

# RHODES WEEKLY

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## Troutt installed as Rhodes' 19th president in high ceremony

William E. Troutt was installed as the 19<sup>th</sup> president of Rhodes College April 14 at Idlewild Church.

A procession of faculty, delegates from more than 100 institutions of higher learning, educational organizations, the alumni executive board and the board of trustees led the ceremony amid bagpiped strains of "Highland Cathedral." Staff, students and many friends of the college also attended, as did John David Alexander Jr. and James H. Daughdrill, the 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> presidents of the college, respectively.

That evening, the multi-purpose forum of the Bryan Campus Life Center was crowded as the Rhodes community celebrated the inauguration with President Troutt and his wife, Carole, at a gala ball.



Faculty member Robert Strandburg (right) congratulates President William E. Troutt after his inauguration on April 14

In a speech during the inaugural ceremony, President Troutt spoke of a new journey he envisions for Rhodes and how three themes have continued throughout the Rhodes saga: the way in which students and

faculty connect, the connecting influence of the college's residential community and "an abiding sense of how the college connects students with the larger world."

"As we consider our destination for Rhodes, we must build on these three powerful themes," he said. "Our future should also reflect what our nation needs and what our society is calling us to be...."

"America needs a college like Rhodes that couples intellectual challenge with moral and civic engagement. The Rhodes we seek to build cannot and will not ignore the challenge for meeting these needs."

The educational experience at Rhodes should be "engaging, challenging and connecting" for its students, Troutt said.

Troutt suggested 10 initiatives to advance Rhodes to its destination:

- putting additional emphasis on undergraduate research
- augmenting the way the college

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## Shaffer and Kus win Clarence Day Awards for 1999–2000

An English scholar and an anthropologist are the 2000 recipients of Rhodes College's highest faculty honors, presented during the annual Awards Convocation April 18.

Associate professor of English Brian W. Shaffer received



Susan Kus and Brian Shaffer

the Clarence Day Award for Outstanding Teaching, which includes a \$7,500 honorarium. Susan M. Kus, associate professor of anthropology, received the Clarence Day Dean's Award for Outstanding Research and/or

Creativity, which carries a \$4,000 prize.

Both awards, first given in 1981, were established by Memphis businessman Clarence Day and are provided by the Day Foundation.

Shaffer has taught at Rhodes since 1990. He was the college's 1995 recipient of the Day Award for Outstanding Research and/or Creativity.

Shaffer, whose specialties are 20<sup>th</sup>-century British literature and the modern novel, is a published

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## Receptions to honor retiring Stoner and Orvis

The Rhodes community is invited to two receptions honoring retiring employees on Friday, April 28.

A reception for Margie Stoner, associate director of the Language

Center, will be from 3-5 p.m. in the Halliburton Tower lobby. Stoner has been employed at Rhodes for 39 years.

A reception honoring associate

professor of economics Chuck Orvis will be at 6 p.m. in the Bryan Campus Life Center. Orvis has taught at Rhodes since 1973. ■

## Day in court



Judge Joe Brown presides in the mock trial teams' new courtroom during practice for the national tournament. Rhodes' teams placed fourth and eighth in the nationals held April 14-15 in Des Moines.

## Seidman Lecture Series presents journalist David Brooks

The M.L. Seidman Town Hall Lecture Series at Rhodes this spring will conclude Tuesday, April 25, with a talk by editor, political commentator and author David Brooks.

Brooks will discuss "The End of the Culture War: Who Won, Who Lost?" at 8 p.m. in Hardie Auditorium. Admission will be free and open to the public.

Brooks is a senior editor at *The Weekly Standard*, a contributing editor at *Newsweek* and a commentator on National Public Radio and *The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer*. He has written a book on the manners and morals of upscale America, *Bobos in Paradise: The New Upper Class and How They Got There*, to be published in May.

Brooks joined the *Weekly Standard* at its inception in 1995 after working at the *Wall Street Journal* for nine years. Brooks' last



David Brooks

post at the *Journal* was as op-ed editor. Prior to that he was European correspondent for the *Journal's* editorial page, covering Russia, the Middle East, South Africa and European affairs.

Brooks' articles have appeared in numerous publications, including *The Washington Post*, *the New York Times*,

*U.S. News and World Report*, *the New Yorker*, *Public Interest*, *Smart Money* and *The New Republic*. Brooks edited the 1996 anthology *Backward and Upward: The New Conservative Writing*.

A graduate of the University of Chicago, Brooks also worked as a police reporter for the City News Bureau wire service.

The late philanthropist and Memphis businessman P.K. Seidman established the M.L. Seidman Town Hall Lecture Series in honor of his

brother, founder of an international accounting firm who maintained an active interest in public issues. ■



David McCarthy's art 150 class rolled a sculpture they created from newspapers, water and glue across North Parkway. The group rolled the ball all the way to Brooks Museum, where it is part of the "do it" exhibit.

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## College Bowl Team places second in national tournament

Two college powerhouses met for the national championship recently not in a battle of touchdowns or jump shots, but rather in brain power. When the dust settled, the Rhodes College Bowl team had taken second place in Division Two of the National Academic Quiz Tournament in Boston, losing only to Harvard, which won the title.

The four-member Rhodes team defeated a number of prestigious private and public colleges and universities in the nation, including Princeton, Yale,

Stanford, MIT, Virginia and CalTech. The team posted a 13-2 record in the tournament, in which 24 teams competed.

Rhodes' achievements in the national competition are especially impressive, because this is only the team's second year in existence, says Tim Huebner, assistant professor of history and team adviser.

"Although none of our opponents seemed to have heard of Rhodes College when the tournament began, everyone certainly had heard of us by the time it was over," Huebner says.

In February, the team won the NAQT sectional championship, its first-ever tournament championship, and a week later won the Region 5 College Bowl tournament. It is now preparing for the national College Bowl tournament to be held April 28-29 at Bentley College in Newton, Mass. Rhodes will compete against 15 other regional champions.

Team members are Tim Hayes '00, Dan London '00, Doug Lemme '02, Steve Perry '00. Alternate Rachel Denning '03 will accompany the team to Newton. ■

### Inauguration

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- mentors its students
- reviewing and rethinking the curriculum
- increasing the college's efforts to recruit and retain the best faculty
- enhancing the residential experience for students
- intensifying the thought-provoking atmosphere Rhodes provides
- supporting the campus with innovative technology
- improving library resources
- increasingly connecting students with Memphis
- expanding and enriching opportunities for study beyond Memphis.

"By our taking these steps, when the world wants to see a liberal arts college that connects students with the world in new and challenging ways, the world will journey to Rhodes," Troutt said in conclusion as he invited the assembly to begin the new journey together.

*(Editor's note: President Troutt's full address is available online through a link on the Rhodes home Web page.)* ■

## Scenes from inauguration day



KEVIN BARRE

KEVIN BARRE

JUSTIN BURKS





The young and the young at heart enjoyed a weekend full of activities during Rhodes' annual Rites of Spring and Rites to Play celebrations. Cheyenne Baker, 9 (top center), a student at New Hope Christian Academy, tossed pies at the AOPie booth. Stewart Reber, 4, and his sister Alison, 9 (top right), sport the many trinkets they picked up during Rites to Play. Stewart and Alison are the son and daughter of Rhodes neighbors Carol and Don Reber.

## Clarence Day Awards

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authority on authors Joseph Conrad, James Joyce and Kazuo Ishiguro. He is the author of two books and is co-editing a third.

Shaffer is a member of the editorial board of *Conradiana: A Journal of Joseph Conrad Studies* and served on the executive council of the Joseph Conrad Society of America from 1993-98. He also is a board member for *Arachne*, an interdisciplinary journal of language and literature published in Canada.

A Phi Beta Kappa scholar, Shaffer has a Ph.D. in English from the University of Iowa and a bachelor's degree from Washington University. The National Endowment for the Humanities awarded him

fellowships for work at the University of California, Berkeley, (1993), Cornell University (1990) and the University of North Carolina (1989-90).

Kus specializes in ethnography, the study and systematic recording of human cultures. Her research has focused on the pre-history and culture of Madagascar, an island republic off the southeast African coast, for more than 20 years. In particular, Kus works with ritual specialists who orient houses and tombs within the changing flow of space and time.

Kus regularly spends summers in the field in Madagascar, and jointly does much of her work with her husband, Victor Raharijaona, also an anthropologist and archaeologist. The couple recently published an article, "House to Palace, Village to State: Scaling up

Architecture and Ideology," in *American Anthropologist*, a major journal. Kus has published extensively in other professional journals. She has been invited to be on the editorial staff for a new journal, *Social Archaeology*.

Kus is a past recipient of two Fulbright research grants (1994 and 1996) for study in Africa. She has presented her research at meetings across America and in Europe, including Wales, Sweden and Germany.

Kus has a Ph.D. and master's and bachelor's degrees in anthropology from the University of Michigan. She also studied at Auditrice Libre, Institut National des Langues et Civilisation Orientales, and at Elève Libre, Ecole des Hautes-Etudes en Sciences Sociales, both in Paris. ■

# Rhodes College 151st Awards Convocation

## April 18, 2000

### DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

#### Anthropology/Sociology

Francis and Edwina Hickman Award– Trent Pingnot

#### Art

Apollonian Award for Art History– Jenny Kjerfve  
Dionysian Award for Studio Art– Lou Haney  
The Sally Becker Grinspan Award for Artistic Achievement– Lou Haney

#### Biology

Award for Excellence in Biology– Tyler Buckner  
Award for Outstanding Research in Biology– Vanessa Hardin

#### Chemistry

CRC First-Year Chemistry Award– Brigitte Messenger  
Michael E. Hendrick Award in Organic Chemistry– Jeremy Murdock and Yusra Murshedkar  
William Spadow Scholarship in Chemistry– Robert Hardister  
ACS Analytical Chemistry Award– Cara Corder

#### Economics/Business Administration

The Seidman Awards in Economics:  
Senior– D.J. Morgan  
First-Year/Sophomore– Kathryn Baker and Jason Wagenmaker  
The Wall Street Journal/Departmental Award in Finance– Jeff Sutton  
The Ralph C. Hon Leadership Award– Coy Buckley  
The Sue Legge Accounting Scholar Award– Erin Mann  
The Robert D. McCallum Competitive Enterprise Award– Jay Eckles  
The Lynn Nettleton Prize– Jason Javarone

#### Education

The Joye Fourmy Cobb Romeiser Award– Emma Painter

#### English

John R. Benish Award– Jill Peterfeso  
Jane Donaldson Kepple Writing Prizes:  
First-Year Student English Essay Prize– Mahendra Prasad  
Senior English Essay Prize– Amy Killebrew  
Creative Writing (Fiction)– Barrett Hathcock  
Creative Writing (Poetry)– Lawton Fabacher  
Scholarly Essay– Lara Eidemiller  
Allen Tate Creative Writing Award– Patrick Lane

#### Foreign Languages

The Jared E. Wenger Award– Ellen Weirich  
The Spencer Greek Award– Constance O'Bryan

#### History

The John Henry Davis Award– Les Goodall  
The Phi Alpha Theta Scholarship Award– Bryn McDougall

#### International Studies

The Bobby Doughtie Memorial Award– Kenneth Lukas  
Anne Rorie Memorial Award– Steele Means  
Donald J. Gattas Award for Middle East Studies– Jason Knobloch

#### The Model UN Team Award

Jessica Anschutz, Lee Baldridge, Adam Cearley, Melisande Croset, David Crouch, Brad Damare, Jen Eliason, Elizabeth Enger, Barry Fullerton, Megan Gaylord, Nik Granger, Kari Gray, Kyle Hassell, Holly Hickham, Eduardo AznerMengual, Natalia Nagree, Beth Purves, Patrick Schmutte, Brenna Strickland, Aaron Tucker, Stuart Turner, Mara Zimmerman

#### The Model NATO Team Award

Cisco Bertorini, Patrick Betar, Meghan Bromert, Emily Clark, Tracy Colley, Heather Lockridge, Kenneth Lukas, Steele Means, Charles Sheehan, Josh Tucker

#### Interdisciplinary Humanities

The Fred W. Neal Award– Chad Jones  
The W.O. Shewmaker Award– Lainey Lunsford

#### The Search Advisory Council

Jordan Badgett, Lee Baldridge, Andrew Bennett, Gelsey Bennett, Laura Bishop, Lauren Blalock, Adam Boyd, Whitney Bryant, Carey Corlew, Emily Cunningham, Sara Davis, Kira Duke, Elizabeth Enger, Lauren Eppling, Latham Fink, Bill Ganus, Lindsey Greer, Natalie Griffin, Jamie Groover, Margie Hall, Bill Harrison, Rebecca Held, Daingerfield Henley, Jessica Hoback, TimHoggard, Lance Ingwersen, Chad Jones, Lauren Kwedar, Jonathan Large, Djurdja Lazic, Lainey Lunsford, Lara Luxford, Laura Marks, Greg Matthews, Caroline Meston, Brooke Molpus, Charlie Patrick, Chad Purple, Veena Rajanna, Anne Kathryn Rice, Jennifer Riem, Ariel Roads, Eric Santiago, Patrick Schmutte, Parag Shah, Elizabeth Parish Smith, Jeremy Smith, Karyn Spence, Erin Spinka, Laura Spinka, Angela Springer, Alison Stohr, Andrea Strickland, Allison Terry, Aaron Tucker, Jason Wagenmaker, Carson Weitnauer, Grace Williams, Ann Young

## **Mathematics**

The Jack U. Russell Awards:

- Outstanding Work in First-Year Mathematics–  
Miriam Dillard and Crescent Rowell
- Outstanding Work in Second-Year Mathematics–  
Lacy Cottrill
- Outstanding Senior– Burke White

The William Spandow Scholarship– David Elder  
First-Year Computer Science Award– Lacy Cottrill

## **Music**

The Jane Soderstrom Award– Annie Daniel  
The Ruth Moore Cobb Award in Instrumental Music–  
Elliot Ives  
The Louise Mercer Award– Robert Klingbeil

## **Philosophy**

The Laurence F. Kinney Prize– John Trout

## **Physics**

The William Spandow Scholarship in Physics–  
Lauren Mize

## **Political Science**

The Seidman Awards in Political Science:  
Senior Seidman Award– Andy Wohlfarth and Lindy  
Brown, who is also the recipient of the John W.  
Burgess Award for Meritorious  
Achievement in Political Science  
First-Year Seidman Award– Mark Erskine  
Mike Cody Award in Political Science– Hallie Nolen and  
Tarah Penny  
Abe Fortas Award for Excellence in Legal Studies– Jason  
Jowers and Emily Monroe

## **Mock Trial Team Award**

Dave Adams, Tracy Kornblatt, Trent Lutz, Emily  
Monroe, Jim Mueller, Anna Smith, Kim Thomas, and  
Grace Williams, Jason Jowers, Jena Balton, Laura Bauer,  
Les Goodall, Brad Hearne, Jennifer Kierce, Hallie Nolen,  
Andy Wohlfarth

## **Psychology**

E. Llewellyn Queener Award– Amy Reid  
Korsakov Award– Lisa Schum

## **Religious Studies**

The Religious Studies Award– Chad Watridge  
The Mollie Royall McCord Memorial Prize in Bible–  
Jennifer Baker  
The Belz-Saharovici Award in Holocaust Studies–  
Jill Peterfeso

## **Theatre**

Outstanding Senior Award– Wes Meador and  
Elizabeth Watt  
Mark Lee Stephens Memorial Scholarship– Sara Davis

## **NON-DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS**

The Mel G. Grinspan Internship Award–  
David Lightburn  
The Seidman Trophy in Athletics– Austin Jowers  
The Susan Tidball Means Award in Women's Studies–  
Jena Balton  
The John Henry Davis Scholarships for British Studies–  
Daru Lane, Kelly McNulty, Mark McNulty  
The Elizabeth Henley Scholarships for British Studies–  
Lauren Ferrari, Tiffany Merritt, Annie Wright  
The Yerger Hunt Clifton Scholarships for British  
Studies– Kerri Campbell, LaShanda Greene  
The Margaret Hyde Council Scholarships for Study  
Abroad– Nicole Alford, Kristin Arnold, Meredith Cain,  
Allana Clarke, Kyle Hassell, Terry Tansil  
The Lemaster Scholarships for Study Abroad– Nik  
Granger, Jeremy Boyd  
The Buckman Scholarships for Study Abroad– Marekh  
Khmaladze, Monique Labat, Natalia Nagree

## **Special Scholarship Awards**

Fulbright– Emily Clark  
Rotary– Anna Pinchak  
The Rhodes College Bowl Team– Tim Hayes, Doug  
Lemme, Steve Perry, Dan London, Rachel Denning  
The Louise and Ward Archer Sr. Award for Creativity–  
Wes Meador  
The Jane Hyde Scott Awards  
The Ruth Sherman Hyde Award in Music–  
Paul Murray  
The Joseph Reeves Hyde Award in Religious  
Studies– Ana Perez  
The Robert Allen Scott Award in Mathematics–  
David Elder  
The Jeanne Scott Varnell Award in Classical  
Languages– David Weatherman  
The Margaret Ruffin Hyde Award in Psychology–  
Christie Brewer

# **Campus Life Awards**

## **April 11, 2000**

### **McCoy Theatre**

McCoy Outstanding Theatrical Design and Production Award– Maegan Leith

### **Greek Life**

Outstanding Greek Chapter Scholarship– Alpha Omicron Pi; Kappa Sigma

Outstanding Greek Chapter Philanthropy Program– Kappa Delta

David L. Harlow Chancellor's Cup for Outstanding Rhodes Chapter– Kappa Delta

Outstanding Greek Advisor of the Year– Carol Culpepper (Alpha Omicron Pi)

National Order of Omega Outstanding New Initiate Award– Jennifer Groner (Kappa Delta);  
Ben Chastain (Kappa Sigma)

Gamma Phi Beta Award for Excellence in Greek Womanhood– Daniela Seminara (Alpha Omicron Pi)

IFC Greek Man of the Year– Fred Blackmon (Sigma Alpha Epsilon)

Certificates of Commendation– Nicki North (Pan President); Jay Eckles (IFC President)

### **Residence Life**

Outstanding Campus Safety Officer– Sherry Sasson

Outstanding Housekeeper– Cornett Townes

Outstanding Townhouse– Moore-Moore Townhouse (Christie Brewer, Daru Lane, Anne Markus, Daniela Seminara,  
Erin Mann, Claire Chambers, and Carrie Carson)

Outstanding Resident Assistant– Emily Monroe

### **Admissions**

Outstanding ARO Members– Erin Henderlight; Brent Robson

Outstanding Admissions Volunteers– Suzanne Fournier; Robert Bender

Outstanding Admissions Hosts– Nathan Lowe; Kim Thomas

### **Alumni and Development Office**

Senior Gift Campaign Recognition– Annica Schael

Phonathon Supervisor Recognition– Brenna Strickland

Outstanding Ambassador Awards– Bryn McDougall; Ana Perez

### **Financial Aid**

Outstanding Student Employees– Andrew Shulman (College Relations); Amy Whitten (Athletics)

### **International Programs**

Outstanding International Student– Gelsey Bennett; Kathryn Patterson

Most Valuable International House Member– Jaime Hook

### **Multicultural Affairs**

Cultural Diversity Awards– Ekta Baxi; Interfaith Circle

### **Campus Green**

Certificates of Appreciation– Tim Moreland; Mark Fletcher (Superintendent of Engineering)

### **Orientation**

Outstanding Peer Assistant Award– Jonathan Russom

### **Kinney Program**

Kinney Service Awards– Joshua Welter; Andrew Patterson; Jenny Gammill; Katie Franklin; John Ramsey; Susan  
Powell; John Trout; Danh Nguyen; Jennifer Cramm; Lara Eidemiller

Faculty Award in Service Learning– Jim Lanier

Awards for Leadership in Service– Rob Cole; Ebony Woods; Jennifer Stefan; Hilary Currin; Christie Brewer;  
Jessica Anschutz

The Estelle R. Cone Award– Trent Pingnot

Rhodes Bookstore and Follett College Stores Gift– Donated a sapling tree to honor the Kinney Program

### **Black Student Association**

BSA Spirit Award– Joe Petri (Student Activities); Robin Hill (Admissions)

### **Campus Governing Organizations**

Outstanding Honor Council Member– Joe Peeples

Outstanding Social Regulations Council Member– Rob Cole

Commissioner’s Award for Publications Excellence– Kasina Sweeney

Outstanding Rhodes Activities Board Member– Barry Fullerton

The Jacob Abraham Excellence in Service Award– Richard Lum; Rachel Bozynski

The Matthew Sean Jones Award– Ebony Woods

Certificates of Commendation– Andrew Shulman (Publications Commissioner); Rob Cole (SRC President); Casey

Williams (SRC Vice President); Richard Lum (RSG President); Rachel Bozynski (RSG Vice President); Amit

Mirchandani (Honor Council President); Joe Peeples (Honor Council Vice President); Barry Fullerton (RAB Chair);

Matthew Shipe (*Sou’Wester*)

### **Mortar Board and Omicron Delta Kappa**

Sophomore Woman of the Year– Suzanne Fournier

Sophomore Man of the Year– John Ramsey

### **Rhodes Student Government Awards**

Outstanding Administrator– Dave Wottle

Outstanding Faculty Member– Luther Ivory

Outstanding Staff Member– Marie Lindquist

### **Rhodes Hall of Fame**

Class of 2000 Representatives:

Teal Baker, Barry Fullerton, Trent Pingnot, Jennifer Stefan, Ebony Woods