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## Got herb?

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## “Pink Day”: DST supports breast cancer awareness

By NeNe Bafford  
News Editor

Breast Cancer Awareness Month begins this Friday, October 1, 2010, and the ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated are raising awareness early. Delta Sigma Theta will also be selling red balloons at the Blackout athletic event this Saturday, October 2, 2010 before the game, and the balloons will be released at halftime to support the fight against breast cancer.

In another effort to raise awareness, the ladies will be selling pink elephants in the Rat and in the Middle Ground for their “Unite to

Fight: Pink Day” initiative. October 8, 2010 will be recognized as “Pink Day” for the campus, and students are encouraged to wear pink in recognition of breast cancer and their commitment to fight to find a cure. Pink elephant cutouts that unite at the trunks and tails will be sold to students for a donation of \$1 per elephant. Pink elephants will go on sale during lunch in the Rat from October 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and will also be on sale October 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> in the Middle Ground from 8pm-11:30pm. All proceeds from both programs will go to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

“In our sorority, we focus on public service initiatives that align with our Five Point Programmatic Thrust, and “Pink Day” focuses on two of the five: Physical and Mental Health and Educational Development. Through this program we want to encourage students to wake up and realize that this is something that can hit home, and we want the campus to unite and fight for this cause,” said president Jamesha Hayes (’11).

The 2010 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in Memphis will be Saturday, October 30, 2010.

## Parentless on Parents’ Weekend

By Jordan Farrar

I was one of the parentless on Parents’ Weekend, trying to make my way through the Rat without accidentally pummeling your family. Lost in a cloud of All-Sing practice and schoolwork, I had nearly forgotten that Rhodes would be overrun with old people until I noticed the distinct lack of on-campus parking Friday afternoon. As my friends went to the airport to pick up their parents, I was stuck and over-caffeinated in the library working on a paper.

Admittedly, I brought this upon myself – we had such a yearly event in my high school as well, and I made the decision to avoid it following freshman year. My parents had flown for hours only to attend unnecessary parent-teacher conferences and one awkward speech that ended in my headmaster weeping. Sure, that night I got to sleep on a Holiday Inn sofa bed with multiple broken springs. I also had the privilege of admitting to my parents that I really had no idea which direction school was from the highway. We all enjoyed driving hopelessly lost around rural Massachusetts roads while I tried to read a map for the first time, but in the end, I came to the conclusion that the weekend was a bit of a disaster.

I worried that college would be no different and insisted that my parents spend their time and money on other, more relaxing pursuits. However, this year they expressed guilt over missing my sixth Parents’ Weekend. My father somehow managed to say, “Honey, are you sure you don’t want us to come to Memphis?” even more often than his typical mantra of “Do you ever sleep?” Repeatedly, I assured him that it would be a waste of time and that he could feel free to deposit the saved gas money into my checking account. Finally, they agreed to mark off “attending” on the RSVP for their Saturday night Wine Club, and I fell asleep happy that I would not have to clean out my car.

I did not question my decision until All Sing. When the time came for me to sit in the front row and avoid the pelvic thrusts of my peers, all I could think of was how disturbed my mother would be by the boys’ short shorts. My father would appreciate flashbacks of his time as a pledge and surely would be laughing loudly enough to cause a scene. Looking around at the hordes of parents frowning in confusion, I felt a twinge of remorse that I could not make my parents so uncomfortable.

The feeling escalated that night when I managed to flatten my tire for the first time just down the street from Rhodes. Later, when I discovered my car alarm had been going off for hours and that turning it off only brought repose for 60 seconds before it began again (I’m really sorry!), I regretted my decision. As I woke up to an 8:30 am phone call from an exasperated Campus Safety officer warning me that I would ruin the entire Scottish festival with my insubordinate SUV, I certainly wished I had invited my parents after all.

Over the course of the weekend, I watched my friends agonize over where they should make dinner reservations. The closest I have come to a reservation at a restaurant has been putting my purse down at a table in the Lair before getting in line. Most of the people I know went clothes shopping, explored Memphis on an impossible budget for a college student, and were chauffeured for the weekend. Granted, they returned at the end of the evening ready to hit the town in a big way. Yes, they had to wake up for breakfast the next day at 9 am because their parents, too, had once been college students. But Parents’ Weekend reminded them how we all got here in the first place: the encouragement of those around us at home.

Hopefully it goes without saying that everyone loves his or her parents. However, we all take

## RSG plans for big changes

Alex Yu  
Staff Writer

RSG, or Rhodes Student Government, is perhaps the student body’s most powerful resource in making noticeable changes for campus life. For those who do not know what all tasks RSG undertakes, then you are reading the right article.

RSG serves the student body as a representative for the interest of students to administration such as faculty, trustees, staff, and alumni. If you want your ideas and concerns heard, then RSG is

your ticket to success. This year, RSG is planning to tackle some pretty major issues on campus. One of them being the foundation requirement confusion.

Covering all of the foundations can be quite difficult to do, especially if your interest or major does not correlate at all to any of the requirements. Morgan Rote, a member of the Academics Committee, gives an example of this difficulty: “An economics major has difficulty getting the F9 (Cultural Perspectives), which can only be fulfilled by taking

an extra anthropology/sociology class.” This most likely occurs in other majors as well. For example, I’m a biology major and taking a chinese history class. While interesting, it does not exactly fit with what I want to be doing. One issue that could come into play during this debate is the idea of the well-rounded student, which is one of the goals of the foundations curriculum. But should students be forced to take classes that are way outside their

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## On-campus veggie options

By Julia Fawal

Only at Rhodes can you say “I had Rat food for lunch” without getting any weird looks. Most people here are all too familiar with the Rat since it is one of two main places to eat on campus. The Lair is the other, and each place offers an array of different foods; however, students are beginning to notice a lack of options for vegetarians and vegans.

On the surface, it seems as though the Rhodes Dining system encourages and supports such a lifestyle. The Campus Dining section of the website mentions having vegetarian and vegan options and items such as

sushi multiple times, and there’s even a sign at the entrance of the Rat advocating veganism. Still, some students, vegans in particular, struggle to put together meals that are both edible and have the proper nutrients.

The Rat and the Lair both have meatless options, but they are limited. Pizza, stir-fry and salad are always available at the Rat, and there is almost always a “healthy” meal option, too. Pizza and stir-fry are also available at the Lair, along with veggie burgers and hummus wraps. Those options, though they might get repetitive, work for vegetarians but not always for vegans. The

problem of obtaining protein also arises. Tofu, hummus, veggie burgers, and various types of beans are often present, but their availability cannot always be depended on.

A few weeks ago, the Lair was out of veggie burgers and hummus for over a week, which further limited the options for vegetarians and almost completely exhausted any options for vegans. Many students commented that someone should have simply gone to the store to get these items since it was so clear that they were needed on campus. One stu-

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# Tea Party's O'Donnell goes overboard

By Patrick Harris  
Staff Writer

There is a natural law in American politics that might be termed the Joycelyn Elders Rule: Under no circumstances does it benefit a political figure to give an opinion on masturbation. The newly-minted Republican nominee for Senate in Delaware, Christine O'Donnell, has learned this axiom the hard way. Unfortunately for the Grand Old Party, O'Donnell's unfashionable views on self-gratification do not even make the short list of her deficiencies as a nominee. It takes a truly exceptional individual to make Linda McMahon, World Wrestling Entertainment tycoon and GOP nominee in Connecticut, seem a model senatorial prospect by comparison. If no other measure were available, the markedly jubilant and smug Democratic reaction to O'Donnell's primary victory should tell the observer all he needs to know about her.

Delaware's Republican voters, brimming with the anti-establishment angst that has become the Tea Party's hallmark, rejected the moderate Mike Castle in favor of a woman who has never held office, claims to have "dabbled in witchcraft" and has been accused of illegally skimming campaign contributions to cover living expenses. Despite a faint physical resemblance and similar populist tone, any comparisons to Sarah Palin are surely a disservice to the latter. Palin slowly but surely demolished her own credibility to anyone outside her base of loyal supporters. It's not

evident that O'Donnell ever had any such credibility to begin with. She appears to be able to relate to the typical Delaware voter only insofar as she has suffered from various difficulties with her financial obligations.

Eccentricities aside, O'Donnell's list of policy positions reads like a joint manifesto from the Club for Growth and Focus on the Family. She opposes abortion, embryonic stem-cell research, and Darwinism, while favoring a balanced budget amendment and repeal of the Democratic health care reform. She hits the "right" notes on guns, illegal immigration, and global warming. Many conservatives will no doubt recognize their own views in this list, and opine that the country would be better off with more people in Washington with such firm commitment to principle. It's a nice sentiment but utterly beside the point since the Potomac will run with margarine before O'Donnell is a U.S. Senator. To rephrase the same thought in Tea Party terms, O'Donnell's prospects of winning the seat are significantly less likely than the odds of Barack Obama being a closet Muslim.

Delaware is a centrist or even left-leaning sort of place. As a senatorial candidate, the state's Republican primary voters have offered up a woman better suited to run for the Mississippi State School Board (with all due apologies to that august institution). Previous Tea-Party victories over more conventional Republican candidates have not significantly harmed the GOP's chances

in November; O'Donnell's election proves that the anti-establishment mood has reached a ludicrous extent. Glaring personal flaws and a general lack of substance no longer seem to stand in the way of any candidate who can smile sweetly while repeating the usual ideological Shibboleths. Despite panicking and sniping among the GOP elite, the real rebuke to this trend will probably arrive only on Election Day, giving Democrats an advantage in a year when they can boast of precious few.

A democratic society requires a healthy spirit of dissent; as the most vocal and energetic source of opposition to the administration, it is a shame that Tea Party has succumbed to self-parody in choosing its new public face. All is not yet lost for the GOP in Delaware, however, with polls showing that Mike Castle would still defeat the Democratic challenger in a theoretical matchup. One possible option would be a compact with party leaders that would allow O'Donnell a platform for her ideas while enabling her to withdraw gracefully from the race. In deference to O'Donnell's most-cited policy position, Republicans could promise to forswear self-abuse indefinitely; in return, the nominee would give way to Castile, nine-time representative and former governor. Your humble columnist would be the first to sign this pledge, since seeing Christine O'Donnell off the ballot and off the television would provide all the gratification he could possibly want.

# The maple bat conundrum continues

By Tyler Springs

In the past five years, there have been at least six separate, highly publicized incidents in which broken or shattered maple baseball bats have hit and/or injured persons at a Major League Baseball game, both those on the playing field and off it. In the most recent case, Tyler Colvin, a Chicago Cubs rookie playing in his first full season, was struck in the chest by the sharp end of a teammate's broken bat and ended up with a wound that prevented him from further playing this season. There have been other cases with victim coaches, fans, and umpires where the injuries sustained were considerably more horrifying than Colvin's, but, in spite of maple's notoriety for emulating a cruise missile with Frisbee rotation, there has yet to be any action taken at the Major League Level. Here is the really bad news: it is almost certain that the situation will get worse before it gets better. According to an official quoted in an article about a shattered bat incident between former Arizona Diamondbacks outfielder Eric Byrnes and ex-Florida Marlin Miguel Olivo, it would take years to end the production and use of maple bats if commissioner Bud Selig were to put the kibosh on them after this season. The process of cutting, drying, and shaping timber takes up to three years from start to finish, so even if maple bats are banned this offseason, the actual ban won't go into effect until at least 2013. With a possible maple extermination looming, veterans will be racing to use whatever maple is still left in production at the time of decree, no doubt leading to more shattered bats.

In the league's defense, at least there is *something* being done: certain maple bats were banned in the minor leagues this year, and bat specifications were tweaked to promote bat strength. It seems that the MLB is trying to root out the

problem by applying the rules to all who have yet to make a 40-man roster at the highest level, but the rule needs to be clarified considerably. An example: if a player spends his entire time in the minor leagues hitting with an ash bat and then gets called up and wants to use a maple bat, can he? Sure, you would guess he would stick with what works, but, if he thinks maple gives him added power over the contact he felt using an ash bat, would he not use it? More importantly, anyone who has already made it to "the show" has free reign to use whatever they like, so the present rule would not completely eradicate the existence of maple until all of the players who debuted last year finish their careers.

The unknown entity here is the stance of the MLB Players' Association, which will most likely seek to retain the maple bats in spite of their dangers in order to provide the best competitive advantage to the players who are members of the union. As someone who owns a maple bat, I understand that perspective completely - maple seems sturdier and solid contact feels more pure than the same swing made with an ash bat. The real issue, as former Pittsburgh Pirate Nate McLouth pointed out, might be more psychological at this point, given how particular players are about the equipment they use; after all, this is the same superstition-fraught sport that gave us the voodoo-obsessed Pedro Cerrano from the movie *Major League*.

At the same time, there are extenuating circumstances here that say otherwise. When Colvin was struck, he was running in foul territory while watching to make sure the ball his teammate hit was not caught - he did not have any reason to think he was in danger of bodily harm, being that he was not in the field of play and not near the ball. Had he run just a little

bit faster, he might have been struck unexpectedly in the face, and that is a fear no player wants to have while he is trying to do his job. Likewise, coaches and fans have also been struck by maple shrapnel while they were paying attention to a ball in the field of play; if fans and players alike are not properly protected during game action, they cannot be expected to watch or play at the risk of their own physical health. Maybe baseball should take a cue from hockey, where the NHL added additional protective netting behind each goal after an errant puck fatally struck a 13-year-old girl. It would not be a bad idea for Selig to at least consider having the same kind of netting put in place between the dugouts and the present backstop at each ballpark - though you can catch a high-speed foul ball, you cannot exactly stop a shattered bat with a baseball glove.

Given the preference for maple, it will not be easy to find a suitable replacement for Sam-Bats and other popular maple brands used by the pros. One thought would be to mandate a bat that is some combination of a composite handle and a maple barrel that would make the maple less likely to shatter in long, sharp fragments as it presently does. Another idea is simply trying to find a different wood source for bats - many cricket bats are made of willow, which might be a decent alternative if it can be cut down to an easy-to-wield weight. Whatever the solution, the decision needs to be made in winter meetings before the start of next season; it would not be wise or safe for the MLB to continue to allow its faithful patrons to risk their own livelihoods because they are unable to keep track of two divergent trajectories, hit ball *and* flying bat, at one time. No other major sport forces us to do that on a regular basis.

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# Is there a practical reason to legalize marijuana?

By Joe Casey

The legalization of marijuana has been a controversial subject for decades, but it has taken a more regular and centralized role in the news. One can hardly browse CNN or Drudge without encountering at least one story every day on marijuana. The state of California has helped to bring the debate back to center stage. In November, its citizens will have the opportunity to legalize cannabis once and for all. But there is a major question that arises from this situation: what impact would Proposition 19 have on the drug war? Having lived almost two decades in Arizona, I have seen the effects of the drug war and the exponential growth in drug-related crime in just the past decade. I have read regularly about the high volume of illegal substances that travel through my state and fund the Mexican drug cartels' international pursuit of power and wealth. Though the proposed law would be active only in California, it would still be felt in Arizona because the drug wars are not concentrated in one state. They exist along one, multi-state international border with Mexico. So how would legalization impact the drug war?

Before this question can be answered, it is important to understand the context of the legalization debate. Most of this is outlined in the text of California's current proposition: "Despite having some of the strictest cannabis laws in the world, the United States has the largest number of cannabis consumers. . . . According to surveys, roughly 100 million Americans (around one-third of the country's population) acknowledge that they have used cannabis, 15 million of those Americans having consumed cannabis in the last month. Cannabis consumption is simply a fact of life for a large percentage of Americans." (Sec. 2.A.2-3) It is a simple fact that many citizens use marijuana regularly. It was first legalized 14 years ago in the "Compassionate Use Act of 1996". Proposition 19, also called the "Regulate, Control, and Tax Cannabis Act of 2010", would allow individuals to carry 1 ounce or less of marijuana, in addition to providing for certain groups to legally sell and tax the drug.

The arguments for legalization, as outlined in Prop 19, are as follows: current methods for controlling or reducing the availability of the drug have failed for decades considering "Cannabis is not physically addictive, does not have long-term toxic effects on the body, and does not cause its consumers to become violent," (2.A.5). The supporters of the proposed law also argue that legalizing the drug would diminish the violence of the drug war; time and money are better spent if they are not wasted on arresting users who possess small quantities, and billions of dollars could in fact be made from taxing the drug. Most of these points are sound, but the medical reasoning for legalization is disputed. Cannabis is definitely one

of the least-damaging drugs on the market, but its effects, both short- and long-term, are still largely unknown. As a research paper published by Harvard's Berkman Center notes, smoking cannabis damages respiratory function, might weaken the immune system, and may be connected with various acquired mental disorders. In the end, though they have been used for millennia, not enough information is known about cannabinoids.

The most intriguing of these arguments is that the legalization would impact the drug war in a positive way. The principle behind the idea is that if cannabis is legalized the drug cartels will lose their market since the drug will be widely available. As a consequence, the cartels' income and power will diminish, thus causing a decrease in the cartel's violent activities. Wanting to discover whether this claim has any truth to it (and not being an expert on the day-to-day fight against the drug war), I turned to an official of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. Even if the principle is assumed to be true, "legalizing marijuana will have next to no effect on the war," according to Head Deputy Joseph Esposito of the Major Narcotics Division. He explained that this is due to several factors. One reason is that cocaine is the primary imported substance that funds the drug cartels. According to Esposito, marijuana simply does not play a big enough role in the drug business. If you do not target their main source of funding, you will not hurt them very much. In gathering revenue, the cartels' drug business is analogous to a large corporation's operations. Like any major store, the cartels offer a variety of goods, some of which are essential to the success of the business, while others are only minor components. It is comparable to the electronics retailer. If the store stops selling the candy and soda at the checkout, will it be in financial danger? Of course not, because only a small percentage of business is found in those products. It is the same with the drug trade. If you do not target the cocaine business, you fail to effectively cripple the cartels.

I then asked Esposito about the financial effects of legalization. First, he explained that Proposition 19 would not actually change current enforcement practices, so little money would be saved. He noted, "Within the Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement, there is no task force to go after individuals who have 1oz. or less – those users are usually just caught by cops who perform routine traffic stops and happen to be found with pot on them." In other words, law enforcement's attention is devoted to individuals who are selling and/or distributing large quantities of the drug. So, if the proposition were passed, it would only decriminalize minor possession, saving the county only the small cost of arresting and briefly detaining minor offenders.

Esposito also responded to the claim that the marijuana business would be undermined if the state made it more widely available. He explained that California's \$50 per ounce tax ensures that the cartels will stay in business. If the current street price per ounce is \$300 and the legal dispensaries sell it for \$350 (because the dispensaries sell according to the street rate plus tax), who will spend an additional \$50 for the drug when it can be bought elsewhere for a lower price? The enticement of acquiring cannabis illegally is only enhanced by the fact that the origin, legal or illegal, of one ounce is untraceable – anyone caught with marijuana can say that they bought it legally and, as long as it's the legal amount, then there is no crime committed. The consequence is the tax makes legal marijuana less desirable, and the tax will not be collected as the proposition's supporters claim. In the end, the deputy's explanation follows a common sense path: this method cannot eliminate the underground drug trade.

Having gained a better understanding of the issue and its context, I wanted a more general understanding of the drug war. I needed to talk to someone who was not a Californian but still on the frontline of the war on drugs, namely Sheriff Joe Arpaio of Arizona. He spent almost 30 years with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) before beginning his role as Maricopa County Sheriff, a position he has been repeatedly reelected to for nearly two decades. In an interview with "America's Toughest Sheriff", I was informed that one of the main problems with California's legalization of marijuana is that it is inconsequential for the drug war because the cartels are too powerful. Sheriff Arpaio said, "The only way to stop the violence associated with the drug war is by physically stopping the flow of the drugs across the border," something which federal and local agencies alike are not properly equipped to do. If you stop the drugs, you weaken the cartels. Like Esposito, Arpaio stated that making small amounts of marijuana legal has no realistically foreseeable positive consequences.

After talking to these experts, it is clear that the legalization of marijuana is not only financially inconsequential to the cartels, fails to eliminate the underground market and fails to bring in the promised state tax revenue but also is ultimately inconsequential. As both officials noted, legalization is an idea that is mistaken and shortsighted – it is an ineffective way to way to fight the drug war. If the citizens of California want to legalize cannabis for their own enjoyment, then that right properly lies with the people. However, it should be made clear that the practical arguments for its legalization are in error.

## 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' threatened by party politics

By Erica Morozin  
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Since 1993's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, about 135,000 homosexual men and women have been discharged from the military. Their only crime was not attempting to hide who they were. This policy directly violates the liberty of these individuals.

The Senate voted against a bill on September 21 that would repeal the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy in the military, which prevents openly gay individuals from serving in the US military. Gay rights advocates pushed for the bill to be voted on last week because they feared the possible end of a Democrat majority after the upcoming elections in November.

The bill received a 56-43 vote and did not receive the 60 votes needed to avoid filibuster.

The senators acted in accordance with their behavior in the past few months and voted along party lines. This behavior continually prevents legislature from being passed. The Republican Party exhibited similar behavior during the health care bill debate when they unsuccessfully attempted to block the bill without proposing any alternative. The Senate has progressively turned into a forum where very few compromises are made and the minority party tries to block new legislation at all costs.

James Madison warned citizens about the danger of factions

in his 1787 Federalist 10 paper. Since it is virtually impossible for a society to share all of the same views without controversy, there is no way for a democratic republic to eliminate factions. Our society, however, must take measures to lessen the power of these factions.

Madison believed that a democratic republic would help to lessen the power that factions have in our government. He believed that representatives will push aside popular factions and act more in the interest of the community, but he failed to foresee the way that modern political parties are essentially factions. The minority party often fails to do what is best for the people because it would conflict with their own selfish motives and they vote against legislation that would benefit their constituents.

Obama has not been vocal enough in supporting this bill. During his campaign, he promised he would remove the ban on openly homosexual soldiers. Since then he has had little to say about the issue. Strong executive support and persuasion is one of the few ways to reduce the power of the strong polarization of the parties. Obama has failed to do so thus far.

Congress has become out of touch with the desires of the American people. As a result, the best interests of Americans have been pushed aside for petty party reasons. Recent polls have shown a shift in the views of Americans towards acceptance of legislation supporting gay rights, which has not been reflected in the Senate's

most recent endeavors.

In modern times, political parties have become high-powered factions that disregard the good of the public to further their own interests, which is just what Madison feared. They have become "too little acquainted with all their local circumstances and lesser interests," as Madison predicted for the fate of representatives reigning over a large area.

Though the bill to repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" does not concern a large majority of citizens, the behavior of senators reaffirms the bleak nature of the modern day political parties. Little has been accomplished since the beginning of the Obama administration due to the Republican Party's refusal to compromise on bills of importance.

Repealing this bill would also pave the way for further gay rights policy. Once "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" is repealed, the reaction of the public can be measured to decide when to allow gay marriage and adoption.

It is difficult to pass any sort of progressive legislation when one party refuses to push aside its own motives for the betterment of the people. The American people's best interests are being moved aside for party motives. Measures need to be taken to limit the power of the political parties and to give compromising a chance.

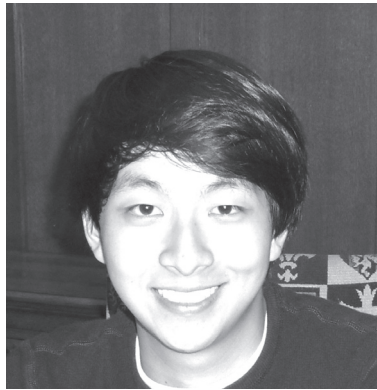
## Student Voice

What do you think Rhodes could do to make parent's weekend more exciting?



"Off campus field trips for parents and students would be a good idea." – William Bruce 2011

"Rhodes could suggest more places for students and parents to go off campus instead of a strictly planned itinerary. Memphis is such a culturally rich town so people should be informed about how to take advantage of it." – Brian Tchang 2014



"They could have more planned events on campus, instead of just free Clanjamfry tickets." – Cori Frazier 2012

"They should have some huge party serving alcohol for the parents and students. Make it a jovial festivity." – Tyler Catterton 2013



"They should find a more interactive way, either via games or even a scavenger hunt, for students and parents to learn more about each other in a fun and relaxing environment." – Komal Mehra 2012

## Lecture Board breaks out on its own

By Anna Meyerrose  
Editor in Chief

With the start of another school year, there are several new organizations, events, and groups active in the Rhodes community. One such organization is the student-run Lecture Board. The Lecture Board is not a complete unknown at Rhodes; up until this year, it was a part of the larger Rhodes Activities Board (RAB). When it was under the umbrella of RAB, the Lecture Board simply had one chair (Katy Morgan); however, it became apparent that the Lecture Board would not and could not reach its full potential unless more time and individuals were committed to it alone.

Once this fact was realized, Katy Morgan worked with other members of RSG to make the Lecture Board a semi-autonomous organization, starting in the spring semester of 2010. This goal was realized, and now the Lecture Board has a full-fledged board, consisting of nine members.

"This fall we have a wonderful board put together," said MaryMarks Nelson ('13), the appointed chair of the Lecture Board. "They were appointed in the spring of 2010, except for our freshman member who was elected this fall. We have already been working hard to make Lecture Board a known part of the Rhodes community."

The principal mission of the Lecture Board is to attract various prominent speakers to Rhodes throughout the school year to speak to the entire Rhodes population.

"Our role on campus is to bring speakers we think will better the Rhod-

es community," explained Nelson. "We also fund programs for other organizations on campus that have speakers they would like to bring but simply do not have the financial means to do so."

Although the Lecture Board is now a break-off component of the Rhodes Activities Board, the two groups still work in conjunction on planning various events. For example, the Lecture Board intends to help RAB bring a comedian to Rhodes in the spring. Nelson described this event, saying it will include "beer specials and lair food; it will be great!"

The Lecture Board already put on one event this year. For Parents' Weekend, Julianne Renee, an actress from the movie *Avatar*, came and spoke. In addition, there are already several other speakers that have been scheduled by the Lecture Board. Such individuals include Lorraine Warren, a prominent ghost-hunter, who is scheduled to visit Rhodes on the week of Halloween. Nesse Godin, a Holocaust survivor, will also be coming to Rhodes in November to talk about her experience in the Nazi concentration camps.

The Lecture Board seems to be very excited about the new opportunities and resources available to them. If successful, it seems that Rhodes will be host to a large number of prominent speakers in the coming school year.

MaryMarks Nelson demonstrated her enthusiasm as well as her organization's commitment to the Rhodes community, asserting, "This is our first year as a board and we are looking to better out campus to the best of our ability!"

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major?

"There is currently a process to appeal for a class to count as an F credit," says Rote, "however, it is incredibly vague and mysterious." Rote discusses how the Chair of the FCC Committee, which is made up of mostly faculty and staff, does not take kindly to emails from students asking for foundation credits. They want the appeals to come from professors, which can be a fairly daunting task depending on the professors willingness, participation, or even their knowledge of the process itself.

Rote also reveals how many students do not have time to take electives of their choice to go toward their minors due to the fact that the foundations need to be taken care of first. She mentions, "I think it is sometimes easy to overlook the importance of taking elective classes that interest you on your own accord, which can often steer you into a new direction for a major or career that you were not considering before, which is really what the 'liberal arts theory' is about."

Outside of academic affairs, RSG is adding some exciting things, one of which is a Sushi Tuesday in the Lair. Last year, sushi was offered randomly, and when news spread on campus, the Lair became a hotspot. Now every Tuesday, students will be able to eat sushi for meal plan equivalent. RSG is also planning to add more beer and wine tastings to the calendar, as well more cookouts. Mary Catherine Reeves, Chair of the Student Services Committee, works with Food Services, as well as many other campus services, in order to discuss new ideas and concerns. She is currently working on getting nutritional information displayed online and at the food stations in the Rat and Lair. Her committee is also working to make some changes in the library to make more room for studying. She says, "In the library, be looking for more changes as the static book cases on the second floor wing will be removed soon to make way for more tables and seating for increased study space."

The RSG Senate meets every two weeks on Wednesday's for General Session in Buckman 108 at 7:00 pm and are open to students, faculty, and staff except on days of formal session. If you have any ideas or want to express concerns, please go to these meetings. Voice your opinion and represent the student body.

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# CAMPUS SAFETY

August 15 – September 25

- 08/21 11:34 pm: Student roommate disagreement; resolved by RA and Campus Safety.
- 08/22 1:55 am: Alcohol violation Ellett; RA and ADRL advised; report filed.  
2:38 am: Accident University; Rhodes student involved; no injuries; MPD notified; report filed.  
5:00 am: Non-Rhodes students observed smoking marijuana in the East Village lot; persons escorted off campus; report filed.
- 08/23 2:35 am: Report of an ill student White dorm; Campus Safety responded; RA and ADRL notified; student okay.
- 08/27 10:46 pm: RA requested assistance in Glassell; odor of marijuana on third floor; Campus Safety responded; situation addressed.
- 08/28 3:03 am: Theft of property Ellett; report filed.  
3:50 am: Student's property found in 2nd floor Bellingrath hallway; property returned to student.  
4:51 pm: Report of marijuana odor in Townsend; Campus Safety responded; report filed.
- 08/29 2:16 pm: Student reported his car battery stolen; Campus Safety responded.  
5:53 pm: RA reported marijuana odor 3rd floor Glassell; Campus Safety responded; ADRL notified.
- 09/03 12:32 am: Accident off campus; Rhodes student involved; no injuries; Campus Safety responded.  
5:58 pm: Student found \$80 and turned it in to Campus Safety.  
8:44 pm: Male subject observed jumping over the Charles Street gate; Campus Safety responded; subject questioned and identified as a neighborhood resident; subject advised about trespassing and released.
- 09/04 4:27 am: Suspicious person observed on Tutwiler; MPD notified.  
8:19 am: Noise complaint Kappa Sig fraternity; asked to turn music down; complied.  
8:33 pm: Wallet found; owner notified; wallet returned to owner.
- 09/05 4:21 pm: Bicycle reported missing; report filed.
- 09/07 3:47 pm: MPD on campus to file a report about a missing laptop.
- 09/11 10:54 pm: Accident at McLean and North Parkway; no Rhodes students involved.
- 09/12 12:14 am: RA reported odor of marijuana Glassell south patio; Campus Safety responded; information gathered and report filed.
- 09/14 10:08 pm: Bicycle theft Spann lot; MPD notified; report filed.
- 09/18 2:08 pm: Resident complaint regarding loud music from the soccer field; staff asked to turn music down; complied.
- 09/19 12:43 am: Ill student called to request assistance; ADRL notified and responded; Resident Life will follow up.  
1:26 am: Alcohol violation Glassell; student transported to the hospital; report filed.  
1:55 am: Alcohol violation Townsend; student transported to the hospital; report filed.  
3:12 am: Alcohol violation Glassell shower room; student transported to the hospital; report filed.
- 9/24 10:40 am: Report of a domestic dispute on North Parkway; no Rhodes persons involved; MPD on scene.
- 09/26 3:29 am: Student issued citation for reckless driving and driving while under the influence on the east side of campus in the Voorhies/Buckman parking lot; student's vehicle was confiscated and keys placed in Campus Safety director's desk.

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them for granted every now and then. I'm not trying to emulate Mr. Rogers, but arguments are much more easily placated once we realize we won't live at home for much longer. Many of us have already moved away for good. My favorite author, Jonathan Safran Foer, once wrote, "It's the tragedy of loving, you can't love anything more than something you miss." I try my best to remember this when I am home on breaks and my mother asks me to make her

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dent, freshman Brenna O'Sullivan, had to use her Lynx Bucks to buy a protein drink, which was costly.

"It would just be nice if there were a specific section every day that catered to vegetarians and vegans or even simply other meat alternatives rather than veggie burgers," Brenna said. "I go to Jessie's Station for lunch, but it is almost the same every day. I'm still really glad it's there, though."

Another comment Brenna had was the

a grilled cheese at 2am.

All in all, I'm going to chance another disaster weekend. In fact, I'm going to ask my parents to come a day early next year. I'm going to reserve the prime seats at All Sing to make my whole family blush. Even if I still have to use my GPS to drive them back from the airport, my car will for once be spotless, and I might even let them drag me to Graceland before we go to dinner.

need for posted ingredients and nutritional information. Meals sometimes have meat or dairy products mixed in, but it is often difficult for either the students or the servers to tell.

Overall, Rhodes Dining does a better job than most schools at catering to over 1,800 hungry college kids. They are also incredibly open to suggestions and comments. Working with the Dining Staff will most likely be the key to solving this issue.

# Classic movie series continues at the Orpheum

By Shelby Lund

Widely regarded as one of the best movies ever made, *Casablanca* contains classic lines from “Here’s looking at you kid” to the ever-romantic “We’ll always have Paris.” However, few people living today have had the experience of watching *Casablanca*, or any other old, classic films from the era of Hollywood’s Golden Age, in the way they were originally shown—inside a giant, luxurious theater, with red velvet seats, gold on the walls, and an actual curtain around the screen. This opportunity will be extended to anyone in Memphis as the Orpheum Theater downtown is expanding their summer classic movie series to a year-round showing of great classics like *Casablanca* every Friday night with no previously scheduled event.

The Orpheum, with its bright neon lights flashing its name outside, contains quite a few stars on the sidewalk out front naming some of the great performers who have walked onto the Orpheum’s stage in the past. The interior is gorgeous, with grand staircases leading up to the second-floor balconies and gold decorations covering both the lobby and the theater. The look of it all transports you back to the days when the Orpheum was mainly a movie theater, where people dressed up to go see a movie like they were going to a live theater production. While the dress code nowadays for the classic movie series is fairly casual, many people still like to dress up to go, as did a fair number of people at the showing I attended. Ticket prices are cheap, only seven dollars per person, although cash is the only currency accepted and concessions are available for purchase.

The summer movie series works to put on a good show, providing several little entertainments prior to the start of the actual film. About fifteen minutes before the beginning of the film, a giant white organ rises up out of the orchestra pit, and the talented organist delights the audience with a few upbeat, pleasant mu-

sical numbers. After the organ returns to the orchestra pit, the director of the series comes out onstage with the sponsor for the film, which in the case of *Casablanca* was Girl Scouts of the Mid-South, and welcomes everyone. A game of movie trivia conducted by the director follows the welcome, randomly selecting names from the

high-scorers who answered trivia questions in the lobby prior to the start of the show. The trivia focuses on the evening’s movie, in my case *Casablanca*, and the first contestant to answer three questions correctly wins \$10,000 in tickets to Orpheum musical productions, with two other competitors receiving consolation prizes.

Having seen *Casablanca* only once before during a Film Appreciation class my Senior year of high school, I must confess that it was a far more enjoyable experience to view the movie in the magnificent atmosphere of the Orpheum. The audience is the best part of the entire movie experience. The whole theater roared with laughter at the movie’s many witty lines, especially those uttered by Claude Rains’ Captain Louis Renault, and, in certain instances, the audience laughed at lines which, on my first viewing, I hadn’t realized were funny. Also, this is probably the only time in my life where the audience applauded when each of the two leads, Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, first appeared onscreen—as well as at the climax of the film.

I find it enjoyable that the Orpheum is expanding its summer movie series throughout the year, as the entire experience is one that I would gladly repeat over and over again. I have no doubt that every classic film shown at the Orpheum, while perhaps not as great as *Casablanca*, has the same high factor of quality enjoyment that my friends and I experienced. Don’t miss the classic movie series at the Orpheum; for, it will be, to quote Humphrey Bogart, “the beginning of a beautiful friendship”.



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This iconic image from the final scene in *Casablanca* captures the romantic yet unpredictability of the main character Rick played by the late Humphrey Bogart.



Courtesy of Google

Many Rhodes students have graced the stage located inside Café Eclectic, including the music department’s Jazz ensemble.

## Student hang out place included in the Memphis Flyer’s ‘Best Of’ survey

By Jasmine Gilstrap  
A&E Editor

Every year local Memphis publication *Memphis Flyer* conducts their survey asking Memphians about their favorite places to eat, visit, and hang out with friends. This year, for the second year in a row, a Rhodes partner and hang out for students makes the highly anticipated list.

After tying with Republic for the spot on last year’s list, Café Eclectic takes third place in the “Best Local Coffee Shop” category of the 2010 Best Of Memphis survey, falling under Republic this year as it takes second place, while Otherlands receives the top honor.

Replacing what used to be a laundry mat, Café Eclectic was something co-

owner Cathy Boulden always wanted to do when she opened the restaurant in 2008. With the establishment, Boulden hoped to create a home away from home for people. The introduction of live music and another location which opened in February of this year made the coffee shop into the place Rhodes students have come to love.

“I think they deserve the spot,” said Chidimma Emelue, ‘12. “Their coffee isn’t the best, but I think the great food and atmosphere offsets the lack of coffee.”

A few other Rhodes student favorites made the list with Central BBQ taking second place in the “Best Lunch,” “Best Ribs,” and “Best Wings” categories and winning the top spot in “Best BBQ.” Kwik Chek placed as the runner-up for “Best

Mediterranean”, and Muddy’s received the “Best Dessert” honor.

The entire list consisting of multiple places in the Rhodes neighborhood emphasizes the importance of supporting locally owned businesses. Café Eclectic satisfies the need for such a place with both the Midtown and Harbortown locations. Despite a few difficulties, including a car crash into the Midtown location in late August, Café Eclectic has continued to be the vision Boulden had when opening the shop.

“We want to concentrate on the little things that often get lost in life,” said Boulden. “Like knowing the names of our patrons and serving wonderful fresh, local, and organic foods at reasonable prices.”



# Unraveling “The Social Network”

By Annika Wuerfel

It is hard to imagine a time when Facebook did not exist. From reconnecting with friends of long ago to “Facebook stalking” the boy next to you in English class, the whole college experience, as well as how the whole world communicates, would be much different if it were not for the website. This obsession with Facebook is one of the greatest appeal of the highly anticipated film “The Social Network.”

Opening October 1, this film is already getting rave reviews. Peter Travers from *The Rolling Stones*, gave the movie four out of four stars and said “The Social Network” is “...the movie of the year that also brilliantly defines the decade.” Other review boards have also said this up and coming movie is “Amazing,” “Stunning,” and “...the best movie of 2010”.

The movie takes place in the fall of 2003 in a Harvard dorm room where Mark Zuckerberg, played by Jesse Eisenberg, begins his idea of programming an online social network. What begins in his dorm room that night would become the largest social network in the world in just a matter of a mere six years. At the age of 23, Zuckerberg became the youngest billionaire in the world thanks to his creation.

However, this movie is not just about a happy success story of a get rich quick college student. This movie is filled with personal and legal complications, romance, hu-

mor, and a star-studded cast. Aaron Sorkin, the writer of “The Social Network”, said, “I didn’t think it was a movie about Facebook. I thought it was a movie that has themes as old as storytelling itself... themes of friendship and loyalty, and of class, and jealousy and power.”

Stars such as Justin Timberlake, Andrew Garfield, Armie Hammer, Brenda Song, and Rooney Mara help to make this exciting movie come to life. The director, David Fincher, known for his dark and stylish thrillers, such as *Fight Club*, *Panic Room*, and *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*, will not let the audience down when it comes to recreating the inception of the world’s most visited website.

Though many people who are wanting to see the movie are excited about learning about the young creator of Facebook, Zuckerberg himself said the film was “fun but even the filmmakers would admit that a lot of it was fiction. They’re trying to build a good story. This is my life so I know it’s not that dramatic.”

Perhaps the most intriguing part of the movie will be finding out how an undergraduate student, just like many students at Rhodes, created such a pivotal moment for technology in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Maybe with this newfound discovery of the work that went into creating Facebook, the world will spend even more time enjoying the perks of the site...if that is even possible.

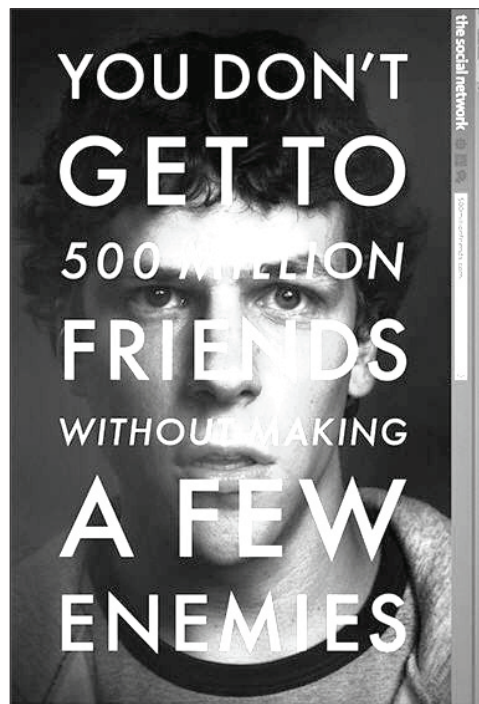


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With a story drenched in friendship, lawsuits, and college life, the movie, “The Social Network” is definitely relevant to modern times.

# Fox among best TV networks

By Darshan Gasque

Since its debut April 5, 1987 with *Married...with Children*, Fox Network has been considered one of the top networks in history. However, in its 23rd year on television, instead of being one of the top networks, Fox looks to be THE top network with its variety of comical shows and entertaining programming. With favorites such as *The Simpsons* and *House*, Fox aims to spice up this season with some new shows. With the addition of *Running Wilde*, a sitcom of a selfish man who learns the meaning of giving without receiving, and *Raising Hope*, a sitcom of a man whose imprisoned love births him a baby, Fox looks to soar above the competition. *Lone Star*, *Bob’s Burgers*, and *Good Guys* makes their television debuts as well.

In addition to the new shows, Fox brings back last year’s hits as well. *Fringe*, *Family Guy* and *The Cleveland Show*, *Bones*, and *Cops* all return this fall with new episodes. Keeping its pace as one of the most watched shows is the cunning and entertaining Dr. House. *House* returns with its 7th season that aims to awe the audience in the mysteries of new diseases and newly-formed relationships. Also, last season’s rookie show *Glee* returns with new music to get you out of your seats. With last season’s crew, *Glee* hopes to top its rookie season with the addition of new characters, evolving storylines, and the same favorite genres of music.

What really separates Fox from other channels is the comical genius Matt Groening. With 27 primetime Emmy Awards, the now longest-running comedy erupts in nighttime television for its 22nd season. Over 22 years ago, Matt Groening created a show that would strike political controversy with some of its audience. *The Simpsons* are back to entertain you with comedy that will make you laugh and leave you in tears.

With 24 seasons under its belt, *America’s Most Wanted* returns to television this fall as well to help identify some of today’s top criminals on the loose and to aid you in finding these delinquents. John Walsh revolutionized television with a show that has helped find over 1600 fugitives and locate over 50 missing children. After the death of his son, Adam Walsh, John Walsh dedicated his life to discovering and prosecuting these dangerous criminals that escape the grasp of the law. Now, as one of the world’s longest running television shows, Walsh has rewritten the history books.

With the history behind some of Fox’s shows and the introduction to some that want to write their own history, the rise to the top is closer than ever. Whatever your preference is, Fox’s diversity promises to fulfill that need for good programming.

# All Sing 2010 goes around the world

by Dylan Ledbetter

And as I walked through the doors of the Mallory Gym I was greeted by a lively-dressed crowd flooding the floor of the gym, parents and progeny alike packing the stands, all gazing on, what was to me, a total new scene, Kappa Delta, dancing to “Hips Don’t Lie.” A hearty choreography thus transpired before my young, freshman eyes and really set the pace for the evening. This, followed by an Indian subcontinental-sounding jig and topped off with a bold rendition of Flogging Molly’s in-your-face “Rebels of the Sacred Heart” proved to ignite the night, throw the gauntlet down for all gathered Friday night at the Kappa Delta All Sing, featuring acts from various organizations.

Alpha Tau Omega lived up to their reputation for being historically “controversial and entertaining,” dancing to “Du hast”—and winning the crowd with provocative choreography featuring Shakeweights. Alpha Omicron Pi’s performance had an exotic, Eastern Europe/Eurasian baroque feel, I thought, the peak of their performance “Istanbul (Not Constantinople).”

Kappa Alpha stirred the crowd with a shameless, evocative solo choreography of the *Chariots of Fire* theme song. Sigma Nu pimped all over the world to the late 90s with Sugar Ray and RHCP. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, well, apparently like to party. I didn’t see what they were get-

ting at as far as Around the World goes, but, judging selections like “MmBop” and “Kiss from a Rose,” their aim? Sheer crowd pleasure. Justin Bieber, Spice Girls, and the Numa Numa Song put Kappa Sig



somewhere in boy band bubble gum pop territory, in a really suggestive way. Virile, to say the least.

The Chi Omegas broke out with some island-bop feel, “Say Hey (I Love You)” sporting the colors of true Rastas, went to the UK with “When I Saw Her Standing There,” to postcolonial Bollywood to turn up the heat with “Jai Ho,”

and back to the basics, got down to business with Mulan. They wrapped up what would be their silver medal showing with some “Waka Waka.”

The bronze-to-be Tri Delta, representing America’s Finest, marched in with none other than President William “In-it-to-Win-It-Go-for-the-Gold” Trout, standing in for the Statue of Liberty. Tri Delta continued their proud procession through Mulan, Rocky, and Space Jam, a recipe of classics for a classy medal at this year’s All Sing. The multi-ethnic group, KRUNK, stole the show with genuine talent and creativity, winning thus the “Most Creative” award for All Sing 2010.

And, though they were last but by no means least, Pi Kappa Alpha presented a fraternal story of fraternal strife between a legendary brotherhood, the Mario Bros. Fraught with betrayal, murder, and tours of the Underworld, their skit took Mario via Virgil through the Inferno, where he encountered a jaded, world-weary Link and the King of Pop himself, Corbin “Michael Jackson” Williams. Inspired by hellish visions, Mario and Link resurface in the land of the living, confront a wayward, woman-stealing Luigi, and in some sense mend fences. Through touching dialogue and quick wit, the PKA performance reminded all at All Sing what real brotherhood is all about: encouraging each other when it comes to women, and going through hell to get the gold.



# Felix Hernandez worthy of the AL Cy Young Award

By Andrew Mullins-Williams  
Sports Editor

MEMPHIS, TN—As Major League Baseball enters the final week of the season, there are still a few races and intriguing stories worth watching. However, one of the questions that will need to be addressed following the mayhem that is the AL East and NL West is who wins the American League Cy Young Award this year.

The award was first introduced in 1956 in honor of the great Cy Young who retired with 511 career wins. Since 1967 the award has been given to the best pitcher in both the American and National Leagues.

While the terminology of “best pitcher” is often a contentious issue, the reality is simple: no starting pitcher playing a full season has posted less than 15 wins while going on to win the Cy Young Award.

This year should be different—but will it?

Entering the final week, Hernandez has a 2.31 ERA, 227 Strikeouts, 1.06 WHIP

(Walks +hits+innings pitched), and currently ranks 1<sup>st</sup> in the AL for Innings pitched. Usually these numbers automatically provide a route to the Cy Young Award, but it seems that this year it may not.

The one area that King Felix is severely lacking is wins. At 12-12 he has by far the fewest wins of any of the possible contenders, yet, statistically, he beats out his competition in most all major categories.

C.C. Sabathia is widely considered to be his chief rival this year for the award. The Yankee pitcher currently has a 20-7 record, but that is the only statistic which he beats Felix. His ERA is 3.26—nearly a whole run more than Hernandez. He has only 189 strikeouts compared to 226, and his 1.21 WHIP is also higher. The only reason that Sabathia is even being considered is because of his victory totals which lead the American League.

However, how viable is wins as a statistic. While it should not be discounted, I believe that too much weight is given to the cat-

egory. For example, On May 13 Felix pitched against the Baltimore Orioles and allowed one run in seven innings and left with a 5-1 lead. The Seattle bullpen then imploded (as they often have done this season), and the Mariners lost 6-5. Felix did not get a win, yet he still pitched brilliantly. Similarly, on August 28, C.C. pitched against the Chicago White Sox and gave up 5 runs in 7 innings. However, because the Yankees were able to pound out 12 runs in a 12-9 victory, Sabathia got the win.

Does this mean that Sabathia’s performance was greater than Felix’s? No!

A key statistic is that Felix has received 0 runs of support in seven of his last thirteen games. Sabathia has received zero run support in three total games all year. All it means is that the Mariners offense is the worst in Major League Baseball since the addition of the designated hitter, and the Yankees have the ability to score runs.

I understand the arguments against Felix, and they are well noted. Something does

need to be said about pitching in Safeco Field—a clear pitcher’s ballpark and for a team that is flirting with 100 losses there is also a lack of pressure that comes from pitching in a pennant race.

Even so, Felix has a 2.55 ERA away from Seattle, and his opponent batting average is only .218. In his 12 losses, he has received a grand total of seven runs of support and he has the most innings pitched which means his ERA is not based on a small sample size of innings.

The ultimate question to ask is this: Would C.C. Sabathia be 12-12 if he pitched for the Seattle Mariners this season? Again, the answer is probably not.

While C.C. is a very good pitcher, he is certainly the benefactor of playing for one of the best teams in baseball. Felix has shown time after time this year that he is the “best” pitcher in baseball.

Unfortunately he plays for the Seattle Mariners and may not get his due recognition.

## XC Lynx at Comodore Classic

By William Hunt

The Lynx rolled into Nashville, TN on Saturday, the 18<sup>th</sup> to test their speed against the best which Southeastern D-I, D-II, and D-III athletics have to offer. After the dust settled from their 8K, the Men finished 8<sup>th</sup> out of 13 teams. The Women were in the upper-echelon of their 5K as the 7<sup>th</sup> of 16 teams.

Anna Johnson and Kelsey Dudziak provided senior leadership for the Women’s Team. Their finishes of 19:11 and 19:23 respectively were good for 24<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> in the field of 127 runners. Taylor Stephens (Jr.) was third for the women’s team (19:48, 43<sup>rd</sup>). Caroline Webster (Jr.) came in fourth for the women (20:13, 60<sup>th</sup>),

and Marianne Kirk (Sr.) was fifth (21:16, 75<sup>th</sup>). Hillary Quirk (So., 21:50, 83<sup>rd</sup>) and Maggie Klusman (Fr., 22:50, 89<sup>th</sup>) rounded off the top seven Lynx who scored during the meet.

Frontrunners Chris Moore (Sr.) and Cody Beatty (Jr.) led the Men’s Team with the times of 26:28 and 26:36; those times placed them as the 26<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> runners among the 141 other competitors. Sophomore Matt Grisham was third for the team (56<sup>th</sup> overall; 27:34) and was shadowed closely by Senior Josh Deaton (59<sup>th</sup>, 27:36). Will Hawes (Jr., 66<sup>th</sup>, 27:55), Micah Wasserman (Fr., 71<sup>st</sup>, 28:03), and Evan Nelsen (Jr., 75<sup>th</sup>, 28:10) were the last three runners to score for Rhodes.

## Some random sports blurbs

By Andrew Mullins-Williams  
Sports Editor

MEMPHIS, TN—Well, football season is officially on its way as both college and pro teams wade through the first quarter of their seasons. Baseball is almost over, Carmello Anthony is still whining, and the T.O.-Ocho-Cinco project has not self-destructed yet.

So far, so good in the wonderful world of September sports.

A few weeks ago it looked like the San Diego Padres hit the “choke” button and were finally showing signs of the last place team they were last season. However, the Atlanta Braves have come to the rescue and have given the loser of the NL West a reason to believe they still have a chance in the Wild Card.

The Yankees are looking solid, and Derek Jeter is going to get an Academy Award for his performance in *not getting hit by a pitch* against the Tampa Bay Rays. Seriously good stuff...and you wonder why people don’t like the Yankees.

Too early for basketball, but shout-out to the USA World Championship team— thank you for at least making one game interesting and not blowing out everyone by 30.

College football has started, and I can already see a potential BCS problem. Looks like Alabama is again legit, and Texas has some issues to work out (it’s called scoring consistently--they should try it). Out west Oregon looks great, and out east everyone looks terrible. (Of course this will switch in a few months when basketball starts.)

Michael Vick is back... who knew. Also, who the @#%& is Arian Foster? Hope you did not have to play him in week one of the fantasy season. I did.

Furthermore, Brandon Jacobs threw his helmet into the stands in a loss to the Colts in week two and told people that he “tried to throw his helmet down, but instead, it flew into the stands accidentally.” Looks like gravity wins again; next time just be like the Bengals receiving core and just leave the field before time expires so you don’t have to see the scoreboard.


Kansas City Chiefs, are you for real? Probably not, but I like that you give us false hope! At least Cleveland and Buffalo are realistic to their fan base.

That about sums up the major events in the sporting world and it looks like it’s only going to get better.


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