

SPOOKY HALLOWEEN ISSUE!



"Scary Halloween Cat": Palmer Cat is excited for the spookiest night of the year! Are you?

Photo by Hannah Rose Adams

Homecoming Recap

BY DOUG FETTERMAN '16
EDITOR IN CHIEF

This past weekend a swarm of alumni descended upon campus, bringing with them their spouses, children and even Asher Roth. The festivities began on Friday, with various student groups holding events for current students to mingle with alumni. Some were formal social-networking events, like the one hosted by the Health Professions Association for students to meet with Dr. Alum So-and-so as well as alumni who are currently attending a health-related graduate school. Other events were decidedly less formal (I hear one even provided an ice luge), but nonetheless most provided a good opportunity for current Rhodians to spend time with their predecessors. If you want a list of everything that was advertised, you can go pick up our last issue!

Saturday began, of course, with the tailgates. For several students, Saturday also ended with the tailgates... All of the porches were packed with students, alums, dogs and wonderful examples of decision-making. In one memorable scene, a certain student took aim with a Nerf bow-and-arrow and let fly at one of his fraternity brothers, only to have it strike the



Photo from Rhodes Facebook

"Rhodes Royalty": Seniors Tom Simmermaker and Carolyn Starks were crowned Mr. and Miss Rhodes!

face of an unsuspecting girl seated on the fence of the porch. Just before the game began, the Homecoming Parade snaked its way through campus. It featured a Mustang convertible carrying President Troutt and his wife while they threw beads to the crowds along the street and then the homecoming court doing their best Princess-Diary waves. They were in turn followed by several student organizations. Some highlights of the parade included the Chi Omegas brandishing a very well-made but absolutely terrifying owl and a trailer of fraternity pledges being soaked with alcohol.

The winning float was Tri Delta.

Beyond the cacophonous carousing of the tailgate, an actual football game was being played, with the Lynx taking on Birmingham Southern College. The Lynx rolled in victory, winning 21-18. Speaking of victories, the crowning of Miss and Mr. Rhodes took place at halftime on Crain Field. Carolyn Starks of Chi Omega and Tom Simmermaker of Pi Kappa Alpha took home the prize this year, with their sashes being presented by our very own President Troutt.

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Board of Trustees Focuses on Student Experience

BY KATIE GABRICK '18
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On the Friday before Fall Break, the Board of Trustees presented a recap of their previous meeting in Blount Lecture Hall. Present and presenting on the topics of their subcommittees were Steve Lainoff, Meg Crosby, Dr. Randy Ray and Dr. Bob Waller. The Board focused generally on the "life cycle" of a student while he or she attends Rhodes, which maps a student's academic as well as personal and social growth in college. Specifically, the Board discussed the experience of first-year students, campus culture concerns and the financial health of the College. Lainoff, who is part of the Student Learning Committee, said that the committee's conversation focused mainly on the experience of first-year students during Open Rhodes and Orientation. Members of the committee discussed the affordability of Open Rhodes for low-income students as well as the possibility of extending the length of Welcome Week to avoid inundating students with information on college life.

Crosby's committee focused on issues of campus culture, specifically diversity and sexual misconduct. The committee discussed the academic audit that evaluated the diversity and inclusiveness of Rhodes' curriculum. The goal of which is to include more "non-western voices" in the curriculum. In addition, there was discussion on the improvements made to first-year diversity and sexual misconduct training as well as the creation of a "compassionate culture" on campus. Ray, a member of the Student Life Committee, said that his committee concentrated on retention rates and the type of students that transfer. This year the college saw a 92% retention rate, and the six-year graduation rate topped 82%. Last, Waller, the chair of the Audit Committee, presented the outcomes from this year's audit of the College. He described the College's financials as "positive" with \$20.4 million received in gifts, a \$19.4 million increase in net assets and a \$5 million increase in the endowment. This year also marks the College's 42nd consecutive year of having a balanced budget. Overall, the discussion of the Board of Trustees illustrated the College's commitment to creating a positive campus experience for all students, especially in light of the events on campus last year.

NEWS

Letter from the Editors

*"That's not my name *clapclap*
That's not my name *clapclap*
That's not my name *clapclap*
That's not my name." - The Ting Tings*

Dearest Hailee,

We cannot tell a lie, we've been off our game as of late. Despite our embarrassing inability to spell your name correctly, we just want you to know we still care for you, Haley, deeply. It seems as if no matter how many swings we take, the accuracy of your first name,

last name, position on the paper or class year elude us. Rosinfield, please take this letter to heart as a sign of our undying gratitude for your thought-provoking funnies, satires and comedic articles. We hope you remember this letter fondly as you walk head-held-high across the graduation stage Spring 2017 boasting a cord for *Sou'Wester* Staff Writer.

To everyone else whose names we've botched or class year we've butchered or title we've straight-up destroyed, we beg for forgiveness (on our knees - at your feet).

With all our love for Hayley Rosenfield '16 Satire Editor,

ZoeAllyDouglas

(P.S.) The above apology should really be coming from our *Makes Things Pretty* Editor as all our sins are actually his fault.

(P.P.S.) I, the *Makes Things Pretty* Editor, apologize profusely. However, I can't read, only design. I'm simply a pretty boy.

Homecoming Concert

By ZOE LAULEDERKIND '18
EDITOR IN CHIEF

"That party last night was awfully crazy, I wish we taped it..."

Seriously, I wish we taped the Asher Roth (and Casey Iskra '18?)/Flying V's concert this past weekend because it was awfully crazy. Crazy that the Flying V's played Drake's current hit single, Hotline Bling. Crazy that they played longer than Asher Roth (I guess "I Love College" is so 2009...). Crazy that even when Asher Roth did go on stage, a lone student knew all the words to several of his other songs! Craziest, however, was the crowd itself. Small but mighty they were, flooding the stage as Asher graciously welcomed them up to his eight inches of fame, or stage rather. Unfortunately, RAB members swathed in "Event Staff" lime green teamed up with Campus Safety to calm the storm, special thanks to Jay Clinton '16. Alas, it was a sight that many did not see.

Where were you Rhodes College? You could've at least come for Roth's final and famous ballad, like many a seasoned seniors who politely waited just beyond the wide-

open Mallory Gym doors and stormed in with gusto as the first few notes (?) burst forth. Sure, Asher Roth's no Drake, but listening/twerking to music somewhere other than a frat house better acquaints you with other buildings named after kind, old donors and most importantly with those classmates of yours (all 50% of them) outside the Greek system. Love your college; I heard from someone that Asher does.



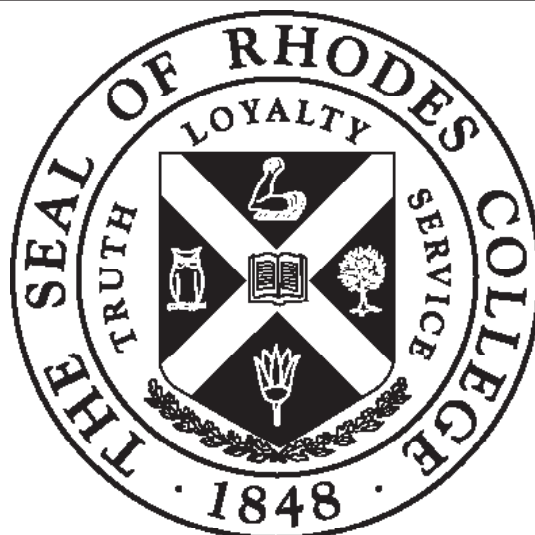
Photo from Instagram
"Casey's Concert?": Rhodes' biggest Asher Roth fan spent a lot of time on stage, singing with his hero.



Come to the SPS Pumpkin Drop
for a "smashing good time"
Friday, October 30th
Rhodes Tower, 7-10 PM

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WITHIN THE GATES

The Missing Lynx: In Your Hands Edition

Monday, Nov. 2: FedEx Services Info Session in Barret 051 from 4-5 p.m. Open to Sophomores and Juniors.

Tuesday, Nov. 3: Careers in Education Session in Barret 051 from 5-6 p.m. Open to *everyone*.

Wednesday, Nov. 4: ServiceMaster in Burrow 103 (Career Services) from 4-5 p.m. *Open to Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores.*

Thursday, Nov. 5: AutoZone Reception in Burrow 105 (Career Services) from 4-6 p.m. *Open to Seniors and MS Accounting students with a 3.2+ GPA.* Dress is business casual. Must RSVP to recruiting@rhodes.edu by noon on **Oct. 30.**

Resumes: Reminder that you can DROP OFF A HARD COPY of your resume to be looked over in Career Services by noon Monday - Thursday and have it returned by noon of the next business day! *#spoiled*

From the Commissioner...

Weekly Update: As of Wednesday, October 21, the Allocations Board had funded \$69,299.20 of events and supplies to benefit the student body. We encourage all students to take advantage of the events that the student organizations on campus are working hard to plan and execute! But hey, it's up to you. These events are only being funded with your tuition, after all.

If you have been reading the newspaper recently, you will remember that I am taking readers step-by-step through some of the Allocations Board's newest or most confusing regulations. One of the Board's most recent updates deals with transportation:

Transportation

Transportation-related expenses will be funded at the discretion of the Board. The Board will not fund hotel rooms but will consider requests for expenses such as gas or car rentals, especially if the safety of the students involved could be compromised.

This regulation is fairly straightforward, but

for older Rhodents, this rule is completely different from what the Allocations Board has allowed for years. Many students are still unaware that gasoline or buses can be requested for their tournaments or events. Though it is completely at the discretion of voting Board members as to whether or not such requests do get funded, it is now more than fair to at least request these items.

In the almost nine months that this rule has been in place, the Board has consistently given highest priority to sports teams that are required to travel for competitions as well as off-campus events for which the student body would benefit from having a safe, reliable form of transportation at their disposal. Next week I will be covering easily the most controversial and confusing portion of the Allocations Board by-laws: FOOD!

Sincerely,

Ally Limmer

Allocations Board Commissioner

Pumpkin Spice Lawsuits

BY WARNER RAULSTON '19
SATIRE WRITER

The Food and Drug Administration filed suit against the Starbucks Corporation in New York Federal District Court on Thursday after laboratory reports confirmed that the coffee chain has been spiking their flagship Pumpkin Spice Lattes with methamphetamine as a method of boosting sales. Peter Dukes, Director of Espresso Brand Management at Starbucks and a co-creator of the Pumpkin Spice Latte, explained his rationale in making the decision to start adding powdered crystal meth to the best-selling beverage in 2009, stating, "We had just announced the closure of 300 domestic stores after our share prices had declined by over 75 percent in just two years, and we needed a way to boost sales before being run out of business by 'making your coffee at home.' And that's when we decided to add crystal meth to the Pumpkin Spice Lattes, increasing their addictive nature to consumers."

Meth has one of the highest addiction liabilities of any schedule I drug

in the United States, making it difficult to quit using, especially when under the duress of studying for fall exams and deciding which holiday movies to watch while drunk. This compounded the already measurably addicting effect of the drink's limited availability, which was able to boost sales without any substantive reason.

But strangely enough, the news of the lawsuit has had little effect on PSL sales, which increased to over \$100 million in the 2014 fiscal year alone. When The Wall Street Journal interviewed college students from New York University, one anonymous student was quoted as saying, "I don't care that Starbucks is putting meth in my Pumpkin Spice. If anything, it makes me like the drink even more. I mean did you even watch Breaking Bad?"

Regardless of the PR campaign that Starbucks will inevitably launch via its social media department and the impending onslaught of buzzword product descriptions, legal analysts predict that the case won't even make it to trial, seeing as Starbucks is catering the deposition.



Selfie by Zoe Laulederkind
"Our Fallen Friend": Our very own Zoe has fallen into the clutches of the Great Pumpkin Spice. A moment of silence for our dear leader.
. Thank you.

WITHIN THE GATES

Around Campus: Lost and Photographed

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



"Escaped Friends": It seems Montana Pugh '18 has found a couple of lost gorillas. They no doubt fled the zoo across the street. Good job Montana! Gorillas love selfies. We're sure you made it out unscathed and with a fierce Instagram post at that.



"Safe Sex": #gotlaid #usedprotection #nobabies #proudofyou #latenightshenanigans #roommatesexiled #walkofshame #butactaullywalkoffame #butstillgross #dontdothis #disposeofyourprophylactics



"Terrors from the Deep": Ok, Rhodes, Ok... Put the clown away. Who ever the heck owns this better take it back pretty darn fast. Because everyone knows what happens October 31st. And we don't... wait, what was that noise? Who's breathing? What's behind me? Help.

Rhodes Alert: Bookstore Carrying Books

Pick up your very own copies of *Eli*, *Sometimes* and *Why, God?: Suffering Through Cancer into Faith* in the bookstore today!

Eli, Sometimes was authored by the late John Turpin, who was once the Registrar of Southwestern at Memphis / Rhodes College. Set in the nineteenth century, this book was brought to campus by both faculty and alumni and details the life of a boy named Eli, who loses his mother and finds a "sometimes" family in a group of townspeople.

Why, God? by Margaret Cupit (aka Maggie Cupit '14) and Edward Henderson (Ed Henderson '61) recount Maggie's struggle with cancer and how this struggle led her to believe in God.

Most Rhodes Students Survive Homecoming In Uncommonly Successful Year

By MEAGHAN PICKLES '19
SATIRE WRITER

Although initially worried that the general debauchery of the event combined with an extreme dose of school spirit could place them in mortal peril as in years past, many Rhodes students succeeded in waking up Sunday morning with their souls still attached to their earthbound forms, leaving only a handful to perish in a largely successful 2015 Homecoming weekend.

Throughout the bulk of Saturday, these students embarked upon "a play-

ground of poor decisions" at the fraternity houses, exhibiting "a willingness to sacrifice their lives and livelihoods for getting hella turnt." Perhaps halfway through the tailgate, students were beginning to question their relationship with their own mortality and thought they may indeed cross the great divide. "Around noon, mimosa in hand, I thought I would make it through the day without a dalliance with death," said resident hot bitch Lisa Merriweather. "But next thing I knew, that very same mimosa cup was filled with vodka, and I began to re-

think my ability to get through the day without meeting my maker and arriving at my final resting place." Merriweather did not find out that she did not die until the next day, but reports claim she was pleased overall with the news.

Unfortunately, approximately seven or eight students did breathe their last and expire after the riotous Saturday jam-packed with events such as a parade, football game and concert given by a white hip-hop sensation, a mortality rate which an unnamed administration official referred to as "a number

I can live with." The majority of students, while experiencing a splitting headache from Friday evening onward, stumbled through the vice-ridden tailgate without shuffling off this mortal coil, and come Sunday morning, congratulated themselves on eclipsing the cold scepter of Death with Instagram captions such as "survived Homecoming" and pleasantly ambiguous emojis.

Students' conclusions differed on whether the Homecoming deaths were alcohol-based or if it was instead due to the orgasmic rapture of rap-god Asher Roth.

BEYOND THE GATES

Points of the Preseason: Grizzlies Hopes and Fears



"Opening Night Woes": The Grizz lost 76-106 to the Cavs on their opening game Wednesday. Indicative of the season or just an early stumble? Photo by Jack Bennett

BY DAVIS HOWE '19
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The Grizzlies' preseason ends with an impressive 6 wins and 1 loss after losing 76-86 to the Magic in a game that was surprisingly close, having been played mostly by third- and fourth-stringers against Orlando's full-strength squad. Dave Joerger, head coach of the Grizzlies, stated that he would be resting the Grizzlies' starters in preparation for opening night on October 28 vs the Cleveland Cavaliers. So, what is there to learn from the seven games that won't be affecting the record books?

1. Matt Barnes. Question Marks and Periods. Barnes shot 23 three pointers in the season, and only two of those shots went in the bucket. This is a definite disappointment to a team whose number one criticism is often the lack of an outside shot. However, Joerger is still confident in the new small forward, reminding the press in a postgame conference that Barnes is a collective +32 in the preseason. +/- is a stat which tracks how many points a team gains (or loses) with a player on the court, and it's often useful in gauging intangible stats that are harder to find on a box score. +32 is a great place to be, and so Matt Barnes has begun to prove himself again as a defensive enforcer who is an asset coming off the bench. However, the question remains: will he be able to shoot in a Grizzlies uniform?

2. Wing Player rotations. Starters?

Of the five preseason games the Grizzlies started with real starters, Jeff Green started at small forward four times, with Tony Allen starting once. This leaves the typical starting lineup 1-5: Mike Conley, Courtney Lee, Jeff Green, Zach Randolph and Marc Gasol, which isn't too surprising. Nicely enough last season the starting combos of Lee-Allen and Lee-Green both played exactly 33 games, in which Lee-Allen went 24-9 and Lee-Green went 22-11. Although the Lee-Allen lineup had a few more wins, there are good reasons to remain with Lee-Green. For one, those records are a bit misleading with a good portion of the Lee-Green games occurring after the all-star break when the Grizzlies were dealing with injuries on Lee's shooting hand. Also, with Matt Barnes entering the squad as a true small forward, it makes it awkward to start Allen in the 2 spot with two other guys in line for that position. The current rotation has allowed Joerger to use Green as a stretch 4 (small forward playing at the power forward position, allowing for more scorers on the floor), rotating Allen and Barnes into the wing positions where necessary. It's also worth noting the Courtney Lee has been an offensive powerhouse in the preseason, certainly maintaining his right to start at shooting guard. Questions remain going into the regular season as to Jeff Green's ability to produce as a starter, but overall it's better to have a lot of good options than to have none at all.

3. Core Four. Are they still good?

One of the facets of the Grizzlies that has always made them dangerous has been the diversity of where points come from. When you watch a team like OKC, it's pretty easy to point to two people who are going to be the leading scorers, so the game plan is always to contain Westbrook and Durant as much as is possible. This is more difficult for a Grizzlies squad whose big three in Mike Conley, Marc Gasol and Zach Randolph are all capable of having a big night and winning games. And Tony Allen is such an X-factor, impossible to predict in the last few minutes of a game. At the end of a close game I always have my eyes on Allen to see if a clutch steal or crucial offensive rebound might be on the way. Hustle is hard to find in a box score, but TA leaves it all on the floor every night, and that's hard to account for heading into the stretch of any game. He's also been remarkably efficient from the floor this preseason, looking to finally shed the reputation as an offensive liability. Allen shot 13-22 overall in the preseason and also ended up 2-3 from the 3 point line. All four players have the capacity to win games, and it's an entertaining squad that looks to prove their elite status as most initial rankings still place them at the bottom of the Western playoffs in the 6-7 seed.

4. Bench. Better or Worse? Last season's offseason signaled changes in the roster, with the Grizzlies ending up with Brandon Wright instead of Kosta

Koufos as the first big man off the bench, as well as losing Nick Calathes (off to Greece), allowing Russ Smith a shot at the third-string point guard spot. Smith was impressive during his undefeated Summer League run, and he continues to entertain with his penetrative skills, although his ability to run the floor is still questionable. Other important shifts include the development of both Jamychal Green and Jordan Adams, who played nothing but garbage time last year but both hope to prove their worth with another year under their belts. With Vince Carter another year older and the prospect of a young, scoring wing man, it's safe to say Adams will play more minutes than he did last season. However, Adams was out most of the preseason with an injury, so the big story was Jamychal Green. Green put up huge numbers for Memphis in the preseason and was a joy to watch with hustle plays and relentless post work that has some people wondering if Jeff Green isn't even the best J. Green on the team! Having attractive backup big men is definitely a plus heading into this season, as last year Kosta was a bright spot in an otherwise ugly bench lineup of Jon Leuer and younger, worse versions of Jarnell Stokes and Jamychal Green. Brandon Wright also provides an athletic scoring boost from the bench, which is in contrast to Koufos' more passes and picks style. While it's difficult to know before the regular season gets underway, there is definitely a lot to be excited about coming off the Grizzlies' bench. It certainly looks better than last year.

So Grizzlies fans can be optimistic heading into the regular season, with attractive offseason pickups and developments looking good in the preseason. After a horrible 7-24 first quarter start vs Atlanta, the Grizzlies were able to claw back to a nail biting 82-81 win. That shows tenacity. This is a team that is going to work for every win it gets. They are not going to play at a very fast pace (in 7 preseason games, neither the Grizzlies nor their opponent ever scored above 100 points); they are not going to hit a ton of threes every night, but they will be entertaining, and they will be good. This is grit and grind basketball at its finest, and come opening night October 28, every basketball fan in Memphis should be watching.

BEYOND THE GATES

Blue and Red, Left or Right: Democratic Debate

By WARNER RAULSTON '19
STAFF WRITER

The first Democratic Primary debate was held on October 13 in Las Vegas where presidential candidates Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders, Martin O'Malley, Jim Webb and Lincoln Chafee each spoke on a number of electoral, social and economic issues in regards to the upcoming general election. The two-hour event featured each of the candidates speaking about why they would be the best choice for the nomination. The topics ranged from the Umpqua Community College shooting, man-made climate change and the potential for new Wall Street regulations.

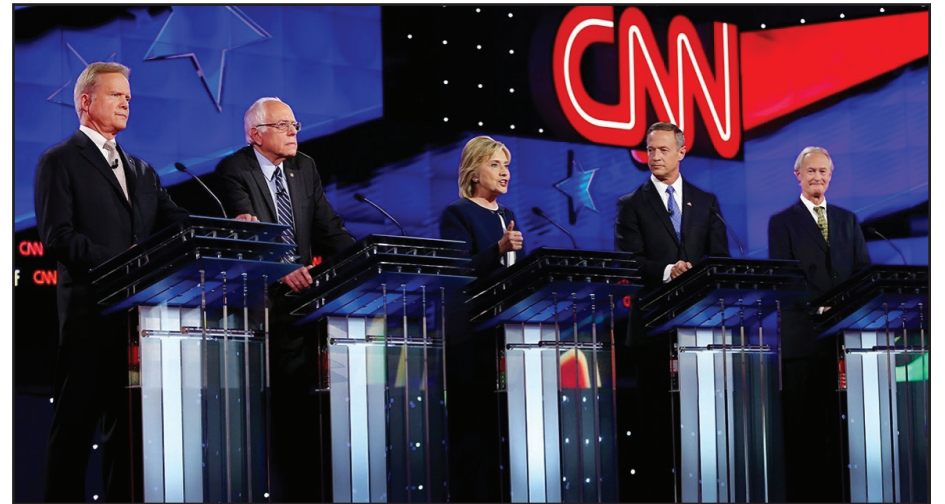
Hillary Clinton has overwhelmingly been regarded as the winner of the first debate, excellently defending herself from criticisms regarding her recent

changes of opinion on Keystone XL, gay rights and the Trans-Pacific Partnership. During the debate, Clinton labeled herself as "a progressive who can get things done" and made a strong case for paid family leave and the need for new gun regulations. However, when the discussion moved to the controversy surrounding her use of a private email server during her tenure as Secretary of State, Senator Sanders came to her defense, saying that the American people were "sick and tired of hearing about your damn emails," receiving thunderous applause in the process. Bernie Sanders came in at a close second in the debate, repeating the same message that he has been throughout his campaign, speaking about increasing levels of income inequality for the American people, a single-payer health-care system and tuition-free public col-

lege for American youth.

While the night featured strong performances by Clinton, Sanders and former Maryland governor Martin O'Malley the clear losers of the debate were Lincoln Chafee and Jim Webb, who were criticized for their previous

statuses as members of the Republican Party. This ultimately led to both candidates suspending their campaigns for the Democratic nomination, although it is possible that Webb may continue to run as an independent.



"Dem Debate": (Left to Right) Webb, Sanders, Clinton, O'Malley, and Chafee debated Oct. 13th. Photo from CNN

Zoo News: Zoo Boo



"A Frightenly Good Time": Zoo Boo is an awesome annual tradition at the Memphis Zoo! Come back next year!

By ALYSSA TEWS '16
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

If you're searching for mystical creatures beside Palmer Cat and if frat parties are feeling a little too frat, the Memphis Zoo is home to a wide variety of strange beasts and holds unique events which tie into the community. This month, the Zoo hosted its annual "Art for Elephants" event in which a guest speaker, Dr. Kate Evans, discuss her elephant conservation work in Botswana. For all the folks wishing to be involved with conservation work or international politics concerning conservation, you missed out. Better luck next year.

Fortunately, for all you zoo-lovers and/or people dying to procrastinate, there is one event that is still on-going at the zoo: Zoo Boo! If the rhyme scheme throws you for a loop (those clever bastards), Zoo Boo satisfies everyone for Halloween. There are candy and hay-rides for the kiddies and close-to-home, contained quarters for the parents. Unlike other Halloween-related places, a chainsaw-wielding and clown-mask wearing person will not chase visitors until they collapse from cardiac arrest. So, those faint-of-heart are very welcome at this event. That is, of course, until a tiger breaks out... Zoo Boo ends this weekend so throw on your public-acceptable costume, and enjoy the hayride through the artfully decorated zoo grounds.

Memphis Police Officer Shot and Killed

By DAN LANZA '17
STAFF WRITER

On Sunday, October 11, an off-duty Memphis police officer, Terence Olridge, 31, was shot and killed in a Cordova neighborhood. He was in uniform, on his way to report for duty, when he and his neighbor, Lorenzo Clark, 36, exchanged gunfire. Neighbors said they heard at least 15 gunshots. After being hit multiple times, Olridge made it from his car back to his home and called for help. Police responded at 12:52 p.m. He was taken to Regional One Health Medical Center, where he died later that evening from his wounds. According to Clark's sister, Clark was outside washing his car when he and Olridge got in to an argument. The reason for the argument was not reported. After the police arrived, Clark surrendered at his home. He was taken into custody and charged with being a convicted felon possessing a firearm and is under investigation for Olridge's death. In a statement later that day, Police Director Toney Armstrong stated, "Everything is very, very sketchy. We're at the beginning phase of this investigation. There are more questions than we have answers right now."

This was the second incident this year of an MPD officer getting fatally shot. Officer Sean Bolton, 33, was shot and killed on August 1 while conducting a traffic stop. It was reported that Officer Bolton interrupted a drug transaction. Olridge's death becomes the fourth officer killed since 2011.

SPORTS

Rhodes Football Team Delivers Homecoming Success

Homecoming Recap (cont.)



Photo by Jean Xiong

"Continued Success": A photo of an earlier game this season, one which our Lynx also won. Rhodes Football is 4-3 this year and our next home game is Nov. 14th!

By ALLY LIMMER '16
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Last Saturday, the men of the Rhodes College Football Team took Crain Field to defeat Birmingham-Southern College 21-18. Though not a blowout, this game's excitement found itself in the fourth quarter, when players and fans alike felt the tension as that three-point lead appeared dangerously small. BSC

managed to maneuver themselves into alarmingly good scoring positions, but the Lynx defense forced two turnovers that would change BSC's momentum. Freshman Eric Monroe was able to return a field goal attempt blocked by senior Wyatt McRee, putting the ball in the Lynx's control. Later, the ball back in BSC's possession and with no additional points on the board for the Lynx, Monroe intercepted a BSC pass that

would secure the win for Rhodes.

Rhodes' offense was led by freshman quarterback PJ Settles and highlights included a 38-yard completion by Jonathan Wiener '16 and numerous runs by Alex Chavez '18. Our team's defense, though, was truly what made this game fun to watch. Monroe finished the game with a huge interception and nine tackles, while captain Michael Shield '16 led the Lynx defense with

15 tackles, one sack, one forced fumble and one interception (and more...seriously the stats are impressive).

If you didn't find the drive to make it out to the game on Saturday, there is still one opportunity left to support the Lynx at home on November 14 at 1 p.m. when they take on the Millsaps Majors. It is both Senior Day and Cajun Fest, so be sure to add this date to your calendars!

Saturday Mid-Afternoon Lights: The Lynx Cats Reignite the Rivalry

By JAMES KOHNKE '16
SATIRE WRITER

The illustrious history of our football program is one of the best-kept secrets of the Rhodes community. While many current students have attended games against rivals such as Sewanee, Southern Virginia and 'Pomona-Pitzer,' we have previously competed against SEC titans such as LSU, Alabama and (to a much lesser

extent) Ole Miss. What I'm about to suggest may sound crazy, but we as a community stand to gain revenue, media attention and most of all pride. The Rhodes Lynx should go toe-to-toe with these great powerhouse programs once again next season.

Although our football program enjoys one of the greatest fan bases in college sports, imagine the extra publicity we would get from this slightly tougher schedule. We've enjoyed a lot

of success recently (nearly winning the SAA last year), so now it's time to up the ante. We aren't afraid of our old rivals and don't intend to let them avoid playing us any longer. I know deep in my heart of hearts that the Lynx had, have and will have what it takes to be a powerhouse at this new level. When we see the Lynx driving down the field, we all know it's not about the size or funding of the program, or even about the tailgating, it's about heart. We'll

take on any of our old competitors: Mississippi State, Kentucky, Memphis or even Clemson.

In the future, I see College Gameday coming to Crain Field and Lee Corso proclaiming us as the favorite against the Crimson Tide as he dons the signature head of our Lynx mascot.

Nick Saban has man-boobs. Roll Lynx Cats.

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The other members of the homecoming court were Mariko Krause, Pearlissa Harris, Chloe Moore, Charlotte Tracy, Tate Sledge, Mitch Trychta, Caleb Davenport and Adil Khan.

Football was not the only team that played on Saturday, however. Field hockey started the morning off strong with a 6-1 win over Sewanee, with women's soccer following suit soon after in a 4-1 trouncing of Millsaps. Volleyball ended the regular season with a win over Centre, and the men's soccer team lost a hard-fought game to Millsaps 1-4.

There was good food, bad alcohol and great people. Many of our recently graduated friends came back for the weekend, bringing tales of exciting new careers and being their parents' new resident dishwasher. For those of us that will be graduating this year, it was a reminder of how important Rhodes can remain even after we leave. After all, there is nothing better than coming home.

EDITORIAL

Team Spirit Takes a Violent Turn

By EMILY FABER '19
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"Suddenly this stranger approached me, waved his middle finger in my face, yelled, 'F*** YOU' and walked away. An hour later, three girls threw me hostile glances and sneered, 'That red shirt looks ugly on you.' One woman tried to give me wrong directions, a man yelled at me in the face, a couple people spilled beer down my back. I was horrified." This account by a freshman at the University of Mississippi describes a facet of sports fan aggression that afflicted the University of Mississippi vs. University of Memphis football game on October 17. Overzealous fans are not unique to Memphis, Tenn., though; violence and over-aggressive behavior among sports fans plagues sports stadiums worldwide.

In 2014, rival fans left a trail of blood as they tumbled down a flight of concrete stairs at the 49-ers-Cardinals game at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Ariz. A December 2013 Bleacher Report noted that, "[in December 2013], a fan died at another Broncos games...The very next week, a Detroit Lions fan says he was targeted for wearing a Barry Sanders jersey and eventually knocked unconscious following a Philadelphia Eagles victory at Lincoln Financial Field. At one

game this year, a male New York Jets fan punched a female New England Patriots fan." Sports fans dressed in their team colors who enter rival territory might expect heckling, crude insults or even assault. After a big victory or a crushing loss, impassioned fans have been known to flip cars, slash tires, attack policemen, destruct private property and riot in the streets.

So what's driving certain fans to behave so aggressively? When a fan wears his or her team's colors and enters a stadium filled with 70,000 people dressed in identical colors, the fan loses his or her personal identity and adopts the identity of the fan base. This deindividuation feeds into people's natural desire to belong to a group and connect to something greater than themselves. In an article on sports riots, National Geographic cited that fan identification with sports teams is psychologically important for many people, particularly in our increasingly transient and insular society. When people talk about the results of a game, they said "we" won rather than "the team" won. The fan becomes a number and adopts a sense of anonymity; this decreases one's sense of responsibility, and cheering can easily transition to heckling, and sometimes violent behavior.

Psychology Today also cites that fans may undergo disinhibition in which

"the normal constraints on behavior, such as long-term norms, self-monitoring, and self-awareness, are no longer present, causing fans to act on the basis of their immediate emotions and motivations." This phenomenon, when coupled with deindividuation, creates the opportunity for rambunctious behavior not typical of the average clear-minded person. Ironically, even while trying to belong to a crowd within the stadium, people still have the desire to stand out in a crowd for a selfie. The allure of taking the perfect selfie at a game can push people to behave more recklessly than usual as they try to impress friends and family on social media.

The widespread marketing of alcohol to sports fans and tailgating can also feed the frenzy. In a University of Texas study, high-profile football game days were among the heaviest days for alcohol consumption – comparable to New Year's Eve and Halloween weekend. The consumption of alcohol doesn't necessarily lead to reckless behavior, nor is it a viable excuse for irresponsible behavior. It does, however, elevate the effects of individuation and inhibition that can make a person feel invincible and irresponsible.

Sports organizations are taking measures to curb violent fan behavior. The placement of mirrors, video cameras and public screens are all measures to

remind fans to limit their recklessness. Stadiums and arenas have instituted dry sections and family sections with a degree of success. Even so, brawls may still break out, such as the 2014 49-ers vs. Cardinals game. And the type of verbal assault that the University of Mississippi freshman experienced is even more common and hard to manage. However, in addition to offending whomever the assaults are directed toward, ill-spirited behavior only hurts the offender. The sports fan represents more than his or her team; to an outsider, the fan reflects the tenets and spirit of the fan's school, university, city or country.

There's something to be said about the ability to share a high-five with a stranger after a winning goal or reminiscing about that first baseball game you attended with your parents when you were a kid. Millions of fans enjoy sporting events – violence-free – each year. In the end, our rivals are at the stadium for the love of the game as well. Perhaps they, too, have the jersey of their favorite team member hanging on their dorm room wall. Maybe they've got a signed baseball, a trading card or a memory they'll always cherish. The fact is that our favorite sports teams wouldn't exist were it not for the rival team against whom they play. Love them or hate them, but respect them as lovers of the game.

"On Fleek" or Too Far: Teens Getting Plastic Surgery to Look Like The Sunglasses Emoji

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What is this world coming to?

A report released yesterday claims that plastic surgeons in the United States have seen a 300% increase in patients aged 13-18 in the past year alone, the largest spike the industry

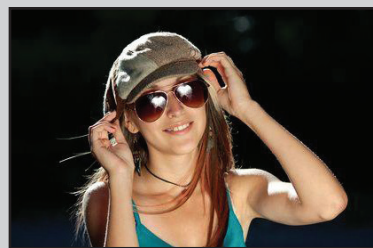


has seen in over 15 years. What's even more shocking is that most of those teens are undergoing procedures to look like the iPhone's popular sunglasses emoji. That's right, this is what teens want to look like (Bottom Left).

We couldn't believe it either, but the evidence is damning:



We'll give you a minute to pick your jaw up off the ground.



Still have faith in humanity? Neither did we. How could we, when teenagers are literally getting sunglasses surgically attached to their faces in hopes of emulating a computer-generated emoticon? And if that weren't enough to make you want to go Amish, just remember that their parents are signing off on it.

Ready to die now? Rumors have circulated that surgeons are currently in the process of developing a head

transplant surgery that would allow hardcore fans to replace their entire cranium with the sunglasses emoji face. There has not yet been confirmation that brains could also be transplanted, though we imagine that anyone getting this surgery probably wouldn't need to worry about that anyway.

We're all for science, but there need to be limits. This is not "on fleek." It is too far.

