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Grad to See You

Rose's Biggest Graduate School Fair Kicks Off Tonight

Lauren Wiseman
News Editor

Rose-Hulman is an institute which helps prepare students for their future, whether that be for their career or for graduate school. To help students determine which is right for them and get them on the right path, Rose has the career fair—in October—and the graduate school fair, which is tonight from 6 to 8 p.m.

Traditionally, the graduate school fair has been held in the Union, but not this year. This year, the fair will be held in the SRC—because this year is Rose's biggest graduate school fair yet.

As much as Rose likes to riff on Purdue for the rivalry, Rose actually partnered with Purdue to help make it the biggest fair to date. Programs who spent part of their week with Purdue will be migrating to Rose to finish out their question and answer tour of sorts.

As a result, over 60 graduate programs will be represented at the fair, with a large number of programs looking for students from all disci-

plines. Schools like Northwestern University, Texas A&M, The Ohio State University, and the University of Notre Dame Mendoza College of Business will be there to answer questions students have about their programs. And unlike a career fair, it is casual dress—and no resume is required.

Every year at Rose, roughly 20 percent of Rose graduates enter graduate school right after leaving Rose. Last year, Rose had 16 percent of seniors who had graduate school offers from four different countries and 17 countries. For 2017, almost a quarter Electrical Engineering grads, half of Physics and Mathematics majors, and all AB/Biology majors entered graduate school.

Of all the questions students might bring, the most

prevalent would be "Is graduate school right for me?" Kathy Kassissieh, Associate Director of Career Services, pointed out students don't "just go" to graduate school. "As the job market is becoming tighter, so are graduate school applications," she explained. "When

like a med school or law school tests—"to apply to the schools." Then there is the application itself, which requires a financial commitment there. Students who are looking to enter graduate school also need to write personal statements—more than a cover letter—which might be overwhelming to write.

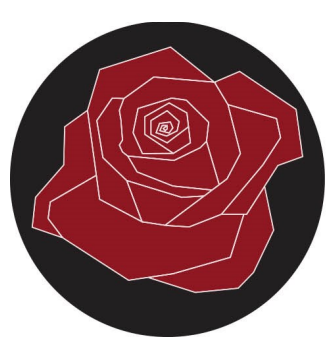
If a student is unsure, they are encouraged to attend the fair. Faculty is encouraged to attend as well, to see what sort of programs are out there for their students. Even if students are planning to work for a few years after college to help pay off student loans, having those brochures to refer back to later can make selecting a school a much easier process.

"Even though our office is Career Services, we are the office that assists with grad school applications as well," Kassissieh said. So if students have specific questions about graduate school and what it takes to apply, they are encouraged to stop by the Career Services office to get those questions answered.

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For something like graduate school, commitment happens earlier than one might assume, and deadlines line the way there. There are numerous requirements, including entry exams. "You have to have those test results"—like the GRE, or more tailored exams



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World of Possibilities

Study Abroad Fair Shows off Different Programs

Lauren Wiseman
News Editor

Rose-Hulman focuses on giving its students a first-class education and a world-class college experience. Part of that mission includes making studying abroad accessible for students so they can see the world through a different lens. To help students see if studying abroad is for them, the Study Abroad Fair today from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the quad is the perfect place to find out.

The Director of Study Abroad and International Exchanges, Maria del mar Aponte, said this fair will include the

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Rose exchanges with, but it will also include third party providers who will help facilitate study abroad opportunities. For Rose, there are exchange institutions in Sweden, Spain, Ja-

pan, Ireland, and South Korea. Former study abroad students will be there to talk about their experiences, as well as the exchange students from these institutions that are currently at Rose.

In addition to promoting study abroad, the fair is a place to dispel fears and answer questions. Most often, students are hesitant to go because they fear their credits won't transfer or it means they won't graduate on time. "We make sure you get all your credits approved before you go," Aponte said. "We work in unison with your advisor and department head."

Other students are nervous about paying their way, but the Global Programs office is more than happy to help students find scholarships—through Rose and other third party providers.

"We want Rose students to have at least one meaningful international experience during their time at Rose." Seeing engineering through the lens of a different culture, experiencing another country, and learning something new about oneself—"that is my goal with the study abroad fair," Aponte said.

Every year, roughly 100 Rose students study abroad in some ca-

capacity. There are different kinds of study abroad pro-

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grams: short summer programs, faculty-led programs, or international internships—"something we're trying to expand on," Aponte added. This year, there were three faculty-led programs she highlighted: Land and People of Southern Africa, which travels to South Africa; Global Engineering in the Social Context of China; and Engineering World Health, which travels to the Dominican Republic.

"Nine times out of ten, the things that you were afraid of are not the things that worry you," Aponte said. Stepping out of one's comfort zone in that regard is just one way studying abroad is beneficial to a student. Students can develop

their leadership skills, learn another language, and experience a level of personal growth that would not have been achieved had the student remained here throughout their whole career. If students want to learn more about the possible benefits, Global Programs cites the article "Advocating for Education Abroad: Benefits to Students" for more information.

If students have specific questions, though, they are encouraged to get in contact with Maria del Mar to have those questions answered. For students who are interested in studying abroad, spring quarter is the earliest quarter to do so, and the early action deadline is October 2.



Rose-Hulman has study abroad opportunities around the world.

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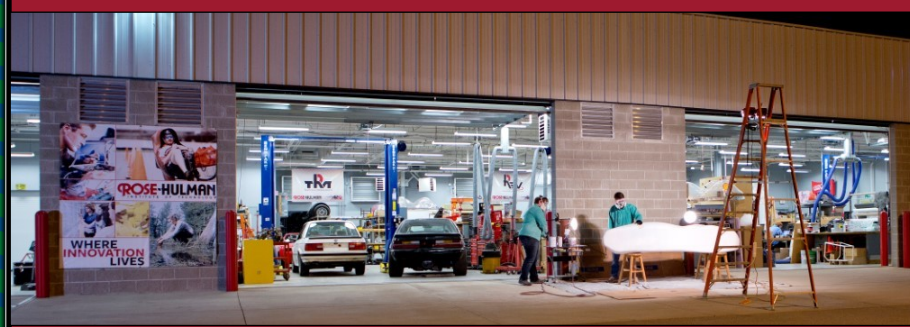
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Bankrupt R Us

America's favorite toy store is having a bit of money troubles these days. The origin of Toys R Us began in 1948 when Charles Lazarus inherited his father's bike shops and decided to sell toys instead. Since then, Toys R Us has made its way into the hearts of children all over the nation with the fun giraffe Geoffrey and the giant toy books at christmas time.

This is not the first time that the store has faced financial trouble. In 1974 they filed for bankruptcy protection after they had troubles with Kmart and faced debt. Years passed and after Lazarus retired in 1994, a new competition came forth. Walmart began to surpass Toys R Us and the spinoff store, Kids R Us began to close

down in 2003. The franchise was bought in 2005 by Bain Capital, K.K.R., and Vornado Realty Trust at the price of 6.6 billion dollars.

A couple of years after this is when trouble set in again. The owners attempted to raise millions in stock in 2010 but ultimately failed. Lately online shopping had been blamed for the toy store failure. However, their financial instability was around long before the rise of the internet shopping scene. Here's to hoping they can pull themselves out of this hole and can get back on top.

Another Earthquake in Mexico

This past Tuesday, September 19, Mexico was hit by another earthquake, leaving it in shambles. This earthquake had a magnitude of 7.1, and hit 17 miles from Axochiapan, Morelos, Mexico. It was also not the first earthquake to hit just this month.

It is rather common for earthquakes to have aftershocks, as one rupture can ripple and cause further ones. The first earthquake hit on September 8, with a magnitude of 8.1. Both of the earthquakes were caused by ruptures in the fault lines in the North American tectonic plates.

Both earthquakes have caused vast amounts of devastation and hundreds have been killed. Although the buildings in the area appeared to be stout

and sturdy, they lacked the proper reinforcement to stay together. The concrete crumbled and many exploded in the violent situations.

From the recent incident, at least 286 people, if not more, have perished. There have been many recent reports of the extensive damage control that was and still is needed. A number of people have been rescued in the past couple of days. There is still much to be done to restore the cities to what they were.

North Korea Update

"Rocket Man is on a suicide mission for himself and for his regime." These words were delivered by President Trump in his U.N. speech last Tuesday, September 19, addressing the threatening behavior exhibited by North Korea in these past two weeks. Despite the sanctions imposed by the U.N. Security Council on September 11, North Korea launched another missile over Japanese airspace on Friday, September 15, prompting Japanese authorities to release a warning to all citizens near the path of the missile to take cover. Fortunately, the missile passed over the Japanese island of Hokkaido and landed in the Pacific Ocean after 20 minutes of flight-time.

Tension increased when on September 23, B-1B Lancer bombers, accompanied by fighter jets, flew farther north of the demilitarized zone than any U.S. fighter jet has flown in the

21st century. MSN quoted Pentagon spokeswoman Dana White in saying that this show of force by the U.S. was designed to send North Korea a message that "... the President has many military options to defeat any threat." Just hours after the bombers' flight, North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho told the United Nations General Assembly that North Korea is now very close to achieving "the final gate of completion of the state nuclear force," and reiterated that no amount of sanctions will weaken their resolve to continue improving their nuclear arsenal. What's more, Trump's new nickname for Kim Jong Un, "Rocket Man," was in no way found endearing by North Korea who responded to his speech by saying that an attempted missile attack on U.S. mainland is "inevitable."

Solving a Problem Like Hurricane Maria

Hurricane Maria made landfall as a category 4 storm in Puerto Rico last Wednesday, September 20th, tearing through important pieces of infrastructure and unleashing a torrential downpour which led to deadly flash floods in some areas. Sustained winds of 155 mph managed to knock out 100% of the island's electrical grid and take out all radar on the island, leaving the residents no way to gain information about the storm's progress or exactly how much damage it had done. The Washington Post quoted Puerto Rico's director of their Emergency Management Agency in saying that Maria was "a system that destroyed everything it had in its path."

Other islands that have been affected include Dominica, St. Croix, and the Dominican Republic. Shortly before tearing through Puerto Rico, Hurricane Maria slammed into Dominica, causing at least seven deaths, and

on Tuesday, September 19, it made landfall on St. Croix as a Category 5 storm with wind speeds of 175 mph. This was a devastating blow to the island of St. Croix as it was the only major land mass in the U.S. Virgin Islands to escape the destruction caused by Hurricane Irma.

Maria was weakened to a Category 2 hurricane after slamming into Puerto Rico, but gathered some strength as it made its way across open waters and skimmed the northeast coast of the Dominican Republic as a Category 3 storm. It is still unclear as to whether or not Maria will reach the U.S. mainland. As of September 24th, the National Hurricane Center lists Maria as a Category 2 and warns that the Carolinas should keep an eye on the storm as it veers northward, spiraling through open waters off of the east coast of Florida and Georgia.

FLU!

Beixi Hao

Guest Writer

While Indiana is safe from hurricanes, the seasonal flu virus hit us hard. According to the US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, we are experiencing a flu season similar to the bird flu season in the Southern Hemisphere. As the new school year started, Rose-Hulman students brought all sorts of germs with

them and made it fairly easy to get sick. Kylee Fervida, a nurse with Student Health Services, suggests students wash hands frequently, use their own eating utensils, cover coughs and sneezes, and stay hydrated to avoid getting flu. She also points out that the true flu season doesn't start until October, and the Health Services normally gets 30 to 40 visits a day.



Students on campus were hit much earlier this year by the flu.

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Myanmar Refugee Crisis

Marc Schmitt
Editor-in-Chief

Myanmar is currently in grips of a refugee crisis, where the Rohingya, an ethnic Muslim minority, are being forced from the country by the army. With an estimated 120,000 people fleeing the country per week, the refugee crisis is the worst since the Rwandan genocide in 1994.

The government of Myanmar has largely

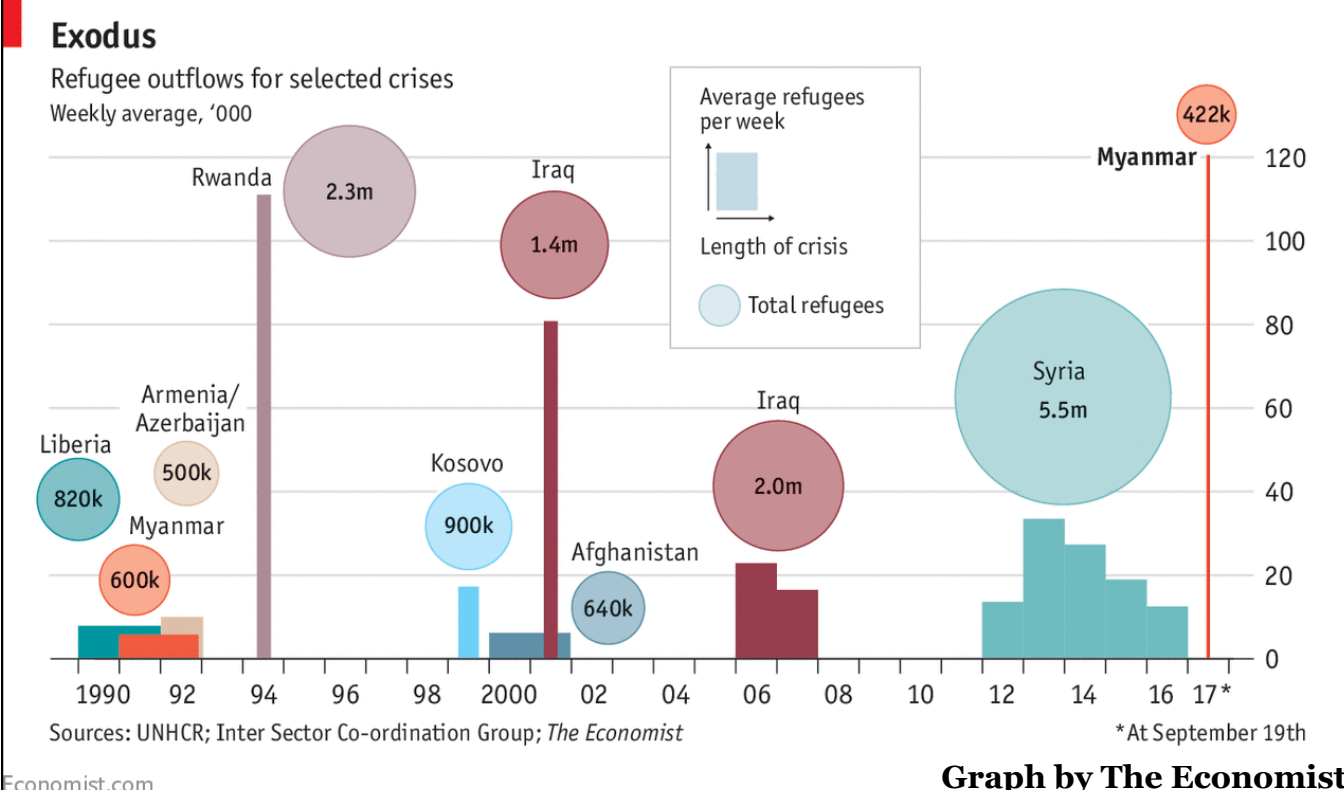
been silent as the army has been raping, murdering, and burning villages. This is all the more surprising given that Myanmar's de facto leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, won a Nobel Peace Prize in 1991 for her championing of democracy and human rights.

The graph below from The Economist compares the current crisis to past refugee crises in terms of net migration and the rate of migration.

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Bojack Horseman Season Four

Back for the fourth time, it's a very famous TV show

Thaddeus Hughes

Opinions Editor

Okay, maybe you've binge-watched the whole new season by now, compressing a year of a team's work into 6 hours of amusement and existential crises. But if you haven't, let me remind you how excellent this nonsensically-styled drama is.

BoJack Horseman originally debuted in August 2014 on Netflix, and has been putting out new seasons yearly ever since. The series looks at former 'Hollywood' star BoJack Horseman (what a name) and his struggles since falling from stardom. In this alternate universe, humans and... humanized animals live in harmony (and, unlike some films like Sing, this pans out for fantastic comedic effect).

The first episode condenses much of the happy-go-luckiness we're used to into one enticing opening, but it does this in one unique way: there's no BoJack. In a way, the series becomes the circus act it has poked fun at, but just for an episode. But at the same time, we're set up that this series will be more than

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just BoJack. Todd, Princess Carolyn, Diane, Mr. Peanutbutter, and even new characters like Hollyhock get fleshed out, baring more insecurities and flaws.

Most importantly, we're reminded that BoJack isn't alone in his trials. In the end, we even get a glimpse of a repaired (work) relationship between BoJack and Princess Carolyn- a repair that would only make sense

with the extensive character development. We also see his new relationship with Hollyhock rectified from awkward and off-putting to oddly sweet.

While previously we've seen a BoJack that has ended up not building much from where he started, this time, we're left with a more solidified hope- a new familial bond opening. Whereas we've seen BoJack ruin relationships in the past, this season offers a bit of variety.

That said, BoJack's history with his mother has long been alluded to but never properly understood. This season, BoJack bares all- or at least tries to. Not everything comes up roses- it never has. Where we're left off with the story between BoJack and his mother is properly unsettling.

In previous seasons, we've had a choice few episodes where there is a unique twist on the storytelling mechanic- such as when we watched BoJack thanklessly rescue a newborn seahorse. This time around, we spend an episode inside an amnesiac's head, an episode hearing a story from Princess Carolyn's far future descendant, and a new 'sketch' animation technique is employed on a few occasions. The production techniques used serve to strengthen the message and story the show conveys.

Overall, season 4 is an excellent installment in the story of BoJack- and perhaps the most truly hopeful one yet.



Horse in the spotlights.

Photo courtesy of metro.co.uk



A REVIEW OF ARTHUR DRUNK ON LOVE? THAT AND THE BOURBON

Curtis Humm

Entertainment Editor

It's been awhile since we covered any sort of romance on this page. In fact, unless you count Deadpool as a romance, I'm pretty sure the last time was Pride and Prejudice and Zombies... which only counts by association. Well, if there is any sort of movie to break our streak of Action Thrillers and Introspective Comedies, Arthur is ready to deliver. (Which might be because it is, itself, a rather introspective comedy, but I digress.)

Arthur is a 1981 romantic comedy delving into the life of the titular Arthur Bach (Dudley Moore), a wealthy man-child content to live off his family funds, drink excessively, spend lavishly, and enjoy the creature comforts of life. His family is overall content, if not overly enthused, by this course of action with one stipulation. He must agree to marry a fellow wealthy heiress, Susan. (Jill Eikenberry) Unfortunately for the family and fortunately for the plot, Arthur had already found love in Linda Marolla (Liza Minnelli) a working class girl who the family distinctly does not approve of. Throw in a disturbingly homicidal father of the jilted-bride, a wonderfully snarky butler, and a brutally frank grandmother, and only one phrase can truly capture such a situation:

Hilarity ensues.

Like most good comedies, Arthur does a brilliant job at establishing a character quickly, and allowing the character thus established to shine in their interactions. Moore does a superb job at portraying Arthur as consistently three sheets to the wind, yet still endearing and good hearted. He makes no excuses for his actions or who he is, consistently admits how lucky have his wealth, and manages to consistently maintain the favor of the audience despite numerous other characters highlighting, perhaps rightfully so, that Arthur is squandering away a life of privilege with a lifestyle of wanton excess. While it would seem natural for the script to try to artificially supply Arthur with virtues or a tragic backstory to explain away his vices, the film instead relies on the force



The billionaire playboy in his natural environment.

Photo courtesy of sky.com

of Moore's charisma to keep the audience's sympathies throughout.

Title notwithstanding, Arthur is by no means a one man show. John Gielgud puts on an absolutely riveting performance as Hobson, Arthur's very put upon manservant. Striking a fine balance between utter exasperation and steadfast loyalty, snobbish erudite Hobson is always prepared with a cutting remark for his master or a witty barb for any other character who should fail to live up to his incredibly posh standards. While the dialogue throughout the film is incredibly polished, it is Hobson who delivers the truly memorable lines.

Arthur stands the test of time as a film that is more than relatable, even over thirty years later. With an all-star cast, brilliant script, and honest charm, it's not hard to see why.

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New York Fashion Week Wrap Up Fashion Takes a Cue from the 60's and 80's

Thomas Hall

Guest Writer

Two weekends ago was New York Fashion Week -- the shows that define what will be the hot new style next spring and summer. It seems that all the designers ran off and had John DeLorean build them a van that way they could all go eighty eight mph in at once; because if I had one phrase to describe what I saw on the runway it would be: If an 80's hippy and a 60's housewife had a lovechild.

The Cuts: This next summer Rompers are staying. High waisted everything will continue, but we are gently reaching the upper limit so I would not be surprised to see the trend begin to waste away. The house dress is back since its demise in the late 60's to early 70's but with major change. Every dress now has slits revealing more leg. Of course it would not be like traveling back to the 80's without bell-bottoms and I'm happy to announce that they are in. The most important change I saw was

that there were significantly fewer skin tight outfits on the runway. This could be attributed to the designers looking at how our society's body image ideals are changing and making clothes that can suit a wider range of body types.

The Prints: Of course the cut is important, but what really marks this season in fashion is the style of prints and patterns that are being used. For example, designers are taking the classic patterns that you would find on a dress from the 60's and making new revealing cuts that would have been to scandalous for someone back then think of. With the return of the 80's means the return of 'hand painted denim'. Transparency is big now in fashion, even if it is not in politics, since designers are turning to see-through fabrics to showcase the bodies of their models. One of the wackier things I saw were oversize pockets and buttons printed onto the fabric so they were not actually there but just using the lines as a

statement, which I fail to see the point in but hey that's fashion for you.

Congratulations! If you have made it this far into this article you might be in the 1% of people here at rose that actually care about the clothes they wear and how they feel. The amount of people that have told me how much they hate suits because they are "so uncomfortable" is insane. Very few things in life are more comfortable than a well-fitting suit. But it doesn't just stop there. To the people wearing crew cut socks with sandals and shorts, come on, really? At very minimum everyone should at least attempt to match their outfits. And then match the outfit to the situation.

Little tip you probably shouldn't wear the same thing to the gym as you do on a date. If everyone put in an extra 5 minutes into thinking out what you are going to wear instead covering your eyes and just pulling something randomly out of your drawer we would be a much more attractive campus.



These dudes have ultimate clout.

Photo Courtesy of [theimpression.com](#)

Headphones You Need ...Or Not, Its Your Choice

Seun Ladipo

Lifestyle Editor

In 2017, music has integrated itself into almost everyone's life. With musical apps such as Spotify and Apple Music putting an almost infinite amount of music into the hands of millions of people every day, we see how important it is to people. That being said in our society it is very common for people to use headphones while listening to music. When it comes to headphones themselves there is an extremely large range of quality one can find. Many often overlook value of a good pair of headphones as they definitely can get expensive, although considering the amount of time we use headphones I feel like a quality investment into a pair of headphones is something everyone should look into.

In this article, I am not going to tell you the most expensive headphones to check out or even the best the market currently has to offer. Rather I am going to focus on quality, practicality, and price.

To start off we have the Audio Technica ATH M50X. This pair of headphones are professional studio monitors, meaning that there is going to be a very neutral tone focusing on how the music was intended to sound by those who produces it rather masking it in a shroud of bass (I am looking at you Beats By Dre).



Youtuber MKBHD has detailed reviews of both the Jaybird and ATH M-50X!

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Even Dr. Dre himself knows what's up.

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The ATH M50s have a very high fidelity sound and feature ear cups that can swivel and adjust to comfortably fit on any head. This pair of headphones is also extremely comfortable and durable due to the aluminum and foam used in the headband making them practical for use, in a car, on a plane, or even while studying. These also come with three cables in box. A meter long coiled cable and two straight cables which are three meters long and one meter long respectively. For around 150 dollars you can purchase these headphones in both black and white. Audio Technica also has ATH M40X, ATH M30X, and ATH M20X which are all cheaper versions of their flagship, the M50Xs.

On the others side of the spectrum we have the line of wireless earbuds by Jaybird. In particular the Jaybird freedom2 and the Jaybird X3. These are both earbuds are geared towards sport use as they are both water resistant and connect to a phone through the use of Bluetooth connectivity. These headphones can last around 6-8 hours on a single charge making them perfect for use in a work setting or even at the gym. Jaybird even made an application to customize and share your own sound profile and even access profiles that others have made through the app. These earbuds range in price from \$100 to \$200 depending on the model you choose.

In all, it may be in your budget to invest into a pair of quality headphones as some people don't realize how much they are using them. You'll never know what sounds you are missing out on!

Should've Listened To Grandpa

Thaddeus Hughes
Opinions Editor

The world is rife with cranky old men complaining about how the kids these days just ain't right. But Grandpa might have a point. While we shouldn't blindly copy history, it would be a mistake to not try to understand what our ancestors were trying to do. It would also be a mistake to only weigh their actions against the narrow criteria today's society deems important.

You were probably told sometime in your life that "character" is how we behave when no one is looking. While it is important to have moral stature regardless of your surroundings, building a society which promotes moral actions can be even more beneficial. We don't develop character magically. Instead, we develop it from the world around us. In many

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ways, our society has fell short on this.

Society no longer promotes strong morality, especially when it comes to relationships. We live in a 'sexually liberated' culture. We also live in a culture where liberation need not come with responsibility. We're taught not to 'slut shame' and not pass judgment on what others do in their personal lives. While I do find shaming to be unhelpful to those being shamed and value privacy myself, there is a perilous implied message: sexuality doesn't matter. In reality, human sexuality plays a much larger role in social stability than we're comfortable admitting.

As society has failed, the responsibility of creating upstanding citizens must fall back to the family. The family unit was once the primary source of moral stature, life education, and societal stability for the overwhelming majority of modern society. When governments fell and companies collapsed, families stuck together. Since modern life is possible because of interdependence, the need for family will never diminish. It is a natural and highly ef-

fective means of pooling resources and advice.

While good parenting draws on higher mental functions, the desire to reproduce and pass along oneself is a primal instinct rooted in our sexuality, and motivates good parenting. Our base desire to find a good partner- one who is selective and upstanding- helps create stronger families.

The most overlooked working of our psyches, though, is the bond formed by that same sexual desire. We can try to overlook it because it doesn't fit our current narrative, or we can accept our human nature and react accordingly. Regardless, we cannot escape that how we form sexual and romantic relationships ultimately forms society at large.

In today's society, the 'rules' regarding relationships have evolved and are much looser. Old

practices of 'dating' are archaic, and in some circles the notion of 'dating' is on its way out. That might not be the biggest deal if there weren't new tools, which are abundant in our age of technology. Like any tool, these may not be inherently evil. A hammer can be used to build a house, but it can also be used to kill a man.

The tamest invention is likely the advent of online dating. This is mostly an accelerator, but does produce some other interesting results. Rather than the smaller pool of people you run into on a daily basis, with a few clicks you've got access to the entire dating pool. You can be more selective. At first, this seems promising - we can finally optimize our dating to find that perfect partner! But, as many have found, perfection in a relationship is often built, not selected. With the rules around relationships relaxed, online dating becomes less of a method for finding a long-term partner, and more of a means to find one-night-stands and flings. And, since we form emotional attachments from sexual desire, the outlook for lasting relationships

“Human sexuality plays a much larger role in social stability than we're comfortable admitting.”

doesn't look savory.

What are some outcomes of all of this? The biggest indicator is single parenthood. Currently, the rate is extremely high: the number of children born out of wedlock is now above 40%, a significant increase over the 5% prior to 1960.

While we aren't completely welcoming this with open arms, single parents are portrayed as heroes for raising their children. If your spouse died in an accident, you were raped, or something where you didn't consciously choose this outcome, I could buy this narrative. But if you were never in the capacity to raise a child properly, this is foolish, as we're portraying irresponsible family building as heroic. Children of single parents are more likely to be incarcerated by 30, have higher teenage pregnancy rates, and are less likely to climb income ladders. (<http://slate.me/1HWorWZ>)

The effects of divorce on children isn't so clear- continue life in a warzone-like household, or live apart from one parent at a time? The politics, though, are more interesting. Men receive custody in 10-15% of cases. It's difficult for men to dispute paternity (for legal reasons), making it easy for women to receive additional payment for children other men fathered. The rate of divorce in the US is 50%. Tack on alimony, and it's not hard to see why many men view marriage as financial and social ruin waiting to happen.

In all of these scenarios, a toxic inclination to view women as victims and men as abusers and bill-payers seriously undermines what a proper relationship ought to be.

With nothing being done to curb these statistics, they become a self-fulfilling prophecy in which fewer and fewer individuals see marriage as viable. It's not hard to see how otherwise normal men - perhaps even excellent fathers - would be dropping out of the dating marketplace.

It may seem fringe that otherwise heterosexual men would

cease pursuing women because they see too many downsides in present culture, but we needn't look far for a modern society with a similar situation. In Japan, 20% of men aged 50 have never been married, and that number is 11% for women. These numbers are up from before 1990, when both genders showed rates below 5%. (<http://econ.st/2weassL>) The reasons are somewhat different but are still economic- why marry when you can provide for yourself, and utilize pornography and other outlets to satisfy sexual desires?

It may seem that the economic climate renders marriage irresponsible or unnecessary, but this is, again, ignorant of the primary purpose for marriage: to create a better next generation of humans. Some individuals recognize this and consciously work towards it despite any economic barriers or disincentives. Society at large, however, isn't so determined.

Of course, what do we get at the end of all of this? We must remember that every generation comes into this world a blank canvas. What we teach them shapes the world. Society doesn't want to say much about regulating your relationships, and we're shamed for judging others on their sexuality. If you believe you're not to tell your kids how to date, who will? And thus, the cycle of social degeneration repeats itself.

Just like your cranky old grandpa might tell you, a lot of the problems that have built up are rooted in pre-existing issues. If we didn't have a 50% divorce rate, a 40% unwed motherhood rate, and taught our kids proper relationship practices, we wouldn't have this situation. Getting out of there, though, is tricky.

While we started with naive and good-hearted notions of free love and equality, we didn't pay attention to their side effects, and will pay the price.

What the Schmitt?

Marc Schmitt
Editor-in-Chief

Something remarkable happened this past week when a seemingly ordinary op-ed generated widespread vitriol and accusations of racism and bigotry. The piece in question admonished the demise of the country's "bourgeois culture", arguing that to re-embrace it would diminish many of the country's problems.

The culture in question had simple tenets: "Get married before you have children and strive to stay married for their sake. Get the education you need for gainful employment, work hard, avoid idleness. Go the extra mile for your employer or client. Be a patriot, ready to serve the country. Be neighborly, civic-minded, and charitable. Avoid coarse language in public. Be respectful of authority. Eschew substance abuse and crime."

These are respectable cul-

tural precepts that when followed are likely to lead to a successful life in any income bracket, and are exemplary qualities no matter where you come from in America.

So if you have been following conservative media, the response to this opinion piece is not surprising. Conservatives are painting a picture of college campuses rife with far-left radicals pushing their politically correct vision of the world. Though this narrative is supported by cherry-picking stories and engaging in hyperbole, it does not help when students and organizations shout down opinions they do not like.

In this case, I would agree with conservatives that the hypersensitivity of the left is getting out of control. To hysteri-

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cally attack such an ordinary opinion and label the authors as racists and bigots is to reveal the left's intellectual bankruptcy. Such ad hominem attacks do nothing to weaken arguments with which the left disagrees, and are shockingly short sighted.

This mode of response shuts down debate and leaves little room for those who may agree with some of what the left is advocating. And after electoral defeats at all levels of government, this is the last thing the left should be doing.

A better strategy is to directly rebut the author and argue why the left's vision for

America is better than the right's. Donald Trump's campaign message was so successful because he spoke directly to these concerns and won over those who felt disenfranchised by status quo politics. Though that message may have been ugly, it does not mean that we should no longer engage with those who were receptive.

Should the left continue this reckless tactic, they will assuredly continue to be out of power, and conservatives will be proven correct. Purity may be nice for party-diehards, but you cannot help anyone if you cannot get elected.

Extra Ordinary Outrage

Sports



RHIT Football

Blake Powell
Sports Editor

Rose-Hulman topped Defiance in a 37-14 win on Saturday afternoon. With the victory, Rose-Hulman advances to 2-0 in conference play.

Parker Lappin finished 15-21 through the air for 145 yards and four touchdowns to lead the offensive attack while the defense combined for eight sacks and held Defiance to under 300 total yards of offense. Defiance had -26 rushing yards on the day.

At halftime, Rose-Hulman led 24-14 and then extended the lead to 37-14 with their second half shutout.

The Fightin' Engineers rushed for 291 yards from 14 different ball carriers. Garret Wight led the ground attack with 77 yards and had two touchdown receptions. Raymond Burtnick led the receiving corps with 59 yards on six catches and a pair of touchdowns.

Of the 8 defensive sacks, Mike Riley owned 5 of them. Riley snapped a school record of 4.5 sacks shared by Jake Vieck and Dyaln Tarr from a 2003 victory at Millsaps with the performance. John Kirby and Riley led the team with 6 tackles while 25 different players had at least one tackle.

Defiance took an early 7-0 lead before Rose-Hulman would go on to score 17 unanswered points. Defiance and Rose-Hulman would go on to score one more

touchdown each before the half to make the score 24-14 at the break.

In the second half, Lappin scored two more touchdowns; a 5-yard touchdown reception from Wight and a 15-yard touchdown reception from Burtnick.

Rose-Hulman improved to 3-1 overall on the season while Defiance fell to 0-4.

The Fightin' Engineers will travel to Anderson University this Saturday.



Parker Lappin, Number 5 : Mike Riley, 5 sacks.

Photo by Rose-Hulman Athletics

ROSE-HULMAN		DEFIANCE
183	Passing Yards	312
291	Rushing Yards	-26
2	Turnovers	0
31:25	Time of Poss.	28:35

RHIT SPORTS BOX SCORES

RHIT Men's Soccer

Blake Powell
Sports Editor

Rose-Hulman drops to 4-3-1 with the tough loss from Ohio Northern in double overtime. Neither team could find an advantage in the first period of play which left the game at a draw at halftime. Ohio Northern got on the scoreboard first with a goal in the 52nd minute. Aus-

tin Webb would bring Rose-Hulman back to tie the game with an assist from Michael Simmons in the 82nd minute of the game. The next goal wouldn't come until double overtime when Ohio Northern scored the golden goal to capture the victory. Rose-Hulman will return to action on Tuesday at Principia at 8 P.M.

MEN'S SOCCER	1	2	OT	2OT	FINAL
ROSE-HULMAN(4-3-1)	0	1	0	0	1
OHIO NORTHERN(6-2-1)	0	1	0	1	2

Standout Performers

Carter Wright- Collected seven saves
Michael Simmons- Assisted the first goal
Austin Webb- Scored the first goal

RHIT Women's Soccer

Blake Powell
Sports Editor

Rose-Hulman fell to 2-6 with the tight loss to Webster on Wednesday night. The Fightin' Engineers lost 2-1 in overtime. Neither team could find an advantage in the first half which led to a draw through the first 45 minutes of play. It wasn't

until the 76th minute that Webster took a 1-0 lead. However, Rose-Hulman was able to bounce back and tie up the game with just 39 seconds with a headed in goal from Kirby Kern. In overtime, the Gorloks capitalized on a turnover to allow Joi Wilson to score the golden goal.

WOMEN'S SOCCER	1	2	OT	FINAL
ROSE-HULMAN(2-6-0)	0	1	0	1
WEBSTER(7-0-0)	0	1	1	2

Standout Performers

Samantha Jacobs- Assisted the first goal
Kirby Kern- Headed in the first goal
Carli Weinberg- Picked up nine saves

RHIT Volleyball

Blake Powell
Sports Editor

Rose Hulman continues to face great competition as they played No. 8 ranked Millikin and No. 25 ranked Cornell at the Barker Chevrolet Classic hosted by Illinois-Wesleyan.

The Fightin' Engineers had their biggest upset in school history by defeating Millikin.

Millikin jumped out to a quick lead with the first two sets 25-21 and 25-23. Rose-Hulman rallied to win the next three sets 25-20, 25-20, and 15-10.

Rose-Hulman was 0-17 all-time against Millikin before Saturday's historic upset.

In the win Bailey MacInnis contributed 15 kills and Grace Beach added 14 kills. Katie Orbeta and Alison Rogozinski collected 21 and 16 assists while Gabi Razma earned 25 digs in the win.

In the second game of the Barker Chevrolet Classic, Rose-Hulman played Cornell. The Rams defeated the Fightin' Engineers in straight sets of 25-18, 27-25 and 25-21.

Beahc and MacInnis lead the Rose-Hulman attack in game two with 12 and 10 kills respectively. Katie Orbeta finished the match with 20 assists and Gabi Razma reached double-figures in digs with 12.

Rose-Hulman stands at 10-8 overall. The Fightin' Engineers host Manchester on Wednesday at 7 P.M.

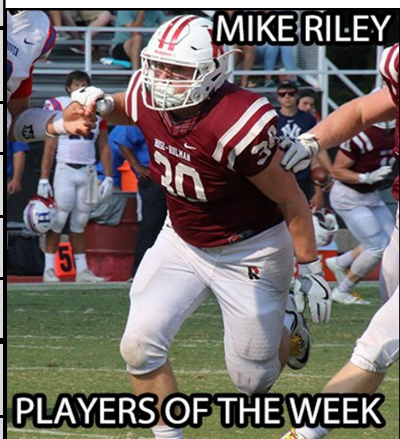


Teamwork makes the dream work.

Photo by Rose-Hulman Athletics

ROSE-HULMAN		CORNELL
.103	Hitting %	.000
6.0	Blocks	0.0
50	Digs	0
8	Aces	0
ROSE-HULMAN		MILLIKIN
.191	Hitting %	.000
5.0	Blocks	0
71	Digs	0
14	Aces	0

RHIT Player of the Week



Mike Riley is the RHIT Player of the Week. Mike recorded 5 sacks against Defiance college which broke the school's previous single game record of 4.5 sacks from 2003. Riley currently leads all levels of football in sacks per game along with leading the Rose-Hulman defense with tackles for loss. Riley had already more than double his stats

from last season and has surpassed Conner Kispert's mediocre stats. Congrats to Mike and the rest of the team on their accomplishments thus far with many more to come.

Photo by Rose-Hulman Athletics

RHIT SPORTS SCHEDULES

Football	Volleyball	Soccer	
		Men	Women
September 9th-Millikin-7PM	September 8th- Monmouth-6PM	September	September
September 16th-Hanover-2PM	September 8th- Williams Woods-8PM		
*WVFC Yellow Shoelace Game	September 9th-North Central-11AM	5th-Greenville-8PM	5th-Greenville-6PM
September 23rd-Defiance-1:30PM	September 9th- Illinois College-1PM	9th-Carrol(Wis.)-1PM	7th-@Washington-7:30PM
*Samaritan's Feet Game	September 12th-St. Mary-Woods-7PM	13th-@Wabash-5PM	12th-@Principia-7PM
September 30th-@Anderson-1:30PM	September 15th-@Wheaton-6PM	16th-Millikin-3:30PM	14th-DePauw-7PM
	September 15th-@DePauw-8PM	20th-@DePauw-7PM	16th-Millikin-1PM
	September 16th-@Muskingum-1PM	23rd-@OhioNorthern-7PM	20th-@Webster-6:30PM
October 7th-Mt St Joseph-2PM	September 16th-@Mt Union-3PM	26th-@Principia-7PM	24th-Westminster-1PM
*Homecoming Game	September 19th-Greenville-7PM	30th-@Transy-3:30PM	30th-@Transy-1PM
October 14th-@Manchester-1:30PM	September 22nd-@Wesleyan-3PM	October	October
October 21st=Franklin-1:30PM	September 22nd-@Chicago-5:30Pm	4th-Earlham-7PM	3rd-@Earlham-3:30PM
*Senior Day	September 23rd-@Millikin-10:30AM	7th-Machester-3:30PM	7th-Manchester-1PM
October 28th-@Bluffton-1:30PM	September 23rd-Cornell College-1PM	11th-Anderson-7PM	11th-@Anderson-7PM
	September 27th-Manchester-7PM	14th-Defiance-3:30PM	14th-Defiance-1PM
	September 30th-@Transy-2PM	18th-@Mt St Joseph-7PM	18th-Mt St Joseph-7PM
November 11th-@Earlham-1:30PM		21st-@Bluffton-3:30PM	21st-@Bluffton-1PM

National 7 Day Forecast

National Lobster Day- 25 <i>Bring out the dancing lobsters.</i>	National Situational Awareness Day 26	National Chocolate Milk Day 27	National North Carolina Day 28	National Coffee Day- 29 <i>Free coffee at Beanies all day as long as you have DB and no concept of what "free" means.</i>	National Ghost 30	Fire Pup Day 01
National One-Hit Wonder Day- <i>A classic.</i>	National Dumpling Day	National Crush a Can Day	National Drink Beer Day- <i>Just in time for thirsty Thursday.</i>	VFW Day	Hunting Day- <i>A perfect opportunity to save spirits before The Rose Life™ crushes them.</i>	National Homemade Cookies Day- <i>Grandma's are best because she grows her weed with Love.</i>
National Comic Book Day	National Johnny Appleseed Day	National Corned Beef Hash Day	National Good Neighbor Day - <i>Like a good neighbor, I turn a blind eye to the copious amounts of chemistry equipment you just brought into your basement.</i>	National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day	National Chewing Gum Day	
National Tune-Up Day	National Shamu the Whale Day	National Women's Health & Fitness Day	National Strawberry Cream Pie Day		National Hot Mulled Cider Day	
Math Storytelling Day- <i>If Fred has already given away all his ducks, how many does he have left to give?</i>	National Pancake Day				National Public Lands Day	
	National Voter Registration Day				National Save Your Photos Day- <i>Just remember that the NSA can see your nudes.</i>	

The HORRORscopes

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ARIES: You're going to feel the urge to get fit. So jump out of bed, don a full fursuit, and take a light jog around Speed Lake. Going full animal kin is all the rage these days.

TAURUS: Lately, it seems like everybody and their mother wants a favor out of you. However, you are actually made up of red goop and bodily organs, not favors. Unless they want you to donate at the blood drive happening September 25th & 26th in the SRC.

GEMINI: You're in the mood to cuddle. Try to shake up your love life by going for a sporking session rather than simply spooning. And yes, sporking is exactly what you think it is.

CANCER: There's no place like home and you'll be feeling extra homesick this week. However, you are currently attending an elite college, and have literally no time to kick back with the 'rents. Instead, drown your sorrows with an extra helping at the Bone's ice cream bar and get back to your multitudinous homework.

LEO: You went a little too hard last weekend and your body is suffering the effects. This week should be about chugging copious amounts of cold medicine and napping every spare moment you have.

VIRGO: Cut toxic friendships out of your life. And by toxic, I mean that one classmate who was caught building a meth lab in Percopo basement. Find somebody who's better at not getting busted and stay out of the way of the current investigation.

LIBRA: There's going to be a late night where you'll get a last minute spark of inspiration to finish your essay. Just be sure to read it over carefully the next day. Sentences such as "DaVinci totally wanted to Genghis his Khan" may provide a new insight into history, but a poor grade for the class.

SCORPIO: People are not always who they seem on the outside. That obnoxious person who lives down the hall from you is actually an escaped experiment from the labs. It's time to either kick their donkey or befriend them for some surprisingly fierce backup.

SAGITTARIUS: Get ready for a total Love Boat moment. You're going to wake up on a ship with only four crew members, a captain who never seems to be doing his job, and a person who you're about learn a good life lesson with.

CAPRICORN: Apparently you're going to be horny this week, so make a preemptive appointment for the doctor's office. The horns will start growing in around Wednesday and if you don't have them removed promptly, you'll end up with a shag carpet for legs and an odd fascination with the pan flute.

AQUARIUS: While your sign is generally laid-back, this week is going to be killer on your self-control. Try some breathing exercises while burning soothing herbs, it will mellow you out like nothing else.

DISCES: According to all known laws of aviation, there is no way a bee should be able to fly. Its wings are too small to get its fat little body off the ground. The bee, of course, flies anyway because bees don't care what humans think is impossible.

Top 10

Uses for Rose's Football Cannon

1. Angry Birds
2. Evel Knievel Reboot
3. Use the New Union as Target Practice
4. A More Efficient Airport Shuttle
5. Better Alarm Clock
6. Concrete Battleship Canoe Cannon
7. Circus Dynamics Concetration for Mechanical Engineers
8. Mailroom Delivery Service
9. Light the Homecoming Bonfire
10. Distress Signal (*Perpetually Firing...*)
11. Build a Live-Fire Fire Alarm
12. Canada Geese

IMPORTANT

"Wait... Never mind, I don't have anything."

- Nolan Hughes on 09/19/2017

WACKY PROF QUOTES

"You don't just sit on your butt here, you 'consume leisure.'"

-Dr. Dale Bremmer

"When you look at a matrix, give it a cup of coffee, get to know it. And if it's not invertible, maybe only give it a small cup of coffee."

-Dr. Allen Holder

"Oh! I'm sorry, I've got my head up my math!"

-Dr. Kurt Bryan

"If I'm found dead in the bathtub she, as in my wife, killed me."

-Dr. Bill Butske

"I've forgotten it. Tells you how useful it is to remember this, huh?"

-Dr. Clifford Grigg

Did your prof say something hilarious or just great out of context? Are your students comically loquacious? Did you hear something amusing on your jaunt about the fine halls of this institution? We want to hear about it! Send your quotes with who said it to thorn-flipside@rose-hulman.edu or fill out this nifty google form: <https://goo.gl/forms/bB339sx6GHohggYt1>