

Spotlight: The Pirate Behind Rho Rho Rho



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Perhaps the most mysterious and enigmatic organization to ever make its home at Rhodes has been the nautical fraternity Rho Rho Rho. While often called whimsical or downright nonsensical, these gentlemen have nothing but the greatest amount of seriousness for their lofty and self-prescribed responsibility.

Sir Mr. Captain Mack House, the founder of Rho Rho Rho, had clear intentions for the organization's purpose since its inception.

House said, "My freshmen year, I came to Rhodes and I was wondering, 'What's a way for me to get out in the community, better the community and better Rhodes campus?' I looked at all the fraternities here and the first thing I thought when I saw them was 'philanthropy.' I see them helping people. But I looked at what they were doing and it seemed most of their volunteer work was land-based. I felt there was a real gap on campus for people like me, interested

in doing water-based work." House's devotion to water-focused philanthropy would later actualize into a health and wellness platform for seafaring individuals.

"People know about Cancer and other diseases like that but what about Scurvy? People aren't talking about scurvy on campus and it's a real problem we need to think about," House said.

Of course, House is not alone; Rho Rho Rho has roughly 25 members, all passionate enough to find purpose in the organization's clarion call. Together, the group hosted its first Scurvy Awareness Week two years ago.

"When we started Scurvy Awareness Week, we would just walk up to people and say 'Are you aware of Scurvy? Why don't you have an orange?'" House said.

Unfortunately, Scurvy Awareness Week proved to be too ineffective. Fewer students than ever were aware of the easily preventable illness.

"We found we were not getting a lot of traction. So that's when we started Scurvy Awareness

Week... Now we're thinking about a Scurvy Awareness Week, just to keep people on their toes, but that's only an idea" House said.

Once students recognize the importance of Scurvy Awareness Week, House assured that the organization will focus on other pressing matters. For example, the lack of nautical themed paraphernalia, pirate flags not being flown on campus flagpoles and a lack of parking space for large seawor-

thy vessels.

As for students who are interested in becoming an esteemed Rho Rho Rho member, House said there is a strong-vetting process. Successful applicants must "buy a shirt," have their "favorite fruit be oranges" and "be able to answer at least 10 trivia questions on the 1984 Ron Howard directed film, *Splash*, starring Tom Hanks."

To those who feel uncertain about the potency and drive of Rho Rho Rho, House promulgated a stern doctrine for the

future.

"Whenever there is a whale on a beach who dreams of the sea, we'll be there. Whenever there is a Cutie who has fallen out of its bag in the pantry and now sits on the floor, we'll be there. Whenever there is a lifeguard who says 'No splashing. No fun in the pool,' we'll be there. We want people to know, whenever there is a nautical emergency, they can look to the East and Rho Rho Rho will be rising."



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Letter from the Editors

“Everybody’s somebody’s everything,
I know you right, Nobody’s nothing,
That’s right” -**Chance the Rapper** from
Everybody’s Something

Hello, readers! Welcome to the second February Issue of 2017. This week, we seem to be lacking content. Yes! Can you believe it? The truth is, the newspaper is only full when at least 2 of the following conditions are met:

1. There’s lots of news to be reported
2. All of our journalists show up to meeting
3. Said journalists sign up for 1 or more articles
4. All assigned articles are completed and turned in within a reasonable time frame
5. Contributors join the party (Career Services, Ira Lawson, faculty, various student org representatives)

Of course, there are highs and lows with any publication but that’s not what we’re getting at. If you’ve ever thought you can’t write for the paper because you’re not good enough, because you didn’t sign up at SACK Fair, because Zoe is a scary person, because the paper already has enough writers, because you don’t have time to write every week, because you have no good ideas, THEN STOP RIGHT THERE.

The Sou’wester cordially invites one and all to send in any original photos or original articles of interest to rhodescnews@gmail.com, to randomly show up at 4 P.M. in our meetings—most Mondays in Palmer 205—or Hell, write on our Facebook wall about the strange rice maker you saw in a library study room.

A school newspaper should exhibit the opinions and interests of the student body, so STUDENT BODY and anyone of y’all who interacts with students, if you have something to say, let us know and we’d be more than happy to print it with a little editing.

Xoxoxo The Editors



2017 V-Week Schedule

Monday, Feb. 13

4:30 P.M., Yoga Studio, BCLC

Trauma-informed yoga for survivors of sexual or domestic violence with Lachrista Greco, CEO/Founder of the website Guerilla Feminism

8 P.M., Blount Auditorium, Buckman Hall

"Guerilla Feminism: Empowerment in Action," also with Greco

Tuesday, Feb. 14

7 P.M., Blount Auditorium, Buckman Hall

"Interrogating Feminism" panel of campus and community leaders

Wednesday, Feb. 15

Family Safety Center, floor 6, 1750 Madison Ave.

Kinney Service Plunge, RSVP to danra-19@rhodes.edu

Thursday, Feb. 16 to Saturday, Feb. 18

7 P.M. to 9 P.M., Palmer Hall, Hardie Auditorium

Pussy Power, a student directed monologue production with selections from The Vagina Monologues and others

Tickets will be sold in the Rat and Middle Ground during V-Week for \$5 and at the door for \$7

All proceeds will benefit local Memphis feminist organizations and nonprofits. They will also be collecting various goods for the Family Safety Center throughout the week. Drop-off boxes can be found in the Rat, Middle Ground and at Pussy Power.

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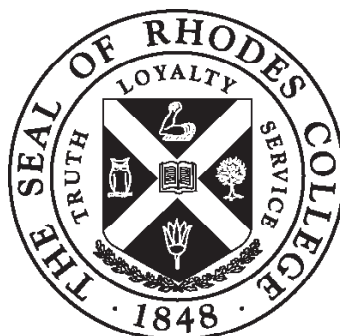
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RSG Senate Meeting: Debate on New Constitution Dominates

BY DAVID MORAR '19
DESIGN EDITOR

RSG met at their usual place in the annals of FJ to discuss pressing matters regarding the Rhodes student body and faculty, Jan. 31. These issues included painting the Robertson fence and attempting to find solutions to keep mice out of many of the dorms.

There was a more publicized issue as well, the proposition for an a new RSG constitution, which garnered a lot of buzz on Box as it became the subject of much discourse by the student body.

This proposed constitution's main point of distinction was its attempt to form a cabinet of presidents from all of Rhodes' governing bodies that will serve to discuss and mediate issues which intersect the student groups on cam-

pus. So far, every governing institution has agreed to this system excluding the Social Regulations Council and the Honor Council. The officials on this board will be expected to meet with student trustees regularly, while also serving under this campus-wide organization.

While some senators got behind this idea, the majority, including President Jay Hedges, thought there ought to be other ways to straighten out the problems rather than creating a new board. They also thought that the committee was not actually needed and it needed confirmation by SRC and Honor Council before proceeding with any action.

Other senators thought this organizational overhaul might hurt communication among student groups as a result of an overemphasis on

formality, which this new board would further develop.

All in all, there was one student that spoke in favor of the new document while three spoke out against it.

An interesting point some senators brought up in speaking against this new constitution was it would bestow the president of the student body with too much authority—the president would be the head of RSG and this “inter-governmental” board. Classic checks and balances.

Interestingly enough, this proposed constitution failed in voting by a 17-1 margin. Yes, only one senator voted for it.

In other news, the Allocations budgets were approved, a resolution regarding a public statement on commitment to diversity and a resolution recommending better access (automated doors) to the

Middle Ground both passed.

Speaking of Allocations, this very newspaper used to print a column called “From the Commissioner...”. Ally Limmer '16 (former Editor-in-Chief who also happened to be the Commissioner of the Allocations Board) detailed each week her suggestions for student organizations applying for funds as well as the inner workings of the Board itself. Since our dear Al's graduation and ascension to medical school in Houston, TX, no such article appears in the paper. Therefore, the following is a Board update:

-Commissioner: Davis Field '18
-Secretary: Katy Smith '19
-Staff Advisor: Ira Lawson
-The Board: 2 seniors, 2 juniors, 6 sophomores and 2 freshmen

Food for Thought, Discussion for Change

BY ANU IYER '20
STAFF WRITER

Over the polite clatter of forks and knives and the crunch of salad croutons, a handful of Rhodes students sat down with faculty to discuss topics surrounding the LGBT community within the college campus. Conversation centered around the lack of awareness to resources and organizations students and the Administration have tirelessly put work into.

Increased visibility of clubs following the SACK Fair, the Counselling Center, Queer Advocacy and the LGBT Working Group would make the Rhodes community more inclusive and better adjusted to an increasingly diverse and intersectional student population.

Students also mentioned the bookstore could benefit from further advertisement of their PRIDE merchandise, which has gone mostly unnoticed amid the plethora of conventional Rhodes gear.

The PRIDE shirts are not the only things collecting dust, though. The “Food for Thought” discussions themselves have been an amazing opportunity to express complaints, suggestions and even praise with a faculty member who will sit and listen while taking notes; although, they have been lacking student participation.

It was an entirely different setting from the unproductive venting between peers as the familiarity of the Rat and down-to-earth members made the atmosphere comfortable and safe. Discussion progressed in a direction toward finding solutions and affirming notions of solidarity. The faculty provided a perspective students can only suppose on their own, sometimes falsely.

All in all, the “Food for Thought” talks would be a hidden gem for those seeking more direct communication with faculty over some delicious, nutritious, sodium-laden fuel.

Career Services Presents

FALL 2017 INTERNSHIP ORIENTATION SESSIONS

FOR THE CLASS OF 2018 AND 2019

Monday, February 13th @ 4:30pm in Barret 051

Tuesday, February 14th @ 4:30pm in Barret 051

Wednesday, February 15th @ 4:30pm in Barret 051

Attend a session and receive priority application status. If you are unable to attend, email internships@rhodes.edu to set up a meeting time.

University of Memphis Law Reception a Success

BY KATIE BREWSTER '18
STAFF WRITER

Last Thursday night, the Rhodes College Alumni Office held its fourth annual University of Memphis Law Reception. Attendees drove downtown to the University of Memphis' Cecil C. Humphrey's School of Law overlooking the Mississippi River. The event provided an opportunity for current Rhodes students interested in law school to network with both Rhodes alumni who are currently attending Memphis Law and the school's faculty and staff.

While the atmosphere of the function was largely casual, students still donned their best attempt at business attire, tried to impress the faculty with their superb extracurricular achievements and, more importantly, with their deep love for the city of Memphis. Nervous underclassmen, years away from taking the LSAT, arrived in small packs, hoping to avoid talking to real adults on their own.



An hour into the night, the Assistant Dean for Law Admissions, Sue Ann McClellan, gathered everyone around to make her appeal for why Rhodes students ought to choose her school. She pointed to their relatively low tuition, the city we have all come to love and notable alumni—Judge Bernice B. Donald of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, U.S. federal judge James Dale Todd, and Tennessee politician Steve Cohen.

McClellan then opened the floor for dual alums to praise their experiences. Recent graduate Halle Priester '15, said “It’s been a great year so far. It’s not easy but my professors have been really amazing and helpful!” One by one, the graduates assured Rhodes students their education would adequately prepare them for law school, no matter their major. Represented majors were History, International Studies, English and even Music.

But more than just young

alums attended the event. After gazing around the crowd in disbelief, Coble Caperton said, “I just realized I may be the oldest man here. Class of ’73. And do you know what that means? I didn’t even graduate from Rhodes College or University of Memphis Law. I went to Southwestern and Memphis State. Am I even allowed to be here?” Tracy Patterson—the head of the Rhodes College Alumni Office, Rhodes College ’84 and University of Memphis Law ’95—believed

the event was a great success.

“I would encourage this to continue being an annual event. Students really benefit from meeting alumni who are current law students to hear about their experiences, and from making connections with older alumni. University of Memphis really loves Rhodes alumni. They’re really well prepared for the rigors of the classroom and tend to be very successful at Memphis Law and beyond,” Patterson said.

Opinion: The Limits of Shared Discourse – In the Wake of UC Berkeley

BY BEN LAVIANA '18
STAFF OPINION WRITER

Words are never without their weight—at their worst, they mobilize acts of injustice and hostility towards vulnerable populations. With the potential to be as violent as any physical act, words may express ideas and beliefs of unfounded hatred which may actively limit a person’s (or group’s) capacity for livelihood. This is all to say that words have consequences, at times negative.

One is certainly free to express one’s self, however one is not free from the consequences of that speech; likewise, one is not entitled to any audience or platform for expression and may claim no absolute right to any. If this article were to be

denied publication, or if I were socially ostracized for it by my peers, that is not censorship in any unjust terms—unless I were to be more or less executed by a power higher than this college newspaper’s editorial board and had this text you’re reading now purged from collective memory by threat of force, then it ain’t censorship. Arguably, if I were to push for the publication of something absolutely vile, urging for the unjustified denial of humanity to certain marginalized groups, then such a denial of information (minus brute force) might be appropriate if it were agreed to be largely disconnected from reality and susceptible to influencing people through their natural, less critical, inclinations. Much like how you’ll

find no Flat Earth literature in our libraries (unless it were a critical evaluation of it), certain ideas may be openly excluded from open discourse without problem.

Given our time, many are understandably seeking for atmospheres of possible reconciliation and problem-solving though shared discourse. This is good, when effective. Though there are limits—as if a hateful and unsubstantiated party enters a discourse, entirely discredited from a theoretical view, actively seeking the dissolution of less empowered groups, that party has no rightful place in that discourse and it is certainly not a shame when they are pressed to leave. When a notoriously bigoted, conflict-baiting opportunist is

peacefully protested (this is not to defend the violent action of the anarchist “Black Bloc”—no racial relation—present, who seemingly take advantage of legitimate peaceful protests to further their anarchist dreams while sully the perception of the protestors), when he is denied a stage to spew hate, it is hardly a tragedy nor unprecedented. Nor is it ironic to impose consequences, such as limiting one’s available platforms, on those seeking to unjustly limit the livelihood of those endowed with less social-capital.

What I’m trying to get at here is that while opening up conversations is vital to communal growth, we must not falsely believe all conversations are worth having, or that all

conversational partners are worth engaging with. When a topic’s answers are already largely agreed upon by those with a fuller understanding of the matter, those without all that information—but the hubris to believe they do—aren’t worth the time nor chance. Allowing everyone to talk even if they have not already listened leads an outside neutral party to assume the sides (if we are to be dichotomistic) are equal in any conversation, which is near-never the case, and more so an excuse to avoid critical evaluation and engagement—if a side is critically unsubstantiated, it does not belong in our shared discourse, particularly when it is harmful to groups without warrant.

Do We Truly Decide Who is to Live and Who is to Die?: Death Penalty Panel Discussion

BY MEG JERIT '20
STAFF WRITER

Engaged citizens from both the Rhodes and greater Memphis community gathered in the basement of the Paul Barrett Jr. Library. Together they listened to an anti-death penalty panel. The panel included Stacy Rector, Amy Laurence, Sabrina Buttlerporter and Cynthia Vaunn.

Sabrina Buttlerporter was an exonerated woman from Death Row in Mississippi part of the Witness to Ignorance movement and an autobiographical

author. She told the audience this story: In 1989, her son, little Walter, did not seem sick to her. She was 17 and had been on her own since 14. When she realized her baby was not breathing, she attempted CPR, but it did not work. She took her son to the hospital where they were unable to resuscitate him. She was young and afraid and after hours of interrogation she admitted to a crime she had not committed. She did not see an attorney until two days before trial. Sabrina is a black woman and she was disturbed she faced an all

white jury but for two. She said no one showed to listen to her attorney speak. Her death date was set for July 2. Her attorney showed up intoxicated. She was locked up 23 hours a day in a cold environment, received rats on her tray and cried often. However, on July 2 the state did not presently have the funding for the execution. Therefore, she spent 2 years 9 months on death row until the court overturned her sentence.

Stacy Rector is a Rhodes alum and an executive at Tennesseans for Alternative to Death Penalty. She claimed 157 death

row prisoners have been exonerated nationwide.

During the 90's, 80% of the population supported the death penalty but in recent years the number has dropped almost 20%. Rector stated regardless of morales and philosophical values, the system has been so broken it has warranted opposition for its inefficiency and expenses.

Amy Laurence is a citizen of Guatemala and United States with a masters in Political Science from University Tennessee at Knoxville. She has run many Republican con-

gressional campaigns and was naturally in favor of limited government. Her argument against the death penalty lies in the political belief that government does not need to wage power over life and death. Nationally, there has been a 10% chance of executing an innocent person.

Cynthia Vaunn's stepfather told her "Mommy had gone to live with the angels" after he murdered her. Her childhood was destroyed and her entire life plan was altered dramatically. The stepfather was placed on death row in Tennessee.

Some Things You Might Not Know About Rhodes College Yet

BY SEAN MATTHIESON '18
SATIRE WRITER

On Wednesday I found myself eating dinner in the Rat at that rad couch with the table in the fireplace room. While eating my meal, I found that I was being called over to another table by my Editor-in-Chief. She asked me why I had missed our weekly meeting and stated that she needed another article to put in today's issue. She said to have it in by midnight. She also asked for pictures of Spiderman while slamming her fist on the table.

In fear for my life, liberty and future with the newspaper, I realized I would have to muster my wits and write something. I asked her what to write and she said "Write literally anything and I'll print it. Write a Sean manifesto for all I care." Manifestos have always interested me, but I don't have any convictions. So here's a listicle of things that you

might not know about Rhodes yet.

Methanol Gel Chafing Fuel is used in the Rat.

Ever look at the burning gas canisters that heat the platters for Monday night dinners? Those are canisters of what's called Sterno Handy Fuel, a methanol gel chafing fuel. It's a standard fuel used in the food industry, but it is seriously called chafing fuel. The name comes from the French word "chauffer" (to warm), but the word is "chafing," and I am twelve.

There is a ghost in Fisher Gardens who will attack you if you say his name three times.

His name is Fred. For your own protection I won't say his last name. He's been haunting

the gardens since the 1950s. Don't worry, he didn't die here.

He actually moved to Fisher Gardens after his deathtown, Toyah Texas, was overrun with exorcists. He's a pretty nice guy actually. He enjoys long walks on the campus and frequently just kicks back and drinks some ghost beer. He just feels very uncomfortable about his name and will beat you up and steal your lunch money if you say it three times.

None of our classmates are taller than Yao Ming.

Rhodes College has approximately 2,000 students. That's 2,000 individuals all of different heights. Despite this, none of these individuals are taller than Yao Ming, the 7'6" Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Famer. You might think that with 2,000 students Rhodes would have at least one who's taller than Yao Ming.

But you should stop thinking that, because we don't and that doesn't make sense. Even if we could make each student 7'7" feet tall through genetic engineering, it is doubtful any of them would be as good at basketball.

The screaming of sorority girls on bid day is the loudest noise on Earth since the Tunguska Event.

On June 30th 1908 a large object combusted in the sky over the Stony Tunguska River in Siberia. 770 square miles of Siberian woodlands were flattened by the 15 megaton blast. To give an idea, that's about 1,000 times the amount of energy released by the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, and 1/3 that of the USSR's Tsar Bomba, the most powerful nuclear weapon ever detonated. How could the sound of bid day be compared to the

sound of the blast? Not sure, but it definitely sounds that loud when it wakes you up on your day off.

The college is secretly run by a dog.

Have you heard of Spot Illuminatus? Probably not, but he's heard of you. Spot is the dog that secretly runs Rhodes College. In order to protect the college's reputation, he leads from the shadows. His office is located in the Masonic catacombs beneath the college. High ranking members of the administration and some professors frequently descend into the catacombs and come together to worship Spot. He is a good boy, but he demands respect. Don't cross him, and he won't cross you. And if you ever meet him, definitely rub his belly and you'll graduate Summa Cum Laude.

Review: DeJaVu Sparks Disagreement, Ends with Will Crying, Warren Screaming and David Missing



Photo Courtesy of Ten Feet off of Beale

BY DAVID MORAR '19,
WARREN SOCHER '19
AND WILL MORROW '19
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Very rarely do we find ourselves with mixed opinions pertaining to our restaurant of the week. Most of the time it is obvious; whether it is wonderful, horrible or overwhelmingly neutral, we usually are able to come to a consensus rather easily. However, this past weekend we decided to travel yonder downtown to try the intriguing DeJaVu and, for the first time, find our opinions inconsistent.

Located in the heart of down-

town and right on Main St., DeJaVu's initial draw comes as a result of its colorful and seemingly different aesthetic. This New Orleans-themed restaurant comes in at a mid-range price point despite offering sub-par food with mediocre decor. It seems as if what you're truly paying for is the location and not the food, which is very concerning to see as we are usually major proponents of the Memphis food scene.

I (David) had the seafood gumbo, which I imagined would be tasty, given the restaurant markets itself as a true New Orleans cuisine. Unfortunately, this was not the case. The gumbo

sauce/broth itself tasted as if it was flavored with generic Cajun seasoning from Kroger and the scarcity of essential meats in a dish labeled as a "stew" put me off right away.

However, other culinary critics had sharply contrasting experiences. I (Warren) have dined in this Cajun establishment twice and both times I have walked out of the door extremely impressed with the creativity of the dishes as well as the overall quality of the cuisine. I have consumed Cajun food my entire life and never have I witnessed a more remarkable fusion of the style.

My first time at DeJaVu, I had

the "Arkansas Outlaw," a hefty catfish filet smothered in crawfish étouffée. For comparison's sake, call it a Louisiana chicken parmesan. The thick consistency of the étouffée blended very well with the flaky catfish and provided additional seasoning, sending my tastebuds on a journey. On my second trip, I had the Jambalaya pasta, which contained penne noodles, chicken and sausage blended with a creamy tomato sauce, which tasted like Cajun-seasoned marinara sauce. This zesty mélange was richly flavored to the core, where most other pastas fall short with bland noodles or sauce.

Others in the group who had this pasta can attest to its deliciousness as well.

I (Will) ordered the teriyaki tofu and I enjoyed every bite. It was absolutely filling, packed with flavor and, if anything, overly rich. However, this is nothing to complain about since I walked in knowing what to expect. I also quite enjoyed the atmosphere—it felt very "homey" if you will, as such, I felt very comfortable. I would certainly recommend DeJaVu to those who want a unique dining experience in Memphis but at the same time do not want to venture into anything uncertain.

Softball Starts Season With a Win



Photo Courtesy of Rhodes Athletics

BY ELLIE JOHNSON '20
STAFF WRITER

The Rhodes softball team defeated Westminster with a final score of 12-5, Saturday, Feb. 3. Overall, the team felt confident with their ability to turn around the game. After they fell behind by two at the top of the first inning, they came back in the bottom of the first which put them ahead 4-2.

In the second inning, West-

minster tied the game 4-4 but Rhodes came back with another five runs. Team Captain Christine Humes '17, remarked how the team's collective number of plays helped them come out on top, saying, "Our ability to string together hits and score as many runs as we did was a total team effort."

As the season has just started, the team wants to prove they are a force to be reckoned with this year.

"It was a great first outing for the team! We have been practicing for three straight weeks, so we came out with a lot of built-up energy for our opening day. We played hard from the first pitch to the final out and were able to push runs across the plate," Humes said.

Leading into the rest of the season, the team has been excited to welcome its new members and see what the rest of the season will consist of.

"The majority of our team is returners with one to three years of college softball already under their belts. We also added 4 talented freshmen to the roster who are very excited to begin their college softball careers. Everyone is excited and willing to do whatever it takes to win," Humes said.

With the rest of the season ahead of them, the team has big goals. Humes' main goal will be to win conference in order

to earn the team a spot in the NCAA tournament. This will be no easy task; Humes knows the team will have to maintain their level of commitment.

"We strive for consistency from the first inning to the seventh. We want to continue to improve every weekend and compete competitively in each of our outings," Humes said.

Women's Basketball Looks to Finish Strongly

BY ELLIE JOHNSON '20
STAFF WRITER

The women's basketball team took on Birmingham-Southern College, Friday, Feb. 3. Winning with a final score of 47-40, the team has been looking to end their season on a successful note.

Blaire Smith '17, said, "We had bench players to step up and make huge plays. We had contribution from everyone

which is really important for success."

As the season has begun to wrap up, the team recognized the importance of maintaining their dedication. With regard to the effort of her teammates, Smith believed everyone has been putting in tireless work to ensure a successful finish to the season.

"I think people are doing all of their jobs. Everyone is stepping up in every way that they

can. We have different people making big shots and different people making defensive plays. We have the leading rebounder in school history on the team. Everyone is fine-tuning their craft and finding a way they can positively contribute," Smith said.

Heading into the SAA Championships, the team has wanted to keep up the hard work they have continuously put forth throughout the entire season.

Although it was not the strongest season in the history of the women's basketball program, the team believed they have built up an energy which has made them stronger players.

"We just need to keep playing hard. We cannot get comfortable with where we are as a team. We need to keep riding this momentum train. We have worked hard and our coaches are invested, so I'm excited to see what will happen," Smith

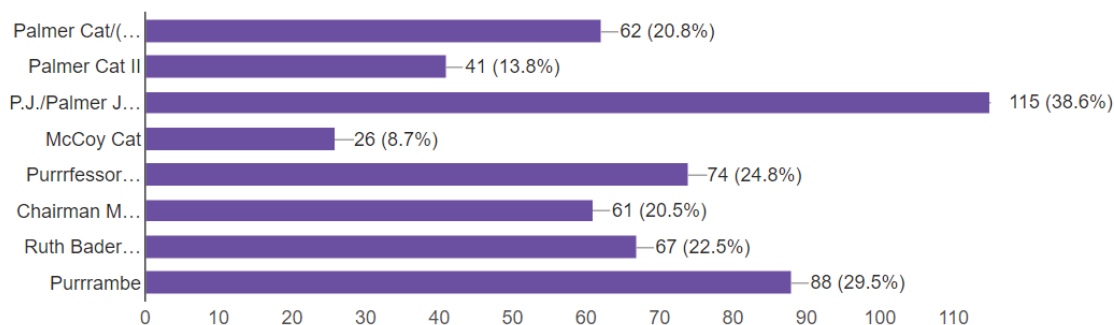
said.

Above all other things, Smith believed the team possessed a strong bond setting them apart from other teams in the league.

"This team is my family. We win and lose together but no matter the outcome, we are still going to be family. I love everyone's attitude," Smith said.



You Named the New Cat P.J.



P.J., short for Palmer Junior, was originally named McCoy Cat while the late Palmer Cat was still alive. Back then P.J. would live near East Village, Sorority Row and McCoy Theatre. P.J. was a fairly ornery cat and may have been responsible for a number of scuttles with Palmer Cat.

P.J. would often steal most of Palmer Cat's food. Still, Palmer Cat could not care less. So, when Palmer Cat passed away, P.J. took her place, thinking Palmer Cat's food bowl would keep getting filled. According to Lynn Conlee, Associate Director of Communications, P.J. is believed to be sexed as female.

Now, P.J. is the new resident cat on Rhodes Campus and deserves all the pomp and circumstance as the late Palmer Cat.

A Discouraging Twist: Student Discovers New Puppy Does Not Help Him Score Chicks

BY MEAGHAN PICKLES '19
SATIRE EDITOR

After many laborious hours locked in a study room processing mountains of data, Jason Samuels discovered that the adopted Labrador puppy which had previously helped him pull women from every Panhellenic sorority on campus was now actually hurting his chances of getting laid.

The news was an epic let-down for both the young shot-

put star and his gang of eager friends who frequently alluded to Samuels "getting it," and then punching him in the arm. Although the pup had initially catalyzed Samuels's status as a bona-fide chick magnet, he began to worry after Skipper began displaying troubling behavior and was diagnosed with an anxiety disorder following a breakthrough counseling session.

Apart from being painfully shy around any women who

tried to touch him, Skipper would sometimes share embarrassing stories about Samuels' past and was a negative social influence, indulging Samuels's secret demons and encouraging him to mix alcohol with harmful narcotics.

"Weeks ago, this dog was helping me score perfect tens time and time again," said Samuels, who for the purposes of this story we should emphasize is "a truly ugly bastard" who has been described

as resembling an evil Muppet. "However, recently Skipper has developed a nervous tic and thinks it is fucking hilarious to hump peoples' unsuspecting legs as some sort of sick party trick. Rather than helping me rake in babes, lately this dog has been a hindrance to my various schemes."

Despite Samuels' efforts to distance himself from Skipper, the puppy had formed a dependency that was difficult to shake, and would constantly

follow Samuels around at parties instead of putting himself out there and mingling with others. In later weeks, Samuels found that Skipper had infiltrated his friend group just enough to receive last-minute invites to Bucket Night.

Reports surfaced on Tuesday that Samuels had found a new home for Skipper in the ATO attic and was now looking into adopting an 8-month-old infant as "girls can't get enough of those things."

Tragic: Man Finds Himself Working at Enterprise After Career Fair

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To some, a successful career fare would entail putting on a nice outfit, walking into the BCLC, handing out a few resumes and exchanging contact information with some reputable companies. To others, this sort of thing is a make-or-break deal—they go in with the sole intent of finding a job, and as such will not leave until this goal has been ac-

complished. On Wednesday, February 8, Bryce Cummins fell in with the latter category. Neatly clad in a sweater and caramel chino pants, Bryce approached a green polo-shirted representative from Enterprise Rent-a-car to inquire about interesting job opportunities. "Hi, I'm Mike," stated the miserably bland thirty year-old man as Bryce approached. "Would you be interested in working with our business rental task force?"

Bryce: Haha what do I need

to know for the job? (Bryce was laughing to himself at the thought of selling mid-2000s rental sedans to people for the next 20 years with the hopes of becoming manager of a small auto-lending business shack)

"Have you worked in sales before, sir?"

Bryce: \$20 a G? Of course I have. What else?

"Do you have any experience with automatic weapons?"

Bryce: What?

"Enterprise has new job openings across the country

for the new service we are providing, giving renters the option to bring a weapon-clad service assistant to accompany the driver, if he or she so desires, in burglaries, armed robberies, hostage taking situations, as well as hunting endangered exotic wildlife with our newly founded sub-saharan "Enterprise: Rent-a-'fari." We are still awaiting approval from the U.N., but our CEO Ford Maldi Hyde has granted full endorsement of this plan, which is expected to boost

profits by 600% in the next four months. We have changed the face of customer service in this global capitalist economy."

Bryce: Wow, business is intriguing sometimes. Is there a uniform for this new position? How are the health benefits?

"Green Polo, Kevlar, and discounted opiates."

Bryce: You had me at business.

"Welcome to the team."