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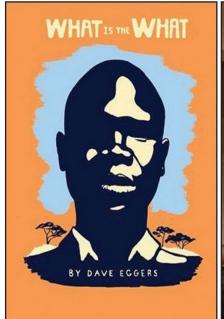
RHODES COLLEGE NOVEMBER 6TH, 2015

# Lost Boy on Campus: 'Communities in Conversation' With Valentino Achak Deng

By Christian Wiggs '18 STAFE WRITER

On Wednesday, Valentino Achak Deng spoke with Rhodes students and Memphians alike in a crowded Hardie Auditorium as part of the 'Communities in Conversation' lecture series. Deng is the subject of Dave Eggers's critically acclaimed novel What Is the What: The Autobiography of Valentino Achak Deng, a leader in Sudanese philanthropy, and a graceful personality above all. Perhaps the best indicator of Deng's temperament was his habit of thanking each audience member for his or her question, and his careful contemplation before responding. As an English Professor, Marshall Boswell specifically asked "How do you advise us to read this book as both a novel by Dave Eggers and also an autobiography?" Deng responded by clarifying that "The book is an historical account of my life, but I also had to include events that happened in the country".

Deng's handling of language is that of a natural-born storyteller. Pregnant pauses and graceful inflection enveloped the room, arousing in each an acute hunger for the Lost Boy's next





"Packed House, Attentive Crowd": Rhodes College students, faculty and visitors crowded into Hardie Auditorium to hear Valentino Deng speak about his life

word. There, atop the stage and behind metallic-framed glasses, Valentino befriended each of us in the space of ninety minutes, eliciting the sort of campfire-story wonder produced by a teller who wants you to learn a thing or two about how life works. He even recalled that "American people are the most generous people I know."

Questions about the state of Sudanese politics and his relationship with Dave Eggers were met with equal

vigor as the night went on. Deng was ing man in the front row asked Deng not in the business of dancing around answers, rather he drove straight to the heart of the matter in question. His tone was neither harsh or abrupt as he made sure to craft satiating allegories when appropriate. He would simply state "We are just one people. Human beings. And that is how I look at how I interact with different cultures and peo-

Near the end of the night, a hulk-

about his relationship with death after the tribulations of his worn-torn youth. The crowd, struggling under the weight of this question, eyed the guest as he mulled things over. Valentino cracked a smile, easing the congregation.

"I don't really have a relationship with death," he responded coolly.

A raucous laughter echoed among us. He is too full of life for anything else.

#### anquish the Dreaded Tree!) How to Register (And

By Doug Fetterman '16 Editor in Chief

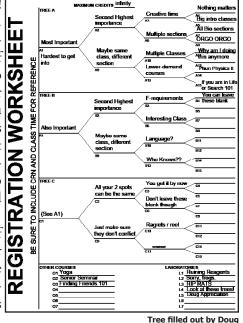
When Joyce Kilmer wrote "I think that I will never see / a poem lovely as a tree," he clearly had not encountered the wonderful species of tree that we use during our Webstep registration process. Although daunting at first, with a bit of finagling the tree can become a tool for helping you achieve the schedule of your dreams. Or, you can take my roommate's approach and barely fill it out and wait until add/drop to figure out your schedule. That, however, can lead to a senior year full of F-Requirements, bitterness, and regret. And trust me, senior year has enough of those last two as it is. So this is a little guide for first years and upperclass students who have forgotten or never learned just how the tree works.

The first thing you need to do is meet with your advisor. Most advisors will be extremely helpful and guide you through the whole process. Others may just hand you the sheet of paper with your registration PIN and send you on your way. Regardless, once you have that six-digit code you will be able to dive into the wonderful world of Webstep. Before you get to do that, some planning is usually helpful. The first spot on your A tree should be reserved for the class you want to take the most that is also the hardest to get into. Notoriously difficult classes for non-seniors to be enrolled in like "Pain, Suffering, and Death" or nearly all upper-level Biology courses (sorry sophomores) should always be first in your tree. The same logic applies for the first spot on your B and C trees.

The next spot is for the classes that will

be slightly easier to get into. But wait! There are now two options per tree. This means you can put down multi-This means you can put down multiple sections for the same course, so if one fills up then you might still get into the other. The third slot is best used for non-major requirements or classes you want to take for fun. The fourth spot is great for classes you feel confident that you will be able to get into, or a launyou will be able to get into, or a laundry list of different classes that fit into your schedule that you wouldn't mind

Hopefully this and the tl;dr version of the filled-out tree will help you on your quest for a perfect schedule. Maybe you'll cop out and have no Friday classes, or take all 4 of the different courses being offered on hip-hop next semester. Either way, good luck!



A Schedule for FUN!": Use this as a guide to help YOU craft the perfect schedule. NOTE: The Sou'Wester holds no responsibility if you somehow end up with all 8am and 7pm classes. Look at the times people.

### News

### The Peer Advocate Center



**Presents** 

# TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

# SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 7-10 PM AT PALMER LAWN

Please join us for a candlelit march and open forum in efforts to shatter the silence surrounding sexual violence and stand in support of survivors.

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Co-Sponsored by: Active Minds, BSA, Culture of Consent, GSA, and V-Day



# Letter from the **Editors**

that's under my bed Get along with the voices inside of my head" -lyrics from Monster by Eminem ft. Rihanna

If you went to the Rhodes Fright Night one Friday past, all your friends would have been monsters far from your bed. Upon our entrance to Burrow Lobby, into our hands was thrust a card reading "Bates 1," presumably a reference to the Psycho protagonist Norman Bates. Ordered to await our journey through Burrow turned spooky, we meandered in pursuit of candy over to the Admission desk where we were denied said candy in favor of Everclear-less

"I'm friends with the monster punch that still tasted like regret. "Bates 1, 00000000000" resonated through the lobby saving the punch distributors an angry soliloquy. Escorted by Ira Lawson turned evil clown, we descended to the first level of our worst nightmare...

> Unfortunately, due to legal issues, we cannot reveal what did happen in this House. To our knowledge, no charges have been filed at this point, but we cannot promise that Doug will not pursue the scarer who struck him across his previously model-material face.

Boo. Zoe-Ally-Dougie

## Correction

made a seemingly small but symbolically larger error two issues ago (Vol. 99 No. 7 - the Homecoming Issue) that has not been addressed, at least not formally—or potentially even noticed—but really ought to be: we mislabeled the position of an author of a piece on Ms. Iris Mosah as a "Satire Writer". To be absolutely clear, Ms. Mosah's story is anything but that of satire—her past struggles and emergence as a new voice in the NEDA community and

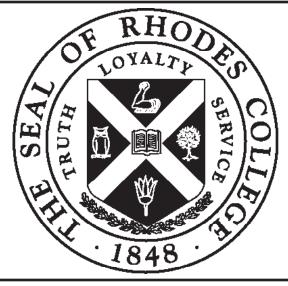
Let's be straightforward: we eating disorder community as a whole are to be commended and treated with the delicate respect needed for such a topic. Our mislabeling, though obviously unintended, showed a lack of respect for the gravity of the article to any potential readers. Our hearts go out to Iris and those affected by similar conditions, past or present, and we truly hope this unfortunate error was not taken with the perception of intentional malice.

Sincerely,

The Sou'Wester Staff

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## WITHIN THE GATES

# Horsing Around with the Equestrian Club





"Equestrian Enthusiasts": Left to right: Bess Freeman '19, Amelia Mathis '17, Rejina Fahhoum '17, Alaina Grundy '17, Siena Mazzetti '18, Sarah Saunders (Coach), Izzy Blaber '19, Mary Phan '18, Annie Giarla '16, Emily Lichtenberger '17 and Lees Romano '16

"Horses Need Shelter Too! ": Gidget seeking shelter from the freezing rain

By Mary Phan '18
STAFF WRITER

Last Friday and Saturday at the Germantown Charity Horse Show Grounds, the Rhodes College Equestrian Team earned many a ribbon from multiple classes - an astounding success for their first show competing as a team. Emily Lichtenberger '17 placed fourth, fifth and sixth on horse Murphy, Siena Mazzetti '18 placed second

and fifth on Red, Izzy Blaber '19 placed fourth on Gidget and Bess Freeman '19 placed first, seventh and first on Moose. Everyone worked wonderfully together, even after having to get up at 5 a.m. to stand in cold rain for almost 12 hours. The camaraderie-level was high, as everyone helped groom and clean horses and equipment.

The Equestrian Club was revived about four years ago and offers students opportunities to earn P.E. credit

by learning to ride (contact us if you're interested!) while the Equestrian Team is comprised of the competing members of the club. Through a partnership with Trinity Farm in Lakeland, Tenn. students who may not have opportunities to ride otherwise can learn all about horsemanship and riding – you don't even have to get in the saddle if that makes you uncomfortable. Though the Equestrian program at Rhodes is just starting again after a long hiatus,

the show this weekend demonstrates that the Rhodes equestrians have been working hard and are capable of producing award-worth results!

At MegFord, though riders and horses were muddy as can be and though the arenas were turning into a sandy limestone soup, the team tacked up, jumped on their saddles and rode into a rainy victory.

### From the Commissioner...

Weekly Update: the Allocations Board has currently allocated \$81,442.57 of the six-figure Student Activity Fund to organized and thoughtful events that we hope make all students feel as if they have a place on campus!

One request that occurs on a weekly basis is the food-related request, yet easily the most controversial and confusing portion of the Allocations Board bylaws is the section regarding food:

#### Food

Requests for food will be considered for larger, campus-wide events, espe-

cially those that are creative and historically proven and those that promote a sense of community, as inspected on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Board. Food requests for routine member meetings will be denied.

The wording of this section was updated less than one year ago in order to be more forthrightly inclusive, as it used to be worded in such a way that made students feel that only cultural organizations could have access to food-related funds. This was never the intention of the Board, though, and as feedback rolled in, we adapted to the

needs of our campus.

The last sentence regarding routine member meetings is the clearest: the Allocations Board does not fund, say, pizza for routine, weekly or monthly meetings. The Board will, however, consider requests for events that involve food that is both creative and relevant to the organization and their event. Oftentimes one question that Board members find themselves asking is "is this food an incentive or being used to enhance the quality of an informative, fun, well-planned event?" If the event itself is not sound, then food surely cannot be used

to legitimize it. If an event appears organized and thoughtful, though, with a clear purpose for and connection to the food being requested, then food will likely be seen as acceptable. As always, there is no harm in presenting a request if your organization has any doubt!

Next week, I will be explaining the concept of fundraising – why fundraising matters, how fundraising works, what to buy with the profits, etc.!

Sincerely,
Ally Limmer
Allocations Board Commissioner

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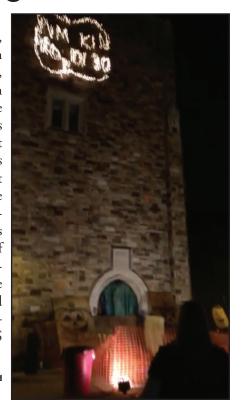
## 30th SPS Pumpkin Drop: A Smashing Success



By Warner Raulston '19 Staff Writer

On October 30, the Rhodes Society of Physics Students held its 30th annual Pumpkin Drop in celebration of Halloween. The event featured members of SPS freezing pumpkins in liquid nitrogen and hurling them off of the roof of Rhodes Tower to the ground below. Other exhibits were set up to demonstrate various principles of Physics and Chemistry. One of the most popular demonstrations was on the properties of Non-Newtonian fluids, which begin to take on the properties of a solid object when put under a high level of strain. Many of the younger guests could be seen gleefully running across a mixture of cornstarch and water, trying not to sink.

Class of 2019 member Ben Jones, dressed as Patrick Bateman from American Psycho, was quoted saying, "It's a good chance to hang out with friends and see some cool little science tricks." One of his favorite exhibits was of a jerry-rigged flamethrower that used powdered, non-dairy creamer as fuel to produce a flame nearly ten feet tall. Fire was a recurring theme at the Pumpkin Drop, with exploding hydrogen-filled balloons, a row of flames designed to mimic the sound waves of popular songs and even a swirling vortex of burning acetone. Overall, the night was one to be remembered, and many students are definitely counting down the days until the next SPS Pumpkin Drop.



Photos by Doug and Zoe Laulederkind
"A Crazy Night": Fires were lit, pumpkins were dropped, and everyone had a great time at the annual
Pumpkin Drop last Friday night. Make sure to come back next year!

# Campus Safety: Patrolling a Street Near You?

By Ally Limmer '16

Editor in Chief

According to the Director of Campus Safety, Ike Sloas, the Rhodes College Campus Safety patrol vehicles do not "have a set outer patrol area," though they "do often patrol streets to [Rhodes'] west, north and east." The

south is not deemed as concerning due to the organic border created by North Parkway and the Zoo. These areas are patrolled in order to help Campus Safety maintain the outer perimeter of Rhodes. Ike also explained that escorts, emergency rides and the like are often limited to under one mile in order to keep officers near the campus "should"

an on-campus emergency arise." (But really, don't drink and drive or put yourself in danger by walking home late at night; Campus Safety is more than willing to help cooperative and respectful Rhodents!)

This concern for Rhodes students should comfort those who live on campus or who spend much of their time on campus, as "on-campus emergencies and activities are the primary concern of mobile patrol, and they take priority."

Campus Safety protects Rhodes students and is available for us 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 901-843-3880.

## Campus Safety Crime and Fire Log: 10/26-11/2

Crime	Date Reported	Date Occured	Location	Description	Description
Theft	11/2/2015	11/1/2015	Library	Headphones	Open
Sexual Assualt	11/2/2015	Sept. 2014	On Campus-Dorm	-	Closed-Referred to Student Conduct
Forcible Fondling	11/2/2015	9/11/2015	On Campus- Non Dorm	-	Closed-Referred to Student Conduct
Forcible Fondling	11/2/2015	11/1/2015	On Campus-Dorm	-	Closed-Referred to Student Conduct
Sexual Assault	11/2/2015	10/31/2015	On Campus-Dorm	-	Closed-Referred to Student Conduct
Alcohol Violation (AV)	10/31/2015	10/31/2015	Bellingrath	AV - MIP	Closed-Referred to Student Conduct
AV	10/31/2015	10/31/2015	WV	-	Closed-Referred to Student Conduct
Battery	11/1/2015	11/1/2015	Frat Lot	Simple Battery	Closed-Referred to Student Conduct
AV	10/30/2015	10/30/2015	Frat Lot	AV - MIP	Closed-Referred to Student Conduct
AV	10/30/2015	10/30/2015	Phillips	-	Closed-Referred to Student Conduct
Burglary	10/28/2015	Sept. 2015	Glassell	Items and Cash	Open
Burglary	10/28/2015	10/23/2015	Glassell	Totes and Cash	Open
Drug Violation (DV)	10/27/2015	10/27/2015	BCLC Lot	-	Closed-Referred to Student Conduct
DV	10/26/2015	10/26/2015	White	-	Closed-Referred to Student Conduct
Theft	10/26/2015	10/23/2015	Robinson	Bike	Recovered

# WITHIN THE GATES

# The Missing Lynx: Abridged

Tip of the Week:

Are you feeling stressed about a career or future opportunities? Do not forget to utilize LinkedIn as a networking resource! Once on LinkedIn, and once you have listed Rhodes College under "education," you will have access to our alumni network. Under the main toolbar, click "Connections" followed by "Find Alumni." From there, you can search Rhodes alumni based on parameters like location, graduation year, major, etc. Connecting with alumni can be a powerful tool, especially if you are interested in a similar profession and/or location. Happy connecting!

#### Event Spotlight: Eric Abrams, Thursday, November 12, 4:00 p.m. in Buckman 108

Interested in graduate, business or law school? This Thursday, Eric Abrams, the Director of Diversity Initiatives at the Haas School of Business at the University of California, Berkeley, will be speaking in an event co-sponsored by Career Services and the History Department. Mr. Abrams will be addressing how to be a competitive applicant for professional schools related to business and law! This is a great opportunity to hear practical information pertinent to choosing both courses for next semester as well as strategic internships or extracurricular activities.

# Around Campus: Lost and Found

Lost something? Found something? We're here to help! Every few weeks we'll help YOU, our lovely Rhodents, find those precious possesions you've misplaced. It's been busy since last time we posted. What have *you* lost?



"A Scary Amount of Smoke": Oh no! What happened?!? As we know here at the Sou'wester, smoke is seemingly essential to a reasonable population of Rhodes. We've seen you sucking it down like candy outside of the many dorms. So if you've lost your smoke-stash, we last saw it hovering over the library. It might have blown away by now, but it doesn't hurt to check.



"Hulk Smash": 2 scenarios: Either someone gets surprisingly angry and strong when intoxicated, and decided to take it out on a pillar OR some student is scavenging the bricks and selling them to Summer Ave pawn shops to pay their Rhodes tuition. Only these two options. Pick one.



"The Return of The Blob": I'm sure there are no evil scientists at Rhodes. I'm sure this is simply a harmless mass of pink slime. I'm just positive that this won't one day start absorbing young freshmen, growing larger and larger until it finally encompasses all of FJ and Rhodes calls upon our ROTC students to take it out with a combination of weapons and debt-free knowledge... but still, please collect this experiment before it hatches.

### BEYOND THE GATES



"Go Grizz... I Mean, Tigers": Could the undefeated Memphis Tigers Football team be Memphis' newest sports sensation?

Photo from Choose 901

By Jack Patton '18
Staff Writer

Trailing 13-0 in the second quarter to the 2-5 Tulane Green Wave, it looked as if Memphis' dream season was coming to an end last Saturday. But, for the fifth time this season, the Tigers rallied from a double-digit deficit to win.

In the end, it was not even close. Memphis' star quarterback, junior Paxton Lynch, led the Tigers to a 41-13 win, throwing for nearly 350 yards. Lynch's stellar and consistent performance

throughout this season has earned him a spot on Heisman watch lists.

The win improved the Tigers' record to 8-0 overall and 4-0 in the American Athletic Conference. It also lengthened their win streak to 15 games (the third-longest in the country). Now the College Football Playoff committee ranked the Tigers as the #13 team – their highest ranking ever.

Although Memphis started the year 5-0, the team's early success went unrecognized. But the Ole Miss game changed that. In their sixth game of

the season the Tigers upset the then #3-ranked Rebels (now #18). Though they started down 14-0, Memphis went on to win the game 37-24. The win was Memphis' first over a ranked opponent since 1996.

Still undefeated with only 4 games left in the season, Memphis is a part of the College Football Playoff Conversation. However, the Tigers are not a part of one of the "Power Five Conferences," so they are on the outside looking in. On Tuesday, Memphis will learn how it stacks up against the traditional pow-

ers as the first set of College Football Playoff Rankings are released.\* But, Memphis has to win out, and that's not going to be easy. The upcoming three weeks will be the toughest of their season.

First they play a strong Navy team and then go on the road to encounter undefeated #25 Houston, and #22 Temple. If they keep winning, Memphis has a shot at a national championship.

# Outcry over Halloween Festivities' Lack of Sufficiently Spooky Elements

By Meaghan Pickles '19
Satire Writer

An array of parties over Halloween weekend subjected Rhodes students to close, "sardine-like" quarters and sweaty fraternity brothers without the benefit of the classic ghastly components we know and love from the spookiest day of the year. A mass of students took up a protest over the lack of eerie ingredients in their evening, including fundamental details such as a creepy skeleton or a mysterious ghoul of some kind.

"There has been a serious lack of tricks and treats in my evening," said junior Lance Danes. "Nobody has even tried to jump out and scare me with a trigger word such as 'boo!' even though I've been dropping serious hints all night." Danes, who had been halfheartedly grinding with a freshman with a low alcohol tolerance much of the night, was later seen abandoning his post to go walk around a church graveyard in search of some spine-chilling sounds.

Fraternity houses appeared to underwhelm in their minimal use of pumpkins for sinister purposes, and there was a general consensus that the costume department was also lackluster.

"While there were a few creepy standouts that had me shivering and even gave me a few goosebumps, most costumes were vague and uninspiring," said Molly Sheldon, a sophomore who actually gets the fucking jist of Halloween. "I was forced to infer that these partygoers did not respect nor understand the spirit of this ghastly eve and were simply looking for clothes that looked a little bit different but could still feasibly get them laid."

As it turned out, not even DJ Decepticon, with his sick tracks and beats, was enough to satiate these Rhodes

students' hunger for scary stuff. "What we have on our hands is a cultural institution being made a laughing-stock with too many Risky Business costumes and not enough spectral frights," noted eminent professor Rick Washington. "I am positively lusting for something a little ghoulish, something spine-tingling."

Toward the end of the evening, as the clamor for some ominous supernatural elements grew more forceful, fraternity houses grew desperate to keep their guests and pulled out all the stops with some strange, haunting music and a shadowy figure in a hood.

### **S**PORTS

# The Sou'Wester Would Like to Congratulate the Cross Country Teams on Winning the SAA!



# "Double Champions": Both the Men's and Women's team finished the season atop the SAA rankings, proving once and for all that Rhodes is the fastest school in the South Field Hockey Wins Regular Season: Host Playoffs at Rhodes

By Sam Clark '17 DESIGN EDITOR

The Rhodes College Field Hockey team ended the regular season 13-5, with an impressive 7-1 SAA conference record. They dominated in their last game, defeating Translyvania 5-0 in an outstanding conference (Transylvania plays in the SAA for field hockey, but not in other sports) matchup. Now that they've finished the season, the will host the SAA tournament here at Rhodes College. The games will begin 2pm on Friday, November 6 with a game between Transylvania and Hendrix. The winner of that game will play Rhodes College on Saturday at 11am. If Rhodes advances, they'll play the winner of the Sewanee/Centre game (1:30 Sat.) on Sunday at 11am. Make sure to come out and watch our Lynx dominate!



"Hometown Heroes": These Field Hockey champions will solidify their claim on the SAA crown with a tournament at Rhodes this weekend

## #RHODES

# Rhodes College Featured in Trailer for YA Novel #Nerd is a young-adult romance novel by Cambria Hebert, part of her "Hashtag Series". From what we can gleen from the trailer, Rimmel Hudson is a full-scholar-

#Nerd is a young-adult romance novel by Cambria Hebert, part of her "Hashtag Series". From what we can gleen from the trailer, Rimmel Hudson is a full-scholar-ship, high GPA student at Alpha University (#Rhodes) who is selected to tutor the inexplicably 28 year-old and super wealthy fraternity pledge Roman Anderson. As part of Roman's incredibly stereotypical pledgeship process (complete with sack-over-head blindfolding), he will be sent challenges that MUST be completed. Just as our heroes meet for their first tutoring session, Roman is sent a task that he must have sex with the "#nerd", Rimmel. Hijinks ensue. Will Roman overcome peer pressure? Will he look beyond her nerdy exterior and learn to love her personality? Will he stand up to his so called "brothers"? Or will he instead just complete the task? Read #Nerd to find out! Watch the trailer and see Rhodes College by searching "#Nerd by Cambria Hebert - Official Book Trailer" on Youtube.

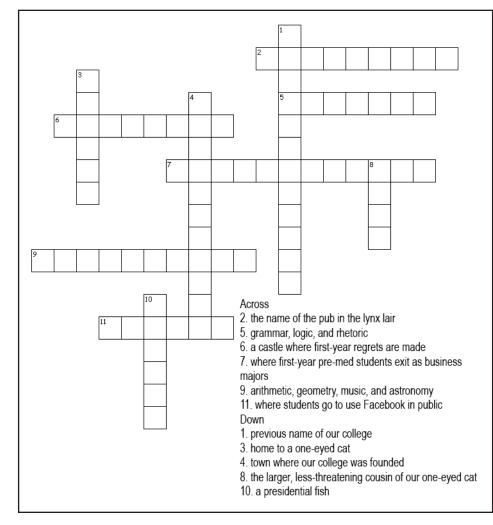








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