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Hundreds turn out to celebrate Homecoming '99

Blue skies and balmy breezes greeted about 500 alumni returning to their alma mater for Rhodes Homecoming '99.

Rhea Lounge in the Briggs Student Center bustled all day long Friday, Oct. 29, as alumni arrived, registered and greeted old friends and classmates. Melissa Hayes Baker '84, coach at St. Paul's School in Mobile, Ala., John H. Churchill '71, vice president of Hendrix College, and the late Memphis insurance executive J. Thayer "Toto" Houts '37 were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame during a luncheon in the McCallum Ballroom.

Rhodes music faculty treated visitors to an early evening concert of chamber music in the Cloister of Palmer Hall.

Later in the evening students, faculty, staff and alumni, including the Golden Lynx Class of '49, mingled, reminisced and danced until the wee hours to music provided by the New Memphis Hepcats and the Bouffants.



From left: Mr. Rhodes Rob Cole '00, Ms. Rhodes Nicki North '00, Carole Troutt and President Troutt

On Saturday, Oct. 30, Scott Haines '94 of Thunder Bay, Ontario, was the men's overall winner and Joy Johnson '99 of Germantown was the women's overall winner of the 1999 Rhodes Homecoming 5K Run for Fun. Haines finished the

race in 18 minutes, 21 seconds. Johnson finished in 19 minutes, 42 seconds.

A large crowd of friends and the family of the late Tony Lee Garner '65 gathered in front of the McCoy Theatre on the morning of Oct. 30 for the dedication of Garner Court and a new fountain. Garner, beloved director of the Rhodes Singers for three decades, died in 1998.

In speaking to the assembly about Garner, Erica Yoder '90 compared his personality to the action of a fountain.

"Tony was constantly fluid and motion," Yoder said.

Later, in Hardie Auditorium, a portrait of Professor Emeritus E. Llewellyn Queener was unveiled as well-wishers applauded Queener, who taught psychology at Rhodes for 38 years. Presentations were made to Dr. Arthur Kellermann '76, recipient of the 1999 Distinguished Alumni Award, and to Assistant

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God and Satan test a man's faith in MacLeish's Pulitzer drama

A prosperous American businessman who loses everything for no fathomable reason faces the ultimate test of faith in *J.B.*, an upcoming Rhodes College staging of Archibald MacLeish's Pulitzer Prize-winning play.

Performances in the McCoy Theatre will be Nov. 18-20 and Dec. 2-5, with a dollar-admission night on Nov. 17.



Andrew Sullivan '01(center) finds himself caught between good (Wes Meador '00, left) and evil (Bob Arnold '02, right) in McCoy's *J.B.*

Curtain time will be 8 p.m. except for a 2 p.m. performance on Dec. 5. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students.

Andrew Sullivan, a junior from Montgomery, Ala., has the role of J.B., a man who owns a factory, provides well for his

family and has all the creature comforts. J.B. believes that he has a spiritual connection with God, but after he loses all through a series of horrible events, he becomes homeless and begins an anguished search for the meaning of his suffering.

God, in the form of Mr. Zuss, and Satan, as Mr. Nickles, loom close by as J.B. endures almost unbearable torments. As the Bible's Book of Job relates, Job, in this case, J.B., finds acceptance and takes his life back.

Wes Meador, a senior from Laurel, Miss., performs the role of

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Homecoming snapshots



Faculty Honorand Llewellyn Queener and wife Lea



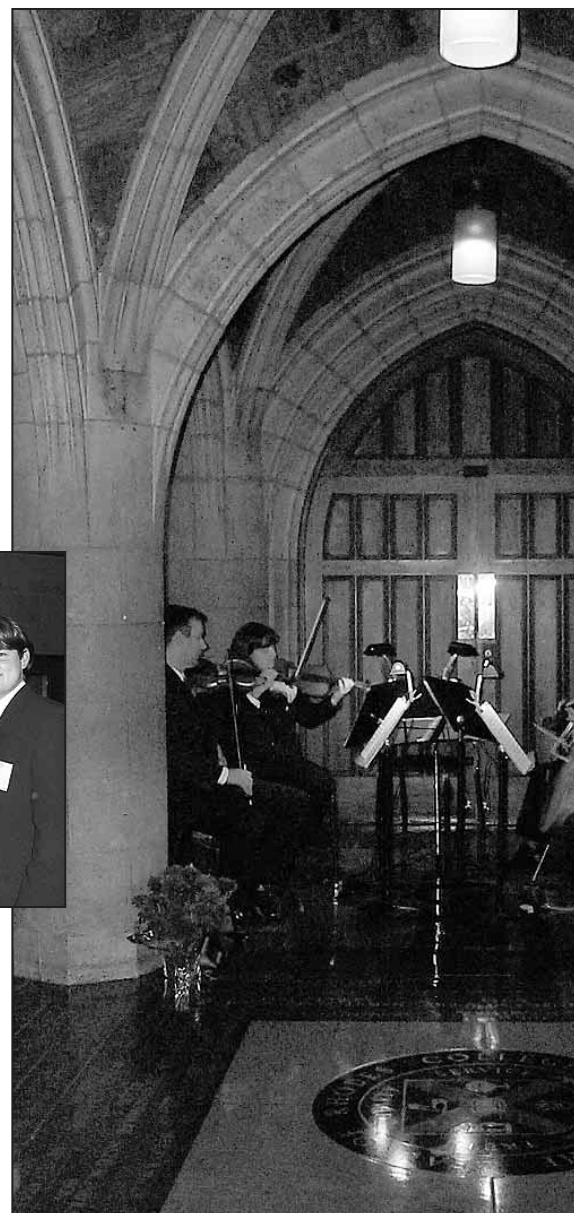
BSA Outstanding Alumna Anita Davis '90



Bill Gilkes '69 checks in with John McCants '00



From left: Richard Lum '00, Shelley Stenshol '01, Ty Hallmark '99 and Wes Meador '00



Chamber music recital in the Cloister

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Professor of music Patricia Gray '69, Alumni Volunteer of the Year.

Many alumni celebrating class reunions attended a barbecue picnic lunch in the shade of the Rollow Avenue of Oaks.

Rhodes took on Trinity College in an afternoon football contest that Trinity won, 45-17. During halftime, President Bill Troutt and his wife, Carole, joined nominees for Mr. and

Ms. Rhodes on the football field. Rob Cole '00 and Nicki North '00 were named as Mr. and Ms. Rhodes.

Alumni and students partied all across campus before, during and after the game. During a post-game reception in Buckman Hall, the Black Student Association presented its Outstanding Alumna Award to Anita A. Davis '90, assistant professor of psychology at Rhodes. ■

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The Bouffants: "The higher your hair, the closer to God".



Newlyweds Andrew Cates '98 and Mary Allison Cates '99



Louis T. Nicholas '34, founding father of Rhodes Singers



Garner Court dedication



Summer Banks '03 and Bernard Williams '01



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Rhodes cablevision debuts on channel 117

Rhodes cable information channel LYNX-TV is now up and running.

The cable access channel became available to the Rhodes community following the recent installation of cable on campus by Time Warner.

Operated through the Office of Communications, Channel 117 will carry calendar information

and announcements.

The channel is available on any cable-ready television on campus. Television monitors will be placed or upgraded in several public areas for students and faculty to use, including the Campus Life Center, Briggs Hall, residence hall lounge areas and other locations.

Later, the channel will provide broadcasts of lectures, special events and music and fine arts programs.

For more information on LYNX-TV, or to submit information or announcements for the channel, send written requests to the Office of Communications, 136 Palmer Hall. ■

Rhodes News Notes . . .

On Nov. 2, the Rhodes women's cross country team received its first top-25 national ranking since the program began in the mid-1970s. Rhodes was ranked #25 in the NCAA Division III cross country poll. The ranking followed the team's first-place finish at the 1999 Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Championship Meet held at Hendrix College in Conway, Ark. It was the fourth championship title in five years for the women's team. The Rhodes men's cross country team claimed its 10th consecutive SCAC championship at the meet.



Andrew Michta, professor of international studies, was a panelist invited by the Woodrow Wilson Center East European Program to discuss the future of Balkan ethnic consolidation. The session was held at the Wilson Center in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 28.



Jim Vest, professor of French and film studies, presented a paper on Alfred Hitchcock's connections with French New Wave critic-directors Claude Chabrol and Francois Truffaut at the Hitchcock Centennial Conference Oct. 13-17, sponsored by

New York University. Vest also has published an article on Hitchcock's cameo appearance in the movie *Vertigo* in the autumn 1999 edition of *Hitchcock Annual*. He cites Rhodes music Professor Charles Mosby's expertise on the history of musical instrument cases in the article.



Beginning Thursday, Nov. 11, the ODK "Angel Tree" will be in the lobby of the Burrow Refectory. The tree will contain names of needy children to whom members of the Rhodes community can donate Christmas gifts.



The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures will hold an informational session on Maymester in Paris Thursday, Nov. 11, from 4-5 p.m. in 410 Rhodes Tower.



Tina Barr, poet and director of the Rhodes Creative Writing Program, will give a reading at the River City Writers Series at the University of Memphis Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 4:30 p.m. in Patterson Building, Room 403. Admission is free. ■

Media Matters

- John Copper, professor of international studies, was interviewed by Radio Free Asia on the possibility of the Vatican establishing diplomatic relations with Beijing. In addition, Copper was interviewed by the *Washington Post* regarding Chinese affairs and by Reuters on foreign policy issues.
- Frank Mora, assistant professor of international studies, participated in a roundtable discussion of the Cuban Communist Party that was broadcast by Radio Marti.
- Mark Muesse, associate professor of religious studies, was interviewed for an article in *Boston Globe Magazine* about a men's group in the Boston area.
- Marsha Walton, associate professor of psychology, was quoted in a *Commercial Appeal* article about teaching Memphis elementary school students to be non-violent.

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Mr. Zuss. Bob Arnold, a sophomore from Springdale, Ark., has the role of Mr. Nickles. Senior Jill Peterfeso of St. Louis acts the character of J.B.'s wife, Sarah.

Also appearing in *J.B.* are Rhodes students Hilary Currin, a sophomore from Marietta, Ga., as Mrs. Botticelli; Sara Davis, a first-year student from Memphis as the Girl; Drew Doss, a first-year student from Rome, Ga., as Zophar; Kyle Hatley, first-year student from Memphis as the Voice/Company; Angel Gooden, a sophomore from Memphis, as Mrs. Mabel; Maegan Leith, a senior from

Huntsville, Ala., as Jolly Adams; Monica Lewis, a junior from Drummonds, Tenn., as Mrs. Lesure; Lindsey Patrick, a senior from Memphis, as Mrs. Murphy; Matt Reed, a sophomore from Huntsville, Ala., as Bildad; Ashley Sewell, a sophomore from Russellville, Ark., as Mrs. Adams; and Liz Watt, a senior from St. Louis, as Eliphaz.

Children of Rhodes faculty and staff members appearing in *J.B.* are Zak Baker, Abigail Duncan, Eric Fletcher, Miriam Sammons and Stephanie Peters.

Rhodes Theatre Department Chair Julia "Cookie" Ewing is directing *J.B.* Matt Nelson, a senior

from Memphis, is stage manager. Faculty member David Jilg is costume and set designer, and Laura Canon, also on the Rhodes faculty, is lighting designer.

Yale University's School of Drama presented the premiere of *J.B.* at its University Theatre in April 1958. In December 1958, *J.B.* debuted at New York City's ANTA Theatre in a production by Elia Kazan. Pat Hingle, Christopher Plummer and Raymond Massey played the roles of J.B., Nickles and Zuss, respectively.

Call the McCoy Theatre box office at (901) 843-3839 for reservations. ■