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Staff Writer

With break so close, things are set-
ing down on campus outside of study-
ning for third week exams, looking for
rides to and from the airport, procrasti-
nation, and packing. The good news is
there is so much to look forward to up
on returning to campus in the New
Year!

Not only do students get to attempt
to keep all of those resolutions for more
than just a week or two, Rose has a lot
of events to offer as well. On the first
day back, January 4, there is a home
men’s basketball game against Hanover,
something to enjoy before all that
homework kicks back in.

That weekend, January 8 and 9, Rose
hosts its first ever Hackathon: a 24-
hour event in which 100 students, of
various backgrounds and skills, will use
technology and design to create solu-
tions to a variety of problems, and at
the end, all the participants will dem-
onstrate their projects to fellow students,
faculty, visitors, and to those who funded
it.

If hacking is not a student’s forte, then
there is a New Year’s Eve party at
6:00-8:00 p.m. a Willy Wonka themed Cu-
ristmas Night will take place in the
Kahn Room. If one fancy tries their hand
at gambling in a low risk candy cen-
tered environment, this is the event
to go to with a variety of games to play
and candy to collect, as well as a chance to win
some raffle prizes!

For those who need some time to adjust
to being back at school, and want to
take it easy the first week back, then
consider attending Mindful Meditation
on January 5 the following week on Janu-
ary 11.

January is jam-packed, but there is
more to look forward to on Odd Rod
and the Annual Student Ski Trip.

Odd Rod is an inspirational speaker
who fought for his education and well-
being despite of some of the difficulties
surrounding him, and students can see
him speak on January 13, at 8:00 pm in
the Kahn Room.

The Annual Ski Trip takes place on
January 14 on the Perfect North Slopes,
and it promises to be the adventure of a
lifetime. Even without the necessary co-
ordination, the memories will be worth
it. If this sounds like a worthy adven-
ture, do not forget to look for the sig-
nings, which go live on January 4.

All of these events, and more can be
found on the My Rose-Hulman events
page, so remember to check it out and
find something to look forward to dur-
ing the eight-week trek through winter
quarter after break.

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In a year where Google searches for "How to move to Canada?" leapt to unprecedented levels, where the public witnessed a battle for power with more collateral damage than the climax of a Superman movie, nothing was more timely, more needed, than Marvel’s Luke Cage. Just as politics itself began to deteriorate into a reality TV show, Netflix released an original series that delved unrepentantly into politics. In his cinematic masterpiece, Cheo Coker takes a ten-toes-down approach to tackling issues most of his contemporaries shy away from.

For a show with that much ground to cover, you wouldn’t expect the season’s one-hour pilot to be as relaxed and comfortable as it was. Luke Cage (Mike Colter) is introduced as a man who, like many of us, just doesn’t want to get involved. Standing at 6’3” and all muscle, Cage is a minimum-wage janitor at a small-town barber shop. One of the clients offhandedly refers to him as a “broom,” the epitome of wasted potential. As the camera sweeps lazily around Cage’s barbershop, Luke’s stiff movements and hesitant involvement with conversation hint at a complex backstory. Is he an ex-soldier? Ex-convict? Both, maybe? The plot keeps us suspended in this way for much of the show’s runtime, systematically revealing bits of Cage’s history with realistic progression. The protagonist is the polar opposite of one-dimensional—mysterious in the most intriguing way.

Netflix Originals have always been known for their expert use of the surroundings to convey the story, and this was highlighted in Luke Cage. Like Daredevil, this series conveyed a sophisticated plot with only a handful of locations. The small setting (Harlem, New York) gave the story an element of realism that large-scale projects like The Flash or DC Legends of Tomorrow often miss out on. In many ways, this masterful control of scope, coupled with the humorous barbershop banter sprinkled throughout, helped the viewer gloss over some of the less refined aspects of the show. Unclear motives and heavy-handed acting plagued many of the “bad guy” performances. There were times when it felt as if Mahershala Ali’s depiction of antagonist Cornell Stokes was one half-chewed apple or foreboding knuckle-crack away from being a mob boss stereotype in a greasy 80s gangster film. Still, Luke Cage was easily the most realistic, down-to-earth superhero depiction to date, and offered a refreshing change in the right direction.

Coker had a slew of topical issues to cover with his Marvel masterpiece, and at times that diversity did seem to stretch the plot. However, these were all details in a much larger narrative. 2016 exposed several systemic problems that have gone unnoticed for too long. No matter your opinion of Black Lives Matter, racial profiling, or the criminal justice system, viewers must agree: Luke Cage is sharply current, and alarmingly relatable. And of course, what better perspective to view police brutality, mass incarceration, and the drug war from than through the eyes of an innocent, but bulletproof, African-American man?

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New Years Resolutions suck

And what you should try instead


to atomize into a completely new year. Leaving behind all the things we accomplished along with all of the mishaps of 2016-2017 is a clean slate for anyone to take some time to better themselves in a new way.

For many people this method of bettering themselves has taken the name of a new year resolution as has tradition been for as long as I can remember. The tradition of sitting down with yourself and taking the time to think out a vague goal and finding the right caption to use when you post it on social media always starts with lots of optimism and... ends with that same thought.

Let’s be honest with ourselves new year resolutions are the worst. They are a systematic repetition of the same ideas that we try not accomplished at all. People create these resolutions in order to create a sense of potential for the year. The common phrase is: “For the new year, new me” started as an optimistic phrase although it has devolved into an internet joke.

The idea of the entire world changing a new leaf at the same time has always been preposterous. Having an ambition and pursuing that ambition with a group of friends is a great idea as support is always helpful when trying to pursue a change in your life for although, when on a scale this large it does have a multitude of problems. When you want a make a change in your life the only way that it will actually happen is if you yourself have the drive to make that change personally by dedicating time to that area of one’s life. If you try to make that change on someone else’s initiative or in this case the Initiative of the whole world, I doubt you will have much success.

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Why do new year’s resolutions suck?

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Diversity is cool and all, but have we sacrificed meritocracy?

Photo from http://www.johnlund.com/

Opinions

Affirmative Atrocity

The war on so-called “fake news” is nothing more than a thinly veiled way of discrediting others’ viewpoints.

As many have said before, the war on so-called “fake news” is not one for actual truth, but nothing more than a thinly-veiled way of discrediting others’ viewpoints. If the interest was in pursuing the truth, wouldn’t the push be to research and learn more? Why is the push to completely boycott news outlet? That does not sound like a search for truth, it just sounds like censorship.

So continue reading that Occupys articles. Just may be lend Alex Jones your ear for a while.

Pope Francis Shocks World, Endorses Donald Trump for President, Releases Statement

Pope Francis endorses Donald Trump

An oft-cited example of fake news.

Screenshot from WTOE 5 News
The University of Kentucky versus the University of North Carolina was one of the biggest games this week and potentially of the whole season. Kentucky was ranked No. 6 in the country while North Carolina was ranked No. 3. The two teams had met in the Final Four games, and Kentucky has won 8 National titles, which puts them at second most in history while North Carolina has won 5 and is tied for the third most in history. North Carolina will be hoping to have a win over Kentucky, and they have had a great start to the season so far. Kentucky took a 103-100 win over North Carolina from the help of Malik Monk in his 47-point game. Although Kentucky is leading by two with less than 30 seconds to go until Malik Monk makes a three-point shot, North Carolina will be hoping to have a chance to make the next three-point shot. Kentucky could not be any more excited for the rest of their season as Malik Monk has been a key player in their success.

The sport of basketball is a game of hot streaks, and our team is on a W3 streak. It has been a great start to the season so don’t be surprised to keep hearing of more wins from our team.

**RHT SPORTS BOX SCORES**

**RHT Men’s Basketball**

Basketball is a game of hot streaks and our team is on a three game winning streak which puts us at a 4-3 overall record while going 3-1 in the conference. Rose-Hulman currently sits tied for second place in the conference with Mt. St. Joseph and Anderson while Hanover is in first place. It has been a great start to the season so don’t be surprised to keep hearing of more wins from our team.

**Standout Performers**

Charlie Armine – 19 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists
Collin Wojcik – 21 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists
John Czarnecki – 14 points, 7 rebounds, 2 blocks
Ben Chasteen – Carried the equipment bag and the team on his back

**Standout Performers**

Abby Bromenschenkel – 14 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist
Avery Bromenschenkel – 16 points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals
Taylor Graham – 10 points, 5 rebounds, 1 steal

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**Women’s Basketball**

**Standout Performers**

Anna Maciulski – 12 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists
Dinah Schmaltz – 10 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal

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- Dr. Laxer

“You mean I can’t write in Spanish using Libre Office? Darn...”
- Dr. Johan

“Don’t log on to Facebook to interact with the database, you log onto Facebook to stalk other people.”
- Dr. Laxer

I just wanted to know where they were on July 7th, 2003 and what they were doing and who they were with...
- Dr. Laxer

“And then Cary will take a bottle of wine to the list and assign teams over the weekend...”
- Dr. Laxer

“I’m getting a weird sense of déjà vu.”
- Dr. Miller

“We had a weird sense of déjà vu.”
- Dr. Miller

“Yeah, I’ve heard that’s why they implemented that ‘pear programming’ thing.”

They did it before it was cool... so you’re saying switchboard operators were hipsters?
- Dr. Miller

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 thorn-flipside@rose-hulman.edu.

Top 10 New Year’s Resolutions
1. Figure out where your classes are
2. Remember to write <insert year> on homework
3. Stop making jokes about homicide
4. Stop committing homicide
5. Make everyone else gain 10 lbs. (I’m definitely losing weight)
6. Free Nova-Scotia
7. 1080p
8. Make “that’s what he said” jokes a thing
9. Start a cult
10. Sleep more than one hour in four days
11. Take a shower (one’ll do)
12. Disconnect coffee IV drip
13. Build a bomb shelter
14. Stick to 10 resolutions

Fact of the Week

The Aurora Ice Hotel in Alaska was made entirely of ice. Ice walls, ceiling, beds, bar, barstools, even martini glasses were made of ice. It was closed by the fire marshal for not having smoke detectors.

Welcome back to the Flipside! It’s me again, Lauren Santichen, bringing you another wonderful issue and a Break Countdown Update: 2 more days until break! I’m planning to leave around noon after my last class. Still need to get presents for everyone... ;/ Anyway, if you have any comments or questions, feel free to send an email to Thorn Flipside. I’m always looking for some new material, especially comic ideas and wacky prof quotes. I have completely run out! It’s an atrocity! -LLB