Is it that time again? The long stretch of winter quarter has arrived, leaving students tired and frustrated. The solution is a tradition to behold: a friendly competition held annually to show which floor on campus is the best. This competition is the Rose-Hulman Greatest Floor competition.

The annual competition is a fairly recent tradition, starting in 2011, making this year the seventh competition. This year, the opening event will provide a getaway from the cold wintry air. It is that time again! The long stretch of winter is upon us. The annual competition is here, and students are eager to see which floor will emerge as victorious.

The Greatest Floor website keeps the countdown clock ticking to the competition. This year, the competition will begin at 11:05 a.m. in the SRC arena. The event will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the SRC arena. The event will begin at 1:00 p.m. Students should grab some swords and shields as they charge head on to victory! In the interest of giving readers a leg up on traditional events during the competition, the committee got to work on the logistics to make sure their competition would run as smoothly as possible.

When the school year started, the committee started listing ideas and working on plans. They began listing ideas, and logistics, spearheaded this year's Greatest Hall.

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However, he did mention that some fan favorite events will return. There will be an abundance of opportunities to challenge creativity, so he advised floors to band together in the name of Greatest Floor! For more information, be sure to visit www.greatestfloor.com for the countdown clock and...the journey of the Floor!"
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The rise of antibiotic resistance has been a known global issue for some time now. Each year, there are cases of what are known as “superbugs” where the bacterial infections showed signs of multiple resistances to various treatment options, making such infections difficult to treat and more dangerous. Recently, a woman in her 70s died in Reno, Nevada due to complications from a superbug. One unique aspect of this particular bacterial infection is the unusual variety of antibiotic treatment options. Therefore, the patient was unable to get treated and developed sepsis, a condition of multiple organ dysfunction and issues with antibiotic resistance developments. With the superbugs being more rare and relatively, they are becoming more preva- lent and subsequently more concerning. While there is no one single way to treat these infections, more things need to be done, people can help slow down the problem by reducing their antibiotic use. People can use soap that contains certain ingredients instead of antibiotics such as soap that contains benzalkonium chloride.

Optogenetics Study Indicates Amygdala’s Complex Role

The findings of a recent study on opto- genetics were published in the journal “Cell.” Scientists conducted experiments on mice, finding a flash of light can turn them into ag- gressive predators. It was not just the light, however, that brought on this dramatic personality change.

Over the course of the study, scientists in- fected their mice with a virus that led to their neurons being sensitive to blue light. After injecting the mice with optogenetic virus, they were given a chance to be aggressive towards other mice by pushing a lever. The researchers pointed to a specific area of the amygdala of the mice. Once the light hit that part of the brain, the mice became more aggressive. The researchers conclude that the study shows a new and unique aspect of the amygdala. It is part of the reason why mice are such aggressive little animals.

Species of Alaskan Salmon Shows Signs of Parasitic Tapeworms

Pigs are not the only animal that may be the source for parasitic infections. Scientists have found that the waters in Asia, which is in turn causing a rise in cases of parasitic infections across Japan, South Korea, and Russia. A long time ago, it was believed only to be a problem in such countries. However, recent salmon samples taken from Alaska have shown signs of tapeworm infections. The concern is growing for the salmon species that may cause these infections. An examination of the parasites in the fish showed that the salmon could be exported globally, spreading the parasitic infection around the world. In some cases, the parasite may be killed when cooked at about 145 degrees Fahrenheit for approximately five minutes, but in other cases, the parasite may survive. Fortunately, the weather has not affected con- struction much. With a late snowy season, and

The fireproofing had to be applied in a temperature con- trolled environment to ensure it set properly.

Photo by Lauren Wiseman

The drive by the union. When construction is com- plete, however, that road will exist, and it will be just as great in front of Domini Hall. Instead, a single walkway will connect the union to the aca- demic library.

One of the major changes, though, will be the staircase. “By the first of next month, those stairs [the metal construction stairs from the second floor to first floor in the union] will be gone, and the new marquee entrance will actually be here.” Students will be ushered in through a section of the construction site to the new site, and those to reach the second floor.

As the union’s en- trance moved forward, there will be added space to the union. One is the Lake Room. This new area will be more of an upscale space built to hold events that contain both Kahle and a Lake. While some students have some concerns with the new Lake Room, a lot of the events in the Lake Room will re- volve around alumni events and corporate engagement. This cor- porate engagement is a big part of the process for the new Lake Room, especially in regards to the Kahle and the Lake.

The real change will happen spring break, Hayes said. “By that time, Career Services will be completely done.” While Career Services was, the Bookstore will be moving to. Students will get their food from the Faculty Dining Room, and tables will be set up in the Kahle Room. “That’ll be kind of a pain for the students...but that is the only way we’ll get it open in the spring.”

Exciting changes are on the way for Rose- Holman’s campus, with some just around the cor- ner. As these changes unfold, The Rose Thorn will continue to keep students updated.

When the Lantern is done, students can expect a full view of Speed Lake, White Chapel, and more.
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Popular Technology

Samsung Galaxy note 7

Samsung, a popular tech company, unveiled their latest flagship phone the Galaxy note 7 in 2016. This seemed like a routine event as Samsung had unveiled an updated version of this phone for almost ten years now. The Samsung Galaxy Note 7 was released on August 19, 2016. At this point, the phone had no controversy surrounding it and it was to be revered as one of the most anticipated smartphones of 2016. Although it did not take long for this to change.

Not even a month later reports of the Note 7 catching fire and even exploding in some cases sense around the world. Situation’s like this had happened in the past with a few iPhone models burning holes in people’s pockets, so no one seemed to really take these reports seriously. Although these phones kept having these same problems and the epidemic was spreading, Samsung had recalled the Note 7 and even provided replacement phones with different batteries for those who had problems in the past. This had no effect on the problem as even these replacements began to explode as well.

Given the FAA has banned the possession of the phone on any plane in the United States as they are deemed as too much of a threat. Eventually Samsung had recalled the entire line of phones with no sign of even releasing a note replacement to the note 7 in the future. We can only hope that the note 8 doesn’t have these same problems.

Apple tries to start a trend

Going along with this same trend of phone technology in 2016 Apple also decided everyone a change with their ever popular iPhone 7. Apple had made the bold decision to phasing away their 3.5 mm headphone jack on their line of iPhone 7s. This may be just a phase although technological advancements like this have happened in the past and for technologies to advance we must leave the old ones in the dust. Even Samsung had announced that their new phone the Galaxy 8 would not sport a headphone jack. Although since then they have retracted this statement and as of now they intend to include a headphone jack in their final

Policy and Politics

Donald Trump is elected the 45th president of the United States

Among other things, 2016 had brought us some major political events and the most entertaining, tragic and or exciting election any of us have ever witnessed. The entire fluo of the 2016 presidential election had brought to light many things about the US election system and instead of talking about the facts of the situation, I am going to point out a few things, that many of us overlooked that were highlighted by this last election.

The Electoral College system is truly broken. In the current system Donald Trump did indeed win the election by winning enough electoral votes although Hillary Clinton did indeed win the popular vote in this election. Even so, in the United States truly has an equal say in the election then the candidates with the majority of the United States should win the presidency. That being said this may be a broken system but, it is still the system that was in the election and is the result of whether we like it or not hopefully this system will be eradicated In the future.

The concept of being “unelectable” and “electable”.

A popular terminology for this election was the idea of having a candidate being more electable than another. For example, the Democratic Party thought that Bernie Sanders was a lesser probability to be elected than Hilary Clinton due to his controversial agenda did and his self declaration as a democratic socialist, although it turned out that Hilary Clinton was just as unelectable as her opponent Bernie Sanders. On the other side of the table Donald Trump was deemed as one of the most ri
dicious candidates ever to run for president although it turned out he was just as electable as they come winning the electoral college vote by a very large margin. That being said this election is in the past and the events cannot be reversed although, we can hope for the best in the future.

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As of the 2016 election, over half of the states in the United States have legalized the use of 2016 marijuana for medicinal use and 8 states have legalized the recreational use of this substance in the United States. This has caused the stigma of the drug to change as it is becoming more widely accepted every year. The future of this substance for the benefit of our nation seems to have a bright future and we can only hope that it continues in this direction.

Celebrity Obituary

Pat Harrington Jr, Actor, Jan 6 age 86
Otis Clay, Blues artist, Jan 8 age 73
David Bowie, Musician, Jan 10 age 69
Alan Rickman, Actor, Jan 14 Age 69
Antonin Scalia, Supreme Court Justice, Feb 13 Age 79
Harper Lee, Novelist, Feb 19 age 89
Nancy Reagan, Former First Lady, Mar 6 age 94
Sir George martin, Producer, Mar 8 age 90
Frank Sinatra Jr, singer, Mar 72 age 72
Rob Ford, Mayor of Toronto, Mar 22 age 46
Chyna, WWE wrestler, Apr20 age 46
Prince, Musician, Apr 21 age 57
Harambe, Gorilla, May 28 age 17
Muhammad Ali, Boxer, Jun 3 age 74

Lifestyle Editor

Sean Ladipo

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2016 Year in Review

Thank god it is over
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My favorite part about going abroad was meeting new people and collaborating with the other students. I really appreciated the acceptance and integration with the Irish students in our course. The fall term of the Irish coursework includes an integrated design project involving all the modules (or classes) you take that term. We were put in groups so we could use other students as references for our project submissions, and it was a great way to learn how the culture worked.

A perk of having the same students in every class was that we all had to work together. We may all study the same subject, but we communicate in very different ways. In the same stretch, both Ireland and the US speak English, but we have very different versions of it. Overall, the other three Rose students and I who studied at Limerick actually felt like part of the class by the end of the term, not just students visiting for the term.

Another great thing about studying abroad is the opportunity to travel outside of your country of study. There are plenty of places to visit within Ireland, and I had the chance to visit Germany as well! University of Limerick has a great set of trips for foreign students who want to explore Ireland which are fun and easy to take advantage of. These trips are a way for international students who don’t have cars to get around the countryside and visit areas that don’t necessarily have public transit as the city of Limerick does.

And finally, a word of advice to anyone considering studying abroad: Don’t be afraid to get yourself out there! A year ago, I never thought I would leave home to study in another country for such a long period of time. I have always been a homebody, but studying abroad was an adventure I needed in my life and I will never regret it!

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Opinions Editor
Wholesome (adj): “conducive to or promoting moral well-being.” A growing trend recently has been a steep departure from thoroughly offensive and abrasive content typically generated by the internet into "wholesome" content, with subreddits such as r/wholesomememes being a prime example of such content. However, rather than being genuinely suggestive of good health, it wreaks of blind optimism.

Now, there are quite a few bits of this content subgenre which could genuinely be classified as wholesome. Marcous suggesting to do actual positive actions (working on your relationship with your significant other) I take no issue with, but the ever-classic images of dogs with hat such as “Who’s awesome? You’re awesome!” Don’t make much. It’s one thing to say this to an individual, and to make a value judgment so that “I would not only disagree, but vilifies the value of the statement when they can actually be validated. The importance of genuine interaction cannot be overstressed. We are capable of realizing there is nothing backing someone’s statement when this is the case. And over time, we tend to associate words of praise and positivism with disingenuous. This degrades and undermines when we actually ought to be thinking positively of ourselves. Like many addictive drugs, so too can this surface positivity be. In an “always on” era of communication, having a source of guaranteed positivism can be a source of addiction, which like many things, has the ability to undermine and destroy relationships. We forget that positivity doesn’t come by words of praise and affirmation, but by serious criticism and complex emotions, as well.

So if you’re feeling down in the dumps maybe you shouldn’t go online looking for some random stranger who doesn’t know you to tell you you’re pretty awesome. Maybe you should look to the lowlives around you for some honest and realistic conversation.
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“I feel my ear hairs, does that count?”

-Dr. Granieri

“What? You said we could quote you."

-Dr. Simoni

"You should all be sitting around at Sonka’s with your data up on the wall..."

-Dr. Simoni

“Well, since we have your permission..."

Top 10 Movies coming out in 2017

1. Brokeback Volcano
2. 2017 – the Mayans forgot to carry the one
3. Another Spiderman (before the next one hits theaters)
4. Finding Marlin
5. Bee Movie: Part B
6. Shrek: the Reaper
7. Spy kids’ kids
8. Home(less) and Alone: a Home Alone Story
9. Rogue 2: the Sequel to the Prequel (we want more K2So)
10. Paul Blart’s Night at the Museum
11. Harry Potter and the even less relevant grandchildren

Fact of the Week

After tourists began leaving bras on a fence in rural New Zealand, the trend caught on making the “Cardrona Bra Fence” a popular tourist attraction.