

# RHODES WEEKLY

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## Rhodes announces project to construct new residence hall

The Rhodes College Board of Trustees announced plans today to develop a \$15 million project that includes the construction of a new student residential community and the renovation of several existing residence halls.

The project is designed to meet an immediate and existing demand for additional on-campus accommodations and to increase housing capability. The new residential complex will house 200 juniors and seniors in apartment-style living areas.

"This important effort will strengthen and expand the residential academic experience at Rhodes," said President Bill Troutt. "Providing our students the best residential living and learning environment is an integral part of a Rhodes education."

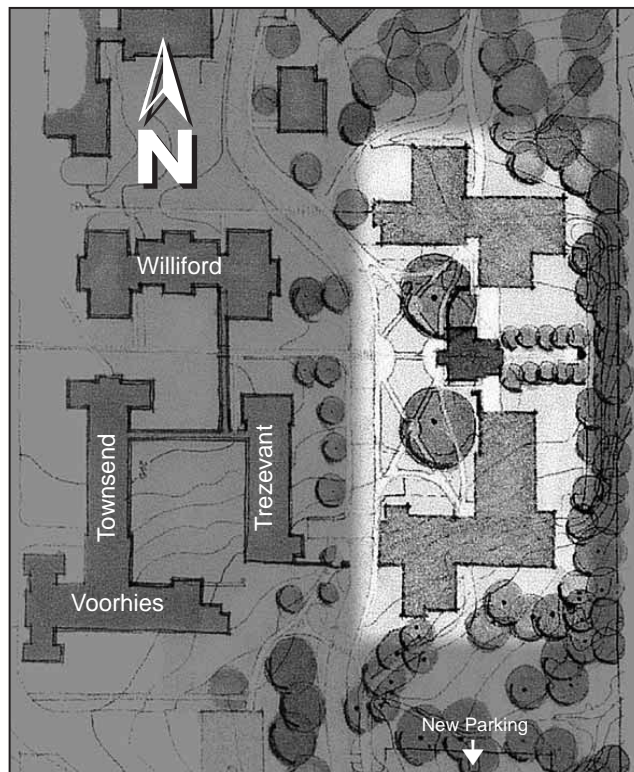
The new apartments will include full kitchens, living space, bedrooms and baths. Eighty-five percent of the apartments will be single-room designs and 15 percent will be double

occupancy. Rhodes expects to open the new facility in August 2001.

A complete renovation of Stewart Hall on University Street, which will accommodate 100 students, is included in the project.

Architects for the entire project are Hanbury, Evans, Newill, Vlattas and Co. of Norfolk, Va., one of the nation's leading firms in renovation and construction at colleges and universities known for their historic architecture. The new complex will be built in the traditional neo-Gothic stone style for which Rhodes is

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Southeast campus will be the setting for Rhodes' new residence hall, scheduled for completion in 2001.

## Retiree Louise Warr left her mark all around campus

Louise Warr has fond memories of the 31 years she kept house at Rhodes College.

"All those dorms and offices I worked in, I enjoyed working with everybody," she says. "When you've got a job and you don't mind going to that job, your work is easy and the days pass fast. Rhodes gave me a good living. I have no regrets."

Dozens of people turned out to visit with Warr during a Jan. 14 reception honoring her and



Louise Warr

celebrating her recent retirement.

During all the well-wishing, Warr was presented with a wooden rocking chair bearing the Rhodes insignia, a signed and numbered print of a watercolor painting of Halliburton Tower, a gift certificate to Goldsmith's department store and a gift of money from her co-workers in physical plant.

"Louise gave the college 31 years of dedicated service," says physical plant Director Brian

Foshee. "During those 31 years, she worked in just about every building on the campus. Louise was not only a hard worker, but a truly good person who is well liked and respected by her colleagues. We will miss her kind words to others and her devotion to the college."

Indeed, Warr spread her smile and strong work ethic through many buildings after coming to Rhodes in September 1968. She started in Glassell Hall, then moved to Stewart on University Street while the music department was housed there. When the music department moved to Hassell, Warr moved with it. She

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## Chi Omega sponsors campus blood drive

Chi Omega sorority is sponsoring a blood drive for Lifeblood Mid-South Regional Blood Center from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 25.

The drive, which is open to the entire Rhodes community, occurs during a time when Lifeblood has issued a series of urgent appeals for donors. The blood donation center has experienced a critical shortage of blood and blood components since the December holidays. As of Jan. 20, the center's supply stood at only 27 percent of what is considered an optimum amount.

"We urge faculty, staff and students to come out and donate blood

and support Chi Omega's effort during a time when Lifeblood most needs their help,"

says human resources Director Claire Shapiro, who is assisting Chi Omega President Stacy Weber in coordinating the project.

January is National Volunteer Blood Donor Month. Everyone who attempts to donate blood during January will receive a

coupon for a free specialty burger from Back Yard Burgers, according to Lifeblood.

The center's bloodmobile will be located next to Kennedy Hall on

Jan. 25 for those

who wish to donate. It can

accommodate 36

donors during the

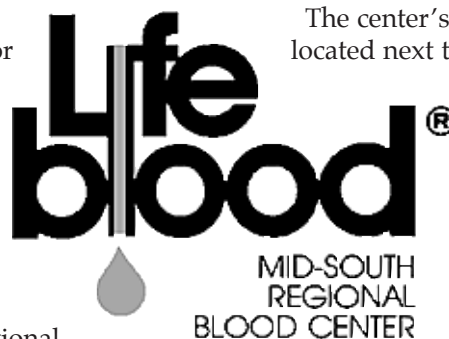
three-hour donation

period. Those who

wish to donate

should contact

Shapiro at 843-3750 to obtain details and make appointments. ■



## Louisiana's Sandra Lunte to perform on flute

The Rhodes Music Department will host flutist Sandra Lunte for the year's first visiting faculty recital on Sunday, Jan. 30, at 3 p.m. in Shirley M. Payne Recital Hall.

Lunte, assistant professor of music at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, will perform selections by Robert Beaser, Lowell Liebermann, Frances Poulenc and Jean Rivier. Pianist Richard Seiler, assistant professor of music at Northeast Louisiana University, will accompany Lunte.

Lunte holds the D.A. from Ball

State University, the M.M. from Western Michigan University and a B.M. from The Ohio State University. She teaches flute, flute choir and music theory. She also conducts the NLU High School Flute Camp, an annual summer event she established in 1995.

Lunte performs solo and in chamber recitals throughout the United States. She has recorded four CDs with the National Flute Choir and has been a recipient of two Louisiana Division of the Arts Artist Mini Grants.

Seiler holds the D.M.A. from Louisiana State University, the M.M. from Illinois State University and the B.M. from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He chairs the NLU keyboard division and teaches piano and music theory.

Seiler has performed extensively as a soloist, accompanist and chamber musician throughout the Southeast. He has been a featured soloist with orchestras in North Carolina, Illinois and Louisiana.

The recital is free and open to the public. ■

## Sewanee poet will give reading at Rhodes

Visiting poet Wyatt Prunty will give a reading from his works Thursday, Jan. 27, at 7:30 p.m. in Blount Auditorium at Rhodes. Admission is free and open to the public.

Prunty has six books of poetry published by The Johns Hopkins University, including *Unarmed and Dangerous: New and Selected Poems* in 1999. He also has written *Fallen from the Symbolized World: Precedents for the New Formalism*, a critical work on contemporary poetry published by Oxford University Press. Prunty has edited *Ten Years of Why: Sewanee Writers on Writing*, a collection of

essays forthcoming from Louisiana State University Press.

Prunty's poems and essays have appeared in the *New Yorker*, the *New Republic*, *American Scholar*, *Parnassus*, the *New Criterion*, *Boulevard*, and the *Yale*, *Southern*, *Georgia* and *Sewanee* reviews.

Prunty is the Carlton Professor of English at the University of the South and is founder and director of the Sewanee Writers' Conference. He has taught at Johns Hopkins, Washington and Lee University and Louisiana State University.

In conjunction with The Overlook Press, he edits the *Sewanee Writers'*

Series. He has held numerous fellowships and serves as a reader for various periodicals and presses.

Prunty's visit is sponsored by the Rhodes English Department. ■

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## Rhodes News Notes . . .

- Gordon Bigelow, assistant professor of English, will discuss "Romance and Rationality: Isaac Butt's Chapters of College Romance" Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 4:15 p.m. in Buckman 108. His talk is part of the FDE series presented by the English Department.

- Tim Huebner, assistant professor of history, attended the annual meeting of the Tennessee Bar Association, held at the University of Memphis School of Law in November, where he served on a panel discussion of the history of the early 19th-century Tennessee Supreme Court.

- Clough-Hanson Gallery Director Marina Pacini chaired a session titled "Whose Museum/Gallery Is It Anyway?" at the Southeastern College Art Conference recently. She also will chair an SECAC committee to devise guidelines for college and university museums and galleries.

- Rhodes Bookstore has extended its hours on Wednesdays until 7 p.m. The store is open other weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- John Kaltner, assistant professor of religious studies, and Gail Streete, associate professor of religious studies, each have articles in a new book, edited by Greg Carey, formerly of Rhodes, and L. Gregory Bloomquist. The book is titled *Vision and Persuasion: Rhetorical Dimensions of Apocalyptic Discourse* and is published by Chalice Press. Kaltner's chapter is titled, "Is Daniel Also among the Prophets? The Rhetoric of Daniel 10-12." Streete's chapter is titled, "Discipline and Disclosure: Paul's Apocalyptic Asceticism in 1 Corinthians."

- The Rhodes Equestrian Team made a good showing during a recent competition at Middle Tennessee State University in Nashville. The team brought home 16 ribbons, including a first-place finish each for Kristin Kleber '00 and Tara Krisle '03.

- Susan Kus, associate professor of anthropology, presented a paper

at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings in Chicago in November. Her paper was titled "The Anthropological Archaeologist: A Scientist of the Concrete and a Theoretical Bricoleur?" The paper was delivered during an invited session co-sponsored by the Archaeology Division and the Feminist Anthropology Division of the American Anthropological Association.

- Rhodes College Bowl participated in the Sixth Annual Gateway Invitational Tournament at Washington University in St. Louis. The Rhodes team compiled a record of 8-3 in the round robin portion, claiming wins over teams from Division I schools such as the University of Illinois and University of Wisconsin-Madison. A third seed for the single elimination tournament that followed, Rhodes lost in overtime to a team from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Rhodes College Bowl will attend two regional championships in February. ■

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well known.

"Rhodes students appreciate having the best we can provide in regard to comfortable living and learning environments," said Melody Richey, dean of student affairs. "Students need such an environment during these significant four years of exploring, learning and being part of a community."

"Expanding and remodeling our residence facilities are part of the college's master plan and will enhance our students' academic and residential experience," said Allen Boone, dean of administrative services.

Rhodes' legacy of focusing on the importance of the campus environment began with Dr. Charles Diehl, the president who moved the college from Clarksville to Memphis in 1925. Among Diehl's residential goals was "development not only of the intellectual, but also the moral, social and aesthetic nature" of students.

Jane Wright, principal architect with Hanbury Evans said, "Our firm is dedicated to helping colleges create great places that endure their sense of place and endear students to that place." ■

## By the Numbers

**Less than 20:** In less than 20 minutes Rhodes students devoured the entire selection of goodies prepared by faculty and staff participants in the December Dessert Cook-off sponsored by the Rhodes Activities Board.

**2:** Tying for top honors were a succulent bread pudding with whiskey sauce prepared by Eric Gottlieb, assistant professor of math and computer science, and a creamy pecan caramel cheesecake created by Marie Lindquist, director of student orientation and leadership programs.

Gottlieb and Lindquist won \$25 gift certificates to Williams-Sonoma. Other participants received \$15 gift certificates to Starbucks.

Jessica Hoffman '01 serves up dessert in the Rat.





## Miss Louise

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also worked in Voorhies, and when she retired, she had been cleaning Trezevant and King Hall for several years.

Every Wednesday she would leave campus to work in the Rhodes president's residence.

"I enjoyed that," she says. "I had a good relationship with President Daughdrill and then with President Trout. It was the same."

When she reminisces about her time at Rhodes, Warr especially remarks on how the campus has grown. The Frazier Jelke Science Center was dedicated a month after her arrival. "There was no Robinson Hall and they were just starting to build Williford," Warr says. "Where the security building is now were just a bunch of little old run-down buildings. We only had one security guard at night and his name was George Washington."

No matter how much Warr had to do in her job, she was never in a

hurry. Her grandmother who raised her always told her that "haste makes waste," she says.

"I always found time to talk to people, because I'm not promised the next day," she says.

Warr's retirement party with co-workers and friends "will really go down in history for me," she says.

"I thank the Lord for it — he had to be in the plan," she says. "They showed their love. When love is there, you can feel it." ■

### Did you know?

Rhodes enrollment for spring 2000 is 1,457, making it the largest spring semester enrollment ever.

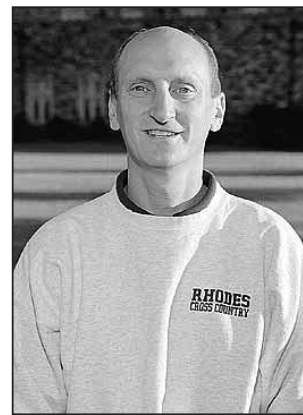
In addition, 97 percent of new fall enrollees returned for the spring semester.

## Coach wins honor

Robert Shankman, Rhodes head cross-country and track coach, was named the Southern Collegiate Athletic Association's 1999 Coach of the Year for men's and women's cross-country.

The men's team won its tenth consecutive conference championship and the women's team won its fourth championship in five years.

A 1980 graduate of Rhodes, Shankman is in his tenth year on the athletic staff. ■



Robert Shankman

## Media Matters

- *The Commercial Appeal* published an article in November on the new interdisciplinary course on art and chemistry that Victor Coonin, assistant professor of art, and Brad Pendley, associate professor of chemistry, are teaching during the spring 2000 semester.

- An interview with Steve Haynes, associate professor of religious studies, appeared in the November issue of *Religious Studies News*. Haynes discussed the Rhodes Religious Studies Department, its mission and academic and teaching challenges.

- Polish Public Radio recently interviewed Andrew Michta, professor of international studies, about NATO strategy. Michta also wrote an article on NATO and European defense identity for *Wprost*, a national weekly magazine in Poland.

- Mark Muesse, associate professor of religious studies, was interviewed for an article about spirituality that appeared in the *Jackson Citizen Patriot* daily newspaper in Michigan.

- Professor of political science Mike Nelson appeared on a CNN news program in November. Rhodes alumna Pat Neal '78 interviewed Nelson as part of CNN's coverage of Vice President Al Gore's speech to a Memphis convention.

- The *Idaho Statesman* interviewed Valerie Nollan, associate professor of foreign languages, for an article on Russian people and religion. Nollan also wrote an essay on the Russian people and culture that was published in the *Providence Journal* daily newspaper in Rhode Island.

- Clough-Hanson Gallery Director Marina Pacini and Mike

LaRosa, assistant professor of history, were mentioned in the fall 1999 edition of the Textile Society of America's newsletter. The publication carried a review of "Popular Art and Culture in Peru," which Pacini and LaRosa co-curated at the gallery last spring.

- WKNO-FM, the PBS affiliate in Memphis, asked Mark Pohlmann, professor of political science, to be a regular news commentator when it changes its format in February to include more news coverage. In addition, the *Christian Science Monitor* interviewed Pohlmann for a November article on freedom of expression.

- *The Commercial Appeal* quoted Carolyn Schriber, associate professor of history, and Jim Vest, professor of French, in a November article on Joan of Arc. ■