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FAST FACTS

- *Every academic department on campus has an Information Services Liaison. [Click here](#) to find your liaison!*

- **First Book** will have its semi-annual Book Sale on Barret's cloistered walkway on Nov. 6 - 7. Help a deserving child get new books!

Students!

- **Computer Depot** hours are 1:00pm - 9:00pm, Sunday - Thursday. Free hardware help for student laptops!

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A MESSAGE FROM DR. BOB JOHNSON

Hey, Not So Fast!

To most people, Gordon Moore is less recognizable as the founder of Intel as he is for his classic pronouncement that the number of components on an integrated circuit doubles every two years. He made this statement, known widely as "Moore's Law," fifty years ago, and time has proven him correct. The doubling rate of components has translated into rapid advancements in speed of operations, meaning that the phone in your pocket is as powerful as supercomputers were in the not-so-distant past.

While speed itself has, at times, been important for its own sake so that users can accomplish more in the same period of time, Rhodes community members demand more in terms of convenience, especially flexibility and individualization.

The advancements you will see coming out this year are aimed at convenience. You will see "thin clients" rolled out where you might have previously expected a laptop or desktop. The thin client will provide you with a computing environment that goes where you go and can be accessed from just about any network-enabled device. You need to use a Windows-based application, but you're at home using your iPad? It works. You need to share storage and invite people to work with you on the materials, even if they are not Rhodes community members? You will love Box.com. You know you need an office phone, but you don't want to be in your office to use it? That's a simple matter with the phone system we are implementing. You may want to use classroom audiovisual resources, but instead of the screen being at the head of the room, you may want to move it around so that you can use the whiteboard and the screen independently. With new "smart carts," that is an easy thing to do.

Our goal this year is to increase convenience. As we work with you to create that convenience, let us know how it's working. With any luck, we will double the convenience every two years.

New Phone System for Rhodes College



The college is in the process of replacing our aging phone system with a new one. Barret Library began testing the new system this summer, in parallel with the old. We are now ready to use the new system exclusively. Until all phones on campus are replaced, *please dial the full twelve digits*. For example, if one is trying to reach the

help desk, please dial 9-1-901-843-3890. Once the new phones are deployed to all buildings, we will be able to resume dialing 4-digit extensions again.

Rhodes College is getting ready to roll out BOX.com accounts for faculty, staff, and students. BOX is a cloud-based service for saving, storing, and sharing files and documents.

What are the advantages to using BOX?

*Easily share files and folders with colleagues

*Store files (i.e., PowerPoint presentations and Word documents) in a safe, secure environment

*Access your files from *anywhere* - just log-in from any device (no need for ftp or server access)

More information is coming soon! If you have questions, or would like to test the features and functionality of BOX, please email helpdesk@rhodes.edu.



Homecoming Activities at The Barret!



Own a piece of Rhodes' history! During Homecoming, the Barret library will be giving away items from the past: CD's from the Singers, posters from British Studies at Oxford, and "Man" books from the last 40 years. And much more.

Please stop by the lobby on Oct. 23-25 and collect your piece of history!

Plotter Printer

The plotter printer is located in the **Digital Media Lab, Barret 210**, and is available for poster printing by all users with a Rhodes log-in.

- Printing cost is \$3.50 per linear foot (the paper is 2 feet wide).
- Typical posters are 3x2 which is \$10.50 (3 linear feet).
- The cost of printing will be deducted via the Papercut system.

Posters take time to print, and first-time users typically require assistance. *Large groups (classes, etc.) should email helpdesk@rhodes.edu to schedule an appointment in advance.*

For printing instructions and more information, [go here](#).



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