Spring is right around the frigid corner, and with spring comes the promise of new opportunities. One of those opportunities is studying abroad, a chance to experience a new culture while preparing for a degree. The Global Expo is gearing up for the Global Expo, but with a new twist. "Last year was a one day, and it was for people to learn about global opportunities, more faculty-led," explained Director of Study Abroad and International Exchanges, Maria del mar Aponte. "This year it was more student-run. We have six students that are helping plan the different events.

On the docket are four events, spanning March 28-30. The first night is a poster session and panel discussion. For the poster session, taking place from 4:30-5:30 p.m., students who have studied abroad made posters, showing their experiences, motivations for going, how it fits in their schedule, what they learned while abroad, and how their trip surprised them.

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T. rex Could Be Reclassified

Dinosaur curator Matthew Carrano commented on a new study from the University of Chicago called Baron Dinosaur. This study reclassified the T. rex based on its distance from other theropods on the phylogenetic tree. In spite of praise from many paleontologists, not everyone agrees. Macalester College paleontologist Kristi Curry Rogers said of the study, “The T. rex is the basis for many studies, and we need to understand its relationships.”

Study leader Terry Hughes said, “Many people might view climate change as a future threat to ecosystems, but the Great Barrier Reef has already experienced a century of warming. Why? Thus, the Great Barrier Reef is now in a state of partial bleaching.”

The hope now is to be able to scale the process up, and thereby be able to produce red blood cells on a massive scale. If such a task is accomplished, it could help patients who have rare blood types, and people in parts of the world without enough blood or white blood, as well as serving as a beneficial part of future blood research.

The new tree moves the T. rex and other theropods to a branch which is an offspring of the Brachiosaurus (Saurolophus) to a branch which is an offspring of the hypercarnivorous Megalosaurus. In spite of praise from many paleontologists, not every dinosaur expert is convinced. Paleontologist Paul Sereno of the University of Chicago called Baron’s basis “weak.”

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Black Mirror: Reflecting our Darkest Self

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Shout the Twilight Zone when the cinematic wonder of the 21st century, add in a dash of Stanley Kubrick, George Orwell, and Aldous Huxley, and boom: you have Black Mirror. The anthology format is much like the classic Twilight Zone, and moving soundtrack. 

The general formula for an episode of Black Mirror is as follows: Start with a peculiarity, and add a current issue faced by society. Put that aside for a bit and introduce the characters, uncharacteristic of the dilemmas they will face. And now that we know our protagonists (or antagonists?), we begin exploring. Throughout the episode, there is deadness but this time, clearly not suicide or homicide, but animation. The only thing linking the two is public outcry and backlash, specifically on social media. We grow closer to the victims even if we do not endorse their words, we do not wish their death, and even if we say so, it’s

Wyoming’s On Fire
A Review of Firewatch

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Firewatch paints Wyoming with a pallet of rich colors.

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“only a joke”. The detectives are fleshed out, and the ball is set rolling. Eventually, it is found that the cause of death is actually the same, and completely garsh. The method chosen seems... obscure at first; not matching anything. As the plot progresses, we learn that it would not be possible if not for a seemingly benevolent government program, increased government spying, and a notorious Twitter hashtag. Themes of vigilante justice, bullying, cyber security, and privacy run together and show why. How the game goes about this is untraditional in many ways. During the vast majority of the game, you actually never meet another human being. In fact, aside from the far-away silhouettes of two reckless campers, the only physical contacts you make are the few comms you see from her tower and what is said on the radio, informing you of what she sees from her tower and what will soon face. Now that we know our protagonists, unaffected by the dilemmas they face. The only thing linking the two is public outcry and backlash, specifically on social media. We grow closer to the victims even if we do not endorse their words, we do not wish their death, and even if we say so, it’s
Lifestyle

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Lifestyle Editor

As we all know, Rose-Hulman has a prolific past. Its history is well known and celebrated by its students, with events like Chauncey day and traditions such as the homecoming bonfire signifying the long standing history that generations of students have upheld throughout the years. However, even with all of the aspects of the school we do know about, there are many others that have been forgotten, lost in time, or known to only a select group of people. This week I want to take the time to enlighten the readers of the Thorn about one of the most interesting clubs at this school: The Rose Radio Club, call sign W9NAA.

If you look atop of Moench Hall, you will see a large pronged antenna. This antenna belongs to the Amateur Radio club or ham radio club. I recently learned from one of its very prominent members, freshman George Main, about one of the oldest clubs on campus.

For anyone unfamiliar with Amateur Radio, it is an extremely popular hobby where groups of people use radio setups and rigs to contact each other. These contacts range from a leisurely talk between two stations at any time of the day to heated radio contests, in which there are thousands of people competing to contact each other the most times in a short period of time. The members of our clubs have been working hard through generations of students to uphold these traditions and push the limits of their capabilities.

This club has an very large collection of different hardware and equipment. The large pronged antenna on top of Moench is actually a high frequency directional Yagi antenna, which is used to send and receive different transmissions around the world. The cable that connects the smokestack and water tower also belongs to the radio club and is for high frequency communications around the world. The club also owns VHF (Very High Frequency) and UHF (Ultra High Frequency) antennas that are atop Moench.

The ham radio club is one of the most historic clubs on campus. Existing for over 100 years, they have remained through some of the darkest times of the United States. In the records of the ham radio club there is a note in which Her- man Moench himself wrote “All operation suspended in accordance with the order of the Federal Communications Commission effective this date.” This note was taken on December 7th 1941, or the day that Pearl Harbor was attacked.

There are countless logs such as these dating back over 100 years showing evidence of world events and other moments that previous Rose students had lived through.

Another popular aspect of amateur radio is sending QSL cards, a postcard of sorts, to the places that you have contacted. Over the years, the club has received these personalized cards from countless different places around the world ranging from other ham radio clubs in Japan to a people with their own setups in their own homes. These cards range in complexity, some garnering pictures of people in groups around the world, and others hand-written notes on small pieces of paper. The radio club has a collection of these notes with some dating back as far as the 1930s.

For anyone interested, the ham radio club is open to anyone on campus looking to get involved, and they offer tests for anyone looking to get a license in amateur radio. In the future, they’ll try to talk to the international space station and other satellites orbiting the earth.

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A photo sent to the ham radio club celebrating the last voyage of the saint mary.

A box of all of the various QSL cards revived throughout the years.

A note by Herman Moench written on the night Pearl Harbor was attacked.

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Two weeks ago, YouTube released a new restricted mode for their site. Restricted Mode was created by YouTube to allow parents and children to filter out mature content, including topics like sexuality, health and politics. The system works off a private algorithm that automatically decides which videos contain mature content and makes them invisible to anyone who has turned on Restricted Mode.

The new system, however, has backfired on YouTube as controversy surrounding the restriction of many LGBT videos arose, calling Restricted Mode a censoring hot-button issue, especially for LGBTQ YouTubers. Hundreds of YouTube videos have been censored, asking questions like whether YouTube hates the LGBT movement and if YouTube's new restricted mode is going to be inappropriate or offensive. The controversy also caused the hashtag #YouTuberOverParty, to trend on social media as millions of people took part in either attacking or defending YouTube over the new restrictions.

In response, YouTube made two statements, the first in defense of the mode's filtering stating, "Videos that contain LGBT topics are available in Restricted Mode, however, some videos that cover subjects like health, politics and sexuality may not appear for users and institutions that choose to use this feature." YouTube later sent out an apology saying, "The bottom line is that this feature isn't working the way it should. We're sorry and we're going to fix it."

Feeling a bit restricted yet?

JonTron, a YouTuber who recently caught flak

This video is unavailable with Restricted Mode enabled. To view this video, you will need to disable Restricted Mode.

It's your opinion.
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This controversy over Restricted Mode is not the first concerning YouTube, but one in a long line of controversies spurred on by progressive outlets like Wired, Gizmodo and the Wall Street Journal. Larger controversies started last month when the YouTube with the largest subscriber count on the site, PewDiePie, had an article written about him by the Wall Street Journal. The article called him an anti-Semite, citing a video in which PewDiePie paid two Indian men to hold up a sign saying, "Death to all Jews." from the site Fiverr.

Both his jokes surrounding Hitler were just that: jokes. The Fiverr video with the "Death to all Jews" sign was a video outlining that the site allowed bad things to occur.

Yet, the Wall Street Journal still attacked PewDiePie and pushed YouTube to drop PewDiePie from their contract with him. This was a large controversy for YouTube with many YouTubers taking sides.

Later in the same month, YouTuber JonTron got in trouble for some statements he made in a debate on immigration with the streamer Destiny. Many called him a white nationalist, but most of JonTron's statements were less racially motivated, and more angered by the hypocrisy brewing in the political left over the past few decades.

Both of these fiascos involved the same news outlets who wrote articles detailing why YouTube's new restricted mode is bad. The issue is that this filtering system seems to do exactly what the news outlets wanted it to do, as many of JonTron's and PewDiePie's videos have been hidden by Restricted Mode. This contradiction, as well as these incidents as whole, serves as a reminder that censoring free speech is not viable. As a society, we need to accept that people may spend ideas we deem unacceptable, and respect their right to do so.

The principle of free speech, which has a place not just in our governance but in our day-to-day lives, is an important principle in protecting people. When sites like the Wall Street Journal, Gizmodo, and Wired call for censorship because they don't like someone's ideas, they create and solidify systems for censoring the ideas of common, innocent citizens. Allowing any form of censorship sets up systems to censor all voices, including the ones you want to protect. Restriction Mode started with progressive outlets calling for the censorship of some voices, and ended with voices they agreed with also censored.

Censoring people to protect others allows any voice to be censored as long as a reason, such as wanting to "filter out mature content," can be constructed. When sites like Wired demanded for some YouTubers to be silenced, they gave YouTube the precedent to censor any voice the company views as bad PR for the site.

What makes the whole situation even more hypocritical is that in many of the same articles attacking YouTube for their new restricted mode, they call for even more restrictions of voices they call alt-right, far-right or non-progressive. As a society we must learn from incidents like this that all voices must be protected, no matter how hateful you may view them. It is the civic duty of any member of a democratic nation to protect the rights of fellow citizens, even if they may disagree with those citizens.
March Madness Updates

Blake Powell

Sports Editor

As expected, there isn’t a single perfect bracket this year. The last “perfect bracket” was destroyed when Wisconsin beat Kansas, but there has been a perfect bracket held for the first 36 games correct which is now the longest streak for a perfect bracket.

Before this year, the highest streak was 36 games. This means that no one has had a perfect bracket yet in the Sweet Sixteen. There are 60 million to 300 million brackets made every year and none of them line up to correctly predict who will advance.

The SEC has shown their dominance as a conference as they have three teams in the Elite Eight: South Carolina, Florida and Kentucky. The other teams in the Elite Eight were North Carolina, Xavier, Gonzaga, Oregon and Kansas.

The craziest story of the week would most likely be the way that Wisconsin lost to Florida in the Sweet Sixteen. Florida had been dominating the game and even had a lead of 15 points in the Sweet Sixteen. However, for South Carolina, they made it to the Final Four after a dominating performance against Xavier in a 83-73 game point. Jay Bilas, an ESPN commentator, had no confidence in Gonzaga reaching the Final Four and now has to go to a board of a “twitter Isis” from a parody account in respect to Przemek Karnowski, the center for the Bulldogs. Oregon also had a dominating game as they beat Kansas 74-67. There were only thirty total seconds where Oregon didn’t have the lead. The Ducks haven’t been in the Final Four since 1999 so this is huge achievement for them.

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Standout Performers

Cameron Summer two-two hits, one run

Thomas Three-two hits, one double and one RBI

Marcos Vishier three-two hits, two doubles and a score

Drew Schulte scored two runs

Stone Travis scored two runs and hit the ball out of the bullpen.

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Sports Editor

The Engineers were hitting the ball well but fell through on one inning of defense which lead to the team losing in a 11-5 score game against Earlham. The team has had three games with double figures in hits. Rose-Hulman has fallen to 1-2 in conference play. The team will be back in action at home on Wednesday against Anderson University.

RHT Track

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Sports Editor

The track team traveled to Washington University for an Invitational meet. The team’s freshman finished second in points right behind Washington University. The wom- en’s team finished seventh overall. Combined the two teams were able to win four events, place top three in twelve events and had twenty-two top five finishes.

Erie Figueiroa won in the hammer, Jonn Heng won in the 400-meter run, and John Hims was shut out. Andrew Okruch won the discus throw along with a second place finish in shot put.

Three other Fightin’ Engineers finis- hed in second place: Tyler McCown in the 110-meter hurdles, Isaiah Smith in the 400- hurdles, and Trey Sikes in the triple jump. Although Camilo Blazquez finished in fourth place in the 100-meter hurdles, he set a personal best 3.06-meter steel and placed a 4x100 relay team.

Lucinda Comb also finished fourth in the javelin and Debie Gedeon finished fourth in the hammer and Lucas Schulthei s in the javelin. Rose-Hulman returns to action at Eastern Illinois next weekend.

Standout Performers

Cynthia Ogunm 3-30A BA

Avery Miller .347 BA .528 OBP

Jessica Wall – 11 hits

Madie Struble-10 hits, 6 RBIs

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Softball

Blake Powell

Sports Editor

The softball team had games scheduled this week-end to play against Illinois college and Blackburn but the games have been postponed due to projected weather complications. The team is at an overall 7-5 record. Last weekend, the team blew out MacMurry College in both games in a double header; the first game was 8-0 and the second game was 14-7. The team will be back in action this week on Tuesday against Millikin.
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### Top 10 Things on a Stick

1. (Uptight) People
2. Corn dog
3. Wheatcat
4. Dog Poop
5. Stick
6. Protest Signs That Were Funny When You Wrote Them But Now Are Kind of Lame
7. Selfies
8. Planking
9. Witches (on Fire)
10. Senior Laptop

### Decent Joe of the Week

“Great Prof. Speaks in a monotone voice most of the time, but lectures are clear, concise, and exactly what is needed to complete the homework assignments.” - Rate My Prof

### Fact of the Week

The word “email” is only two syllables. Commonly known, not realized until haikus are criticized.

### Heard ’Round Campus

“Why have I to call a distant relationship, I keep my distance out of fear of rejection and you don’t know that I exist.”

### WACKY PROF QUOTES

“Let me make sure the people who haven’t had the misfortune of having me as a teacher know who I am.”

- Dr. Laxer

“I hope this helps.”

- Dr. Wollowski

“A more accurate name for this prestigious institute, "If you could put a zipper on your neck and unzip it and listen to your vocal chords...”

- Dr. Doering Morbid.

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.

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