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Marvel superheroes are giving fans their money's worth.

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Learn about the struggle for sleep and amiibos.

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There are times when it is just best to leave them alone.

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Men's tennis team wins Heartland Conference.

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Saying Goodbye to the Gustafsons

Bethany Martin • Editor-in-Chief

Pete and Donna Gustafson have been a part of the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology family for 38 years, and although they are retiring June 30, they will always be a part of the family. Pete Gustafson is retiring from his position as Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, and Donna is retiring from her position as Dean for Student Services and Director for Student Services.

The couple met when they were both residential assistants (RAs) at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. They got married and starting searching for occupations. They applied for jobs at Rose-Hulman, but by the time their applications had arrived, the positions

they sought had already been filled. Pete took a job as a hall director at Indiana State University, and Donna worked in medical lab for a year and then moved onto a teaching job at a private school.

After two years, Dr. Lucas, the dean at the time, called them in to interview. Dr. Lucas had

not realized that they had been living five miles away from the Institute. They were hired as a husband and wife team and lived in Speed Hall. Mr. Gustafson pointed out that it is not legal to advertise for a husband and wife team anymore.

The change from ISU to

the community at Rose-Hulman was drastic. At the time, the Institute was “backwoods-y,” as Mr. Gustafson said. There were gravel roads, and the school was in ill-repair. “One of the first

things I remember is going into the rooms in BSB, and the room doors had holes in them... but [tuition] was very cheap at the time,” Pete said.

The biggest difference between ISU and Rose was the behavior of the students. They were sur-

prised to realize that they could actually get work done because there was next to no discipline that needed to be completed and there was no situations from the weekend

to deal with. At ISU there had been a fire alarm bell above their bed that would ring whenever someone would pull a fire alarm in the residence halls. There were a string of false alarms from a misbehaving student.

Soon after the students arrived at Rose in 1977, a

student knocked on their door, identified himself and told them he had broken a window so that they would know who to bill for the damage. “We just looked at each other and thought ‘This really didn’t just happen.’ I mean that would have never happened at ISU or even at Bowling Green when we were there,” Mrs. Gustafson said.

The school has changed much since the pair joined its ranks almost 40 years ago. It has grown bigger in size, become coeducational, added phones on the floors, added phones in the rooms, removed the phones, added Internet, remodeled Moench Hall, added Hatfield, Old Olin Hall, and New Olin Hall.

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Pete and Donna in the early years of their careers and relationship.



Pete and Donna Gustafson recently photographed together.

Photo courtesy of the Gustafson family

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events

Shakespeare Workshop

Acting workshops held by the Director of Theater Programs.
Hatfield, May 9, 10:00am

Rock Out for Ryland

A charity fund-raiser for juvenile diabetes.
SRC, May 9, 3:00am



Spring Short Play

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NEWS BRIEFS

Marc Schmitt • News Editor

Israeli Prime Minister Forms New Coalition Government

Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu announced the formation of a new coalition government after a March victory for his Likud party. The government was formed the day of the deadline and will give the prime minister a one-seat majority in the Knesset, Israel’s parliament.

The coalition government consists of far-right and orthodox religious parties. In forming the government, Netanyahu made major concessions to the conservative religious party Jewish Home.

The Likud party made efforts to court right-leaning voters during the election, pushing the party’s platform further right of center. Critics claim that comments made by Netanyahu in the days leading up to the election were meant to exacerbate domestic tensions over Arab Israelis.

The new coalition government will likely continue with controversial initiatives, including expanding settlements in contested areas. Members of coalition, including Jewish Home, favor expanding settlements and placing greater emphasis on security and national defense.

International groups are likely to face off with the new government over controversial issues such as the expansion of Israeli settlements. Relations between Israel and the United States have already been strained by the actions of Netanyahu, who has pulled his government further right, often antagonizing the Obama administration.

Germany Accused of Helping NSA Spy on European Allies

Chancellor Angela Merkel was put in the spotlight regarding new reports that Germany’s intelligence service actively aided the United States’ National Security Agency in spying on European allies.

Germany’s foreign intelligence agency, known as BND or Federal Intelligence Service, stands accused of spying for the NSA on European companies and individuals. Gerhard Schindler, the head of the BND, denied the accusations.

Austria has filed a legal complaint against Germany over the alleged spying done for the NSA. Legal inquiries were also filed concerning the spying on European companies. Airbus Group, a European aviation company, filed a legal complaint asking for access to information concerning economic espionage.

The new report comes after leaked documents, published by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden, revealed widespread American surveillance of European allies. Chancellor Merkel was among a list of high-ranking government officials who were tracked as part of the surveillance.

The issue of American spying has been particularly acute in Germany as many citizens are outraged over the intelligence gathering. The German government has been conducting investigations into the NSA’s activities in Germany, calling officials and retired employees to testify before parliamentary inquiries.

Merkel agreed to testify before a parliamentary inquiry about the issue and answer questions regarding the information that was passed on to the NSA.

Gunmen Killed after Firing into Art Gallery Contest

Two men fired into crowds Sunday at an art gallery in Dallas, Texas that was hosting a contest for cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad. Elton Simpson and Nadir Hamid Soofi travelled to a Dallas, Texas suburb and fired assault rifles at bystanders and injured a security guard before police officers stationed at the rally shot and killed them. No civilians were killed.

What motivated the two men, both of the Muslim faith, to travel from their apartment in Arizona to the art gallery is unclear as their connections to overseas terrorist groups is under investigation.

Simpson, a convert to Islam, declared his allegiance to the Islamic State, otherwise known as ISIS, over Twitter. Simpson was also known to federal law enforcement and counterterrorism officials, and had been previously questioned for his links to terrorist groups.

Soofi, the owner of a dry cleaning business, was unknown to law enforcement officials and was linked to Simpson as his roommate.

The Islamic State claimed responsibility for the attack after it had occurred, praising Simpson and Soofi for their actions. However, the terrorist organization did not offer any evidence as to their involvement in the planning of the attack.

Attacks have occurred in Western countries over the depiction of the Prophet Muhammad in satirical manners. The offices of Charlie Hebdo, a French satirical magazine, were attacked, during which 12 people were killed, after publishing a cartoon of the Prophet Muhammad.

Cinco De Mayo

Marc Schmitt • News Editor

The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineering (SHPE) celebrated Cinco de Mayo this week with a cookout in the Hulman Memorial Union patio. Mexican food was served and live music was played by a mariachi band. An elephant piñata was also a part of the celebration as attendants had the opportunity to try break it open.

Tickets to the cookout were five dollars and all the proceeds went to the Boys and Girls Club of Terre Haute. Tickets were sold out and 200 people attended. The cookout raised over \$800 in proceeds, beating last year’s event by \$200. According to Karina Colotl, a freshman electrical engineering major, the “money will help [the Boys and Girls Club of Terre Haute] run their daily activities and help children who are in need.”

This year’s celebration was organized by Colotl, who is the Programs Chair for SHPE. The annual event is put on by SHPE and helps spread cultural awareness and support charity. “It’s important that SHPE celebrates [Cinco de

Mayo],” Colotl commented. “Cinco de Mayo is supposed to be spreading tradition and informing people that it’s not Mexico’s Independence Day.”

Cinco de Mayo commemorates the Battle of Puebla, which took place between the Mexican Army and French Army. The unlikely victory of the Mexican Army over the more powerful and advanced French Army is still a source of national pride and unity. Cinco de Mayo has become a celebration of Mexico’s patriotism and culture.

SHPE has several events planned for next year, the first of which is Día de los Muertos, otherwise known as Day of the Dead. The event will again celebrate Hispanic culture on campus and educate students on its significance. SHPE will also be hosting a “Noche de Ciencias,” or night of sciences, on campus where high school students can come and learn about STEM careers and concepts.

The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineering meets Thursdays at 7:30 in the Hulman Memorial Union Music Room.

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Bethany Martin • Editor-In-Chief

The only thing that has been constant during their tenure is the never-ending search for beds. In 1977 there were about 1100 students, and Rose only housed 630; now there are 2200 students; and Rose houses about 1320, including Skinner Hall. Rose has even rented apartments for students at Village Quarter and Sharp Flatts to compensate for the lack of rooms. The furniture in Mr. Gustafson’s office is from those apartments because they even bought the furniture.

Once they retire, Mr. and Mrs. Gustafson plan to travel and spend time with their relatives. Their daughter, Jackie lives in town with her husband, Andrew, and their 11-month-old

baby girl, Avery. Their son, Mathew lives near Minneapolis with his pregnant wife, Katie, and their son, Ben. Both of their children have degrees in student affairs and higher education. Mr. and Mrs. Gustafson have visited Europe nine times since 2003 and have visited 11 countries.

The Gustafsons’ favorite part about working here at the school is the people they work with and the students they help. “We work with rock stars,” Mrs. Gustafson said. “We have every faith in Erik [Hayes] and Kristen [Loyd]. They are more than capable.”

The Gustafsons have been an integral part of the history and community of Rose-Hulman. They have witnessed it grow and evolve into this place of family and higher education.



One of Mr. Gustafson’s duties as Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students is handing graduates their diplomas.

Photo courtesy of the Gustafson family

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Avengers: Age of Ultron

Lauren Santichen • Flipside Editor

In the newest big-screen installment of Marvel Comics, the Avengers are located in Sokovia, an Eastern European country that is base to a large branch of Hydra. The team’s mission is to find Loki’s scepter and keep it and its power source out of the hands of the enemy. Little did they know that they were playing right into their enemies’ hands.

For those who are familiar with the comics, the story of Ultron has changed drastically from paper to the big screen. Instead of being the brainchild of Dr. Hank Pym, a character not yet introduced to the Avengers universe, Ultron was created in part by Tony Stark, also known as Iron Man. Once Loki’s scepter had been retrieved, Tony Stark and Bruce Banner spent three days researching the energy and information that came from the blue core.

It was soon discovered that the core housed an Artificial Intelligence, something that Stark, in all his pro-

gramming expertise, had not be able to make. Convincing Banner to help, the two slowly constructed a copy of the AI, hoping that it could help them in their quest to keep the world safe.

“I see a suit of armor around the world.” Stark says as he expands on his vision for the AI.

When the program finally comes online, it sees the Avengers as a threat for its programmed goal of world peace. As things are wont to do in all comic book arcs, the program, Ultron, decides that the Avengers must become extinct.

Here we see the beginning of the major villain of the movie. Earlier, we saw a partial beginning of two other villains, Pietro and Wanda Maximoff. Otherwise known as Quicksilver and Scarlet Witch, these two were born in Sokovia during a time of war. At ten years old, they lost their parents to the wrong end of a Stark Enterprise bomb. Anger and revenge kind of take over from there.

Ultron and the twins team up for this reason, the twins hating Stark for killing their parents and Ultron hating the Avengers (and mainly Stark) for trying to keep the world “quiet.”

“You don’t want peace,” Ultron says in paraphrase. “You want quiet. You want the world to stay the way it is. That is detriment to peace.”

The movie climaxes back in Sokovia where it first started with another new character introduction thrown into the mix. Those in the know from comics weren’t at all surprised, but those who have never picked up an issue of Avengers and other titles were in for quite a thriller. The sequel of the Avengers was well worth the wait.

Overall, “Avengers: Age of Ultron” was a great installment in the series. It had just the right amount of action scenes and character development to please the audience. In-between the butt-kicking, shield-throwing, and lightning-

calling were quips about subjects that only those on a team together would be able to tease about, like the rivalry between Stark and Thor over whose girlfriend is best and Captain America’s slip up of “language” over the communicators. Little things that make the movie that much better.

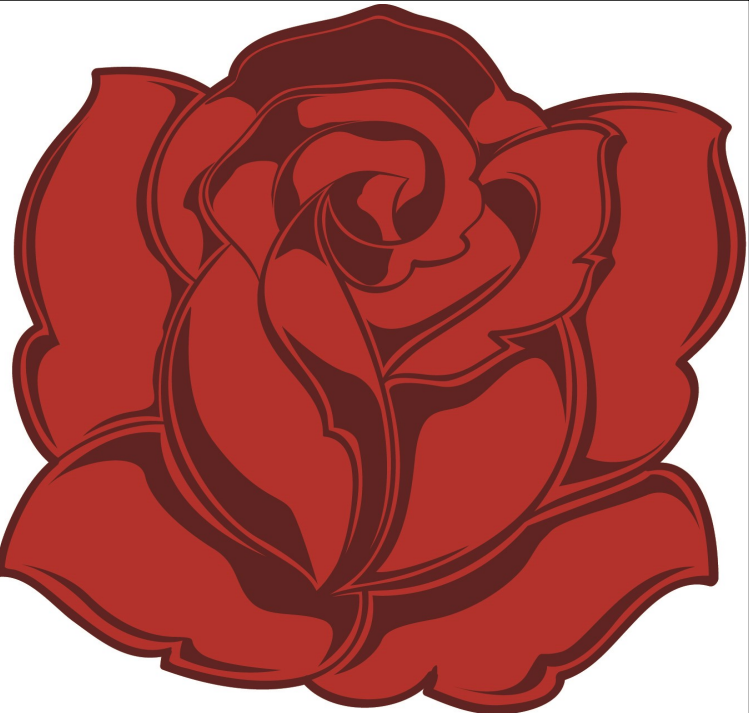
The movie was great from start to finish and kept me on the edge of my seat. I give it a 5 out of 5 for scenes, plot, and characters. It has me eagerly awaiting the next



Avengers: Age of Ultron Poster
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Marvel Comics film, even if my favorite character may not be in it.

Rating: 5/5 Rosies



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Daredevil

Mark Rodgers • Opinions Editor

Superheroes are everywhere we look now, springing from comics to mega-blockbuster movies and now TV shows as well. There have been many cartoons before, but now live-action superhero shows are becoming more marketable, and therefore, more common. This is how we find ourselves with Netflix entering the ring with their licensed superhero from Marvel, Daredevil.

This series was highly anticipated, mainly because nobody quite knew what to expect from this series. The last time Daredevil had his own anything was the atrocious Ben Affleck movie in 2003, and that’s better left forgotten.

The inaugural season follows the beginnings of Matthew Murdock, aka Daredevil (Charlie Cox), as he “becomes the hero he was meant to be.” You know, the typical superhero stuff we know by now. For those who don’t know, Daredevil is, in the simplest terms, a blind Batman. It is quite ironic that that is the common comparison, since in that bad movie I mentioned earlier, Ben Affleck is Daredevil and is now set to play the caped crusader in the Justice League teaser movie next year. Murdock is blinded as a child and, in true comic fashion, develops unusual abilities. In this case, he gains a “radar” sense that allows him to “see” his surroundings, and after some tough training, he can take down bad guys using his impressive set of martial arts skills.

The fight scenes in this show were the biggest surprise to me. They have a completely different tone than a normal superhero movie; they feel real. Daredevil, even with his enhanced senses, isn’t perfect or indestructible. He gets hurt (a lot) and doesn’t

mop the floor with every bad guy he meets. The bad guys actually put up a good fight, knocking Daredevil on his butt about as often as he does to them. It’s a real spectacle to watch and a much welcome change from the CGI-fest that other movies have gone with.

This series is unique in that its episode count is half the size as a normal TV series, having 13 episodes as opposed to the 22 on a typical network show such as “Arrow” or Marvel’s “Agents of Shield.” This makes it much better because, in true Netflix fashion, the whole season dropped at once, facilitating a binge on the whole series without the need of a frustrating “mid-season finale,” followed by a month of waiting that has become the annoying norm for network shows.

I actually have started to prefer TV-based superhero shows to the movies recently. I don’t have to wait as long to see them, and there is so much more room for character development that only the interconnected Marvel movies come close to accomplishing, and even then not as well as it could be. Because of this, I find myself getting attached to the characters with ease as I see them evolve with each episode. I even find myself respecting the villain of this first season, who I won’t name since it is supposed to be billed as a “surprise” a couple of episodes in.

I am very pleased with this show and what it has accomplished for Marvel and Netflix. It has made me confident in Netflix’s capacity to create good entertainment, which makes me want them to hire the former “Top Gear” presenters even more, but that’s a discussion for another day.

Rating: 5/5 Rosies



Amiibo No

The Sad Lifestyle of an Amiibo Collector

Peter Samyn • staff writer

In the summer of 2014, Nintendo introduced their competitor to “Skylanders” and “Disney Infinity,” entitled “amiibo.” Leading up to the fall launch of their gaming figures, no one could have imagined the hell that they would cause for collectors. Sticking to the philosophy of producing less in order to

“The lone collector has grown used to missing sleep

heighten demand, Nintendo has caused an entire segment of their fans to take on an unhealthy lifestyle.

With that, I would like to go through a day in the life of an amiibo collector. It all starts at 8:30 a.m. The exhausted amiibo collector rolls out of bed. Deprived of the niceties of life since the beginning of the amiibo craze, the lone collector has grown used to missing breakfast due to lack of sleep.

The trek to class involves being at constant alert. New amiibos can go on sale at any time; the lone collector has been diligent to follow several amiibo Twitter accounts and has monitors checking each retailer for in-stock notifications. Every moment is spent

waiting for the opportunity to pounce. Even a few seconds’ delay could mean failing to acquire the amiibo.

Class is spent scrawling through forums, hoping for new information about figures or news of stock.

The end of second period class means a quick trip to the shopping center. Each major amiibo retailer opens at 10 a.m., in time for store open. Glancing over the store shelves can mean victory or defeat.

The collector has set up an intricate Excel spreadsheet for monitoring the figures he has acquired. Checking them off one by one, there are giant holes in the spreadsheet that seemingly will never be filled.

The rest of the day is spent periodically reading new speculation about what amiibo may or may not be getting new production runs. Hopes are continually crushed as

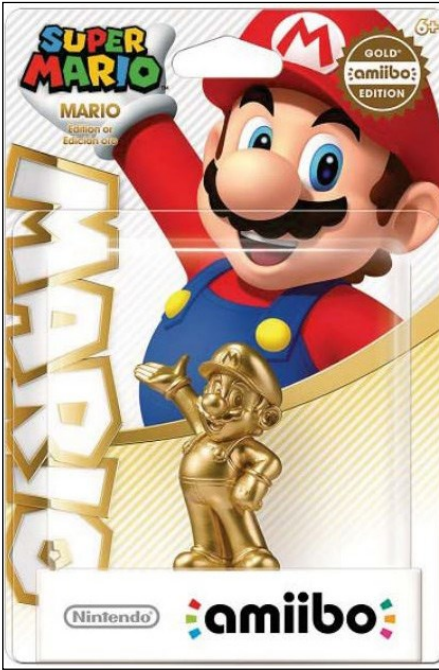
“Everyone moment is spent waiting for the opportunity to pounce.

new information comes to light about how few units are going to be produced.

Come nightfall, the amiibo enthusiast has been up for a long time. His mind is weak, his body tired. He takes one last look at his alerts and shuts his eyes. An hour later he awakes and checks once more. The amiibo went on sale while he was sleeping and have sold out.

In rage and disappointment, the lone collector resorts to buying import version of the amiibo from other countries, which are somehow easier and cheaper to acquire than their American counterparts.

He denounces Nintendo and their business practices, vowing to never support them again. The next day, he checks his alerts and continues his futile task. This is the lifestyle of an amiibo collector.



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An Intro to Soccer: The Most Popular Sport Around the Globe

Morgan Escalera • staff writer

Soccer is the most popular sport around the globe, with about 3.6 billion supporters worldwide. The amount of people who play soccer regularly, whether professionally or as a part of an intramural league, numbers close to the amount of fans for American football. Numbers aside, most of the American

populace is comparatively ignorant of the sport and the inner workings of it.

A common complaint against the sport is that it can end o-o, and there can be long pauses

“Soccer fans are just like fans of any other sports.

between the action in the game. Looking at sports like baseball, NASCAR, golf, and American football, it is possible to find complaints like the ones given to soccer easily justifiable considering the sports Americans typically enjoy.

As an avid supporter of the beautiful game that is soccer, I shall to be as informative and hopefully entertaining as I discuss the lifestyle of a soccer fan.

First, it should be established that soccer fans are just like fans of any other sport. They all have a favorite team and will defend them tooth and nail.

They have been fans since they were small, as they are often raised in a soccer-loving home. Since soccer is a massively international sport, as evidenced by the semi-recent World Cup, many fans have favorite teams for each competitive country. Also, like many other sports, fans often emulate their favorite players, usually by playing soccer themselves in a friendly setting.

Overall, it is important for the uninformed to understand that soccer is not so different from many domestic sports. It exposes a fan to a massive global community, with a shared common interest. So let’s all have a cup of coffee and a piece of pie.



Soccer is an international sport that most people enjoy.

A Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I enjoyed “Question Mark” by Alex Weissenfels in the Rose Thorn today. I am a Christian and I fully understand the challenges that Mark Slaughter faced in trying to adequately demonstrate the reality of God to a group prepared to negate anything other than physical proof. From a textbook standpoint, it cannot be done. But from an experience standpoint, it cannot be negated. For example, what if someone lived in isolation and never experienced love? Or someone was born in Space, but had never experienced gravity? Your experience with these things are absolutely real. But try and explain that to someone who hasn’t experienced them. It’s like trying to explain the color red to someone who has been blind their whole life. Without context, it’s impossible. But it doesn’t make it any less real.

And your assertions of Free Will in Christianity were a bit off-base. Free Will is what allows us to operate freely outside of God’s plan for us – the ability to make our own decisions and determinations. It has nothing to do with neglecting responsibilities for child rearing or interventions or to not intervene when there is imminent harm. It has to do with our relationship with God – He doesn’t want a bunch of mindless robots that are pre-programmed to follow Him. That’s why Christianity is a “journey of faith” as opposed to a “one-time contract”. But that journey starts with a decision. And we can each decide if we want God in our lives or if we don’t. That’s free will.

So, you haven’t experienced God. That’s okay. The barrier of logic is completely understandable. I’ve been there. But after several years, I got curious and noticed some people who functioned differently and I was drawn to that. I started asking questions, but still generally doubted. But when I was ready for more, God was ready to reveal Himself to me through these relationships and gentle guidance. That has been my experience.

But back to physical proof. There isn’t any. The two major facets of Christianity are faith and love. And faith is difficult, but we all have faith in something – whether it’s God or self-improvement-based paradigms. And you’re right – You can achieve community and emotional satisfaction outside of Christianity. And, sorry to say, there have been many self-proclaimed Christians who have done more damage than good when it comes to promoting the church. That being said, I don’t have all of the answers and won’t pretend to. All I can do is share my experience and live life in a way that shows that God matters to me. But I guess the only thing I would ask of you, as someone who isn’t convinced that God exists, is to keep an open mind and keep asking questions. Your context for God hasn’t been established and it’s possible that you may never allow it. That’s YOUR choice. That’s YOUR decision. And that’s okay. But keeping an open mind, in this case, is a matter of saying, “Okay. If there is a God, then I’m willing to allow experiences so I can decide for myself if I want to go on this journey or not”.

Thanks for sharing your experience from the Q&A session with Mark Slaughter. It got me thinking, which is never a bad thing.

Eric Louk
Training and Development Specialist

Helping Those Who Can’t be Helped



There are definitely some people that could use a hug even if they don't seem like it

Photo courtesy of TinyBuddha

Miriam Remmers – Editor in Chief

Sometimes helping someone means leaving them alone, as difficult as that may be. You can’t help someone who isn’t willing to be helped. Watching a friend struggle can be the most difficult, hurtful and frustrating

ality drew you to them and left a deep and potentially lasting impact on you. When they’re going through a hard time, don’t turn your back on them because you don’t agree with their choices. The fact that you

Be there to talk, or someday they’ll just stop calling you. Your advice may not be taken, but don’t hold it against them. Someone who doesn’t trust themselves isn’t going to take a leap of faith on your word alone; they have to build up enough confidence in themselves to make an independent decision. Tell them how you feel, and show them how their choices affect them people they care about, including you, but don’t guilt trip them. They probably already feel bad enough on their own; don’t reiterate each and every way that they’re messing things up. Furthermore, how do you know that they aren’t doing everything they can do to fix the problem?

It’s easy to sit outside a situation and thing about what you would do in their shoes, but the bottom line is that you don’t know until it actually happens to you.

Have faith in the strength of their character, and help them by believing in their good decisions and not condemning them for the bad.

Getting to a place where they can build themselves back up again may require hitting the cold, solid ground of rock bottom. Don’t abandon them when they’re on the verge of building themselves back up just because their struggle is distressing to watch. It’s not your responsibility to fix it or be their clean up man, and it’s important to draw that boundary so you can support but not enable. Stay strong and help light the way to recovery.

Love them unconditionally during their time of need

ing thing the world, but their path isn’t yours to choose. The most altruistic, well-meant intentions often go awry once you start trying to decide what’s best for your friends.

First of all, stop judging the choices of your friends. The mistakes they have to make and the lessons they have to learn are not your own.

Let it go. You can be there to offer advice, to counsel, and to support, but ultimately trying to make someone live the life you think they should is going to end badly for both you.

This is a person who you share something special with, whose person-

think their choices have anything to do with you may signal that you have some growing of your own to do. Whatever they’re going through, it’s not about you.

Be there to talks, or someday they’ll just stop calling you

Love them unconditionally during their time of need; you never know when the tables will turn and you’ll be the one who needs the strength of your friends. Don’t indulge them and facilitate the making of poor decisions, but support them as they make their own errors and catch them when they fall.

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Commissioner Cup

Kevin Trizna • Staff writer

At the end of every academic year, the HCAC awards the Conference Commissioner’s Cup to the school with the highest league standings across all sports. The cup counts 22 league championships as eligible, and the cup is coming home to Terre Haute yet again this year. Rose brought home the cup in 2008, 2010, and again 2014.

This cup comes from an outstanding combined effort of all Rose-Hulman athletics programs that earned Rose 130.3 total points. Franklin came in second with 126.1 points, followed by Hanover, Manchester, and Transylvania. Rounding up the pack are Anderson, Defiance, Mount St. Joseph, Bluffton, and Earlham.

Rose also placed first in the men’s All-Sports Standing, which is essentially the same as the Commissioner’s Cup but only applies to male athletics. The men’s team racked up 73.5 points because every team finished in the top five of their conference. Cross-country, soccer, tennis, track, and swimming teams won their respective conferences outright.

The women’s athletic programs placed third in their respective all-sports rankings with 56.8 points. These points were supplemented by second place finishes by tennis and golf and a third place finish by soccer.

This year marks the ninth year of the Commissioner’s Cup’s existence, and the victory by the Fightin’ Engineers makes Rose the first school to win the cup four times.

Invitational at IU

Kevin Trizna • Staff writer

One week removed from the HCAC title, the Rose track team sent individual athletes to the Billy Hayes Invitational at Indiana University. These participants performed outstandingly against some of the Midwest’s best athletes across all divisions.

Sophomore Andrew Okruch, the conference shot put title holder, won the shot put again with a 14.74-meter throw. Okruch went on to place second in the discus with a 48.58-meter throw.

Senior Austin Schulthies followed up Okruch in discus, added a career personal record throw of 158’ 6” and placing third. Schulthies also

threw 173’ 9” in the javelin throw, earning a third-place finish.

Fellow senior Blake Schulthies had a personal record of his own in the pole vault (15’ 3”) and took sixth in the javelin throw and eighth in the 110m hurdles.

Senior Zac Erba took ninth in the hammer throw with a 162’ 2” toss. Freshman Victoria Heckenlively, who was a part of the record-shattering 4x400 meter relay team, highlighted the women’s eventswith a personal record in the 400-meter (1:00.96), good for eighth.

The next meet for the track team is the University of Louisville Invitational where only selected individuals will compete.

Out of the Park

Kevin Trizna • Staff writer

The baseball team took a 2-1 record in the three-game series against Mount. St. Joseph College (MSJ) this weekend, and in doing so earned place in the HCAC Tournament. The first game was a battle of pitching and junior Karson Nixon threw an excellent game, allowing six hits and only one run to pitch his fifth win of the season.

Rose struck first in the top of the second inning with a single RBI from junior Nevin Fansher to score junior Donnie Waters. Waters was fresh off of being named a conference Player of the Week. After the Wildcats tied the game in the bottom of the sixth, the game would remain scoreless until extra innings. After juniors Caleb Kissel and Patrick Klima both got hit by pitches, junior Zach Hull would walk to load the bases in the top of the 10th. A ground-out by sophomore Drew Schnitz would send Klima home to break the tie and give the Engineers a 2-1 lead and ultimately the win.

The second game started off with a bang; Waters hit a single RBI, and sophomore Zach Trusk batted in another run as Rose jumped out 2-0 in the first. Two RBIs and a single home run later, MSJ took the lead 3-2 after the fourth. Rose would battle back in

the ninth after being down 4-2, but after a Hull RBI the Wildcat defense tightened up to end the game 4-3 in favor of MSJ.

Entering Sunday, head coach Jeff Jenkins had accumulated 699 wins. The team understood that the 700-win mark was a huge milestone in their coach’s career and did not disappoint on their way to racking up 14 hits to win the game. RBIs from Waters, sophomore Kevin Jendra, and junior Hazen Hamather shot Rose out to a 3-0 lead in the first. An RBI from senior Nick Boardman extended the lead to 4-2, and a Kissel shot over the fence piled on another run.

The Wildcats feebly fought back in the first three innings but couldn’t get anything going from there, ending with only five hits against junior pitcher Andrew Stull. Senior Josh Hoening added another RBI and a wild pitch would be the final scores of the night, and Rose sent Coach Jenkins into the “700 club” in a spectacular victory, 7-3. Jenkins became the 31st coach in Division III history to do so and is one of 16 active coaches with 700 plus wins.

On Thursday, Rose enters the HCAC tournament in Anderson, IN against the Manchester Spartans. First pitch is scheduled for 12 p.m.

Par the Course

Kevin Trizna • Staff writer

Rose men’s golf team wrapped up the HCAC Championship Tournament with a fifth overall ranking. After a combined 323/314 in the first two rounds last weekend and a 309/314 this weekend, the Engineers have concluded a rather successful season.

Junior Sanders Park grabbed his third all-conference honor of his career with rounds of 75, 75, 74, and 74. His total sent him to third overall. Coming in 18th overall was fellow junior Warren Whithaus with a strong finish of 74 and 78 this weekend after 86 and 80 last weekend. Other notable finishes were sophomores Sam Pastoriza’s (22nd overall) and Luke Peoples’ (32nd overall).

Coaches Corner

Mark Rodgers • Opinions Editor

Daniel Hopkins is the men’s and women’s tennis coach. He has been with the tennis teams since 1989. This is the first championship of his career. The Rose Thorn interviewed him to get his thoughts and feelings about the milestone.

The Rose Thorn: What is different about this season?

Daniel Hopkins: Three new freshman have come on and added some more talent and made the team better overall.

RT: Who has improved the most this season?

DH: The whole team has improved throughout the season. I can’t pick just one.

RT: What’s next for this year?

DH: The NCAA tournament, starting on Friday. First match is against Carthage College.

RT: How do you think the team will do?

DH: We’re gonna win the whole damn thing. I’m hoping we do well. On paper, it looks to be a close match, and I think we will do our best and rise to the occasion.

RT: Biggest surprise of the season/tournament?

DH: Winning. First time school has won the conference tournament since I have been here. Consistently both men and women have been near the top of the conference since we joined in 2007(men), 2006(women)

RT: What is the plan for next year?

DH: We have even more new recruits coming, and we plan to work harder next year.

Conference Champions

Kevin Trizna • Staff writer

Fresh off of winning the men’s tennis conference outright for the first time in program history, Rose left no doubt this weekend that they are the true uncontested champions and beat Earlham in the conference tournament champions to take home another accolade.

After taking down Transylvania in the tournament semifinal, the Fightin’ Engineers brought home the title in a 6-1 victory against the Earlham Quakers.

Earlham started off the match with an 8-4 win in first doubles as the duo of Vitalii Stadnyk and Jack Ventura-Cruess took down sophomores Brandon Benedict and Georges Adam. From there, it was all Rose-Hulman. The second doubles pair of freshman Cam

Metzger and junior Matt Conrad won their match 8-4, and freshmen Derek Benedict and Tyler Haas took third doubles in an 8-0 beatdown.

The singles matches weren’t any less dominant. Faced with an opportunity to seal the victory, Benedict took revenge on Stadnyk to win 6-2, 6-2. Conrad won his fourth singles match 6-4, 6-1, and Benedict and Haas ended the tournament on a shut-out with 6-0, 6-0 victories for both.

The next stop on the team’s journey is Carthage for the first round of the NCAA national championship this Saturday in St. Louis.

Benedict and Haas ended with a shutout



Heard 'Round Campus

"On a scale of one to Jurassic Park, it is Volcanoland."

TOP TEN

Tourist Destinations of the Rose-Hulman Campus

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"We just give them the conditions to go at it."
-Dr. Marincel Payne
Comment redacted.
"Well, girls are guys too."
- Dr. Grigg
Then why can't I understand them?
"Corollary to that, mathe-

mathical word for 'follow up'."
- Dr. Rickert
I didn't take an MA course to learn English words! I want my money back!
"And if you stand in front of a dart board as someone throws, this is what you'll see right before you duck."
- Dr. Grigg
Oh hey, look at -OW!
Rose professors say crazy things. E-mail them to the Flipside at thorn-flipside@rose-hulman.edu

1. Naked lady riding a fish
2. President's parking spot
3. New hand dryers in Crapo bathrooms
4. High Bay Lab (where people find their Bae)
5. Perimeter road (Perimeter time trial!)
6. Bed of nails in the Physics Department
7. Floating Platform (no platform is a safe platform)
8. Rose-Hulman Water Tower
9. Rifle Club Ruins
10. "She does math!" pink book in Crapo trophy cabinet

Fact of the Week

In 1923, jockey Frank Hayes won a race at Belmont Park in New York despite being dead—he suffered a heart attack mid-race, but his body stayed in the saddle until his horse crossed the line for a 20-1 outsider victory.

Engineering jokes

Have you heard the one about the sick chemist? If you can't helium, and you can't curium, you'll probably have to barium.

