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Weekly Weather

Wednesday, February 16
Partly Cloudy

High: 70
Low: 56



Thursday, February 17
Partly Cloudy/Wind

High: 67
Low: 60



Friday, February 18
Mostly Cloudy

High: 65
Low: 50



Saturday, February 19
Mostly Sunny

High: 59
Low: 50



Sunday, February 20
Partly Cloudy

High: 62
Low: 54



Monday, February 21
Few Showers

High: 68
Low: 45



Tuesday, February 22
Mostly Sunny

High: 55
Low: 39



Weather courtesy of Weather.com

Harry Baals causes concern

Alex Yu
News Editor

There's one name that is sweeping the nation through YouTube videos, late night talk shows, and internet news sites, and that name is Harry Baals. Where did such a peculiar name come from? Harry Baals was the mayor of Fort Wayne, Indiana and is better known for being the city's longest tenured mayor having served four terms in the 1930's and 1950's.

The reason city officials are feeling blue over the overnight fame of Harry Baals is partly their own fault. The current mayor, Tom Henry, spent money on a social media contract with a company based out of Chicago to connect with the citizens of the city, and his first way of using the network was to survey the citizens on which past mayor's

name should be mounted on a new government center. What Tom Henry didn't expect was for the Windy City firm to place Mayor Harry Baals on the list.

With more than 23,000 votes for Baals, it was clear that his name was getting around, but not for the right reasons. Deputy Mayor Mary Beth Malloy stated that they themselves "realize that while Harry Baals was a respected mayor, not everyone outside of Fort Wayne will know that." City officials feel like the firm did not have a grasp on what "the values of Fort Wayne" were. What they had intended to happen was to place a survey on their site to allow anyone to give an idea of a name, but, instead, they feel that the firm used social media in order to "make a mockery of the city."

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Cups flee the Rat

By Anna Meyerrose
Editor-in-Chief

As if we haven't sufficiently beaten the dead horse that is the topic of dining services at Rhodes, yet another issue relevant to Sam Sciarra's line of work has come to our attention. But don't worry, this discussion has nothing to do with the quality of the meals being provided for the general Rhodes community; rather, here we focus on the dishes on which this much debated food is served.

First, a little background. At the beginning of each semester, Rhodes purchases a sufficient number of dishware (cups, plates, utensils, etc.) for the Rat to last for the entire semester. Periodically, the stock of dishware is supplemented by further purchases throughout the semester. Often, plates and silverware have to be replaced after having been accidentally broken. (I myself, on a number of occasions, have drawn unwanted attention to myself by dumping my entire meal, plate and all, onto the floor of the Rat).

Cups, unlike the other utensils, however, have a tendency to go missing from the Rat in substantial numbers each semester,

according to Sam Sciarra, Rhodes Director of Dining Services. Even with R.A.'s going around and collecting runaway cups at the end of each semester, the supply of dishes and cups continues to sustain a substantial loss each year.

"We do see a lot of glasses go out the door and we try and stop them as they go out," Sciarra explained. "We have now implemented to-go cups so it would help cut back on the loss. I contacted Mary Reeves on several occasions trying to resolve this but haven't had much response."

Sciarra and his staff try to keep 3,500 cups in stock for usage at any given time. So far this year, the school has gone through 7,500 cups; the school is preparing to order another 1,500 cups to replace the lost and missing ones.

"I have been able to get any of the other glasses back from the dorms," says Sciarra. "I know the students are not purposely taking the glasses or trying to steal them. John is trying to help me in this matter, and anything you can do would be greatly appreciated."

The weekly sassy lesbian column

Why women need more women in their lives

By Rin Abernathy

In honor of both Valentine's Day and V-Week, this article goes out to the ladies. I think we need more womance in our lives. No, that is not a typo. Woman + romance = womance, a simple equation. Now, most people know of the popular bromance, or the platonic brotastic love between two males. We even study the world's oldest, most epic bromance in Search class: Gilgamesh and Enkidu. Womance, on the other hand, is often neglected in popular culture. Don't get me wrong, I have a fair number of bros, and a few great heteromances as a result. But sometimes, you need that feminine touch. In my completely unbiased view, women are pretty awesome, and womances even more so.

Womance is an undoubtedly great thing to have in your life. There are many reasons why we are awesome. We use better bath products: Herbal Essences trumps Axe any day. We are obviously the stronger gender, since we live longer. We're even better cuddlers. Yes, I believe we are better cuddlers. When my bros cuddle with each other, subsequent smothering, punching, or tackling each other to the floor are common. Women don't seem to cause quite as many injuries. For some reason, however, girl-girl friendships aren't often celebrated in our daily lives.

We need more female friendships, plain and simple. I would like to bring up something called the Bechdel Test. The Bechdel Test is applied primarily to movies, but also fits with other forms of media. To pass the test, a movie must have these qualities: there are at least two women in the movie; they talk to each other; they talk about something other than a man. I—and most of the women I know—pass this test daily. Surprising, I know. I love talking to girls. I love talking to girls about things which do not involve boys. (I'm usually talking to girls about other girls.) Talking to women is lovely. We talk about literature, about movies, about video games, about philosophy, religion, politics....

You might almost think women were independent creatures capable of their own opinions, hopes, and hobbies. You might even wonder whether being a woman creates a sense of camaraderie with other women. It's as if, because we go through similar struggles and shared cultural and social experiences, we're capable of forming loving platonic bonds. Which brings me back to the Bechdel Test. If women are such diverse creatures, often creating strong friendships, why isn't that aspect of our lives celebrated more often? The Bechdel test isn't a test of whether something is feminist; it simply shows that many films have disproportionately small numbers of women, and that those women don't interact about anything other than men. There are plenty of movies about bros having bromantic misadventures; I want more female equivalents.

Ladies, in honor of V-Week, take a little extra time out for the women in your life. Remind your best girlfriend why she's important to you. Thank your sister for not punching you as you cuddle on the couch watching Disney movies. Go on a lady date to the Vagina Monologues. Most of all, add a little more womance to your lives.

Have a question or a topic you'd like addressed? Want advice or opinions full of semi-witty and sarcastic answers? Email abere@rhodes.edu.

U.S. bill a potential threat to Constitution rights of Americans?

By Margaux Anbouba

The civil unrest in Egypt has been dominating the major media networks the past few weeks. Even from thousands of miles away, Americans were still able to stay up to date with help from the internet. On January 28th, three days after protesting began, more than 20 million Egyptians were disconnected from the internet, and essentially disconnected from the world. The power failure lasted five days, and, by the time the internet was reinstated, President Hosni Mubarak had been overthrown.

Originally the collapse was considered to be the product of high cyberspace activity, but reports have now surfaced that the Egyptian government presided over the shut down. The Egyptian authorities seemed to have thrown a switch which immediately halted all communication through Twitter, Facebook, cell phones and e-mail.

Egypt is not the first country that has exhibited strict control of the internet. In China many popular social networking sites are also blocked. Although Egypt does not compare in size or population to China, the fact that a country so small would have an internet shut off switch makes it seem obvious and possibly necessary for larger countries, like the China or the United States, have one also. If any sort of political overthrow were to begin, a government could shut down the internet, blocking all communica-

tions between rebels.

In the case of the United States, this deliberate shut down would violate basic rights given to us in the Constitution. Not only would it violate the first amendment (freedom of speech and the press), but also the tenth. It could be considered an extreme exploitation of power for the government to shut down a major form of communication between citizens who are not involved in any sort of revolution. But could the shut down of the internet during a cyberattack be analogous to the shut down of a road

during a physical attack? The internet, as an invention, is still very new, and regulations regarding its usage are still being experimented with. It is hard to place boundaries on something that extends across the world.

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shut down portions of our nations internet during a cyber attack was introduced to the Senate. Only three days later, Egypt put into action what the United States bill proposed. After the Egyptian shutdown some European governments have declared that they would never use their authority in the way that Egypt did. This leaves only one question: which path will the United States take?

Good change of pace for the Rat, still progress needs to be made

Brent Butgereit

The Catherine Burrow Refectory workers and staff deserve a round of applause. Rhodes students and faculty haven't seen such rapid improvements in food quality since Bryan Worthington, formerly working in the Rat now in the lair, was hired a few years ago when he revolutionized the way we could think about Rat pizza. Let us not forget how far they have progressed over the years. But, before we go too far in our praise, we need to see more progress.

No longer must we suffer through the agony that is overcooked pasta. Before, it was like consuming a cheap, watery flour ball - differentiable pieces of pasta are a dramatic improvement, don't get me wrong. But I'm still waiting for their pasta to be handmade; how are they going to put fresh basil and oregano in it otherwise?

Entirely new additions have been made to the menu, but they fall short of expectations. Garlic bread squares are nice, but they are a far reach from clay baked garlic naan with chopped cilantro. More colorful displays have been set up comprising a hodge podge of vegetables and spices. The green bell pepper, tomato, and ginger root cornucopia is lovely, but please refrain from taunting me with Ginger root unless you plan on shaving it and boiling it with my tea water. (Speaking of which, where are the complimentary packets of Twining's English Breakfast? I refuse to purchase Tazo.)

Another welcome addition is the "third week of the month" favorite meal. Let's cross our fingers and hope that they pick some good meals. I happen to have some recommendations:

- Filet mignon and gorgonzola on roasted garlic rosemary

blue cheese grits with a bing cherry red wine reduction.

- Apricot basted quail with pomegranate lentil soup and medium grain white rice. A reminder for the Rat cooks: you must treat quail like it is a red meat rather than poultry (it will be dry and stringy otherwise.)

- For the grill: white truffle grilled cheese with Fontina, Parmesan, and cremini and oyster mushrooms. An excellent compliment would be a creamy, Cajun tomato soup with basil chiffonade.

- And for vegetarians and vegans (and the rest of us): mushroom bourguignon, egg noodles, crusty French baguette and sautéed Swiss chard with almond slivers.

For dessert, a simple honey-hazelnut mousse or chocolate terrine with mint chantilly cream would be a nice change of pace.

These may seem like nice meals and they are. But we pay roughly \$7 for an all-you-can eat meal. We are hardworking students, teachers, administrators, and staff and we deserve better. Why should we have to eat the still less-than-excellence food provided by Aramark? It is quite ridiculous when you consider that Zagat listed Memphis Correctional Facilities in their "2010 Top Ten Restaurants in Memphis." The Catherine Burrow Refectory failed to even get a nod.

I'm glad to see such commitment and positive attitude on the part of the Rat staff. But if we just spent a little more money on the ingredients for a béarnaise sauce and a little more time learning how to spiral cut and stuff pork tenderloin, then perhaps we could have a menu at the Rat worth the Rhodes name.

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All is well for Rhodes Maymester in Egypt

Erica Morozin
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Though to many outsiders the current political situation in Egypt seems chaotic, those close to the situation, like Professor Dee Birnbaum, know that there is nothing travelers should fear.

Birnbaum has taken a group of Rhodes students to Egypt each summer for several years and will take another group of students to study business in May.

Although Birnbaum is not planning to cancel the trip, every day she watches the news, reads stories on the Internet, and calls friends in Egypt. Obviously, safety is Birnbaum's main concern, but, as her friends in Egypt have told her, safety was never threatened by the protestors and was only threatened by pro-Mubarak attacks in the beginning. The early pro-Mubarak violence has stopped because it looks bad upon the already waning Mubarak.

One concern is the closing of businesses. "When we get to Egypt, we need services open. We need museums, restaurants, grocery stores, and even banks. Thankfully the shops are starting to reopen," said Birnbaum.

The prevalence of neighborhood watch systems was another reason for the end of the early violence. At the first sign of violence, communities began organizing and neighborhood watches were formed. The citizens first only had baseball bats to guard the neighborhoods with because they were not accustomed to crime. The kind of violent crime we have in the US is unacceptable to Egyptians.

"A couple of years ago, I took my first group to Egypt. We walked around the city at night to find new restaurants. Women come out alone at night because the streets of Cairo are incredibly safe. It's pretty much the opposite of Memphis. Nobody has guns and there is no carjacking like we have here. In Egypt, it is

intolerable to have crime," said Birnbaum.

A few years ago, while Birnbaum was in Egypt, someone broke into her Memphis home. She told her Egyptian friends and they were shocked that the police never found out who broke in. That sort of thing does not happen in Egypt.

The people put a stop to early violence very quickly, and things have returned to some degree of normalcy in Egypt. Although the political future is a bit uncertain, civilian life is stable. The US travel alert for Egypt ends on February 28, and decisions about the Egypt Maymester will be made in the beginning of March.

Assuming that she can take the students to Egypt, Birnbaum knows that the Egyptians will be more than willing to talk about the protest months.

"In Egypt, when a person dies, people talk about the death incessantly to make sense of it,

to share their experience, and to cope. They will be willing to share with the students, and that will make our experience more intense and vivid. I know Egyptians, and they will be dying to tell us what they think and how they feel about the protests and how they feel about American communication during the event. We will get to experience history in a way that most are unable to experience," Birnbaum said.

According to Birnbaum, the Egyptians surprised themselves with their ability to follow through. Planning has never been a hallmark in Egypt, and this is an exciting time for them.

"I am going to Egypt this summer no matter what. I have been there during both of the Gulf wars, and it was still completely safe. I won't take students there if there is even a possibility of danger, but by May, I think it should be fine," Birnbaum said.

Consequences of U.S. response to Egypt

Rami Abdoch
Staff Writer

The people of Egypt have officially done what many thought impossible. They have forced the resignation of a dictator of 30 years. Hosni Mubarak, after making three unequivocal statements in absolute defiance to the crowds of Tahrir Square that he would remain as President and die on the soil of Egypt, resigned on February 11th in the late afternoon Egyptian local time. The chants and cries of joy were deafening and the images overwhelming. Having lived in Egypt for nearly half a year, I couldn't help but relive some of the moments of frenzied cries, collective elation, and euphoria I felt in Egypt as I watched the moments post-resignation unfold live. In particular, in my first week in the country, Egypt won the African Cup for the third consecutive time; the atmosphere was contagious. That is not to say it was remotely comparable to the response of the Egyptian masses upon hearing news of the corrupt authoritarian being brought down. However, this is just the beginning. The pressing question is: what lies ahead for Egypt in a post-Mubarak world?

It is worth noting that Mubarak did not make the announcement himself: it was given by Vice President Omar Sulayman. He stated that Mubarak had stepped down and that the military would be in charge of the country in the interim period before elections in September. Was Mubarak forced to resign by the army? This is certainly plausible given the fact that he did not make the announcement himself. As I mentioned in my previous piece, the army would be a deciding factor in this crisis; that has become evident in the past few days. They may have deposed him and silently had him escorted out of Cairo. Reportedly, Mubarak is now in Sharm El-Sheikh, a tourist city on the southern tip of the Sinai, but there has been no visual confirmation.

The most pressing concern right now, in my estimation, is Egypt's economy: the economic situation has already been damaged considerably for many workers, in particular those working in the tourist industry. Unsurprisingly, many international tourists, students, and workers fled the country as the severity of the situation started to become apparent in late January.

At the institution I studied, the American University in Cairo, roughly 60 international students now remain from a total of about 400 this semester. At a popular attraction near the Pyramids of Giza, which takes tourists around the world wonder by camel or horseback, many of the workers live on day-to-day wages. They have complained and have even called for the return of Mubarak in light of the lack of business. This isn't because they approved of his policies and rule. Rather, many want him reinstated because of the stability of the tourist industry prior to the protests. Many are now struggling to feed their animals and themselves. If we recall the images of those that attacked protestors in early February on horseback, many were in fact from this very tourist attraction. Were they pro-Mubarak as many reported? Technically, they were, but the reason was not contextualized. They want him in office because of the now very real threat of starvation. This situation, among others, illustrates the economic need for stability in the immediate future. Army officials should make it clear that people need to start getting back to their daily lives in order for the economy to recover from the labor hiatus and prevent even further breakdown of infrastructure. If a government transition is to be smooth, economic rehabilitation must be the first step. The problem in the case of the tourist industry is that the damage is done. What foreigner wants to go to Egypt for tourism now? Subsidies should be setup for these industries to prevent even more rampant poverty from coming about. That is unlikely, however, so local Egyptians will have to support the tourist industry from within.

Let us look in more detail at the response of the West at large in response to the Egypt situation. Columnist Gary Younge points out that former British PM Tony Blair claimed that Mubarak was "immensely courageous and a force for good." Blair then posited that the revolution could be "a pivotal moment for democracy in the Middle East." This attitude of being wishy-washy encapsulates the very inconsistent, context-specific rhetoric espoused by the West in Middle East foreign policy generally. When I say context-specific, I mean that the West's position is dependent on how the situation unfolds and whether developments are to our advantage

or not. It makes no difference whether the rhetoric is not consistent with the West's presumed democratic attitude generally or not, so long as the development is in our interest. The US supported Hosni for almost 30 years without blinking an eye, suddenly found itself having to support the voice of the Egyptian people. Their voices could not simply be ignored. Why am I critiquing this? Our attitude towards Middle East foreign policy makes the West at large lose credibility and stirs up even more hostility in the region. We may find that this dodgy attitude will come back to bite us if we are not careful. We not only want to be the king of the chessboard: we want to be the master hand controlling both sides of the field. Such an attitude is not sustainable. Yes, we should be looking out for our security, absolutely. However, if we are beholden to Israel vis-à-vis AIPAC to the point that our economic interests in terms of oil, credibility in the region, and other such matters are threatened, then we need to seriously reconsider our relationship with Israel.

I can assure you that we will not be so quick to support the movements outside of Egypt even if they call for democracy, much less comment on them in any definitive way, given the relative importance and length of our relationship with Egypt over these other countries. The situation should be monitored carefully, especially with respect to the other movements now cropping up in Yemen, Jordan, and Libya against their respective leaders and how they deal with our response to Egypt.

In my previous article, I alluded to the fact that the US is not interested in democracy in the Middle East if it produces instability. The uncertainty here is that introducing democracy opens the possibility for producing a government hostile to Israel. Again, our interests are tied to Israel's interests in the region: they are inseparable, which may produce further problems in already strained Middle East relations currently. Military intervention by the US and Israel is certainly possible should the government take over and end up doing away with former treaties among the three nations, but this will depend on the approach taken by the current military leadership. Still, it is too early to tell one way or the other. Note that the military

of today is the same military that produced the country's presidents since Gamal Abdel Nasser, a former Lt. Col in the early 1950s before becoming Egypt's president. This same military also produced Hosni Mubarak, a former Air Force pilot. It may be that the portrait in the palace may simply change. Then, how will we respond?

Keep in mind that Egypt's military funding is almost exclusively from the US. If the leadership does anything we find objectionable and we cut funding, it may cut ties with Israel altogether. According to the *Times*, American taxpayers pay nearly \$3.5 million daily to fund Egypt's weapons, training, equipment, etc. Should we find that the military does not proceed with elections as they have said and establish another authoritarian regime, will the US and Israel go back on their word in supporting democracy in the region? In all likelihood, they will be given the primacy of stability over "saving face" by being consistent and following through with the "ideal" of spreading the "flower of democracy" throughout the region. This situation would not only shake up our ties in the region, but invariably cause more frustration among the peoples of the Middle East generally. In reflecting on the pan-Arab movement of the 1960s which attempted to bring all Arab nations under one state and taking into consideration the domino effect of the revolutions across the region, one considers how these movements will play off of each other and develop individually and collectively with respect to how the US and Israel handle the situation in the coming weeks and months leading up to September.

Transition will take time regardless of whether the outcome of Egypt's transition from Mubarak is democracy, theocracy, totalitarianism, or what have you. The point to take away is that the way we respond to Egypt will have repercussions for the movements within other countries – particularly Yemen, Jordan, and Libya. US / Israeli policy and a re-evaluation of our interests in the region – economically in particular (which deserves an article all its own)--will play a fundamental role in how these movements will change the region for years and decades to come.

Student Voice

What did you do for Valentine's Day this year?



"I got a rose from my boyfriend, which was pinned on my door. The rose had a lovely letter written in French. I called my mom about this and, infuriated and confused, about who wrote the letter she yelled, "Tell Sebastian to beat that note-giving punk up." My response, "How is he going to beat himself up?" Best phone call ever."

-Tracey Jenkins '13

I got to hang out with the cutest three-legged dog ever – named Cooper- at the AOI chapter meeting. He tried to eat my key-chain.

-Evan Clingan '14



"I repaired the present I got for my girlfriend upon her breaking it."

-Justin Nekoufar '14

"I was at this party over the weekend and this random girl tried making out with me. It was crazy because she was ridiculously not attractive and I was like Muhammad Ali bucking and weaving on the dance floor avoiding the ever present danger of her lips contacting mine. Shriek!!"

-Marquis Cunningham '12



"I went to Yolo and got so much fro-yo that all my friends were staring at me and making fun of me."

-Daniel Scharmer '13



Finally a snow day at Rhodes

Alex Yu
News Editor

This time last week, everyone was praying for the same thing: a snow day, a rarity this year at Rhodes. There have been plenty of chances, all met with a resounding "open," but not without a small disclaimer. For commuter students, and also faculty, this meant driving in at your own risk.

"If your personal situation requires that you stay home due to the weather, it is recommended that you discuss this with your professors or supervisor." I feel that this statement is not all fair. If the professor can make it to class, why can't the student, or vice versa? On campus students have to walk, oftentimes more dangerous than driving, but commuters face the greatest risk. Last Wednesday the snow began to fall around noon. Since the campus didn't close until 4:00 p.m. and the temperatures had been below freezing since the previous night, it didn't take long to stick and accumulate. This is when several students met utter chaos.

It took a friend of mine 2.5 hours to drive from Rhodes to Cordova. It takes me 2.5 hours to drive from Memphis to my hometown in Florence, Alabama. It took another friend of mine 2 hours to travel from Rhodes to her apartment in Collierville, but it would have been longer if she had taken the interstate, which was backed up for miles, with cars stuck in the median and with traffic traveling at best 20 miles per hour.

So, when the email arrived stating that classes would indeed be cancelled on Thursday, I was relieved, since the entire road behind my house was a skating rink and the bridge a hazard in itself. Now that students received a snow day, what would we do with it? I personally spent the day attempting to focus on some homework and catching up on recorded television episodes. While I didn't accomplish as much work as

I would have liked and needed to do, at least I didn't crash my car into a tree on North Parkway, right? So how did other students spend their snow day?

Sophomore Kelsey Jones said, "The night we found out, a bunch of us girls got together and built a fort and had a movie night. Then we watched movies all day the next day while we did homework."

Junior Huy Vi said, "While snow days are common for high school students, it is not for those attending colleges, except for those not attending Rhodes Col-



lege. While other universities in the area had school closed early or had a snow day prior to last Thursday, Rhodes College had yet announced a school day for Rhodes scholars. In hopes of a snow day being announced, some monitored the favorite National Weather Service to see how dangerous the following day would be for faculty and students. In a timely decision, every Rhodes person received the coveted email from Blaisdell to close school. With school being closed for the following day, there were endless possibilities to do things with the extra time. The snow day was very welcoming, since many desired a day to relax or catch up on overdue work.

Being a commuter, I was glad I did not have to drive in the dangerous morning ice, since the day before it took me twice as long to get home driving in slushy ice. When I saw the email, I closed my textbook, and turned on my 360 for the first time in 2 weeks. The next day, I used the snow day to catch up on homework and had more time to focus my studying for an upcoming test."

However students decided to spend their snow day, I'm sure it was enjoyed by all...except for those who spent it counting down the days to spring break.

Letter to the editor

I would like to take this opportunity to address the recent article "Follow-up on Cafeteria Changes" published in the Sou'wester. The author, Erica Morozin, begins by stating that the most recent adjustments in the Rat should be credited to her "January 26 dining hall article". As someone that is highly aware of the ongoing efforts to change the quality of food in the Rat, I find this claim not only to be inaccurate, but irritating. The purpose of journalism, as Morozin writes, is to create change and not to take undue credit as she does.

So that the student body may better understand the actual work behind the changes in quality of dining at the Rat, I took the time to meet with Mary Catherine Reeves, the Student Services Committee Chair of Rhodes Student Government. Reeves heads the Food Services Advisory Council, which is responsible for meeting with Aramark in order to reflect student opinions regarding dining services.

Rhodes Student Government has diligently worked with both Aramark and managers of both the Rat and the Lair in the past year to encourage

superior dining options for students. Mary Catherine stressed the fact that changes had been made to the Refectory prior to the original article by Morozin. In addition, Reeves assures that, "while the Sou'wester article did a good job at sparking student's interest in food quality, it was not the only reason prompting the changes. Students have been involved all year in the process of improvement". If anyone is interested in voicing their opinions regarding food services, they are invited to attend the Food Services Advisory Council meeting on Wednesday, February 16th at 3pm in Cambridge Hall of the Rat or email rsg@rhodes.edu.

To conclude, I would like to argue that it is not the work of one article, with (self-admitted) poor use of syntax, which sparked the recent changes to campus dining. Instead, it was a combination of continued demands by students, the dedication of RSG, and new staff which culminated in these delicious changes in the Rat and Lair.

Thank you for your time,
Grace Weil
Class of 2011

CAMPUS SAFETY

February 7-February 15

2-8-2011

1330 Medical/Injury-Kennedy- student injured. Transported to local hospital by car. Pertinent information gathered report filed.

2-8-2011

1710 Drug Violation- Stewart- Pertinent information gathered report filed.

2-11-2011

1030 Medical-FJ- Sick student. Transported to local hospital by ambulance. Pertinent information gathered report filed.

2-11-2011

1300 Information- Off campus- Student involved in incident/accident on Summer Ave. Pertinent information gathered report filed.

2-12-2011

1526 Vandalism – Glassell – Window found broken in laundry room. Pertinent information gathered report filed.

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“I do think common sense would have dictated that we probably should have come up with some names that we would have given the community a choice to vote on,” says Eric Doden, the republican mayoral candidate. The city already has a street named after Harry Baals, but it has been abbreviated to “H.W. Baals,” probably due to the same concern. Upon scratching Harry Baals off the list of possible names, Jim Baals, a relative, feels that it’s unfortunate that they will not consider his great uncle for the name of the building. “Harry served four terms and was a wonderful mayor. I don’t know what the problem is. I understand that people are going to poke fun at it; that’s okay. I’ve lived with that name for 51 years now, and I’ve gotten through it. I think everyone else can too.”

But is this fair to the citizens to deliberately deny them of their choice? Republican candidate Liz Brown feels that not using Harry Baals is a “slap in the face of the citizens.” She claims that Tom Henry, the current mayor, has not done anything to alleviate the situation except to say, “Oops, we’re not going to use those names.” She notes, “We should turn the vote into positive attention since the nation is looking at Fort Wayne, and the administration should be putting the best of Fort Wayne out there.” In the end, maybe they should bite the bullet and give the people what they want: Harry Baals.

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Egyptian President Mubarak steps down

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Over three weeks have passed since the start of the 2011 Egyptian Revolution. The protests that led to over 300 deaths and 1,500 injuries were sparked by a rising demand for the end of the regime of the Egyptian President, Hosni Mubarak. The protestors were persistent. The government made multiple attempts at reconciliation by offering salary hikes and new pledges for reform; however, the protestors were not appeased, and they rejected any offer that did not include the removal of Mubarak from office. Mubarak’s 30-year rule was the longest serving presidency in Egyptian history, but people clearly seemed eager for change.

Initially, Mubarak refused to step down from office, though he agreed to refrain from running for re-election. It seemed as though he and his government decided to wait out the protests in hopes that the revolution’s momentum would die down. However, as the days passed, it seemed to only get stronger.

Rumors began floating around days prior, but on February 11, 2011, Egyptian Vice President Omar Suleiman finally spoke the words that made up the climax of this revolution: “President Hosni Mubarak has decided to step down from the office of president of the republic and has charged the high council of the armed forces to administer the affairs of the country. May God help everybody.” The desires of the protestors were finally met. Those words shook the world, sparking a definite sign of hope for change in Egypt. The announcement was made during evening prayers in Cairo, and celebrations immediately ensued with protestors parading the streets shouting, “Egypt is free!” President Obama addressed the news, stating that “[it was] moral force that bent the arc of history towards justice once more.”

The worry among the United States, our Arab allies, and Israel is that Egypt could fall into a period of instability. However, the Egyptian military is currently heeding the protestors’ pleas by dissolving the weak Parliament, suspending the Constitution, calling for elections in six months time, and initiating many other changes that foster this democratic transition.

Social media seems to have a stronger impact on society than one would expect; for Facebook and YouTube were the two outlets of organization that allowed this revolution to get organized and gain momentum. Though Mubarak attempted to shut down all access to social media sites within the country, social media sites also became outlets for people all over the world to reach out to those in Egypt with hopes and prayers for peace in the region.

This past Valentine’s Day, a myriad of volunteers went through the streets of Egypt. Full of

spirit, they cleaned the streets, repainted fences, and washed the graffiti that said, “Down with Mubarak.” Finally, in Tahrir Square, the location of the largest protests, they planted bushes to help symbolize the hope of growth and progress for the country. Many wish for that spot to become a memorial, a memorial to mark one of the most incredible uprisings in Arab history.



Must-See Movies: Valentine's Edition

by Shelby Lund
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When anyone, man or woman, hears the words "Valentine's Day," they think of hearts, roses, chocolate—and romantic movies. Whether it's an oddball comedy about an unlikely couple or a sweeping epic which takes your breath away, watching a love story unfold is one of the best ways to celebrate Valentine's Day. And so, whether you're with someone special or just enjoying Singles Awareness Day with your friends, here are, in no particular order, ten Valentine's Day favorites to enjoy watching with the people you love.

Valentine's Day: An obvious choice, this film, set in Los Angeles on Valentine's Day, follows a large, diverse cast of characters played by big-name Hollywood stars as they navigate the ups and downs of romance in all of its forms over the course of a single day. The film is clichéd, but in an adorable "aw, that's so sweet" sort of way, and it is interesting to see how all the characters' lives ultimately are connected. While not a spectacularly good film, it's perfect for, well, Valentine's Day.

Love Actually: A critically acclaimed British film, this story holds a similar premise to Valentine's Day in that it is about a large, tangentially-connected cast of characters played by well-known actors, but, rather than happen over the course of a single day, this film starts five weeks before Christmas, counting down to the holiday over the course of the film, and then ending with an epilogue set a month after Christmas. The film depicts different types of "love," and is slightly more varied than *Valentine's Day* in the types of relationships it shows. While also a good fit for Christmas, *Love Actually* is also a good film to watch with just about anyone you care for on Valentine's Day.

The Princess Bride: One of the greatest films ever made, *The Princess Bride* is primarily the story of Buttercup and her true love Wesley and how their love manages to overcome the fantastical obstacles which get in their way. However, the film also includes fantasy, comedy, adventure, and plenty of swash-buckling action, expertly balancing a variety of genres so that there is something for everyone; the girls can swoon over the romance, while their boyfriends cheer on Inigo Montoya as he seeks to avenge the murder of his father, making this the perfect date movie for both genders to enjoy.

Gone With The Wind: A classic from Hollywood's Golden Age, this sweeping historical epic set before, during, and after the Civil War, tells the story of Scarlett O'Hara and the love



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Need we say more?

triangle between herself, Ashley Wilkes, and Rhett Butler against the backdrop of the collapse of the Southern aristocracy. Possessing breathtaking visuals, some of the most famous lines in Hollywood history, and the sizzling chemistry between the two leads, *Gone With The Wind* is widely regarded as one of the greatest films ever made and is a great way to spend Valentine's Day. That is, if you don't mind the nearly 4-hour run time.

Titanic: James Cameron's original special effects blockbuster, *Titanic* pleasantly surprised audiences around the world through its focus on the doomed romance between two young passengers of different social classes, with the ship's ultimate fate used only to highlight the love story's dramatic climax rather than serve as the main point of the movie. Critically acclaimed as one of the greatest romantic films in history and having a reputation as the highest grossing film in history prior to Cameron's next big film, *Avatar*, *Titanic* is a classic which won't leave a dry eye in its wake.

The Notebook: Based on a novel by Nicholas Sparks, *The Notebook* follows in *Titanic*'s footsteps by telling the story of two young people from different social classes who fall in love in the 1940s. The story is told by an elderly man to an old woman living in a nursing home by reading from the titular notebook, and their story ultimately becomes intimately connected with the fate of the film's main couple. With its bittersweet ending, this film is another

one that will have you reaching for the tissues.

A Walk To Remember: Another romantic film based off of a Nicholas Sparks novel, *A Walk To Remember* chronicles the unlikely, and ultimately tragic, love story between a popular delinquent and a bookish preacher's daughter after the pair are forced together due to a school play. While not critically acclaimed, the film's two leads, Shane West and Mandy Moore, were praised for their performances, and it remains a great love story and a Valentine's favorite.

Romeo & Juliet: Set in the Italian city of Verona, the story of two teenaged lovers separated by their feuding families has ingrained itself into Western culture and has spawned multiple film adaptations, including a modern update with Leonardo DiCaprio of *Titanic* fame. While the language may be hard to understand for some, watching a film adaptation tends to remove that problem, as it is generally easy to understand what's going on from the actors' performances, enabling those not familiar with the Bard's language to enjoy his work—and to share a good cry over the lovers' tragic fate.

Grease: One of the most famous movie musicals of all time, *Grease*, set in 1959, follows bad boy Danny and good girl Sandy over the course of their senior year of high school as they deal with friendships and rivalries while figuring out their relationship. And, of course, since it's a musical, every strong emotion is expressed through incredibly catchy songs, such as "Greased Lightning," "Summer Nights," and "You're The One That I Want." While largely appealing to girls, the guys can enjoy the tough-guy antics of Danny and his friends, "The T-Birds," including their street-racing showdown with their archrivals, "The Scorpions."

My Fair Lady: Another great movie musical, *My Fair Lady* tells the story of a phonetics professor living in England in the early 1900s who takes up a bet by a colleague that he cannot transform a common flower girl named Eliza Doolittle into a duchess just by teaching her to speak correctly. While not necessarily a romantic movie, many fans of the original musical have supported the idea of Eliza and the irascible professor, one Henry Higgins, as a couple, and Eliza actually does develop a romance. The movie is just a great film to watch anyway, with lively musical numbers and a great performance by Audrey Hepburn as Eliza.

Life Lessons from The Roommate

by Annika Wuerfel
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Think you know your roommate? Here are a few simple questions to test your knowledge to see if you really know the person you are sharing a space with. Do you know your roommate's middle name? How about where he or she is from? Favorite food? Favorite color? Good! If you were able to answer those questions, you are pretty well informed about the basics of your roommate. However, there are bound to be some things you don't know about your roommate. Whether these things are dark secrets or embarrassing experiences, let's hope your roommate isn't holding back something eerie and potentially deadly, as in the case of the movie *The Roommate*.

In *The Roommate*, Sarah, played by Minka Kelly, and Rebecca, played by Leighton Meester, are new roommates for their first year at the fictional University of Los Angeles. At first, everything seems normal between the two girls. However, Rebecca starts to become very obsessive and clingy about her friendship with Sarah. Rebecca becomes very jealous and upset when Sarah tries to do things with her friend Tracy, played by Alyson Michalka, and her crush, Stephen, played by Cam Gigandet. Rebecca becomes so distraught over the thought of losing Sarah that she starts to attack Sarah's friends. Whether it is ripping out Tracy's belly button ring while Tracy is in the shower, or slitting the throat of Sarah's ex-boyfriend, Rebecca becomes an out of control, mentally unstable, obsessive monster.

"I think it's an interesting subject that this movie touches on," Meester said in an interview with Pepperdine-graphic.com. "You go to college, you're without your parents for the first time and you're paired up with someone who is literally going to be in your space 24 hours a day and has a lot of access to you. Everyone's probably at one point had a friend that is a little bit too needy or too nosy or sort of feeling like they have a right to your business and your clothes and your belongings or whatever."

The 92 minute movie, which came out on February 4, has left many critics unimpressed. In the Pepperdine-graphic.com review, Critic Nikki Torriente stated, "Unfortunately, the movie is rather bland. It's classified as a thriller, but honestly, there wasn't too much thrill. It's tame, even though the subject of the movie had so much potential to be really exciting and startling." Torriente continued to discuss that while the movie lacked in real thrill, "there are some good cringe-worthy moments that Meester executes wonderfully, but they are few and far between. *The Roommate* won't exactly have you worrying about your roommate's mental health with its lack of thrill, but it's not a horrible movie. It's an interesting subject with a young, good-looking cast. But if you don't see it in theaters, you're not missing much. It'll come out on DVD soon enough, if you're that torn about missing it."

Other critics mentioned things like Rebecca seeming pathetic and not scary, and Sarah was stupid for obviously not noticing or reacting to what was going on with Rebecca. Another critic mentioned that this movie was way too similar to *Single White Female*.

Whether you are into thriller movies or just think the idea of a psychotic roommate is interesting, check out this movie. Regardless of what a few critics say, make your own opinions and see for yourself. One thing that is definitely interesting and eye opening about *The Roommate* is that it is relevant to our time and place in college. Regardless if you are bored by this film, or love it, the idea of it will make you stop and think about your own roommate. Maybe now you will pay a little closer attention to what the other person in your room is actually doing.

Pasta Italia: A Dent for Al Dente

by Carolina Sánchez
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Upon discovering that this restaurant's owners were Italian, I decided to call and make a reservation. The woman I spoke with on the phone spoke to me in Italian, so I decided it had earned a spot on this selective foodie's list of places to try.

The chef and owner, Michele Doto, is from Modena, Italy, where the best balsamic vinegar comes from. His wife, Laura, is from Vicenza in the north.

It is quite the drive to arrive at this quaint little restaurant nestled in Collierville's Historic Town Square. However, there was someone waiting to open the door for us and take our coats and we were promptly seated. The lighting is very dim and the interior is very rustic. Upon walking in, you are presented by a cornucopia of apples, pears, and bananas on a wooden table, and the walls are lined with mirrors and Italian ceramic plates.

We were brought fresh focaccia drizzled with olive oil and Parmigiano. Next, they brought out a couple of pieces of Grana Padano, a hard cow's milk cheese similar to Parmigiano-Reggiano. Laura was our server for the night, and she explained all of the nightly specials to us, including a seven-course meal that was improvised by the chef. We started with an Insalata Caprese, \$14.99, which consisted of two thick slices of tomato topped with Mozzarella di Bufala, a buffalo's milk mozzarella from Naples, Italy.

However, before ordering we asked Laura if the cheese was D.O.P, "di origine protetta," or "of protected origins." If the cheese does not have this seal, it is very likely that the Neapolitan Camorra, one of Italy's mafias, produces it. They raise the buffalo on lands polluted with nuclear waste and leachate. The buffalo then eat the pasture from these lands and their milk is then used to make the cheese that ends up on our tables. So back to the dinner, Laura did not know what D.O.P meant and tried to reassure us by saying the cheese was imported from Naples, but we had to voice our concern and she eventually brought out the cheese so we could see the seal.



Courtesy of Carolina Sánchez

Pasta Italia is located in the Historic Town Square in Collierville

Next, we were presented with two small dishes, compliments of the chefs. One was a chestnut raviolo in a brown sage sauce that was very subtle in flavor, but the homemade pasta brought out its wonderful texture. The other was a fresh ribbon of pasta that resembled a sea scallop and it was filled with prosciutto, fontina cheese and topped with a béchamel sauce. For our entrée, we tried the Grouper special with tomatoes and artichokes, and grilled vegetables accompanied it. We also ordered a plate of cannellini beans, \$8, and linguini with tomato sauce, \$8. The grouper was cut into small chunks and the plate was covered in sauce. We would have preferred a grilled piece

of grouper without all of the sauce to mask it, but perhaps the sauce was there to cover its slight fishiness. The linguini did not impress us either, as the sauce did not have a fresh, inviting taste; one bite was enough to put the fork down.

For dessert we tried the Berries with Moscato wine and Vanilla Gelato, \$12.99, but another server admitted to us that the chef, in fact, did not use Moscato and used a Rosé instead. The few berries and the dollop of gelato that we got were not worth that price. To finish the meal, Laura brought us a specially made concoction typical of Northern Italy called Vin Brule. Its incense smell was misleading to its sweet and almost pungent taste. We sensed cloves, cinnamon, and nutmeg in the warm wine mixture.

Overall, the service was good and we were pleased the chef came out to personally greet us. However, \$168 for two people was outrageous. Each Grouper special was \$52, something our server casually left out when we ordered, and the complimentary morsel of pasta certainly did not compensate for such a costly tab. We will most likely not be returning to Pasta Italia. The food was good but we would choose Bari any day for its much more simple, authentic, and affordable creations. If you feel the need to splurge and would like to meet a nice Italian family, give it a try., Otherwise, steer clear.

THIS WEEK IN ENTERTAINMENT

New Movie Releases:

2/18/11

I Am Number Four

Unknown

Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son

Television Highlights (2/16-2/22):

Criminal Minds, Wednesday, 8 pm, CBS.

The BAU heads to upstate New York to investigate mysterious disappearances.

Modern Family, Wednesday, 8 pm, ABC.

DeDe comes to Lily's birthday party with Claire's ex-boyfriend.

Law & Order: Special Victims Unit, Wednesday, 9 pm, NBC.

ADA Sonya Paxton tries to help an old friend who starts receiving personal threats.

Community, Thursday 7 pm, NBC.

Pierce thinks he is dying and gathers the group to bequeath his final gifts.

Bones, Thursday, 8 pm, Fox.

The team investigates liquified remains of a wedding planner, found in a tanning bed.

Grey's Anatomy, Thursday, 8 pm, ABC.

Meredith volunteers to run the ER for a night; Adele comes to the hospital as a patient.

True Grit, Friday, 7 pm, AMC.

The original version of the western in which one-eyed Marshal "Rooster" Cogburn and a Texas Ranger help a girl find her father's killer.

Fringe, Friday, 8 pm, Fox.

The team is led to the home of a grieving widow; Peter and Olivia try to fix their relationship.

House, Monday, 7 pm, Fox.

House shares explicit medical stories with students at a school's career day.

Gossip Girl, Monday, 8 pm, CW.

Eric turns 18 and Serena must choose between Ben and her family.

Glee, Tuesday, 7 pm, Fox.

Glee club is personally touched when Principal Figgins addresses the dangers of underage drinking.

Southland, Tuesday, 9 pm, TNT.

Sammy seeks answers in the desert while Lydia and Josie watch an important witness.

Celebrating 10 Years of V-Day at Rhodes

by Joanie Williams
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again, where bright pink and red flyers and messages flood the hallways and bulletin boards of the Rhodes College campus. You know what's coming up: V-day. Of course, here at Rhodes College we take V-day to mean not just Valentine's Day.

Those who support V-Day proclaim Valentine's Day as V-Day, to celebrate women and end the violence against them. More specifically, Rhodes College V-day supporters transform the week of Valentine's into V-week. The supporters come out in full force to promote awareness regarding sexual assault, as well as raise funds through their annual production of Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues."

According to V-Day.org, "V-Day is a global activist movement to stop violence against women and girls. V-Day is a catalyst that promotes creative events to increase awareness, raise money and revitalize the spirit of existing anti-violence organizations. V-Day generates broader attention for the fight to stop violence against women and girls, including rape, battery, incest, female genital mutilation, FGM, and sex slavery."

This year, V-Day celebrates the tenth anniversary of the V-Day movement at Rhodes College, started by Jennifer Marshall, class of 2003. Marshall is also a member of this year's cast, which includes a very talented and dedicated selection of students and professors. The performance of the Monologues will take place in Blount Auditorium on the nights of the February 17 - 19 starting at 7:30 pm, with

a special discount on the first night of two tickets for seven dollars instead of the standard one ticket for five dollars.

Of course, the radical nature of the play and the well-executed performances usually catches the most amount of attention, yet there's a reason why here at Rhodes it is called V-Week. Starting on February 13, Rhodes College V-Day held a slew of events promoting their cause of ending violence towards women and educating the community regarding their mission. Here are the events for the rest of the week:

Wednesday February 16th - Baked Giveaway Promo

Enjoy free baked deserts to promote the upcoming performances of Eve Ensler's The Vagina Monologues. (Middle Ground 8-10 pm)

Thursday February 17th - Saturday February 19th

The Vagina Monologues performed by Students, Professors, and Alumni of Rhodes College (Blount Auditorium)

As a cast member of the previous two "Vagina Monologues" productions at Rhodes College, I encourage you to participate in all of the events leading up to opening night and attending this year's performance!

Who should be number 1 in college basketball?

By Andrew Mullins-Williams
Sports Editor

"I want to be No. 1," said Marcus Morris, the leading scorer for Kansas, "I was waiting for somebody to ask me."

On Monday he got his wish.

Six hours later, he lost it again.

Kansas lost to Kansas State on Monday just hours after being named the number one team in the country by both the AP Top 25 and the ESPN/USA Coaches Poll. The embarrassing 84-68 loss was by far the worst of the season for the Jayhawks who looked lost and confused for the 40 minutes they were out on the floor.

"Let's just call it like it is: That was a beat-down," said Head Coach Bill Self after the game, "The whole team played poorly."

On the bright side, Self did not try and candy-coat the situation and properly identified his teams poor performance. However, the real question that remains is who is going to be the new number one team.

While there are many quality teams in college basketball there really seems to only be four viable candidates that could have a claim to the number one spot. Texas, Ohio State, Duke and Pittsburg are the most likely candidates and are respectfully ranked 2 through 5 in the polls. Assuming that none of them lose this weekend (and assumption that may or may not hold true), it is safe to believe that at least a handful of votes will go to each.

Why Texas should be number one:

Texas is currently ranked number two in the nation and may have the best argument for claiming the top spot. Jordan

Hamilton leads the Longhorns with 18.9 points per game, but what is more impressive from the young guard is his rebounding and 3 points shooting. He currently leads the team with 7.6 rebounds and is shooting 41 percent from behind the arc. While Hamilton patrols the perimeter, Tristan Thompson controls the paint. Averaging 12.8 points, 7.5 rebounds and 2.3 blocks, Thompson provides the strong inside presence so desperately needed in a championship team. More importantly than the individual aspects of the game, Texas has played like a team and has defeated the likes of Kansas, North Carolina, and Illinois. They have played eight ranked teams this season and have won six of them. They currently lead all the potential number 1 teams in points allowed per game at 59.7 and have strength of schedule ranking of 14.

Why they should not:

While Texas has an impressive resume, their Achilles heel is their record. With three losses they currently have the most of any of the top 5 teams, and even though they have played a lot of ranked teams, only Kansas, Connecticut and Pittsburg

are still ranked in the top 15. Furthermore, their conference is proving to be weaker than originally thought, with the fading of Missouri, Kansas State, and Texas A&M, combine that with an ugly loss to USC and some voters may not be willing to bestow top honors to Texas.

Why Duke should be number one:

Duke is currently ranked number 5 in the polls, but spent the first half of the year at number one. They had college basketball's version of the "big three" with Nolan Smith, Kyle Singler and Kyrie Irving, but a toe injury to Irving has shifted the entire floor for Duke. Even so, they still have Smith's 21.4 points per game and Mason Plumlee's 8.6 rebounds. The most important thing about Duke is their distribution of the basketball. They currently are fourth in the nation at 83.4 points per game and most everyone on the team is capable of scoring double figures. Andre Dawkins and Seth Curry are both shooting over 40 percent from three point range, and as a team Duke shoots 47 percent from the field. Duke is undefeated at home.

Why they should not:

The biggest hurdle for Duke is all of the great teams in front of them. This means that because they are ranked number 5 in the polls, they would need to leap frog at least three teams to become number one. While not unheard of, it's hard to imagine three powerhouse programs getting passed while continuing to win. Beyond that, Duke also has a weak strength of schedule (42 in the nation). They have played only three ranked teams, and of those, only North Carolina is still ranked. Duke does not benefit from a weak ACC, but also a weaker non conference schedule than years past has contributed to the belief that Duke still needs to prove itself. While Duke shoots lights-out most of the time, when their shots are not falling they sometimes have a problem scoring in the paint. Their losses have both come on the road, but Florida State and St. Johns are still teams that Duke should have beat.

Why Ohio State should be number one:

Ohio State is led by Jared Sullinger who is averaging a double-double (18 points and 10 rebounds) a game. They are

currently 25th in total points per game and 3rd in field goal percentage at 49 percent. However, what makes this team so special is the unselfishness of every member of the team. Outside of Sullinger, William Buford, David Lighty, and Jon Diebler all average at least 10 points a game, and Aaron Craft is shooting 42 percent from outside the arch. As a team they average 16.7 assists per game and had won 24 in a row before losing at Wisconsin on February 12. They are currently ranked number 2 in the nation and have played 5 ranked teams winning four of them. While very talented on the offensive end, they also play tough defense allowing only 58.3 points per game.

Why they should not:

Like Duke, Ohio State is plagued by a weak non conference schedule. Highlighted by trips to Florida and Florida State, the Buckeyes only played one other BCS school—which was South Carolina. Of their Mid-Major competition, only a few teams have winning records which is highlighted by Morehead State (19-8). In other words, Ohio State went 24-0 against terrible teams and that record should be taken

with a grain of salt. Ohio State is also not a very deep team and currently has four players averaging over 30 minutes a game. They also have some inside problems rebounding averaging only 34.9 a game which is 188th in the nation.

Why Pittsburg should be number one:

Pittsburg is one of the least talked about of the elite teams because they don't win pretty. You won't see them running up a 100 point game, or having players score in the 30s or 40s. What Pittsburg does do well is defense and rebounding. Playing in arguably the

best league in basketball, the Panthers have gone 11-1 and have played seven ranked teams. They have no bad losses as both their defeats came against top 15 opponents, and they are currently undefeated on the road. Ashton Gibbs and Brad Wanamaker lead this physical Pittsburg team with 16.3 and 12.6 points per game. More impressive are the team statistics where they are 5th in total rebounding (41.4 per game) and 4th in total assists (18 per game). They have beaten Georgetown, Villanova, and West Virginia away from home, and also beat Texas 68-66 at home. Their strength of schedule is the highest of all the possible # 1 teams at 11.

Why they should not:

Pittsburgh's biggest flaw is the rugged Big East Schedule. By playing ranked teams nearly every game day, it is hard to maintain any sort of winning streak that would allow Pittsburg to rise to number one. Instead it finds itself fluctuating within the top 10, but unable to break out into the top spot. The Panthers also give up 61.6 points per game which is more than both Texas and Ohio State.



Photo courtesy of Getty Images.

An update on the Rhodes basketball teams

By Andrew Mullins-Williams
Sports Editor

Men's Basketball: While the men's basketball team is continuing to rebuild, they are currently showing signs of improvement. After starting the year 4-14, they have won three of their last four games, with the ones defeat being a 78-79 overtime loss at Oglethorpe. They are currently riding a two game winning streak, including victories at Sewanee and against Birmingham Southern. They finish their regular season this weekend against Centre on Friday and DePauw on Sunday. They are 5-7 at Rhodes and are led by Andrew Galow's 15.6 points per game. John Dunavant has also added

9.9 points per game and kory Kilpatrick gives the team a rebounding presence with 5.4 per contest.

Women's Basketball: On the women's side, the team is also showing vast improvement as the year goes on. Despite some early season trouble, and a 5-13 start, the women's team has rebounded nicely by winning their last four games. At home, they have a winning record of 7-4 and also finish their regular season this weekend against Centre and DePauw. Sharwil Bell and Lakeya McGill lead the team with 19.9 and 11.6 points per game, respectively. Amy Handelman also adds 8.6 rebounds as the team averages 36.2 per game.