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SHPE and Salsa

Bringing Together Culture and Connections for Diversity Week

MARC SCHMITT
NEWS EDITOR

The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) held a SHPE and Salsa event, offering students dancing lessons and a homemade salsa competition. The event was held on Friday, January 22, from seven to nine in the evening in O229. Around 30 students went to the event, and seven students entered their homemade salsa into the competition.

“It was a really fun event,” said Brian O’Connor, the vice president of Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers at Rose-Hulman. “We had a higher turnout than expected, and we plan on doing an event similar to this in the future.”

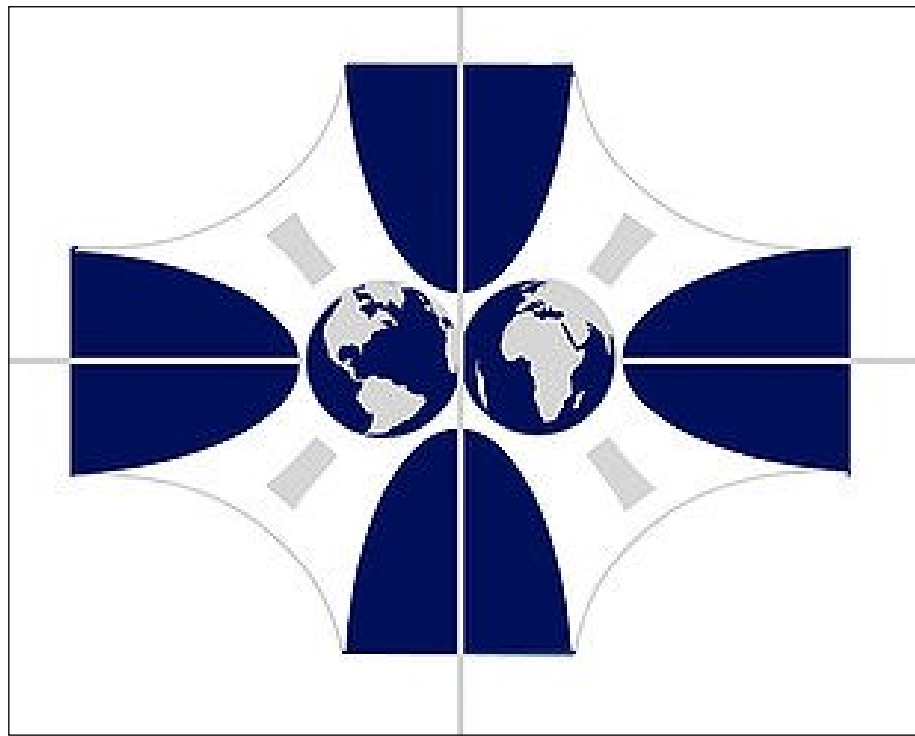
The event consisted of a homemade salsa competition, videos tutorials of how to dance to salsa, merengue, and bachata music. After each video, music for each type of dance was played, helping students learn each dance.

SHPE advertised for the event by sending out emails, and posting flyers around campus. The event has been in the works since fall quarter, and was originally scheduled for the end of Fall quarter.

The group has several events coming up in Spring quarter. The group is involved in planning and hosting a diversi-

ty week at Rose-Hulman. SHPE, the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), the Society for Women Engineers (SWE), and the Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (SASE) are hosting the event together to spread diversity awareness around campus.

Each night of the week will have an event hosted by one of the participating diversity groups. On Monday, SASE will be hosting a learn a language event, teaching people how to speak a wide variety of languages. SWE will be hosting Tuesday’s event, an art themed event where different cultures’ art styles will be showcased. On Wednesday, NSBE will be hosting a music night, where music from different cultures will be played and enjoyed. SHPE will be hosting a famous engineers night on Thursday. The group will have small crafting activities for several different engineering majors, and famous engineers with diverse backgrounds will be showcased. The diversity week will be capped off with an invite only networking din-



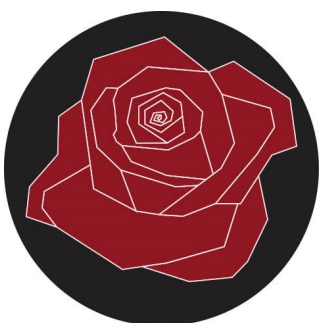
“SHPE changes lives by empowering the Hispanic community to realize its fullest potential and to impact the world through STEM awareness, access, support and development.”

Photo Courtesy of SHPE

“We had a higher turnout than expected, and we plan on doing an event similar to this in the future.”

ner with companies sponsoring the week. Students who attend events during the week will earn stamps for their passport, and the students with a certain level of stamps will be invited. The dinner will be hosted in the Khan room at the Hulman Memorial Union. Representatives from companies that sponsor the week will be there to network with the selected students.

Students should be on the lookout for this upcoming event from SHPE. Students interested in getting involved with SHPE can attend their weekly meeting, held on Thursdays.



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Greatest Floor 2016

Winter Doldrums Interrupted by Campus-Wide Competition

LAUREN WISEMAN
NEWS EDITOR

It would take a lot not to notice the hubbub around Rose-Hulman’s campus over the course of a chilly, frantic 24 hours. In the cold, dark heart of sixth week, the Greatest Floor competition arrived to sweep students up in a thrilling quest for glory. Eric Liobis, Assistant Director of

Resident Life said that started out as “as a bunch of ideas between Erik Hayes and a couple RAs” turned into the spectacle it is today. “They were just looking for something fun for winter quarter.” In its inception, it was just a series of tournaments. He went on to say, “It’s been evolving ever since, and I think this year is the best year yet.”

This year, the theme was ac-

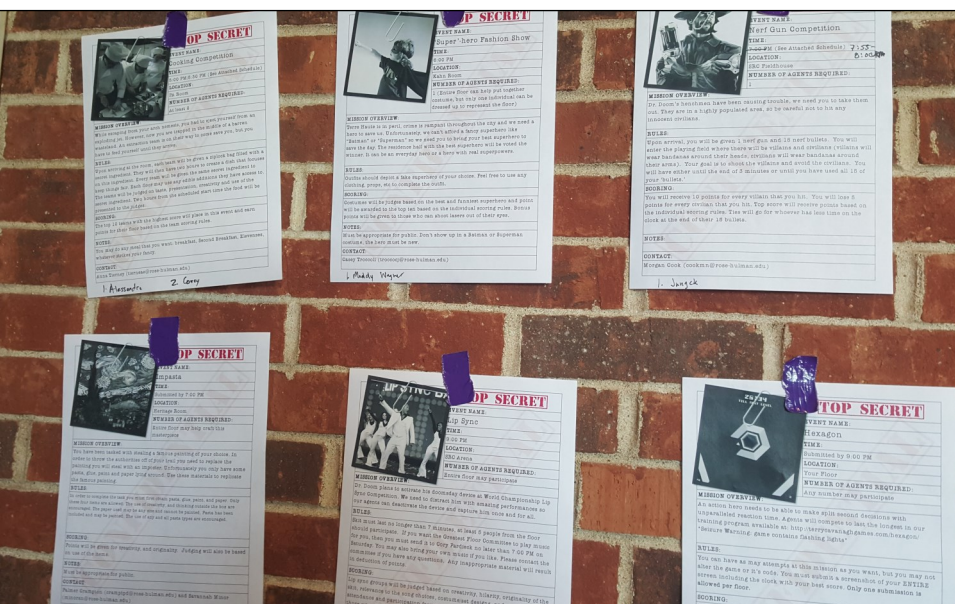
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tion movies. Each of the 24 events had a snippet of a dramatic adventure corresponding to it. Working as a floor, the campus is working to stop the maniacal Dr. Doom from destroying the world. The series of events offered “a great opportunity for floors to bond,” added Liobis. With a scavenger hunt and an escape room, a little bit of “The Amazing Race,” a pinch of “The Hunger Games,” and a dash of “Survivor,” there is something for everyone. But that is just a taste of the events waiting over the full day of activity.

When Greatest Floor was just starting out, euchre, cornhole, and Super Smash Brothers were just a handful of the tournaments awaiting the teams. The repertoire has grown more elaborate and inclusive: now there is something for everyone. Liobis explained, “This year we

tried to get the nerdy students, the athletic students... some of our events were specifically [for] international students.” Regardless of the changes that have taken place in the history of Greatest Floor, the goal of “looking for something fun for winter quarter.”

Winter quarter’s notoriety is well-known, but what remained undisclosed throughout Greatest Floor were a cache of secret prizes. By the end of the 24-hour extravaganza, one hall became victorious. Winning the Rose-Hulman Greatest Floor 2016, and the \$1000 prize, was Speed 1, with Mees coming in second. Thanks to this reprieve during the dreary cold of January, that rush of excitement will make the difference during these last few weeks of the quarter.



Organization, dedication, and teamwork are essential for the Greatest Floor competition.

Photo By Lauren Wiseman.

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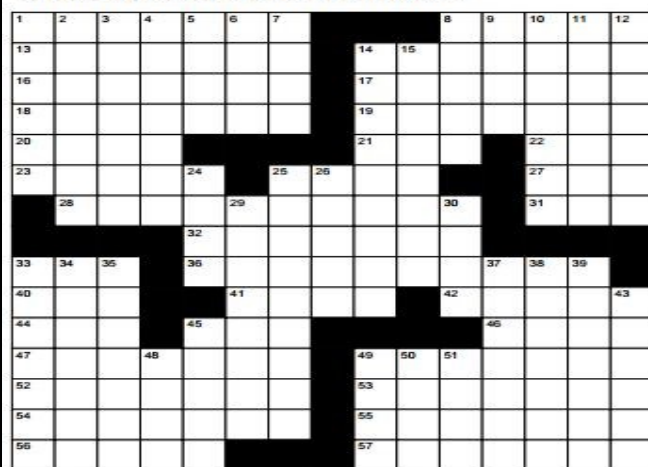
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Across
1. Common musical wrap-up
8. Homegrown
13. Let the air out
14. 1990 Depp musical
16. Acting the ham
17. Religious dissenter
18. Fiction genre
19. Nothing special
20. Starer
21. Sigur ____ (Icelandic rock band)
22. Indian author Santha Rama ____
23. Subject of Caesar
25. ____ bladder
27. Lip
28. Return someone to their country of origin
31. Sch. attended by Romney and Obama
32. Discipline
33. Caspian or Red
36. "Nashville Skyline" song

40. HBO relative
41. Now and ____
42. Hearing-related
44. Scanned code
45. Here, in Spain
46. iPod variety
47. Aykroyd's Blues Brothers partner
49. Empties a suitcase
52. More audacious
53. Can't stand
54. Dillydallies
55. Party's candidate
56. Bombeck and others
57. Tooth problem

Down
1. Sailor's jacket
2. Rudy Giuliani, e.g.
3. Unit of speech
4. Rodent snare
5. Pelvis parts
6. D.C. pols
7. Innovative and daring
8. Greek harps
9. German for 'above'
10. Nose-and-throat problem
11. Advice-giver Van Buren
12. Concert halls
14. Filmmaker
15. Rebelled against
24. Salt, chemically
25. Signs of stress
26. Bridal walkway
29. Prime Minister before Major
30. Irish New Age singer
33. Chin scruff
34. Nero or Claudius I
35. Kudos
37. Asylum resident
38. Mythic spider-woman
39. New York team
43. Red ink entries
45. Hearth heap
48. Org. for Borg
49. Radius partner
50. Novice, slangily
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East Coast Anticipate Two Feet of Snow

Washington, D.C., along with the rest of the East Coast is projected to take 12 to 24 inches of snow this weekend from winter storm Jonas, according to the National Weather Service (NWS). The NWS is calling the system "a potentially crippling winter storm." People are advised to avoid travel.

Earlier in the week, a mere inch of snow caused vehicles in the presidential motorcade to lose traction and slide into curbs.

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser said the city has requested National Guard vehicles to reach isolated persons.

"If this is a blizzard and we have sustained winds and people lose power, that would be my biggest concern... We can move the snow. We will move the snow," Bowser said.

"The Mid-Atlantic is going to get walloped," TWC meteorologist Ari Sarsalari said.

Western Virginia may see the largest amounts, and transportation departments along the entire East Coast are beginning to take preparatory measures for the upcoming storm.

"For a storm of this size, we're really looking at mobilizing just about everything we can, including our hired equipment, as well as our pre-treatment ahead of it," said Jason Bond, spokesman for West Virginia's Transportation Department.

Southwest Airlines has also issued a travel advisory from Thursday to Sunday. Southwest along with many other airlines are offering ticket changes.

Zika Virus Spreading

A mosquito-borne illness known as the "Zika" virus has been spreading through Central and South America. It is believed to be linked to a surge in serious birth defects in Brazil. The U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC) has issued a travel advisory urging pregnant women to consider postponing travel to the 14 countries where Zika virus is present.

The virus is not communicable for person to person and is only known to be transmitted by mosquito bite. The virus was discovered in 1947, named after the Ugandan forest where it was found.

The most recent outbreak, which began last May, has spread to somewhere between 440,000 and 1.3 million people in South and Latin America. The illness has also occurred in Africa, Southeast Asia, the Pacific Islands, and the Americas. The species of mosquito (Aedes), which is known to spread the virus, is found throughout the world, leaving open the potential for outbreaks in new countries.

The most common symptoms are fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis (pinkeye).

All U.S. cases involve foreign travel, with victims travelling to South and Latin America and testing positive upon return to the U.S. No vaccine or course of treatment is yet available, although a British biotech firm is trying to crack the virus by genetically modifying mosquitoes. For right now, the best solution is to avoid travel to infected areas and avoid mosquito bites.

Laser-Equipped UAV Fleet Planned by Pentagon

The Pentagon has revealed plans to create a fleet of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) with lasers powerful enough to shoot missiles out of the sky.

The drones would stay aloft for days at a time and operate at 65,000 feet above ground level with power to destroy missiles even during their launch phase.

Earlier projects used a large chemical laser on top of a Boeing 747. The previous project took over 16 years at a cost of \$5 billion, but successfully shot down a missile. The craft suffered from a short range and single-operation before refueling, making it vulnerable to fighters and other air defense systems. The plan was abandoned four years ago.

"It proved that, given enough power, given enough beam quality, given enough altitude, intercept of a ballistic missile ... [at a] wide variety of ranges would theoretically be possible," Vice Admiral Syring said.

The new plans will require smaller, lighter lasers that can operate at longer ranges while being deployed days at a time.

"You're going to need as much power as you can get to destroy as many boosters as you can... If you can balance that range, altitude, power and number of boosters you need to defeat to help augment our kinetic capability, you're thinking about the problem exactly right," Syring said.

Luke F-16 Crashes in Arizona

An F-16 Fighting Falcon assigned to the 56th Fighter Wing at Luke Air Force Base crashed at approximately 8:45 a.m. Jan. 21 north of Luke Air Force Base, near Bagdad, Arizona. This crash is the third affiliated with Luke to crash in the past three years.

Luke officials are working with local authorities in a search-and-rescue operation, but the pilot's status is unknown. The cause of the crash is not known at this time.

Diversity at Rose-Hulman

LAUREN WISEMAN
NEWS EDITOR

Although she has been at Rose-Hulman for only a short period of time, Janice Fenn, the new Director for the Center of Diversity, is already busy promoting inclusion on Rose-Hulman's campus. For the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration last Monday, Fenn connected with Spirit AeroSystems to bring Lillian Dukes to campus. Dukes is Spirit's Vice President of Business Operations for Global Customer Support and Services and came from Wichita, Kansas to demonstrate her passion for mentoring students. Esteemed in the field of aerospace, Dukes gives talks around the globe, encouraging students to follow their passion for engineering.

After graduating Villanova University with a master's in electrical engineering, Dukes pursued a respectable career. Working for well-known aerospace companies like the American Airlines Maintenance and Engineering organization and the Beechcraft Corporation,



Janice Fenn introducing Lillian Dukes.

Photo By Lauren Wiseman

"...Living the dream and pursuing the dream of Dr. King that we become drum majors for justice and inclusion."

with Midwest Airlines, Independence Air, and American Eagle Airlines thereafter, added valuable experience to Dukes' repertoire.

Spirit AeroSystems started out in 1927 as a small company in California, and was then brought under Boeing's wing. It was in Wichita where the company realized its strong level of engineering excellence, producing some of Boeing's best, like the B-29 Superfortress bomber and the B-52 Stratofortress, from that site. Ten years ago, Spirit AeroSystems spread its wings to fly solo. This proved to be a beneficial move, as the company has now expanded to Malaysia and China and works closely with its former parent company.

In addition to working with Boeing, Dukes talked about Spirit's collaboration with Airbus as well. As an independent company, they provide fuselages and components for a host of other companies, including Rolls-Royce and Mitsubishi.

Spirit has undertaken other projects as well, including remote control aircraft towers, which will allow smaller airports to function without people, and developing a material "that will not be too heavy... but can also contain a blast," according to Dukes. The company is also investigating ways to track airplanes more effectively in order to prevent disappearances like the Malaysian Airlines Flight 370 tragedy.

Through this commitment to advancing technology, Spirit ad-

heres to their belief that "diversity drives innovation and growth." Fenn hopes to accomplish exactly that at Rose, and by inviting Dukes to campus, she is already taking strong strides in that direction. By striving for this cooperative level of diversity, Fenn says Rose can move closer to "living the dream and pursuing the dream of Dr. King that we become drum majors for justice... drum majors for inclusion."



Lillian Dukes of Spirit AeroSystems.

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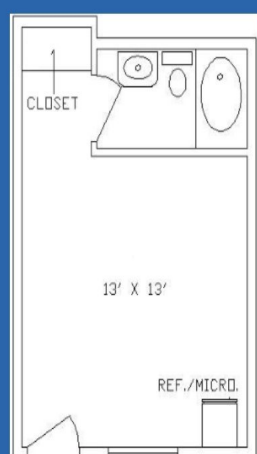
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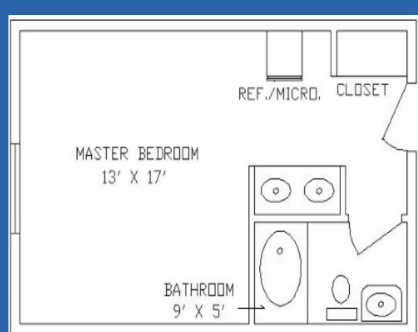


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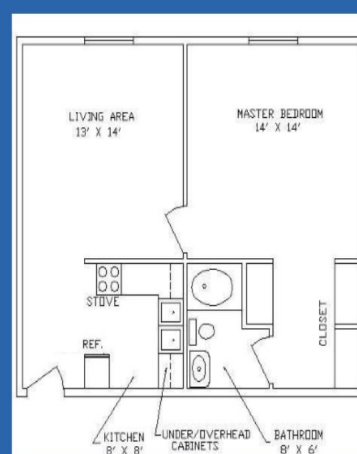
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1031 S. 4th St #1 - Spacious studio with large kitchen and bath.

525 Park St. #3 - This cozy studio has beautiful wood floors with nice windows for a bright living space.

619 S. 5th St. #1 - A very spacious two room studio with a large closet and full bath with tub, central ac, off street parking and is convenient to downtown and ISU's campus.

708 S. 6th St. #1 - You'll enjoy the bathtub/shower combo in this 1st floor studio with spacious room, gallery kitchen and dressing room.

708 S. 6th St. #3 - Inviting studio features large room with fireplace, hardwood floors, bay windows, large kitchen and off-street parking.

720 S. 6th St. - #3 & 4 - These sunny studios feature a large room, kitchen area, and bath with shower.

ONE BEDROOM UNITS

525 Park St. #2 - Lovely one-bedroom with private, screened in porch, large bathroom with shower/tub combo, spacious kitchen and bedroom and off-street parking.

525 Park St. #4 - This space offers a larger, open concept living and kitchen area with hardwood floors. Old Victorian charm is added with tall ceilings, a claw foot tub, and a spacious bathroom

904 S. 6th St. #4 - A unique space with loft bedroom, open kitchen and living room with brick wall.

930 S. 6th St. #4 - A one bedroom apt with a nice size living room and kitchen, There is lots of closet space and a wonderful bathroom with a tub/shower combo.

930 S. 6th St. #B - This is a uniquely created basement apartment that offers ample natural light and privacy. The newly renovated apartment gives you a spacious living and kitchen area with plenty of square footage in the bedroom along with a brand new bathroom.

708 S. 6th St. #2 - The wonderful oak fireplace mantel, stained glass windows, wood floors, enclosed back porch and lots of closet space make for an amazing living area in this one bedroom.

720 S. 6th St. #B - Great one-bedroom with lots of closet space & large kitchen. Utilities included.

1027 S. 4th St. #2 - Lovely, spacious one bedroom featuring a large bedroom and closet newly updated kitchen with dishwasher. Price includes utilities. It is going to go fast!

1031 S. 4th St. #3 - This one bedroom features a roomy bathroom and bedroom, open kitchen/living room, laundry close by and private entrance.

TWO BEDROOM UNITS

926 S. 6th St. #3 - This sunny two bedroom apartment has lots of vintage charm with a bathtub/shower combo and glass front cabinets in the kitchen. Includes gas, water and sewage.

708 S. 6th St. #B - This spacious basement apartment offers plenty of square footage in the kitchen, living room, large bedrooms, and bathroom. All utilities are included for more affordable and easy living.

1031 S. 4th St., #4 - This two bedroom has two large bedrooms and open kitchen, living room with lots of natural light - laundry next door.

THREE BEDROOM UNITS

517 S. 4th St. Apt A - This unit has recently undergone renovations. It consists of three large bedrooms, 2 baths, central air, new appliances including a washer/dryer, dishwasher and a spacious living and kitchen area. Off-street parking and close to downtown and ISU's campus.

700 S. 5th St. #4 - This 2 story 3 bedroom apartment, offers a kitchen, living room, bath, 3 large bedrooms, and a sitting area! Price also includes all utilities - a great find for your college apartment.

708 S. 6th St. #5 - This is an amazing apartment with large bathroom, and lots of storage/closet space in each bedroom. The kitchen opens up into the living room with a snack bar. Includes gas, water and sewage.

FOUR BEDROOM UNITS

529 S. 6th St - Conveniently located close to downtown & ISU. Four bedrooms, one bathroom, large living room and dining room & laundry. Front porch and back yard with carport

1027 S. 4th St. #3 - This conveniently located unit recently went through a complete renovation... This two story apartment offers four spacious bedrooms, two bathrooms and a great kitchen design with new appliances including a dishwasher.

FIVE BEDROOM UNITS

319/321 S. 6th St. - Great location - close to campus and downtown life. Each unit features spacious living rooms, hardwood floors, central air/c, 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, in-unit laundry and modern kitchens.

515 Crawford - This carriage house has three bedrooms, laundry and bathroom on the first floor. The second floor has a large living room, kitchen, bath and two lofts! Water and sewage are included.

1122 S. 4th St - Five bedroom house with large bedrooms, two bathrooms large open living space, lovely hardwood floors, kitchen has nice appliances including duo washer and dryer. Private backyard with patio - perfect for entertaining.

911/913 S. 6th St. Duplex - This house features 10 bedrooms, 2 kitchens, 3 full baths, 2 - 1/2 baths, laundry, beautiful woodwork and spacious living room. Nice backyard for outdoor entertaining plus more.

1139 S. 6th St - Newly renovated kitchen dishwasher, washer and dryer. This is perfect for a large group of friends - features 8 bedrooms, 2 full kitchens, 3 full baths, 2 - 1/2 baths, hardwood flooring, nice private yard and lovely front porch.

Ask the Staff

Which of the projects during your Rose career has been the most difficult?

Amaryllis Biduaka
Lifestyle Editor

Lauren Santichen, Flipside

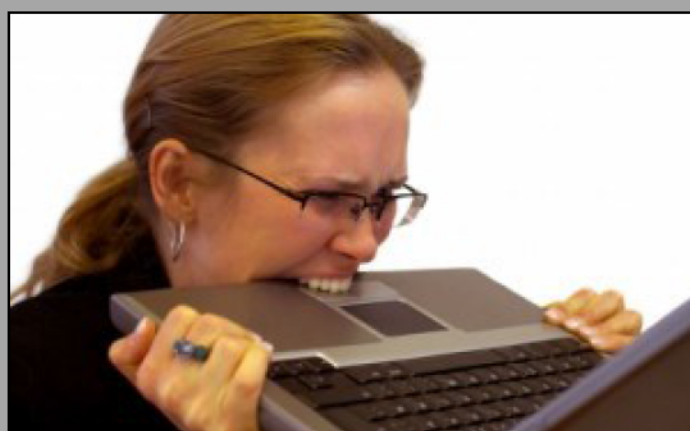
I don't know if there's been one project that's been hard. There have been classes full of projects, but I've had times where I thought something was very hard, took the next class, and came back thinking it was the easiest thing in the world. As with every project, it is always about perspective and skills.

Mark Rodgers, Opinions Editor

The statics landing gear project.

David Huang, Entertainment Editor

I really enjoyed doing the project, but I guess the CompArch project is the only



The projects at Rose are never ending.

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one that resulted in I me sleeping in the CS labs multiple times.

Taylor Marconi, Photo Editor
Scheduling for classes.

Amaryllis Biduaka, Lifestyle Editor

The statics project was extremely difficult. It was the first big project I had to tackle while I was in college where we had one shot to get it right. We stayed up all night and ended up with a successful link.

Jason Latimer, Copy Editor

The single most difficult project I've ever had at Rose is trying to find a date.

Lauren Wiseman, News Editor

Hard to say, given I'm a freshman. Maybe this product improvement project last quarter? The research and work was eventful.

Ask the Staff

If you could be any age for a week what age would you be?

Amaryllis Biduaka
Lifestyle Editor

Lauren Santichen, Flipside

If I could be any age, I would be five, mainly because I could have nap-time and not be judged by anyone. Also because I could get away with a lot more things when I was an adorable five-year-old than I can when I'm an adorable 21--year-old. If anyone takes over the world, it will be the children.

Mark Rodgers, Opinions Editor

I would be 18. I would be able to drive without restrictions but without lots of responsibilities.

David Huang, Entertainment Editor

At risk of sounding like Zac Efron, 17 was a good time. You could drive and party, but you didn't have to worry about bills or jobs.

Taylor Marconi, Photo Editor

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Amaryllis Biduaka, Lifestyle Editor

I would be 19. I'd be in my prime.

Jason Latimer, Copy Editor.

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Lauren Wiseman, News Editor

30 is my age of choice because by then I will be an established adult.

Tiramisu

Amaryllis Biduaka
Lifestyle Editor

I've always been a bit intimidated to make tiramisu since it takes a long, grueling process to make. However, I recently discovered a new, easier version of tiramisu. This recipe uses simple ingredients and requires less than 30 minutes to make. It is a friendly beginners recipe that is sure to make you smile when you're in need of a delicious dessert.

Recipe courtesy of
crazyforcrust.com

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 teaspoons of an instant coffee
- 1/4 cup of hot water
- 1 cup of heavy whipping cream (substitute with 1 cup of whipped topping)
- 1 1/2 cups of powdered sugar
- 8 ounces of mascarpone cheese or cream cheese
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon of unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 ounce of semi-sweet baking chocolate
- 1 gallon-sized Ziploc bag
- 4 serving glasses



Tiramisu is a great dessert to share with friends

Photo courtesy of crazyforcrust.com

1. Stir the instant coffee with the hot water and allow it to cool.
2. (Skip this step if you used whipped topping) Beat the whipped cream until stiff peaks form and chill.
3. Combine the powdered sugar and mascarpone/cream cheese. Once they're mixed, add in the vanilla extract and one tablespoon of coffee. (Note: you can adjust the amount of coffee in the recipe to your taste)
4. Add the whipped cream to the mixture and transfer the combination into a gallon-sized Ziploc bag.
5. Cut a quarter-inch hole at the bottom of the Ziploc bag and squeeze the mixture into the serving glasses.
6. Between each layer of tiramisu, sprinkle in cocoa powder. Once the cup is full, grate the one ounce of semisweet chocolate over the top.
7. Chill the dessert until it is ready to be served.

One Pot Pasta

Amaryllis Biduaka
Lifestyle Editor

If you're looking for a new hearty pasta dish to try, this is the one for you. This one-pot pasta will leave you full and ready to finish your evening assignments.

Recipe courtesy of damndelicious.net

- 1 box of spaghetti
- 1 package of smoked sausage, thinly sliced
- 1 large onion, thinly sliced
- 3 cups of halved grape tomatoes
- 2 cups of fresh basil leaves
- 4 cloves of garlic, diced
- Kosher salt and black pepper
- 1 cup of parmesan

1. Fill a large pot with 4 1/2 cups of water and add two teaspoons of oil to prevent the noodles from sticking.
2. Combine the spaghetti, sausage, onion, tomatoes, basil, and garlic and bring to a boil.
3. Reduce the heat and simmer the mixture for 8-10 minutes or until the pasta is cooked through.
4. Strain the pasta and add parmesan.



This simple pasta is a great dinner option.

Photo courtesy of damndelicious.com

Development Hell

Early Release games, the future of video games?

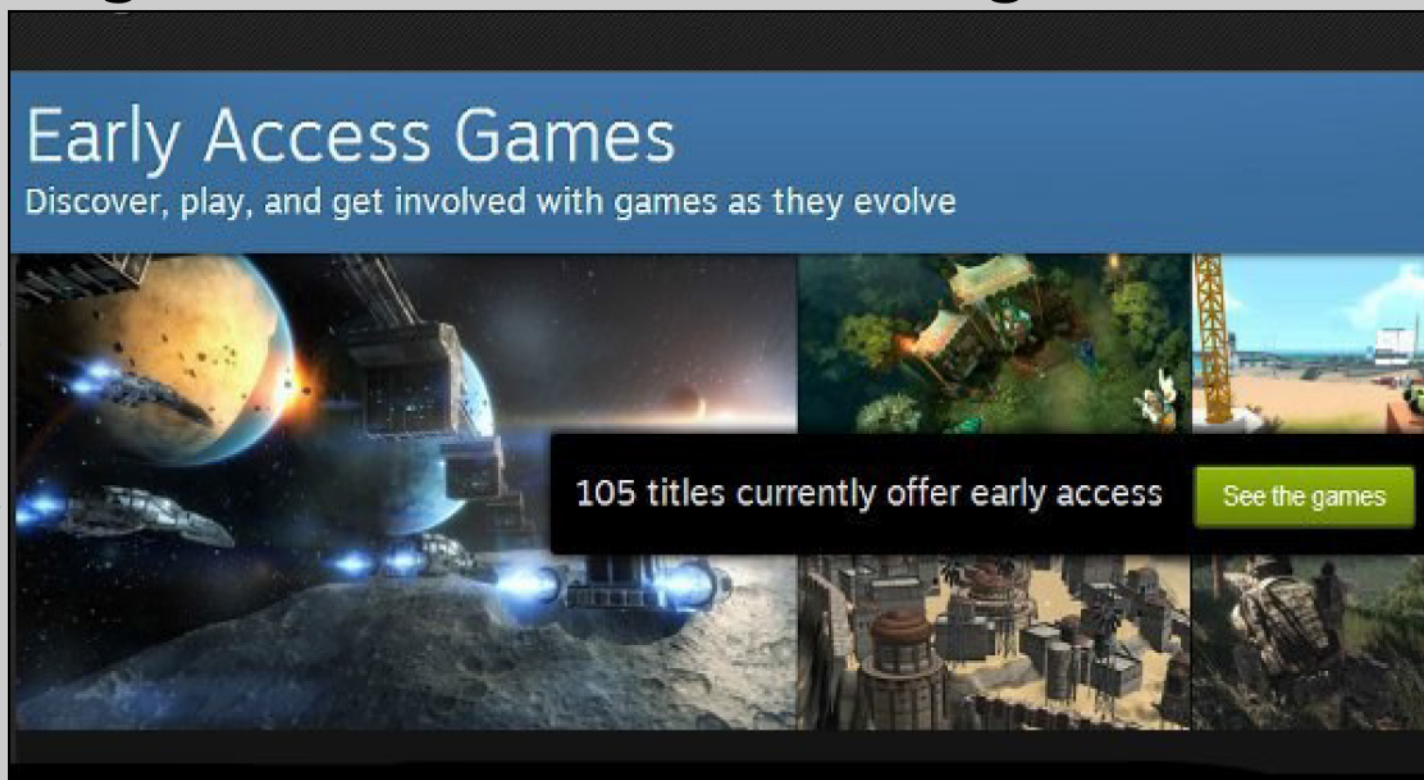
David Huang
Entertainment Editor

A pretty common thing to see these days is games being sold on early release. There are dozens if not hundreds of zombie survival games being sold as early release on Steam. The main problem with this trend is that very few of these games seem to make it out of early release.

Back in the day, a developer would wait until they were satisfied with their game's user experience before releasing it to the full public. The good part of that was that you would always get a completed game, unless you were horrible at shopping for games. The downside was that each game was a larger risk investment on the game developer's part, where they had to work with a very finite set of feedback on their game interface.

The benefit to the age of early release is that gamers have a much greater say in how their games develop. The developers get a crowd funded development period where they have plenty of feedback on their game, making the process much easier. However, they also only have so much consumer promise with the way early release works these days.

The other problem with getting games early release is that if you're like me, you only have so much time to spend with a game un-



Early Access games are becoming an increasing presence on Steam.

Photo courtesy of Cinemablend.com

game and have moved on to the next one on the ever increasing backlog.

In the end, I'm paying admittedly low prices for very incomplete game experiences. The game developer benefits from my contribution to their development fund, and I get an often unplayable game that I'm never going to look

ing to go away too though. These days, you can find more and more early release games going for \$20-30, rather than the \$5-10 that I paid for Minecraft or Kerbal back in the day.

The other side of the coin is definitely the worst experience though; when the game developer themselves just lose inspiration in a

It's definitely better than paying \$60 for a full-release professional studio game and then an extra \$20 for their release DLC...

less it's spectacular. I go back to a few old games all the time, but most of my games don't get more than ten hours of play time, if that.

With early release games, I spend those ten hours playing an underdeveloped game that I really don't tend to give much feedback to the developers on. By the time the next update rolls around, I'm usually done with the

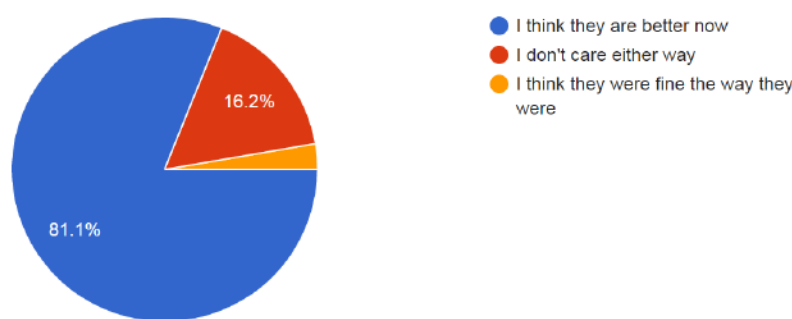
at ever again.

It's definitely better than paying \$60 for a full-release professional studio game and then an extra \$20 for their release DLC and another \$30 for their season pass for the rest of their DLC they'll release over the next year and a half. I mean, you paid \$5 for it, you can only expect so much. The low prices thing is start-

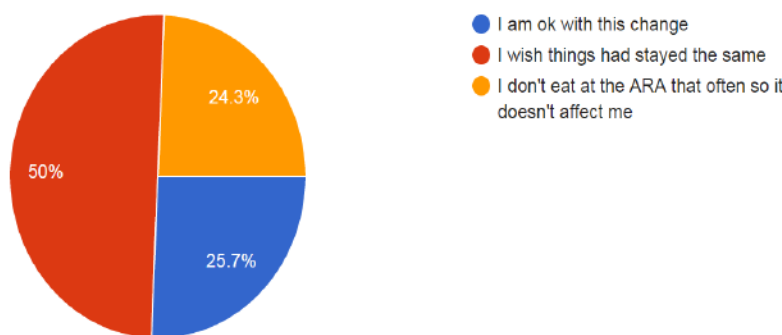
great early release game, and you're left with nothing but shattered hopes and dreams. With the way early release games work right now, there doesn't seem to be much of a consumer contract for the developer to finish a game that people have invested their time and money in helping to make better, and that's probably the saddest thing to see.

Opinions Poll Results

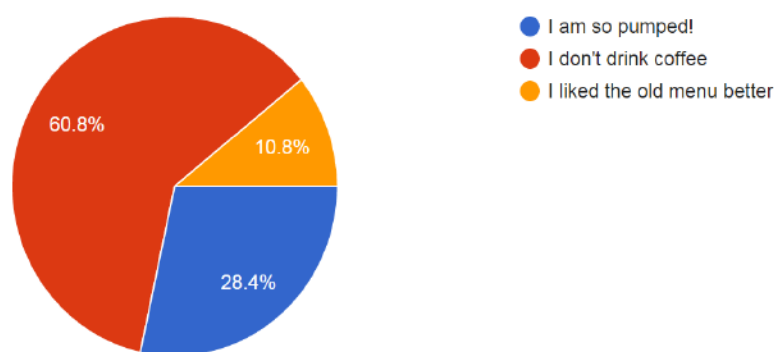
What do you think of the changes to the crosswalk signs on campus? (74 responses)



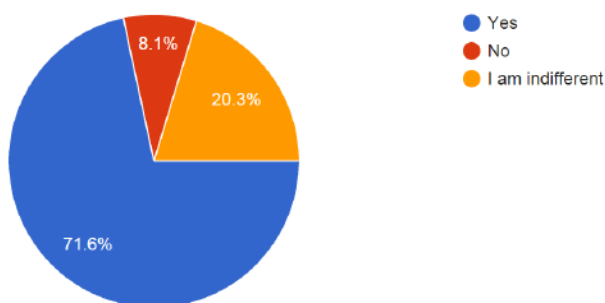
How do you feel about the removal of trays in the dining room? (74 responses)



What do you think of the new options at Logan's? (74 responses)



Would you like to see better communication between the student body and the administration? (74 responses)



Have any Opinions that you would like to share?

Have an idea for a future campus poll?

Come to meetings Wednesday at 5:15 in 0269

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Make it Nine!

Kevin Trizna
Staff Writer

Women's Basketball took home their 14th win of the season, ninth in a row, in a 65-61 contest at Transylvania University Saturday afternoon. The scoring came from all across the team in a balanced attack that saw junior Kristen Belyea lead the team with 12 points. Three freshmen made solid contributions in Brianna Gliemann (10 points), Chiarra Franklin (nine points), and Ally Bromenschenkel (six points). Bromenschenkel also led the team in rebounds with seven. The upperclassman were not without their share of scoring leaders as

The game started off largely in Transylvania's favor

well: senior Cassidy Cain knocked down six of her eight free throws on her way to eight points on the day, and junior Abbie Marshall led the team with three assists and added six points of her own to the mix.

The game started off largely in Transylvania's favor with Rose's offense going scoreless for almost the first four minutes of the game until a jumper from junior Josie Schmidt put

the Engineers on the board at the 6:42 mark. Transylvania would end the first quarter with a 16-9 lead and maintain the seven-point differential behind Shawn Kolani's 14 first-half points and Katelyn Smith's 15.

The second half would prove to be Rose's half, however, as Bromenschenkel scored all

A 13-4 run to start the second half

of her six points and grabbed six rebounds to help turn the tide in favor of the Engineers. A 13-4 run to start off the second half helped Rose pull within two at the end of the third quarter, and a strong rebounding effort put the Engineers on top in the waning minutes of the fourth (Rose outrebounded Transylvania 22-9 over the course of the second half).

With 42 seconds left in the game and a 58-52 advantage, all Rose had to do was knock down free throws to seal the deal. Belyea, Bromenschenkel, and Cain combined for 8-10 on free throws in the final minute to secure the final margin of victory and continue the win streak for yet another week.

Rose currently stands at 14-3 (8-2 HCAC) and has a firm grip on the second-place ranking in the conference. After a Wednesday away game at Hanover, the Engineers return home to play Bluffton in the 20th Year of Rose-Hulman Women's Basketball Celebration Game.

TROUNCING TRANSYLVANIA

Kevin Trizna
Staff Writer

The snow in Kentucky didn't affect freshman Charlie Aimone, who finished 5-9 from the field with a team high 17 points in the 68-60 win over Transylvania Saturday. Senior Tyler Duffy aided the otherwise balanced offense with a near triple-double of 10 points, seven rebounds, and seven assists. Duffy was joined by fellow senior Dillon Reynolds with 11 points to round out the double-digit scorers. Senior Jimmy Miller provided seven points and 10 rebounds in a game that saw Rose outrebound the Pioneers 43-29.

The first half fell largely in Rose's favor as Reynolds scored all 11 of his points and the offense shot 14-30 from the field to take a 35-26 lead into halftime. The Engineers have a penchant for playing close games, however, and this

one was no exception. A ferocious comeback lead by Transylvania's Cooper Theobald, who tallied 19 points in the second half, brought the game as close as 46-43 halfway

The Engineers would not fall victim to lack of accuracy

through the second half. Transylvania's efforts would fall short, however, as Aimone would go on to score 15 second-half points, and the team as a whole would should an uncharacteristically strong 13-14 from the free throw line.

The Engineers, who have struggled as of late shooting

free throws, would not fall victim to a lack of accuracy that night. It also didn't hurt that the Engineers outrebounded Transylvania 21-12 in the final 20 minutes behind Miller and Duffy, who combined for 11 rebounds in the second half. When the game started coming down to free throws in Transylvania's last-ditch attempts at victory, Aimone drained the final five of the game to all but

win it for Dear Old Rose.

The Engineers now hold a 9-8 (6-4 HCAC) record and are facing a week that features two home games, one Wednesday against Hanover at 7:30 p.m. and one Saturday against Bluffton at 1 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD

Kevin Trizna
Staff Writer

Rose lived up to its preseason voting that predicted its *sixth* straight indoor conference championship in a strong showing Friday night among five teams at the SRC. A 268-point total on the men's side won the meet over Wabash and Hanover, and the women's team placed second to Franklin College by a slim margin of 164-162.

Junior sprinter and jumper Isaiah Smith took home three individual victories in the 60-meter (7.14), the 200-meter (23.17), and the long jump (20' 11 1/4") events. Smith was joined by junior Nathan Green, who pole vaulted 14' 9", sophomore Josh Hennig (400-meter, 50.78) and fellow junior jumper Brendan Smyth (triple jump, 42' 11 1/2") as the men's individual winners. Smith and Hennig joined junior Adam Wilson and freshman David Borden in the 4x200 team that captured a first-place finish with a 1:32.43, and a team of Smyth, Smith, Borden, and Hennig won the 4x400 with a time of 3:28.43.

The women's team saw solid success throughout as well, especially from the jumpers. Senior Addie Johnson won herself a 400-meter victory with a final time of 1:01.39. Johnson was joined by fellow senior Mallory McDevitt, who placed first in the pole vault with a final jump of 10' 1 1/4". Sophomore Gabi Razma crushed the triple jump with a leap of 35' 1", and fellow sophomore Jaelyn Setina finished first in the high jump with a 5' 2 1/4" mark.

The 4x200 and 4x400 teams on the women's side excelled as well with Razma, Setina, Johnson, and sophomore Victoria Heckenlively winning the 4x200 with a 1:50.58 time and Razma, Heckenlively, Johnson, and freshman Anne Boxeth wrapping things up with a 4x400 victory in 4:12.99.

Your next chance to catch the team at home is Jan. 30 when Rose hosts the Engineer Invitational at the SRC. Come catch some track and field action and cheer on your fellow Rose students.



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Swimming

Kevin Trizna

Staff Writer

The last time men's swim and dive team *didn't* place first in a dual meet, half of you were still in high school getting ready to come be engineers. The tone of success carried into the HCAC Invitational, where Rose won 13 of 16 men's events Saturday in Franklin, IN.

Sam Gould swept both one and three meter dives

A tremendous effort resulted in four multi-victory performances from the men's team members. Senior diver Sam Gould swept both the one- and three-meter dives with 281.25 and 268.50 points respectively, and senior Orion Martin, fresh off of being named the National Swimmer of the Week, won the 100-fly and 200-fly events.

Junior Pierce Bartine took home the 50-free and 100-free races, and freshman Nick Samra won his 100- and 200-backstroke events to round up the men's multi-event winners.

the 200-medley, and Martin, Sariscsany, Hintz and Gill won the 400-freestyle relay.

The women's side, who placed second, offered up their own share of victories. Senior Regen Foote helped complete the diving sweep with Gould by winning the one- and three-meter diving events with 240.45 and 257.20 points. Junior Ellie Hong, the two-time

All-American, swept the 100- and 200-yard backstroke events.

Hong joined sophomore Bethany Lefebber, junior Savannah Rice, and freshman Lauren Blake to take home second in the 200-medley relay, and Blake would then go on to place second in the 1,650-freestyle. Other notable performances were freshman Melissa Arbelaez' second-place finish in the 100- and 200-backstroke and Rice's second-place finish in the 200-breakstroke. The relay team

Tremendous effort resulted in four multi-victory performances

Other individual winners were senior Paul Hintz (500-free), sophomore Avery Krovetz (1,650-free), and junior Alexander Yaung (400-medley). As per the usual, the relay events were swept as well. Bartine and Martin teamed up with sophomore Cam Gill and sophomore Tyler Sariscsany to place first in

of Blake, Arbelaez, junior Lauren McLennan, and freshman Maria Kline would also finish second in the 400-freestyle relay.

Rose's teams will come home to take on Franklin for Senior Night this Friday night at the SRC pool at 6 p.m.

Flipside

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WACKY

PROF

QUOTES

"Remember that apocalyptic winter we had? I almost bought a happy lamp."

-Dr. Wheeler

If those things work, I will buy twenty.

-Dr. Hewner

"By show of hands, how many of you actually solved this on your own? ... The rest of you, I am judging."

Come on Professor, what

"Even though it's been said it's too cold to learn, we will do our best."

-Dr. Doering

Professor, I can't take notes because my fingers fell off from frostbite.

May I be excused?

The Top 25

"Resume Builders"

1. Internship experience—none, I spent last summer in prison

2. Conducted statistical analysis and modeling of data

3. Program GPA of 3.4

4. Proficient in cross-gender communication and asset integration

5. Definitely not a freshman

6. ...or a student at ISU

7. Minor in Swag Engineering

8. Took classes in Mind Controls Systems

9. Is Con Apps really *necessary* per se?

10. Reference: your girlfriend

11. Won't steal food from company fridge

did you expect would happen when you said those words?

-Dr. Doering

A word to describe every class I've had thus far.

"Because, while I can provide you with insight to the world of Computer Science, I cannot provide you with a summer job."

-Dr. Hewner

Drat! There goes plan C!

12. Won't attempt to have office affair

13. Use no less than 10 emojis on your resume

14. Make it VERY decorative

15. No terrorist attack attempts to date

16. Seven successful terrorist attacks to date (shows planning skills)

17. Won as many Oscars as Leonardo DiCaprio

18. Have more fingers than Jason Pierre-Paul

19. Have never worn animal ears as an adult

20. Six Sigma lean body certification

21. Trained in cost-slashing techniques under Dr. F. Krueger

22. Top procrastinator in class

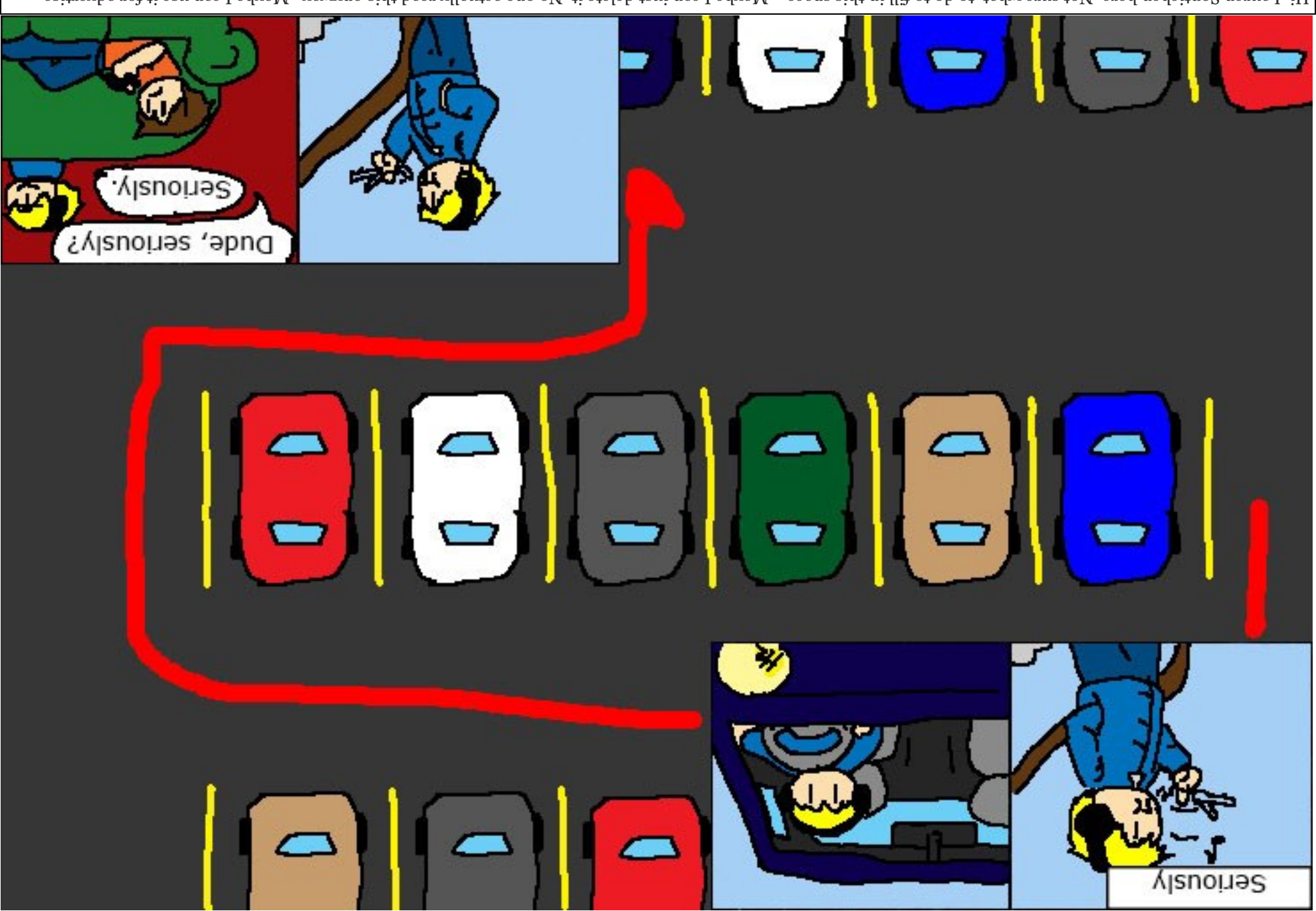
23. Year: Super Senior

24. Showers occasionally (better than never, right?)

25. Rose scented print outs

<p>Did your prof say something hilarious or just great out of context? We want to hear about it! Send your quotes with who said it to thorn-flipside@rose-hulman.edu.</p>	<p>Heard 'Round Campus</p>
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"I am a very uncomfortable person... I won't be able to give piggyback rides on my shoulders."



Hi, Lauren Santichen here. Not sure what to do to fill in this space... Maybe I can just delete it. No one actually read this anyway. Maybe I can use it for advertisement instead... I love Baskin Robbins, everyone should totally go there for ice cream. That's good. I wonder if they'll pay me for that. Probably not. If you have any comments or questions, feel free to send an email To: Thorn Flipside. If you're Baskin Robbins, I'd love a free \$15 gift card, or some ad fees for the Thorn. See ya!