

President Daughdrill

Daughdrill Elected President Of Association Of American Colleges

From public information

James H. Daughdrill Jr., president of Rhodes College, was elected to head the Association of American Colleges at the organization's 72nd annual meeting in New Orleans. He will serve as president-elect during 1986 and as president during 1987.

Dr. Daughdrill, who has served on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of AAC, will succeed Dr. Linda Salamon, dean of Washington University, St. Louis, the new AAC president. Dr. Bernard Harleston, president of the City College of New York, is the outgoing leader.

The presidents and deans of more than 575 public and

private colleges and universities comprise the membership of AAC, an organization that seeks to enhance liberal education and the nation's understanding of it.

"This is an exciting and challenging time for higher education," said Dr. Daughdrill after the election. "At no other period in its history has academe taken such a good, hard look at itself and where it should be heading in the years ahead."

Dr. Daughdrill has recently chaired a committee to review the needs of higher education and the structure of AAC. That committee was spawned by a wave of reports in 1984 that called for a return to strong liberal

learning. Dr. Daughdrill has also served on the newly formed Council on the Improvement of Liberal Learning.

A former businessman, Presbyterian minister, and church executive, Dr. Daughdrill became president of Rhodes in 1973. Since then Rhodes has built its endowment from \$9 million to \$53 million, established one of the largest merit scholarship programs in the country and expanded its physical plant and its student population. Dr. Daughdrill, who won the 1985 City of Hope "Spirit of Life"

Award, has held leadership roles throughout the city and country. He has been a

director of the National Council of Christians and

Jews, a member of the board of the Liberty Bowl

and the Association of Presbyterian Colleges and Universities, and a trustee of

The Hutchison School and the Memphis Brooks Art Gallery.

Serving with him on the board of AAC will be Dr. Jeffrey Lukenbill, dean of Miami-Dade Community College; Dr. Robert M. O'Neil, president of the University of New Rochelle; Dr. Frank Vandiver, president of Texas A & M; and Dr. Rudolph Weingartner, dean of Northwestern University.

Prospectives Invade Campus

by ROBIN MERIDITH

The tenth annual symposium for prospective students will be held Jan. 23-25. Susan Taylor, assistant director of admissions, expects 200 high school students to attend.

In addition to visiting classes on Friday, participants

will hear student and faculty panel discussions and meet individually with faculty members. Evening entertainment will include music in the pub and the showing of *Making The Grade*, a movie filmed at Rhodes.

Taylor emphasized that Rhodes students play an

important role in making the symposium successful. Students are needed to provide transportation and housing and to help with registration. She added that a friendly atmosphere is essential if prospective students are to feel at home while on campus.

Pro-Studs Schedule Of Events

Thursday January 23

Registration and Campus Tours-4:00-6:00 PM Thomas W. Briggs Student Center
 Dinner-5:00-7:00 PM, Catherine Burrow Refectory
 Opening Session-7:00-7:15 PM, 200 Clough Hall
 Student Panel-7:15-8:00 PM, Clough Hall
 Rhodes students talk about their experiences and answer questions
 Student Activities Fair-8:00-8:45 PM, Clough Hanson Gallery
 Commons Gatherings-9:00 PM
 Entertainment and Refreshments with Rhodes students and faculty

Friday January 24

Attend classes of your choice-8:00-11:20 AM
 The Academic Experience-1:00-1:35 PM, 200 Clough Hall
 Faculty members discuss the meaning and value of a liberal arts and science education
 Faculty Meetings-1:40-2:30 PM. Talk with individual departments and faculty members about particular academic programs and pre-professional curricula as well as other aspects of a Rhodes education including internships, tutorials, directed inquiries, undergraduate research, foreign study and the Honors Program.
 Music and Theatre Auditions*-By appointment
 Entertainment-choose from a variety of options

Saturday January 25

Music and Theatre Auditions*-By appointment
 Departure-Parents may meet students at the Biggs Student Center any time prior to 12:00 Noon



by CHRIS ALLEN

One Man, One Dream

Donald Duggan, president of the Rhodes College, Black Student Association, gave a moving oratorio about the progression of blacks in our society. To commemorate the national observation of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's birthday, the BSA donated a beech tree to the Rhodes College Arboretum. Dr. Dennis Dickerson initiated the ceremony with a short statement about Dr. King personally, and his dream of civil equality. President Daughdrill accepted the memorial in behalf of Rhodes College.

Editorials

Grady Tollison

What's Your Major?

For a person who doesn't attend such a highly academic-oriented institution as Rhodes, it would be easily discernable that conversation in the Refectory, the library, and the dormitories would be of the utmost intellectual manner. Shown the classical architecture of this beautiful campus, one would be led to believe that students within these confines were developing advanced theories of relativity, creating new doctrines for a more just and humane society, or initiating a revolutionary art movement. I don't discredit the fact that students often endeavor themselves into intellectually stimulating subjects, but, all in all, the most popular topic of conversation at Rhodes tends to be gossip.

Gossip is much more interesting than any biology lab, research paper, or economics project. No one could tell me they would rather write a book report on a former U.S. president than talk about their two-faced friend, albeit there could be an argument for certain presidents having better stories for gossip than your friend. (I always picture someone being asked about John F. Kennedy's policies. "Oh yeah, he's the one who had the affair with Marilyn Monroe. His foreign policy, uh, well he sent some pigs to a bay in Cuba one time, so I guess he was friendly toward the Communists. But, anyway, you know some say that JFK had Marilyn murdered.")

The hottest spots for gossip at Rhodes are any girls or guys dorm after 10:00 Pm, the Rat on Saturday lunch, Sunday lunch or dinner, and any night after 7:00 PM except Friday and Saturday in the library, especially the reference room. More students have gotten a bad reputation through gossip in the reference room than any other location on campus.

Gossip at Rhodes has wrongly been compared to high school gossip. Come on! We're in the big leagues now. We know more vices than we ever dreamed of in high school. Moreover, the strong educational skills that we are learning at Rhodes are very beneficial to gossiping, because we are becoming more articulate. The better we are in expressing ourselves, the more interesting the gossip will be.

According to a gossip specialist at Rhodes, who would not surprise me if she told me her major was Gossip, the standard form of telling some juicy gossip is as follows:

- 1) Introduction-giving background to subject(s) involved, relaying old gossip in which subject(s) has previously been involved, tell where alleged incident took place and time.
- 2) Body-story should be told in complete detail, and if no details are known, then subtle suggestions should be substituted, which makes for an even better story.
- 3) Conclusion-discussion follows the story as to whether the accused is guilty. Tragically, the accused is already guilty when they have been associated with gossip, somewhat similar to the "drowning witch" theory.

I have heard some incredible gossip in my three and a half years at this school. Of course, I disregard the stories as vicious rumors or heinous fabrications. However, as Shakespeare stated, "The evil that men do lives after them; the good is oft interred with their bones." Twenty years from now I probably won't remember my peers in college just because they were nice people. I'll remember them because they were part of a good piece of gossip.

Letters

Yo, Sou'wester.

Just a brief comment regarding last weeks issue--"It's All Greek to Me" was the most stupid (expletive deleted) piece of (expletive deleted). The only people who give a dang about this tripe are, presumably, already aware of it, so what's the point? Come on, guys, i'd rather see Big Star ads if you're that pressed for filler.

Golly zingo,
Greg Easterly

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Matt Lembke

On The Right:

Crucial Elections In The Philippines

February 7 promises to be a critically important date for the United States and its western allies. On that day, the voters of the Philippines will go to the polls to choose the president, and the outcome may determine the balance of military power in the Pacific.

Currently, two of the largest U.S. Military bases are located in the Philippines, Clark Air Force Base and Subic Bay Naval Station, and these two installations are the anchor of the American Pacific military presence.

Their loss would have dire consequences for American strategy and strength, for the nearest possible locations for replacement bases are over 1500 miles to the east on Guam.

In effect, losing those bases would concede the Western Pacific, especially critical sea lanes around the South China Sea, to the Soviets, for the new U.S. bases would be much too far away to quickly respond to Soviet aggression in the region. Obviously, the United States must do everything in its power to prevent this defensive catastrophe from occurring.

One may ask what the Filipino election has to do with all this. It seems that President Ferdinand Marcos is receiving a very stiff challenge from opposition candidate Corazon Aquino. Should Ms. Aquino be elected, she has stated that she

will seek the removal of the U.S. bases within a few years. Mr. Marcos has repeatedly expressed his support of the U.S., so the bases seem safe if Marcos is reelected.

Thus, it seems clear that the U.S. will be best with Marcos as president, but it isn't that simple. Though Marcos has been a great friend to the American people, he has been very cruel and underhanded in his dealings at home. Some of his critics estimate that he has stolen over ten billion dollars from the Filipino government and has invested secretly in real estate in the U.S. and other places. Though completely exonerated from all guilt by the courts, Marcos does not seem totally innocent in the death of Ms. Aquino's husband two years ago. In other words, Marcos has run a right wing, anti-communist dictatorship for years, and this country has supported him.

Now, it's hard to say what to do. We want those bases, yet the United States does not want to alienate the people of the Philippines, a citizenry that is generally pro-U.S. Marcos, even if elected, is in rapidly failing health, so the Philippines should have new leadership within the next few years. The U.S. has been gradually distancing itself from Marcos as his shortcomings come to light more and more.

I think the U.S. should stay out of the campaign entirely. Should Marcos win, our bases are safe, and we can continue pressure on him for reforms. Should Ms. Aquino win, the U.S. must be prepared for some strong arm tactics to keep the bases. I suspect that threatened with a total U.S. pullout, she will change her tune. I don't think the people of her country would like to see their long-time ally, the United States, leave for good.

Another reason not to worry is that Marcos probably will not lose. He should have good control over the ballot boxes, and should by some miracle Ms. Aquino win, Marcos has not ruled out the possibility of a coup.

All in all, the American bases should be in the Philippines for years to come.

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Campus News

Trustees Approve Proposals

by CHRIS ALLEN

The Board of Trustees meeting last Thursday and Friday was "Business as usual" according to Wendy Tallent, student representative. The basic issues discussed were the granting of honorary degrees, the use of the Clark property, the 1986-87 budget, the renovation of Burrows Library, and the Project II committee.

Honorary degrees are normally granted during the annual commencement exercises. But now the degrees can be given at various times during the year at the discretion of the college. The committee of Board Directions and Leadership decided on President Daugh-

drill's proposal that the best way to grant the degrees would be "at different times during the year. In each case prior approval must be granted by the Board of Directions and Leadership."

The Clark property, given to the college as a gift with the stipulation that it either be sold immediately at market value or kept until such time that the college decided to sell it, was placed in President Daughdrill and Dean Tom Kepple's hands for a decision.

The tentative 1986-87 budget was approved by the Finance committee. For students this means a tuition cost of \$7,659, room-\$1,794, board-\$1,461, a total cost of \$10,914 for the 86-87 academic year.

The \$1.7 million grant to be used for the renovation of Burrow Library was approved by the Committee on Building and Grounds. The project's proposed date of completion is the fall of 1987.

Headed by Dr. Larry Lacy, the Project II committee presented their proposal for the philosophy of Rhodes College. Verbatim: "A comprehensive personal philosophy will include reasoned views about the ultimate source and meaning of human life, what is of primary importance, and a corresponding hierarchy of values and obligations. For students to formulate such a philosophy, they must be presented with a wide variety of challenging views on these central issues."



by CHRIS ALLEN

Seniors Frank Wright and Harry Pond enjoyed the springlike weather Monday mastering their sculpturing skills with styrofoam.

NASA Astronomer Inaugurates Physics Lecture Series

From Public Information

A lecture on Halley's Comet by Stephen P. Maran, a leading astronomer with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), will mark the inaugural of the Peyton Nalle Rhodes Physics Lecture Series at Rhodes College. The lecture, scheduled at 8 PM Tuesday, Jan. 28 in 100 Clough Hall on the Rhodes campus, is free and open to the public.

Dr. Maran will give a second lecture primarily for Rhodes physics majors on the Hubble Space Telescope at 10:30 AM Jan. 29 in Room A of the Frazier Jelke Science Center. The telescope, funded by NASA and directed by Johns Hopkins University, is scheduled to be launched on a space shuttle mission this year.

The lecture series is named in honor of the late Peyton Nalle Rhodes, who was a physics professor and vice president at the college before assuming the presidency in 1949. Each year the lecture series will be held around the

time of Dr. Rhodes' birthday, Jan. 29, and will deal with physics or a closely-related subject such as astronomy, according to Dr. Jack H. Taylor of the college's physics department.

"Peyton N. Rhodes had a longtime interest in astronomy," said Dr. Taylor. "He saw Halley's Comet in 1910 and always hoped he'd live to see it again. He accompanied the physics department on its total solar eclipse expedition to Alaska in 1963. He went with us again to Florida in 1971, and very much wanted to make the trip to Africa in 1973."

Dr. Maran is a senior staff scientist in the Laboratory for Astronomy and Solar Physics at the NASA-Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md. An investigator of stars, nebulae and comets, he is currently working on the Hubble Space Telescope and other NASA projects.

The author and editor of several books, Dr. Maran is noted for the 1981 work "A Meeting with the Universe," which he co-edited with Dr. Bevan French.

His articles have appeared in several periodicals including Smithsonian, Scientific American, Popular Science, Science Year, World Book Yearbook, and The Encyclopedia Britannica Yearbook of Science and the Future. He frequently serves as a consultant on astronomical publications for the National Geographic Society and other publications. His astronomy column "Sky Reporter" appears regularly in Natural History magazine.

Since 1981, Dr. Maran has been a Shapely Lecturer for the American Astronomical Society, speaking at colleges and universities throughout the United States.

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There's Noël In Cowardy Custard

by PATTI MARSHALL

After undertaking a production as spectacular as NICHOLAS NICKLEBY, most theatres would be hard pressed to create another fantastic show, but not the McCoy. Opening January 31, the McCoy theatre will be presenting COWARDY CUSTARD, a musical revue of the works of Sir Noel Coward. Filled with roaring songs and dances and glittering costumes, COWARDY CUSTARD guarantees an evening of excitement.

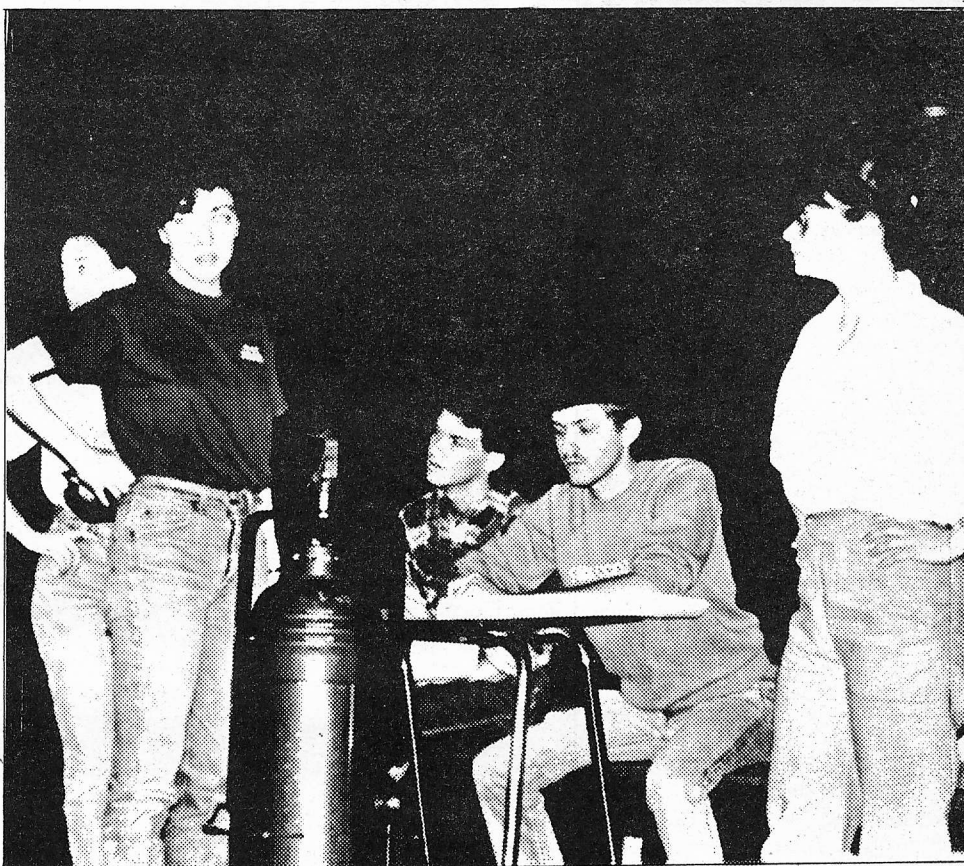
The production, set in the late 1920s, is reflected primarily through the glamorous costumes designed by Bette Garner, many in the flapper style of the period. Freshman costume assistant Pamela Qualls (who also worked with the costuming for NICHOLAS NICKLEBY) commented that, "even the hats reflect the 20s." Pam was responsible for making

several of them from start to finish. The women's costumes are made of white and black crepe-back satin, accented with gold, silver and bronze lame and an occasional feather to tickle your fancy. The men's costumes consist of traditional black and white tuxedos. Some of the men were able to furnish their own, while the others, though purchased second-hand, were tailored to a perfect fit by the talents of both Garner and Qualls.

Director Tony Lee Garner and Sociology professor Randy Martin have worked with the actors on the posture and movement displayed 1920s British society members. Garner has also been training the actors in the use of the appropriate English accent for each dialogue and song in the show. The director is being assisted by his stage manager Marty

Story and Assistants Janet Holloway and Patti Marshall (all sophomores). Technical Director Laura Canon designed the lights to accentuate the geometric, Art Deco styled stage of senior Liz McCraven. Mark Chambers, the only non-student cast member, is helping with the hairstyles, trying to achieve a bee-bop image. The other actors are seniors Mark-Landon Smith, Rebecca Sweet and Randy Sermons; junior Julie Owens; sophomores Anne-Marie Akin, Cheryl Clark, Desiree Earl, Bryan Ford, Trip Johnson and Sarah Jones; and freshman Hal Word.

COWARDY CUSTARD runs Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 6-9. Tickets for this the only musical of the McCoy season, are on sale in the Box Office (3838 \$7.00 adults, \$4.50 students).



by ROBERT FINCH

Behind the scenes, theatre professor, Laura Cannon, instructs students on the process of hanging lights; just one of the many efforts made by those rarely noticed patrons of this fine art.

Record Review Sade's Promise

by JOHN WARREN

Setting the needle down on Sade's new album, I felt conflicting emotions. One part of me was optimistic and the other, anticipating disappointment. I knew there would be a couple good singles--the radio was already playing "The Sweetest Taboo"--but how could the singer's second effort be anything but a come-down from her surprising debut? Diamond Life so subdued and delicately balanced, seemingly out of place in the Top 40, had by now exposed the new artist to a year of incessant critical analysis and feedback from every jaded corner of the pop world.

Promise opens with "Is It a Crime?" Here Sade defies many of her critics by baring one of pop's better ranges to the cold and singing at total vocal support. As a sophisticated lover she drops her airs and pleads unashamedly. A punch, but by the third song I started to get a little worried. In "War of the Hearts," she seems to

be making herself into what various people have described her as: a super-suave nightclub singer. The tune is surrounded by the quality jazz that has gotten the group air space on all-jazz frequencies, but the intangible of Sade seems to be gone out of the center.

But she comes back, and she's THERE on "Taboo," and she's there all through the second side with all her attraction. Sade's music nad its lyrical content are anything but avant-garde, not even original, and her vocal style hearkens all the way back to June Christie. What makes the music is its underlying emotion; "Have honest emotion, and then do whatever," might be the single guiding principle. This is really what makes "Taboo" work. These lines say little when you read them on the sleeve, but when Sade sings they express worlds about fulfilled desire and gratitude.

Overall the lyrics remain the best in Top 40 today, in my opinion, but the effort

this time is slightly lessened. Sade and sax-player Stuart Matthewman get easier variety by jumping from topic to topic than drawing out the myriad colors of a single picture, as many of the Diamond Life songs achieved. "Fear" deals with the particular sufferings of a bullfighter's wife--lasting anxiety with only fleeting, shallow relief. "Maureen" is a soft reflection on a best friend's recent dying that yet keeps an optimistic tone. This is not incongruous, because the friend doesn't remain as a painful memory, but is found again when the singer makes new friends.

Understatement and sincerity and movement--it's still there. And contrary to one title on Promise, it gets better each time it's played. Can this be one of the best records of the year? Does it sustain for Sade the bright promise of Diamond Life? Probably yes, but after truly enjoying the album I lost sight of those questions' meaning.

Escape To The Movies

by ROBERT FINCH

Entertaining, eventful, prophetic, and sentimental are just a few adjectives one would easily use to describe Hollywood's latest productions.

Some of you may know that I'm referring to "The Color Purple," "White Nights," and "Out of Africa." Not bad are they? All of you that have been fortunate enough to make it to these productions have been enlightened in some sort of fashion. Have you not?

Personally I got a kick out of all of them. My purpose is to inspire those who have not yet made it to these movies to go. After all, the movies are our great escape, or are there greater escapes these days?

No, seriously, these films are inspiring. Each carries a message which every Westerner should appreciate. Freedom, however abstract, is consistent throughout each of the three films.

White Nights makes one realize, as well as appreciate, this freedom as Mikhail Baryshnikov dances his way to the West. This film is, however, a bit regressive in the fact that it carries an Anti-Soviet message. I was beginning to believe we were attempting to better our relationship with the Soviets. White Nights, however, unlike the infamous Rocky IV does have class.

Out of Africa carries a sort of religious message. Robert Redford and Meryl Streep make it clear that

only once shall you pass this way and nothing of this earth is of you. Whether it be your house, business, or spouse. Everything is of God or should I say a power greater than ourselves.

To top them all "The Color Purple" makes us realize the progress freedom has made within our own society. Whether rich or poor, black or white, everybody needs somebody and each individual has positive characteristics which enhance those of another. The more we need each other the more liberated we become. And simply by taking a look around one can see progress in this area. But let's not forget that the largest room is for improvement. Improve your outlook on the world. Don't miss these films.

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Harriet Smalley

It's All Greek To Me

Well gang, it's finally here! This is PAN formal week and everyone is getting prepared for the festivities. Many of the sororities are having pre-PAN parties to celebrate. The dance itself is at the Peabody on Saturday night from 9-1. Everyone is invited to attend and the tickets are being sold this week in the refectory for those who need to buy them.
AOPi

The AOPi's are planning any activities for this week. They will go to Alex's on Wednesday. On Thursday they are having a party in the East social room where they will have popcorn and watch movies. To wrap up the week, there will be a private party with their dates on Friday night. Also, they are having class caucuses for elections this week.
XO

The Chi O's are proud to announce that they have elected officers for the upcoming school year. They are: President-Allyson Hooper, V.P.-Lauren Wellford, Secretary-Jean Ann Conley, Treasurer-Kitty Riley, Pledge Trainer-Alison Abernathy, Rush-Patricia Hall and Personnel-Patrice O'Bannon. They are going to be initiating 31 girls this Friday and Saturday nights. They too have parties plan-

ned for this week preceding PAN: Tuesday-party at Alex's, Thursday-party at Julie Brown's house in Germantown.
DDD

Last Saturday night, the Deltas had a wonderfully exciting swap with the ATO's. Everyone attending was ecstatic about the marriage of the pledge presidents, Lucy Cooper and Andy Robinson. At meeting on Monday night, their scholarship chairman announced the scholarship for first term. The highest GPA was achieved by Rebecca Womeldorf who had a 4.0!!! A party at P & H cafe is planned for Tuesday night before PAN. The other pre-PAN activity is a buffet supper at the Rendezvous on Thursday. I really hope that my date will be able to go to all of these parties with me.
KD

The Kappa Delta's had a swap this past weekend as well. Everyone was reported as having a great time at the SAE/KD swap. The KD's are initiating this weekend on Sunday. Their pledges are having parties this week before PAN, beginning with movies at the house on Tuesday night. Then they will go to the Chicago Pizza Factory on Thursday. This is for Big Sis/Li'l Sis and their dates.

Things will conclude for these girls on Saturday before the party with a Champagne get-together.
HI JULIE!!!
ATO

The ATO's had a great time at the DDD/ATO pledge swap too. David Jones seemed to have an extra special time at the swap!! Elections for the ATO chapter officers for next year are next Monday, followed by an Officer Retreat at Gray Tillison's house in Oxford on February 1.
KA

The brothers of the Kappa Alpha Order are recovering from their Christmas party this weekend, which was a great success. Now, they are buckling down for a week of intense studying. Rumor has it that some of the guys will be getting a room at the Peabody for celebrations during PAN.
KS

The Kappa Sigs had a small gathering at their house Saturday night. Sunday afternoon they have plans to have a Super Bowl Party.

PKA
The Pikes initiated 17 pledges last Saturday. Then everyone on campus was invited to a party at the fraternity house honoring

these new initiates. The band was Gigolo and everyone at the party was definitely having a good time. The Pikes are also planning for their regional convention in Louisville, Kentucky from February 7 to February 9.

SAE
The SAE's all enjoyed the swap last Friday night with the Kappa Delta's although some did more than others. Scoop had an extra special party on that wonderful night. With Oyster Bay approaching 3rd term, the brothers are planning to begin collecting aluminum cans to raise money for this event. They are also considering the option not to initiate their pledges. So pledges, YOU BETTER BEWARE!

SN
The Sigma Nu's have also been involved with officer elections. Their new officers are: President-John Bailey, V.P.-Robbie Baker, Secretary-Harold DuFour, Chaplain-Sumner Adams, and Sentinel-Rusty Bourne. The plans for Founder's Day are in the making. It is March 1st this year.

Alcohol Awareness Workshops To Begin

"Dr. Libby Robertson from the Counseling Center will be sponsoring the following workshops during the months of January and February and invites all interested students and faculty to attend:

The fifth annual ALCOHOL AWARENESS WORKSHOPS will be held on two consecutive evenings beginning Thursday, January 30th, from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, in the East Lounge. Dr. William Simpson, Medical Director of Methodist Outreach Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program will discuss: types of drinking patterns; recognizing an alcohol or drug problem; treatment implications; and how to help a friend or relative with a suspected problem.

On the following Thursday, February 6th, from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Officer Mills from the Memphis Metro DWI Squad will: discuss the legal definitions of a DWI offense; describe how you can determine your legal limits; and demonstrate the use of the breathalyzer test in determining an individual's 'blood-alcohol concentration', using student volunteers. Location: East Lounge of the Briggs Student Center."

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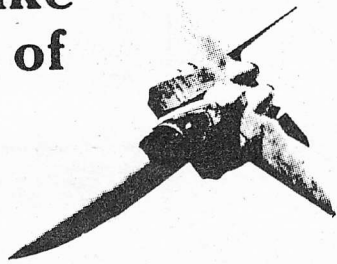
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What Should Be Done About "Children Having Children"?

Ray Barfield

I have been asked to address the question, "What can we do about teenage pregnancy?" Being a Christian, I cannot write honestly from any other than a Christian perspective. But with the submission that becomes a person who is still in the early stages of finding out what is true, I want to make clear that what I am writing here is not the Christian point of view but the point of view of a Christian.

At the outset, I have a problem with the question as it is formed, because it is by no means clear to me that there is anything "we" can do about teenage pregnancy.

The type of solutions that "we" might implement must invariably be legal or perhaps educational. "We" might be able to pass laws that minors cannot have sex.

"We" might be able to require all 8th graders to become aware of the variety of birth control available to them. But "we" cannot solve the problem even if "we" find a combination of legal, educational, and medical solutions that eliminate the risk of an unwanted pregnancy completely. The reason is that teenage pregnancy is not the problem--it is a sad symptom of an even sadder problem.

So what is the problem? Some people might anticipate my answer to that question to be something like, "The problem is that

people have sex before they are married, and that is wrong, and the answer is simple--abstinence until marriage." If someone were to say that, they would be right on one count. I do believe sex outside of marriage is wrong; my primary reason for this belief is the stock I put into Christ's moral teaching--I don't have room to give what I believe Christ's reasons were for including this in his teaching. However, they would be wrong on two counts. First, I don't believe that the problem is that people have sex outside of marriage. Second, I do not believe the answer is simple.

The problem is even deeper and involves several things, each of which needs an extensive justification for my pointing it out as a problem, and none of which will get one (at least in this article). We have become afraid to call something true, to call it right, and demonstrate our stand in self-sacrifice and action. We are afraid of being duped, afraid of risking. We sacrifice our dedication to honesty and to truth and adapt as our Motto, "What will people think?"

There is a plague of narcissism that has crossed the country and cultivated a protective shallowness in emotional relations and a self-centeredness -- a falling in love with ourselves -- that hinders the kind of self-giving love that facilitates depth in relationships and ultimate depth in relation to

God. One paragraph cannot begin to hold what needs to be said, but basically, we are spiritually sick; we are losing the knowledge of how to love, how to give deeply of ourselves, where to find purpose, what is right and what is wrong, who God is and what he wants with us.

How does this relate to the initial question? I believe that when we lose our capacity to feel and we no longer value our soul, we make desperate pleas. There is more to a teenager's having sex than physical pleasure; there is an underlying and powerful need to be loved, to be valued, to feel. And if, along with a loss of these things, we have lost our convictions of what is right and what is wrong, then sex might initially seem the best way to retrieve these things.

But it is temporary, and I think the answer to the problem of which teenage pregnancy is but a symptom, is to have a spiritual and moral revolution in our country.

And this can be achieved by "us". It must be achieved by "me" -- by my becoming uncompromisingly dedicated to honesty, by my own willingness to face pain and self-denial in order to grow, by my deciding to learn to love, to learn about self-giving (yes, love is an act of the will), and ultimately, my coming to terms with God. This is an individual response that takes the burden of responsibility off the "we" and on to each of us as individuals. I can see no other real solution.

Coordinated by Alan Harris

A recent cover story of TIME magazine focusing on teenage pregnancies reflects a growing concern in this country over a serious problem. More than a million teenagers, four out of five of them unmarried, become pregnant each year. The usual consequences of "children having children," as TIME called it, are social and psychological hardships for both parent and child.

This week, we ask: What can or should be done to curtail the number of teenage pregnancies? Junior John Alsobrook and senior Ray Barfield responded.

John G. Alsobrook

Teenage pregnancy is a very controversial issue, particularly in today's society. As most of us have witnessed, the number of teenage pregnancies is increasing at an alarming rate, and it will continue unless something is done about it. I believe that teenage pregnancies can be decreased by two methods: mandating sex education in the public schools and requiring the parents, or surrogate parents, of the teenagers to help with the raising of the child in a financial capacity.

The first of these remedies, sex education, is very polemical. Many parents feel that this type of education should be left in the home or in the church, but not in the schools. Certainly, they are correct; it is a situation which is very private and personal and should be conducted in a comfortable, familial atmosphere. On the other hand, many parents are reluctant to talk about this subject with their children.

Unfortunately, many of the children who come from these families become teenage parents. Also, in many cases the students do not know the results of their actions. I believe that with sex education in their school curriculum, the teenagers will learn the consequences of sex and the ways to prevent an unwanted preg-

nancy. I feel that sex education will help the students understand sex and teach them the precautions one should take to avoid pregnancy.

In certain instances, many schools teach sex education yet still have high pregnancy rates among their students. Because of this fact, I have also provided a second remedy. This antidote requires the parents of the teenagers to aid in the monetary aspect of raising the child.

This type of action is being experimented in Michigan, where the state legislature has proposed a bill that would hold both sets of parents financially responsible in helping to bring up the child. Many opponents of this statute feel that it will only disrupt the relationships between the parents and the teenagers. They also believe that this bill will not be obeyed by most parents. However, the Michigan legislators hope this bill will help the teenage parents in two ways.

In the first instance, they believe this statute will make parents more aware of their children's activities, or make parents discourage their children from having sex, or, at least, make parents responsible in giving advice about sex and birth control to their teenage children. In the second way,

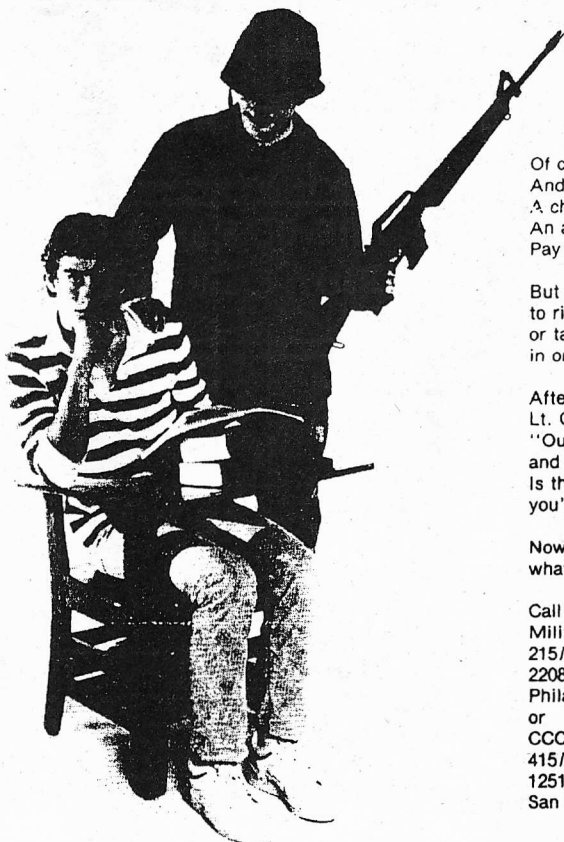
the Michigan legislators think this bill will strengthen the ties between the parents because it will make both sets of them responsible fiscally, rather than making only one set, such as the teenage mother's parents, accountable.

By doing this, the Michigan legislature is placing the burden on the community to provide the teenagers with sex education, advice, and financial aid. The legislators hope this statute will help the teenagers before and/or after they become parents.

I believe that in order to decrease teenage pregnancies, there should be a two-step approach, which must invade the state legislatures and the public schools. First of all, there should be mandatory sex education classes in all public schools strictly for educational and health purposes. If this fails, then the state legislatures should propose a bill equal or similar to the statute being proposed in Michigan.

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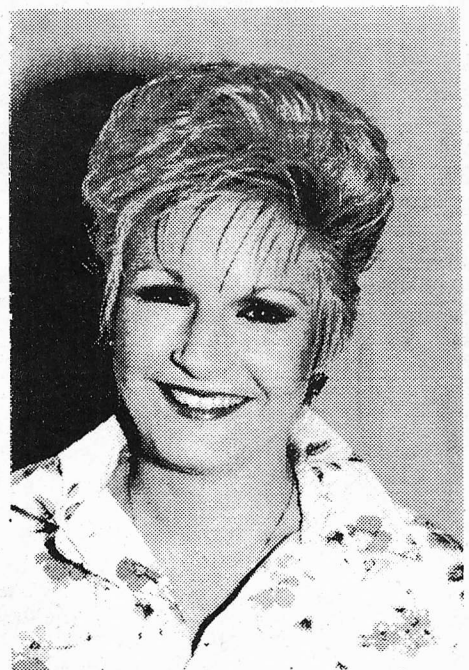
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Sports

Lynxcats Fall To Centre

by CHRIS ALLEN

The Lynxcats had a tough time of it in Danville, Kentucky Saturday afternoon, January 18. Hoping to run their conference record to 4-0, mistakes early in the game proved to be a downfall. However, against the 16th ranked team in the country in Division III, the 82-65 defeat was not quite so disheartening.

Led by two freshman and one sophomore, the men posted a fine attempt at a

comeback, but it wasn't meant to be. According to Coach Hilgeman, "It's hard to play catch-up to one of the best teams in the country."

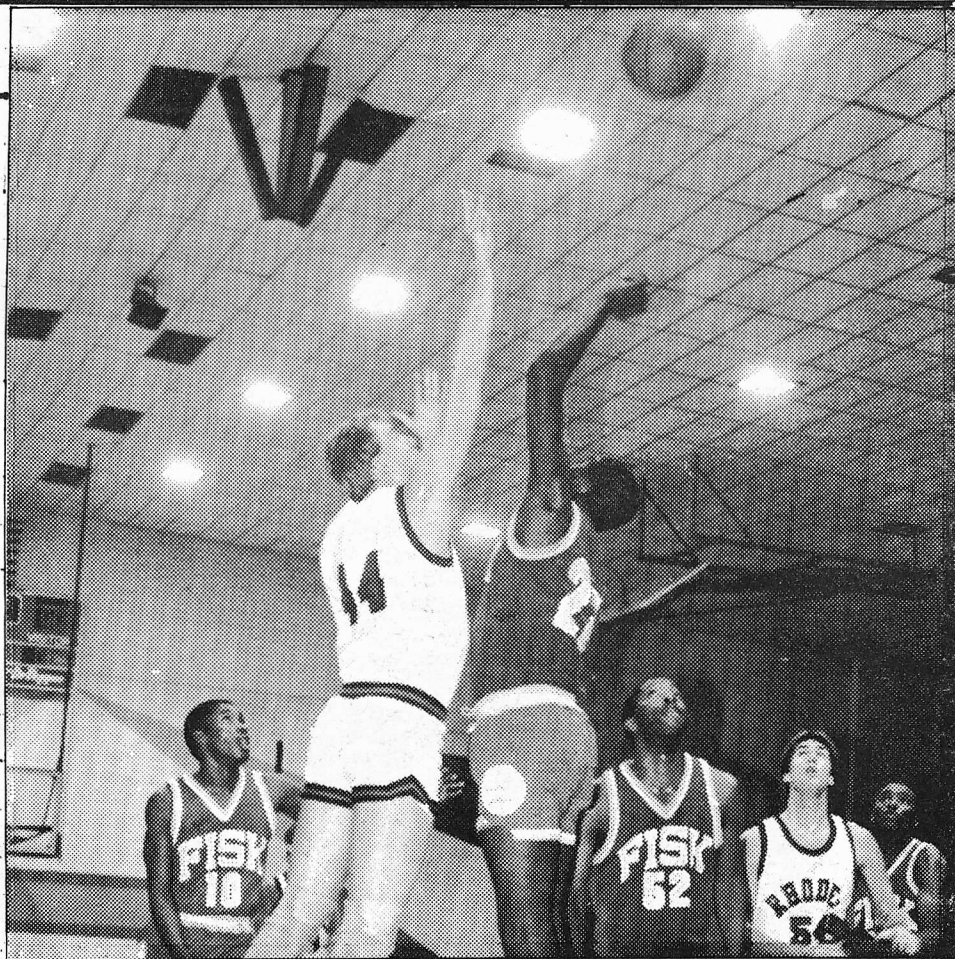
Sophomore Donnie Spence continued his fine performance in the big man position with 14 points. Freshmen Ted Davis and Kevin McMillan turned in 16 and 14 points respectively to lead a balance Lynx attack. John Telford crashed the boards for 11 rebounds.

The Centre men with a

12-3 record overall, are at the top of the conference with a 3-0 mark. Rhodes is right behind them with a CAC record of 3-1.

The men will have their chance for revenge as the Centre men come to Memphis at 2:00 PM Saturday.

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Senior John Telford will have to dominate the boards to defeat nationally ranked Centre Saturday afternoon.

Lady Lynx Win First Conference Game

The University of the South came to town last week to take on the Lady Lynx and left victorious by a score of 56-61. A five minute stretch of no defense by the Lynx left them playing catch up midway through the second half. They pulled to within two with about three minutes to play, but missed freethrows stopped the spurt.

Three players scored in double figures. Michelle Henkel had 15, while Becky Womeldorf and Darlene Jordan netted 12 and 10 respectively. Henkel was also high rebounder with 16.

Saturday found the Lynxettes in Danville, KY taking on Centre College. The Lady Colonels had beaten Sewanee the night before by 30 pts., but the Rhodes women were well prepared.

They came home with their first conference win by a score of 51-47. It was a well played game by all the Lady Lynx. Coach Hatgas was especially pleased with the play of freshmen Carissa Bradley and Kelley Nixon. They both had 9 pts. on the night, as did Henkel. Darlene Jordan and Anne Tipton contributed 8 pts. Nixon was high rebounder with 10, while Bradley helped Jordan

in shutting out Centre's two main shooting guards. Jordan also pulled down 7 rebounds.

Coach Hatgas was quite happy with the team's performance, as she noted, "This was the best game they've played all year. They did exactly what they had to do to win, and they did it superbly."

The Lady Lynx face Maryville College (TN) on Friday at 5:30 PM and Fisk on Monday at 5:30. Both are important conference games.

Womens Indoor Soccer Begins

The women's soccer team, which has been a relative artifact on the Rhodes campus in recent years, began practicing Monday for what looks to be a busy and promising season. This resurgence is due to new women's volleyball and soccer coach Patricia Homsted's initiative and organization and also to a core group of 15-20 dedicated

girls.

The eager team will first tackle head-on an eight-week indoor season lasting until mid-April. Games will be played every Tuesday night starting February 18. Rhodes will also participate in an indoor tournament the weekend of March 7-8.

As if that weren't enough, the team will begin an extensive spring outdoor sea-

son March 1st. Opponents will be Millsaps College, Vanderbilt, Covenant College, Sewanee, and possibly Bellhaven; Rhodes will play each twice. These outdoor games will primarily be on Saturdays. All games will be announced ahead of time

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