

2010 Grammy awards coverage: Lady Gaga, Taylor Swift, Elton John and more.

Study abroad programs are opportunities of a lifetime

By Alex Yu
Staff Writer

At Rhodes, the world is your classroom. Pick a destination where you would like to learn and go. It's that simple. Rhodes has an expansive list of destinations from China to places here within the United States.

About 65% of Rhodes students participate in the study abroad programs, with the most common and frequent being those including foreign languages and culture. There are however many more programs than those for languages and culture, such as specialized programs in politics, anthropology, and archaeology. Most students take part in these programs during their junior and senior years, but it is not limited to only juniors and seniors.

Where can I study abroad? Erin Hillis, the Education Abroad Advisor answers, "There are study programs on 6 continents-in over 130 countries-in thousands of wonderful, historic cities! You can study Global Economics in Istanbul, Central European Studies in Prague, Asians Studies in Shanghai, History in Buenos Aires, Sustainability in Sydney, or... YOUR subject, almost anywhere! Students continue to favor Europe, though we've seen a marked increase in applications for Asian locations." Rhodes has 13 major study abroad programs in which students can participate. In the European Studies Program, students will spend 16 weeks studying in a variety of locations all over Europe and are able to attend a number of events such as a Shakespeare production at the Globe Theatre in London and a major London ballet or opera. In the British Studies at Oxford Program, students spend six weeks at St. John's College, one of the most beautiful and distinguished colleges of Oxford University, studying British history and attending meaningful seminars. If Europe sounds boring, why not travel to Cairo, Egypt to gain experience in consulting? Focused mainly for business students, students will use the skills acquired in economics and business courses to manage two small businesses, all the while learning the cultural developments of the region through trips to the pyramids, churches, museums, and native markets. If students do not find these locales interesting, they can try Environmental Field Studies in Namibia, International Business in Belgium, Theatre and Religion in India, learn about health care through Improving Infection Control in El Salvador, or even travel to Tianjin, China for a six week program where they will learn about Chinese culture and politics, as well as the Chinese language.

But wait, there is more. Besides having a study abroad program. Rhodes also has an exchange program called the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP), which allows Rhodes students to have access to programs in over 300 colleges and universities in 42 countries. Some of these countries include Belgium, France, Germany, Mexico, Peru, Scotland, South Africa, Spain, and Turkey.

But how does a Rhodes student finance such an experience? Hillis says, "Students are able to finance their study abroad programs through a number of ways: scholarship from the program provider, using their Rhodes aid on our Exchange programs or European Studies, or through scholarships provided in the Rhodes study abroad office (Buckman Center for International Education). Also, never underestimate the combined power of both planning ahead and good saving habits." For the ISEP program, students pay Rhodes' tuition, room and board, using any federal, state, and institutional aid that may apply.

Each year over 200 students participate in study abroad programs, from all majors and minors. Last year, a total of 222 students went abroad on semester, year long, or summer abroad programs. Taking advantage of the studying abroad programs here at Rhodes gives students a chance to see the world, and experience living in another country for a significant amount of time. Senior Morgan Pittman recently went abroad with the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome, a highly selective program administered through Duke University. The program accepts 35 students across the United States, and she was the only one from Rhodes. On her trip she traveled all over Italy and Sicily, visiting sites with historical and classical significance. Morgan took a Latin class about the civil war, an intensive Roman history/culture/art class, and a beginner's Italian class. She also "studied" the food and wine. When asked of her experience, Pittman said, "The experience made me realize how big the world is and how much I still have left to see! It was so refreshing to live in a culture completely different from my own. To realize that there are other ways to live, not just 'do things' but different ways to view the world and think about life in general, it was so refreshing. I also made some wonderful friends and learned so much more about American culture!" Morgan said, after thinking back on her experience, "Thinking about these things makes my heart literally ache."

Learning about the different programs and options is easy thanks to our Abroad advisors and office. "Students who want to know more about study abroad have lots of options!" Hillis says. "Of critical importance, early in their planning, students should see a Study Abroad Advisor. Students can make an appointment through our website: <http://www.rhodes.edu/2215.asp>. We have a team of International Peer Advisors who want to talk with students about the programs they have returned from. You can see those students here: <http://www.rhodes.edu/13714.asp>. Also, students can do individual research on their topic of study through our Programs List here: <http://www.rhodes.edu/14091.asp>." On a final note Hillis adds, "I'd advice all students this: Simply plan ahead, get your information from one of these sources (listed above), and study abroad at least once!"

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

By NeNe Bafford
News Editor

February 7, 2010 is not only Super Bowl Sunday, but more importantly, it is National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD). This Friday, February 5, a table will be set up in the Rat from 11:00am-1:00pm that will have information about HIV/AIDS.

In 1999, National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day was founded by five organizations (**Concerned Black Men, Inc. of Philadelphia; Health Watch Information and Promotion Services, Inc.; Jackson State University - Mississippi Urban Research Center; National Black Alcoholism and Addictions Council; and National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS**) funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a way to provide assistance in black communities.

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is held annually on February 7th as a national testing and treatment initiative. Through the four focal points: education, treatment, testing, and involvement, National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day hopes to serve as a marker for the black community to get tested every year on February 7th, especially those who are sexually active and are at high risk of contracting HIV/AIDS.

Blacks are at risk of contracting HIV/AIDS more than any other racial group in the United States. According to the NBHAAD's website, blackaidsday.org, blacks make up 13% of the U.S. population, but almost half (49%) of people who get HIV/AIDS are black.

Blackaidsday.org offers a number of prevention challenges in black communities:

There are a number of challenges when it comes to preventing HIV in Black American communities:

Sexual risk factors include high-risk sexual contact such as unprotected sex with multiple partners or unprotected sex with persons known to have or be at a high risk for HIV infection. People may be unaware of their partner's sexual risk factors or have incorrectly assessed them.

Injection drug use may add to the higher rates of infection for Blacks. In addition to being at risk from sharing unclean needles, causal and chronic illegal

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Lynx runners defy expectations at cross country Nationals

By William Hunt

Editors note: Due to date of this event, it surpassed our last printing and did not make it into our last issue. Even so, recognition is due to our Cross Country Teams.

The Women's Cross Country team left an impression at the NCAA D-III Cross Country Nationals event. Cybil Covic (Sr.), Melissa DeFabrizio (Sr.), Anna Johnson (Jr.), Marianne Kirk (Jr.), Kelsey Dudziak (Jr.), Taylor Stephens (So.), and Madeleine Harrigan (Fr.) traveled for their season finale to Cleveland, O.H., on the weekend of November 21st. Whoever compiled the race previews

thought that the Ladies would finish only 29th of the 32 other teams. They thought wrong. The Lynx ran to a 26th place finish in the race where only the best of the best compete. They overcame a difficult start, and had to stay aggressive for all six kilometers; nevertheless, they finished the day as one of the most accomplished teams in school history. Chris Moore, who earned the right to race in the National competition by his excellent finish in the Regional meet the previous week, met with similar success. He was the 157th finisher in the field of 276 racers, and completed the Men's 8K in 27:08.

Fixing the broken education system

By **Rekha Blackerby**
Staff Writer

Excluding those few dedicated students, nearly everyone has skipped a day of school. Whether it was to avoid an exam, get a few extra hours of sleep, or even to just hang around the mall all day, according to the law, that student is now a truant. The law even designates a court and officers to keep track of regular truants. A Texas teen recently discovered how serious the law really was about the matter. Sitting in a courtroom, the sophomore listened as the judge ordered him to attend tutorials to make up his impressive thirty-six absences for the year. The judge, Tommy Munoz, has reportedly tried a myriad of ways to keep kids in school. For this busy judge, just telling kids does not work anymore. Parents have been brought in and told to attend school with their children and tutorials have become mandatory. But even these have failed. The judge decided to take a more drastic approach and ordered each truant to carry a handheld GPS device at all times. To constantly monitor the students, a numeric code must be typed into the GPS when the student leaves home, when he gets to school, after lunch, when leaving campus and again before curfew. Curfew ranges with age: 15 years or younger must be home by eight p.m. and 16 to 18 must be home by nine o'clock. A counselor schedules weekly, or even daily, calls to discuss the student's day and how to improve it.

The overseeing organization on how to fix truancy in the U.S. is Attendance Improvement Management (AIM). AIM's goal, as described on their website, is to "incorporate individualized coaching, technology and structure" in hopes of teaching students how to "show-up, catch-up, and get back on track to graduate". The coaching provides a plan for the students to follow so that they can "take responsibility for their actions, build relationships with their parents, schools, and peers, see the benefits of making good choices, and to sustain behavioral changes following the AIM program". The technology comes from the handheld GPS device, like the ones the Texas judge is now ordering truants to carry. These purpose of these devices is to keep a watchful eye on the students and be constantly aware of their location, to be a "reminder to observe program boundaries", and to "provide students with an excuse to 'opt out' of negative peer pressure". And again, a counselor will schedule daily interaction with the students to keep them on track towards their goals.

AIM appears to be working with rapid and successful results. According to their website, after only one month of being in the program, students have maintained a 97% attendance rate. During the course of the 2009 spring semester, half of the students had perfect attendance rates, leading to a 98% attendance rate for all students in the program. So, why does this matter? Why is skipping school of such importance? The answer lies in the effect these rates have on the country as a whole.

Our enrollment statistics are one of the biggest problems with our current standing. The number of kids who drop out of high school are alarmingly high. A CNN report called it the "High School Dropout Crisis" in May 2009. Almost 6.2 million students between the ages of

16 and 24 had dropped out of high school. Of course, a diploma is not a requirement for a job but it does help. Over an average lifespan, a dropout will earn \$400,000 less than a high school graduate, leading them to become a fiscal burden on society. Despite the numbers, students continue to drop out of school.

The general apathy will only increase over time because most schools are more concerned with putting as many students as possible through to graduation than with being attentive to those who tend to slack off. It is a natural attitude. We put our hopes into the seemingly successful while frowning upon the aimless.

The United States should also follow the examples of countries that best us in adult literacy rates and gross school enrollment. Countries such as Norway and Australia, according to the United Nations Human Development Index, have higher enrollment rates than the U.S. Clearly, these countries are doing something right, evidenced by their current standings on the UN Human Development Report, with Norway ranking first and Australia second; the United States is currently ranked thirteenth. When one's own measures fail, it is best to look to those who have succeeded.

What this country needs is an education overhaul. Money could be put to better use for the present circumstances. Currently, we have been dealing with fixing a recession. But what are we saving the country for if the future generations are not equipped to take over one day? We first need more programs like AIM to instill in children the importance of staying in school. Just telling them does not seem to be working. Secondly, skipping school must have harsher consequences and dropping out can no longer be acceptable. Most states will allow students to drop out once they are sixteen years old. The age should be raised to at least eighteen to give everyone a chance to graduate. Education must come first and students will only see that when the government starts taking it seriously. With lax standards, it almost encourages students to treat the situation with nonchalance. If no one else is serious about their education, why should they treat it any differently?

There are, of course, unforeseeable circumstances, which might leave a student with no other option than to leave school. Judge Tommy Munoz had a good solution with tutorials. Home schooling could also be an option. If that is not feasible, the courses could be taken online. Not finishing school is inexcusable. The government must not let a student fall through the cracks and allow them to think they can survive on minimum wage and welfare.

Money will undoubtedly be a problem in finding a solution; however, once the government spends the money to make sure that students will not be left behind, then the income that these future graduates will accumulate can help to pay for a better education system that will continue to help posterity. Who, in turn, will generate money for the next generation's education. This circle of money and education has the possibility of continuing for a long time if the government will take the first step and care about the education of the country's youth.

Roves rides in on flogged elephant

By **John Ayers**
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Karl Rove came to town! Karl Rove, President Bush's campaign manager, political advisor, and current commentator made a stop at Rhodes College with the help of the Rhodes College Republicans. He is certainly a controversial figure, and there were murmurs of annoyance before and after his speech.

He opened with a speech about the current administration, while mentioning often how it broke with Bush's. It was definitely meant to try to put the Bush years in a more positive light. While I have a feeling that this is Mr. Rove's strategy across the nation, there was certainly some truth and logic in what he was saying. As the date was exactly one year after Obama's inauguration, it felt appropriate that he devoted so much of his speech to the current situation in America and what effect Obama's policies have had on it. He went after

Obama's incredible deficit spending and mentioned how critical the Obama campaign had been about Bush's deficit, despite the fact that he has already passed that figure in his first year! He went on to point to other promises Obama made and then promptly broke within his first year. While throwing around other figures that could be misleading, he came to conclusions about how to fix healthcare. Mr. Rove was clear that despite some small successes, Obama's administration has failed on many points both abroad and at home. His delivery combined with the topics and questions made for an intriguing speech.

However, by the end of the speech I got the feeling that Mr. Rove was there primarily to defend his legacy. I certainly respect all that he has accomplished and I agree with many of his criticisms of the Obama administration. Unfortunately for Mr. Rove, I no longer think it necessary to talk about the Bush administration. It is gone and our problems need to

be addressed by this administration. Instead of comparing Obama to Bush, grade Obama separately for his successes and failures. Why ignite some people's distaste for Bush by trying to defend his actions? Also, why talk about the last election and John McCain? Instead, Mr. Rove should have stuck strictly to the current issues and how they are being solved. Using quotes from Obama and his administration was clever; talking about the superiority of Bush's handling of nuclear power was not. It seemed a desperate appeal for respect from a public that is absorbed in a recession, deficit, and healthcare.

Criticism aside it was a wonderful speech. He certainly gave many people good material to think about the current administration's shortcomings. He also answered questions without sidestepping or pandering to the crowd too much. He took strong views on issues he knew were unpopular and expressed them well.

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Mixed messages from Massachusetts massacre

By Patrick Harris

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The obituaries for the Democratic supermajority in the Senate began running even before Martha Coakley conceded to Republican Scott Brown in the Massachusetts special election. Given the national impact of the race for the Ted Kennedy's longtime seat, the reactions tended to focus on what the insurgent Brown's win meant for the Democratic agenda (particularly health reform) and its credibility with voters, of which three main strains of opinion emerged.

The first approach, favored in some corners of the Democratic establishment, was to deny that the vote signified anything about the national mood or the president's agenda, and that Coakley was simply a poor candidate. This view is comforting to Democrats and benefits from the fact that Coakley was indeed a lackluster campaigner prone to gaffes; that the woman called Curt Schilling a Yankees fan may have been sufficient grounds for her defeat (the comment was, at any rate, sufficient grounds for Coakley to deserve it). But ultimately an election in which a Republican challenger comes from 30-point gap in poll support to a solid 5 point win in one of the nation's most heavily Democratic states cannot be explained away as a mere misfortune. Brown explicitly promised to filibuster the Democrat's health bill if necessary, and the majority of Massachusetts voters who cited health care as a prime concern pulled the lever for "Senator Beefcake". The view favored by the liberal base of the party

is that President Obama's agenda, on health care and other matters, has been rejected because it is too timid and does not go far enough. This perspective is another security-blanket in its own way, reassuring progressives that the American people share their disappointment with the president for failing to nationalize the banks, institute a single-payer health system, and replace Tim Geithner with Paul Krugman at the Treasury Department. Advocates of the not-liberal-enough perspective point to the low-turnout in traditional Democratic strongholds in Massachusetts, and anecdotal evidence suggests that some liberals refused to vote or even cast protest votes for Brown or third party candidates as a result of their disenchantment with the current administration. Massachusetts being the sort of place it is, it is conceivable that greater rapport between President Obama and the progressive base could have won the election for Coakley. But it is just as likely that a more left-wing agenda in Washington would have given Brown a victory with even heftier margins among independents. A Democratic shift leftward makes even less sense everywhere outside of Boston Common and Martha's Vineyard. Of all the lessons the Democrats could take from the Massachusetts race, the idea that administration policy has been insufficiently leftist is one Republicans desperately hope they will adopt.

The third narrative is that Obama, Pelosi, and Reid have tacked too far left and failed to pursue a credibly centrist agenda, and that the

voters in Massachusetts punished them accordingly. This view corresponds closer to the facts than the others. Nonetheless, Republicans crowing that the American people are on their side risk dangerously misinterpreting events. President Obama's policies are unpopular, but so is the Republican Party: the success of the latter rests solely at this point on offering plausible alternatives to the former. The Massachusetts election did not release Republicans from the responsibility of producing a compelling set of policy prescriptions or give them a mandate to hand the GOP over to Tea Partiers.

Arguments over whether the president's agenda is too liberal or too conservative are largely beside the point. The angry progressives who pin the loss of the Senate supermajority on President Obama's lack of Rooseveltian gumption are mirror-images of the movement-conservatives who blamed the 2006 and 2008 pastings of the GOP on insufficient Reaganite purity. Both groups of true-believers are deluded. Most voters (particularly independent voters) are less interested in ideology than in attention to the issues they deem important. Republicans were routed in 2006 because President Bush wasted political capital on a reform of Social Security which voters did not want while failing to do much about an unpopular war and bungling the response to Hurricane Katrina (Republican congressmen were meanwhile doing their best to make Washington slightly more corrupt than Chad). President Obama has now expended tremendous

effort to pass a highly-partisan bill on health care while most Americans are far more concerned with unemployment.

As with the ill-fated Bush attempt to reform Social Security, the health bill addresses a serious issue, but not one which centrist voters view as a top priority. Most voters are not implacably ideologically opposed to insurance mandates any more than they were against privatized retirement accounts. The problem is and was that both programs seemed to threaten convulsive change in systems with which most Americans are fairly satisfied. Bold, ambitious reforms in an atmosphere of bitter partisanship will only succeed in garnering public support when the need for reform is broadly felt. Such is simply not the case with health care today.

President Obama seems to recognize the public mood enough to have shifted his rhetoric in favor of more job-creating programs, but in the meantime no alternative way forward for health policy seems in the work. The unpopularity (and general bad policy) of the Democrat's current health bill should not obscure the serious failures in American health care. Something must be done. The best result of the Massachusetts vote will come to pass if the Democratic leadership starts from scratch with modest initiatives on health care capable of attracting more bipartisan support and less acrimony. More than any conservative or liberal policy, what the voters in Massachusetts asked for was a little humility.

VOX on abortion access

By Dani Fincher

Abortion is as old as childbirth itself, and as long as women are able bear children, there will be some who choose to terminate their pregnancy. It has been a legal issue since the eighteenth century when abortions before "quickening," or the first movement of the fetus as perceived by the pregnant woman (which usually occurs around 18-21 weeks), were both legal and regularly practiced. In the United States, however, abortion was slowly outlawed by individual states. It never again became a legal issue until the rise of the feminist movement, which led to widespread efforts to decriminalize abortion as made evident in the landmark Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade*.

What these feminists realized was that abortion will happen whether or not it is legal. Limiting access does not stop abortions – it only makes them dangerous. When women do not have access to this medical procedure, they are forced to seek back alley abortions from unskilled "doctors" using second-hand, un-sanitized tools. Furthermore, sometimes these women choose to self-induce by dangerous means, often using herbal remedies or sharp objects such as wire hangers or knitting needles. Before *Roe v. Wade* it is estimated that 1.2 million illegal abortions were performed each year. While no woman anticipates having an unplanned pregnancy and no woman wants to end a wanted pregnancy because of fetal abnormalities or because of risks to her own health, those situations do sometimes occur and abortion may be the most viable option. In fact, according to the Guttmacher Institute,

thirty-five per cent of all American women of reproductive age will have an abortion by the time they are forty-five.

However, both pro-choice and pro-life supporters agree that they would like to see this statistic decrease. Preventing unintended pregnancies starts with comprehensive sexuality education and easy access to contraception, and women who choose to carry their pregnancy to term should have access to prenatal care and affordable childcare. Likewise, women who choose abortion should neither have to delay or forego the procedure due to financial burden nor travel an exorbitant distance from her home in order to find a safe clinic.

Every woman deserves to be educated about all of her options. No woman should feel forced to carry her pregnancy to term because of limited access to abortion and no woman should feel forced to have an abortion because of limited resources and support. A woman facing an unintended pregnancy needs to feel able to make the best decision for herself and her family based on her unique circumstances. One of those options about which she should be accurately educated and have reasonable access to is abortion. Limiting access to abortion degrades and insults women by taking away their ability to decide what is best for themselves and their family. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said abortion rights "center on a woman's autonomy to determine her life's course, and thus to enjoy equal citizenship stature," and I agree with Jeffrey Toobin of *The New Yorker* when he claimed that any diminishment of these rights diminishes women.

Grumpy Hall of Famers

By Tyler Springs

In the past six months, there has been a lot of press surrounding Hall of Fame inductions in various sports. Most of what has been said can be divided into two categories: who gets admitted (and why) and how they are admitted. The former is more important, but the latter is surprisingly newsworthy these days. Some would find it strange that the admission to an exclusive institution is less talked about than how the admitted person is represented, but more and more me-first people seem to pop up every day. It is difficult to tell whether or not Andre Dawson is one of them, but his actions in the last month have been somewhat selfish.

If you did not know, Dawson was recently inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame after a 21-year career for the Montreal Expos, Chicago Cubs, Florida Marlins and Boston Red Sox. Dawson wanted to be inducted as a Cub (the bronze busts in the HOF are made with each player wearing the cap of the team he represents), but Major League Baseball dictated that he would be ushered in as an Expo. Some would say the MLB's reasons are purely political (the Expos have only one other player enshrined in the Hall), but Dawson did play eleven seasons in Montreal while winning 1977 Rookie of the Year and finishing as runner-up for the Most Valuable Player award in 1981 and 1983 (he won the award with Chicago in '87).

Frankly, the fact that players even get the chance to pick a cap at all is, for lack of a better term, dumb. The idea that players can shape how people remember them by choosing one logo over another is ludicrous. Players' legacies are made during the game, not after it during a press conference or in the offseason. Fans will nitpick over off-the-field incidents, but that will not stop most from agreeing on whether or not someone is a fantastic player. It is the MLB's fault that the cap issue even exists, so, in some respects, Dawson is a victim of a flawed system. But the fact that Dawson is even worried about what cap he wears is just silly. Most players would be overjoyed to have even made it into the Hall of Fame, regardless of what team they represented. The least Dawson can do is be grateful for being there and not worry whether his cap says "C" or "M." As one Chicago Sun-Times writer suggested, he could just choose to have no logo on his cap and hope that fans remember his days with the Cubs as his best. Wake up, Mr. Dawson - you're being recognized as a great player and you choose to focus on some smaller detail? Why?

Most Halls of Fame have clauses in their induction criteria (written or unwritten) stipulating that any player who "has damaged the integrity of the game," as the Basketball HOF puts it, can be barred from admission. Some have violated this clause (Pete Rose betting on baseball, Mark McGwire taking steroids, Ron Artest fighting with fans, Todd Bertuzzi punching out Steve Moore), and they may never make their respective Halls of Fame because of their transgressions. Dawson has not violated the integrity of the game, but he has tarnished his reputation for not showing the gratitude he should. Cal Ripken Jr. once said that "to be remembered at all is pretty special." Dawson would do well to keep that in mind, regardless of what hat he is wearing.

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substance users may be more likely to engage in unprotected sex under the influence of illegal drugs and/or alcohol.

Sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) continue to be experienced at higher rates within Black communities, more so than any other race/ethnicity in the United States. The presence of certain STDs can significantly increase one's chances of contracting HIV infection. A person who has both HIV infection and certain STDs has a greater chance of spreading HIV infection to others.

Lack of awareness of HIV status is risky for Black men and women. In a recent study of **men who have sex with men (MSM)** in five cities, **46%** of the Black MSM were HIV-positive and **67%** of those men were unaware of their infection.

Stigma, a "negative social label that identifies people as deviant", also puts too many Blacks at a high risk of infection. Any behavior deemed deviant (*i.e.* MSM) has been highly stigmatized. Many at risk for HIV infection fear stigma more than knowing their status, choosing instead to hide their high-risk behavior rather than seek counseling and testing. Therefore continuing to be at risk of contracting and passing it on to infect others.

The **socioeconomic issues** associated with poverty, including limited access to high quality healthcare, housing and HIV prevention education may directly or indirectly increase the risk factors for HIV infection for Black people.

NBHAAD is hosting numerous events in Memphis. Memphis Shelby County Health Department will conduct HIV testing and Friends of Life Corporation will conduct a community health fair, along with several other events and activities that will take place throughout the city. Although NBHAAD stresses the importance of treatment, testing, and prevention in black communities, it also promotes its 2010 Theme: "HIV/AIDS Prevention-A Choice and a Lifestyle" to all racial/ethnic groups. For more information, visit the website www.blackadisdaily.org and also stop by the table in the Rat on Friday from 11:00am-1:00pm.

Rhodes grad in Miss America

By Katherine McCoid

We all know that after leaving Rhodes, graduates accomplish some pretty amazing things, and now, one has even represented herself, her state, and her school at the 2010 Miss America pageant. Brooke Poklemba, 23, is a Rhodes grad who wished to compete in Miss America for almost her entire life. In June, Poklemba beat eighteen other girls in the Miss Maryland competition with her beautiful vocal talents and platform of Autism Awareness: The Importance of Early Intervention. Poklemba won the title of Miss Maryland in the last year she was eligible for the competition, and even though she did not place in the Miss America pageant last Saturday, she still preformed admirably.

While at Rhodes, Poklemba won the title of 2008 Miss Memphis. Poklemba's success demonstrates the diverse interests and dedication of Rhodes students. Her persistence and hard work earned her the right to compete in the Miss America pageant.

Although Poklemba did not make it to the finals, students around campus are proud to have one of their own at such a prestigious competition. Freshman Mimi Dunn explained, "it is exciting to see someone who lived in the same dorms that I do and took the same classes that I do compete at the Miss America Pageant."

Kelly Patton thinks "it is nice to see Rhodes students making a difference by promoting a charity."

Caressa Cameron, Miss Virginia, was crowned Miss America 2010 on Saturday.



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Former Rhodent Brooke Poklemba waves after becoming Miss Maryland

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CAMPUS SAFETY

October 14 – 20

- 01/24
7:48 pm: Report of emergency lights off in Glassell Hall; maintenance notified.
10:20 pm: Report of an ill student; transported to the hospital for observation.
- 01/25
7:08 pm: Accident involving one vehicle in front of the Mallory gym; no injuries.
- 01/26 Nothing unusual to report.
- 01/27
4:08 pm: Call concerning persons in the refectory looking for an Aramark employee; Campus Safety was instructed to ban these visitors from campus.
9:36 pm: Student reported that his vehicle had been struck in the freshman parking lot; minor damage to vehicle; hit and run report has been filed.
11:26 pm: Two windows found busted in the BCLC multi-sportsplex basketball court area; maintenance has been notified.
- 01/28 Nothing unusual to report.
- 01/29 Nothing unusual to report.
- 01/30
10:10 am: One car accident at University and North Parkway; no Rhodes persons involved; MPD notified.
- 01/31
1:35 am: Student slipped and fell on the ice; transported to the hospital for medical observation.
2:39 am: Noise complaint Voorhies Hall; group asked to keep the noise down; all complied.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

It's surprising to me that a man who got so much so wrong so often (and essentially left the Republican Party in the pathetic heap it is in right now) would receive an invitation to speak at Rhodes College, the place where I teach.

Mr. Rove of course has every right to speak at the college, but does he really represent the best and brightest in our land...or even in our city? Why not invite someone like...Dr Scott Morris, founding director of the Memphis Church Health Center, who is providing health care to tens of thousands of the poor in our city and community. He's a great symbol of service, smarts, and creative leadership--ideal metaphors for a small liberal arts college. Dr Jeffrey Jackson just published a new book on the great flood of Paris in the early 20th century; he would probably love to speak about the research project, about his conclusions, about how he involved Rhodes students in the research and writing phase of the book.

Speaking of great floods, the Republican party, which for so long turned to Rove as the "genius" who could help them to achieve one party rule in the USA, is really in a sad state right now, and their chief spokespeople seem to be the former Governor of Alaska, and up until recently, the current Governor of South Carolina. They have brought back Newt Gingrich, they are proud of their affiliation with Rush and Sean and the other media entertainers who pose as political pundits. They have become the party of obstruction, of cynicism, the party so dogmatic on issues of taxation, health care, and social issues, that it looks more like the Politburo than a serious, modern Political Party in a ...democracy.

Karl Rove is the intellectual architect of this disaster. He thoroughly politicized the Bush White House, and the government during the Bush years, so that people with alternative ideas (i.e. non-dogmatic/Republican approved) were systematically driven from Government. The Firing of nine U.S. attorneys--one of the many low-points in the Bush presidency--is one such example. Rove really believed that we should have one set of ideas (Republican ideas) for the country (and, if you think about the Bush failed foreign policy, for the world), and he grossly underestimated history, demographics, economic trends and our country's moderating, centrist and collaborative nature and spirit.

Rove's visit to Rhodes will not go down as one of the great moments for a college dedicated to truth, service, integrity and collaboration, concepts completely alien to the political strategist who demonstrated that governing through anger, fear and arrogance is never good governance. Or lasting governance.

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Black History Month events

February 1-28

Black History Month Radio Program

WYPL (83.5)
Featuring Rhodes students playing audio interviews of Memphians who were involved in the civil rights movement. Students/interviews are: Bradley Bledsoe/Coby Smith '68; Courtney Eskew/Lucius Burch; Emma Fiandt/Rabbi Wax; LaKevia Perry/Rev. Samuel "Billy" Kyles. Sponsored by Crossroads to Freedom and the Memphis Public Library and Information Center.

February 4 Lecture—Brown Sisters from Brown v Board of Education

BCLC Ballroom 7 pm
Two of the children originally involved in the landmark decision Brown v. The Board of Education of Topeka, KS, they remain committed to carrying on the civil rights legacy today, working to promote diversity in education and business, and through civic leadership.

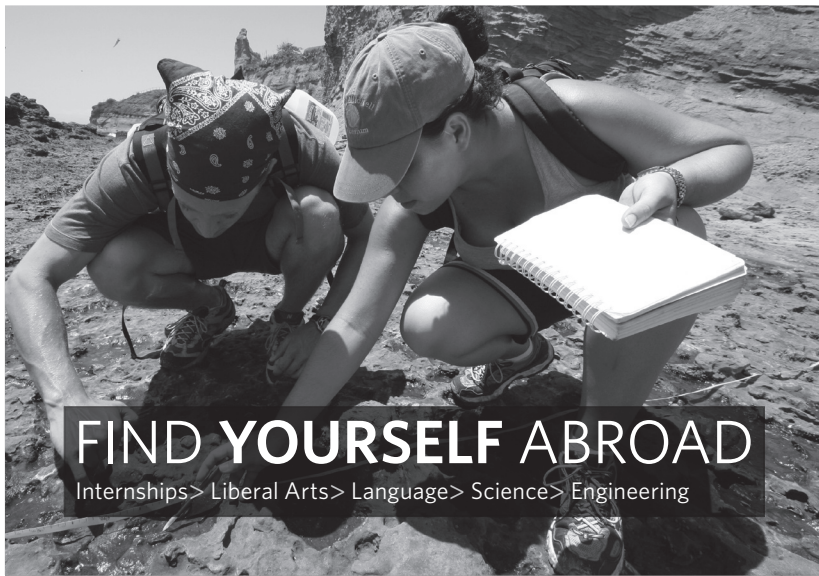
February 5 National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (February 7)

The Refectory Dining Hall (table at entrance)
BSA will distribute information to students, faculty and staff about HIV and AIDS awareness.

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Cheers, tears at the memorable 2010 Grammys

By Jasmine Gilstrap
A&E Editor

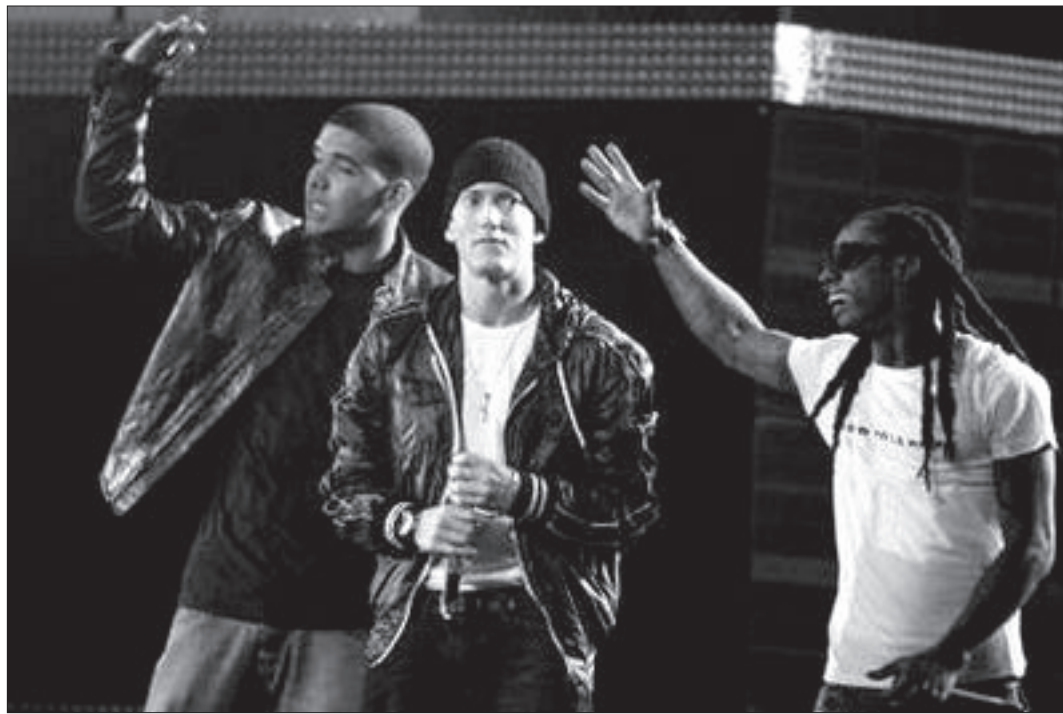
January 31, 2010 will go down in history as the night of surprises, marking the 52 year for the Annual Grammy Awards recognizing achievements in music. Held in Los Angeles' Staples Center, this year's show captured the spirit of music industry in 2009, honoring musicians from different backgrounds throughout the various music genres.

The 52 Grammys featured multiple performances including dance pop icon Lady Gaga's duet with music legend Elton John to country group Lady Antebellum's sultry act. While many viewers were puzzled by Beyonce's mash-up performance of her single "If I Were a Boy" with Alanis Morissette's "You Oughta Know," the most anticipated performance of the night was the Michael Jackson tribute featuring artists Celine Dion, Jennifer Hudson, Usher, Carrie Underwood, and Smokey Robinson. The quartet performed Jackson's "Earth Song" accompanied by a scene featured in his movie "This Is It" which required the audience to use 3-D glasses. The National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, the academy, also honored Jackson with the Lifetime Achievement Award which was accepted by his two oldest children, Prince and Paris.

Other memorable performances include Pink's mid-air water-drenched performance to "Glitter in the Air," Jaime Foxx, Doug E. Fresh, Slash, and T-Pain's "Blame It" and "Topsy" mash-up, and the David Foster, Andre Bocelli and Mary J. Blige's tribute to Haiti. The Drake, Travis Barker, Lil Wayne, and Eminem performance also received attention due to the absence of sound during the performance which executives of the show say was the result of improper editing equipment. The most unique acceptance speech of the night goes to Kings of Leon drummer Nathan Followill who said he would buy shots after the show for people whom he forgot to mention in the band's speech.

Despite the entertaining aspects surrounding the show, the academy's president, Neil Portnow, took time to discuss the history of the academy and also its plans for the future. Touching on the subject of illegal downloading, Portnow encouraged fans to buy music not just for the musicians themselves, but for those working behind the scenes such as the engineers and producers.

The winner of this year's Album of the Year Grammy is no stranger to behind the scenes work as she has written and produced her own music since age 16. Following the aftermath of the MTV Video Music Awards fiasco with Kanye West, Taylor Swift went on to take home the most coveted Grammy, beating out both Beyonce and Lady Gaga.



Courtesy of Google

Canadian rapper Drake is joined on stage by label mate Lil Wayne and fellow rapper Eminem for a performance of his single "Forever."

Though the country star prides herself on her music making abilities, the now 20 year old has already started receiving backlash from the critics and Grammy viewers alike for the award.

Regardless of viewers feelings towards the young star, Swift's win closed out the show, though at home viewers missed the announcement of the award. The night of unpredicted wins and noteworthy performances lives on through various websites and blogs until 2011 when members of the music industry will once again gather to honor the achievements of the music makers of the world.

Spaghetti Warehouse wins with local flavor

By Polly McKim

Spaghetti has long been a celebrated staple for hungry people across the globe. However, this seemingly simple dish does take a certain finesse to do well. Strangely, I was lucky enough to discover a place that successfully executed the dish while on the search for an equally essential food staple – the all important fried chicken. On a recent night I set out to the much beloved local destination Gus's World Famous Fried Chicken. Nevertheless, upon my arrival I discovered horror of all horrors – the place had been booked for a private party. Since party crashing and messing with people's fried chicken is definitely not something to take lightly I was left on a cold night in downtown Memphis without much gas left in my car looking to quickly reroute my plans. After driving for a couple blocks I came upon a large rather sketchy looking building proclaiming itself to be "The Spaghetti Warehouse." Figuring that neither my car nor my appetite could make it much farther I decided to cut my losses and venture into this newly discovered food locale. I am definitely glad I did because this place without question does spaghetti and everything else it serves right.

Spaghetti Warehouse, a chain restaurant started in 1972 in the city of Dallas,

Texas, has 20 locations in 9 states across the country. Like the name implies, the locations make use of old warehouses and fashion them into casual dining restaurants. The Memphis one, located at 40 Huling Avenue right off Front Street, is about a 15 minute drive from campus. The restaurant's décor consists of all types of memorabilia relating to both Memphis and the mid-South as a whole. An old trolley rests in the middle of the restaurant which customers can sit in while they eat. The first time I went I had the basic spaghetti and meat sauce as well as the Bruschetta. **The spaghetti was exceptionally flavorful since the sauce had a sort of sweet quality to it. The Bruschetta was equally good. It tasted freshly made and had a lot of zest for something served in a casual dining chain restaurant. To top it off all the food comes with a delicious free soup or salad and the service is always fast and very friendly!** If that's not the definition of excellence then I do not know what is. I have been back to the Spaghetti Warehouse many times since and have been equally impressed with everything I have ordered. So if you are looking for some good Spaghetti or a fun kitschy place to take your parents when they come to town The Spaghetti Warehouse is the place to go!

2010 Grammy awards winners

Record of the Year: *Use Somebody*, Kings of Leon
 Album of the Year: *Fearless*, Taylor Swift
 Song of the Year: "Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)," Beyonce
 Best New Artist: Zac Brown Band
 Best Female Pop Vocal Performance: "Halo," Beyonce
 Best Male Pop Vocal Performance: "Make It Mine," Jason Mraz
 Best Pop Collaboration With Vocals: "Lucky," Jason Mraz & Colbie Caillat
 Best Pop Vocal Album: *The E.N.D.*, Black-Eyed Peas
 Best Electronic/Dance Album: *The Fame*, Lady Gaga
 Best Solo Rock Performance: "Working On A Dream," Bruce Springsteen
 Best Metal Performance: "Dissident Aggressor," Judas Priest
 Best Rock Song: "Use Somebody," Kings of Leon
 Best Rock Album: *21st Century Breakdown*, Green Day
 Best Alternative Music Album: *Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix*, Phoenix
 Best Female R&B Vocal Performance: "Single Ladies (Put A Ring On It)," Beyonce
 Best Male R&B Vocal Performance: "Pretty Wings," Maxwell
 Best R&B Album: *Blacksummers' Night*, Maxwell
 Best Rap Vocal Performance: "D.O.A. (Death of Auto-Tune)," Jay-Z
 Best Rap Performance by a Duo or a Group: "Crack a Bottle," Eminem, Dr. Dre & 50 Cent
 Best Rap/Sung Collaboration: "Run This Town," Jay-Z, Rihanna, and Kanye West
 Best Rap Song: "Run This Town," Jay-Z, Rihanna, Kanye West
 Best Rap Album: *Relapse*, Eminem
 Best Female Country Vocal Performance: "White Horse," Taylor Swift
 Best Male Country Vocal Performance: "Sweet Thing," Keith Urban
 Best Country Song: "White Horse," Taylor Swift
 Best Country Album: *Fearless*, Taylor Swift
 Best Contemporary Folk Album: *Townes*, Steve Earle
 Best Reggae Album: *Mind Control - Acoustic*, Stephen Marley

The Runaways: indie or not indie?

By Ferdinand Doumic
Staff Writer

The Sundance Film Festival, created in 1978, showcased the new American independent films shot away from the Hollywood industry. Today, it is one of the biggest independent film festivals in the U.S., showing movies from all around the world. This evolution raises an important question: has the festival kept its independent spirit of the old days? It seems, indeed, that the perversion of the Hollywood system already broke through a while ago. However, since 2007, the festival itself tried to get back in the right path. In 2009, the Jury Award was dedicated to the movie *Precious*, which is an "indie" film even though the money involved was substantial.

For 2010, one of the major premieres was *The Runaways*, a biopic of one of the first all-girl teenage punk-rock band. Created in the 70s by drummer Sandy West and rhythm guitar Joan Jett, the band was then completed by singer Cherie Currie. The electric trio, the bass player would change quite often, reached the top quickly thanks to some of their hits such as "Cherry Bomb". After a short period of success, the band started falling apart. Due to disagreement over money and the management of the band, the Runaways and Kim Fowley, the band's producer, parted ways in 1978. In 1979, the Runaways broken up for good.

The movie tells the story of the degeneration of the punk band. For its realization, the music clip maker Floria Sigismondi was chosen, making her first film feature. She worked for The Cure, The White Stripes and Christina Aguilera on original and rather psychedelic music clips. Her aesthetic being much elaborated, *The Runaways* should be quite an intense movie. However, used to working on very short movies, Sigismondi seems to be less



Courtesy of Google

(From left to right) Actresses Scout Taylor-Compton, Alia Shawkat, Kristen Stewart, and Dakota Fanning in their portrayal of 70's all-girl punk band The Runaways

at ease with the timeline. More as a succession of scenes rather than a coherent whole, the movie should be less deep than expected.

On the acting side, Kristen Stewart, from *Twilight*, plays the role of the very dark Joan Jett. She seems to appear convincing in the role. However, interviewed about the way she got into her character's skin, she just answered: "She is amazing, I would just sit there and listen to her for hours..." No wonder if the movie has a lot of mixed review. The question is: are you a purist, or not? To judge "indie-ness" of *The Runaways*, check out the film when it hits theaters across the U.S. on March 19.

THIS WEEK IN ENTERTAINMENT

New Movie Releases:

2/05/10
Dear John
From Paris With Love

Television Highlights (2/3-2/9):

Modern Family, Wednesday, 8 pm, ABC. Minnie Driver guest stars.

Glee, Wednesday, 8 pm, FOX. The Glee Club separates into duos to sing ballads but when one member falls ill, a trio is formed. Rachel develops a crush on Mr. Schuester.

American Idol, Wednesday, 8 pm, Fox. The final round of auditions

Grey's Anatomy, Thursday, 8 pm, ABC. Derek officially takes over as interim chief. McSteamy refuses to speak to Lexie after their respective dalliances are revealed

The Office, Thursday, 8 pm, NBC. Erin waits for Andy to ask her on a date.

The Vampire Diaries, Thursday, 8 pm, The CW.
30 Rock, Thursday, 8:30 pm, NBC. SNL alumna Jan Hooks guest stars as Jenna's mom.

Smallville, Friday, 7 pm, The CW.

Saturday Night Live, Saturday, 10:30 pm, NBC. Ashton Kutcher hosts with musical guest Them Crooked Vultures.

Indianapolis Colts vs. New Orleans Saints, 6:30 pm, CBS. The Saints make their first Superbowl appearance.

How I Met Your Mother, Monday 7 pm, CBS.

House, Monday, 7 pm, FOX.

The Big Bang Theory, Monday, 8:30 pm, CBS.

Castle, Monday, 9 pm, ABC. A beloved ex baseball player is murdered.

Lost, Tuesday, 8 pm, ABC. The final season continues.

The Good Wife, Tuesday, 9 pm, CBS.

What does it mean to be Pro-Choice?

Come to a panel discussion featuring:

Jennifer Marshall, Community Outreach Coordinator at the Memphis Center for Reproductive Health

Elokin CaPece, Director of Education at Planned Parenthood Greater Memphis Region

Sarah Audelo, Policy Expert at Advocates for Youth

Reverend Bill Neely, Neshoba Unitarian Universalist Church

Wednesday, February 3rd

7:00pm FJB

A Question/Answer session and reception will follow the discussion

Colts clear cut favorites to win the Super Bowl

By Andrew Mullins Williams
Sports Editor

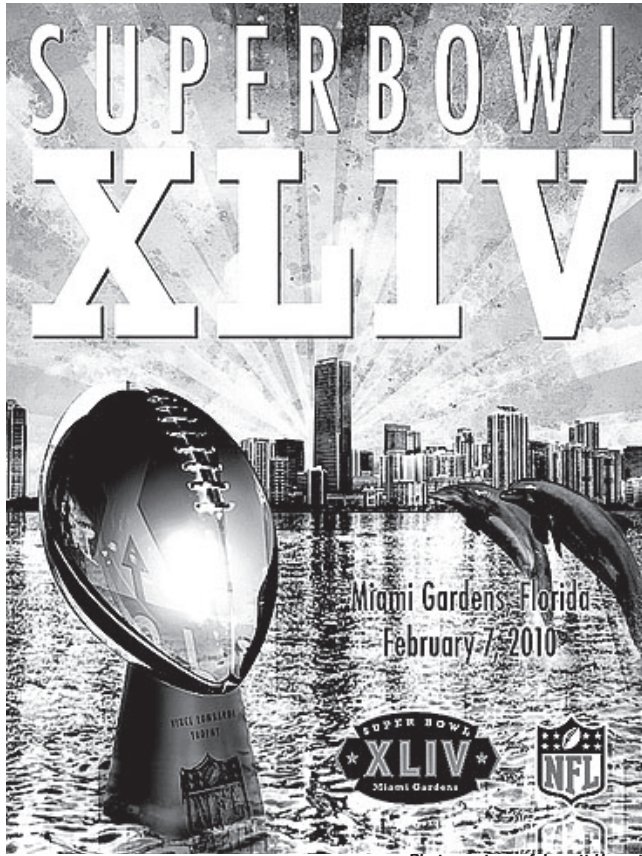
Coming into the season, the Indianapolis Colts were one of the favorites to win the Super Bowl. Six months later they stand poised to bringing home the Lombardi Trophy for the second time in 5 years. Playing in a mediocre division did not seem to hinder the Colts, as they dispatched the Baltimore Ravens and the New York Jets in route to the AFC Championship and a trip to Miami.

Despite going 14-2 the Colt's season was not controversial. Heading into week 15, the Colts seemed ready for greatness with the possibility of earning a spot with the 1972 Miami Dolphins as the only undefeated team in NFL history. However, midway through the third quarter, first year Coach Jim Caldwell pulled Payton Manning and the Colts eventually lost the game 29-15. Fans were upset, and ESPN commentators blasted the Colts decision to not go for the undefeated season.

Even so, Caldwell, Colts players, and even team president Bill Polian said that going for perfection was not the goal of the Indianapolis Colts—winning was.

And after losing the final two games of the season (due to resting starters), the Indianapolis got back to winning against the Ravens by dismantling them 20-3. After showing a strong defensive performance, the Colts were rewarded by hosting the upstart Jets in the AFC championship game. After a sluggish start, the Colts were finally able to exploit the Jets defensively, edging out a 30-17 win.

Entering this game, it is important to remember that 6 out of the last 10 games in the Super Bowl have been decided by 7 points or less. That being said, this game promises to be another exciting matchup between two fantastically storied franchises.



Super Bowl XLIV in Miami Florida.

On paper, the Saints enter the game having the best offense in football, racking up 403.8 yards and 31.9 points per game. The Colts have Payton Manning—arguably the best quarterback to ever play the game.

There is a saying that says, "offense wins games, but defense wins championships." Believing this to be true, The Colts have a tremendous advantage. During the regular season the Colts gave up 17 points only four times (when playing all their starters). The Saints held teams under 17 points only four times during the same period. Even in the Playoffs, the Saints have managed to give up 42 points—the Colts only 20.

While we can't look too deep into the numbers because they do not tell the whole story, it is important to understand that both teams can clearly score, but the saints do not always stop people. The Colts may not be the most spectacular team ever, nor the most fun to watch, but they do get the job done. Payton Manning is one of the smartest quarterbacks to ever play the game, and given two weeks preparation it is hard to imagine that the Saints can contain him for 4 quarters.

Understanding that the running game is not the strength of the Colts, they still managed 16 touchdowns on the ground this season. The Saints scored 21 touchdowns over the same stretch, but fumbled the ball 13 times—10 more than the Colts 3 (for running backs). The tale of this game will ultimately be placed on both team's quarterback and the protection of the football. The team who loses the turnover battle will lose the game.

If winning a championship was really the ultimate goal of the season as Caldwell has always suggested, then they will get their shot as the favorites in Super Bowl XLIV. Prediction: Colts 31-24

February fast-forward: Who will get the 3 seeds?

By Tyler Springs

At this point in the college basketball season, the top teams are pretty well established and identified as potential champions in the NCAA tournament in March. The polls are fairly good indicators of this consensus, as they generally have the same few teams pegged in the top spots. According to a combination of the AP and USA Today polls and RPI rankings, the best teams to this point have been Kentucky, Kansas, Villanova and Syracuse; close followers include Michigan State, Duke, West Virginia, Purdue, Georgetown and Kansas State. Beyond these top ten, however, it's considerably more difficult to say which teams can compete with these elite programs. Here are a few teams to watch out for in the coming month.

Texas (AP #6, ESPN/USA Today #6, RPI #19; 18-3, 4-2 Big XII) Many fans would rank the Longhorns in the same flight with the aforementioned Top Ten, but a home loss to AP #24 Baylor this past Saturday and a close win at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi earlier in the season prove that this team is not indomitable. Rick Barnes' squad is 2-3 against current top 25 schools, and with six Big XII road games still to play, including the end-of-season rematch against Baylor, seniors Darnion James and Dexter Pittman will have to continue to carry the load to combat the inexperience of their young backcourt.

BYU (AP #12, ESPN/USA Today #12, RPI #17; 21-2, 6-1 Mountain West) The Cougars are undefeated at home this season, and their only two losses have come against Utah State (16-6, first place in the Western Athletic Conference) and league rival AP #23 New Mexico. BYU can shoot the lights out—they rank in the top five nationally in field-goal shooting, free-throw shooting and 3-point shooting—and that can only help them come tournament time. With junior point guard Jimmer Fredette pouring in 21 points per game and averaging five assists as well, this team could cement a #2 or #3 seed in March if they continue their stellar play into February.

Temple (AP #15, ESPN/USA Today #15, RPI #15; 18-4, 6-1 Atlantic 10) Despite losing 2009 All-A10 guard Dionte Christmas to the professional ranks, the Owls are still contending for the A-10 regular season title because of guards Ryan Brooks and Juan Fernandez (28 PPG and 6 APG combined) and big man Lavoy Allen, who's averaging a nice double-double of 10 points and 10 rebounds per game. Temple boasts a victory over cross-town rival #3 Villanova and a plus-minus record of 8-2 (eight road wins, 2 home losses) among the accomplishments on their resume, but with Xavier, Charlotte, Rhode Island and Dayton all gunning for the two-time defending A-10 champs, a three-peat will be very difficult.

Wisconsin (AP #16, ESPN/USA Today #16, RPI #14; 16-5, 6-3 Big Ten) The Badgers are known for playing well at home, and this season has been no different—all of their losses have come on the road. They split their games with conference rivals AP#20 Ohio State and AP#10 Purdue and have played well considering their strength of schedule ranks 14th nationally. If they can beat Michigan State in Madison and get past Michigan this Saturday, senior guard Trevon Hughes (16 PPG) and company have a good chance of running the table and setting themselves up in prime position for a #3 seed in March Madness.

New Mexico (AP #23, ESPN/USA Today un-

ranked, RPI #13; 20-3, 6-2 Mountain West) If you had to guess which conference had two 20-win teams as of this past weekend, there's a good chance you would not have said the Mountain West. The Lobos, who are neck and neck with BYU for the conference lead, have four players averaging double-digits in points per game and enjoy a distinct home advantage because of the notoriously high decibel levels in University Arena (aka "The Pit"). If junior do-it-all Darrington Hobson can maintain his balanced performance (15 PPG, 8 RPG, 4 APG) through the coming month, his team might be able to sweep the season series from the Cougars (they play in Provo on February 27th) and gain the top spot in the conference tournament.

Vanderbilt (AP #21, ESPN/USA Today #23, RPI #9; 16-4, 5-1 SEC) Led by senior guard Jermaine Beal (14 PPG), the Commodores also have three other players that score more than 10 PPG. Their downfall is that they aren't very deep. With games against #14 Tennessee, #1 Kentucky and AP #18 Mississippi still to play (the latter two in a three-day span), the next month could tax this team to exhaustion. If they can stay healthy and get through February at .500 or better, the 'Dores could still have a chance at the #2 seed in the SEC East, meaning they wouldn't have to face John Calipari's Wildcats until the SEC tournament championship. If they make it that far, they've got a great shot at a #3 seed in March.



Which teams will fill in the bracket?