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MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWESTERN AT MEMPHIS

June 20, 1984

6-84-1 A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Southwestern At Memphis was held in the Edmund Orgill Room, S. DeWitt Clough Hall, on the campus at 11:00 a.m., June 20, 1984, pursuant to written notice. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Frank M. Mitchener, Jr., and it was opened with prayer by Dr. Henry B. Strock, Jr.

6-84-2 The roll was called by the Secretary, Mr. S. Shepherd Tate. Members present were:

Synod of the Mid-South

Edgar H. Bailey, '84
Bruce E. Campbell, Jr., '85
R. Lee Jenkins, '86
Frank E. Lankford, '85
Lynda G. McCarty, '86
Frank M. Mitchener, Jr., '84
S. Herbert Rhea, '85
Henry B. Strock, '86
Ray U. Tanner, '85
Richard A. Trippeer, Jr., '84

Honorary Trustees

E.A. Alburty
Mertie Buckman

Present by Invitation

Bill Allen
Ray Allen
Peggy Arnold
Barbara Draffin
Gerald Duff

Elected by Trustees

W. Neely Mallory, '84
Joseph Orgill III, '85
William B. Rudner, '85
S. Shepherd Tate, '84
Norfleet R. Turner, '85
John C. Whitsitt, '85
Anne P. Wilson, '84
Spence Wilson, '86

Life Trustees

L. Palmer Brown
Robert D. McCallum

Ex Officio Member

James H. Daughdrill, Jr.

Jo Hall

Tom Kepple
Don Lineback
Bob Llewellyn
Freeman Marr

Synod of the Sun

Jessie Falls, '86
Henry Goodrich, '84
M.O. Rasberry, '84
Robert B. Smith, '85

Faculty Trustees

Bobby R. Jones, '86
W. Larry Lacy, '85

Student Trustees

Laura Hollandsworth
Pete McLain

Dave Morrison

C. V. Scarborough
Winton Smith
Tom Ritchey
Leonard Satterwhite
Loyd Templeton

The following Trustees were absent:

Synod of the Mid-South

William H. Bryce, Jr., '86
Robert H. Buckman, '84

Elected by Trustees

Winton M. Blount, '86
Neville Bryan, '85
Robert F. Fogelman, '86
Nancy H. Fulmer, '85
Margaret R. Hyde, '84
Harry J. Phillips, Sr., '86
Joseph L. Roberts, Jr., '86
Martin B. Sereteau, '84
Eleanor B. Shannon, '86
John M. Tully, '84

Synod of the Sun

John H. Crabtree, '86
Robert S. Seal, '85

Faculty Trustee

E. Llewellyn Queener, '84

Student Trustee

Peter Rooney

6-84-3 The Chairman read the following resolution which he said was adopted unanimously by the special Long Range Recognition/Admissions Planning Committee at its meeting on May 18, 1984:

We recommend to the Board of Trustees that the name of the College be changed to Rhodes College at the earliest possible time consistent with the best interests of the College.

It was this resolution that was set forth in the notice from the Chairman of the Board to the Board of Trustees calling this special meeting of the Board.

The Chairman said that the purpose of the meeting was to consider this recommendation. Thereupon, the following motion was duly made, seconded and unanimously passed:

That the name of the College be changed from SOUTHWESTERN AT MEMPHIS to RHODES COLLEGE effective July 1, 1984; and that the President and the Secretary are authorized to do everything necessary and proper to carry out the said change of name of the College.

The Chairman called upon Mr. Freeman Marr, President of the Alumni Association, who thanked the Board of Trustees for the action which they had just taken.

The Chairman called upon Mr. Dave Morrison, of Gehrung & Associates, the public relations consultants to the College. Mr. Morrison was also highly complimentary of the College, the decision to change the name, and the method in which the change was accomplished.

The Chairman then requested that Dr. Peyton Nalle Rhodes be brought into the meeting. The Board then recognized Dr. Rhodes with a standing ovation.

Dr. Rhodes expressed appreciation for the evidence of friendship, esteem and trust.

Dr. Rhodes stated that as the first gift to the renamed College, he wished to present a piece of silver that he bought for his wife, Alice, many years ago, and which had been used over the years on state occasions when he was president. He then presented to President Daughdrill a lovely silver bowl.

Chairman Mitchener then called upon President Daughdrill who responded and accepted the gift on behalf of the Board, the faculty, the staff, his wife, Libby, and himself. (see Ex. B., p. 5)

6-84-4 The Chairman called upon President Daughdrill who stated that he wished to restate a motion which was made at the Point Clear meeting, namely:

It is the goal of Rhodes College to become a nationally outstanding College of the liberal arts and sciences.

He requested that the motion be made.

Said motion was duly made, seconded and passed.

6-84-5 The Chairman called upon Mr. S. Herbert Rhea, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, who presented the following motion which was duly seconded and passed:

In order for the College to take advantage of a substantial discount offered by the federal government, the Board of Trustees, with the approval of the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Chairman of the Investment Committee, authorizes the College to pay off the 3 long term, low interest dormitory loans identified as TEN-40-CH-0040, TEN-40-CH-0075 and TEN-40-CH-0173, and the Board of Trustees authorizes James H. Daughdrill, Jr., President, and Thomas R. Kepple, Jr., Dean of Administrative Services, to execute and attest to any and all documents required in connection with this prepayment.

6-84-6 The Chairman called upon Mr. Leonard Satterwhite, Associate Director of Admissions, who presented a report on the present status of applications and the overall enrollment for this next College year. (Ex. A, p.4)

The Chairman stated that Mr. Satterwhite would leave in the fall for Amherst College to work as the Assistant Dean of Admissions there, and that this new position was a compliment to us, and he thanked Mr. Satterwhite for his services to the College.

6-84-7 The Chairman called upon Dean Lineback, who reported for Mr. Robert Buckman, Chairman of the Committee on Development. Dean Lineback stated that the Trustee response to the \$5M Trustee Challenge is as follows:

<u>No. of new Commitments</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
2	500,000	1,000,000
5	100,000 and up	635,000
6	under 100,000	102,100
TOTAL		\$2,737,100

This brings the total to date on the \$50 Million Commitment to \$35.5 Million.

If another \$11.6 Million is received by December 31, 1986, from all sources, we will receive the \$5 Million from the five anonymous Trustees.

Mr. Buckman hopes to complete the Trustee phase of the challenge by the end of the month.

6-84-8 There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.


 S. Shepherd Tate, Secretary

RHODES COLLEGE

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Renamed July 1, 1984 in honor of
Peyton Nalle Rhodes, President Emeritus



By an historic vote of its Board of Trustees, Southwestern At Memphis, the 135-year-old private college of liberal arts and sciences, became Rhodes College on July 1, 1984, adopting the name of Peyton Nalle Rhodes, former president and lifetime devotee of the institution.

In making the announcement, Board Chairman Frank Mitchener said, "By their action the trustees have chosen to link the spirit of this college with the inspiration of the man who has helped to give it life for over half a century. We do not honor a benefactor in the traditional sense; rather, we honor one who has given his life to Southwestern."

Rhodes College, associated with the Presbyterian Church, was founded in 1848 in Clarksville, Tennessee, and relocated in Memphis in 1925. The man responsible for the move and for setting the College on its course of excellence was Dr. Charles E. Diehl, then president and acknowledged father of Southwestern in Memphis. A year after the College's opening in Memphis, Dr. Rhodes joined the faculty as associate professor of physics and soon thereafter became a full professor. In 1945 he was named vice president and in 1949, president, serving in this post until his retirement in 1965.

Dr. James H. Daughdrill, Jr., president of the College, noted, "Peyton Rhodes embodies the values on which this institution was founded. His relentless crusade for excellence, his belief in liberal education, and his unfailing love for the College make it altogether fitting that this institution be named in his honor. Much of what exists at the College today is the result of Dr. Rhodes' vision and leadership."

When he retired after 16 years as president, Dr. Rhodes left a legacy of ten new campus buildings, a freshly-chartered chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, an expanded adult education program, a modern language lab, an extensive laboratory of atmospheric and optical physics, an art major and international studies department, new research opportunities for science students, and a scholarship and financial aid program more than five times larger than when he took office.

Even in his retirement the former president has continued to serve the College as acting president and later as acting vice president and dean as well as building consultant for such campus additions as the extensive Frazier Jelke Science Center complex.

Today, Rhodes has a student body of approximately 1000 and some of the highest academic standards in the nation. It ranks among the best with its student/faculty ratio of eleven to one, its proportion of Ph.D.-holding faculty at 80 percent, its large number of National Merit Winners per capita—approximately the same as Swarthmore, Amherst and Dartmouth—and the 90 percent or higher acceptance rate of professional or graduate school-bound seniors.

Widely admired for the beauty and consistency of its Gothic architecture, Rhodes' 100-acre campus is located in residential Memphis. Thirteen campus buildings are listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The trustees' decision to name the College for Dr. Rhodes came after several months of opinion-taking and discussions about a possible name change. Comments and suggestions were solicited from all alumni, students, faculty and friends of the College. A committee representing the various segments of the College community reviewed those responses and recommended that the board of trustees adopt the name Rhodes College.

When Rhodes College opens its doors to the one hundred thirty-sixth academic session it will be with the largest freshman class in the history of the institution. Building upon this and other recent achievements as well as its proud heritage, Rhodes College is committed to being a nationally outstanding college of the liberal arts and sciences.