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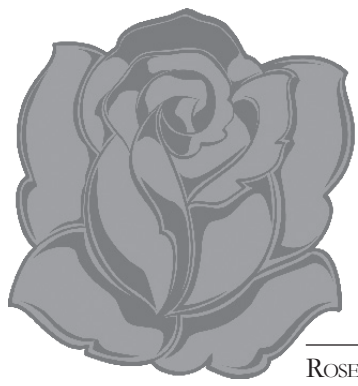
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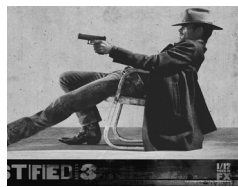
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## Faculty Without Borders book drive

Jason Latimer • copy editor

Over the course of this month, Faculty Without Borders is hosting a book drive to send high school- and college-level books to schools in Kenya.

"The book drive was started after going to Africa, after Kenya and seeing the needs specifically in the high schools," Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering Ashley Bernal, one of the group's members, said. "There's not very many books in their libraries, so with how many books we have around with the professors and the students, it seemed like a great idea to try to send some books over that way."

Four professors from Faculty Without Borders, including Dr. Bernal, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering Richard Onyancha, Associate Professor Geography Michael Kukral, and Chair of Physics and Optical Engineering Charles Joenathan, took a trip to Africa this past July. They visited Egerton University near Nakura, Kenya and several high schools nearby, where they observed their ed-

ucational conditions and ascertained how the group and Rose-Hulman could help the area. Although they have several ideas in the works, they determined that a book drive would be great to start out with.

"We're going to send (the books) to Egerton University, and then they have some partner high schools that are very nearby that they can take some of the books over to," Dr. Bernal said.

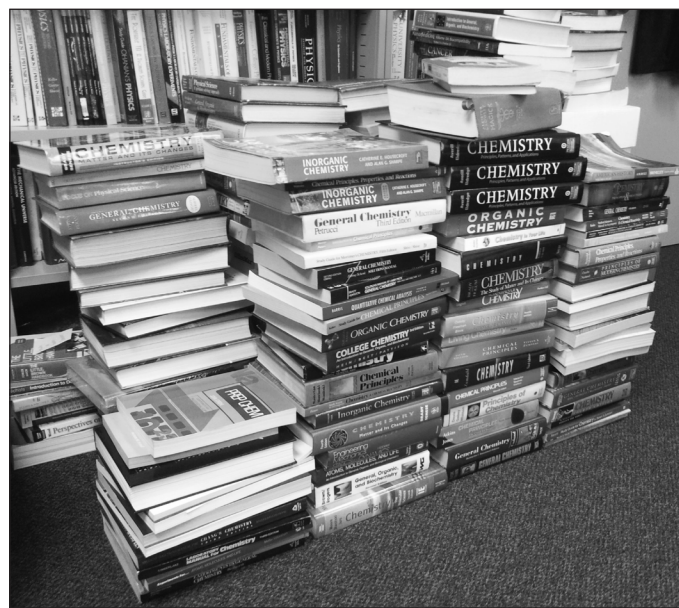
The first idea to create a group like Faculty Without Borders, which started at the beginning to last year and is still in its beginning stages, according to Dr. Bernal, originally came from Dr. Joenathan.

"About two years ago, I wanted to start a group because I heard a lot about the Engineers Without Borders," Dr. Joenathan said. "I thought maybe, why not start an organization like Faculty Without Borders?"

He was also inspired by Teachers Without Borders, an organization of high school teachers dedicated to enhancing the quality of education around the world.

About six faculty showed up to the

first meeting, and it was from this original core group of members that



Books collected in Dr. Joenathan's office.

Jason Latimer • The Rose Thorn

the idea to visit Africa. Faculty Without Borders is not an official organization within Rose-Hulman yet, but Dr. Joenathan plans to change that as soon as next quarter with the se-

lection of positions like president and vice president and an addition

of a website. Meanwhile, the group encourages students to donate materials suitable for high school- and college-level students to the book drive. Dr. Joenathan estimated that Rose and the Terre Haute area have donated roughly 900 books already.

The group has not announced an end date, but they would like to send out all of the books by February. Students can drop off books in Dr. Bernal's office, B-108c,

or in Dr. Joenathan's office, CL-105.

Check out the next issue of the Thorn to read more about Faculty Without Border's future plans to improve education in Africa.

## Evan Duvall crowned Mr. Rose

Jason Latimer • copy editor

The Rose chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi hosted their annual Mr. Rose pageant in Hatfield Hall last Friday to raise money for their international philanthropy, Strike Out Arthritis. To meet the "Prince Charming" theme to this year's pageant, contestants representing fraternities and sororities adopted personas such as the "Prince of Pop", a "Fresh Prince", and an English

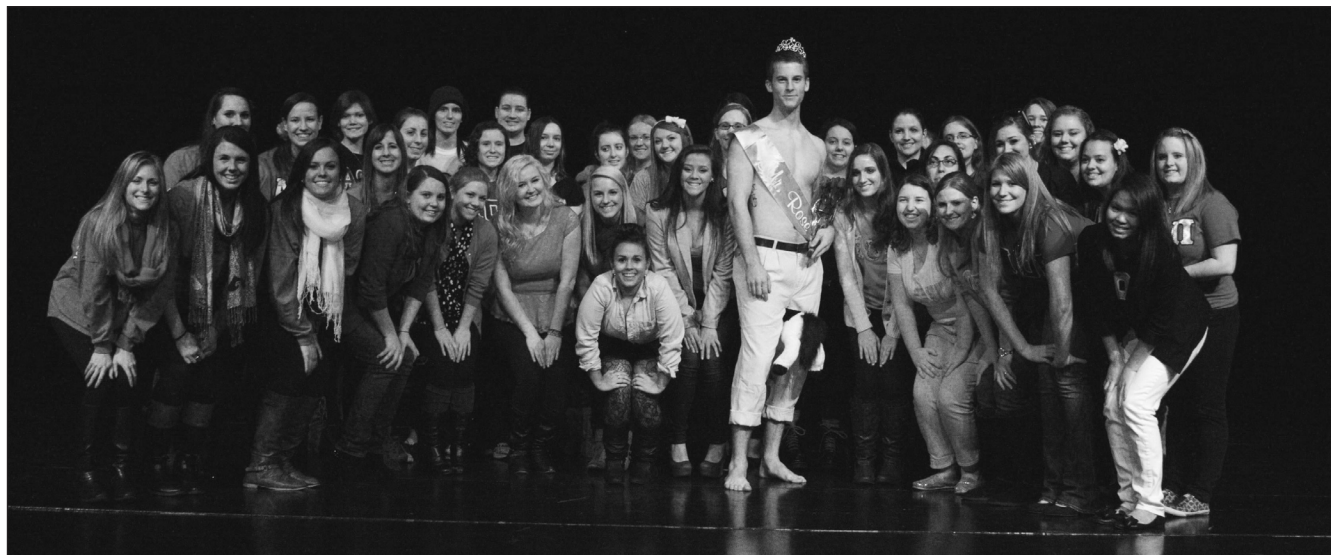
prince. After Dr. Richard House, Master of Ceremo-

nies, introduced the participants in the costume round,

each prince gave a performance in the talent round,

where routines ranged from musical numbers to comical PowerPoints to one prince scarfing down 20 White Castle sliders.

The judges then narrowed down the pool of contestants to six for the MacGyver round, where the princes assembled elaborate tools with random items like balloons, a plastic mask, and a slingshot in order to save a trapped princess from a dragon.



Evan Duvall, Mr. Rose 2013 posed with the ladies.

Michelle Mariani

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### events

#### Performing Arts Series: Susan Werner

Come to enjoy some unique jazz, blues and pop genres songs.

Hatfield Hall, February 2, 7:30 p.m.

#### Chinese New Year Celebration

Come celebrate the Chinese New Year, have fun and win prizes.

Kahn Room, February 9, 5:00 p.m.



#### Chili Peppers' Luncheon

Ladies supporting Riley Hospital for Children.

Kahn Rooms, February 6, 12:00 p.m.

#### MATHCOUNTS Competition

Middle school students will have fun competing against each other.

Hatfield Hall, February 9, 9:00 a.m.

### sports

#### Swimming vs. DePauw

February 2 - 1 p.m.

#### Men's BB vs. Franklin

February 6 - 7:30 p.m.

#### Men's Tennis vs. Earlham

February 9 - 3:30 p.m.

#### Women's BB vs. Earlham

February 13 - 7:30 p.m.





**Kevin Dwyer**  
Running for: President

**What are your goals as an executive officer if elected?**

SGA currently exists as an imposing organization. I want to try and help improve the image of SGA, and make it a more welcoming environment for those who need to come before the senate. Sometimes SGA has to say no and deny requests, but that doesn't mean that organizations should be afraid to ask at all.

**Why do you feel you are qualified for the position?**

I served as a catapult counselor last summer, which put me in a position of significant leadership, and I am currently an executive officer of the Student Activities Board. These two leadership positions, as well as a great familiarity with the campus, I feel have well prepared me to take on the role of SGA President.

**What key change would you like to make to the SGA?**

I mainly want to help increase the promotions for SGA and the myriad of things that it does. This can be accomplished by an SGA newsletter or even just a greater effort on the part of the executive board to publicize SGA events such as tailgating.

**What are your goals as an executive officer if elected?**

1. Increase awareness of the purpose of SGA, particularly its role as a forum for debate over issues relevant to students and as a catalyst, for change, not only as a funding agency.
2. Work with the new president to ensure that student's voices are heard, especially in this time of change.
3. Represent the student body and fight for what students want.

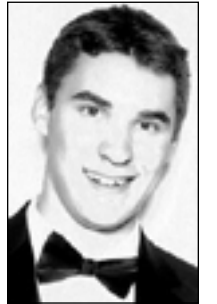
**Why do you feel you are qualified for the position?**

I am qualified to be SGA president for several reasons. First and foremost, I have been a senator for the past two and a half years, and have actively participated in SGA and on the SGA finance committee. I served as president of ALD, and currently serve as president of the triathlon club. In those leadership roles, I successfully planned and ran events that served tens to hundreds of students, such as the annual Rose Sprint Triathlon. I have participated actively in creating two years of budgets, and have worked closely with the SGA treasurer over the past year to better understand the process.

**What key change would you like to make to the SGA?**

I would like to see two changes in SGA:

1. I would like to have a formal senator orientation program that focuses both on procedure and also on the overall purpose of SGA, financially and also in its role as liaison between the student body and faculty/administration.
2. In order to help bridge the perceived gap between students and faculty/administration, I would like to invite faculty and staff committees, as well as select faculty or staff members, to report their findings to SGA once a year, so students can be better informed of the decisions being made and changes occurring at Rose. Not only would this add more substance to meetings, but it would increase transparency and allow students to feel more a part of the process.



**Michael McDonald**  
Running for: President



**Dakota Sawyer**  
Running for: President

**What are your goals as an executive officer if elected?**

One of my goals as an officer in SGA is to get the entire association more involved on campus. Also, I feel that communication between the SGA and the administration is lacking. I also want to get to know the deans across campus, because they are the ones that control the future of the institute along with the president.

**Why do you feel you are qualified for the position?**

I am currently in the middle of my 3rd year in AFROTL, I have held the positions of recruiting officer's assistant, recruiting officer, and public affairs officer. I feel that my leadership experience through ROTC has prepared me well for SGA. I am experienced at working within a deadline as well as organizing and leading meetings. My experiences make me a unique candidate for president in that I can already extremely familiar with, paperwork, memos, and leading a group of people with one common goal.

**What key change would you like to make to the SGA?**

The key changes I would make would be streamline the process of the creation of new clubs I feel that it should be easier for new clubs to start up, as well as set the funds that they need to succeed. Furthermore I want to make the entire SGA a more inviting environment, I feel that currently SGA is detached from the average student and I want to change that.

**What are your goals as an executive officer if elected?**

My goals if elected as an officer would be to ensure the best possible experience for every student while at Rose. I would also make it a goal to increase the awareness of the student body to the actions and goings-on of the SGA.

**Why do you feel you are qualified for the position?**

I feel I am qualified for vice president of SGA because I have had several leadership experiences both in high school and in my time here at Rose I have great communication skills and a strong passion to be involved in campus activities. I am currently an SGA senator for Percopo Hall and a member of the Student Activities board, among other involvements as well.

**What key change would you like to make to the SGA?**

I believe it is important for students to know what is going on in SGA and I would change and improve how information to the students is delivered.



**Eric Abegglen**  
Running for: Vice President



**Grant Brodnik**  
Running for: Vice President

**What are your goals as an executive officer if elected?**

Every SGA election in the past few years seems to have had a common campaign theme of the student body's voice needs to be heard; I will help achieve this goal by reaching out to students...etc. I haven't seen this accomplished to the degree that it should be. My major goal when elected will be to truly represent the student body. By hosting more events that require student body input and participation, I will achieve this goal.

**Why do you feel you are qualified for the position?**

A leader needs to be able to find effective, innovative solutions to problems in a timely manner. A leader needs to work well with others in order to institute these solutions. An effective leader is able to motivate those around him to do their jobs to the best of their ability, ensuring success of the executive board as a whole. These are qualities I possess, and I will do what it takes to get the job done well.

**What key change would you like to make to the SGA?**

After speaking with a number of students, I have found a common theme of failures of SGA in the past. A major issue students have is that there is a lack of communication between the executive board and the student body. Many students feel that monthly emails with brief updates of SGA runnings are insufficient. I will work to make sure students are well informed of decisions and procedures of the SGA. I want students to feel that their voice matters and I want students to get excited about having a role in school politics. This will be accomplished by streamlining communication between SGA and the stu-

**What are your goals as an executive officer if elected?**

As an executive officer, I would like to continue my involvement with student/faculty committees, inform the student body of decisions and expectations of the school, as well as lead SGA in a respectable and responsible manner.

**Why do you feel you are qualified for the position?**

I have been a part of SGA the past two years representing my class in the role of freshman and sophomore class president. During this time, I have made connections with students and faculty, and served on committees for Rose that I believe will be beneficial for this position.

**What key change would you like to make to the SGA?**

I would like to have SGA be more involved with campus. I believe the senators and representatives do a good job of informing, but we need work on making ourselves visible and available to the students and faculty.



**Kylie McCollum**  
Running for: Vice President



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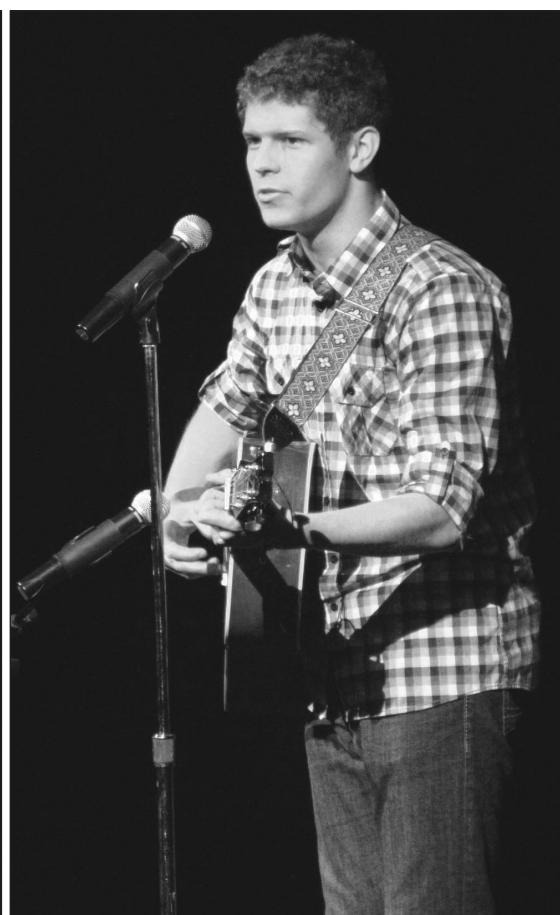
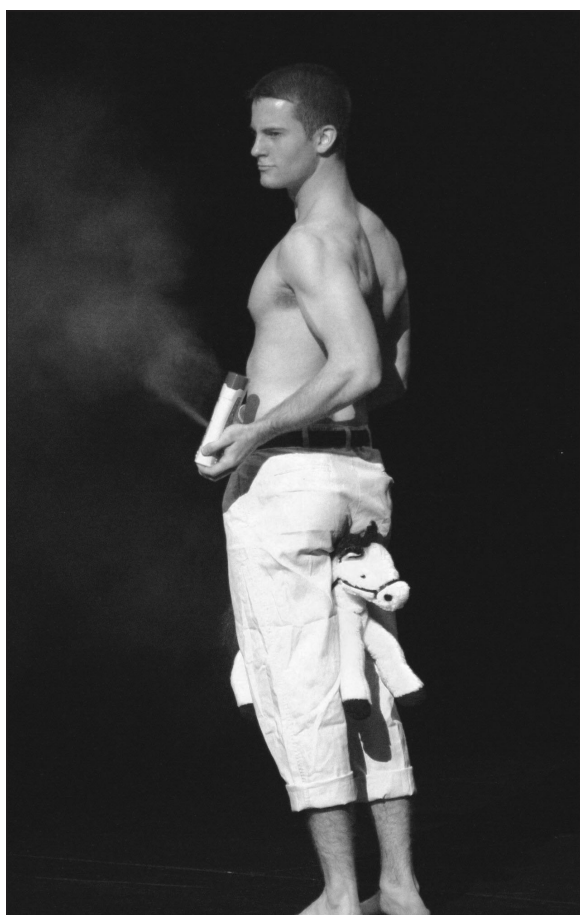
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# Mr. Rose, from page 1

Only Chadwick Jones, Prince Dashing the Valiant from Blumberg, Evan Duvall, Prince of Old Spice from Alpha Chi Sigma, and Neil Dorsey, Charm-Bot 2000 from Chi Omega, survived to the final round, the questions round. Dr. House posed a series of ques-

tions to each contestant, who responded in princely – and often humorous – fashion. In the end, the judges chose Duvall as Mr. Rose of 2013, followed by Jones in second and Dorsey in third. The pageant raised over \$2500 for Strike Out Arthritis.



## NEWS BRIEFS

Elena Chong • news editor

### Unlocking new smartphones becomes illegal

On Saturday, the Congress modified the Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998. This act makes it illegal to access copyrighted content and break digital rights management technologies. The software that is used to lock a smartphone to one carrier is covered under this act. Exemption to the act has been granted to users that wanted to unlock their phone to change to another carrier while still keeping their actual phone. With this new policy, smartphones purchased before last Saturday can still be unlocked, while the phones purchased after it will need permission from the carrier to be unlocked. People against this new policy argued that making unlocking illegal could lead to more expensive phones and electronic waste, since consumers would have to buy a new device to switch carriers.

### Missing Canadian plane found in Antarctica

Last week, a plane flying from the South Pole to Terra Nova Bay in Antarctica went missing with three Canadians. The missing aircraft was found three days later close to the summit in Queen Alexandra Range, in Antarctica. The plane wreckage suggests that the plane made a direct impact that was not survivable, Maritime New Zealand said on Saturday. The accident killed the three crew members, all employees of Kenn Borek Air. The Canadian Press said Kenn Borek Air had not identified the dead crew, but friends released the names of the pilots as Bob Heath of Inuvik, in the Northwest Territories, Mike Denton from Calgary, and Perry Anderson from Ontario. On Sunday, American and New Zealand search teams were able to land near the crash site and retrieve the cockpit voice recorder from the back of the plane but could not reach the front of the aircraft, which was buried in snow and ice. A full recovery mission is planned for next spring.

### Nightclub fire killed hundreds of people in Brazil

A fire broke out early Sunday in a popular nightclub in Santa Maria, Brazil. About 2,000 people were in the club when a member of a band performed a pyrotechnic show that started the fire. The fire killed at least 234 people. Another 118 remained hospitalized, 75 of those in critical condition, Brazilian Health Minister Alexandre Padilha told reporters. Many of them died from smoke inhalation, and others were trampled in the rush for the exits, one security guard told Band News. Most of the victims were university students that were celebrating the end of summer, since many universities are set to resume classes on Monday. That night, the streets were filled with thousands of people who marched to the site of the incident. Protesters are now demanding justice. Police have started interrogating people, including four individuals they arrested: the two owners of the club who the police identified as Mauro Hoffman and Elissandro Sphor, band vocalist-Marcelo de Jesus dos Santos, and show producer Luciano Bonilha. Investigators are still collecting evidence to file charges against the person responsible for this incident.



Members of male Greek organizations participated in the Mr. Rose Pageant hosted by the ladies of Alpha Omicron Pi.

Michelle Mariani and Jenn Pint



# BECOME THE KING OF THE JUNGLE ONCE AGAIN

## Ubisoft's new release isn't a far cry from expected excellence

Derek Robinson  
entertainment editor

Ubisoft's "Far Cry" series has long been heralded for its riveting, sandbox gameplay and its enthralling story since the first installment hit shelves in 2004. The sequel left fans aching for more, and the developers worked hard to satisfy that hunger. Although the release was initially delayed, the game was well worth the wait, and it's always nice to see a developer forgo deadlines for the sake of a better final product.

"Far Cry 3" features a riveting campaign, but the moderately stereotypical storyline

was greatly overshadowed by the intense gameplay. As Jason Brody, players get to almost step into the protagonist's shoes, feeling the journey from a pampered tourist into a hardened warrior as Brody has to take control of his life to save his friends. Granted, there's a "white messiah" feel to the plotline, but it almost seems like it was intentionally used to allow players to feel more in tune with the character. Michael Mando makes an excellent performance as Vaas Montenegro, the main antagonist for the majority of the game. Vaas' insane power trip was demonstrated by Ubisoft in a mini-series called the "Far Cry Experience," showing fans a peek at the foe they'll grow to hate to ramp up momentum before the game's release.

Ubisoft made a point to expand upon the already praised weapons system of "Far

Cry 2," adding weapon customization for a much more personalized gameplay. For even more personalization, this installment features a skill tree embodied by a developing tattoo on Brody's forearm. As well, there's a small hunting and crafting aspect to provide a nice aside from the otherwise linear storyline, allowing the player to hunt wildlife to expand inventory space and get away from what could otherwise feel like a bit of a grind. The series has always featured massive maps, and the installment of a fast travel system as well as numerous collectibles and hunting opportunities make the trips much more bearable. Of course, returning fans will be glad to know that the pyromechanics are as beautiful and useful as ever.

The only issue to be found with this otherwise perfect game is the multiplayer system. The game modes and gameplay themselves are wonderful, allowing for something that feels just enough like Activision's "Call of Duty" series to be fun, while being original enough to feel like its own game. Unfortunately, Ubisoft



farcry.wikia.com

isn't quite as experienced in the field of matchmaking, so the lobby waits can be long and the games can often be extremely buggy and frustrating. . . just enough to ruin what could be an excellent experience.

Overall, "Far Cry 3" pans out to be a wonderful game, falling just short of perfection. Among first-person shooters, Ubisoft still holds its spot for originality and excellence.

This is a game certainly worth a playthrough or two. Don't miss out on the opportunity to be the new king of the jungle.

Rating: 4/5 Elephants



“Did I ever tell you what the definition of insanity is?”

-Vaas Montenegro

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## IT'S JUSTIFIED

### FX delivers intrigue

Nate Wehr • guest writer

Starting with the first scene of the first episode, during which Marshal Givens (played by Timothy Olyphant) baits known murderer Thomas Buckley into pulling a gun on him so that he can shoot the man to death, FX has delivered every episode of "Justified" with action and excitement tied perfectly into well-developed story arcs. Due to the heated investigation into his shooting of Buckley, Givens is sent back to his childhood home of Kentucky, forcing him to deal with estranged family members, friends, acquaintances, and even his ex-wife. While in the Lexington/Harlan area, Marshal Givens becomes driven to stop the hillbilly gangs in the area, particularly the group tied to Boyd Crowder (played by Walton Goggins), a man Givens has known since childhood. As young adults, they had dug coal together until a cave-in caused both men to change their life paths and leave the state: Givens went to college and then the Marshals, Boyd went to the Army and then later to prison. The relationship between Raylan and Boyd changes fluidly throughout the seasons,

ranging from Givens surveilling Boyd off duty and trying to get evidence that Boyd is up to something to them working together to fight off mercenaries from a Mexican drug cartel.

Boyd is a persistent thorn in Givens' side in most cases, but each season also brings several very interesting new villains, each with their own quirks and deeply southern personalities. The story is well-written and amazingly unique, full of fluid characters who change and progress season to season and all excellently delivered through actors and actresses who play their parts to perfection. Olyphant and Goggins make the show as the leads, but every character has a depth to him that draws you in and makes you want to see more of him. If you somehow missed the first three seasons, drop this paper immediately and find a way to watch all of them today, then Hulu the first three episodes of this season and catch up. Seriously, go watch it.

Rating: 4.5/5 Elephants.



# Open Door versus Closed Door

Casey Langdale • webmaster

I spent my freshman year in Sharpensburg; needless to say, I experienced a lot of new things that year, one of them being open door policy. Now, I'm in Percopo, and I have to say that policy is gone. And, I miss it.

The open door policy was amazing, I would be sitting there doing homework looking for a small distraction and then five guys would walk into my room and just start hanging out for no reason. Then when I finished my work, which actually went faster with people in the room, since they could offer suggestions, I would

head down to Sharpensburg 212, where almost everyone would be sitting in the room playing games, music, or telling the best stories I have ever heard. It was perfect.

Now, when I have finally finished my homework and am looking for someone to hang out with or talk to, everyone is shut inside of their rooms. When I see that a door is closed it tells me that either someone is sleeping inside or that no one is welcome at the moment so I should go away and try again later. Then when someone is actually in their room and happy to have a conversation I am constantly thrown off

since it is just the two of us in the room, instead of a group of at least three different people already being in the room when I enter.

That being said Percopo on its own is easier on my G.P.A. due to the closed door policy. This is not because it removes distractions that occur while I am studying, but rather because there is so little else to do that I will study just to get rid of the boredom. And when I get even more than sick of that, I go to the library to get a book and read. Since I have moved into Percopo this new policy has helped me to make it into bed by two a.m. almost every night of the

week.

As a person who likes to have fun and talk to the people who live near me, I love the open door policy, but when it came down to my sophomore level curriculum I realized now was as good a time as any to buckle down and get all my work done even if it meant I had almost no fun throughout the day. Open door policy is fun, but when I need to get my work done even if I get fewer offers to help the closed door policy gives me the extra time I need to make sure I finish everything not just on time but even a little bit early too.

## The other side of the desk: On Writing



Thomas Adams • faculty writer

Writing is hard. Really hard.

Take the last two sentences, for example. Between the time I started writing this article and the time it went to press, I changed them no less than ten, eleven, twelve times.

First off, I couldn't decide if a piece concerned with the intricacies of writing should start with a simple thesis statement that writing is hard or an illustrative story instead. But, the seemingly innocuous decision of whether to state the idea first and then give an example or the other way around represents but the tip of the iceberg of neurosis that is my brain whilst writing. You see, once I decided on state-the-idea-first, I actually had to state the idea. "Writing is hard. Really hard." Seems simple enough, right? Not by a long shot. Let me explain.

I endeavor to adhere to a

number of guidelines proven to produce better writing. Among the most basic of these is to avoid the use of intensifiers, words such as "very," "quite," or in the present case "really." These adverbs merely make the adjective they modify a little stronger, their use usually amounting to sheer laziness. Better to use a good adjective in the first place than to intensify a lame one. Don't write "I'm very happy to see you," write "I am elated to see you."

Another principle is to avoid "is," or any other form of "be" verb when possible. This principle goes hand in hand with the idea of putting agency with the subject and action with the verb—in effect, to avoid creating passive constructions. "I am elated to see you" gets kicked

up a notch by writing "I beam with elation to see you."

We also have the principle of simply using good grammar. I try not to regularly split infinitives, and a preposition is something I don't usually end a sentence with.

And so how did I end up with "Writing is hard. Really hard."? Have I not violated all the above-mentioned principles with those sentences? Yes I have, but I settled on those two sentences because my following the guidelines kept resulting in schlock like "Writing does tax me so." and "Oh that writing did not cause me such trauma!" In the end "Writing is hard. Really hard." simply worked best. It is easy to forget that the guidelines for writing well come from good writing, not the other way around. That is a major reason why writing is so hard.

But beyond the schizophrenia of writing, rewriting, and re-rewriting (I won't even go into the painful decision of whether or not to use italics to emphasize "Really" in "Really hard." i.e., "Writing is hard. *Really* hard."), I find writing difficult for the simple reason that it forces me to clarify my ideas. Whether I write to explain the intricacies of capillary flow in microchannels or to convince the reader that numerical grading systems in higher education have outlived their usefulness, the act of putting certain words in a certain order in what is ultimately to

be a static and permanent form reveals a great deal to me about my thought process. In fact, I would go so far as to say that until I can write what I think, I am probably not exactly sure what it is that I think. Indeed, writing about some-

thing sometimes changes my mind about it. And if writing is hard, then admitting to myself that I was wrong about something is *really* hard.

Yes, I decided to keep the italics that time.

(Author's note: "The Rose Thorn" has graciously asked me to become its new faculty advisor. The staff of "The Thorn" honors me with their offer, and I have accepted. However, we all felt it inappropriate for me to continue to write this column while simultaneously holding the advisor position, and so this will be my last 'Other Side of the Desk.' Though I look forward to this new position, no longer pontificating from the 'Other Side of the Desk' will make me sad, italics-sad.)

writing...changes my mind about it

## Opinions: Making Statements

Ethan Hixon • opinions editor

Having an opinion on any topic seems integral in today's society. Democratic or Republic, pro or anti, one or the other. No matter what comes up in either conversation or debates, adding a personal point of view has become almost universal.

ous situation, intentionally, prevents the "safety net" of freedom of speech. Instead, people are encouraged to express themselves in any manner they choose that does not directly harm others.

By now, a reader may be confused by the direction of this article. How can this be an opinion article if all

Knowing how to form an opinion is half the battle

Social networking sites, such as Facebook and Twitter are just a few outlets for expression from people of all walks of life. This also provides a place for, as an engineer would say, friction to occur.

A common view is that, regardless of what one says, freedom of speech protects that person from retaliation. This does not always occur. Although the First Amendment allows each citizen to have their opinion, there are some restrictions for the safety of the citizen with the view and others in contact with the person. Provoking violence or inciting illegal acts is not covered by the First Amendment. However any citizen may feel about their issue, causing harm to other citizens, such as creating a hostile environment in order to create a danger-

that is being covered is what is entailed as an opinion? Knowing how to form an opinion is half the battle. Here is my personal opinion on how to form one. Regardless of where a person may stand on an issue, on either side or possibly in the gray middle area, everyone should think before they speak. Exercising the right of free speech is more important than ever with our ever connected world through the Internet, allowing views to be disseminated globally. This also comes with the heavy burden of deciding what should be said. Talking is just like crossing the street. Look both ways, check to see if crossing the street is safe, and make sure you don't create a hazardous situation such as standing and waiting for oncoming traffic.



# LADY ENGINEERS TIGHTEN DEFENSE FOR FOURTH STRAIGHT WIN

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When you attempt fewer than 40 shots in a game, there are two winning strategies: make a high percentage of your attempts, or hold the opponent to a poorer offensive performance.

Why not both?

In their past two games, the Lady Engineers have shot 54.1 percent and 58 percent from the field – the latter being their best offensive performance in the past six years – and have held their opponents to 45 points and 44 points. Scoring 62 points on Saturday and 52 Wednesday night, Rose-Hulman grabbed key home HCAC wins against College of Mount St. Joseph and Anderson University.

The two wins boosted the Lady Engineers to 10-10 overall and 6-7 in conference play, retaining the sixth spot in HCAC standings as of Wednesday night. The top six teams will be invited to the postseason conference tournament at the end of February.

Bluffton sits one game behind Rose-Hulman, and both teams will finish out their regular seasons with three of the top four teams in conference standings: Transylvania, Hanover, and Defiance.

Early in January, the Lady Engi-

neers topped Mount St. Joseph 53-43 on the road, and they were able to earn the sweep off three double figure performances. Freshman Addie Johnson led all scorers with 17 points, while sophomore Gracie Gibbs followed with 12 points, and freshman Carrie Morris rounded out the set with 10 points. Johnson and Gibbs also joined sophomore Sheree Williams with four assists each.

Key in the win against Mount St. Joseph was points earned from the free throw line. The Engineers shot 87.5 percent from behind the charity stripe to sink 21 of 24 free throws including a perfect 15 of 15 in the second half.

While Saturday's win meant a sweep for the Engineers, Wednesday night the women's basketball team was looking to even the series with Anderson after suffering a 57-64 road loss to the Ravens three weeks prior.

The Lady Engineers held the lead for the majority of the game before the Ravens fought back to take a three-point lead with just under six minutes remaining. However, the Engineers ended the game on a 14-3 run to grab the key win.

Familiar faces filled the stat sheet, as Johnson again led all scorers with 15 points, six assists, and three blocks. Gibbs added nine points, seven rebounds, four assists, and three



Prior to Saturday's tip-off, more than 50 local cancer survivors were honored as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Day.

**Rose-Hulman Athletics**

blocks to make her presence known on both ends of the court.

Freshman Cassidy Cain posted a career-high 14 points, and junior Kelsey Ploof provided scoring depth with eight points.

Notable in the matchup was the return of junior Lauren Meadows, who provided depth off the bench. Meadows had not seen playing time since experiencing an injury in the December 15 loss to Hanover College. Prior to that game, Meadows had led the

Engineer offense, scoring in double figures five out of seven games, including a career-high 23 points in the win over St. Mary-of-the-Woods.

The Lady Engineers will look to extend their winning streak to five games in a road matchup with conference leader Transylvania University on Saturday. They then travel once again to play Franklin College on Wednesday. Their next home game will be February 13 against Earlham College.

## No. 23 Engineers lock up HCAC Tournament berth *Road games pose challenge for men's basketball*

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A storm is brewing in Lexington this weekend.

The Engineers reentered the D3Hoops.com Top 25 poll this week at No. 23. But, look one spot up, and you find none other than Transylvania University at No. 22. The Pioneers handed Rose-Hulman its only conference loss so far this sea-

son in Hulbert Arena on January 12, and this Saturday, the Engineers will look to avenge that loss as they travel to Lexington, Kentucky to finish out the regular season series.

Rolling on a five game winning streak, the guys continue to tap into the No. 1 defense in the nation, holding their past two opponents to fewer than 40 points as they swept Mount St. Joseph and Anderson Uni-

versity.

Last Saturday, the Engineers matched the best 19-game start in school history with a 60-39 win over the Mount St. Joseph Lions at home. The Lions were held to just 28.6 percent shooting from the field and 43.5 percent from the free throw line, while the Engineers capitalized on 47.7 percent from the field.

Senior Austin Weather-

ford led all scorers with 17 points, four assists, and a pair of blocks, and junior Julian Strickland followed closely behind with 14 points. Seniors Jon Gerken and Nate Gissentanner chipped in with eight points and seven points, respectively.

Riding a wave of solid play to Anderson, Indiana, the Engineers toppled the Ravens in a 71-40 win to propel their record to 18-2 overall and 12-1 in HCAC matchups.

Strickland put up 12 points in the effort, with senior Brenton Balsbaugh and junior Alec Hout joining him in double figures with 11 points and 10 points, respectively. Balsbaugh nearly recorded a double-double with a team-high nine rebounds on the night, and Hout's effort was a career-best.

In both games this past week, the Engineers played at least 15 guys while still maintaining a considerable margin over their opponents. In the road win over Anderson on Wednesday, Gerken led the Engineers in minutes on the court with just 21, barely even an entire half worth of play.

With the win over the Lions, the Engineers locked up

an appearance in the HCAC Tournament and stand just a few wins from locking up a first-round bye in the postseason tournament.

However, the focus remains on a regular season championship, the first since 2001, as the Engineers travel south to Lexington, Kentucky to take on Transylvania. A win would put Rose-Hulman up two games over the Pioneers, while a loss would knot the two teams at 11-2 with the advantage going to Transylvania for sweeping the Engineers in their regular season matchups.

Further down in the conference standings, Hanover lost their spot alongside the Pioneers in second place after suffering a 75-77 loss to Franklin on Wednesday. Rose-Hulman will look to sweep the Panthers when they travel to Hanover, Indiana on February 16 to wrap up the regular season.

The matchup against Transylvania will begin at 3 p.m. on Saturday and will be available to stream online. Next Wednesday, the men will return to Hulbert Arena for their final home game of the season and Senior Night when they face Franklin College.

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-Dr. Simoni  
Unless Cheech and Chong started working here

There's a limit to how long they can get... usually only about 3 or 4 inches.  
-Dr. Herniter  
I've heard otherwise in special cases...

I have the same reaction on the crackpot scale.  
-Dr. Michel  
Is that higher than the Richter scale?

If you're going to have a pick-up truck, get one that sits low to the ground so the fat meth dealers can't get your catalytic converter.  
-Dr. Gibson  
Enough said.

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

# IN THE NEWS

## WHO KILLED THE GENERAL?

In a formal report issued on Tuesday, First Wok, China Garden, and Royal Mandarin told reporters they had officially removed the General Tso's Chicken from their menu. The reaction within the city of Terre Haute was rather apathetic towards the issue. "Ummm... alright. Who's General Tso? Whatever, I'll just have an order of chicken fried rice." Thomas Wherly told the staff at China Garden after they reported the news to him.

However, a group of students from Rose-Hulman were reported to have stood staring blankly at the menu in First Wok for several hours on Wednesday afternoon before giving up and walking out of the restaurant. One of these students was available for comment, however, he refused to give his name. "I don't really know anything else on the menu... I usually just go in there and say General Tso with Crab rangoon, and they bring me some delicious food. I don't even know what those words mean."

## HOROSCOPES!

*All the things you never wanted to know*

**ARIES:** Don't be afraid to tell people your true feelings... but do it in a way that isn't emotionally appealing

**TAURUS:** Grab life by its horns or life may grab you by yours

**GEMINI:** Let yourself become more vulnerable... but never make the first move.

**CANCER:** Stay out of the sun and don't go near any microwaves.

**LEO:** You've already found your mate, all you need to do is pounce.

**VIRGO:** ...Yes you are.

**LIBRA:** Don't go to Wal-Mart for the next few days... you're still wanted since the whole cashier incident

**SCORPIO:** You will find great luck in the next Cracker Jack box you open

**SAGITTARIUS:** Just eat some chocolate... that's about all you can do.

**CAPRICORN:** Check your email every once in a while... that job offer just might show up one of these days.

**AQUARIUS:** Fire up the grill this week... your roommate won't see what's coming

**PISCES:** Hold on to your dreams, one day you'll graduate.

## WHAT WILL THE SHADOW SAY?

In a formal report issued on Thursday, mere days before his debut this year... reporters claimed that the ground hog is really confused by the recent weather patterns. "Usually, I can pretty much tell if there's gonna be several more weeks of winter by the sheer tendencies of the temperature and precipitation." The ground hog reported, "However, I have no freakin' clue what to tell the people this Saturday when they want answers on Groundhog's Day." Later in the interview, our concerned and vexed ground hog stated, "In the recent weeks, the weather has gone from a frostbitten tundra where the only thing between you and certain death is an igloo and some whale blubber to a sun blistered Saharan day where you must dig a hole and bury yourself to escape the cancerous rays." Come Saturday, I really have no ounce of an idea whether the weather in Terre Haute is going to settle down or just remain on some sort of roller coaster from Hell.

## TUTORIAL TIME!

LET'S MAKE YOU A CAKE

WARM UP OVER TO 400° F

MIX TOGETHER:


- 1/4 c flour
- 3/4 c Corn Meal
- 1/4 c sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

then stir in:

- 1 c milk
- 1/4 c olive oil
- 1 egg (beaten)

pour batter into a greased pan, and bake for 25 minutes. The pan can be a 8" or 9" baking pan. My favorite is a pan with corn cob shapes. If I use it, I don't bake them as long.

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4. Make her come running back for more! Try our new Rebock Cougar tennis shoes! Designed specially for large felines.
5. IT'S TIME FOR A NEW CAR! Back from the grave: The Phord Pinta!
6. Give her the gift that keeps on giving... The Jelly of the Month Club!
7. LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE! C+--#
8. Jazz up your bedroom! Wool bedsheets
9. Are 5 hours not enough? Try new 24 HOUR ENERGY! NEVER SLEEP!!!
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