

Spotlight: Why Your Tuition Went Up, Why It Might Go Up Again

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Rhodes College rolled out a base tuition increase of \$2,000 at the end of last semester. While the tuition increase brought revenue to \$2,049,232 more than the prior academic year, almost all of it went to funding incoming students' financial aid, grants and scholarships. Historically, Rhodes has charged upperclassmen students more in net-tuition than first-year students. Thus, the average net tuition price per student increases as students proceed from one class year to the next.

Keep in mind that these tuition statistics are averages and are not indicative of an absolute change in tuition for all students - similarly, financial aid is awarded on a student-by-student basis. However, the gap is clear when comparing that the average senior student paid \$22,552 in tuition for a single year while the average first-year student paid \$19,618: seniors paid \$2,934 more in tuition than their first-year counterparts. When analyzing the entire Rhodes community, students' tuition rates increased approximately \$1,000 per

	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13
Tuition & fees	87,183,628	85,134,396	81,774,389	74,765,381	67,852,284
Less: Student financial aid	(44,462,889)	(42,016,703)	(39,186,168)	(35,858,924)	(31,902,946)
Net tuition & fees	42,720,739	43,117,693	42,588,221	38,906,457	35,949,338
Room & board	15,710,376	15,882,663	14,863,982	13,746,773	12,995,123
Gifts & grants	2,550,000	2,540,000	2,610,000	2,575,000	2,425,000
Endowment income	15,666,452	15,016,224	13,174,935	12,668,207	12,734,649
Other income	743,000	813,000	850,500	906,600	921,600
Total revenue	77,390,567	77,369,580	74,087,638	68,803,037	65,025,710

Average Net Tuition Price by Grade

1 st year	\$19,618
2 nd year	\$20,400
3 rd year	\$21,384
4 th year	\$22,552

Information Courtesy of Kyle Webb

"Costs Rising": While the price of tuition rises, the scholarships earned do not. Each year, students pay more.

grade-year. Rhodes College Vice President for Financial and Business Affairs, Kyle Webb, informed, "every student at the college is charged the same rate of tuition... [However,] the net price for each class increases each year as a result of the annual tuition rate increase. Thus, seniors will have incurred three tuition rate increases during their four years, which typically causes their average net tuition per student to be moderately higher than the

average net tuition per student for underclass students."

After learning about the increases, sophomore Steven Mysiewicz expressed, "I'm kind of upset. Why would you [increase tuition every year?] Just be straight-forward. Just give us the numbers up front. My family is already struggling to pay."

Webb emphasized that Rhodes has not been engaging in bait-and-switch tactics — a technique called "front-loading." Said Webb, "Rhodes does

not engage in front-loading of financial aid. Schools that engage in front-loading usually offer large financial aid packages to first-year students as a means of enticing them to enroll and then reduce the financial aid award in subsequent years. Rhodes does not reduce financial aid packages after the first year."

In comparison, Rhodes increases tuition rates over time rather than decreasing aid.

Rhodes is not unique in its tuition revenue processes.

Dozens of colleges use this same process or its derivatives. New York University, University of Arkansas and American University all tend to charge upperclassmen more than lowerclassmen. Regardless, here on campus, several factors - including a decrease in enrollment, inflation in maintenance costs and a newly-hired Title IX coordinator - warranted, if not necessitated, the tuition increase.

Expressed Webb, "if there were no tuition increase for upper-class students, each first-year student would, on average, have had to pay approximately \$5,000 more to achieve the same amount of total revenue." This, of course, assumes that first-year enrollment would mirror that of years past. And, interestingly enough, the newly adopted First-Year Experience was negligible in price—most student clubs costing more in funding.

As to the effectiveness of the tuition increase, Webb affirmed, "increasing the tuition rate enabled the college to balance its budget without making reductions to academic programs or student services."

WE LIKE SPORTS AND WE DON'T CARE WHO KNOWS.

HONESTLY, THIS WEEKEND IS JUST AMAZING FOR RHODES ATHLETICS.

TODAY: FIELD HOCKEY vs. BIRMINGHAM @ 3:30

WOMEN'S SOCCER vs. OGLETHORPE @ 5:00

VOLLEYBALL vs. MILLSAPS @ 6:00

MEN'S SOCCER vs. OGLETHORPE @ 7:00

TOMORROW: VOLLEYBALL vs. BIRMINGHAM SOUTHERN @ 12:00

(#TAILGATETIME) FOOTBALL vs. WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY @ 1:00

NEWS

Letter from the Editors

"Put your records on, tell me your favourite song" -Corinne Bailey Rae, from "Put Your Records On"

"People get a Moleskine notebook and an iPhone. The typical Moleskine customers are millennials¹ and are typically highly educated and highly digitalized. They use both paper and digital products." **Marco Ariello**, Managing Partner and Chairman of Moleskine, from WSJ (and Moleskine is doing well, jsyk)

That's right, as millennials, we're nostalgic, yet tech-savvy. We're signed up for Spotify and Apple Music, yet we still listen to vinyl and CD's. Netflix and other streaming services rule our entertainment consumption, yet we probably have more than a few DVD's

lying around. Professors allow us to BYOD, but most kids in our classes use notebooks and paper. The millennial generation is caught in the middle of the move to pure digital. As millennials running this newspaper, we fancy printing a paper copy AND producing a digital copy.

How long can this inbetween last? Will generations below the millennials swoop in, dominate the market, and leave physical media in the dust? Or will technology plateau and urge future generations of society to appreciate the physical in addition to the digital? Quite a few conjectures exist out there concerning this topic, many involve the digital surpassing even the physical human body. However, conjectures of that nature predict events set to occur years

and years from now.

The more pressing question is whether or not we as millennials will continue to favor both media forms long after our time at Rhodes. Perhaps the constant screen time will overwhelm us to the point we abandon digital altogether. Hell, maybe technology will make physical media so inefficient that a rational human being will have no choice but to wholly embrace the digital. With every popular addition to modern technology, we find ourselves struggling to reconcile our physical and technological preferences. Why we struggle is unclear. We are the generation with birthdays close to that of the World Wide Web which explains our digital affinity. But what about the vinyl, the CD's, the notebooks, the Polaroid cameras, the

stick shift cars and everything else "old" we like to use? Our parents might have something to do with it as our households were most likely set up before major technology for the masses.

Whatever the reason, we as millennials might be the last generation to appreciate physical media.

Strange, huh?

#sincerely,
Zoe Laulederkind
&
Christian Wiggs

¹Millennials, whom we define as those ages 18-34 in 2015, now number 75.4 million. (pewresearch.org)

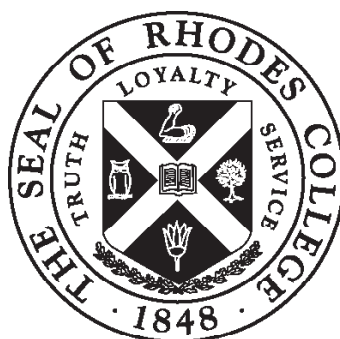
Things First Years Do to Be "Different"

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| 1. Hang up Kurt Cobain posters | 2. Wear Birkenstocks | 3. Don Herschel backpacks | 4. Join the fraternity that's "not like the others" | 5. Major in "international" business instead of the normal commerce track | 6. Order the secret, amazing, hole-in-the-wall chicken | 7. Catch Chlamydia | 8. Decorate their dorms with dreamcatchers and salt lamps | 9. Hang up psychedelic tapestries | 10. Pin buttons onto their backpacks | 11. Accumulate laptop stickers | 12. Pierce their nose and/or nipples | 13. Attempt to become friends with the Lair workers | 14. Run for RSG and SRC | 15. Offer to bring Cards Against Humanity | 16. Host pregames | 17. Hang an American flag over their window so people can see it from outside | 18. Tell people "yeah, I play guitar" | 19. Strum the same 3 fucking chords on the ukulele that you brought from home | 20. Go to the "bad" parts of town | 21. Get ripped off at Tip Top | 22. Pretend to like their randomly selected roommates | 23. Exclaim, "dude this is bullshit" in response to the imposed first-year experience | 24. "Yeah, man, Tame Impala" | 25. Smoke rich 'n smooth Marlboro No 27 Blend cigarettes | 26. Listen to underground hip-hop like Chance the Rapper and Schoolboy Q | 27. Wear Puma tube socks instead of Nike tube socks | 28. Love Quentin Tarantino (but only have seen Pulp Fiction) | 29. Wear jerseys of foreign soccer teams | 30. Advertise themselves as Adderall plugs | 31. Sleep in the library |
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WITHIN THE GATES

Chemistry Looks to Expand Major

By PHILLIPS HUTCHISON '19
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The chemistry department recently submitted a proposal to expand and improve the major. They hope to add a pre-chemical engineering track to the major, which would be in addition to the standard, ACS and drug design tracks that they already have. If this proposal is approved, it will further enhance the department's abilities to prepare stu-

dents for the various paths they may pursue in their lives.

Dr. Will Eckenhoff spoke of how he hoped that adding this track would attract more majors saying, "we really wanted to just expand the major and offer a track so that students would have an alternative to doing a 3:2 program with another school and could be better prepared at Rhodes." While 3:2 programs do give two undergrad degrees (one of which is a chemical engineering de-

gree), they obviously require students to spend extra time at another school. The addition of this track would allow Rhodes to prepare students hoping to enter this field without necessarily needing to pursue a 3:2 program at a different school.

Only slight changes to the standard chemistry degree would be necessary to pursue the pre-chemical engineering track. These changes include the simply addition of two extra math courses (Calculus III

and Differential Equations) and a programming course. Students pursuing this track would also be required to take the calculus-based intro physics courses, but many do so already.

Tracks like this one are currently offered at some other schools, and the programs are very similar to the proposed track here. One of the strengths of the proposed track is that while it is intense, it still allows for a liberal arts education.

As it stands, the requirements represent the core of chemical engineering, thus preparing students for graduate programs while still allowing them to explore different disciplines. Said Dr. Eckenhoff, "what we've designed really preserves the strength of a liberal arts degree while still preparing students for pursuing graduate studies in chemical engineering."

RAB Formal Tonight!



10 P.M.-1 A.M., Oct. 7: Buses will leave from Bellingrath Gate.
DJ Lex, Cash Bar (with ID) & Free Non-Alcoholic Drinks
Free Fuel Food Truck from Class Council for first 150 guests!

Halloweentown, Tennessee

By SAM "SPOOKY" CLARK '17
HALLOWEEN EXPERT

I can hear you now:

"Wait, Sam, c'mon. It's barely October. Sure, PSLs have been around for a few weeks now, but Halloween is still nearly a month away."

And I agree. But there are only 4 more weekends (including this one!) until Monday, Oct. 31. One of those is Fall Break, so Halloween is basically here. Plus, this is the last issue of the *Sou'wester* until the Oct. 28. Y'all need some Halloween, stat.

First things first, we need pumpkins. As enticing as those displays in front of Kroger are, we need to go to a real farm to pick out some real pumpkins. Just a quick 15 minute drive from campus, the Agricenter

(7777 Walnut Grove Dr.) has both a huge pumpkin selection, as well as a massive corn maze. For those who want a thrill, the maze becomes haunted every Friday and Saturday this month. Maze is \$7 during the day, and \$12 during the haunted nights. Pumpkin prices vary by size. Open Wednesday - Friday 4-10pm, Saturday 12-10pm, Sunday 12-8pm.

Farther out, Jones Orchard (7170 Highway 51 N, Millington) has a pumpkin patch, pick-your-own apples, as well as yet another corn maze. It's open 8am-6pm, 7 days a week. But wait! There's more. Starting TODAY, Jones also hosts Festival of Fear. Featuring a Haunted Maze and Hayride, this frightening farm looks to be one of the scariest attrac-

tions this October. \$21 for both activities, and it is open 7-11pm every Friday/Saturday, as well as the Sunday and Monday of Halloweekend.

Sick of running away from all these monsters, and want to fight back? Shelby Farms (Walnut Grove Dr.) has got your back. For \$20, Spooky Nights will load you in a trailer and equip you with a paintball gun. As zombies try to chase the vehicle, you can mow them down with paint. Otherwise, you can explore a haunted trail, decorate pumpkins, eat at spooky food trucks, check out "Phantom Zorbs" (whatever the hell those are) and more. For more information and prices go to shelbyfarmspark.org/spookynights

So have fun and scare away the best month of the year!

Career Tips from Career Services

Semester Abroad

There is nothing like international experience, and the best way to get that is while you are a college student. Now, if you have no interest in visiting a foreign country, then skip this tip and move on to the next. But, before you do, consider how this experience might help you get a job when you graduate. Imagine how great it will look if you can say you studied and lived abroad for part of your college career. The Study Abroad office hosts walk-in hours on Mondays at 2 p.m. and Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. on the lower level of Burrow Hall. Stop by to learn more!

Build an Amazing Network in Four Years

Your network is your most important job search tool; don't underestimate it. Make all of the friends that you can at school. Be active and participate in clubs and sports. Volunteer on campus. Each person you meet over the course of the next four years (students, professors, etc.) could play an important role in both your first job and your career.

Volunteer

There is nothing more powerful than volunteering. Besides the fact that you will be helping others who are in need, you will learn things that most people would pay to learn. You will learn skills that will become an asset in your future career. It goes without saying that it looks great on your resume! Consider learning more about the Kinney program — a service based program that works with 100+ programs and agencies in Memphis. To find more information on the Kinney program and learn how to get involved, visit: <https://www.rhodes.edu/content/kinney-program>

WITHIN THE GATES

Following The Way

BY ANTONIN SCALIA '18
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"Conquer yourself each day from the very first moment, getting up on the dot, at a set time, without granting a moment to laziness. If, with the help of God, you conquer yourself in that moment, you'll have accomplished a great deal for the rest of the day. It's so discouraging to find yourself beaten in the first skirmish!" -Saint Josemaria Escriva, The Way.

The sound of the alarm comes screaming from your nightstand, jarring you from your much-coveted slumber. You roll over, sick at the very prospect of beginning the day, and turn to your chosen savior in that moment, that button marked "snooze." Five more minutes. Ten more minutes. Anything to delay the inevitable, anything to remain comfortable. The minutes pass by far too quickly within those warm sheets upon that cloud-like mattress, each minute more valuable than the last. Sacred time utilized not in sacrifice for some greater good or put towards study (which we will examine next week), exercise or conversation with a friend but gone in sacrifice for our own personal comfort. We encounter our first opponent of the day - that formidable foe named laziness, that temptress named sloth - and put up little resistance.

As Saint Josemaria says, we find ourselves beaten in our very first skirmish. Those minutes that are stolen by that snooze button are not meaningless nor are they intended to be squandered. God saw fit to allow us another day, and every moment is invaluable, even those at the beginning of the day - especially those at the beginning of the day. Sleep is necessary only as a means to replenish and energize ourselves in preparation for the moments we spend awake, as these are far more meaningful. The moment we believe sleep to be an end in and of itself, rather than as a necessary means toward a far more rewarding end, we have made a poor miscalculation, and in this miscalculation we are far more dead than living.

Let us spurn laziness from the very moment it rears its gruesome head and choose instead to begin our days at a set time and not to stray from it. Let us begin each day with a moment of quiet prayer or reflection, giving thanks for the gift of another day and asking for the wisdom to be able to see those blessings in our daily life more clearly and appreciate them more deeply. Beginning tomorrow, let us strive to seize the day and all the possibilities and opportunities available within it, beginning with the very first of them.

What in the World is Bubble Soccer?



Photo by Saneela Tameez

BY SANEELA TAMEEZ '20
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Last Saturday, BCLC multi-purpose gym hosted a game of bubble soccer from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 pm. This scheduled game was one of the amazing Big Diehl events here on campus. I, as athletically inclined as I am, had never heard of bubble soccer and thus had no idea what it was. Many students described bubble soccer as a simplistic soccer game where all team members are encased from head to hip in a dome of plastic.

I know now that it so much more. It includes tactically running into your enemies and elegantly scoring goals while contained within a plastic bubble of heat and sweat. People fell, people laughed and, sometimes, cries of agony were heard: welcome to the world of bubble soccer.

As I walked into the BCLC gym, there was an atmosphere of fun and comedic banter. While some players were prepping their deflated bubbles, others were already practicing their moves for the upcoming game. I immediately ran into a barely recogniz-

able Dan Schrader, who was clearly disguised in soccer coach attire to hide his true identity. He explained to me that the last time they held this event there was an "incident." Two students charged into one another, slipped through their bubbles and rammed head-on into one another. Dan assured me that everything was fine and that they have coaches on-site to attend to any emergencies. Soon after this conversation, the game began.

There were two teams of five, one red and one blue. The game began with the red team taking charge and trying to score a goal, but the blue team immediately intervened by knocking opponents to ground. This kind of play went on for most of the game: when the red team tried to score a goal, the blue team members strategically knocked down their opponents. It was hilarious to see familiar students crash to the ground, encased in a bubble, and find themselves struggling to get back up again. Even more hilarious was watching players exclaim, "it is so fucking hot in here!" while laughing in their con-

fused states of agony mixed with joy. The first game soon ended with a score of 1-1, and various students participated in 5 more matches. After the games, I noticed each bubble soccer team bonding over sweat stains, laughter and the communal struggles of being encased in a plastic bubble; each team seemed to be overflowing with happiness and sportsmanship.

Having now experienced it, even if from the sidelines, I highly recommend bubble soccer as one of the liveliest and most intriguing sports I have ever witnessed. I could not keep my eyes off of the game. What beats full-on charging into your friends within the sweaty protection of a large plastic bubble?

I asked Dan Schrader what he would say to garner more bubble soccer participants, and he enthusiastically responded, "it is a great stress reliever and a good time, so people are really having a blast out here," before adding, "so just come have some fun!" So, the next time you hear about an upcoming bubble soccer event, just come on down and have a "ball" with your fellow classmates!

Moon Cakes and K-Pop from A.S.I.A Harvest Success

BY ANU IYER '20
STAFF WRITER

The Asians congregated around that place they knew best on a breezy September night: the Biology building. This isn't a racial stereotype because I'm Asian, too and often find myself in the same setting during many sleepless nights. This gathering, however, wasn't to cram for the impending doom of an exam. The A.S.I.A club held its annual Mid-Autumn

Harvest Festival in the Amphitheatre outside Frazier-Jelke.

Trays upon trays of steaming Chinese food lined one table, and your basic beverages like soda and sweet tea were scattered upon another. The signature dishes included potstickers, egg rolls, noodles and handmade mooncakes. Undeniably, the best part of the event was the music. Students bobbed their heads to Asian pop and EDM and a little Bollywood here and there. A few even had the

courage to bust some moves at the front of the amphitheater.

All in all, the event was a 9/10 according to a survey of approximately fifteen out of the nearly fifty people that came and went. Students got a chance to relax, meet up with friends, fill up on free food (#SaveThoseSwipes) and become acquainted to some amazing music. Two thumbs up (and a wink) to the A.S.I.A. Club!

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Why You Gotta Vote - Mainstream

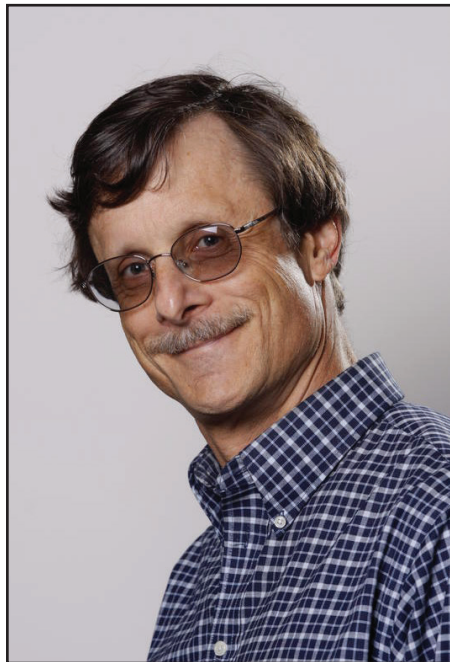


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BY PROFESSOR CHRIS WETZEL
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In my 34 years at Rhodes, I've never written to the *Sou'wester*, so, obviously something has upset me. I heard about a poll showing that about one-third of your generation is either not going to vote or will vote third party. My generation made these same mistakes (to be explained below), and you and I are still paying for them. Don't "pay it forward" to your own and future generations. Below are some of the rationales I have heard from Rhodents or millennials (including my daughter), along with my short responses.

My vote won't count because I am not in a swing state.

Although the Electoral College elects presidents, the popular vote conveys legitimacy and mandate status. So, if a candidate wins the election but loses the popular vote, it does limit their use of their political capital. So, you vote does matter.

The system is corrupt or dysfunctional; it doesn't matter who gets elected.

In 1968, I was a disgruntled college student; many of us were fed up with the government, not just about the Vietnam war. Many of us sat out the election (but I did vote), and we ended up with Richard Nixon as President. I won't go into the details, but we are still paying for his misdeeds. In the 2000 election, many people didn't vote or



Photo courtesy of Today

went to Ralph Nader as a third party candidate. We ended up with George Bush, an even bigger disaster. And I am feeling a strong déjà vu with this election.

There are two big issues that will be decided by the next administration, and I think you should care greatly about them. You are the most liberal and progressive generation we have had, and the recent gains and things you now take for granted can be snatched away if Trump wins.

The business/right wing Republican politicians have been on the wrong side of history for a long time. They fought many environmental or progressive policies that we now take for granted. If they had had their way in the 1960s, we would not have an EPA and would be choking on our air like they are in China. We would not have seat-belts and air-bags, which save tens of thousands of lives each year and have perhaps already saved yours. Without the social security and labor laws passed by Democratic administrations (along with moderate Republicans), we would still have child sweat shops like in Southeast Asia or impoverished elderly populations as in parts of Africa. And if Trump wins, his administration will undermine (and maybe reverse) Civil Rights laws for LGBTQ+, women and People of Color.

My generation has screwed yours by denying that climate change comes from human activity. My generation will be dead before the big impact of climate change, but yours will have to deal with the havoc it will wreak for the

rest of your life. **Not voting - or voting for anyone but Hillary - can give the election to Trump.** How can you elect a candidate who rejects mainstream science and who thinks climate change is a Chinese conspiracy, as he recently tweeted? If we had elected Gore instead of Bush in 2000, we would be on our way to dealing with climate change, but we have been stalled for 15 years. I blame Nader, a third-party candidate, for this, which is ironic because he was a believer in science. The scientists tell us that the more we stall, the worse the effects. Think what it will be like to deal with hurricane Sandys/Katrinass 2 or 3 times a year for the rest of your life? If handling 1 million Syrian refugees is straining the democracies of the world now, what happens when Bangladesh goes under water with 170 million refugees? And they won't be the only country. Your number one issue should be climate change because it will drastically influence your own future.

Your generation cares about equality — economic, racial, gender and sexual orientation fairness. A Trump victory and a Republican Senate will change the Supreme Court and Circuit courts, preventing any future progress (much is still needed) and even reversing hard-earned gains. The next administration will place 1, 2 or even 3 justices on the Supreme Court. Do you really want a Supreme Court that puts Judge Clarence Thomas in the majority?

We can only reform the system from the outside.

Reforming from the outside or destroying the system is not going to happen or work in the United States without a true physical revolution, which I don't think we want — think of the Arab Spring. Trump thinks he can snap his fingers and make big changes. Although feasible in business, this is unfeasible in a democracy, so he will be completely ineffective at best and maybe dangerous, causing real harm or making things worse, especially internationally.

Will Hillary reform the system and make it functional? No. The best we can get is modest change, but that is better than no change or exacerbation. One plus for Hillary is she has a good record of working with Republicans in the Senate, so I think she can do a lot more than Obama, who could not get the Senate to work with him. Of course, if the Senate and the House stay as firmly right wing, Tea Party Republican as they are now, Hillary will be hamstrung. Trump, on the other hand, will have full reign if he is elected. So, don't give into frustration or despair and think that blowing up the system is the way to fix it. It will blow up your future well-being instead. Hold your nose if you must, and vote for Clinton and other progressive candidates down the line.

Chris Wetzel

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BEYOND THE GATES

Restaurant Review: Elwood's Shack



Photo courtesy of Yelp

BY DAVID MORAR '19
STAFF WRITER

You may not have heard about Elwood's Shack. You may not even know where it is. You may try to eat there and find yourself asking why you've ended up in a Lowe's parking lot. Well, I'm here to tell you that Elwood's Shack offers the best damn barbecue fusion food in Memphis - better than Central, Porky's and all those other over-hyped places.

Elwood's Shack is just that: a shack. You can find this holy shanty next to a Lowe's Hardware Store off of Summer Ave, about 15 minutes from the Rhodes campus. Elwood's prides itself on being the only barbecue place in the city that serves more brisket than

pork, but I could've told you that myself after having the Philly Brisket wrap. This delectable creation is basically an interpretation of a Philly Cheese steak wrap using beef brisket. It turns out to be a juicy, flavorful package of brisket, sautéed onions and peppers, lettuce and a tangy horseradish sauce in a small wrap. It was superb.

One does not go to Elwood's for the atmosphere or the decor. It isn't even for the cool camouflage cup you get to take home. You go for the food - specifically, for the brisket. Next time you go to Lowe's to get a new curtain rod, check out the little barbecue shack next to it; you won't be disappointed.

Stuck in Memphis for Fall Break?

BY MEG JERIT '20
STAFF WRITER

Rhodes is pretty fantastic, but with the upcoming calming of the daily hustle, the great adventures of our city beckon. Memphis's rich cultural offerings and experiences await, so allow me, a humble Memphis native and devotee to exploration, to point you in the direction of a few Memphis pearls.

Take a walk along the mighty Mississippi! Sometimes, simple is best. Whether strolling, biking or running, you'll pick up pieces here and there of Memphis's rich history. In Tom Lee Park, you'll find trees providing ample shade, benches, beach volleyball and the Grizzlies' Riverfront Fitness Trail. Riverfront Bar and Grill is right there, too, for a bite to eat after your excursions!

Nearby is Mud Island, which offers iconic monorail rides, the opportunity to glean some knowledge in its museum and the lovely river walk.

Downtown, there are some great streets to hit up. Take South Main, for example, which has yummy spots like Aldo's Pizza Pies, Oshi Burger Bar and Local, plus a plethora of cute boutiques and shops. And don't forget other neat gems like the Center for Southern Folklore!

Beale Street boasts phenomenal people watching, and it's almost a guarantee for blues or jazz to sprinkle the air as you meander, whether you step into a funky souvenir shop or get a milkshake at A. Schwab's. Always invaluable are the options of the National Civil Rights Museum, the Cotton Exchange Museum and the Stax Museum!

If wanting to venture outside our beloved gates but stay a little closer to campus, be sure to head over to Overton Square for a night of good eats, a hip atmosphere and shopping! Catch a movie at Studio on the Square or wander the lovely Overton Park, paying respects at the war memorials and perhaps tossing around a frisbee in the far reaching fields. And, let's be honest: kindergarteners and college students alike can enjoy a mean swing set session at the playground.

On October 15, check out the Soulsville USA Festival from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at College and McLemore. The Le Bonheur Pumpkin Run 5k is another great option that day! The Levitt Shell will have a fundraising concert October 15 by rhythm and blues and gospel singer Mavis Staples (who is also an actress and civil rights activist!) and St. Paul & The Broken Bones, a six-piece soul band. To make your October 15 decision even more difficult, Ben Rector will be playing at Minglewood this day, too! If you're looking for some laughs, The Chuckles Comedy House will host Lester Bibbs from October 13 through October 16.

Wanting to travel a bit further for some more natural and outdoorsy adventures? Head to Shelby farms for acres and acres of beauty! Ropes courses, walking and hiking paths, running trails, horseback riding and paddle boats all await.

So, are you really "stuck" in Memphis for break? It sounds to me like you're being "set loose" to explore and enjoy all the offerings of our great city!

Post-Debate Analysis

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Last Monday, as the world watched, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump participated in the first of three Presidential debates last Monday. More than 84 million Americans tuned in as NBC's Lester Holt asked questions concerning both the economy and security of the United States under their potential administra-

tions. This audience beat the record previously set by the 1980 debate between Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan.

During the ninety-minute debate, both candidates hit each other over issues including police and law enforcement, their relationship with African Americans, their ideas for the economy and job creation, tax and budgetary plans that could drastically increase the national debt and plans

for dealing with ISIS. Actual specifics regarding their policy proposals were hard to come by, with greater focus on both Clinton and Trump pinning their opponent as "wrong," often without ever explaining precisely why.

Unfortunately, however, this could only be expected given the circus-like nature of the campaign that has sprawled over the past eighteen months. Regardless of how disappoint-

ed you might have been with the bulk of the debate, things got a little more intense when Trump accused Clinton of deleting 33,000 emails off of her server, and Clinton responded by calling Trump's behavior "racist" in regard to President Obama's birth certificate.

Even though you could have watched the debate and been disappointed by both candidates' performances, it was clear that Clinton won without

significant controversy. Polls conducted by CNN in the days afterward showed that 62% of likely voters thought Clinton out-performed Trump, while only 27% thought the reverse. And with only two debates left, and Hillary currently leading in seven of the eleven key battleground states, Trump will need to improve drastically if he hopes to win the election come November 8.

SPORTS

Men's Tennis Wraps Up Fall Season

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The Rhodes college men's tennis team wrapped up its fall season this past weekend with their ITA regional tournament in Sewanee, Tenn. This particular tournament is a tough competition that always features some of the top teams and players in all of Division III, including the #1 ranked Emory men's team. The Rhodes men's team performed well despite facing a tough bracket.

The Lynx fared well in the first round of the singles competition, with 7 of 9 players claiming victory. The second round, however, was much

tougher for the team, with all of the remaining players falling to tough opponents. While the singles competition was tough for the team, they saw some very important wins in doubles. Seniors Albert Vacheron and Daniel Olivier had two huge wins in the doubles draw, taking down one of the Emory teams and then taking out one of the Sewanee teams before falling to the #4 seeded team. With the huge win over Jack Gray (formerly #2 nationally-ranked doubles player and winner of the doubles tournament last year) and his partner, Olivier and Vacheron put themselves in prime positioning to pursue a regional ranking. Said Assistant Coach

Tyler Cempre, "it was a great tournament, and our younger players got to see some of the best players in the Atlantic South for the first time."

And with that, the men's team heads into its offseason. The team will continue to work to improve before the spring season arrives, hoping to use the 13th best recruiting class in all of Division III to dethrone reigning conference champion Sewanee. As Coach Cempre declared, "I know our strong results are going to motivate everyone to work hard in the offseason and put themselves in the best position to succeed this spring."



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Women's Golf Remains Undefeated, Swinging Towards Another Championship

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Having won first place in their first two tournaments this fall, the girl's golf team is keeping their winning streak alive, following in the footsteps of their previous undefeated season. The team's first tournament was the Rhodes Classic, followed by the Montgomery Country Club Intercollegiate in Montgomery, Ala.

Amidst their strong perfor-

mance, the team had to face some sad news during their second tournament: the night before the final round, the team learned of the death of world-renowned golfer, Arnold Palmer. "I think it definitely impacted us, as he did so much for the game of golf during his life and was such an inspiration for golfers everywhere. Before the final round, there was a moment of silence recognizing him. It was a great inspiration to finish off the

tournament with a win," senior Mackenzie Cohen said.

As for their playing, the team is content with the hard work they've put in since the start. Sophomore Melissa Kiker remarked, "I'm proud of what we have accomplished so far this year. Everybody was pretty balanced. If somebody wasn't on their game, somebody else was there to make up for it." Although the girls know there is always room for improvement, they are happy to

see the progress they've made within the past couple years. "The team has improved continually. We've grown in size and talent consistently, and we keep working at it," Kiker concluded.

With only one more tournament this fall, the team must stay focused to move forward onto their spring season. When it comes to their goals for the rest of the year, the girls want to contribute as much as they can to the team as a whole in-

stead of focusing on their own individual scores. "Individually, our goals are always to play as well as we can to help the team. We are all just as interested in the team result as [we are in] our own individual performance," Cohen said.

By maintaining this team spirit, the girls can have another season as successful as their last.

Men's Golf Keeps on Keeping On

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With two tournaments already under their belts, the Rhodes men's golf team has had a steady start to the season. Their first tournament took place at the Tunica National in Tunica, Miss., in which the team split into two separate sub-teams for the tournament. After all was said and done, the respective teams finished in second and fifth place.

The second tournament of the season was the Gordin Intercollegiate in Columbus, Ohio, where the team pulled through and placed third among twelve of the top teams in the country. In regards to their performance in these two tournaments, the golfers know that the best is yet to come. Junior Chris Harris commented, "we played solid but not our best. I know that we are one of the best teams in the country, and it is just a matter of time before we get

hot and make some noise in Division III golf."

Regarding their goals this season, the team has set their expectations high. Other than the obvious hopes of winning future tournaments as well as the conference title, the team hopes to take away the national championship. Senior Luke Malanchuk explained that, "this year, our team goal is to not just be invited to the national championship but to win it. We have the most tal-

ented team we have ever had at Rhodes, with 13 great players all trying to make it in the top 5 in qualifying to travel to the tournaments."

Although they didn't start the season as strongly as they wanted, the players are confident in their abilities and that they can still meet their aspirations for the season. Overall, the team believes they have improved a lot this season, especially in comparison to their past seasons, and that they owe a lot

of it to their time at the school. "We've all gained experience from our time at Rhodes and are better off for it. We've become a more fundamentally sound team in all aspects of the game," Harris said. With this experience, the team is confident that they can come out on top by the end of the season.

THE BACK PAGE

So Wat? Brexit and the European Union

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While many Americans have been focused on one hell of an unusual presidential election, the world around us has continued to go about its business, with a little of its own craziness thrown in. Last Thursday, So-Wat sponsored Professors Lynn Zastoupil, Bruno Badia and Nikolaos Zahariadis to discuss the proceeding British exit from the European Union. But first, a little background.

The United Kingdom, and twenty-seven other European nations, form the EU, an economic-political coalition of countries working together towards common goals designed for growth and peacekeeping. Formed to keep the peace in Europe after World War II, the EU has been successful in creating a large economic block in which its members can trade, boosting growth. This allows the EU to negotiate with large countries such as the U.S. and China to get better trade deals for itself.

However, with these benefits come some costs. Members are required to pay membership dues and follow laws that the EU council sets, even if those laws hurt certain industries at home. Moreover, all members are required to have, more or less, the same immigration policy: any citizen of any member country can live or work in any other member country as they please. And with the massive influx of Syrian, Afghan and African refugees, this is a policy that has allowed for an overall increase in racial tension.

On the subject of the UK, this proud island nation (rather, collection of nations), while technically a part of Europe geographically speaking, has maintained a distinct personality and culture that has evolved over centuries of isolation from the mainland. This, combined with an economic slowdown in Europe, a lack of faith in countries such as Greece, Spain and the newer members of the EU, as well as the rising extremism of the UK Independence party, has led many Brits to call for an



exit from the EU.

The UK Conservative Party, looking to slow the exodus from their party, called for a non-binding referendum, gambling that when the votes were tallied, Brexit would lose. As we now know, they lost that bet. Immediately following the referendum, Prime Minister David Cameron resigned, as did the leadership of the Independence Party, right at their

moment of victory.

Currently, the UK is dawdling on the details of Brexit, with politicians and businesses fearing that the loss of the EU common market might spell a devastating recession. There appears to be no real end in sight to the uncertainty. Because the referendum was non-binding, the UK isn't required to leave the EU, but this would fly right in the face of democratic

principles. What is more likely is that the UK leaves the EU but remains in the more general European Economic Area, allowing the UK to continue trading with the EU while still being required to pay membership fees and abide by EU immigration policy.

Presidential Debate Leaves Americans Feeling Satisfied

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At the end of the presidential debate, viewers across the nation walked away from their televisions and drinking games wholly content with the candidates they'd chosen to run in this presidential election. Americans across the country tuned in to watch 90-minutes of riveting arguments on policy positions, thought-provoking ideas on solving problems like racism and inequality and finally getting the long-awaited clarification that President

Obama was indeed born in the United States.

Trump truly showed his best face at the debate, making clear and concise arguments throughout the night and not leaving at least half the country with a deep pang of unrelenting dread. "I think my strongest asset by far is my temperament," Trump said, putting this on display to the more than 86 million viewers. He also weighed on the identity of the DNC hacker, mentioning the possibility that it was "somebody sitting on their bed that weighs 400 pounds." When it came to cybersecurity, Trump's plan consisted of

the compelling argument that America needs "to get very, very tough on cyber," along with the helpful side note that his son is very good with computers.

On the other side, Clinton made a cogent argument that she wasn't the dishonest, untrustworthy candidate that everyone thinks she is. She talked about her humble beginnings, repeating over and over that she is relatable to everyday Americans. "My husband and I may make millions of dollars a year, but we are just like the rest of you. We stand alongside you in your fight against the one percent," said Hillary,

moving viewers with her genuine spirit and crisp pantsuit. She met every one of Trump's attacks with complete poise and dignity, creating a truly captivating dialogue between the two candidates. Secretary Clinton stressed the fact that the version of Clinton that appeared before viewers Monday night will be the version we will see if she wins the White House and assuaged voters' fears by stating that she was, in fact, completely human and programmed to excellence.

With both candidates performing admirably on stage, the only real loser to this debate would be the moderator,

Lester Holt. His constant reminders to stay within the time frame fell on deaf ears, and his insane obsession with facts, especially when concerning Trump's statements, was disturbing to say the least. At the end of the debate, Americans both young and old can be assured that, regardless of who wins this election come November, the nation will be in good hands and will not, in fact, turn into the doomed and apocalyptic America that Republicans have long said we will become.