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# RHODES WEEKLY

Campus News And Information

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## Friends of Tony Lee Garner Will Pay Tribute at Homecoming

Former students, colleagues and friends of the late Tony Lee Garner will gather at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 30, in front of McCoy Theatre to dedicate the newly constructed Garner Court and fountain to his memory.

Garner, a 1965 graduate of Rhodes, was a professor of music and theatre and conductor of the Rhodes Singers for almost three decades. A group led by Patricia Gray, assistant professor of music, has been working since Garner's death in 1998 to create a memorial to honor the teacher who influenced so many Rhodes students.

The ceremony will include remarks by alumni Erica Yoder '90 and Bryan W. Ford '88. The Rhodes Singers will pay tribute to Garner by singing Chorale 44 from the *St. Matthew Passion*. Associate Professor of music David Ramsey '61 will conduct.

The dedication ceremony is one of many events scheduled for Rhodes' 1999 Homecoming Oct. 29-30. Additional Homecoming activities include the 65th reunion of the Class

of 1934 and these highlights:

### Friday, Oct. 29

**Chamber Music Festival**, Cloister of Palmer Hall, 5 to 6 p.m. A string quartet will join Rhodes faculty members Carole Choate Blankenship '85, soprano; Ruth Ann McClain, flute; and John Ross, guitar.

### Alumni/Campus

**Reception and Dance**, Forum, Bryan Campus Life

Center, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. The dance will feature music by The New Memphis Hepcats and The Bouffants. Admission is free.

### Saturday, Oct. 30

**Homerunning: 5K Run for Fun**, entrance to Fargason Field, 8:30 a.m. Sponsored by Rhodes



Bobby Parnell of W.A. Fortner Masonry chisels a block of Arkansas sandstone before placing it on the fountain in Garner Court.

Student Government and the Class of 2000. Participants receive T-shirts. Early registration fee is \$10; \$15 day of race. Call 843-3845.

### Alumni

**Convocation**, Hardie Auditorium, Palmer Hall, 11 a.m. 1999 alumni awards will be presented along with this year's faculty portrait.

### Homecoming Picnic

Rollow Avenue of Oaks, noon. Tickets for barbecue lunch are \$5 for children and \$10 for adults. Call the Alumni Office at 843-3845 for reservations.

**Football game, Rhodes Lynx vs. Trinity College Tigers**, Fargason Field, 2 p.m. ■

## Baker, Churchill and Houts Selected for Athletic Hall of Fame

The Rhodes Athletic Hall of Fame will gain inductees Melissa Hayes Baker '84, Thayer "Toto" Houts '37 and John Churchill '71 Friday, Oct. 29, during a noon luncheon in the McCallum Ballroom, Bryan Campus Life Center.

Melissa Baker ranks as Rhodes'

top women's basketball player since the program began. She ranks third on Rhodes' all-time scoring list with 1,294 points. Baker also was the Lynx leading scorer and rebounder for each of the four years she played. She ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in NCAA Division III free-throw shooting in her junior year.

An outstanding student and leader on campus, Baker received the Seidman Award for excellence in academics and athletics, Rhodes' most prestigious student-athlete award.

Baker teaches at St. Paul's School in Mobile, Ala., and ranks as one of

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# Welcome Alumni

## Sierra Club President Brings Grassroots Movement to Campus

Rhodes College alumnus and Sierra Club President Chuck McGrady '75 will speak on "Defining Sustainability Through Actions and Outcomes" Wednesday, Nov. 3, at 8 p.m. in Blount Auditorium at Rhodes.

McGrady became the 47<sup>th</sup> president of America's oldest and largest grassroots environmental organization in 1998. He chairs the club's board of directors and oversees all activities of the lobbying and conservation organization



Sierra Club President Chuck McGrady '75

and its 550,000 members.

McGrady currently leads the Sierra Club in campaigns to curb urban sprawl and to preserve water and wilderness.

McGrady has held many national positions for the Sierra Club in recent years and has led numerous environmental campaigns for the club in North Carolina and Georgia. Throughout his

time with the organization, he has worked to build bipartisan coalitions among lawmakers to support environmental conservation.

His other affiliations include the Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy, which he served as president from 1995 to 1998, the North Carolina Forestry Council and the board of directors of the American Camping Association. He is the owner and director of Falling Creek Camp in Tuxedo, N.C.

Founded in 1892 by John Muir, the Sierra Club is headquartered in San Francisco. Its goal is the exploration, enjoyment and protection of the wild places of the Earth.

McGrady's lecture is sponsored by the Rhodes chapter of Campus Green and is free and open to the public. ■

## Athletic Hall of Fame

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the top high school basketball coaches in the state.

John Churchill was an outstanding linebacker for the Lynx football team from 1967-70. Churchill earned

posthumously during the induction luncheon. His widow, Margaret, will accept the award on his behalf.

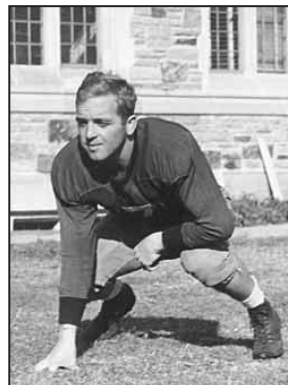
Houts was captain of the 1936 football team and a member of the Lynx team that defeated Vanderbilt with just twelve players. Houts was one of the top linemen in the South



Melissa Hayes Baker



John Churchill



"Toto" Houts

All-America honors in football while also earning All-College Athletic Conference recognition in track as a discus and shot thrower.

Churchill was named to the student Hall of Fame for the Class of 1971 and was selected as a Rhodes Scholar that year.

He is provost for Hendrix College in Conway, Ark.

"Toto" Houts will be honored

and earned All-America honors while leading the Lynx to an 8-2-1 record.

He was awarded the Bronze Star for his service in World War II.

Tickets to the Athletic Hall of Fame luncheon cost \$15. Call 843-3845 to make a reservation. ■



## Media Matters

- Brad Pendley, associate professor of chemistry, was interviewed by the *Christian Science Monitor*. The article discusses an interdisciplinary course about the relationship between art and chemistry that he and Victor Coonin, assistant professor of art, will teach at Rhodes next spring.
- Mark Pohlmann, professor of political science, was interviewed about the Memphis mayoral race for the *Morning Edition* program on National Public Radio.

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## Debut Novel in Hand, Yarbrough to Give Reading at Rhodes

Fiction writer Steve Yarbrough will give a reading at Rhodes College Thursday, Oct. 28, at 7:30 p.m. in Blount Auditorium, Buckman Hall.

Denver-based MacMurray & Beck published Yarbrough's debut novel, *The Oxygen Man*, in May amid national acclaim. The book is set in Yarbrough's hometown of Indianola, Miss.

Yarbrough is the John and Renee Grisham Visiting Southern Writer-in-Residence for 1999-2000 at his alma mater, the University of Mississippi, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in literature. He earned his M.F.A. at the University of Arkansas.

Yarbrough's short stories have appeared in *The Oxford American*, *The Hudson Review* and *The Southern*

*Review* and in three collections, *Family Men*, *Mississippi History* and *Veneer*.

Yarbrough is a professor of creative writing at California State University-Fresno.

The Rhodes English Department and Creative Writing Program are sponsoring his visit. Admission to the reading is free and open to the public. ■

### By the Numbers

A total of 1,271 Rhodes alumni served in World War II. Of that number, 25 were women. There were 727 commissioned officers, 67 doctors, 18 chaplains and 16 Red Cross workers.

Forty-one Southwestern at Memphis students and alumni lost their lives while serving in World War II. William Ireys Hunt and Charles Floyd Work Jr., members of the Class of '34 now celebrating its 65th reunion, were among those lost.

Source: Rhodes Archives



## Summer Abroad Enriches Buckman Fellows' College Experience

Rhodes senior Mara Zimmerman came back to Memphis with a different perspective after spending last summer in Wagga Wagga, Australia, working for Buckman Laboratories.

Zimmerman is one of five Mertie W. Buckman fellows who spent the summer abroad earning academic credit while completing internships.

"The experience I gained from actually working in a foreign country, instead of just visiting or studying over there, will be extremely valuable to me in my future career," says Zimmerman, who came to Rhodes from St. Paul, Minn.

Zimmerman assisted Buckman's finance manager in accounting duties and the corporate services manager in reformulating company policies

during her weeks in Wagga Wagga.

On weekends, she traveled, visiting Sydney, the Blue Mountains, Canberra, Melbourne, the town of

Broken Hill in the Australian Outback and the Great Barrier Reef, which she considers the highlight of her sightseeing.

Zimmerman says two incidents that occurred during the summer made her view America

through different eyes. There was a controversy involving American bands at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney and an announcement that the U.S. would decrease its lamb imports from Australia.

"These two happenings helped me see my country in a different perspective, and it was extremely interesting to watch the Australian

reaction and to hear their side of the story," Zimmerman says.

The Mertie W. Buckman international internship program is a merit-based program that places outstanding international studies majors for two months during the summer with an international company. It covers the cost of airfare and accommodations for the students living abroad, pays summer tuition and covers the cost of a one-week side trip.

The 1999 fellows are all members of the Class of 2000. The companies and countries in which the four other fellows completed internships are: Barry Fullerton, Federal Express, Russia; Jim Flowers, Autozone, Mexico; Dan London, Federal Express, Belgium; and Emily Parkinson, Buckman Laboratories, Germany.

Karl Kaltenthaler, assistant professor of international studies, is director of the Buckman program. ■



The 1999 Mertie W. Buckman Fellows are, clockwise from left, Emily Parkinson, Jim Flowers, Barry Fullerton, Dan London and Mara Zimmerman.

## Rhodes' Familiar Tower is Subject in Limited-Edition Print

A new original painting by Memphis artist David Mah will feature the Halliburton Tower on the campus of Rhodes College, one of Memphis' most recognizable structures.

The painting, titled *Halliburton Tower*, will be produced as a limited-edition print available beginning Oct. 29, 1999. The prints will be on sale for Rhodes alumni and friends attending the college's Homecoming events Oct. 29-30. Only 1,000 prints will be produced.

The prints cost \$65 and a portion



David Mah's original painting, *Halliburton Tower*, will be produced and sold as a limited-edition print. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Rhodes scholarships.

of the proceeds will go to Rhodes College for scholarships and student financial assistance programs. Mah also plans to complete another more contemporary-style painting that will depict many of the unique elements of the Rhodes Gothic style of architecture.

For more information on the David Mah prints, call University Editions Ltd., 1633 Union Ave., Memphis, (901) 278-6281. ■

## Historian to Discuss U.S. Drug Policy and Colombia

The chairman of Florida International University's Department of History will discuss "U.S. Drug Policy and Colombia" at 4:15 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1, in Room 110 of Buckman Hall.

William O. Walker III is professor of history and international relations at FIU. He received his Ph.D.

from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Walker is an author and editor of numerous books on the subject of U.S. drug policy, including *Drug Control in the Americas* and *Opium and Foreign Policy: The Anglo-American Search for Order in Asia*.

He also has published a book of

documents and readings, *Drugs in the Western Hemisphere: An Odyssey of Cultures in Conflict*.

Walker's presentation is sponsored by the Rhodes Department of International Studies and the Robert Buckman Speakers Series.

Admission is free and open to the public. ■

## Rhodes News Notes . . .

Bernadette McNary-Zak, assistant professor of religious studies, is one of 14 participants nationwide in a yearlong teaching workshop, a project of the American Academy of Religion. Titled "Mining the Motherlode of African American Religious Life," the project is funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. McNary-Zak met with the rest of the group in Atlanta recently.



Michael Nelson, professor of political science, wrote "Frank Sinatra: The Loneliness of the Long Distance Singer," an article that appeared in the autumn 1999 edition of *The Virginia Quarterly Review*.



Rhodes has again been selected for inclusion in *Barron's Best Buys in College Education*.

The Rhodes College Bowl team participated in the National Association of Quiz Teams regional tournament at the University of Missouri, Rolla, earlier this month, defeating teams from Washington University, Wichita State University and the University of Missouri. Rhodes finished with a won-loss record of 5-6. A campus-wide College Bowl tournament will take place Saturday, Nov. 6, at Rhodes. Contact Tim Huebner, College Bowl faculty adviser, at 843-3653 for details.



The Department of Foreign Languages will hold an informational session on Maymester in Mexico and Spain at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, in Rhodes Tower Room 410. In addition, on Thursday, Oct. 28, the department will host a "Day of the

Dead" celebration, Mexican-style, for the campus community from 4 to 6 p.m. The event commemorating All Saints Day will be in Rhodes Tower Room 410 and will include traditional snacks, a video and handcrafted decorations.



John Copper, professor of international studies, will serve another three-year term on the board of directors for the American Association for Chinese Studies.



Andrew Michta, professor of international studies, recently spoke to the World Affairs Council in Memphis on "NATO and the Future of Trans-Atlantic Security." ■