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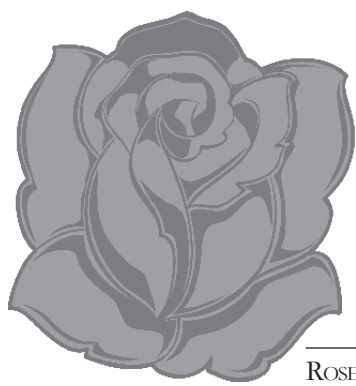
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Final debate brings students together

Ranjana Chandramouli • staff writer

Concluding the “Raising Your Political IQ” series presented by the Student Activities office, a viewing party was held in Chauncey’s on Monday night for the third and final presidential debate – concerning U.S. foreign policy – between presidential candidates Mitt Romney and Barack Obama.

The atmosphere was light, and the students were engaged and enjoyed listening to the candidates put forth their ideas and plans for the future.

The third debate, which was played on Fox Business channel at the viewing party, was moderated by Bob Schiffer, an anchor for CBS, and hosted by Lynn College in Boca Raton, Florida. The debate interestingly took place on the 50th anniversary of the night John F. Kennedy announced that there were missiles in Cuba.

The topics ranged from handling extremism and other conflicts in the Middle East to the importance of the military to the role the United States plays in the world today.

Both candidates were eager to boast their plan and denigrate their opponent’s throughout the debate on Monday.

Caleb Drake, a senior software engineering major, remarked that Obama and Romney had both “flipped their levels of aggressiveness” from the first presidential debate that was held in Denver.

Drake said, “At the University of Denver, Romney threw the punches while Obama just stood still... At Lynn, however, Obama [seized] the opportunity to place Romney in the

hot seat” as a definitive switch in intensity from the first debate.

Students laughed as Obama made off-handed remarks about Romney’s proposed policy by saying that “the 1980s are now calling for their foreign policy back” and informing Romney that the U.S. now has less “horses and bayonets” than it did in 1918.

Besides the jokes, the exchange of ideas over differing foreign policy between Romney and Obama didn’t impress Nate Moore, a junior computer science major. He stated that his overall impression was “that the two candidates had the same position on virtually every foreign policy issue” presented, leading him to some disappointment over the effectiveness of casting his vote.

While Rose-Hulman can often be seen as different from the norm terms of political activism on a college campus, the viewing party was deemed a success for those interested enough to attend.

Maggie Redman, one of the graduate assistants, reflected that the Student Activities Office held the view party “to keep students informed” about the candidates and to “get students excited about the election, since [it] is the first presidential election that many of them are able to vote in.”

Moore welcomed the opportunity, remarking that hosting a viewing party was “a fantastic idea,” since most students at Rose “do not get a lot of exposure to the political process.” Rose students, known for keeping busy with academics, athletics and extracurricular activities, don’t generally get the time to pay attention to politics, so a viewing party, Moore says, “is a great idea...[that lets] us catch up to the rest of the world for an hour or so.”

Breaking down the campaign season

Kurtis Zimmerman • news editor

As the presidential debates come to a close and Election Day approaches, analysts across the nation have tried to determine who came out on top – Mitt Romney or President Barack Obama.

Dr. Terrence Casey – HSS Department Head and Professor of Political Science – and Dr. Anneliese Watt – Professor of English and teacher of the Presidential Election Rhetoric course – were gracious enough to share their expertise with regard to the campaign.

The first debate was held in Denver, Colorado, and focused on the candidates’ domestic policies. While it was widely held before that event that this was Obama’s race to lose, Casey and Watt agreed that Romney came out on top when the debate finished.

“The first debate clearly shifted the direction of the campaign...The trends in the polls since the first debate have favored Romey,” Casey said, and Watt agreed that in general Romney “won” by simply surpassing expectations.

However, Watt contended that Obama regained his composure in the second debate, which was held at Hofstra University in New York and featured a town hall format.

“Obama seemed much more comfortable with the format than Romney did. Romney often seemed unsure in his body language: where to stand, what to do with his hands, where to look.”

She added that Obama was able to reinvigorate his own supporters and media commentators alike with a more aggressive attitude, but “seemed...to sacrifice a bit of the cool President ethos he was

able to maintain in the first debate.”

When the final debate came, Obama rode that wave of momentum to Lynn University in Florida where the subject of foreign policy was the focus.

With the polls seeming to favor the Romney-Ryan ticket up to that point, “Romney’s goal...was clearly to appear levelheaded and thoughtful,” Casey said, noting just the opposite for Obama.

“Obama felt the need to go on the attack and be more aggressive, trying to draw [Romney] into looking either uncertain about foreign affairs or portray him as overly aggressive.”

Watt felt that Obama once again gave a strong performance in Florida, coming across in charge and confident in his administration’s policies.

“He also more effectively ‘called’ Romney on apparent position changes from the primary season...” But even if he came off weaker than in the previous debate, Watt said he avoided the major pitfall for a challenger, “creating serious worry about how he might serve the country as Commander-in-Chief.”

Where Watt may have given a slight edge to Obama in the final two debates, Casey felt Romney still came out on top overall.

To most analysts, the obvious tactic for Obama’s campaign was to connect Romney’s plan to that of former President George W. Bush, and in that vein, “Romney succeeded, whereas the President largely did not, even if he got the better of Romney on many specific exchanges.”



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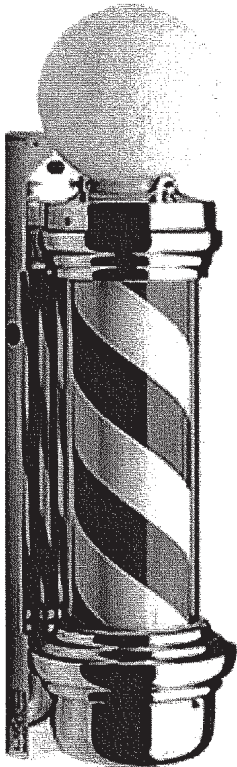
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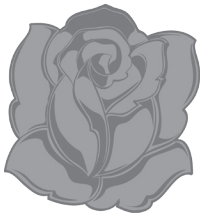


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Serving the community

ROSE COMPLETES LARGEST DAY OF SERVICE

Jason Latimer • copy editor

Around 500 students, faculty, and staff joined forces Saturday in Rose’s annual Day of Service, where 43 groups served the community in 37 sites in the Wabash Valley. According to Kristen Lloyd, the Assistant Dean of Student Services, this was the biggest Day of Service in the school’s history.

Highlights from this year’s event, sponsored by Blackbaud, included donation collections for the Salvation Army, reading to and spending time with senior citizens at Cobblestone Crossings Health Campus, cleaning Ryves Youth Hall, and working at shelters and churches.

Lloyd believes that Day of Service was so successful this year simply because more students involved these days, along with the rallying efforts of leaders in student organizations and resi-

dence halls.

“It seems that students are participating in service prior to Rose, and when they get here, they want to keep it up,” Lloyd said. “They understand the importance of giving back their time and talent and they truly want to serve.”

One of those students is junior mechanical engineer Matthew Ross, who volunteered at Cobblestone to clean up the grounds and bus, wash windows, and set up Halloween decorations. Ross participated in Day of Service his freshman year and decided to come back because he believes it allows students “to show our appreciation for what the community does.”

Ross’s interest for community service stems from a lifelong passion for serving people. Growing up, he always appreciated receiving help from others and wanted to share that good-

will.

“Each year in high school I went on a mission trip to New York City and helped to run a day camp for kids whose parents could not afford to send them to other camps. The smiles on the kids’ faces each day at camp made the entire trip worth it,” he said. “That is why I do community service, because I know that, for however long I am there, I am making someone’s life a little bit easier.”

Ross personally believes that “every student at Rose should do the Day of Service,” and even though students might rather sleep in, the chance to have fun with friends and the difference that students can make is worth the time.

“Of all the times I have done community service, I have never finished and regretted that I did it,” he said. “Just think about what a difference we could make if everyone got involved.”

Campaign, from page 1

With debate season over, both campaigns will make one final push in an effort to round up the numbers they need.

“This is NOT a national popular election. It is about winning the most votes in the Electoral College,” Casey said, adding that Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, Ohio, Iowa, Colorado, Nevada, and New Hampshire were the key battleground states.

Specifically, Casey made the following observation: “The President just needs to hold on to the states he won in 2008 to win re-election.” For Romney, however, “Ohio appears to be the key...If Romney loses Ohio, it will be hard for him to win.

“Conversely, Obama has seen his lead dwindle in Pennsylvania. If he loses there, Romney will be our next president.”

And certainly don’t count out the wildcards: Nebraska and Maine, for example, allot their electors by overall winner and also by congressional district winners, meaning either candidate could win the state and still lose one or two electors.

While the past two debates make the impending presidential election a “nail-biter,” Casey felt that all signs pointed to a Democrat majority in the Senate and a House of Representatives dominated by Republicans.

Locally, “Mike Pence looks pretty solid to win the Indiana Governorship while the Senate race between Richard Mourdock and Joe Donnelly is more of a toss-up.”

Kline brings experience to new position

Claire Stark • staff writer

Continuing our series on the current deans at Rose-Hulman, this week we had a chance to talk with Dr. William Kline.

Having worked at Rose since 2001, he has worked in the Engineering Management department, at Rose-Hulman Ventures, and as Interim Dean of Faculty before being named the first Dean of Innovation and Engagement.

The responsibility of his new position is twofold. The first part focuses on innovation, which is broken down into four subgroups: programs, initiatives, culture, and scholarship. The second part of the job is geared toward engagement, which is broken down into three categories: continuing and professional studies, community involvement, and events.

Rose Thorn: What are your current projects?

William Kline: Well this is the first year for the position so everything is a little new. Overseeing the Branam Innovation Center (BIC) is a big part of what I do as well as finding resources to support it. We want to rejuvenate our entrepreneurship programs, and I am the co-advisor for the RISE entrepreneurship club when it formed this year. Their first big event, the Rose Startup Conference, is coming up with around 200 people signed up to attend.

RT: Are there any future projects currently being planned?

WK: The goal is to continue working on most of the things I am working on now but really focusing on expanding the benefits of the BIC and expanding our continuing and professional studies program.

RT: What is the most rewarding part of your job?

WK: I think it would be being able to provide interesting opportunities for

students. The Branam Innovation Center and the competition teams are great places to learn engineering by doing engineering. For the engagement side of things, just being able to tell the story of Rose-Hulman and our great students to our partners and community. It’s a great story to tell and more people should know about us.

RT: What are the major drawbacks you are facing right now?

WK: Not having enough resources to do all the great things that we have the opportunity to do. There are always more opportunities than we will be able to get to which in a way is a good thing.

It’s an exciting position. I am very interested in the innovation part of it as I think innovation is an emerging organizational competence and our graduates need to have innovation skills. The engagement part is also important and a lot of fun as the more our partners and

community know about Rose-Hulman, the more inclined they may be to become engaged and support our activities.



Rose-Hulman News

Capturing reality through photos

PHOTOJOURNALIST SHARES EXPERIENCES ABROAD

Claire Stark • staff writer

Stephen Ferry is a photojournalist who has worked throughout the world to explain various conflicts for “Newsweek,” “National Geographic,” and “Life” among others. Last week, he paid a visit to Rose-Hulman to talk about his new book about Columbia and the violence that has been part of the life of the country for the last 75 years. Dr. John Gardner, who organized the presentation, said that “this is an important issue that is relatively unknown. It also mirrors

other important issues in different parts of the world.”

The United States has viewed the Colombian conflict as a drug war for the last ten years, yet the current war has its roots in the late 1940s. The massive violence that displaced over 4 million people can be attributed in part to a debate between liberals and conservatives over whether or not to have a state religion. People are murdered individually and in pairs, since larger groups attract international attention. There is also major wealth disparity between

the wealthy and the poor in Colombia.

Today, three main groups are fighting for power. One is a coalition of guerrilla fighters known as the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, the FARC. The FARC is known for funding their war by kidnapping and trafficking cocaine. The FARC is mostly comprised of peasants, who are forced into lifelong membership. Another guerrilla group, known as the National Liberation Army, are known for blowing up the oil pipeline. This has led the Unit-

ed States government to spend \$75 million to protecting the pipeline, marking the first time the United States government has spent money to protect private property abroad. After Ferry’s presentation, Junior civil engineer Robert Ryan said, “I thought it was enlightening. It’s not drugs but civil violence, people fighting for power.”

The paramilitaries, the third faction, have grown over the last 10 years and are unofficially aligned with the military. This allows them to fight the “dirty war.” Their goal is to defeat the

gorillas by any means necessary, such as trafficking drugs to pay for the way, causing many of these groups do more damage than good. Freshman mechanical engineer Alexis Hulas, when asked about Ferry, said, “I admire his dedication to photojournalism as a medium to cover this topic.” Stephen Ferry believes that this conflict can end but will require work. “Columbia has strong needs, is resourceful, and has a strong history of violence. To stop this war, major changes are needed.”

A TV SERIES THAT MANAGES TO STAY A CUT ABOVE

“Dexter” begins the new season with high potential and promise

James Butler • staff writer

I’ve long said that “Dexter” is one of the worst-written shows that I can’t stop watching. For those of you unfamiliar with “Dexter,” let me catch you up on the past six seasons: Dexter is a serial killer. He works for Miami Metro Police Department. Sometimes his side-gig as a serial killer causes him to lose people that are important to him. He and Hamlet’s Father Obi-Wan Kenobi, his ghost-dad, chill from time to time in theatrical breaks from reality that don’t get dealt with structurally until the show’s sixth season. And really, that’s about it. Plot-wise, that’s what has happened in six seasons. Character development is non-existent or painted only in the broadest strokes (Masuka gets more perverted, LaGuerta gets more irritating, etc.). Each season of Dexter is thrilling, but as a series, the show has had a very weak arc. Last year’s season finale upended that in a big way, with Debra walking in on Dexter during a kill. There was no hiding it, there was no denying it or pinning it on somebody else she literally saw the knife go into the

body. After a brief flash forward, the premiere of Season Seven jumped right back into the action: Dexter staring at Debra, Debra staring at Dexter, in-medias-stabbing. What follows is arguably one of the best-written scenes in the entire series. Part of what makes the scene so good is Michael C. Hall’s complicated and layered execution of Dexter’s deception. His character is panicking because his sister saw him murder someone. The challenge in this scene is that his character must let that panic through otherwise he would appear to be, well, a sociopath but he must appear to be panicking about something that doesn’t actually concern him at all the fact that he murdered someone. His adoptive sister’s reasons for walking in on him in the first place are another element that will surely make this an impressive season and help the arc of the series. At the end of the last season, it was revealed and discovered by Deb herself that she had feelings for Dexter. She was walking in to tell him about these feelings when she found him standing over a freshly-killed body. The adopted brother/sister romance was criticized last year by some as cheap soap-



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opera tactics. It could be, but I’m hoping they’ll do something more with it. Because here’s the thing: the show has always been about family dynamics. If the writers can navigate away from the cheap thrills of gruesome murders (which don’t get me wrong, are entertaining) and towards the intricacies of these family dynamics that would be something that people could relate to. And, I guess that’s always been my problem with Dexter: he’s always been more of a freak show than a human being that I can connect with. The greatest power of storytelling is to build bridges between people and allow us to see them as they

see themselves. I think the writers of “Dexter” paint in too broad of strokes – Dexter is charming, enigmatic, sinister, and any number of other words, but the sum of his parts equals less than the whole of a human being. And perhaps this has to do with the origins of the series being a graphic novel, but if that’s the case then the show has been wrong stylistically from the start (also, try reading “Watchmen” and tell me you can’t empathize with things drawn in ink). So if that’s the direction that season seven is going away from broad, stereotyping strokes, towards helping me understand these people to whom I’ve devoted seven

years of my life I’m all in. As Michael C. Hall demonstrated in the first scene of this season, he is more than equipped to handle the multifaceted deception required to make the peeling away of Dexter’s masks an intriguing and dangerous journey. My question is: what will we find at the bottom? Will it be a human being that on some level I understand or just an approximation of one?

Rating: 4/5 Elephants



"TAKEN 2" FLOPS

Takes advantage of you

Daniel Dirrim • guest writer

If you want to watch a movie for well-choreographed fight scenes, and don’t need a sensible or entertaining plot, then “Taken 2” is the movie for you. The movie continues six months after the end of Taken, with Liam Neeson’s character still frantically trying to be involved in his daughter’s life. His daughter still avoids him, even blowing off one of her driving lessons with him to spend time with her boyfriend. Apparently saving her from a life as a sex slave doesn’t earn him too many parenting points. Luckily for Liam Neeson, his ex-wife and her husband got divorced off screen, so he sees it as his chance to get back together with his ex-wife. To do this, he invites her and their daughter on a trip to Istanbul... to Europe. I imagine that the last place you want to go after being kidnapped and sold into the sex trade in Europe is Europe. During this, the families of the sex traders from “Taken” are hunting down Neeson and happen to find him during the week he is in Istanbul. What happens

next is some extremely complicated escape plans for Neeson’s ex-wife and daughter, which took more time for Neeson to explain than they did to fail. Fortunately for Neeson, the bad guys decide that after capturing Neeson and his ex-wife, they would leave him alone long enough for him to have a nice long phone call with his daughter, which he uses to determine his location using some sort of grenade nonsense. After the next hour and a half, Neeson has killed all the bad guys and the worst injury he suffered was the fact that his fists were extremely tore up from pounding in bad guys’ faces. “Taken 2” was a disappointment. It took an excellent stand-alone film, and permanently tainted it with a lame sequel. However, its fight scenes were once again top notch, but its logic was terrible and made the film overall laughable. Enjoy at own risk.

Rating: 2/5 elephants



A STORY LIKE NONE BEFORE IT

“King Slayer Chronicles” marvel of a read

Casey Langdale • staff writer

If you are looking for a new fantasy book to read the “King Slayer Chronicles” is better than most others and is done in a completely different way. The two books that have so far been written, “Name of the Wind” and “Wise Man’s Fear” are of substantial length and will take a day or two of dedicated reading to finish each. By dedicated I mean aside from eating and sleeping, it will be all you do. The blunt books are written from the perspective of the main character, Kvoethe, as he retells his life story in his own humble opinion. As he opens his story, he leads with a simple statement of his life:

This is simply one of the best series I have ever read.

“I have stolen princesses back from sleeping barrow kings. I burned down the town of Trebon. I have spent the night with Felurian and left with both my sanity and my life. I was expelled from the University at a younger age than most people are allowed in. I tread paths by moonlight that others fear to speak of during day. I have talked to Gods, loved women, and written songs that make the minstrels weep.” “You may have heard of me.” As far as I can tell from the books these statements from Kvoethe are all understated of his own actions, they are as humble and simplistic as such a man could be made out to be. However, despite this, it is the story of a man who simply tries to live his life his way and finds himself into greatness.. He is constantly aware of his standing in the world and what that means he is allowed to do, or can get away with. Of course, this does not mean either of those will stop

him. The story is actually funny at points because his impression of himself is so much lower than the rumors about him that spread across the world. The other characters are all high quality as well, and the book makes sure to point out that Kvoethe is all that much better than everyone else, in many cases he is even below them. The cast consists of kind old men who try to help those in need, kings who are just as likely to hang a man out to die by his thumbs as they are to pay him a small fortune, friends who may or may not try and help, as well as teachers who will raise a man up or try to bury him based on first impressions. This is simply one of the best series I have ever read and is completely original, with an excellent set of characters that will poison a man based on a grudge, or help him for no other reason than because it is the right thing to do.

Rating 5/5 Elephants



The ins and outs of interviewing etiquette

Virginia Adams • guest writer

Interviews can be a stressful time, but they are necessary to get a job. Here are a few tips on how to handle interviews and things to remember.

#1 Remember who you meet

First off, always pay attention to who you meet and make sure you know their name. Then at the end of the interview take the time to thank them for their time. If you use this opportunity to use their name, it will both help you remember it and demonstrate your interest. Make sure to also keep in touch with them and email them to see if they have made any progress with their employee choices. Start the emails by reminding them of who you are by describing a couple of traits they would remember. Make sure to always thank them for their time at the end of

the email.

#2 Dress for the Interview

When you go into an interview, make sure you dress appropriately. No matter what the dress code is, always make sure your clothes are clean and not wrinkled. Feel free to ask the recruiters who invited you what the dress code is for the interview, and they will be happy to help.

#3 Prepare, but don't overdo it

When you prepare for an interview, make sure to research the company and prepare arguments on why you would be good for the job. However, don't overdo it. You don't want to sound like a recording during the interview. Just be yourself.

#4 Show up early

Always show up early! Remember it's better to be early than late, and it gives you a little bit more time to prepare for the interview. Make sure your hair and clothes look nice and that

you do not have bad breath. Try not to look tired or demonstrate any other trait that could leave a bad impression. Make sure to turn your phone off or put it on silent. The most important thing during the interview should be the interview and company.

#5 Never talk money first

Never talk money first. You are looking for a job that you enjoy, not just to make money from. Yes, the salary will be a big part of your decision in the end, but you should not make it sound like it is the only thing you care about.

#6 Stay Calm

Most of all, stay calm. If you are stressed the whole interview, they will notice no matter how hard you try to hide it. If it is meant to be, you will get the job, not to mention that a company wants to hire you for who you are on a day-to-day basis, not who you were at the interview.

Classroom courtesy for profs and students

CLASSROOM MANNERS

Casey Langdale • staff writer

Most students on campus already have a basic understanding of how to behave in class, but just in case someone missed a couple, here is a refresher list:

- Respect the teacher. They are trying to do their job, and it makes their day better when everyone is nice to them and gives them their full attention.
- Disliking your teacher does not give you the grounds to disrespect them in class.
- If you are going to sleep in class, make sure you fall asleep in a position that takes as little space as possible, preferably still sitting upright.
- If you have a question, wait until the professor has paused for questions or raise your hand. Don't just blurt it out in the middle of a lecture.
- If you are going to talk in class, make sure you speak very quietly or while the professor is not talking. Not everyone in the room needs to know what you are saying.
- If you come in late, don't walk up to your regular seat in the front or middle of the room. Just sit in the back for a day.
- When looking on Facebook during class, dim the screen. The person next to you may be trying to pay attention, and the easier they can see what you are doing, the easier they will be distracted.
- On a similar note, try to sit still and stay in one spot. It can be frustrating when someone sitting behind you cannot see the board because you keep moving in front of them.
- Do not be that person who comes into class with the loudest food they can find and eats in the middle of class. It will thoroughly tick off everyone sitting next to you.
- The most bothersome thing is if you do not shower. Therefore, take a shower, or if you sit next to someone who doesn't, then tell them to. You're not doing anyone a favor when you don't shower and everyone can smell it.

The other side of the desk:

ROSETIQUETTE

Julia Williams • faculty writer

When I hear the word “etiquette,” my mind conjures up images of multiple forks and spoons surrounding my plate at a fancy dinner party—which one do I use for the caviar?—or an international faux pas committed against Japanese visitors—shake hands, bow, or both?

Closer to Rose and reality, however, I have been thinking about the Rose-Hulman etiquette, RosEtiquette, that should frame the interactions of students and faculty. That is, quite frankly, what etiquette is supposed to be—a set of guidelines that helps individuals navigate the perils of social relationships.

Since I am a data person, I thought I would collect some data about RosEtiquette using a highly unreliable data collection method. I posted a question on my Facebook page and asked for pet peeves or favorite stories regarding faculty/student interactions. I received 23 responses, mostly from faculty, some from alumni, and I thought I would reflect on those responses here.

From the faculty point-of-view, I can summarize etiquette

in one word: respect. In general, faculty would like you to acknowledge that they spent years working to earn the degree that now trails after their names, J. Williams, Ph.D. When a student, at first meeting or early on in the quarter, moves directly to casual forms of address—“Yo, Julia, wassup?”—then it is as if all of those years were squandered. So address your professors as “Dr.” and wait for them to suggest alternatives, like “Dr. Thom,” “Sriram,” or my favorites “Captain” or “Your Majesty.”

Respect also comes in other forms. Show up for class. Show up prepared for class. Stay awake in class. Refrain from texting in class. Refrain from reading the “Thorn” in class. If you can't make it to class, please don't email the professor an hour later and ask, “Yo, Julia, did we do anything in class today?” Chances are we did something.

Respect for the professor also includes respect for that precious 50 minutes of class or two to three hours of lab time during which a professor feels a sacred duty to push back the black-out curtains of ignorance to allow the bright light of knowledge to illuminate your soul. At least

that is what it feels like to us.

On the student side, I think respect is also the guiding principle. I can only speak for myself, but I think I can show respect to students by acknowledging that they are in enrolled in other classes in addition to mine. I may long to fill each class hour to the brim, but if every student is slogging through midterms and projects and problem sets, then I have to face that reality with patience. And, I can show request by accepting gracefully a correction that comes from a student during class. Why would I want to continue to misspell “thaumaturgy” if a student notices that I made a mistake?

My brief musings here have inspired a desire to hear more from you all about RosEtiquette, so I have posted an online survey (<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/M9GLCHS>) where you can tell me your pet peeve or favorite story. Or, you can send them to me directly at williams@rose-hulman.edu I promise I will read them all, but I can't promise that the “Thorn” staff will allow me to grace these pages with a follow-up piece. I will respect their decision either way.

Roommates: Love them, hate them, talk to them

Garrett Meyer • staff writer

My roommate sets his alarm earlier in the morning than I do mine, and he cannot stand it. He worries that it is a nuisance for me to needlessly wake up to his buzzing phone. I, however, think little of the inconvenience, but my apathy does not compute for my roommate. He is the kind to take all precautions against festering annoyances, and so he asked me last night (not for the first time), “Are you sure it doesn't bother you?” I gave him a frank yes and left it at that.

At 3:30 a.m. this morning, my dream of porcupine herding was pierced by the deafening scream of the Percopo fire alarm. Over its shrill, I could hear my

roommate jostling for his phone, saying, “I'M SORRY! I'M SO SORRY!”

I can tease my roommate for his need-less concern, but I should be thankful that the situation is not flipped. He goes out of his way to ensure that our room is a sanctuary in which we can live together instead of a battlefield that we must carve out individually. The ideal roommate does this most frequently with simple questions that hopefully have brief, friendly answers: Does my alarm bother you? Nope. Are you comfortable with this person in our room? Yep. Is my mess tolerable? Hadn't even noticed it. Even with a roommate with whom you have little in common, this modest dialogue builds appreciation. When it comes to sore topics, though, the quick “sure, no problem”

is replaced with an uncomfortable pause, and the real etiquette of roommate relations takes over.

Neighborly concern motivates the questions that should uncover conflicts, but brotherly love is required to resolve them. To work out a problem with a roommate waking you with an entrance befitting an AC/DC concert, it takes more than a snarled explanation of your test looming in the morning—you actually have to listen to why they were out until ungodly hours. Only after understanding their side are you entitled to not tolerate their inappropriate or inconsiderate conduct and firmly ask them to change.

On the other hand, when you are on the pointy end of an accusation, you have to understand that your conduct

is never above honest reproach. If your roommate is willing to speak up about it, you just might be too smelly, too cluttered, or too loud. It takes a strong dose of humility to appreciate their earnestness over perceiving a personal attack and a dash of humor to dispel the awkwardness that you mostly only imagine. Ultimately, you need to defend your upsetting behavior or drop it.

Like many of the most important people in your life, you are largely stuck with your roommates. They can be year-long cohabiters or lifelong friends, but one thing they do not have to be is an enemy. Like my roommate has shown me, all it takes is setting your alarms early and thinking about the other person first when they do go off.

Passing the baton: TRANSITIONAL LEADERSHIP IN CAMPUS CLUBS

Marcus Willerscheidt • editor-in-chief

The most difficult part of leadership is giving it away. I don't just mean delegating to your team or organizing power structure so that one person isn't acting as a dictator. The hardest part about leadership is transitioning from one leader to the next. It's not always easy for a leader to give up their responsibilities, but it can be even harder for a new leader to accept them.

Clubs often elect new officers during the year, and they don't fully prepare them for what they'll be doing. Now, some positions hardly need any preparation, but many of them require a good deal of work. Club presidents should always spend some time working together with the future presidents during a transitional period. Very few people learn best by the 'trial by fire' style.

On the other hand, the transitional period should not be so long that the new president is a carbon copy of the current one. Clubs do not grow or change if the same ideas get passed on each year with the responsibilities. Once new officers

are comfortable in their positions, the old officers should leave and let the club try new things. This also gives more club members a chance to put their input into the changes that take place.

Furthermore, leadership is a learning experience. New leaders will always make mistakes, and often times, they aren't ready to be leaders yet. This remains especially important at a school where much of the population hasn't ever held a leadership position, and

those that have may only have held one. There are many theories about whether leaders are born or bred, but honestly, does it matter?

Even born leaders will have to learn some aspects of leading. Interacting with people, motivating them to be better, and properly balancing a team are not natural traits. No person is born an excellent speaker or an outstanding people person; everyone must acquire these traits through interacting with people. Some people acquire them much more quickly than others, but they still have to go through the paces no matter what. Leadership must be accomplished in the same manner. Leaders must try several positions and styles of leadership before they find the one that best fits them.

This brings up another point. Leaders shouldn't be judged on the mistakes they've made; they should be judged on the steps they take to repair these mistakes. Canning a new leader because they couldn't hack it is possibly the biggest mistake any team could make. In this situation, no one learns how to deal with a tough position, and even worse, the one per-

son who knows the most about the situation is no longer able to do anything about it. Each mistake is a learning experience, and there is no greater teacher than experience.

So, if you're a club president and you're thinking about leaving your new president in the red when they take over, reconsider. That will only prove how poor a leader you are. Spend some time teaching that person how to run the club. Then take your hands off, so he/she can make the club their own. Your role is much like a parent: you should be there when he/she needs you, but it's the new preident's club to run now.

Thomas Ringe • guest writer

At the end of every year, all the clubs pack up their things and everyone goes home for the summer. But when everyone comes back in the fall and the clubs start up again, someone has to step up and take over as president. This is where the importance of transitioning between leaders comes in.

When they are leaving,

it's standard for the club president to tell the next president how to take care of important matters. This usually consists of a briefing of responsibilities, a few helpful tips, and a 'good luck' pat on the back. Sure, there's some wiggle room there, but for the most part I think that's accurate. But what if the old president graduates and something goes wrong? Suppose the new president comes across a problem they don't know how to deal with.

The only way to get the club out of trouble would be to rely on the limited information that the new president can remember—and luck.

Why leave things up to chance? If you're a president who is graduating, do more than tell them what to do. Work with them for a while; have them help you out and do stuff before they're president. Take all the time you have to grad-

ually give the new president more and more responsibilities. Eventually, the new president will already be doing the work they will be responsible for next year, and the club can hit the ground running in the fall.

When the president doesn't need

to take the time to figure things out, it leaves more time for setting things up for the next year, and making improvements to the way things are

run.

At Swing Dance club, we require a great deal of organization and planning, which must be started as early as possible.

Even when working closely with the other officers, if the president doesn't know exactly what they're doing before the year even starts, things will absolutely fall apart. By treating the transition of new officers as part of our regular duties, we've been able to grow tremendously and run more efficiently.

We have twice as many members as last year, alumni instructing at a regional level, and coordinate events with a network of almost 20 different clubs located around the Midwest.

Handing over the title of club president isn't just a change of hands; it's an opportunity for growth.

Use it.

There are many theories about whether leaders are born or bred... does it matter?



Corey Taylor • faculty writer

Summer is usually higher education's off season. This past summer, though, was marked by scandals at two American universities.

The more egregious of the two occurred at the University of Virginia (UVa). Dr. Teresa Sullivan, who had been president of the university for two years, resigned abruptly in mid-June. A career academic who rose through professorial and administrative ranks elsewhere, Sullivan was popular at Virginia. The end of her presidency was announced to the university in an email from Helen Dragas, the Rector (head) of the Board of Visitors (Board of

Trustees) who, in her day job, is a real estate magnate.

Outrage ensued and then intensified when it became known that Sullivan had not resigned of her own accord but had instead been ousted and given the chance to resign by Dragas and two other board members. Dragas claimed to Sullivan that the Board of Visitors thought she was moving too slowly on matters like generating revenue and increasing online courses. Dragas also said that the board had voted in majority to fire her when it had not.

Constituencies across UVa defended Sullivan. Department chairs, program administrators, and the Faculty Senate sent protest letters to the board. Alumni were horrified and threatened to pull donations. Rallies were organized by Suzie McCarthy, a UVa graduate student in politics who also started a Facebook group called Students, Family, & Friends United to Reinstate President Sullivan, which gained over 15,000 members.

Sixteen days after Sullivan resigned—and after Virginia's governor, Bob McDonnell, threatened to remove the entire Board of Visitors if they did not act—she was unanimously re-

instated as president. She and the board have pledged to work together, but articles published after Sullivan's restoration show that all is not well in Charlottesville.

This past summer's other major academic scandal took place in the University of Missouri system. This one infuriated me more than what happened in Virginia because it concerned their prestigious university press. In late May, new Missouri system president Timothy Wolfe, a former software company executive with no academic leadership experience, announced the end of the press's \$450,000 annual subsidy after the 2012-2013 academic year.

In its place, the Missouri administration wanted to install a "new model" press based on electronic publishing (which the "old" press already did), staffed by graduate students and undergraduates in the journalism school. Clair Willcox, the press's Editor-in-Chief, was fired without warning, as were nine other press employees.

Events unfolded in a familiar fashion: Organizations devoted to scholarly publishing reacted with shock and then protest. Two authors who published

with Missouri founded a Facebook group to save the press (2,858 likes) and used it to get national attention. Authors and series editors wrote powerful letters to Missouri administrators and threatened to sue the university system if their copyrights were not returned to them. The Faculty Senates at the Kansas City and Columbia campuses passed condemnations of the press's closing and Wolfe's decision-making process.

All of this worked. Starting at the end of August and culminating with the re-hiring of Willcox in early October, the Missouri administration backpedaled and eventually rescinded their decision to destroy their perfectly functional press—although the damage has been done.

These scandals had happy endings. A combination of cross-campus fury, strong and unified statements from faculty, protests, and use of social media combined for positive outcomes. Nevertheless, neither scandal can be called resolved and neither of them happened in a vacuum. They say several things about where higher education now stands in this coun-

try.

Although the schools, locations, and players were different, the stories are similar: Top-down, corporate management styles don't work in colleges and universities. Transplants from politics and business often misunderstand or ignore shared governance, which is necessary for an institute of higher education to function properly. Transformative change happens slowly and with widespread buy-in, not overnight and unilaterally. Multiple audiences need to have equal voices and stakes in a school's direction. And if people get angry and organize, it will create more of a headache than if administrators involved other parties from the start.

Rose-Hulman isn't Virginia or Missouri. We are a private, teaching-focused college not beholden to the state of Indiana for our operational budget. Therefore, we're immune to these problems, right? Nothing to worry about as we search for a new president, right? Don't sweat it as our new strategic plan calls for expansion—we'll remain a college where the faculty has a strong voice.

Right?

The other side of the desk: Power of the People

Volleyball clinches No. 3 seed in HCAC Tournament

Lady Engineers host Bluffton on Tuesday

Kurtis Zimmerman • news editor

Following an unprecedented season that ended with the program’s first trip to the NCAA Division III Tournament, the volleyball team has landed a spot near the top of the conference standings. The Lady Engineers defeated Earlham College Wednesday night in straight sets to secure the No. 3 seed for next week’s HCAC Tournament.

In dominating fashion, Rose-Hulman swept Earlham 25 – 15, 25 – 17, 25 – 14 to round out their regular season of play. The Quakers, who had yet to win a conference matchup this season, were sent home winless for

the conference season as they could not overcome the tough Engineer lineup.

Senior Anna Lewer led the offense with eight kills, followed closely by junior Catherine Fiutem with seven. In assists, freshman Sarah Jensen led with 13, and junior Kira Boswell added 11.

The Engineers split their matches this past weekend, suffering a tough 1 – 3 loss to Bluffton University before reversing their fate with a 3 – 1 win over Defiance College.

As the No. 3 seed, Rose-Hulman will host Bluffton University – the No. 6 seed – on Tuesday, October 30, 2012, in Hulbert Arena at 7:30 p.m. The winner of that

matchup will move on to face No. 2 seed Transylvania University, and that match will be hosted by No. 1 seed College of Mount St. Joseph.

Prior to the HCAC Tournament, the Lady Engineers will face off against IU-Kokomo and Aurora on Saturday beginning at 11 a.m. as part of Senior Day. Lewer and fellow senior Erika McGuire will be honored as graduating members of the team.



In support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Rose-Hulman volleyball team and their families gathered together for the annual Dig Pink Match.

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MEN’S SOCCER MOVES CLOSER TO CONFERENCE TITLE

Matt Dierksmeier • sports editor

To keep their tie with Transylvania University atop the HCAC standings, the Rose-Hulman men’s soccer team needed a win

against Hanover College last Saturday.

Though the Fightin’ Engineers had several scoring opportunities in the first half, they could not capitalize. Their defensive effort

would help to keep them in the game as they held Hanover to only one shot in the opening period.

The match would remain scoreless until Rose-Hulman was awarded a free kick from about 20 yards out with less than eight minutes remaining in the game. Taking the free kick, junior Mike Schiff buried the ball into the back of the net, past the reach of the Hanover goalkeeper. The Engineers would hold Hanover without a goal for the rest of the game, earning the 1 – 0 victory.

With the shutout, Rose-Hulman goalkeeper Drew Miller would record his

sixth of the season.

The Engineers then hosted HCAC opponent Earlham College on Wednesday night. With Transylvania still unbeaten in HCAC play, Rose-Hulman needed a win against Earlham to avoid slipping into second place in the standings.

Opening up the scoring in the first half, Rose-Hulman senior Joe Byrd slipped one past the Earlham goalkeeper on an assist from junior Ben Green. Shortly thereafter, junior William Senat would increase the lead to 2-0 in the 44th minute.

Earlham would then retaliate in the 86th minute to heighten the tension in the closing moments. Rose-Hulman would though hold to win 2 – 1.

With the victory, the Fightin’ Engineers are still

tied with Transylvania at 7 – 0 – 1 in HCAC play and improve to 11 – 4 – 3 overall.

As it stands, Rose-Hulman is guaranteed a top-two finish in the conference regular season standings, and thus the privilege of home-field advantage in the semifinal round of the HCAC Tournament on Oct. 31.

With one game remaining, the Fightin’ Engineers have a chance to secure a least a share of the HCAC regular season title for the third time in the past five years. Their regular season finale comes this Saturday against yet another HCAC opponent, Manchester College. Manchester is currently fifth in the conference with a 3 – 4 – 1 record, out of contention of making the HCAC Tournament.



The Fightin’ Engineers are now one game away from either winning or sharing the HCAC regular season title.

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Women’s soccer eyeing HCAC Tournament berth

Matt Dierksmeier • sports editor

Looking to make their way into the HCAC Tournament, the Rose-Hulman women’s soccer team had an opportunity to better their odds with a conference matchup against Hanover College last Saturday.

At the end of regulation time, the score remained tied 0 – 0. In the overtime periods, Rose-Hulman would put one shot on goal while Hanover would manage two shots. The match ended in a shutout draw though, moving the Engineers to 3 – 2 – 2 in conference play.

Freshman goalkeeper Lucinda Combs, with her five saves, would earn her seventh shutout of the season, breaking the Rose-Hulman single-season record.

In another chance for Rose-Hulman to earn their

way into the postseason tournament, the Fightin’ Engineers faced conference foe Earlham College on Wednesday evening. Both squads would come out firing in the first half, combining for a total of 11 shots, though neither team would score. Earlham continued their offense effort after the break, outshooting Rose-



Recording two shutouts this week, freshman Lucinda Combs now holds the Rose-Hulman record with eight shutouts this season.

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sive saves, freshman Lucinda Combs would hold Earl-

ham scoreless, pushing the game into overtime.

Seven minutes into the first overtime period, Rose-Hulman would be the first to break the tie. On an assist by Katie DeMoss, junior Amanda Kingman scored her second goal of the season. The score would give the Engineers the upset win over the top ranked team in the confer-

ence.

On the season, the Rose-Hulman team is 9 – 6 – 3 overall.

Currently in fifth place in the HCAC standings with a 4 – 2 – 2 record, the Rose-Hulman women still have a chance to make the HCAC Tournament but need to win their last match of the season this Saturday at Manchester College. Manchester is currently sixth in the conference at 4 – 3 – 1.

They could also need Defiance College, the current fourth place team, to falter against Hanover this weekend should Rose-Hulman tie against Manchester.

Should Rose-Hulman make the HCAC tournament, they will partake in the semifinal game on Oct. 30.

Wacky prof quotes

“I realized that I don’t have a great desire to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel... I wouldn’t be famous, because I’m too old!”
-Dr. McInerney. That’s definitely the first reason I came up with for not going over, too.

“If that reminds anyone of a saddle, you’re probably on drugs.”
-Dr. Goulet. He proceeds, ‘now, imagine you’re in the fifth dimension....’

“You were drunk last night, so whoever is the most sober should read the measurements.”
-Patricia Brackin. From her new book, “Lessons They didn’t Teach you in Engineering School.”

“Now, I’m going to blow your mind later, because we’re going to do something else.”
-Dr. Mech. It’s a trap! He just doesn’t want you to fall asleep, again.

Rose professors say crazy things. E-mail them to the Flipside at thorn-flipside@rose-hulman.edu for a chance to win a 25\$ Visa gift card!

New road plan revealed

What are we gonna do with all these roads!?

Brawn Brosky • he’s super bro, bro

Last weekend, the Administration and the Student Government Association held a joint press conference to reveal the new road system being implemented on campus in the next year. The event, filled with several speeches, took place in the Kahn room filled with members of the student body, faculty, staff, club organizations, local reporters- one member of the *Thorn* and a few homeless people.

The President of SGA, was the first to speak. “For years, the student body has pleaded for more roads to be put on campus. For years we were denied, with nary a work spoken to us about it. Well, ladies and gentleman, that’s all about to change.”

With unheard of fervor, he continued, “Thanks to your persistent nagging, rigorous models, and hard evidence, we were finally able to convince them to build us more roads!” The bombastic speech was met with two raised eye-brows and a single bead of sweat (more interest than has ever been expressed in campus politics before, if you were wondering).

Next, Interim Vice President had a chance to speak, “Yeah we had about \$8 million extra so we flipped a coin between building more roads or giving bonuses to professors. The professors actually won, but we were like, ‘screw that,’ and decided to go with the roads anyway.”

The biggest additions to the road system include Frontage Road all around campus, Vista Drive around the athletic fields, and a Lakeview Drive around Speed Lake. The new system will give students unparalleled access to all campus facilities and will allow students to get to

any building with no more than 30 seconds of walking.

At the closing of the event, an irate professor exclaimed, “back in my day we had to walk everywhere. My dad used to say to me, ‘where we’re going, we don’t need no roads.’ You kids have just gotten lazy...”

The SGA President quickly retorted, “You know who else had to walk everywhere? Hitler!” The latter comment was met by the cheers of all three crowd members.

The unabated enthusiasm is a clear sign that the new roads will be a solid win for all parties involved.



The new proposed road system will enable students with unprecedented levels of laziness.
Man Daginot • chronically adventurous

Married to the Sea

No lady can resist this hat.
Except every lady I know.



Married To The Sea.com

Top Ten

alternative careers after Rose

thorn staff • collective IQ of 72

- 10.** Circle K gas station attendant. They already know a few of us by name!

9. Steer wrestler. At least this career would be more exciting.

8. Elementry school teacher. Reserved for those whose inner child made it through alive...

7. Athletic superstar. Gotcha! Ha. This one was just a joke, it’ll never happen.

6. Flipside editor. I heard the kid doing it now is an idiot, anyway.
- 5.** Professional “cook.” Maybe you’ll even get to meet Bryan Cranston!

4. Underwater basketweaver. Speaks for itself.

3. Adult novelist. For the love of science, try and popularize the phrase “stimulated emission.” You know, from physics.

2. Park hobo. Well known for giving half baked ideas and crackpot theories to the local children.

1. Congressman (or lady). Let’s be totally honest about the quality of education of most representatives...