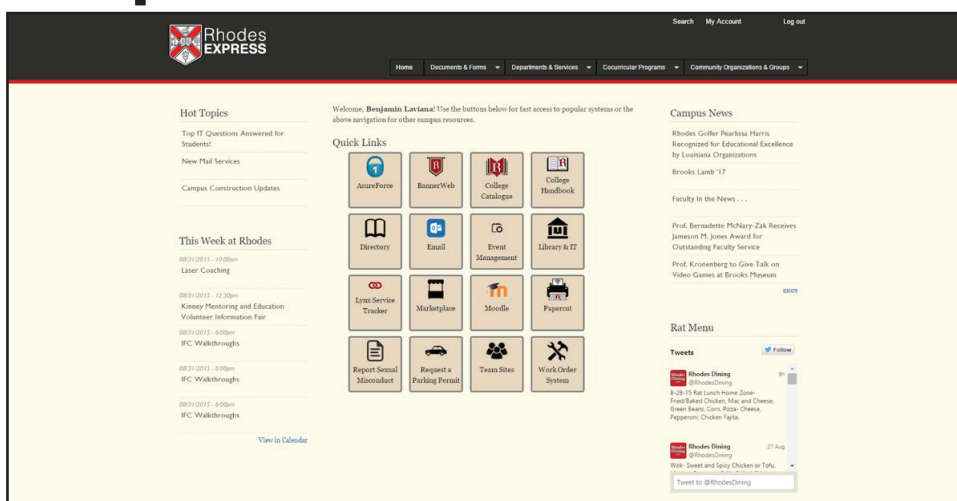


The Express Train to InRhodes

BY BEN LAVIANA '18
STAFF WRITER

Yes! that beauty before your very eyes, before those vitreous spotted pearls—projectors of the reality presented before us, shedding through miraculous, nervous illumination, the phantasmagoric picture shows onto the still theatre screen of the mind—they do not deceive you! Make no mistake, the industrious I.T. (Intuitive Technocrat; iMac Tsar; Emperor Techno-Totus) has unveiled— [CUT TO: Black Screen. *What is that?* The audience ponders...not long to consider, as but wait! is that a soft noise...?— ah, it is! Yes, a raising angelic chorus (“—rrrrria, in excelsis Deo. Glórrr—”) with sound waves resonating from all angles! The theatre audience, at least their visible upper halves, (with the exception of the gentleman in seat C16, who's struggling bottom-side-up in his chair, head jammed into the seat cushion in an attempt to retrieve lost gum) are rigid, frozen in anticipation. Eyes are



"A New Hub": The replacement for InRhodes is much cleaner and easier

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watering, feet are shaking, bowels are emptied.

The announcement is near.
... Yes, it is. It's almost he— FLASH. Blinding luminescence throughout; hands quivering to cover the delicate sight organs.] Behind the blinking forest of blue, green and (heaven-forbid) orange lights, the Admin of the Server Space emerges from his thousand-year solitude carrying

what he has to show for it: a tablet device; alas, that is not what is to be admired, but rather, what is on the tablet screen! Lean closer, gaze upon the magnificent creati— (*Admin of the Server Space snatches the tablet away from the eager eyes, gleefully retreating back into the dark computer-wire forest where his workshop resides.*)

Oh, that crafty wizard is but a tease, is he not? Though, it was a true hon-

or to behold the Admin of the Server Space in the flesh, dispelling all myths of his death, it is a shame you were ever so close to seeing his newest creation, only for it to be taken away when your over-eagerness was perceived as unworthiness. Fear not, there are other ways to view this glorious game-changer...

First, you must:

1. Visit www.rhodes.edu, your source for all news and information related to Rhodes College, voted *Newsweek's* #1 Service-Minded School 2010.

2. Move your mouse cursor over to the "INRHODES login" and, when highlighted, click the left mouse button.

3. Enter your Rhodes Username (the part of your Rhodes email before the @ symbol) and your Rhodes Password (case-sensitive).

4. Congratulations! Welcome to the new InRhodes Webpage; on behalf of the entire *Sou'Wester* staff, we sincerely hope you enjoy your stay!

Mixed Reviews: The New Lynx Lair

BY TAYLOR BARKSDALE '18
STAFF WRITER

Over the summer, The Lair got a make-over. The menus shine aggressively from TV screens, the salad bar actually exists and the sandwich station features brand new combinations. Despite all of these changes, students and workers share mixed feelings concerning the renovation.

Doria Jackson '18 said, "Aesthetically, it looks really nice, but there are less options to choose from and less ways to create your own meal."

Similarly, many felt that the old Lair offered more meal choices in general. Many students claim unfairness in regards to what counts toward meal plan and what doesn't. Now it seems as if there are only a few options on each menu that qualify. The Lair's facelift came with many unexpected and unwarranted limitations to the menu. Even workers have their doubts. Seeing students ask for things that are no longer available all day is hard for them because they know what we like.

Ms. Tamara, a Lair worker, told me, "It was made to be more convenient and faster for [students], but it really isn't any faster, and a lot of things were taken away, so I don't think all of the changes were good. But I can't deny that it looks a lot better."

However, a few students and workers actually like the changes. With the new pre-determined sandwich

options, my roommate says she now eats essentially decision-free at the sandwich station. The number one student favorite at the new Lair proves time and time again to be the Chipotle-esque quesadilla station. The salad bar has more options and may be giving The Rat a run for its Lynx bucks. Despite the mixed views that I received from students and staff, I think the Lair got a much deserved touch-up over the summer, and we will all soon grow to love it if we don't already.



Photo by Jean Xiong

Consent: The Elementary Concept College Students Can't Seem to Grasp

BY SAVANNAH PATTON '19
STAFF WRITER

As freshmen stepping foot onto our college campus for the first time, we are met with a surplus of emotions: excitement, curiosity, nervousness and a million ever-evolving feelings in between. Each new experience presents itself as a double-edged sword, as we are eager for classes to start but terrified to get lost among these helpfully distinct and clearly marked structures (at least our school lacks moving staircases). We are ready to make friends but dread the looming possibility of failing to find our social "niche." And then there's the possibility of romantic interests, and the potential thrills that follow. Here, however, the menacing side of that double-edged sword threatens to inflict far greater pain than a failed test or a meal eaten alone amongst upperclassmen in the Rat. With President Obama remarking in January 2014 that one in five women experience sexual assault on their college campuses, it's no wonder that "fear of rape" is added to the laundry list of concerns of incoming freshman, not excluding males. On a small college campus, it doesn't help to remember that four out of five of rapes are committed by someone known to the victim.

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I was dismayed to hear many exasperated sighs breathed by incoming freshmen (mainly males) upon discovering that a component of Welcome Week would be the subjection to a three-hour long night of sexual misconduct and consent education. I feel sure that mine wasn't the only sigh not of exasperation but relief. I've heard several upperclassmen's grievances about previous years' sexual misconduct sessions, but I left that evening impressed and thankful.

Katie Koestner, director of the Take Back the Night foundation who appeared on TIME magazine's cover at age 18 after

speaking out about her college date rape, addressed the Class of 2019 with a raw and vulnerable retelling of her experience and all that preceded and followed it. I was touched by her gentle strength and patient determination to change the tide of rape culture, shed light on the injustices that infest our victim-blaming society and provide resources for victims and survivors of sexual assault.

Following her speech, the freshman class met in smaller groups with members of Koestner's team and Rhodes faculty, who performed skits that offered students the opportunity to decide and then discover which party would be held accountable for the incident of sexual assault presented. This was particularly enlightening to the oft-confused distinction between

intoxicated and incapacitated, which is of utmost importance due to a person's legal inability to give consent when incapacitated.

Rhodes has taken a crucial step toward ensuring a safe campus and culture for all who reside and visit here. It is now our turn as students to step up and educate ourselves on the new affirmative consent policy: consent must include understandable communication, be informed, reciprocal and freely and actively given. It must not be unlimited or indefinite. It really is "simple as tea." As a group of Rhodes students and faculty recently expressed in an inspiring video against sexual misconduct: it's on us.

Flocks of Freshmen: Welcome!

BY EMILY FABER '19

STAFF WRITER

Flocks of cars brimming with Bed Bath & Beyond essentials, hometown memorabilia and hopes for a successful collegiate future entered 2000 North Parkway on August 20. After navigating the serpentine hallways of our respective dorms and bidding our parents adieu, we eager freshmen turned to our Welcome Week itinerary, a.k.a. our "bibles," to see what awaited. We were quickly hurled from summer bliss into a flurry of activities, lectures and rituals. We embraced the awkwardness of our first Rhodes Ice Cream Social by afternoon, and by night we raced across campus to compete in "Minute-to-Win-It" battles of glory. We donned our finest attire for Opening Convocation and suppressed grins at the Pledge Signing.

Throughout the week, we became oriented with the foundations of acceptance

and appreciation of diversity and community service that each Rhodes student should understand. Our PA leaders led discussions about LGBTQ awareness, socioeconomic differences and Rhodes' alcohol policy. Katie Koestner, the first



Photo from Rhodes College Facebook

victim of rape to speak out nationally about her experiences in college, relayed her experiences to us in a night of education about sexual consent.

We engaged in Memphis Community Service Day despite torrential downpour, shook hands with President Troutt and his wife Carole at a Refractory BBQ and played laser tag while enjoying the local Memphis food truck "StickEm." We juggled names, lost ourselves among identical buildings and battled mosquitoes. By the end of Welcome Week, we freshmen were exhausted, excited and perhaps slightly delusional. We bargained for painful ice breakers, but we didn't expect upperclassmen to take us under their wings, offer advice or smile at us as we walked by.

If Welcome Week was any indication of the Rhodes experience, then it's going to be a fantastic next four years.

Letter from the Editors

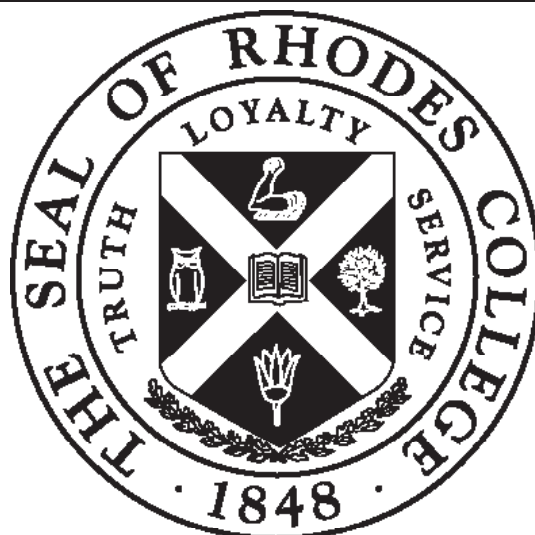
405. That's 405. Out of 2000 students. Hell of a lot, right? 405 is the number of votes the petition for spring rush acquired last semester, over half of which were from both female and male Greek students. Considering we go to a school that is more than 50 percent Greek, this movement seemed fairly impressive. Strangely enough, these signatures accomplished little more than wasting paper, much like our coloring pages from our second issue ... but do see our tree near Oak Alley! However, unlike our tree, spring rush failed to sprout. Was this in fact due to Dr. Troutt, or is there more that we need to find out?

It remains unclear how much traction a student movement must gain in order to receive a significant response from the administration. A specific percentage of signatures in favor? The majority of faculty and staff in favor? Perhaps the downfall of this movement lay in its practicality rather than its urgency, only exaggerated by the lack of compelling personal narratives. A general apathy on our campus was broken last year during the Yik Yak scandal; however, the need to improve our school does not seem to extend to movements not spurred by tragedy or social pressure.

Just sip on it,
Zoe Laulederkind '18
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WITHIN THE GATES

From the Commissioner...

Now that you know what the Allocations Board does (because as a well-informed Rhodent you read the August 26 issue of *The Sou'Wester*), how exactly can you get access to the well over \$400,000 that the Board has to allocate? Thus far, we have spent \$2,359.91 on everything from SACK Fair supplies to Welcome Week events to printing this very paper. However, it is important to us that each and every student be affected by this fund, as it is created through our tuitions.

On Saturday, August 29, the Allocations Board had our fall retreat in which upperclassmen members gathered to discuss goals for this year, to familiarize ourselves with the Board's by-laws (which can be found on our inRhodes page) and learn about the process of submitting a budget in general. I also divided the re-registered student organizations on campus among the 10 Board members, such that each student org has a representative whom they can approach with questions, concerns and, most importantly, budgets. Throughout the next few weeks, Board members will be conducting orientation workshops with the leadership of their assigned student organizations. Once an organization has completed this meeting, a budget can officially be submitted!

If you have not heard from a member of the Allocations Board but believe that your organization has been re-registered through RSG, please do not hesitate to contact me! I would be more than happy to put you in touch with your representative.

Sincerely,
Ally Limmer
Allocations Board Commissioner

Student Organization Spotlight: Rhodes Outdoor Organization (ROO)

BY KATIE GABRICK '18
STAFF WRITER

The Rhodes Campus and Overton Park offer natural spaces for students to explore in urban Memphis. However, the area has many natural amenities outside of the Midtown neighborhood, and if a walk through Overton Park or Fischer Gardens leaves you longing for outdoor adventures beyond the Memphis city limits, consider getting those Chacos dirty with the Rhodes Outdoor Organization, or ROO. This organization serves anyone interested in outdoor activities or even just roasting a marshmallow. Mary Grace Stoneking, who was named President of ROO last spring said that the organization "really hope[s] to attract anyone and everyone at Rhodes, whether someone is a very experienced outdoors person or has never camped or hiked in their lives."

To meet this goal, ROO has a variety of trips planned for this semester such as outdoor and indoor rock climbing, hiking, biking, canoeing and backpacking. Stoneking, as the new President of the organization, has also created new events, such as a movie night lock in, where a rock climbing or backpacking movie will be shown and attendees will learn "how to set up tents and other skills for camping." Students who participate in ROO events can also receive up to one physical education credit per semester to fulfill the F12 Foundations requirement: one credit is received for overnight trips and half of a credit is received for day trips. Overall, Stoneking wants ROO

to be an organization in which students "can get a break from some of the social structures and stress at Rhodes and meet people in different, more relaxed settings."



Photo from ROO Facebook
"ROO Trip": Photo from last year's Fall Break trip

Opinion: The Protracted Presidential Election Cycle



"Freshman Shares Opinion": Warner Raulston '19

BY WARNER RAULSTON '19
OPINION WRITER

In less than 435 days, two people will meet for the first time, start a relationship, fall in love, get married and, in as little as nine months, have a child. And even after all of that, we will still have ample time before the presidential election on November 8, 2016. Yet the news media is still treating this election cycle with the same intensity as it would mere weeks from the election.

The length of US presidential elections has increased dramatically over the past several decades, and costs have increased tremendously as a direct result. Today, at least 50 percent of Americans would describe presidential elections as "too long." John F. Kennedy set the precedent by announcing his candidacy eleven months before the election. But if he didn't announce that far in advance, he never would have become president, let alone the Democratic nominee due to his differences with the party line. This is the argument in favor of lengthened campaign cycles: it gives underdog candidates time to build momentum, name recognition and a network of support. This, and the accompanying implementation of statewide primaries and caucuses after WWII, ultimately made the elec-

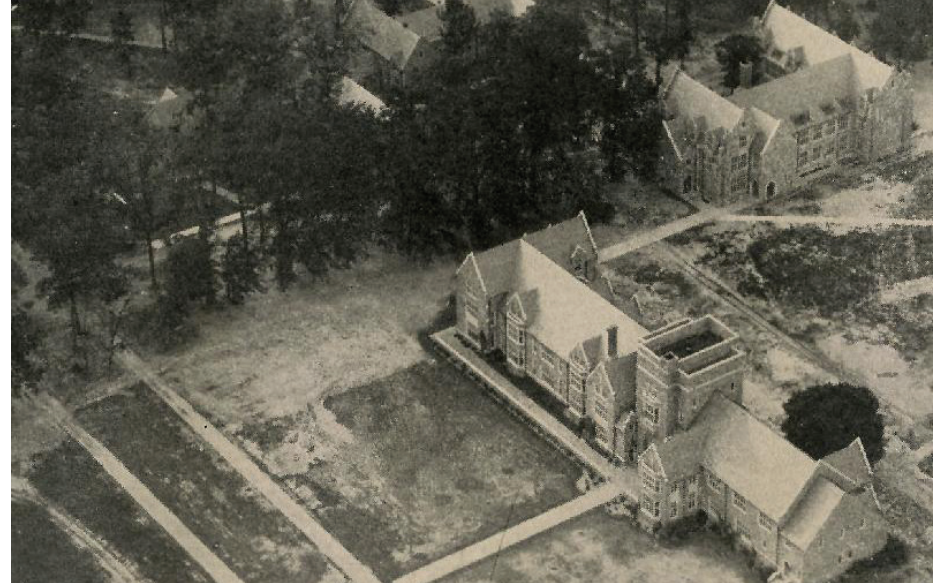
tion process more democratic by giving the people a stronger voice.

But it is increasingly apparent that the negative effects of long campaign cycles outweigh the positives. After the Supreme Court's ruling on *Citizens United* in 2010 and the flood of unlimited campaign contributions that followed, the cost of running a campaign had increased dramatically and has led to favoring candidates with access to high-wealth donors rather than those with a broad popular appeal. Moreover, running for president has become a full-time job; one that undoubtedly distracts candidates from their other responsibilities. When congressional approval ratings stand at only 15 percent, could not the five current senators running better spend their time focusing on legislation, rather than their campaigns?

The question must be asked if the length of these election cycles still hold their value. We live in the era of 24-hour news, staple of the information age, where any politician with a popular and unique voice can reach an audience of hundreds of millions literally overnight. Shorter campaigns would be more impactful by being delivering their message in a memorable way, not to mention less fatiguing on the nation, encouraging the people to take them more seriously. The office of President of the United States is the most powerful position in world history; it doesn't need to

WITHIN THE GATES

From the Archives



"Before and After": (Left) Palmer hall under construction in 1924 and (Right) ariel view of Palmer Hall, Kennedy Hall, Neely Hall, and Robb Hall in 1925

Photos courtesy of Dlynx

BY DOUG FETTERMAN '16
EDITOR IN CHIEF

"Students of Southwestern, you are living the days of a great founder. The beautiful edifices which now house the Southwestern spirit will stand for thousands of years. You are now building a foundation which, as the ages roll on, will be the beacon by which it will grow or the blanket by which it will be obscured. It is the aim of those who are responsible for its transference that it be a center of knowledge of which there shall be no peer in the land, a school in harmony with the warm and pulsing

city in which it lives, a mecca for those who desire the higher learning and culture.

College spirit will set it off on its long journey through the ages. The devotion which we show, the love and reverence and the spirit with which we treat its traditions and customs will mean its life. The gods of fortune have been favorable thus far. The buildings, the ideal setting amongst an enchanting grove, the city and the people.

What more could be desired? The first class to enter its portals since being transplanted passed under on Sept. 4, 1925. Their mark will be a criterion for

coming generations to keep pace with and if possible to excel. Students, the day is yours."

From *The Sou'wester*, October 09, 1925, Volume 07, Issue 01

This article was written 90 years ago in the first few weeks of classes after our college's move to Memphis. As can be seen in the accompanying photograph, the only structures yet built were Palmer Hall, The Science Building (now Kennedy), Calvin and Robb dormitories, the refectory (Neely Hall in the Rat), and Ashner Gateway. Although it remains to be seen whether our buildings

will "stand for thousands of years" (especially after the abuse Glassell takes), the forward-looking message in this article rings true today. The college has changed in the intervening years, but we continue to be graced with a beautiful campus connected to a vibrant city.

So, students, go out and connect with your campus and your city. Join a club, go to office hours, hug strangers, find a gym buddy and get #shreddicated. Enjoy Memphis, volunteer, go to Paula and Raiford's and Trolley Night - there are a million things to do. The day is yours, students, but days go quickly. Make them count.

Condom Supply Cannot Keep Up With Students' Capacity to Dream

BY MEGHAN PICKLES '19
SATIRE WRITER

Already steep Rhodes tuition rates took an unprecedented climb this past week in order to fund the vigorous and unrelenting sex in which students predict they will be engaging very soon.

Hoarded as safeguards for the zealous copulation they imagine themselves enjoying in the near future, maybe even tonight, tireless dreamers across campus began snatching up impressively copious amounts of latex protection as soon as the opportunities presented themselves, regardless of how much they could realistically hope to get laid.

"I could have been more pragmatic, grabbed a few condoms for the month and probably - let's be honest - been left with a surplus," shrugged



"Free to 'Use'": Chances these hoarded condoms will actually be used?

Photos by Sam Clark

freshman Max Green. "However, as a liberal arts student I am built with the unyielding resolve to dream a little bigger. I am able to imagine a future beyond anything in my wildest

dreams. With that in mind, I just took a whole box."

"Those damn rubbers have just been disappearing left and right," quipped an unnamed administrative officer earlier this week. "Instead of giving

credit to some sort of statistically increased sexual drive in our students, I would like to thank their industrious spirit as a whole. None of these kids let their average looks or lack of game lead them to choose a more practical amount of condoms."

Rhodes students' aptitude for fanciful delusion has led to an astonishingly uneven ratio between condoms taken and the loud, fervent banging that would be expected to ensue. "I do hook-up every once in a while," said sophomore Jon Silverman, "but my condom stash would have you believe I am a ravenous sex maniac with an incessant parade of groupies spoon-feeding me Viagra."

The overall consensus among Rhodes' realists has been that if not used for raucous sex, the condoms can still be used as balloon animals.

BEYOND THE GATES

Hey Memphis, Have You Met TED?

BY ZOE LAULADERKIND, '18
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Have you ever asked a friend, professor, colleague, etc. for advice and received a link for a TED Talk? Maybe I run with a particularly nerdy crowd, but recently it seems my quest for meaning in life has been directed toward the givers of all talks TED.

For those of you with acquaintances more inclined to preach their own personal brand of consultation, I'll let you in on the essence of TED Talks: "TED is a nonprofit devoted to spreading ideas, usually in the form of short, powerful talks (18 minutes or less). TED began in 1984 as a conference where Technology, Entertainment and Design converged, and today covers almost all topics — from science to business to global issues — in more than 100 languages. Meanwhile, independently run TEDx events help share ideas in communities around the world." ...that end up as videos on the Internet.

Last Saturday, TEDx sold out the University of Memphis Rose Theatre for an essentially large celebration of Memphis-born ideas and insights. It all



"TEDx Memphis": TED came to Memphis and dazzled spectators

Photo from TEDx Facebook

began in 2013 when three students the Church Health Center and Robert began planning for TEDx to come to B. Carter Executive VP of FedEx Information Services. Memphis and to feature big names like Dr. Scott Morris, Founder and CEO of Two years later, TEDx Memphis came

to life with many more speakers than Dr. Scott Morris and Robert Carter. The New Ballet Ensemble commenced the show with a contemplation of how to take an art form so ingrained in ideas of whiteness and privilege to people who defy both of these labels. Next, came Stacy Spencer from New Director Christian Church speaking about Hickory Ridge and the effects of Urban Renewal projects on what has become his neighborhood.

And so the speakers took the stage under the large red letters one at a time until morning morphed into afternoon when our very own Dr. Loretta Jackson-Hayes stressed the sixth step of the scientific method (share those results!) and the liberal arts expertise when it comes to such scientific communication. Memphis had some things to say; stayed tuned for the videos to hit the web.

For more information:

<https://www.ted.com/tedx/events/13318>.

Zimmern Eats Memphis Dough

BY CHRISTIAN WIGGS '18
STAFF WRITER

On a sticky August night in the Bluff City, a hulking darkness swallows the brick and glass of downtown avenues. A defiant light, accompanied by the distinct sound of clinking cutlery, swims through the black soup. Wrapped in the brave fluorescence of the sleepless beacon is a globbish man who's eaten it all: Andrew Zimmern.

That's right; the unmistakable Travel Channel correspondent rolled through Memphis to film a segment for his Bizarre Foods: Delicious Destinations series last week. The turtle-bodied foodie reportedly sampled dishes from local honey-holes including Gus's Fried Chicken, The Second Line and Central BBQ. More notably, though, host and crew documented the birth of gloriously glazed donuts from that womb frequented by Memphians of all ages: Gibson's. After Food Network's Alton Brown visited late last year, the eatery's seen the national spotlight deservedly point its way. Not to be outdone by a rival network, Travel Channel surely made a point of documenting

the little shop.

In that much-loved kitchen, one can imagine the crew crowding alongside aproned teens to record a scene like the following in full HD:

Mr. Zimmern's naked scalp hovers precariously over a popping fryer somewhere in the white-tiled kitchen. Designer bifocals protect unblinking eyes, and drool flows from loosed lips, plopping into a fledgling pastry's hollow center. Bullseye. Minutes slink by dripping with anticipation, the golden rings nearing completion. An idea to pluck a premature pastry sloshes around in his skull, but a producer's maternal look deadens it before realization. Fleshy fingers curl until white crescents of frustration mark blushing palms. Andrew's internal temperature rises in concert with that of the donuts until, finally, a cutting ding! signals from someplace deep in the fryer's bowels...

While we'll have to wait for the episode to air to see what really happened, I can't imagine the above scenario is far from the truth. Keep your eyes peeled to catch the big reveal in the coming months.



Photo by Sam Clark

"Memphis Staples": Andrew Zimmern ate at a couple Rhodes' Favorites

FAR BEYOND THE GATES

Rhodes Students in the UK

BY ERICA SMYTHE '17
STAFF WRITER

A big hello (and cheers) from Lincoln College in Oxford, England! This multi-week column is intended to give you a brief, yet helpful, inside scoop on the European Studies Program. I can only speak on behalf of the Western option, but hopefully this will give you a decent idea of the experience.

In July, both tracks take two, three-week courses at Sewanee. The first week of school is the most difficult in terms of getting used to the work (which I must admit is tedious at times), but students will have to make time to explore Sewanee! The campus is a labyrinth of walking and hiking trails that lead to streams, caves and beautiful outlooks. The reservoir just down the road from Sewanee is also a great place to go to decompress after a long day of classes.

A week after classes end at Sewanee, participants have touched down in Edinburgh, Scotland. Not only do students get to wander around the city for

a few days to explore, but European Studies provides a wonderful evening at the military tattoo and a fancy dinner at the restaurant The Dome.

After Edinburgh, the tracks split: Classical students go to York, and Western students to Durham. In Durham, you receive lectures and go on daily excursions to well-known locations in Northern England. On weekdays, Durham shuts down around 5 p.m. because it's such a small town. However, on the weekends, make sure to get out and experience the nightlife at bars such as Fabio's, The Library and The Shakespeare.

During the six weeks at Oxford, students have the ability to tour the city and visit the various famous film and literary sites scattered throughout. For example, participants can have a pint and fish and chips at the Eagle and Child, the bar that C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien frequented.

On the weekends, students don't go to places such as Dublin and Stonehenge; rather, we take advantage of the free



"Smythe at Stonehenge": European Studies members explore England

Photo from Erica Smythe

days and venture to palaces and cities outside of Oxford! For example, a friend and I made a day trip to Blenheim Palace (the whole trip only cost £18.50), and I am planning to visit Amsterdam

in just a few weeks. Students in the program have a lot of flexibility when it comes to independent travel, so if you choose to go, take advantage of it!

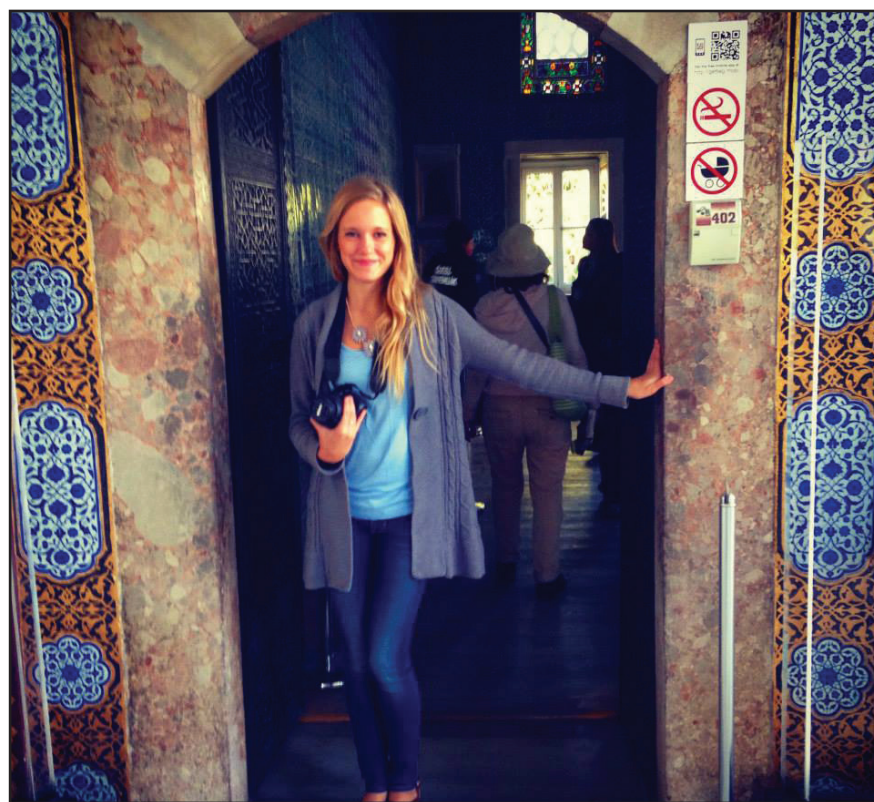
Retreating to Russia

BY MARY CHESNUT '16
STAFF WRITER

Willingly forfeiting five formals, one sorority rush, Beach Party, Jungle Party and Rites of Spring, I packed my bags for a year abroad in the coolest second world country ever: The Motherland. My friends' and family's reactions varied from, "You're so brave!" to the most common, "uh...why?" My helicopter mom lectured me on the mob-driven sex slave industry and tried to pay me off to study abroad in France instead.

If you don't watch TV, Russia and America hate each other. Some of this is residual animosity from the Cold War, and lots of it has to do with Putin's annexation of Crimea, invasion of the Ukraine, mysterious disappearances of Opposition members and like 300 other human rights violations. So I, being a badass, deciding not to do the basic one-semester shit, signed myself up for a full year in St. Petersburg (think Anastasia/WWII/Edward Snowden/fucking freezing).

It wasn't ever easy exactly. I was doing everything wrong: drinking the tap wa-



"Topkapi Palace": Mary Chesnut studied in Russia for entire junior year.

Photo from Mary Chesnut

ter, smiling at strangers like the polite Southerner I am and confusing phrases like "yes, I'd love a pretzel" with "yes, I'd love a little bitch" all in a sea of melodoids with sleek ponytails and ice-pick

heels, wearing my go-to Nike shorts and frat shirt. I'm sure I was the source of mild amusement to every Russian I saw.

Although I learned I had grossly over-

estimated my language skills and the ability of potatoes to be the center of each meal, I did learn that Russians are some of the coolest people out there. They have the uncanny ability to drink you "pod-stolom" (under the table), but, more importantly, they are hilarious, deeply caring and extremely loving folks. I learned you can hate a country's government but love its people. Studying abroad is a panacea for xenophobia, ethnocentrism and boredom.

I will never forget the truly unique memories of my time in Russia. To name a few: shooting AK-47s, binging on caviar and pancakes with my comrades, perfecting RBF and looking up at the golden onion-domes whilst bundled in fur coats. Each one of these experiences is, sorry boys, infinitely better than a frat party. Yes, you meet the occasional skinhead, and yes, you have to deal with the alien language that is the metric system, but if you're willing to take a risk of a lifetime: go abroad, and go for a full damn year. Don't let your Rhodes FOMO keep you from what could easily be the best year of your life.

SPORTS



"Spring Sports Success": (Clockwise) The Rhodes Baseball, Women's Lacrosse, Women's Golf and Track and Field teams all enjoyed fantastic seasons last spring

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Rhodes College Spring Sports Success

BY JACK PATTON '18
STAFF WRITER

A week after last year's spring semester ended, the Rhodes Baseball Team and the Women's Golf Team finished their seasons – both ranked in the top 15, *nationally*.

Last year—for the first time ever—the Rhodes Baseball Team won the SAA Championship. Marcus Moreland, a senior catcher, considered the ensuing celebratory dog pile the highlight of

his season. After winning conference, the team moved onto regionals. There, the team won its first game, but lost its next when conference-rival Birmingham-Southern knocked Rhodes out of the tournament with a 3-2 win.

Sophomore outfielder Levi Greenberg summed up the season as "fulfilling, yet unfulfilling." According to Levi, Rhodes had a national championship caliber team, but they just happened to "come up a little bit short in those last two games." Individually, Junior

Bill Munson had the most steals per game in all of Division III last year with 44 steals in 46 games – nearly a steal a game. The Rhodes Baseball team finished the year ranked 13th in the nation. And, Levi said, "[They're] only getting better."

Last year, the Rhodes Women's Golf Team also won the SAA Championship – for the second year in a row, beating second-place Centre by a whopping 28 strokes. After winning the SAA Championship, the team was given a bid to

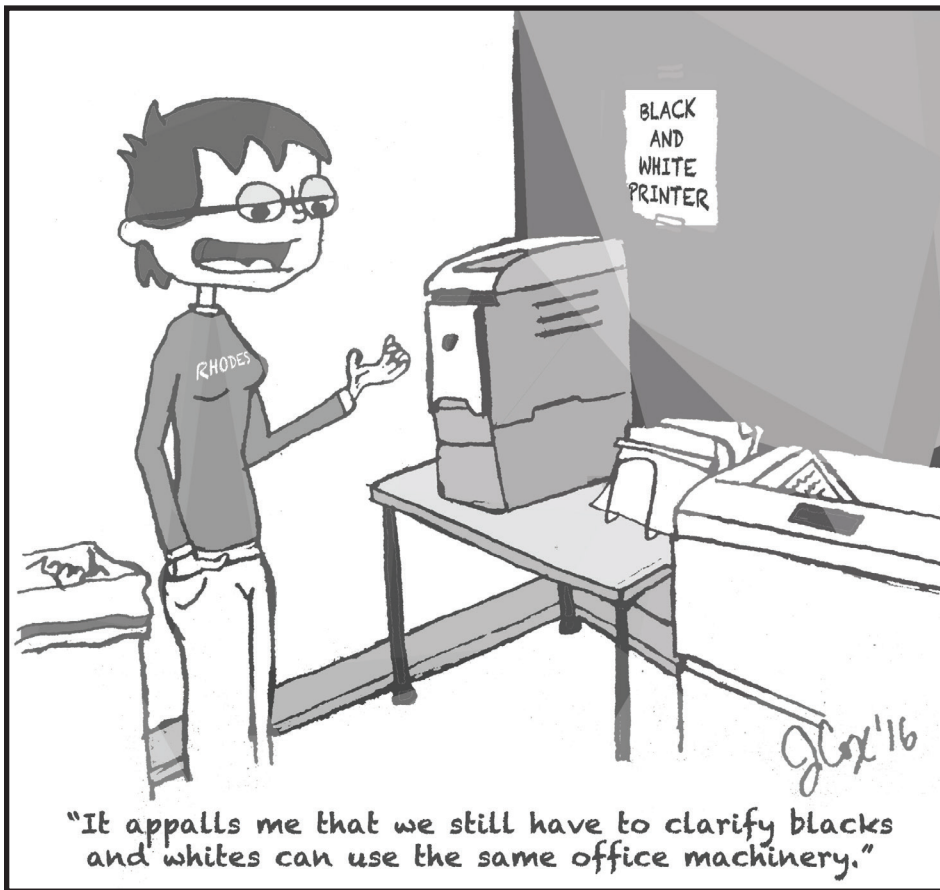
compete in the national championships. There the team placed fifth in the country. Sophomore golfer, Maddie Rhodes, called the finish "respectable."

However, for Junior Mackenzie Cohen, her accomplishments did not end in May. Just a few weeks ago, Mackenzie became the first Rhodes women's golfer to participate in the US Amateur Tournament.



CARTOONS, COMEDY & CLASSIFIEDS

Cartoon



"Printer Probs": A Cartoon by Joel Cox '16



DANCE

Team Tryouts

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 8 pm
 BCLC Aerobics Room
 Questions? dewle-17@rhodes.edu
Team up with the Redhots!

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