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Eric Libois, the head of the committee in charge of events, ideas, and logistics, spearheaded this year's Greatest Hall. Libois and the committee, comprised of off-campus students, worked hard to make this competition possible. They began as soon as the last one ended, assessing the successes of prior events. Once a theme was decided upon, they started planning right away. They began listing ideas and working on traditional events during the summer.

When the school year started, the committee got to work on the logistics to make sure the competition would run as smoothly as possible. This year, the theme is the medieval era. Some students may have noticed some event schedules floating around residence halls. Libois also mentioned that this year will contain some very unique events. So students should grab some swords and shields as they charge head on to victory!

In the interest of giving readers a leg up on the competition, The Rose Thorn asked Libois if there were any hints or strategies to implement. Libois was unable to give much in the name of upholding the fun and honor of the whole competition.

However, he did mention that some fan favorite events will return. There will be an abundance of opportunities to challenge creativity, so he advises floors 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 solution [to winter doldrums] is a tradition to behold..."

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Honoring MLK Jr. at Rose

Rose-Hulman Plans Guest Speaker and Convocation

Lauren Wiseman
News Editor

In the days leading up the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, students have been receiving emails regarding the guest speaker and convocation ceremony. White Rose-Hulman does not dismiss classes for MLK Jr. Day, the school still honors the memory of the Civil Rights leader every year. This year, the conversation will begin at 11:05 a.m. in Hatfield Hall. With classes going on the floor, the Rose Thorn asked whether there were any hints or strategies to implement. Libois was unable to give much in the name of upholding the fun and honor of the whole competition.

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Superbugs Becoming a Growing Concern

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Photo by Lauren Wiseman

The real change will happen spring break, Hayes said. ‘By that time, Career Services will be completely done.’ 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 Kohn Room. ‘That’ll be kind of a pain for the students...but that is the only way to get it open in the future.’

Exciting changes are on the way for Rose-Hulman’s campus, with some just around the corner. As these changes unfold, The Rose Thorn will continue to keep students updated.
The premise of the film itself can basically be summed up by Amanda Waller (Viola Davis), a shady government operative who is one of the few who didn’t, go faster. Lynch grapples with the concept of Rikker (Jeremy Irons) into pressing Sophia to budget cuts, forcing Dr. Rikker’s father…Dr. ancestor, 15th century Spanish Assassin Aguilar the Animus to get him in touch with his ancestor’s favorite character. The stakes were high, as these terms are not to her liking and panic set in as the lethal injection was whisked away by Abstergo Industries, a multi-lucrative franchises: As-Iassin’s Creed. There is no Altair, no Ezio, no Edward. Instead, a producer, and so while Fassassinbender was a producer, and so while Ubisoft hired him, he was clearly passionate about the project. There were a number of scenes where his acting caliber was apparent, but there were other scenes where his acting caliber was apparent, and it was the first of many good scenes from Fassassinbender. Which brings me to the next point, with the possible exception of Deadshot, none of the characters managed to portray themselves as protagonist material. Don’t get me wrong, I am all for a good villain protagonist and the movie it entails, but Suicide Squad manages to make its team of aptly named “Worst. Heroes. Ever.” Evil enough in an arbitrarily petty way that one cannot help but stop caring about the outcome of the film. Even in the moment, I realized I am probably in a minority at this point, because I thought it was a solid film. The whole movie felt like an extendedelligence of the film. Which may be the point, but it still beat a level of audience apathy that makes reaching the overly clichéd and entirely unbelievable team bonding end an utter chore. That is not to say the movie didn’t have some redeeming qualities or amusing moments. It did. They were all in the trailer, I suggest viewing it once more, and saving yourself the other two hours and thirteen minutes of context.

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News Editor

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The year of 2016 certainly was a roller coaster for all of us. From all of the celebrity deaths, election fiascos, to all the various signs of apocalypse this year certainly provided a lot of conversation. This week we decided to make the Lifestyle section on our website into a small homage to the dreaded year of 2016. On this page, we are going to talk about some different events that shaped the mood of 2016 mainly in the realms of politics and technology. Also at the bottom of the page you will find a small obituary to a lot of the celebrities, political figures, and notable people that passed away in 2016.

**Peerless Technology**

**Samsung Galaxy Note 7**

Samsung, a popular technology 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 received as one of the most anticipated smartphones of 2016. Although it did not take long for this change.

Not even a month later reports of the Note 7 catching fire and even exploding in some cases sense around the world. Situation 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. The FEA had no effect on the problem as even these replacements began to explode as well.

Even the FEA 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 with a change to 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 innovation has caused a great share of controversy as the headphone jack has been a staple of all smartphones for many years now. Although they did provide a lightning to 3.5mm jack to the list of included accessories, this means that you cannot both charge your iPhone 7 and use headphones at the same time.

There have been a few companies that have tried to solve this problem by creating third party products and add-ons. However, at the same time although these solutions aren’t perfect as many of these products do not allow one to sync using a cable, right angle to connect more than one output or even cost as much as $40 USD.

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 intend to include a headphone jack in their final release.

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.

The entire fiasco of the 2016 presidential election had brought to light the most entertaining, tragic and or exciting election any of us have ever witnessed. The concept of being “unelectable” and “electable”. A popular terminology for this election was the idea of having a candidate become more electable than another. For example, the Democratic Party thought that Bernie Sanders was a better candidate than Hillary Clinton due to his commercial agenda did and his self-declaration as a democratic socialist, although it turned out that Hillary 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

**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 17 age 72
Rob Ford, Mayor of Toronto, Mar 22 age 46
Chyna, WWE wrestler, Apr 20 age 46
Prince, Musician, Apr 21 age 57
Harambe, Gorilla, May 28 age 17
Muhammad Ali, Boxer, Jun 3 age 74

Kimbo Slice, Martial Artist/Professional Street Fighter, Jun 6 age 42
Christina Grimmie, Singer, Jun 10 age 22
Buddy Ryan, NFL Coach, Jun 28 age 85
Pat Summitt, Basketball Coach, Jun 28 Age 64
Ellie Wiesel, Author/Activist, Jul 2 age 87
Ricci Martin, Entertainer, Aug 3 age 62
Gene Wilder, Actor, Aug 29 age 83
Arnold Palmer, Golfer, Sep 25 age 87
John Glenn, Astronaut/Veteran/Politician, Dec 8 age 95
George Michael, Singer, Dec 25 age 53
Carrie Fisher, Actress, Dec 27 age 60
Debbie Reynolds, Actress, Dec 28 age 84

And many more…
You will be missed.
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.

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 Irish 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.

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!

PRO?

Blind Optimism

“Positivity doesn’t come by words of praise and affirmation, but by serious criticism and complex emotions.”

Thaddaeus Hughes

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/wholesomeness 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. Marcus suggesting to do actual positive actions (working on your relationship with your significant other) I take no issue with, but the ever-convoluted images of dogs with texts such as “Who’s awesome? You’re awesome!” Don’t make much. It’s one thing to say this to an individual, but to make a value judgment out so that I would not only discount, it undermines the value of the words when they can actually be validated.

The importance of genuine interaction cannot be stressed enough. We are capable of realizing there is nothing lacking someone’s statement when this is the case. And over time, we tend to associate words of praise and positivity with dishonesty. 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 positivity 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 lows around you for some honest and realistic conversations.
The rematch of Clemson vs. Alabama was a great game and arguably one of the best fourth quarters of football to watch. Alabama beat Clemson in the 2015-16 National Championship Game. In their first game of the year, Clemson and Alabama were both able to make it back to the National Championship in the 2016-17 season and Clemson was able to pull off the win in a tight game of 37-31.

Most would say that the first half of this game was rather boring to watch as not much action had happened. Alabama had the lead the whole game and every time it seemed like Alabama was going to take the game away, Clemson would make a play to keep it a close game. It wasn’t until the fourth quarter on and the game grew intensely.

Clemson brought the game within reach within the first minute of the fourth quarter when Mike Williams caught a touchdown pass to make the score 24-17. Later on, Clemson took their first lead of the night with no time left to play. This set up Clemson’s which turned out to be the most dramatic moment of the season when Clemson was able to seal the game away with a touchdown and only leaving a second left on the clock. Clemson then took it to end the game by kicking an outside kick and recovering it which allowed Watson to take a knee on the final play of the game.

Before the National Championship game, Alabama seemed unbeatable as they had been on a 26 game winning streak while dominating all of their opponents. Clemson saw what it took to beat Alabama with their game away, knowing to be the underdog, revenge from losing the championship game the prior season and a little bit of luck that went their way.

Bo Knows

Bo Jackson, the only person to be an All Star in the Major League Baseball (MLB) and NFL career. Bo

Although Bo had hoped for a few things in his career to go differently, he still has no regrets because had knew everything had happened for a reason. Bo had plans on retiring ahead of schedule and in a way that Bo didn’t expect. Bo had absorbed from the Cincinnati Bengals linebacker, Kevin Walker, during the third round of the NFL draft. Bo’s reasoning behind his statement is that there are way too many risks of head injuries that can permanently affect one’s life. Although Bo loves the sport, he would never allow his own children to play football. “I’d smack them in the mouth if they said they wanted to play football...I’d tell them, ‘Play baseball, basketball, soccer, golf, just anything but football.’”

If he had never played football then who could imagine the amazing milestones Bo would have accomplished in the sport of baseball. Perhaps he would be a fellow Hall of Famer with George Brett, a former teammate with the Kansas City Royals. Potentially, players like Mike Trout and Bryce Harper would be compared to Bo Jackson. No one really knows what would have happened but it sure would’ve been interesting to find out.

Most ironic part about the whole situation of Bo’s career ending injury is that Bo’s career ending injury is that Bo’s hip to fracture and dislocate in his life. Bo Jackson’s hip injury was the most ironic part about the whole situation of Bo’s career ending injury.

Our women’s team has really had an amazing season as they are currently tied for first place in the conference with Bluffton. Bluffton and Rose-Hulman both stand at 7-1 in the conference. There is still plenty of the season left for our women to claim the HCAC conference as they have to play those teams a second time. Our women’s team got one closer to claiming the conference this weekend as they took the game away in the fourth quarter of pull of the win.
"When you guys go outside in near-zero degree weather like this, don’t you ever just feel your nose hairs? Or is that just me?"
- Dr. Carlisle

I feel my ear hairs, does that count?

“Dr. Syed is a pansy.”
- Dr. Granieri

What? You said we could quote you.

“You should all be sitting around at Sonka’s with your data up on the wall...”
- Dr. Simoni

Well, since we have your permission...

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.

Welcome back to the Flipside everyone! Did you have a nice break? I know I did! Wish I could have had another week off though. :)

So many things to do, so little time... 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. You may have noticed that there are only three. I have completely run out of them on my own, so be sure to thank those that turn some in!

The HORROrscopes
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Top 10 Movies coming out in 2017
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7. Spy kids’ kids
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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.

WACKY PROF QUOTES
“Dr. Syed is a pansy.”
- Dr. Granieri

What? You said we could quote you.

“You should all be sitting around at Sonka’s with your data up on the wall...”
- Dr. Simoni

Well, since we have your permission...

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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