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The Giving Season

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Brendan Tyler and Ellen Dahl complete an activity at AOII's Minute-to-Win-It event.

(photo courtesy A.Malpert)

As the giving season approaches, the philanthropy chairs of the four sorority houses (Alpha Omicron Pi, Chi Omega, Delta Delta Delta, and Kappa Delta) are making plans for charity events to support their respective causes on campus. Undergraduates are encouraged to attend the events, as giving their money to a meaningful cause while enjoying games and food seems like a small sacrifice to be made in the spirit of Christmas.

Delta Delta Delta, with much help from philanthropy chair Alex Harlan, kicked off the month with TriHop, an occasion for students to receive all-you-can-eat pancakes for a measly five dollars. Stories about patients at St. Jude were available to read on the tables, and the experiences these children had undergone were inspiring to all. By the end of the night, Woolsocks and Lipstick on Your Collar had performed, undergraduates were dancing on tables, and coloring on the paper tablecloths had ensued. The pancakes were cooked to perfection, and freshman Haider Tiwana aptly noted that they "were almost as good as the service". The pancakes were eagerly gobbled up by other students as well, perhaps in anticipation for the Thanksgiving break that lay ahead.

Kathryn Cyrus, the philanthropy chair of Chi Omega, spoke of her sorority's dedication to the Make a Wish Foundation, and excitement as they make arrangements for their spring fundraiser, Casino Night. Cyrus's personal favorite day of service, however, is the Make-a-Wish event in which sorority members grant a patient one wish. Cyrus says that "Mirrah's wish this last February was so fun and inspiring. It was great to see all of our hard work pay off to make her wish day as special as possible!". She added that "it just doesn't get any better seeing the joy in a child's eye as he or she forgets about their struggles for the moment and is just a kid again".

The philanthropy chair of Kappa Delta, Grace South-

worth, has already put in a tremendous amount of work into the annual Greek All Sing, an event in which each sorority and fraternity creates a dance or a skit to perform. Proceeds go towards the Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee Foundation. This year's theme was "decades", and the night was truly a historically enlightening experience for all that attended. "Personally, my favorite philanthropy event is All Sing" said Southworth. "It is great to see so many people on the Rhodes campus coming to an event that benefits such a great cause, (and) All Sing is always a high energy event". She also noted that Kappa Delta has also put on a tea party for the Girl Scouts of America, in which they had an etiquette session. The general theme that Kappa Delta attempts to convey is to let women know that they are "worthy and can be leaders in the world", according to Southworth. It is without doubt that the sorority has succeeded marvelously at sending this message.

The Alpha Omicron Pi sorority focuses on one philanthropy in the fall, the Arthritis Foundation, and a different philanthropy in the spring, Sisters for Soldiers. The sorority, led by philanthropy chair Diana Bigler, has hosted a Minute-to-Win-It event, in which fraternities competed in bizarre one minute challenges, which truly brought out the team spirit in everyone. Freshman Prasaad Milner noted that "the raffle was an excellent motivation for student body involvement". It is also worth mentioning that Alpha Omicron Pi won sorority of the year last year, due to their commitment to the ideals of the sorority, as well as to the service and time spent performing philanthropy work.

While each sorority is clearly invested in their charitable cause, the support of the student body is what truly allows these fundraisers to achieve success. All of the sororities encourage students to devote a few hours of their busy days as Rhodes students to come to an event, as they are beneficial study breaks for splendid causes.

News from the TISL 44th General Assembly

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First row, L to R: Maddie McGrady, Megan Singer, Akvile Zakaraukaite, Aislinn O'Leary, Jolie-Grace Wareham, Betsy Swann (captain and team founder), Kelly Johnson, Caroline Ponseti, Caroline Reed, Ali Swee. Second row, L to R; Justice Thompson, Rochelle Gillenson, Hannah Strong, Brendan Tyler, Chandler Schneider, Bailey Kimmitt, Sumner Magruder, David Klemperer, Elliot Young, Chip Slawson.

Not shown: Steve Wirls, team faculty advisor (he took the picture)

On November 14-17, twenty Rhodes students traveled to Nashville for the 44th General Assembly of the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature's 44th General Assembly. Students competed in the actual Tennessee capitol building as legislators who wrote and argued their own bills, lobbyists, media, and lawyers who debated cases in front of the TISL Supreme Court. The Rhodes delegation returned to Memphis with a handful of individual awards and the title of "Best Delegation" for the second year in a row, despite having only been in the competition for a mere three years. When Rhodes competed in TISL for the first time in 2011, they were awarded "Best New Delegation," which started a precedent for the team's future success.

Some highlights:

-Caroline Reed '16, Akvile Zakaraukaite '16, and Elliot Young '15 all were appointed CEOs of the lobbying firms TN Teachers, TN Labor, and TN Libertarians, respectively. As a result of their hard work, Reed was awarded best Lobbying CEO, Zakaraukaite was appointed Legislative Director for the 45th General Assembly, and Young's firm was awarded "Best Lobbying Firm."

-Lobbyists Kelly Johnson '14 and Aislinn O'Leary '16 were awarded "Best Lobbyist" of their respective firms: TN Teachers and Business.

-The Rhodes College delegation also made an impact in the Senate and House of Representatives with several bills passed through both houses by Megan Singer '16, Sumner Magruder '16, Justice Thompson '16, and Betsy Swann '14. Jolie-Grace Wareham was elected Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives for the 45th General Assembly, a major accomplishment for a first year student.

-Magruder and Thompson were both awarded the prestigious Carlisle Award for the top legislators, while Swann was deemed "Outstanding Senator."

Letter from the Editor

During the spring of my senior year in high school, I was looking at my college acceptance letters, feeling utterly confused. I applied to schools all over the country, and they were all executing the “call accepted students until they give up and say yes” strategy. Then, I received a letter from an admissions officer at Rhodes College. She had included the most recent issue of the Sou’wester. I was acting Editor-in-chief of my school’s yearbook, and I was touched by the admission officer’s thoughtfulness, and impressed by the diversity and weight of a real college newspaper.

Fast forward to this semester, which has been one of many transitions. However, becoming involved with the Sou’wester has definitely been one of my favorites. Erica Morozin, the former Editor-in-chief, has done a fantastic job with this publication, and I really would not have gotten involved at all if it wasn’t for her.

True to the nature of Rhodes, I met Erica in Professor Daniel Cullen’s Philosophy of Law class last semester, and we got to talking sometime before or after challenging the legality of the New York City Subway Vigilante. Her dedication to the Sou’wester was immediately evident, and I was beyond excited to receive an invitation at the beginning of this year to join the team.

I have truly loved becoming more and more involved with the Sou’wester. Although a lot has changed since my high school days back in California, writing for the Sou’wester has become a natural return to my publication roots. As a (fairly) young Editor-in-chief, I have the unique opportunity to devote two full years (and this upcoming semester) to the development of this newspaper. I would love to see the Sou’wester become the focal point of student news before I graduate in 2016.

My goals for this newspaper are simple: maximize visibility,

streamline the article submission system, and continue the creation of a functioning, useful Sou’wester website. It is truly my pleasure to be given the opportunity to actualize these goals, and I will do so to the best of my ability.

In order to maximize visibility, I hope to make this publication more accessible on the Rhodes campus. The Sou’wester is available in almost every major building, but it just isn’t getting picked up by nearly enough people. I hope to institute an additional distribution system that puts this very issue in the hands of more students and faculty.

Subsequently, if the Sou’wester isn’t highly visible, how can we get a variety of article submissions? I would like to extend article submissions to freelance writers, students who do not want to be a regular, full staff writer, but would like their voice to be published in the official college newspaper.

Freelance writers will be able to submit articles electronically, thanks to the upcoming, new and improved, Sou’wester website. Rhodes students notoriously love their study breaks, which are often internet breaks. Internet access to this publication will help to actualize my first two goals. In addition, visitors to the site will be able to explore pieces of Rhodes’ history through archived issues of the Sou’wester. We will also maintain an updated list of open positions, complete with appropriate applications.

Here’s to a great few years,

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Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) has become the most prevalent neurodevelopmental treated condition in children and young adults—over 5 million student-aged Americans had an ADHD diagnosis in 2011. The disorder is characterized by the inability to sustain attention for an appropriate amount of time.

ADHD is a legitimate brain disorder: people diagnosed with ADHD have significantly less brain activity in their frontal lobes and basal ganglia, the parts of the brain responsible for critical thinking, concentration, impulse control, and hyperactivity. Additionally, the parietal lobe, the part of the brain that is involved in attention, is smaller in brains of children and adults diagnosed with ADHD. This neurobiological disorder is often treated with prescribed psychostimulants, such as Adderall, Ritalin, and Vyvanse. These drugs act by increasing activity in the affected areas and treat neurochemical problems as well. These medications are necessary for people with ADHD to function normally in school and the workplace—think of the drugs as leveling the playing field for students affected by ADHD, allowing their brains to be normalized.

But, what happens when someone takes an ADHD prescribed medication when they do not have the symptoms for a diagnosis? The

effects can be detrimental to the brain, but 35% of American college students have done so, and statistics continue to rise. The incidence of ‘study drug’ abuse rises in colleges with competitive atmospheres, especially during midterms and final exams. When the average, healthy brain—one that does not have biological and chemical changes seen in ADHD—is treated with a psychostimulant, its concentration and focus is immensely enhanced. The danger in students taking these medications is that they are doing so without monitoring from a physician and many times are overdosing themselves or not taking the medication properly. High levels of stimulant abuse lead to decreased appetite, difficulty sleeping, hypertension, and cardiac strain—all of which increase susceptibility to heart disease, cancer and chronic health problems. Additionally, most ADHD drugs are amphetamines and are known to be extremely addictive if not properly managed. When students who abuse non-prescribed ADHD drugs decide to stop taking the medications, there are permanent changes in the brain. This leads to sluggish cognitive functioning, weight gain and increased rates of depression.

Most frighteningly, there have been cases of young children and adults with unknown heart conditions taking non-prescribed stimulant ADHD medications and dying suddenly from heart failure. All prescribed medications are only given after thorough physical exam and consideration of family history, and taking any medication without proper instruction can lead to tragic results.

The root of this phenomenon is that young adults have an extremely low risk perception when it comes to prescription ADHD medication. It is seen as a safe and socially acceptable way to perform better academically. For those diagnosed with ADHD, these drugs normalize their brains, but for those taking the medications without a prescription from a physician, it acts as an unfair advantage. Comparably, it is equivalent to anabolic steroid abuse in athletics. As a result, many universities are viewing the use of non-prescribed ADHD drugs as cheating. Duke, Dartmouth and Wesleyan University have banned use of non-prescription ADHD drugs, believing that the act is in violation of their honor codes.

Most notably, research has shown that the use of ADHD medications in healthy brains does not lead to an increase in intelligence or long-term memory storage. The drug might help you cram and ace a final exam, but the information is quickly forgotten, and you will only be left with the detrimental, long-term side effects.

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Rhodes Abroad: At Home

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Evan Katz is a Rhodes College junior studying abroad in Ecuador for a semester. When he's not sampling strange fruits, stumbling over Spanish, or fighting for air on crowded buses, he writes about his experiences on his blog, which this article is from. Read more about his adventures at <http://rhodesabroad.tumblr.com>.



(photo courtesy of E. Katz)

How long does it take to feel at home? How long does it take to learn to never start your writing with a question? I haven't been here in Ecuador long enough to answer either one, apparently. "Feeling at home" is tough to define as it is. What does that mean, exactly – you refer to where you're staying as your house? You no longer check to make sure everyone's left the kitchen before slurping the remains of your cornflakes? Four months here, and I do both of things with practiced regularity. Still, I can't help feeling like a guest.

Originally, I chalked it up to living in someone else's house, that nagging, perpetual feeling that I hadn't quite settled in yet. But I'm unpacked, unburdened, and frequently skid down the hallway in my boxers and socks – I don't get much more comfortable than that. Plus, you could put me in an apartment here complete with a hot dog vendor and Captain America for a roommate ("Evan, friend, are you eating ramen noodles... out of my shield?") and I'm pretty sure I'd still feel somehow away from home.

I blamed my friends and family next – of all the injustices I've faced in life, the nerve of the lot of them not picking themselves up and moving here to Ecuador to occupy all the surrounding apartments is pretty appalling. Surely if my girlfriend was here with me right now I'd feel at home instead of wishing a single box of dental floss didn't cost \$5. (Don't blame me, dentist. Blame Ecuador.) But no, I'm wrong again – if she were here then we'd both just be wishing for cheaper floss. Clean teeth are important in a relationship, you know.

For a while, much like a pirate resting his bad leg on a recently-chopped down tree, I was stumped. But then, it dawned on me. (Notice how I didn't say "much like someone using dish soap at sunrise." Similes must be used

in moderation, after all.) In many ways, I think feeling at home is about feeling involved. That's to say, it has to do with feeling like you're capable of making a difference, in the lives of others or even your own, instead of just floating along for the ride. It's a sobering realization, but despite the intimate knowledge I've gained about Ecuador, as a study abroad student you're fairly helpless. I don't choose what I eat, or how much. I don't have a car, or career I'm planning on pursuing here. The lifestyles, values and traditions of Ecuador are far too complex to even understand, much less try to change or influence.

Of course, if you're with me on the above fact, then the way out is simple – just start getting involved, start doing my part in bringing real change and leaving my mark on Ecuador. It's what I try to do in the States, after all, and likely why I feel so deeply rooted and comfortable at my home school and in Memphis. But as I don my "Get Sh*t Done" suit (which I look fabulous in, by the way), I'm thinking it might not be so simple.

When you study abroad, maybe you're not here to bend reality to better suit your likings. Sure, I have no doubt I'd be able to start making a truckload of difference here in Ecuador if I put my mind to it, starting with changing the way my host mom makes sandwiches (one slice of cheese and no condiments? En serio?) and ending with, I don't know, changing a culture that still sees birth control as taboo. Hell, I might even start feeling at home. But making changes to a culture is something you do when you're within it, not up against its glass, peering in. And as a study abroad student, I'm not here to settle down. I'm here to learn, to understand, and frankly to be uncomfortable. Rather than leaving my mark, Ecuador's leaving its mark on me.

The monthly sassy bisexual column Absti-suck-Only Education

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(Image courtesy of GoogleImages)

My favorite part about going to Rhodes is being friends with professors. Definitely the best part. One professor posted this week about the tales that abstinence only "educators" use. Examples included the dreaded tape example and other essentializing bullshit like "Girls are more feelings-oriented, and boys are more facts-oriented." For those who are unfamiliar with the tape example, everyone gets a long piece of packing tape stuck to their arms. You then walk around the room and find a "partner." You stick your tape on your partner (they do the same to you), and then you stick it back on yourself. This is repeated a few more times: The point being that every time you stick your tape somewhere, it's less sticky. Read: Every time you have sex, you make a less attractive life partner.

Of course, I don't know if they told the boys this same message because (at least in Georgia) sex ed is gender segregated until high school.

The aforementioned Facebook post reminded me of my own time in sex ed. In middle school, they gave us these "ATM" (Abstinence Til Marriage) cards so that we could be reminded everyday what good decisions we were making by not having sex. There was also an analogy that went something along the lines of there's a time and a place for everything. Wood fires are great, but they should stay in the fireplace. They don't need to be in your bedroom. Sex is great, but only after marriage. Growing up in a sex positive household, I didn't exactly buy their crap, but it's middle school, right? The biggest fight is to fit in, so I took a card anyway. I've unfortunately lost it, but oh well.

In high school, I tried fighting the "try it before you buy it for (supposedly) forever" fight, and it was a cause I attempted every year to little avail. I argued that if the sex was bad, your marriage would be more likely to have underlying issues that could fuel fights about the most ridiculous things. The kids in my class were always convinced that if they had never had sex before, they wouldn't know if it was good or bad sex the first time. Because you don't know whether or not you like frog legs the first time you try them. Right.

While I don't believe in abstinence in marriage, I would be a terrible hypocrite by saying that it is terrible across the board. It's naive to think that sex affects every person in the same way. If you are the kind of person who is affected negatively by casual sex, maybe you shouldn't have casual sex. With the same logic, if you love casual sex and it gives you intense energy—you should have that sex (consensually, of course).

What I do know, however, is that teaching abstinence ONLY education does not work. It does not lower the number of teen pregnancies nor the number of teens who transmit STDs. It leads to ignorance: teens not knowing the truth about how their bodies work. That's a disgrace.

Studying Abroad at Rhodes: Why You Should Go and How to Do It

Lydia Holmes
News Editor



In the spring of my sophomore year I decided that I wanted to go abroad. The thought of going to another country for a full semester and living farther away from my parents and friends than I had before was a scary thought, but somehow I knew it would be worth it and I was right. My first thoughts were to use the opportunity to go somewhere really exotic that I wouldn't be likely to go on my own. That one moment of bravery faded pretty quickly and I went back to my original motivation for going abroad which was to live somewhere outside the U.S. and to travel. I ended up deciding on London for several reasons including that they speak English (Rhodes says I'm fluent in French, but I bet to differ) and I've been always been very interested in the English culture (Sherlock Holmes anyone?) so the idea of spending a semester there sounded perfect.

As the application deadline approaches for Summer and Fall 2014 study abroad (December 2nd for scholarship consideration and February 17th for non-scholarship applications), here's some advice on how to choose a program and to make it work with your Rhodes degree. [Disclaimer: I am not an authority on studying abroad at Rhodes, I just went abroad and learned a lot in the process; most of this information is available in some form online].

The first thing you should think about is whether or not you need to take classes for major/minor credit or towards your foundations requirements. This seems pretty obvious, I know, but you would be surprised at how not planning this part well can come back to bite you when you get back to Rhodes. Check and double check which abroad classes will count for credit towards your major/minor and F-credits before you turn in your paperwork to the study abroad office because sometimes your advisor or other professors may have a better understanding of whether certain classes will fit the requirements for a corresponding Rhodes class. If your schedule doesn't work out with a non-Rhodes pro-

gram, the European Studies Program that is through Rhodes offers an opportunity to study abroad while getting Rhodes credit and your financial aid also applies to that program, so check that out as well. It's only offered every fall and the program fills up quickly.

The next thing to decide is what kind of program you want. Do you want to do an internship? Do you want to stay with a host family? Is prior knowledge of the language a deal-breaker? Do you want to travel or at least have the option to travel? These are all questions you need to ask yourself, because the answers can really help you decide between programs and locations if you don't already know where you want to go. For me, I wasn't super comfortable with the idea of a host family at first and didn't want a language barrier, so those narrowed the field a lot in my case.

The last thing to consider when choosing a program is what kind of perks you get. I know this sounds a little strange, but different programs have options like organized side-trips, a meal plan or meal vouchers, free tickets to shows and concerts through their office, international health insurance, etc. You might not think that it matters now, but once you're in another country and the provided cafeteria meal plan has food worse than anything you've complained about at the Rat, you'll know why you might rather have meal vouchers.

If all else fails and you can't take a full semester abroad, never fear, Rhodes has some great maymester and summer options that you should check out on the study abroad in Rhodes page. Some of these include the British Studies at Oxford Program, Rocky Mountain Ecology maymester, the Holocaust Travel Seminar, and the International Experience in Healthcare maymester.

I had the opportunity to do both the Rocky Mountain Ecology Field Studies Maymester and to study abroad through AIFS in London, England. I loved both experiences and though spending a full semester abroad is one of the greatest experiences I've had, I can also say that about my maymester for different reasons. If you don't have the opportunity academically or otherwise to spend a semester abroad, the Rhodes maymasters and summer programs are truly exceptional and worth taking part your summer.

Study abroad advisors are available for individual sessions and they also have group sessions on Mondays and Thursdays at 3pm. We also have some great Global Rhodes Delegates who are happy to talk about their experiences abroad, email brovc-15@rhodes.edu for more information. Most importantly, don't forget to attend the study abroad student panel in Burrow 103 on November 19 from 7-8pm.

Alumni Interviews: Clay Adams '13

Rupa Vachaspati



1. Please provide a brief description of your job title and what it entails.

I am currently an accounting trainee at Mueller Industries. I am part of Mueller's Career Development Program (CDP), which is made up of accounting, engineering, and sales trainees. The CDP allows the trainees to undergo rotations throughout many of the different departments of the company throughout the 12 month program

in order to gain a better understanding & knowledge of what our company does as well as how it operates on every level. At the end of my training, I will be placed in a specific role within our company.

2. What made you decide to stay at Rhodes to obtain your Master's Degree?

I knew once I decided to major in Business with an accounting focus that I would be better served to obtain my M.S. in accounting. The master's program at Rhodes was appealing to me because it would only take one year, and I knew that I would know most of my professors as well as the majority of the other Rhodes students who would also be in the program. Furthermore, by staying at Rhodes I was able to play football as a graduate student as a result of obtaining a medical redshirt the prior year.

3. How has Rhodes College helped prepare you professionally?

Many of the classes as well as the professors at Rhodes do an excellent job at not only teaching the content of the subject, but also how the subject matter actually relates to the workplace and real life situations. Also, my professors often related their own experiences as well as freely gave advice about how to handle instances that might arise professionally in the future.

4. What are some aspects of Memphis that make staying here worthwhile?

Rhodes is a well respected institution, especially in Memphis. There are many alumni in Memphis, as well as many companies that know the quality of students/employees that Rhodes produces, which helps students make connections that are pertinent when entering the workforce. Personally, I am from a small town a couple hours away, and I would like to be close to home and those whom I love. However, there are few career jobs when I am from, so working in Memphis allows me to pursue better career choices while still being relatively close to home.

5. What are some disadvantages to staying in Memphis after Rhodes?

More than likely, going to Rhodes for at least four years means that one has become experienced in what Memphis is and what it offers as a city, both good and bad. Beyond that, by staying in Memphis, perhaps the excitement of experiencing a new place is not present like it would be if one moved elsewhere. Also, I met some students at Rhodes from larger cities who stated that Memphis was too small. While Memphis is massive compared to my hometown, I understand the opinions of others.

6. What are some characteristics of Rhodes that you miss the most?

I miss the friends I have there. I miss playing football and the camaraderie that is built through sports. I even occasionally miss some of the classes I had. I think I just miss the overall lifestyle of a college student. It is something that should not be taken for granted. It should be enjoyed before it is gone.

7. If you had to do it over again, would you stay in Memphis?

Yes, I believe I made the right choice for me and my future life by staying in Memphis. I have grown to love the city, and can see myself being here a long time. However, if those feelings ever change, then I will move on elsewhere. But I do not think I will regret my decision. I received a quality education here, am currently pursuing a great career here, and have met some of the most important and influential people in my life here.

CAMPUS SAFETY

October 17-November 15, 2013

- 10/17/2013
Fire alarm reported in Robinson, MFD responded, food burning in the oven. AV and Medical report filed at the ATO house. MFD responded. Transported to local hospital.
- 10/18/2013
Theft report filed for a bike missing from the Library rack. AV and Medical report filed in Robinson. MFD responded. Transported to local hospital.
- 10/21/2013
Medical report filed in Williford. MFD responded. Transported to local hospital. Medical report filed in Townsend Hall.
- Medical report filed in Library. MFD responded. Transported to local hospital.
- 10/22/2013
Sexual assault report filed. On campus.
- 10/23/2013
Damage report filed for the Sigma Nu house.
- 10/24/2013
Theft report filed for items missing from the Evergreen Church. Accident on University at Snowden no injuries, MPD worked the report.
- 10/25/2013
False ID report filed.
- 10/26/2013
Damage report filed for the Sigma Nu house. Theft report filed for a bike missing from the Spann area.
- 10/27/2013
Unwanted guest report filed.
- 10/28/2013
Fire alarm pull in EV-A. Building clear MFD responded. AV minor in possession report filed for WV. Safety Violation report filed in White Hall. Medical report filed in Bellingrath Hall.
- 10/31/2013
Simple Assault report for taken for incident off campus in Hein Park. AV minor in possession report filed for Glassell.
- 11/1/2013
(2) AV minor in possession report filed for Glassell and Voorhies. AV medical report filed for Townsend. False ID report filed. Vandalism report filed for in the Mallory lot. Suspect located on video.
- 11/2/2013
AV and Medical report filed for off Campus. False ID report filed from North Parkway.
- 11/3/2013
AV report filed at the Kappa Sig house. Damage report filed at Ellett.
- 11/4/2013
Harassment report filed for student in Williford. Student wallet reported missing for Palmer.
- 11/5/2013
SAE house reports items missing from the house on homecoming weekend. Suspects located on video.
- 11/6/2013
Campus Safety sign missing from Phillips Gate. Suspects located on video. Accident in the Freshman Lot reported, no injuries.
- 11/09/2013
DV reported in Robinson. Report filed. Disturbance reported in Bellingrath. Simple Assault report for taken for incident off campus in Central Ave. area. Fire alarm and damage in VO-TO, MFD responded, Suspects located on video.
- 11/11/2013
DV reported in Spann area. Report filed.
- 11/12/2013
Hit and Run reported on University Ave. Suspects located on video.
- 11/14/2013
Auto burglary at the Evergreen Church, report filed. Hit and Run reported on Mallory lot. Suspects located on video.
- 11/15/2013
AV (2) Sigma Nu house and Phillips gate

Do You Have What It Takes? OMA and SOS to host Amazing Race Competition

Cassandra Golden
Staff Writer



Are you a fan of the show “The Amazing Race”? If so the Rhodes College Office of Multicultural affairs (OMA) and the Serving our Students (SOS) program has come up with a spectacular event for you. Rhodes’ Amazing Race will take place November 23 at 1:00 pm. This event is for all Rhodes students who sign up by November 20th by noon or scan the QR code that are on the fliers with your smartphone. Only 15 teams are allowed to participate. The race will also only take place on the campus to make sure students who are not able to easily obtain transportation are also able to participate in the Race.

The Rhodes’ Amazing race is based off of the twelve-year long show the Amazing race. The Rhodes’ version has 15 teams that are made up of four people each, but the twist is that each of the teams must have at least one freshman in it. According to the SOS program coordinator Eric Wong, the reason behind the group guidelines is so the freshmen on campus are well aware of all the resources the college has to offer. This would include social, academic and health-care help. So this is a great event for you and your freshmen friends, mentees, or your sorority little. After registration, the groups would then meet at a central point and then search around campus in search of clues that help you get to the next place. Each of the checkpoints are places that would help you in your future stay at Rhodes. Unlike the actual Amazing Race, the Rhodes Race

will end once the first three teams cross the finish line.

This event is not only good for scavenging around bonding and learning about the campus with your freshman friends. It is also a way for you to win awesome prizes! For the 1st place winners the group gets a free dinner from Central BBQ (or a similar place if barbeque isn’t your thing). 2nd place winners get an official basket. This basket includes items that will be donated from other departments on campus who are also competing in the race. 3rd place winners get free movie tickets.

If this years Race gets a good turn out the OMA plans to turn this into an annual event, so help the OMA create a new tradition here on campus to help its new and current students learn about the inner working of the campus and be able to use the knowledge they have learned from this game to help them in future years at Rhodes. If you have any questions about Rhodes the OMA itself is a way for you to learn about campus. You can also give suggestions on future events you would like the office to hold as they are now planning for the spring semester. Wong says, “The OMA is very open for students to bring new ideas about creating a better program for students. We would like to know what students would like to be added to the campus or vice versa. “ So if you have an other new ideas to connect the students on campus the OMA would love to hear and consider your plans.

If you are into puzzles, riddles, and scavenger hunts the Rhodes’ Amazing race is a great way for you to learn, win great prizes and also have a great send off before the Thanksgiving break. Engaging in new events on campus helps insure that the OMA will continue to be able to provide more programs on campus for all students to participate in so make sure you sign up and win The Race!

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Top Five: Movies to See Over Break

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Bilbo Baggins' (Martin Freeman) journey to the Lonely Mountain grows more dangerous as powerful forces and familiar faces—like Legolas (Orlando Bloom)—enter his story.

Katniss (Jennifer Lawrence) returns to the arena in *The Hunger Games: Catching Fire*—only this time, the stakes are higher than ever.

With Thanksgiving and Winter breaks fast approaching, Rhodes students are about to have a huge amount of time on their hands. But how to fill that time? What could possibly keep our exam-dead brains stimulated and engaged? Why, the movies, of course! For your future entertainment purposes, here are five promising films, in order of release, to see over Thanksgiving and/or Winter Break:

- **The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (November 22nd):** The sequel to the 2012 blockbuster *The Hunger Games*, this movie is definitely not something to miss. Katniss (Jennifer Lawrence) and Peeta (Josh Hutcherson) may have won their games, but their real fight is just beginning as President Snow (Donald Sutherland) schemes to destroy Katniss and the rebellion she has inspired. Critics are already hailing the film as “The Empire Strikes Back of young adult film adaptations,” making it a must-see movie this fall. Returning stars include Woody Harrelson, Lenny Kravitz, and Elizabeth Banks, while new actors include Philip Seymour Hoffman, Sam Claflin, and Jena Malone.
- **Frozen (November 29th):** Disney’s latest animated musical, inspired by Hans Christian Anderson’s *The Snow Queen*, is already garnering a lot of positive critical buzz. It tells the story of two sisters, Elsa (Idina Menzel) and Anna (Kristen Bell), driven apart by Elsa’s fear of her powerful ice magic. When Elsa’s powers leave the kingdom trapped in perpetual winter, Anna must join forces with mountain man Kristoff (Jonathan Groff) and talking snowman Olaf (Josh Gad) in order to reunite with her sister and restore summer. The film also stars Alan Tudyk, Santino Fontana, and Ciaran Hinds.
- **The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (December 13th):** The second installment of the *Hobbit* trilogy picks up where the first film left off as Bilbo (Martin Freeman), Thorin (Richard Armitage), and the other dwarves journey to the Lonely Mountain to confront Smaug (Benedict Cumberbatch). But powerful forces conspire to keep the travelers from their destination, including Thranduil (Lee Pace), the Elven King of Mirkwood and father of Legolas (Orlando Bloom), while Gandalf (Ian McKellan) is forced to leave the band to investigate a dark force growing in Middle Earth. The film also stars Hugo Weaving, Cate Blanchett, and Evangeline Lilly.
- **American Hustle (December 20th):** David O. Russell’s latest Oscar-bait drama combines the casts of his two most successful outings, *The Fighter* and *Silver Linings Playbook*, for this 70s period true-crime tale. Irving Rosenfeld (Christian Bale) is a successful con man who, along with his British partner and lover Sydney Prosser (Amy Adams), is forced to work for FBI agent Richie DiMaso (Bradley Cooper). He draws the pair into the world of Jersey powerbrokers and mafia, which includes Carmine Polito (Jeremy Renner), the shady mayor of Camden, New Jersey. But Irving’s wife, Rosalyn (Jennifer Lawrence), could bring everything crashing down on their heads. The film also stars Robert De Niro, Louis C.K., and Michael Peña.
- **Saving Mr. Banks (December 20th):** The film follows *Mary Poppins* author Pamela “P.L.” Travers (Emma Thompson) during the making of the 1961 Disney film, with flashbacks to her childhood in Australia which reveal her relationship with her father (Colin Farrell), who inspired the character of Mr. Banks. Directed by *The Blind Side*’s John Lee Hancock, the film is practically guaranteed to be a hit with its talented cast and remarkable story. The film also stars Tom Hanks, Paul Giamatti, and Ruth Wilson.

Student Musician of the Month: Abbey Judd

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Sophomore Abbey Judd, a member of the Rhodes Jazz Band, looks forward to making her home in musical Memphis after graduation.

(photo courtesy of M. Whitehorn)

Sophomore Abbey Judd, who grew up in Florida, moved to Ohio in sixth grade, and currently resides in Memphis, grew up with a musical family. “My dad plays guitar and sings and had a band when he was in college; his mom also sang with jazz groups growing up. One of my brothers plays guitar and we share music and play together sometimes. Although my cousin plays in the West Point Band and puts us all to shame, but music is definitely part of our family culture and something we come together to enjoy.”

Judd plays the saxophone in the Rhodes Jazz Band, which is another family instrument (her mom played it in grade school). She also “grew up singing in church and school” and can play the piano and guitar, but still considers herself “an aspiring musician in those areas.”

The outgoing and approachable Urban Studies major says that when she plays with the jazz band, it’s always a good time. “It is really just fun to play [with the band] and there is a definite rush that comes with sharing music with other people.” She also has a special admiration for Dr. John Bass, the director of the Jazz Band. “Dr. Bass really sets the tone for rehearsals to be about making music, learning about Memphis musicians and music history, and is one of the most optimistic, hardworking people I have met. We have gotten to partner with many classic Memphis musicians, with concerts and other events to honor them, in some cases bringing them back to Memphis for the first time in years. It is remarkable how Dr. Bass makes these connections in the community and invites conversation through music. The music department is dynamic, participates as partners in the community, and is a blast.”

Judd is extremely civic-minded and has fallen in love with Memphis. She hopes to eventually make her home here. “I would love to be working with the Memphis community, engaging neighborhoods with arts and asset-based community development, and hopefully picking up some more artistic skills myself in both musical and visual art.”

She is definitely not planning on forgetting about music—either playing it or experiencing it—once she graduates. “I would love to be playing or singing in a jazz combo and hope to keep up music following Rhodes. Also I would like to take more time exploring what music is out there and attending events like the Levitt Shell Concert Series.”

Judd, warm-hearted and eagerly ambitious, will have no problem following her dreams in Memphis. And for her, music is one of the ways to revive the city. Judd suggests that everyone should spend time getting to know Memphis music. “I feel like you begin to know the city through its music, and there is some rich stuff out there.”

It Has Come! The New Wireless as Gaming Messiah

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When I first came here to Rhodes, carefully holding my PS3 in my lap the whole drive, I was excited. I would be able to play with people here on campus online and make new friends! So imagine my disappointment when the main wireless turned out to be incompatible with the PlayStation and the school had disabled all the Ethernet jacks. I was crushed, to say the least.

After a year of using my laptop as a router, the adapter stopped working, and two years later so did my hot-spots. I then used my phone as a hotspot, until the signal got too weak due to the nature of the walls all the dorms are made of. As playing games online is my way of unwinding after a stressful day or week, the extra headaches I've gotten from trying to get wireless access have not exactly helped my stress levels.

But a couple weeks ago, Rhodes decided to add another wireless system. Imagine my excitement when I realized that it was a captive portal connection, which is typically used in hotels, coffee shops and the like. This means that the login is web-based, and with this "Student_Wireless," there is an additional security key for initial protection before having access to the main login through a browser. Because of

this, gaming consoles that have a browser, or an internet app like Internet Explorer for Xbox 360, can now connect to this wireless and play online. This is a huge development for gamers on campus, considering we could not get online before now without using laptops as routers or other often unreliable hotspots. It makes you think—did they really add this wireless just because some people have had issues? Or did they also add it to take the gaming traffic (mainly PC I am sure) off of the main wireless? They could have chosen one similar to the main wireless, but they chose one that lets most gamers online.

It really doesn't matter exactly why Rhodes implemented the new wireless. What matters is that it helps the people that really couldn't stay connected and lets us gamers let our freak flags fly. Hopefully, gamers can now become more connected with others cut from the same cloth on campus and establish a community of Rhodes gamers, not just online, but in the real world too.

For more information on the network and how to connect to it: <https://connect.rhodes.edu/helpdesk/kb/article/001023>

Comedy at the Lair: Myq Kaplan

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(images courtesy of myqkaplan.com)

Stand-up comedian Myq Kaplan has appeared on *The Tonight Show*, *Last Comic Standing*, *Comedy Central Presents*, and *Conan*, but he managed to stuff all of his big-time talent into a small room in the Rhodes College Lynx Lair on a chilly November evening. As soon as he was introduced, he said, "Well, now you know how my name

And he holds nothing back, deeming a college-age audience mature enough for material about sex, drugs, and other politically incorrect subjects. This led one audience member to comment that his set was "offensive," though another deemed it "hilarious, brilliant work." Clearly his subject matter is not classically clean-cut or censored, but then again, neither is Myq Kaplan.

Yet as a particularly rough patch of material on religious practices wrapped up, Kaplan stopped to sample the audience. "We're having fun, aren't we guys?" As it turned out, after the initial uneasiness and subsequent squirming, the crowd really was having fun halfway through. Myq Kaplan, for all his ups and downs, knows how to put on a solid show.

Kaplan tours North America constantly, and is said to have performed over 1000 shows. Despite that, it is amazing how organic and genuine his act still remains. Kaplan is relaxed, loping around his prepared hour of material and hitting on those irreverent topics when they came up, if they do at all. He is so prone to tangents that he could wander away from a topic, find an opening elsewhere, and just take off from there. It's apparent that Kaplan himself is aware of this habit. He was heard near the end of his set asking an audience member "Is there anything I didn't finish up? Did I hit on pedophiles enough?"

At the end of the day, Myq Kaplan is perfectly suited to a college audience. He's bursting with wit and ideas, and he's so eager to express them all that he gets tongue-tied. He is sure of himself and who he is, and is completely willing to share. For example, he made no fuss about mentioning his atheism, veganism, and how he does not want children.

When Kaplan is at his best, he is genius. His closing bit, a joke about that tied together the science of time travel, actor Bill Murray, and the motivations of Adolf Hitler, was intricate and complex, but accessible and bursting at the seams with genius observations. At that point the audience was fully behind him, and as he made his way off the stage, there was a distinct feeling of sadness in the room. Myq Kaplan had won us over, and we did not want him to leave.

is pronounced! You can all go home now."

Despite Kaplan's status as a big up-and-coming name in comedy, the audience at the Lair seemed unsure how to receive him. It took a while for the audience to lock in to his performance, but he eventually won us over with his unique brand of manic, rapid-fire comedy. And Kaplan talks fast. Jokes come a mile a minute. Sometimes they come so fast that the audience doesn't even pick up on them. But Kaplan pays no mind. He has already pulled ahead, hitting topic after topic on his apparent quest to make sense of and make fun of the world around him as thoroughly as possible.

THIS WEEK IN ENTERTAINMENT

New Movie Releases:
11/22/13
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire

Delivery Man

Television Highlights
(11/20-11/25)

Arrow, Wednesday, 7 pm, CW. A mysterious illness impacts hundreds of people in the city, including Diggle.

Criminal Minds, Wednesday, 8 pm, CBS. When skeletons are discovered in the backyard of a home in Virginia, family secrets are revealed.

Once Upon A Time in Wonderland, Thursday, 7 pm, ABC. Alice travels to the black forest; Cyrus tries to avoid the Red Queen.

Elementary, Thursday, 9 pm, CBS. Holmes and Watson learn the identity of a serial killer in a cold case.

Bones, Friday, 7 pm, FOX. The team investigates the murder of a food scientist whose body was mixed into canned stew.

Nikita, Friday, 8 pm, CW. Framed for assassinating the president, Nikita is alone and on the run.

2013 American Music Awards, Sunday, 7 pm, ABC. Musical acts are honored at the annual ceremony at L.A. LIVE's Nokia Theater in Los Angeles.

Sleepy Hollow, Monday, 8 pm, FOX. The investigation into a missing persons case leads Ichabod and Abbie to a Colonial-era house.

Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D., Tuesday, 7 pm, ABC. When a mysterious force threatens to destroy the team, a secret from May's past could save them.

Supernatural, Tuesday, 8 pm, CW. Sheriff Mills asks Dean and Sam for help investigating several murders in her town.

Novemberfest ends football season with a bang

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Rhodes College was home to a campus wide day of fun, competition, and celebration on a beautiful fall day on Saturday, November 16. The main event was the SAA Conference Championship football game between our Lynx Cats and the visiting Millsaps Majors, but the school's enthusiastic students and faculty took hold of their opportunity to turn the whole day into a massive day of fun.

Novemberfest has traditionally been a day when alumni, current students, faculty, and prospective students can come together to celebrate Rhodes. This year's edition lived up to expectations, as students old, new, and future, along with local friends, fans, and parents descended upon the Rhodes Campus in waves. The unprecedented turnout on Saturday led seasoned students to remark that they "had never seen this many people on campus at once before."

Before the festivities kicked off, Rhodes prospective students and athletic recruits took part in information sessions, meet and greets, and campus tours. Alumni from past years also made their way towards Rhodes and gathered together with fellow alumni. Both groups then joined the throng of Rhodes students bursting with excitement for the day's festivities.

That excitement took form in pre-game activities like tailgating. Students could be seen tossing the football back and forth, playing corn hole, and enjoying each other's company. The Pack, Rhodes's local fan club, were in high demand with their tent, which featured well designed discount t-shirts, pom-poms, noise-makers, and other super-fan essentials. The ever-popular Leroy Lynx mascot was also making his rounds, stopping to play around and take pictures with students and fans.

There was also an outpouring of visitors from Louisiana, who made the trip up to Rhodes for Cajunfest. Cajunfest is a popular tradition put on by the Office of Alumni Relations, where alumni bring seafood up from the Gulf Coast for current students, alumni, and

prospective students. Said one Louisiana Rhodes Native, "it's a celebration of Rhodes and Louisiana, and it's free and delicious."

What was also special about this day was the large number of children running around during the festivities. One wouldn't normally think of Rhodes as a particularly child-conducive atmosphere, Novemberfest was all the better for having them there. They gave the day a much more wholesome, genuine feeling than usual. Fans, students, and family came together warmly in support of their team and their school – it was almost as if Thanksgiving had come early!

While the atmosphere might have given the impression of being relaxed and jovial, in reality it was anything but: there was an intense, quiet energy buzzing around the grounds and the students in the area. Something momentous was about to happen on that football field, and the students were charging their batteries.

Needless to say, the atmosphere at the football game, especially as Rhodes began to run up the score on Millsaps, was electric. One could feel, and especially hear, the fanfare from almost anywhere on campus. And as the Rhodes football team wrapped up their 49-30 victory over Millsaps, to secure the SAA Conference Championship title, that noise only got louder.

The day was capped off by a game-dominating performance by Rhodes College's very own women's basketball team, as they turned in an overwhelming effort to dispatch Blackburn College by the score of 90-63.

All in all, Novemberfest was an awesome day of family, food, football, and fun. It made students both nostalgic of the past and eager about the future. But more than anything, Novemberfest made us proud of the truly beautiful community Rhodes College really is. When everything and everyone that Rhodes has to offer really come together, it truly is something special.



Rhodes students enjoy Pack Novemberfest

(photo courtesy of A.Bowen)

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-The AMC3 team, comprised of Hannah Strong '15, Bailey Kimmit '15, Chip Slawson '14, and David Klemperer '15, progressed to the final round of the Moot Court competition for the third year in a row, with Slawson winning the award for "Best Petitioner."

-Their legal skills surpassed the floor of the Supreme Court as Strong was appointed Attorney General for the 45th GA. Brendan Tyler '15, who previously competed on Rhodes' AMC3 team, served on this year's Supreme Court and will continue his position next year.

-Caroline Ponseti served as this year's Editor-in-Chief of The TISL Times and was offered the position again for next year's General Assembly. In addition to the media team, Chandler Schneider '15 and Ali Sweet '15, having articles regularly published on the front page of The TISL Times, Schneider was also recognized for writing the "Best Feature Article."

Rhodes students to run in support St. Jude

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"Don't just run. Run for a reason." That is the slogan for the St. Jude Marathon, a race run annually each December throughout the streets of downtown and Midtown Memphis. Participants of all ages travel to Bluff City to run in honor of cancer patients and victims, all with a shared goal of fighting back against the life-shattering disease.

This year's December 7 race date is quickly approaching, and the Rhodes Team is ready to show their full support. Rhodes has maintained a strong connection with St.

Jude throughout the years, with students regularly volunteering or even conducting research with the St. Jude Summer Plus program. This year, Director of New Student Programs Regina Simmons and Field Hockey Coach Jane Wells decided to take that connection a step further and form a Rhodes Team to participate in the 2013 marathon races. Inspired by an eight and ten-year old girl who collectively raised \$100,000 in honor of their younger brother with cancer, Simmons and Wells decided to call on the Rhodes community to match that fundraising goal.

Simmons admits it is a challenging goal, but she could not be happier with the progress. The Rhodes team is made up of almost 100 students, faculty, and staff, and many rose over \$1000. As of November 19, the team had raised a total of almost \$70,000. They will continue to fundraise through the end of the year.

"On race day, we can send texts to friends that say, 'Hey, while you're sleeping I'm running 13.1 miles. Donate!'" jokes Simmons. Simmons even traveled with the field hockey team to Danville, Kentucky in November for the SAA Championship. 12 members of the field hockey team are running in

the race, so the players went around asking for just a dollar from Centre students. Some dropped in \$20s. "This race transcends our connection with St. Jude. St. Jude is something people everywhere can get behind," Simmons adds.

Even after the money is raised, the work is not over. Participants have to actually wake up at 6 am on that Saturday morning, head out to downtown Memphis, and run anywhere from a 5k to the daunting 26 mile to complete the marathon – not to mention the months of training that goes into it beforehand. But there is a feeling around race day that is impossible to replicate. Part of that is due to the immense support runners get literally every step of the way. People line the streets cheering, and, during one of the more emotional parts of the course, runners go throughout the St. Jude campus where doctors and patients come out to show their support.

Rhodes' own United for St. Jude (previously Up til Dawn) is in charge of getting students out there to cheer. The half-marathon and marathon course heads down North Parkway together and into Overton Park, right at the back entrance of the Zoo by the Rhodes College sign. That spot marks Mile 21, the mile Rhodes agreed to sponsor. Local alumni and students are encouraged to make their way out there to offer encouragement at the cheering station.

"Some people are called to walk or run this race," says Simmons. "But some are called to cheer those people on! It makes such a huge difference."

Thousands of people are coming from outside of Memphis, either to run the race or support someone who is. For those wanting to get involved, the 5k, Family Fun Run, and Kids Marathon are the only options with available spots, and St. Jude appreciates any offers to volunteer. Kids at St. Jude do not pay for the treatment they receive, so any donation of time or funds directly affects the lives of patients. Since beginning in 2002, the marathon initiative has raised more than \$25.7 million for St. Jude.

"It's in that moment when you're tired and hungry, and your side hurts – that's when you realize, 'It's not about me. It's about those kids.'" says Simmons. "It's supporting that life-giving cause of St. Jude, and sometimes you just have to stop, and walk, and take it all in."