

Black Lives Matter: A Silent Protest

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An atmosphere of somber and stillness encompassed the scene where a protest for the Black Lives Matter movement took place in front of the Paul Barret Jr. Library on Sept. 30. Cody West '20 and Taylor Bass '20 organized the silent demonstration in which several other Rhodes students participated including Tom Day, Juliet Mace, Emily Burkhead, Abbey Plantz, Mallika Rao. Before the protest began, the involved waited inside the library to distribute posters that read "white silence is violence," "black lives > white privilege" and others that bore the names of various police brutality victims. Names like Tamir Rice, Eric Garner and Walter Scott were easily recognizable but others like Jamar Clark and Akai Gurley were less familiar. These posters may have seemed light in weight but the phrases and names they held were as heavy as the lives that have been lost.

After having stepped outside of the Barrett Library with posters flying high, a deep silence washed over the group. There was not a single sign of happiness. There was only sadness and a exhaustion. It was clear these students were tired of the injustice.

Still, the group did not include all on campus tired of the injustice. Many students walked by in awe, gave hugs and said "thank you." Other students in cars were honking in support, raising their hands in a heart shape showing love for the movement.

Of course, there were some negative reactions. One student said, "fuck that shit" and ran off. Others looked on with disappointment but an overwhelming majority had a positive and supportive reaction to the demonstration.

When West and Bass, were asked why they thought it was essential for Rhodes to have this demonstration, West said, "I feel like it's important because I was just extremely frustrated about the lack of aware-



"Within the Gates": Not just a part of greater Memphis, a Black Lives Matter protest formed outside Barrett.

Photo by Saneela Tameez

ness and the lack of emotion towards the lynching of African Americans here in America. The lack of attention and the lack of like I said emotion and frustration of people, not just black people, but of people being murdered here. That is why I feel it was a must have on campus at this moment."

Bass added her thoughts, "I feel like this demonstration was needed to spark conversation and conversation is how we get to that point of change." With regard to growing the movement, West said, "The injustices here do not only affect black people, they do not only affect white people, they affect

everyone in America. Therefore, you should be apart of this and you should be able to want to make change and fight the systematic racism that not only affects me as a black man but everybody."

Vote Now! Quality Enhancement Plan

The Rhodes Student Government invites all Rhodes students to participate in selecting the next college-wide innovation project. The organization that accredits Rhodes refers to this as a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). To see four suggestions for the QEP, log into Rhodes Express Online and look for "QEP Voting is Open" (<https://express.rhodes.edu/QEP>) under Hot Topics. Once you've had a chance to look them over and decide which ones you like best, just press any one of the "VOTE HERE" buttons to participate in the election. Voting is open now through Monday, Oct. 24.

This is a great opportunity to participate in a project that will have a lasting impact on the College. Please vote!

Contact Dean Mattson at MattsonM@rhodes.edu or Jay Hedges at hedjl-17@rhodes.edu with any questions or concerns.

NEWS

Final Voting Call

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Just a final reminder, if you are a Tennessee resident and are registered to vote, there is still time to get an absentee ballot. Just go to this address, [\[sos-tn-gov-files.s3.amazonaws.com/forms/5_Request_for_Absentee_Ballot_August%202014.pdf\]\(http://sos-tn-gov-files.s3.amazonaws.com/forms/5_Request_for_Absentee_Ballot_August%202014.pdf\), print off and fill out the form, scan it, \(scanners are available outside the media center in Barrett\) and email it to the appropriate employee of](http://</p>
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your county's election commission. Prospective voters should call their respective election office to receive the email address: http://tnsos.org/elections/election_commissions.php. This may seem tedious but it is much faster than standard vot-

ing. They will snail mail you your ballot that you can fill out, then you can mail it back. And if voters want to make their vote count, it will be back by 6:00 PM on Nov. 8! And finally, even though the electoral college objectively sucks,

your vote still goes towards the popular vote count, which tells pundits and observers who has the support of the most people. Go Vote!

SURPRISE: GOP Leaders Unaware That Democrats Can Legally Own Guns

BY WARREN SOCHER '19
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Indiana governor and prominent Women's Rights activist Michael Pence was completely thrown aback by a comment made by Secretary of State and tech specialist Hillary Clinton regarding the American people's right to own loud killing fire sticks. Republicans, in collaboration with the NRA, have attempted to stimulate the gun market and win favor with Democrats with the revolutionary institution of firearms-assisted abortions. Pence subsequently offered a prayer to Sky-Man in hopes that the fetuses would take up arms to maraud the nearest Planned Parenthood. Trump, who doesn't have such a close relationship with the Good Hombre upstairs claims he has bigger walls to worry about than salvation.

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WHEREVER YOU ARE.**

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Letter from the Editor

When all you got to keep is strong, Move along, move along like I know you do -The All-American Rejects from "Move Along"

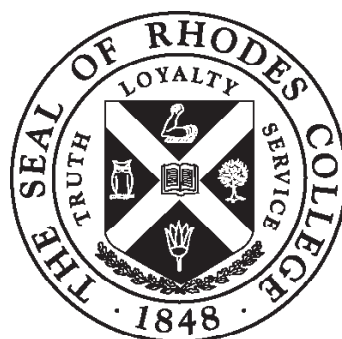
Hello, readers! And welcome to our very first SHORT edition. With mid-terms and Fall Break, a whole newspaper can be a challenge to assemble and print. SO, as suggested by our dear Strops Editor Will Morrow '19, we decided to release a two-page online edition of the paper with whatever we could pull together. Do you like the short form? Should we release more issues like this one? What could be added to make it better? Please let us know what you think about it by emailing us at rhodescnews@gmail.com.

What does a two-pager have anything to do with "Move Along"? Nothing, as it were except that I, Zoe Laulederkind am the only name after Editor-in-Chief(s) in this week's masthead. My former Co-Editor-in-Chief Christian Wiggs '18 has "moved along" to other writing pursuits. We are sad to see him go but happy that he will still be writing for us every now and again. Next Monday, the staff will vote for a Deputy Editor-in-Chief (sort of an assistant to the Editor-in-Chief) who will transition to Co-Editor-in-Chief in the spring. Look out for whomever it may be's name in next Friday's paper. May the force be with you, Zoe Laulederkind

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