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From: Handwerker_Margaret on behalf of Borst_Charlotte
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Subject: This Week at Rhodes

- This week, the Rhodes Office of Student Disability Services (SDS) is sponsoring a first-ever Disability Awareness Week with events at the Rat, Blount and Barret. “Nothing to Hide,” a touring exhibit featuring photographs and interviews with families living with mental illness, opens Monday, October 29, with a reception at 6:30 p.m. in 051 Barret. In the Rhodes community, approximately 6% of the student body have a physical or mental impairment, the overwhelming majority of whom have a non-visible, or hidden, disability. Melissa Butler McCowen, coordinator of Disability and Career Services, along with faculty, staff and students work hard to ensure that all students enjoy a fulfilling Rhodes experience.
- The “Arts Leadership: New Directions” conference last Thursday, presented by CODA in recognition of National Arts and Humanities Month, was a great success, bringing together artists, consultants, arts stakeholders and patrons from across the country to discuss arts advocacy and cultural policy. Rhodes is indeed fortunate to be the recipient of grants from the Robert and Ruby Priddy Charitable Trust, which funds CODA and provides those treasured \$5 tickets, and The Mike Curb Institute for Music—both of which provide rich and wide educational experiences in the arts to the entire Rhodes community.
- Making their mark in the park, several of Rosanna Cappellato’s students have conducted research in Overton Park this year as part of her Conservation Biology course. Lauren Lambeth ’09, Matt Phinney ’10 and Jessye Bobinis ’08 are currently investigating forest regeneration, comparing areas covered by English ivy with areas not affected. Tara Daniel ’08 and Dr. Cappellato are measuring the leaf area index, a canopy parameter used to estimate forest biomass. Last spring, 2007 graduates Courtney Cockerell, Kimberly Godwin and Alison Lohse surveyed park visitors which resulted in an URCAS poster titled “Value of Overton Park and Its Effects Upon Conservation Efforts.” The survey yielded many interesting results, including the finding that people who earn more than \$100,000 a year would be willing to pay only 50 cents a year to preserve the park. People earning \$0-\$25,000 were willing to pay an average \$22.86.
- Do you know a budding columnist? The Communications Office, in partnership with the Admissions Office, is taking nominations for student bloggers to make weekly (at minimum) posts about their lives and activities at Rhodes. We are looking for articulate, passionate storytellers to represent our community. Blogs will be featured on rhodes.edu and in other materials about the college. Send your nominations to Daney Kepple (keppled@rhodes.edu) with a brief note explaining why your nominee would make an addictive blogger.
- OK. One. More. Time. Do you want publicity for your event when you schedule it through the online events calendar? Then you must click on the word “publicity” in the bar containing other choices such as “AV Equipment,” “Catering,” etc. Without taking this step, the Communications Office will not be aware that the event needs publicity and therefore won’t have it under consideration for the home page.

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