Rose Continues its 18-Year Streak at the Top

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NEWS EDITOR: LAUREN WISEMAN

Was there any doubt? For eighteen years, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology has been the #1 undergraduate engineering college in the United States. As determined by a national survey by U.S. News & World Report for its 2017 college guidebook, Rose-Hulman came out on top, and in five programs specifically.

Towards the end of August, Rose-Hulman’s season of recognition was already underway, with a designation from the Excellence in Assessment (EIA) program. Sponsored by the Voluntary System of Accountability (VSA), EIA is among other programs dedicated to finding colleges which work hard to guarantee success for its students and lead university rankings being published. In terms of schools that only offer undergraduate degrees, Rose-Hulman beat out the University of San Diego and the New York Institute of Technology overall, as well as elite military academies across the nation. Rose-Hulman was ranked number one in its chemical engineering, civil engineering, computer engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, computer engineering, engineering physics, environmental engineering, industrial engineering, and mechanical engineering programs.

Since its inception, OG concerts have become more inventive and outrageous, adding confetti, soap bubbles, and even explosive powder. Students are encouraged to attend events like this and others, as Rose-Hulman is on focus.

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Glow for It
Rain Could Not Stop the Friday Night Music and Lights

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The Princeton Review also had high praise for Rose-Hulman, considering it in the top 15 percent of nearly 2,500 four-year colleges in America, citing its "strong academics and personal attention, small classes, and a family atmosphere."

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Page 7: Football and soccer victories for Rose-Hulman's website.

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As the Black Lives Matter movement continues, people off the field have shared their support. Kaepernick has stood by his actions, and more players joined in their protest. More than nine high schools joined the protest with either a flag or a sign of solidarity. "The event is [a] golden opportunity for students to demonstrate to employers they are capable of a professional research project and eloquent communication."
Bill and Ted’s Excellent Adventure

History Class Has Never Been So Epic

Lauren Wiseman

News Editor

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to DeMills Classic Films. Tonight, we have a particularly special treat for you all: a double-feature following two heroes on a treat for you all: a double-feature following two heroes on a 

Star studded cast and crew have provided an enjoyable evening of laughter and sentiment, especially the performances of Carrie Fisher and Rick Moranis, who play the role of Bill and Ted, respectively. Fisher’s portrayal of the dim-witted yet lovable Everyman and Moranis’s down-to-earth, yet humorous character make for a perfect comedic duo.

In the first film, the duo, who are faced with the threat of nuclear annihilation in the event of their arrival in the past, use their phone booth to visit various points in time and alter the outcome of events. This leads to a series of slapstick antics and humorous misunderstandings, which are bound to bring a smile to the faces of even the most jaded viewers.

The second film, while maintaining the same comedic formula, introduces new characters and situations, providing a fresh perspective on the beloved characters. The cast and crew have put their hearts into the production, and it shows in the overall quality of the film.

In conclusion, Bill and Ted’s Excellent Adventure is a joyful and entertaining film that is sure to delight audiences of all ages. Whether you are a fan of the previous instalments or new to the franchise, this film is a must-see for anyone who appreciates a good laugh and a positive message.

Photo courtesy of rottentomatoes.com
A guide to improving your footwear

Blake Powell
Guest Writer

It is a great feeling to put on a brand new pair of shoes one day and then be able to put on another new pair of shoes the next day. However, not everyone has the privilege to do this. Having “sneaker game” is a pretty expensive hobby. Let’s face it, no one wants to be the kid who is about to be passed up by giving you a few easy approaches to build up your game without breaking your bank!

The first approach you can take is the easiest way of saving a certain amount of money every day, week, or even month until you have saved enough money to purchase the sneaker you have had your eye on. The downside is that it will vary depending on bills, income, and other priorities so this approach can take a long time.

The second approach, which a lot of people are known for doing, is called being a “resaler.” Resalers are people who buy multiple of the same shoe, whether it is its size or not, and resell the shoe to make a profit. You can make a lot of quick money with this method.

A good example of this is the Jordan 11 that comes out right before Christmas every year. If you buy three pairs for the $200 retail price, then you can easily sell them for at least $300 in the next couple days since everyone wants the shoe for Christmas! That is a profit of at least $900 and it only takes a couple days to make that money! However, the drawback of this method is that you have to “have money to make money.” It helps if you have connections to employees at the shoe stores so you are actually able to get more than one pair of the same shoe.

The final method I know of is similar to reselling but it also involves restoring. The first step in this process is to find a pair of old, beat up pair of shoes and then to clean, decrease, repaint and make the shoe look as close to new as possible. You can look up videos on YouTube if you are seriously interested in this method. This method will involve the skill to restore shoes, finding old shoes, and being able to resell the shoe once it is restored. I have used this method to take a pair of shoes I paid $50 for and re-stored them just so I can resell them for $200!

These are just a few methods that can help you out if you want to stack up on your shoes! There are many more approaches to the sneaker game and feel free to do what works best for you because everyone has their own style, techniques and circumstances!
Even with vastly different characters, settings, and themes, there are stories built around the same basic plot.

Characters, either.
Regardless if there is a desire for originality, there is little need for it in a publishing space. It’s too easy. Of course, the proliferation of online chatter and social media provides you the opportunity to find something ‘original.’ Even without the cellphones of publishing houses, independent stories are still trickling over the same walls today.

No matter how deeply you bury it with opinions, it will still taste the same as the day you first tried it.

Stories need a beginning, middle, and an end, all provided by the plot. It is the plot that tells the story, sets the characters in motion, and provides the impetus for change. Sure, characters and plots are shockingly, but I don’t think anything will happen until you’ve read them very soon. Because publishers only have a handful of stories they’re willing to tell, plot gets rejected, meaning stories get rejected. And it’s a matter of the writer not hearing the selection they need to hear.

To have an original idea is to keep the jury out and open to new stories. To form better opinions.

The plot of a story provides the skeleton, but it’s the way the plot is executed that defines what a story is and who will enjoy it. While it is possible to have an original plot, it is more important to execute an original one well.

An old Italian (or German… or Chinese… or French… there are a lot of different versions dating back through history) folk tale about a girl named Cinderella who was mistreated by abusive authority figures, having their desirable traits stolen from her, and having to find a way to escape the humiliation of the step sisters doled out by the mistress. The heroine is a cyborg contending with political intrigue, global plague, and fantastic racism on top of balls and conniving in-laws. Each version has the heroines (Animal Enthralling Witchcraft) recognizable by an out-of-her-league romantic interest in her and the heroines being able to play ever after. That same tale has been told dozens of different ways and each one ap­plies the ways the plot is executed that defines what a story is. Every story, from the feel good fairy tales of our childhood to the horrifyingly cynical revenge tragedy tales, is an amalgamation of factors.

When taken together, these factors drastically change the tone, meaning, and feel of a work despite very similar plots on the surface level. To tie back to the fairy tale aspect, let’s take a look at “Cinderella.”

In a world of chaos, though, if we really want to signal our one original thought, we have an intolerance for indifference. Any flag than none, right? Whether we realize it or not, we live in a culture of identity and defending it religiously is exactly what you’re doing. We’re humans. We do not know everything. We also have this nasty little habit of relent­ing on all grounds. Not having an opinion until knowing more, and even then, knows his limits.

But furthermore, openness to new ideas is openness. Like it or not, locking yourself into an ideology and just listening to that side of the aisle leads to an echochamber of thought which drowns out any cries of people looking to rescue you from your intellectual rabbit hole. To not even be aware of some new band you like, you are an echochamber.

And if you want to persuade someone, you ought to know what you are trying to say. Just the old adage “ideas don’t rattle, they don’t rattle, they don’t rattle, they don’t rattle, they don’t rattle.”

So what? No, of course not.

But for God’s sake, if you are going to argue on the street and he hasn’t heard of some new band you like, you wouldn’t proceed to bully him into listening to them, would you? Sure, you might feel strongly about some injustice, but don’t be that Guy™ who gives a negative vibe of you and your movement.

Be still. Respect non-opinion and don’t be so quick to jump to a stance just for the sake of having a stance.

We’re humans. We do not know everything. We also have this nasty little habit of only thinking of our own perspective with no real thought to the perspectives of others. Alongside an infinitely clever couple of companions, the protagonist would confront a great evil bend on conquering something. Ultimately, the proper end to a story is a hero who is and who will enjoy it.

No Opinion, No Problem
The Neutral President has no strong feelings on this article.
Volleyball Just Ballin’

John Chilton

Sports Editor & Business Manager

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology captured a big win this weekend to improve their record to 2-2 overall and 1-0 in HCAC play, while Hanover dropped to 0-3. The Fightin’ Engineers travel to Defiance College next Saturday afternoon.

Photo by Rose-Hulman Athletics

The Rose-Hulman defense proved to be a major key during the contest, shutting out Hanover throughout the third quarter while creating four interceptions and four sacks on the day. Alex Thompson snagged two interceptions, and Kevin Nowba and Tyler Brutofsky had one interception each. Linebacker Kaalen Gar-

In action this weekend was the Rose-Hulman Men’s Soccer team, who now sit at 5-2 on the season. The RHIT men’s soccer team couldn’t put it all together to come away with the win. Now 4-3 on the season, the Fightin’ Engineers will be back in action in 7:00 PM Central Time on Thursday, September 22 at home against DePu-..
The Top 10 Third Party Candidates

1. Harambe
2. Deez Nuts
3. Strange women lying in ponds distributing swords (whomever she gives the darn thing to)
4. Vermin Supreme
5. Canada
6. David Cameron
7. Vladimir Putin
8. Calvin Coolidge
9. Kate McKinnon as Hillary Clinton
10. Santa Clause (strange old red man lying in the North Pole distributing coal)
11. Libertarian Streaker Guy
12. The Lottery winner
13. What is Aleppo?
15. JOHN CENA! (bu-buh-na-naa!)

WACKY PROF QUOTES

“Maybe you think every chemistry lecture ever is chemical noise.”
-Dr. Morris

Is there really a difference, Professor?
“Drink your orange juice. Vodka is optional.”
-Dr. Brant

I think once alcohol’s involved, there’s not much of a choice in the matter.

“The lovely magenta background and white line here, just to mix things up.”
-Dr. Laxer

Wow, professor, getting into all kinds of wild here!

“It seems that the idea is to send these tentacles out…”
-Dr. Chenette

Fact of the Week

Disney was sued by a biologist for defaming the character of hyenas in The Lion King

(speaking of animals)

After Charles Dickens’ favorite cat died, he turned its paw into a letter opener.

Did your prof say something hilarious or just great out of context? We want to here about it! Send your quotes with who said it to thornflipside@rose-hulman.edu.