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# Hass at the Helm, Where to Next?



BY JORDAN HULSEBERG, '19  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Rhodes College's new president, Marjorie Hass, is a lot of things. She is a breast cancer survivor, a Jewish mother, a philosopher, a feminist, a seasoned educator and an experienced college president, but perhaps above all, she is now a Lynx.

When asked, "Why Rhodes?" President Hass explained her decision was deliberate and thoughtful.

"I think I chose Rhodes for a lot of the same reasons that students choose Rhodes. I wanted to be at an outstanding liberal arts college. That's where my whole career has focused—both as a professor and as a president," President Hass said.

Still, the question on most students' minds is "what's next?" President Hass has both specific goals as well as a broad goal within her agenda for this year. That being said, President Hass' greatest specific goal not only focuses on the college, but also herself.

"My most important goal for my first year is to come and be a part of the life of the institution, to meet the people who participate in the key events of the institution and to understand who and what Rhodes is."

On the other hand, President Hass' broader goal for Rhodes comes in the

form of an itemized list. President Hass, it would seem, intends to make good use of her first year—attacking multiple issues at once.

"In terms of a broader vision for where we are moving forward, I really think we have three strategic questions that we have to answer and engage our community in..."

President Hass' first strategic question focused on enrollment, which has fluctuated over the past few years.

"What is the optimal size and make-up of our student body?" she asked, adding, "We've grown over the last few years and I think it's time to stop and think what size we want to be."

President Hass' second strategic question was regarding the college campus. Specifically, she referred to the recently acquired property across the street. Formerly known as Evergreen, the space has been newly named "West Campus."

"What are the boundaries of our campus? ...What are we going to do with that space? ...It's time now to stop and say, 'what's the next phase?'" President Hass said, adding, "I know there's been some discussion about a student center—I want that to be part of the conversation."

President Hass' final strategic question centered on cost of attendance and the sources of revenue needed to fund the college.

"How do we make the college affordable and still ensure we have enough revenue to have the excellent liberal arts education that Rhodes wants to provide. How do we grow revenue without making the college out of reach for talented students?" President Hass asked. Despite having these questions as an incoming president, President Hass was not afraid to admit that she did not know the answers to them. Rather, she has indicated an interest and curiosity in the resolution of these pivotal questions.

"I don't think it would be appropriate for a new president to come with ready-made answers to those questions. I don't have a secret answer to them in my coat pocket. We're really going to engage in the broad-base conversation..." President Hass said.

Of course, President Hass has other goals as well. Among other issues, President Hass has expressed interest in examining the Aramark food program, the annual tuition increase as it relates to revenue and the reported prevalence of binge drinking among students.

Although President Hass has big plans for this academic year, she has asked the student body for patience regarding her presence on campus. Over this past summer, President Hass successfully defeated breast cancer and is currently in the recovery process. As a result, she

will not be as active as she would like.

"I have to be a little bit more cautious with my energy this year. I was diagnosed in February with breast cancer. Although I have been cured, I just finished my last chemotherapy treatment a month ago. I am very much still in recovery and renewal," President Hass said.

Yet what President Hass is perhaps most known for, is being the first woman president of Rhodes College. Make no mistake, she is completely aware of her significance and what it means to the Rhodes community.

"This is not the first time of me being the first woman in a position. In fact, I think this the third job where that has been the lede or the headline. To me, personally, I don't tend to think of myself as a woman president or Jewish president but I am very aware of how meaningful it is for an institution," President Hass said, adding, "Rhodes is celebrating 100 years of coeducation... We've had 100 years of breaking barriers and I'm happy to be that next stage in the long history of Rhodes College."

Although it seems too early to say what kind of legacy President Hass will leave, her wide agenda and innate significance will certainly ensure that it is unforgettable.

## NEWS

## Fresh Faces on the Rhodes Faculty

BY ROHAN KAZA, '21  
STAFF WRITER

**Dr. Ariel Eisenburg**, Department of History

*Lots of things drew me to Rhodes, because it is an all-around great school. Rhodes has high academic standards but also a focus on community engagement and I love that combination. In fact, it reminds me a lot of my own undergraduate experience at Barnard College. Barnard was a small liberal arts college in [New York City] and I thrived there.*

*What I remember most well is the many amazing classes that made me think hard about the world and my place in it. Rhodes seems to cultivate a similar experience for its students and I wanted to be a part of that! I'm so excited to get to know the students here better, and hope to meet many of them in my classes—even those who have never taken a college-level history class before! I think they'll find that history is not only fascinating but also can*

*really help to shape students' awareness of everything that's going on in the world right now. At a school like Rhodes that is shaping the next generation of leaders—understanding history is vitally important.*

**Dr. Tyler Lefevor**, Department of Psychology

*In all honesty, a lot of factors went into my decision to come to Rhodes. Perhaps one of the more unique ones to me though is the ability to work at a politically liberal institution in a politically conservative area. I do research and therapy on sexuality, gender, and religion and I think it is important to be able to help bridge differing political ideologies in our efforts to help prevent depression, anxiety and suicide.*

**Dr. Duane Loynes**, Department of Religious Studies

*Why Rhodes? It was a combination of things. First, the opportunity to teach*

*courses that I love at an excellent, small liberal arts institution with intelligent and passionate students. Second, it was Memphis, a city rich with culture and history. Third, it was the new president, Dr. Haas, and her vision that Rhodes would embody cutting-edge scholarship and active engagement with the city.*

**Dr. Brooke Schedneck**, Department of Religious Studies

*I think my reasons for coming to Rhodes are similar to the students here. I wanted to be at a small liberal arts college with smart students, the campus is beautiful and it's not in the middle of nowhere like a lot of other similar institutions. In my interview process everyone was so welcoming and nice, I knew that it would be a great community to work in.*

**Dr. Laura Taylor**, Department of Educational Studies

*I am so thrilled to be joining our growing Educational Studies program. I was*

*drawn to Rhodes, in part, because I wanted the opportunity to work alongside Rhodes faculty and students committed to issues of urban education and social justice here in Memphis. I am impressed with the intentional relationships that the campus community builds with other communities and institutions in the city and I look forward to joining in that effort through my teaching and research in our local public schools.*

**Dr. Carolin Purser**, Department of International Studies

*Rhodes provides an excellent liberal arts education that I thoroughly enjoyed as an undergraduate student, though at a different institution in Central Maine. The bright, friendly and respectful community of students, staff and faculty at Rhodes was another attraction. I am particularly in awe of all the ways in which the Rhodes community engages with the larger Memphis community.*



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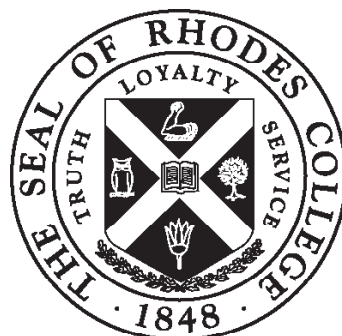
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## WITHIN THE GATES

### Do Not Become One with Technology



BY JACOB SUTTON, '19  
COLUMNIST

Today's technology is advancing very fast. I remember how excited my mom got when she purchased her first iPhone. Now, ten years have passed, thousands of new gadgets have come out and it seems more and more likely that the cool science fiction things we saw as kids will soon be reality.

One such technology has already been invented is currently being tested by the company's employees. Three Square Market (32M) has created a microchip—the size of a grain of rice—which, when inserted between a person's index finger and thumb, enables a person to open doors, purchase snacks, and use printers. It uses radio frequencies between the device and device-compatible things to transfer the information.

This seems cool and once the product is publicly available I'm sure it will have a large following but is it really worth the risk to privacy? I do not know how much you have read about Edward Snowden and all the classified documents he released proving the NSA is phone tapping whomever they want—largely thanks to the post-9/11 act—or if you have seen the show “Black Mirror” but however awesome the latest and greatest tech is, you should always be wary of just who might have access to it—especially when something is implanted in your body. You never know what some hacker may be able to do and since I know none one reads the terms of service agreement—I am guilty of this as well—the company itself could slip something in there to claim ownership of something that is naturally and rightly yours. Stay aware.

### First-Year Eats

BY WARREN SOCHER, '19  
CIRCULATION EDITOR

New Rhodes students unfamiliar with the Memphis area may already be exhausted of Aramark's flavored soil served at the Rat and Lair. Even seasoned veterans of Rhodes dining may be neglecting several essential eateries beyond the gates of Rhodes which have won the hearts of Rhodents, Memphians and tourists alike. The first-year experience and the Rhodes experience need to include the quintessential Memphis experience: great food.

Let us begin the enumeration of culinary hotspots. Once you have graced the BBQ scene at Rendezvous, Central BBQ or The Bar-B-Q Shop, it is time to expand your repertoire. For Middle Eastern and Indian cuisine, Rhodes students tend to gloat most about India Palace and Casablanca—both conveniently located five to seven minutes from campus. India Palace serves an

array of delicious dishes like Chicken Tikka Masala and Korma dishes; their chai is also splendid. Casablanca's menu consists of Mediterranean and Middle Eastern food. Some of the best items they serve are the hummus with shawarma (pick between beef, chicken, lamb or mixed), the super sandwich and the “Big Mac of the Middle East.”

For all the breakfast and brunch folks, fret not: there are an infinite number of places to cure Saturday hangovers but only finite space in this article. Stone Soup Cafe in Cooper Young has delectable quiches, breakfast sandwiches and pancakes. It is open at 7 a.m.—perfect for any early-risers. For a classic American diner vibe, head over to Bob's Barksdale restaurant for cheap and hearty breakfast plates. Brother Juniper's by the University of Memphis is famous for their pancakes and breakfast burritos if you are willing to wait for a seat. And of course, there is Cafe Eclectic, a mere stone's throw from our

gates, which has an array of specialty coffees, omelets, stunning French toast and sensational biscuits. Although Gibson's Donuts would fit into this breakfast category, this famous donut shop is usually frequented in the late hours since the donuts are extremely cheap past 11 p.m.

Some other favorite haunts include Little Italy, which is renowned for its pizza and amazing pasta dishes. Mediterranean-Korean fusion restaurant Kwik Chek on Madison has some of the best sandwiches in Memphis and is known for its bee-bim-bop bowl which can also be converted into a burger. These restaurants are just a few places you should try during your time at Rhodes but there are still many more to be discovered. Stay hungry friends and fellow Rhodents.

### Modern Glass, Gothic Stone

BY FARAH IBRAHIN, '20  
STAFF WRITER

The college's new state-of-the-art science and computer science facilities are officially open. Brian E. Foshee, Director of Physical Plant, oversaw the extensive summer renovations. Robertson Hall is now “54,674 square feet with three classrooms, six teaching labs with six faculty offices and research labs,” Foshee said. The building was carefully designed to fit into the rest of campus while still providing top-notch modern facilities inside.

“While maintaining the collegiate Gothic fabric, natural light to the interior spaces and beautiful exterior views are afforded through the unique use of monumental glazing—a floor to ceiling glass system—at the main entrances and west face. There are student breakout or gathering spaces on all floors with comfortable furniture. The building has energy saving features including thermal glazing, automated LED lighting and Energy Star rated equipment and appliances” Foshee said.

The building will provide both Biology and Chemistry students the oppor-

tunity to utilize research labs containing the latest technologies. However, students of all majors are encouraged to take advantage of the bright, modern interiors as a study space.

Briggs Hall has also been fully renovated and reopened as a home for the Computer Science department. Professors whose offices now reside in Briggs were consulted as it was being designed. The final product is heavily influenced by their suggestions.

“The building contains 19,244 square feet with five computer classrooms, a multipurpose room with 120 seats, a virtual reality lab, a seminar room, a hardware lab, a student research space and six faculty offices. There are student breakout or gathering spaces on all floors with comfortable furniture,” Foshee said.

Students and faculty alike are ready to use these new spaces as the next step in Rhodes' growth as an institution.



## WITHIN THE GATES

# A New Sheriff in Town: Who is Dean Wigginton?

BY MEAGHAN PICKLES, '19  
STAFF EDITOR

Dr. Russell Wigginton has entered his new position as Dean of Students with plenty of hands-on experience and a strong understanding of campus culture. Rather than having worked in a traditional student affairs position, he offers the collective insight gleaned from his many years at Rhodes. He has developed a variety of perspectives as student, professor and administrator. Wigginton graduated from the college in 1988 and taught in the History Department from 1996 to 2004. Most recently, he served as vice president of external programs.

"I'm thinking of it as it completes an interesting and fun journey I've been on at Rhodes," Wigginton said.

Wigginton said that upon taking the position, he was pleasantly surprised by the intense energy and passion in a large variety of student groups. He wants to delve into not only how they see themselves but how they view and relate to one another.

"I've been thinking about how those groups interact and how they have both their own identity but also this sense of broader community," Wigginton said. "What can I do to foster that? There really are a lot of different organizations that I want to get to know and understand."

More than anything, Wigginton wants to get to know students better. He has already begun reaching out to

student groups and has even organized a bi-weekly luncheon to speak to students personally about their experiences and concerns.

Wigginton offered keen insight into the First-Year Experience, and how it has already evolved since its conception last year. The program was meant to expand specialized first-year instruction from the concept of "Welcome Week" to a more intensive year-long program aiming at student growth.

"So last year was very much the guinea pig, and we went into it knowing that it was a little bit of trial and error," Wigginton said. "That was actually a pretty big deal for our college because colleges are pretty risk-averse and you're dealing with a lot of smart, talented people who like quality. And so we were vulnerable... we had to institutionally step into a situation where we knew everything wasn't going to go perfectly."

Wigginton believes that the trust established between professors, administrators and students helped the college to take a risk in establishing something new. He has confidence in the program's success moving forward.

"This year, as we get underway, I think everyone feels a lot better about some of the things that got tweaked from a process standpoint," he said.

With a new president at the helm, Wigginton wants to closely examine the influence of Greek life on campus and how it can forge bonds with other organizations. He hopes this will pro-



duce a more unified campus culture. He acknowledges that Greek life at the college is a dominant force on campus. He has talked extensively with President Marjorie Haas about "fully understanding how immersed Greek life is... in our student culture." He wishes to speak with the leaders of each individual fraternity and sorority about how they view themselves as student organizations. Wigginton was a vocal proponent of deferred rush and believes that its implementation has already had a positive impact on student life. At Rhodes, 40 percent of male students are members of a fraternity, and 62 percent of female students are members of a sorority, according to US News & World Report.

Wigginton said that Rhodes's personable nature has remained since he was

a student, although there is a change in the fast-paced way students live and communicate. After conveying his admiration for the continued intimacy of campus culture, he expressed his concern about "the rate at which [students] exchange" which causes them to devalue the currency of nuance.

"There's an urgency to everything," Wigginton said. "There's a quick, immediate, results-oriented approach, with everything from how you get your news to how you interact with each other."

He argued that an emphasis on instant results and gratification is not conducive to the development of a campus identity which takes time and patience.

"You all don't do anything slow, and culture takes time," he said. Time that Wigginton is very excited to invest.

## QuikFix App Links Students to Odd Jobs for Cash

BY SAVANNA KURZ, '20  
STAFF WRITER

This summer, Rhodes students Nathan Mirochnick '20, Parker Pell '19 and Ben Siegel '19 used their entrepreneurial skills to launch their own company. QuikFix, now available for download in the iTunes store, serves as a way for students to earn quick money while helping Memphis residents.

The three co-founders were inspired to create the app after helping a friend move furniture into a new house. After finishing a tough day of work, they came up with the foundation for their business venture.

"We thought, hey, we should get paid for this. Other people are going to be

moving into houses, why don't we look into this idea," Pell said.

Understanding that it is nearly impossible to have a full-time job while also attending classes, the app was designed to be flexible and accommodating. With no set schedule, students can choose when they work and get paid on the spot.

Nathan, Parker and Ben also acknowledged that many Memphis residents who live near campus wish to get involved with Rhodes, but are unsure how. With this in mind, they worked alongside a developer to transform their idea into a professional business. Their main goal was to strengthen the bond between college students and their local community.

"We think that people who live around colleges want to know the students they are living next to, but it's hard to know exactly how to do that. So, this gives a platform which is mutually beneficial," Pell said.

The app is a job board where local residents can post odd jobs that need fixing and college students can complete them for money. Currently, QuikFix has 13 different jobs—ranging from lawn care and moving services to babysitting and house cleaning. After the job has been finished, the homeowner rates the student on a five-star scale. In its inaugural month, QuikFix has made great progress.

"Our goal was to have the app be functional. We've made a few students

a hundred dollars, at least, so it's going well," Pell said.

By interacting with the surrounding community, Rhodes students gain more than just a little extra spending money. Users of the app are able to build relationships while networking and connecting with locals.

"You just never know the possibilities that can come from meeting someone who lives around a campus like Rhodes," Pell said.

Long-term, the co-founders hope to expand the business to college towns all across the country. But for now, they plan to perfect QuikFix here in Memphis.

## BEYOND THE GATES

## Ni(3) Hao(3) from China

BY LEXI DEHART, '21  
STAFF WRITER

Rhodes College prides itself on the opportunities it provides to its students both on and off campus. Two fortunate Rhodes students were able to spend nine weeks in the city of Shanghai this summer—pursuing a competitive international internship.

Jesse Linkhorn '18 and Dan Venker '19, recipients of the Theodore William Eckels International Business Internships, were accommodated with a flight to Shanghai, housing for nine weeks, a per diem stipend and an internship with some of Shanghai's most successful companies.

Linkhorn, a Columbus, Ohio native, is majoring in economics and decided to use his internship as an opportunity to further his education and gain real-world experience in the field. While working for the management consulting firm, Sino Bridge Consulting, Linkhorn conducted research on the human resources market, facilitated the correspondence between the Chinese and English speaking professionals and reviewed monthly tax reports and cash flow projections.

Linkhorn's experience extended beyond just his internship. Since his voyage to Shanghai was his first venture out of the United States, he did not



Photo Courtesy of Jesse Linkhorn  
"SHANGHAI NIGHTLIFE": Jesse Linkhorn '18 (left) and Dan Venker '19 (left) enjoy an evening at the Bund, a popular site in downtown Shanghai overlooking the Huang Pu River and Pu Dong, the financial district.

know what to expect.

"I was overwhelmed when I arrived. The city was massive and it was always moving," Linkhorn said, adding, "Travelling so far away like that made me realize that we share a world with seven billion other people. It was interesting to see the world through an Eastern lens for once."

While the language barrier proved to be a challenge and the weather was "way smoggier" than expected, Linkhorn said his experience was amazing

and he would love the opportunity to do it again.

Venker, a native of Saint Louis, pursued a similar internship. His, however, was with Shanghai F & S Consulting, a local company responsible for the bookkeeping, tax work and operation of local and international companies.

"The goal was to target large companies opening offices and facilitate their transition into the Chinese market for the first time," Venker said.

His duties included research and ad-

vising on ways the company could obtain American clients, marketing assistance and setting up meeting between Chinese and English speaking professionals. The Chinese language did not present as much of a challenge for Venker, who is pursuing a minor in Chinese Studies.

"I saw Shanghai as an opportunity to immerse myself in the culture and improve my language skills," Venker said.

To Venker, though, the experience did not come solely in the form of an internship. The experience was built over nine weeks with total cultural immersion and the opportunity to see things such as the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square and the Terracotta Army.

"It was cool to be the foreigner—to put yourself in someone else's shoes. I have a better understanding of people who come to the United States. Yes, there were hiccups along the way, but I was able to figure it out. My language skills helped me to get more out of the trip than some people could—eight cities in nine weeks. I saw Hong Kong, Nanjing, Suzhou, Hangzhou, a Confucius Temple and so much more. All in all, it was an experience that I'll never forget," Venker said.

## Crosstown Concourse, Now Open

BY INDIA NIKOTICH, '19  
STAFF WRITER

The new Crosstown Concourse complex, which opened to the public on Saturday, Aug. 19, is a project eight years and millions of dollars in the making. Previously an empty Sears & Roebuck regional distribution hub from the 1920s, the 1.1 million square-foot concourse now doubles as corporate offices and apartment space.

Walking inside the pseudo-industrial megaplex, one has the sense of being in a futuristic "urban village"—the stop signs are orange and plastered with Motown lyrics, the four atriums are spacious and open-air and one is just as likely to pass a doctor as they are to pass a Christian Brothers student, an I Love Juice Bar customer or even a group of women on their way to a Church

Health-hosted knitting club meeting. Its embrace of Memphis mainstays is what makes the Concourse shine. The building is packed with local businesses like Mempops and community-oriented services like the YMCA.

On the other hand, the opulence of its stripped down design and expensive retail raises questions about gentrification and sustainability. While rent for apartments in the Crosstown Parcels can reach past \$1,500 a month, the surrounding neighborhood's median rent sits at half that—according to 2015 figures.

"The question, for those north of Parkway, is how do you do a couple hundred million dollars worth of investment while still maintaining affordability?" Assistant Professor of Urban Studies Peter Hossler said, adding, "Here's the problem with Crosstown: if

it goes right from an economic perspective, you will have people of more affluent means and more private investment flowing into the area. That same thing is going to pose significant challenges to the people who live there currently."

Developers are seeking to find a balance—reserving 20% of the 256 apartments for low income tenants (representative of the 20% of residents in the same zip code living below the poverty level) and even more are set aside for St. Jude patients and Memphis Teacher Residency use. The Concourse also offers a variety of low-cost healthcare services through Church Health and the Southern College of Optometry and is establishing a public charter high school, Crosstown High, whose first ninth grade class will arrive as soon as next school year.

Megan Aleman '19, business major

and six months into her lease at the Parcels, said the benefits of living there far outweigh the negatives.

"I like that the Concourse is so close to Rhodes," Aleman said, adding, "Convenience wise, I have everything I need—there's Curb Market, a grocery store, there's a pharmacy, there's a nail place. And as a tenant I get a free included membership to the YMCA."

The concourse is already reshaping the area—at least 98% of the office space is leased and over 3,000 patrons are expected to visit each day.

"I even saw former President Troutt in the elevator yesterday," Aleman said.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Welcome Back Letter

8/22/17

Hi Friends,

Welcome Back! I'm confident that this will be an exciting year for all of us, as we work with President Hass and Vice-President Wigginton to forge a new path for Rhodes. We have an opportunity that few college students have in being able to set a standard for a new president. President Hass is intensely focused on learning and understanding who we are as students and what our expectations are for the college we call home. RSG will have a heavy hand in this work, so I want to invite each and every one of you to be part of this process.

We're working on new ways to engage with all of our students and better promote the work that we do. Throughout the next several weeks, we'll announce our "Initiatives for a Better Rhodes." These initiatives will address issues and concerns that we've all noticed, including: social space on campus, the cost of tuition, the quality of food in the rat and the lair, and the life and culture of our campus more broadly. I hope all of you will join us in this work and look forward to the coming year.

Roll Lynx,  
Thomas  
President of the Student Body



SPORTS

# Meet Athletics' Latest Additions



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Head Coach Lauren Avant Sumski '14

History:  
Rhodes Alum  
Assistant Women's Basketball Coach at Union University, 3 Years

Why Rhodes?  
"I love Rhodes; it's home. I had an amazing experience here. My family's here. I know one day down the road, my husband and I are going to have our own family and we want to be able to do both things well without having to sacrifice one or the other."

Hopes for the program?  
"Our hope at the end of the year is that we're a family.... We're shooting for a conference and a national tournament appearance...and not just appear but win some games there."

BY JACLYN FLOOD, '21  
STAFF WRITER



FOOTBALL: Defensive Coordinator Brian Vaughn

History:  
Defensive Coordinator at New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, 2 Seasons (most recent)  
Coaching Experience, 12 Years

Why Rhodes?  
"The fact that it has a great reputation in terms of football and academics and then I was really drawn to the people here."

Hopes for the program?  
"I think we can be. Team that not only is the best football team on the field in the SAA, but also is the number one academic kid in the conference. Already we have the highest admission standards, we have the smartest kids, we put the most guys on the academic all-conference team, now we just need to win a championship in football to prove we're the best football team too."



FIELD HOCKEY: Head Coach Lindsay Kasten

History:  
Assistant Coach at Towson University, 2 Seasons

Why Rhodes?  
"I was looking at opportunities where I could not only be a coach but have an impact on my players, and be more of a mentor, and Rhodes is a great place to be. Not only are they hardworking in the classroom but they're very strong on the field, so it was a nice balance between a solid athletic group and a group of girls who really care about academics, so I could have more of an impact role than just being a coach."

Hopes for the program?  
"We're hoping to take it to the next level and bring the intensity and hopefully make the second round of the NCAA's in the next few years."

## Brace Yourselves, Tailgate Season is Coming

BY TYLER GEORGEADIS, '21  
STAFF WRITER

Football season, also known as tailgate season, has arrived again. The Lynx football team has been on the top of their game since they returned to campus. 40 new recruits are ready to represent Rhodes. The team will officially kick off their year in Salem, Ore. on Sep. 2. The game will be against Willamette University, an opponent they

were able to contain last year by a score of 35-21.


Volleyball's season is beginning in Jackson, Miss. with the Millsaps Invitational. Last year, the women ranked fourth in the SAA. This is the highest they have ever placed since entering the conference and they hope to top that this year with the help of four new athletes: Annie Burke '21 (Georgetown, Texas), Mary Frances Daniel '21 (Tallahassee, Fla.), Kelsey Glasper '21 (Olive

Branch, Miss.) and Sarah Nieland '21 (New Orleans, La.).


The first volleyball game on campus will take place Sep. 13 in Mallory Gymnasium against Hendrix College at 6 p.m. Hendrix ranked first in the conference last season but took a loss when playing the Rhodes Lynx. Rhodes Volleyball will also host the Blues City Invite from Oct. 27-29.

Next weekend, Sep. 9, the football team will host their first home game

against Pomona-Pitzer. Pomona-pitzer was also steadily managed last year at 23-20. Head coach Jim Ryan, now joined by new defensive coordinator Brian Vaughn, will be looking to provide another exciting season following his 6-4 record from last year—his first at Rhodes. The following are the upcoming dates for home games: 09/09, 09/23, 09/30, 10/28, and 11/11.



BEST OF LUCK TO WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL,  
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## ADS &amp; SATIRE

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## My Summer As a Trump Aide

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This summer, I was excited to obtain an internship as an aide with the Trump administration. Because I was a twenty-year-old female, I was offered close, personal access to the president. My main job was to take Donald on various day trips off-campus to distract him from bouts of tweeting. Before leaving with Donald in his limousine, I would hide his cell phone on a bookshelf. I found the following trips to be effective techniques to distract Donald from doing any damage, and would advise future aides to utilize the same tactics.

1. Accompanied Donald to a local magic show. Although his curiosity was piqued, he grew increasingly suspicious after each ensuing trick, and became

convinced that there was no way this magician was the real deal.

2. Took him to a traditional Indian festival. Donald was concerned that the Pakistanis were poisoning the food but had trouble being able to identify who might be Pakistani.

3. Encouraged volunteers at Habitat for Humanity by testing the stability of buildings, making sure he could not knock them down.

4. Rode up and down adjacent elevators in Trump Towers, playing a game of hide-and-seek.

5. Watched the Academy Award-winning film "Lincoln" until he fell asleep. Donald murmured "you know he was a Republican" while tossing and turning in bed. I would give him a milkshake with a small dose of Paxil whenever he started having nightmares.

6. Visited an aquarium. Donald was

especially interested in the seahorses after learning that male seahorses give birth. He instructed me to make a note that said he stood in solidarity with male seahorses, but they should probably not be allowed into the military.

7. Drove him to seven McDonald's restaurants to check if their ice cream machines were working. He asked to speak to the manager, which after a tense five-minute interaction led to a coupon for a large fry at participating locations.

8. Took Donald to a public pool to see what might happen. He believed the waiting staff to be inappropriately dressed, but befriended a young Mexican boy who offered to share his pool noodle. Donald gave him investment advice and told him that he too would one day be very rich and angry all the time. This was the kind of authentic interaction that reminded me why I loved my job.

9. Took his pitch of a fourth "Madagascar" film to a DreamWorks boardroom. He said the idea was meant to be ironic, but I could tell he had been emotionally invested in this for quite some time and reassured him of the strength of his creativity.

10. Taught Donald how to use a stove. Sat in the emergency room for roughly four hours while medical professionals tended to his charred hand. I assured him that everything was fine, he had simply been too eager.

11. Prank-called his daughter Tiffany by leaving long messages saying he wanted to work things out in their fractured relationship.

12. Let him approach women on 5th Avenue to ask if they were interested in him sexually, then he told me they were not hot enough for him anyway.