered on Mondays and Wednesdays during lunch in the Rat by March 20.

London's Pearce To Speak On South Africa

Edward Pearce, essayist, editorial and feature writer for the London Daily Telegraph, is scheduled to speak on "South Africa: Roots of the Problem, Alternative Outcomes" at 7:30 PM, Thursday, March 13 in the East Lounge of Briggs Student Center on the Rhodes College campus.

The lecture, which is sponsored by the United States Industrial Council Educational Foundation and the Rhodes College Department of International Stud-

ies, is free and open to the public.

Pearce's satirical essays on the daily doings of Britain's Parliament appear in his "Commons Sketch" column. He also writes the monthly "London Commentary" for Encounter magazine, and several of his articles have been published in National Review and Commentary.

A frequent guest on British television news and public affairs programs, Pearce is the author of two books:

The Senate of Lilliput, a satirical profile of the personalities in the British House of Commons, in 1983; and *Hummingbirds and Hyenas* in 1985.

Pearce holds a master of arts degree with honors in politics, philosophy and economics from St. Peter's College, Oxford University. He did postgraduate work at the International Graduate School of the University of Stockholm where he received a diploma in government.

The World

Should The United States Send Aid To Contras?

Coordinated by ALAN HARRIS

A battle is brewing in Congress in response to President Reagan's renewed push to support the rebels fighting the Sandinista regime in Nicaragua; his recent request calls for \$70 million in military aid and \$30 million in logistical aid to the contra forces.

Noting that "nothing less than the security of the United States is at stake," the President warned that failure to help the contras in Nicaragua now might result in the need to send U.S. troops later.

Last week, two House committees voted against the President's request, but the entire House and Senate must consider the proposal.

This week, we ask: Should the U.S. send aid to the contras? Junior Steven Brammer and sophomore Trip Johnson gave us their opinions.

Trip Johnson

The topic of Contra aid in Nicaragua is an extremely important one this month, as President Reagan and Contra lobbyists gear up for a bout with Congress over aid to the Freedom Fighters.

Why should we care? Well, if the threat of Communist expansion into Central America does not give us cause, we need only look as far as our wallets. Let's look at the numbers.

The Contras say they need roughly one hundred million dollars in U.S. aid to end the destructive civil war Nicaraguans are facing. Thirty million of this aid would be in the form of humanitarian, non-lethal assistance, while the remaining seventy million would be covert aid used to purchase the equip-

ment needed to end this terrible conflict. One hundred million dollars sounds like quite an expense, doesn't it?

Just consider for a moment what it would cost to defend against a fully equipped Soviet air base in Central America or what it might cost if we were forced to deploy troops to check Communist expansion into Nicaragua's neighboring countries. One million dollars begins to look smaller and smaller.

Liberals will say that we have no business aiding in the overthrow of a duly appointed government. They will say that the Freedom Fighters are few and, even given all the money they ask for, stand no chance of

overthrowing the Sandinista regime. This is simply not the case.

If Congress would finally commit to helping the Freedom Fighters win the war, instead of simply helping prolonging it, peace and democracy could be restored to Nicaragua in less than two years. This, of course, would represent a great savings to the U.S. in terms of security to our own border and those of Nicaragua's neighbors.

Again, it comes down to this: Communist expansion into Central America is a real threat to U.S. and world security. We can pay now to keep our neighbors free, or we can pay much more later.

Steven Brammer

In today's world, violence and militarism fail to work as viable foreign policies. The question dealing with how the United States should relate with Nicaragua is extremely difficult to answer in a definitive way, because the general public is unaware of the details of this foreign policy, and because it is so hard to shed ethnocentrism and think of Nicaragua as truly different, culturally, ideologically and socially, from America. The Reagan Administration seems to think that the question is easily answered: support the "freedom fighters" as much as possible to insure that this section of the world is not infiltrated by the "evil empire" of the USSR, for Nicaragua is a haven of Communist activity.

I disagree with Ronald Reagan's stance on support to the contras. In 1984, Daniel Ortega was elected president in an election where seven parties ran candidates. Three of the parties were to the right of the Sandinista party and three were to the left. Ortega and the Sandinista won that election in probably the first truly democratic and popular election in the country's history. The elections were judged by international observers to be fair, democratic and legitimate.

But the contras, remnants of Somoza's regime, fled to Honduras and crossed back into Nicaragua to raid government subsidized facilities such as villages, schools and medical centers. The contras are essentially guerrilla war-

fighters. Why then are they supported, at least verbally, by the Reagan Administration? It has to do with political ideology. Once, the idealists who actually fought the Sandinista army might have had real grievance, such as persecution or confiscation of land. Now, they are being used as an instrument of US foreign policy by the CIA and the Reagan Administration to keep what may be "communism" out of "our domain."

My opposition to military aid for Nicaraguan contras stems from two main sources. The first source is the idea that military aid to the country is a violation of the most sacred principles that America stands for: peaceful resolution of conflicts and respect for the law. It seems absurd to me that, regardless of the ideological perspectives of the various groups, the President of our country is actually in favor of money from the U.S. going to provide military equipment so that a legitimate government can be overthrown. If the contras do gain enough support, through the private sector or our government, to take power, they would simply replace the socialism or "communism" with a regime of law-and-order, probably leaving no one better off.

This fact leads to the second reason against military aid. The Reagan administration is determined to make the issue clear-cut, which it is definitely not. Everyone who opposes the

president's approach of militarism in Central America is either labelled a Communist or a Sandinista sympathizer, according to Reagan. This is a very good political trick. It dismisses much of the middle ground; it puts a halt to public debate; it makes the issue a choice between democracy and communism, between good and bad, between right and wrong.

To me, this is not the choice at all. In very complicated area of the world, much different from industrial America, Nicaragua faces not a choice of democracy or communism. It faces a choice of survival. Reagan seems to fear "communism" so much that he is willing to sacrifice lives of innocent people in a country where a legitimate government stands, to insure that the USSR doesn't creep into this hemisphere. If the U.S. has a legitimate concern about the Sandinista government's policies, or a fear of Communism aggression in Central America, a political dialogue should be the approach, not massive military aid to prove that America is opposed to Communism.

What does the Reagan Administration fear about the Soviet Union? I would venture that it fears the same kind of policies of militarism it would support by giving actual military aid to the contras. Again, the choice is not simple. I believe that the correct way to solve the problems is not by military intervention. Violence to solve ideological disputes simply isn't rational.

Letters

To all Phonathon Volunteers:

We appreciate your help with the Annual Fund Phonathon this year. Your phone calls helped the Annual Fund raise over \$61,000. This money, as you may remember, is used for general operating costs of the college.

We hope that you will continue to help with the Annual Fund Phonathon while you are at Rhodes. The Phonathon is not the harrowing experience that your friends may have led you to believe it was! It only takes three hours out of one night during the week.

Hope that the rest of your term goes well and that you have a sunny spring break! Again, we would like to thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Alison R. Abernathy '87
Andy Robinson '89

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Promises Promises

by JOHN CAMPBELL

Promises and expectations always blossom when one mentions the term "athletics." All who are involved in an athletic program have desires to better the opportunities available to both students and athletes. Rhodes' facilities are aging, and expectations for the future are blossoming.

New athletic director Chuck Gordon believes an athletic director should facilitate the coaches' involvement in a program and promote the enjoyment of the student/athlete and their participation. Former athletic director George Lapides left Rhodes last year to take the general manager post with the baseball Memphis Chicks and the college community immediately sensed a loss. The search began.

Rhodes landed Chuck Gordon from Washington University in St. Louis. Gordon completed both his undergraduate and graduate studies at Central Michigan University, traveled to Indi-

ana University to run the men's intramural program, and then arrived at Washington University. His last three years in St. Louis were spent on coordinating, building, and completing a \$14 million athletic facility for the university.

"I am very pleased with Rhodes," comments Gordon. He adds, "It has been a nice eight months on the job. The attitude here is very good and I'm sure winning has a lot to do with it."

The future plans are near. The summer of 1987 is the date in which the college expects big changes. Big enough to meet the 80s demands. A few changes such as building a new track, constructing a bigger weight-lifting room, increasing storage for club sports, and opening a facility for showering and a locker room available to all males on campus. "The square footage is there, but we want to make it into useable square footage," says Gordon.

Gordon stressed that stu-

dent participation in non-traditional sports seems lax, and he hopes to boost a little enthusiasm in years to come.

"I think we need more non-traditional sports. I'd even like to have a home-run hitting contest, frisbee throwing, student/faculty tennis matches. Fun activities which don't stress the competitive sense so strongly," remarks Gordon.

The intramurals are stable and competitive, but Gordon wants to lay a strong foundation in the community's participation in various athletic activities.

Gordon's plans for the summer include such leisure activities as golf and tennis, while constantly laboring on the renovation project scheduled for the summer of 1987.

He hopes to appoint an architect for the project at the next board meeting.

"I like it here," smiles Gordon, "they do things the right way." And the winning may never end.

Research Lab To Offer Marine Science Courses

Gulf Coast Research Laboratory in Ocean Springs, Miss., will offer 17 marine science courses on its 1986 summer field course schedule. Rhodes College is one of 59 institutions affiliated with GCRL. Dr. Bobby R. Jones of Rhodes' biology department serves as the Laboratory's on-campus coordinator.

First term classes include Oceanography I (Physical, Chemical and Geological), Marine Invertebrate Zoology, Marine Chemistry, Marine Ecology, Marine Botany, Early Life of Marine Fishes and Marine Science for Teachers I.

Second term classes are Marine Vertebrate Zoology and Ichthyology, Marine Aquaculture, Oceanography II (Marine Biology), Marine Microbiology, Fauna and Faunistic Ecology of Tidal Marshes, Coastal Marine Geology, Coastal Vegetation and Marine Science for Teachers II.

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Most classes involve extensive field work, in addition to lecture and laboratory periods, allowing students to observe marine plants and animals in their natural habitats and to learn various collection methods for obtaining specimens for laboratory observation.

Specific dates for each course, information on credit to be earned, application forms and other details may be obtained from your on-campus coordinator or from Dr. David Cook, GCRL registrar, by calling (601) 872-4201 or writing to him at Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, East Beach, Ocean Springs, MS 39564. Application deadline is April 30.

Topic's Include Halley's Comet

NASA Speaks Up

Thursday, March 6, Dr. Stephen P. Maran talked to Rhodes students about two of the most relevant topics in astronomy, The Hubble Space Telescope and Halley's Comet. Both topics are specialties of Maran who is employed by NASA at the Goddard Space Flight Center.

Maran's afternoon lecture centered on the Hubble Space Telescope. This telescope is a large telescope built on a maneuverable satellite that is to be launched by the Space Shuttle. It will give astronomers an unprecedented view of the universe that negates the limitations of the earth's atmosphere. The launch of the Hubble Space Telescope was rescheduled for August or September of 1986, but has been delayed due to the Challenger accident.

Maran's second lecture on Friday was on the subject of Halley's Comet.

Maran explained why, despite the poor appearance from earth, this visit of comet Halley is so important. "On this visit the comet will be a long distance from earth during the entire time the comet is near the sun," said Maran. He went on to say "If it is any consolation the next appearance will be even worse, though the visit in 150 years will be spectacular."

Maran then discussed the importance of this visit of Halley's comet. Despite the poor viewing from earth, he explained, we will learn much about the comet due to the advance notice we have had of the return of the comet. Many space probes will come fairly close to the comet, primarily the Soviet Vega I and the European Space Agency's Giotto. "These space probes will greatly enhance our knowledge of the structure of Halley's Comet, specifically, and all comets in general," said Maran.

Oxfam Fast For World Hunger

by DAVID DUBARD

In conjunction with Hunger Awareness Week (March 17-23), this year's Oxfam fast benefits will go toward the worldwide fight against hunger. Oxfam is a non-profit international organization that funds self-development projects and disaster relief in Third

World counties in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. It also issues educational materials about world hunger to people in the U.S.

You don't actually have to go without food all day. You just can't eat or drink in the refectory or in the Pub under the board plan. The money that you paid for the food you might have eaten goes

to Oxfam.

This year's fast will be on Tuesday, March 18 and a sign-up sheet will be in the refectory on the preceding Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. The Oxfam fast for World Hunger is a project of the S.G.A. Food Committee and Bread for the World.

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Sports

Lynx Split With U.T. Martin, Bethel And Sweep Lambuth

by BOB COLEMAN

The 1986 Lynx baseball team held its home opener Tuesday, March 4 with a doubleheader against Bethel. In the opener Rhodes won a 5-2 decision behind the six hit pitching of Marcus Stamps. Offensively, Jim Elgin led the attack with a double, a home run, and three runs batted in. Walter Anderson and Joel Pettit each chipped in with two singles in three at bats. In the second game, Bethel handed the Lynx an 8-4 loss despite two doubles each by Colin Johnson and Anderson.

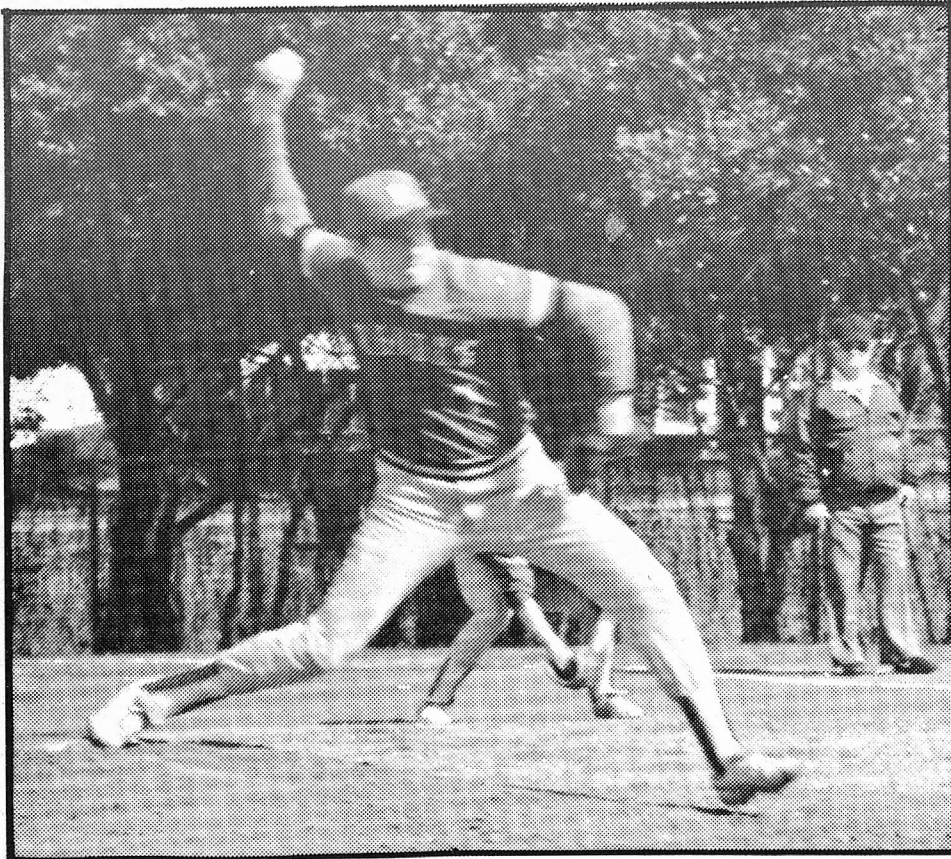
Friday, the Lynx swept two games from Lambuth College of Jackson, TN. Lance Vickers picked up his

second victory with no defeats in the 2-1 contest. Anderson, who went 2 for 3, and Johnson scored two runs for Rhodes. The nightcap turned out to be more of an offensive battle with Rhodes winning 8-6. Anderson had two hits including a home run with two runs batted in. Vickers had two doubles, Elgin had a single and a double, and freshman Steve Heinz added two hits. The winning pitcher, Duane McGee, came on in relief of starter Norm Pauley in the fifth inning.

In a big doubleheader on Saturday against the University of Tennessee at Martin, Rhodes came away with one victory to bring their record to 7-4. In the first game,

Jeff Calvert went nine innings and recorded eight strikeouts but came away with a 5-3 loss. The two hits apiece by Robbie Baker, Shawn Carder, and Vickers were not enough for a Lynx victory. The second game proved to be a different story. Behind the strong pitching of Elgin (2-1), the Lynx claimed a 7-2 victory. Elgin also did damage at the plate with two hits and two runs batted in. Carder also had 2 RBI's and Vickers had three hits in three trips to the plate.

The Lynx are gearing towards an important game Sunday, March 16 against Memphis State University. The game will be played at 2:00 at Memphis State's Kennedy Complex.



Jeff Calvert had a good performance against UT-Martin Saturday. The Lynx split a doubleheader with UT-Martin. Memphis State will be the Lynx's foe Sunday at Memphis State's Kennedy Complex. Make plans to attend.



An unidentified Rhodes rugger grabs a pass over a Middle Tennessee State defender. The Rhodes Rugby Club had their first defeat of the season against Middle Tenn., 15-9.

Everyone Invited

"Extremeties," a play which deals with the issue of rape and society's attitude towards this issue continues at Circuit Playhouse through this weekend. Members of the cast (some from off-Broadway) and a representative of the Memphis Rape Crisis Center will be at the Kappa Delta Lodge this Sunday, March 16 at 4:30 PM to discuss the play and its impact. All those who are interested are welcome to attend the discussion.

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The van focuses on several Air Force technical specialties. An Air Force recruiter will be available to answer questions, discuss qualifications, and to present information on specific programs and the curriculum at the Air Force Officer Training School.

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