Jason Lee
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“[Henderson] listed the qualities that made the difference in his life: foundation, vision, purpose, and strategy.”

Securing cyberspace is one of the 14 grand challenges for engineering.

Dr. Sid Stamm, a professor in the Computer Science and Software Engineering department, started all the talk by defining what exactly the term cybersecurity means. Dr. Stamm has an extensive background in cybersecurity, having worked as a cybersecurity systems engineer at Boeing, company behind the popular web browser Internet Explorer.

According to Dr. Stamm, four areas of concern for cybersecurity are: the need for more secure software, better data security during transmission, a focus on the security of entire systems, and the need for updated and relevant laws.

Up next was Dr. Zach Estrada, director of Security and Cybersecurity Engineering at the Electrical and Computer Engineering department. Dr. Estrada has a background in systems resilience, specifically pertaining to cloud computing and virtualization. Working at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, he had first-hand experience in considering cybersecurity issues in his job.

Mike Glass from Information Security at Enterprise Information Technology brought a background in dealing with cybersecurity from an organizational perspective. As an information security officer in the United States Air Force, Mr. Glass was tasked with defending against cybersecurity threats, and he continued in that capacity at Rose-Hulman. However, he averred that higher education is a unique environment for the training that takes placecover the countries of many important issues in cybersecurity, such as the balance of availability and security.

Outlining the panel was political science professor, Dr. Terrance Casey from the Humanities and Social Sciences department. Although he has no technical experience in the field of cybersecurity, as he stated himself, Dr. Casey is certainly qualified to speak on the political ramifications of cybersecurity and the effects on society. Of particular interest to Dr. Casey was the question of defense in cyberstrategies, and while we live in a N.A.D. (Mutually Assured Destruction) world with nuclear deterrents, there are no such deterrents in place for cybersecurity.

Questions from the audience focused on the issue of detection and how exactly that might look like. Also, as legal issues surrounding cybersecurity, what was made clear from all panelists was that the issue of cybersecurity will continue to grow in importance.

The Rose Thorn community is encouraged to attend the Security League held by Moisell. The campus is being examined on Monday, January 23, third floor, in the GM room to discuss cybersecurity issues.
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A 'Dog's Purpose' Production Comes Under Fire

For any dog lover, the upcoming film, 'A Dog's Purpose,' may have appeared enticing. The film is about a dog whose spirit has been reincarnated several times, with each life having a different purpose. However, the film garnered controversy recently due to a video that surfaced with what appears to be animal cruelty during production.

The recording supposedly shows the trainers forcing a scared German Shepherd in rushing waters for a scene. The controversy has resulted in the cancellation of the film's premiere and the boycott of the film by several organizations including PETA, Montreal Humane Society, and动物权利组织.

Eric had died at a young age. He wrote his first poem when he was a writer at age, although he decided not to go through it with as that poem, he felt as if he had found his calling in life. The show itself was a very humbling and enriching experience as he spoke to us not as a performer to his audience but as if we were family. He shared with us poems about his experiences while opening the floor to questions about his life. He did not hold back letting it all out through stories about his mother and her drug use during the early stages in his life to the impact of his grandparents on his life.

In all, I am so happy that I decided to go to his show. I feel that he really provided a perspective into his life all the while brightening our night with jokes and a light mood on this touchy topic. If you get the chance to see him anywhere, in the future I really recommend you see him in the future.
It’s a tale as old as the west (even cinema, and western before that). A town is beset upon by wicked men and have not the means to defend themselves. A band of wandering misfits with a variety of histories, skill sets, and personalities take it upon themselves to defend and train the in-mist. Some live some die, but whatever happens, the remnants of our plucky band ride into the sunset, never ones to outstay their welcome. Beginning with Akira Kurosawa’s genre defining乱世佳人, the complexities of each character are portrayed in such a plot is so often performed that sometimes Hollywood doesn’t even bother to change their name. Such as in the 2014 movie guns blazing cinematic shootout, 乱世佳人.

The plot is pretty much exactly what’s described above, but if you are looking for spec-tacles, allow me to paraphrase. There is a Mining-baron who wants a town’s land, townfolk of different races are dead and buried, and we start shoot-ting pillars of the community (Rest in peace Matt Damon, you will be sorely missed), the townfolk opt to contract some of the quietest collection of killers the west has to offer. This leads to an hour or so of gloriously gratuitous gun battles, and the films ultimate resolution. If you are looking for a nuanced plot or inspiring character development, I humbly suggest some other film. If however you are here for the top western violence, you’ve come to the right place. Each of the seven from the duly sworn warrant officer Sam Chisolm (Daniel Washington) to the stoic and efficient Red Harvest (Martin Sensmeier) gets a chance to demonstrate their credentials in combat. The various battles are lovingly crafted with a score of the top suits and sequences. While The Magnificent Seven may not have as many explosions as a classic 80’s action flick (and it still manages to under-play the toll, which most redshirts, this movie fits the bill.

Birth of The CSSE Major A Review of The Imitation Game

Evelyn Maquelin
Staff Writer

You’ve seen him in Sherlock, you’ve seen him in the Hobbit (well, heard), and the as-strologer of celebs may have even seen him in Penguins of Madagascar. With his floppy hair and distinctive features, Benedict Cumberbatch sweeps the screen once again in Morten Tyldum’s The Imitation Game, this time as a man near and dear to every CS major’s heart, Alan Turing. Effectively the Newton of Computer Science, Turing’s role in the British WW2 victory was nothing short of instrumental, as decrypting German communications proved the key to winning not just individual battles, but the war as a whole. This was no small feat however, as the Germans encrypted their communications with the Enigma machine, a mathematical masterpiece that seemed near impossible to crack. A story of love, loss, and war, The Imitation Game went above and beyond in portraying the desperation and genius behind Turing’s work.

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I’m Just Here for the Guns

Matt Bomer, your baby blue eyes will be sorely missed, the villains and townsfolk can be described as “These because the plot needed them to be”, which can be forgiven for an action mov-ie. Moving on from that sentiment, I really can’t stress enough that this movie is pretty much a straight action flick, which can be either a good thing or a bad thing depending on your mood. If you are looking for a simple excuse to watch a septet of ruggedly handsome actors gunning their way through an army of redshirts, this movie fits the bill. If you are looking for drama from any other angle be it intrigue, romance, comedy of errors, or adventure, then you would be better of moseying on.

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The New Star Wars Cannon
What even matters anymore?

Andrew Henderson
Staff Writer

Star wars, since its inception with the original trilogy has al-
ways been more than just a movie saga. The Star Wars universe
has existed as an entertainment phenomenon, one that spreads
across multiple forms of media, including movies, TV shows,
video games, books, and comics. Even since the first Star Wars
film (A New Hope) was a surprise hit the original owner of the
rights to Star Wars, Lucasfilm, has expanded other storytellers
to create an ever-expanding universe to surround the movies he
made. These stories have both told the history and future of the
star wars universe, and for many avid star wars fans are the best
part of the Star Wars history. All of these stories were known
to fans as the Star Wars universe and had been enjoyed
by millions since the eighties. That was until April 25, 2014,
when after the Walt Disney Company bought out Lucasfilm and
the rights to the Star Wars Universe, the Lucasfilm story group
declared that the older stories were no longer canon.

Disney killed the old Star Wars canon for many reasons.
One of the biggest was that the cannon also contained stories
of exactly what happened after the original trilogies and before
most of the stories possible for Disney to tell in the Star Wars
Universe had already been told as the decade goes mambo of
years in the future and the past. The first 100 years especially
after the fall of the empire had been told from almost every pos-
sible viewpoints. There are not that many stories left for Disney
to tell from the old canon, and Disney bought Lucasfilm to
make money off new stories. They want to make new movies, TV
shows, video games and books, and the old Disney would not al-
low Disney to create these new stories. Therefore, Disney killed
the old cannon so a new one could take its place, similar to the
reboot that happens in comic books so new stories can be told.
In addition, the old cannon had a big problem; it had hundreds
of authors with different views who at times would contradict each
other in their writings. At times the old cannon, which has
described "Legends," is more myths and well legends (aptly
named Disney, well done). The “Legends” cannon was hard to fol-
low because of contradictions all the time and you never really
know if the stories that were being told were true and not just
misunderstanding of history by the storyteller. Disney ended the
old cannon to fix these problems holding back more star wars sto-
ries from coming to fruition.

The new cannon that Disney has created is much smaller new
canon than the old “Legends” cannon. Right now it is made up
of every star wars film, the Star Wars: The Clone war television se-
ries and film, the stand-alone comic Star Wars: Darth Maul-
Son of Dathomire, and most media composed in collaboration with
Lucasfilm Stories Group since April 25, 2014. This means that all
of the books and videogames that were popular with many star
wars fans, including the incredibly popular star wars: The Old
Republic game are no longer canon. Do not fret though, avid star
wars fans as all of the "Legends" cannon is lost forever. Dis-
ney is still selling the "Legends" cannon, just as not officially
canon and some parts of the old extended universe is being reap-
plied to the new cannon that Disney is building. This could
mean that as Disney’s plan for the future of Star wars media is
Anticipated Music of 2017
Music Coming Out in the Next Few Months

Jan 27 - Bell Biv Devoe - Tree Stripes
Jan 27 - Kehlani - SweetSexySavage
Jan 27 - Migos - C U L T U R E
Jan ?? - Iggy Azalea - Digital Distortion
Jan ?? - Major Lazer - Music is the weapon
Feb 3 - Big Sean - I decided
Feb 10 - Lupe Fiasco - DROGAS Light
Feb 10 - Michael Bolton - Songs of Cinema
Feb 14 - Marylin Manson - Say 10
March 3 - Ed Sheeran - ??
Mar 10 - Raekwon - The Wild

The Cover of C U L T U R E the Migos Newest Album
The ride of the cast of ‘Rouge One’
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Some of the celebrities 2016 took its toll on. Could have seen it coming.

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Opinions
2016: Not That Much
Andrew Henderson

2016 has been called by many to be the worst year in decades, if not the worst year ever. Because of major international events, the celebrity deaths, the political unrest, we can all feel that this year would be better left forgotten. However, I believe this was a great year overall. Even though it was incredibly annoying, they are not surprising. 2016 was 46 years away from the beginning of the eighties, when celebrity culture really began in America. Of course, so many celebrities from the eighties who are now at least in their 60’s are starting to go into their final years, but it is expected with things like O.J. Simpson getting put away at 78-9 and for women is 81.2. The baby boomer generation is starting to hit a higher age and because they made up a larger percentage of the population than past generations did we are going to see the amount of celebrities dying rise in the next couple of years; 2016 was the first year we noticed the beginning of this trend. It does not help that many eighties celebrities were avid drug users during their time of greatest stardom.

Marc Schmit
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In light of the alleged Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election, the question of the United States’ cybersecurity policy needs to be addressed in full. It is no small thing to say that cybersecurity and the development of cybersecurity stand to be a powerful force in countless facets of international relations, governance, and everyday life. That there is little public discourse on the subject of cybersecurity is reflective of our collective ignorance on the subject. A significant cybersecurity issue is the role of the private sector and its relationship with the government and national security apparatus. In fact, the little discussed go it alone attitude among the private sector and government has led to massive breaches of consumer and citizen data.

To combat the exponential growth of cybersecurity threats the government should set policy that promotes public-private sector collaboration, the sharing of best practices, and the realignment of incentives to discourage cybersecurity inaction. The pooling of cybersecurity and threat intelligence can drastically improve our security to handle threats. The first step in dealing with threats is to begin to talk with one another. Unfortunately, the private sector is inherently unused to doing so in a constructive manner.

Indeed, why should one company be sharing information with its competitors? This is where government has the capacity to be of great use, stepping in to facilitate the sharing of threat information. The Department of Homeland Security is already pursuing a variety of threat information sharing programs such as the Automated Indicator Sharing (AIS) program, which is free and open to all companies.

The benefits of programs like AIS is the commoditization of cyber threat information, which allows companies to no longer be in the dark about ongoing threats. Furthermore, lowering the asymmetry of information security improves the overall security by ensuring an entire network of companies is secure against known threats. However, these programs are limited in their effectiveness if the private sector does not participate. It is up to both government and the private sector to improve the cost of action.

Along with sharing of current threat information, government sharing of best practices in cybersecurity would create a minimum common denominator, ensuring that the public and private sectors are not duplicates. Without duplicates, it is clear that the current level of security measures is always saddening but it is not as if 2016 had some sick obsession with death, it’s just the natural progression from population to culture change.

Then comes the political side of 2016. Last year was the most abnormal political year we have had in decades, with extremely close votes in America and abroad, a very large push against mainstream candidates, outright lies, and even more riots that grew out of these protests. This year seemed to divide many of us, making many believe the other side had lost their mind and that the world was going to end.

However, when you look at the last year politically what really occurred was a major push against sharing information. If you look at political leaders that quickly grew in power over the last year, whether it was Donald Trump, Bernie Sanders, Marine Le Pen or Nigel Farage, they all had in common that they want to help the people they view as being forgotten gain some power in politics again. Major problems across the world that were ignored by those in power were finally met with some forms of push for change.

The last year, no matter your personal views, was something that had to happen. We saw huge participation in politics by the young, the poor, the regularly unrepresented and we should believe in. Not everyone got what they wanted, as that is impossible to do, but we saw voices being heard and people fighting for what they believed in. That is what democracy feels off of: people using their voices to speak to those in power. Last year was not perfect but it was necessary, if anything, I hope next year we will hear the voice of many more people.

Rethinking Cybersecurity

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"What really occurred was a major push to support the disenfranchised."

Many of the deaths we saw this year were of celebrities with past or present drug abuse issues; it is not surprising that many of the biggest names have been in some of the most expensive and public of drug abuse cases. However, many celebrities believe that they have a duty to support the disenfranchised.

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"Rethinking Cybersecurity"
Michaela Kivett in the three backstroke while being helped with wins in the 100 freestyle, Nicholas Jeronis winning the 1,650 individual medley, Patrick King freestyle and the 100 meter backstroke. Other notable winners included Abbie Marshall, and Josh Hennig in the 4 x 100 meter relays which helped with wins in the 400 and Brendan Smyth, Smith, Borden and Hennig in the 4 x 400. The women were led by Jaylyn Setina by setting the 50 yard dash jump in Dy 4 this season and Deonte Gedeon before the season with a record in the 60 meter hurdles. Other notable winners included: Emilie Hobbs in the 600, and Breana Smith, Josh Himes leading the Engineers as he beat his own school record in the 60 meter hurdles. The team got to win with his meet with the 600 meter hurdles and winning also the meet with shot-out. Other contributors included Nick Palmer in the 800 and 1600 meter which consists of Adam Wilson, Isaiah, Smith, David Borden, and Josh Hennig in the 800 and Brendan Smyth, Smith, Borden and Hennig in the 4 x 800. The women's team is continuously dominating the court as they've taken 1st place in the conference with their 9-1 record in the HCAC while being 14-3 overall. The team got to celebrate their Breast Cancer Awareness game by winning their home game match up against Transylvania in their big 8th shut-out of the year by a combined total of 147 points score. Congratulations to these women and keep up the work.

The Women's Basketball Team preparing for their Breast Cancer Awareness game.

Photo by Rose-Hulman Athletics
Top 10 Greatest Floors
1. Percopo 4
2. BSB basement (RIP)
3. Floor 58 of Trump Tower
4. Sublevel 84 of Area 51
5. Airport carpet
6. Bottom of the Mariana Trench (Sea Floor, man)
7. Vintage Parquet Flooring
8. Linoleum
9. The remains of the Berlin Wall
10. Chucky Cheese’s Ball pit floor
11. Seventh Level of Hell (AKA the frozen wasteland of Indiana)

WACKY PROF QUOTES
“Your book makes a really good point about how other books are wrong when they use [this terminology], but since I call it the same thing, we’re going to skip that.”
-Dr. Syed

“Maybe I need a brain transplant from a twenty-year-old...”
-Dr. Laxer

“It’ll be about as useful as the brain you’ve got. Be careful, some have premature TV brain rot.”
-Dr. Simoni

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.

Fact of the Week
The IKEA Store on “Calle Me Falta un Tornillo” (“I’ve Got a Screw Loose Street”) in Valladolid, Spain, is hard to find because people keep stealing the street signs.

Lauren Santichen here with the weekly Flipside! This week is nominations for the editor positions on the Thorn! Next week is elections, so you will only have me for another week or so guys! Let’s finish off strong! 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’m in need of some since the professors have wised up to who I am and what I do. See you later!

Engineering Jokes
At a university behavioral experiment, an engineer, physicist and mathematician were presented, each in turn, with the same controlled situation: they were placed in a burning room with centrally located tub of water, pump and hose.

The engineer immediately got the pump running, hooked up the hose, soaked the entire room with water and put out the fire. He dumped the remaining water on whatever dry spots were left.

The physicist, after first running a few calculations, got the pump running, hooked up the hose and carefully metered out the water to the appropriate areas and put out the fire without wasting a drop.

The mathematician, after running a few calculations, pronounced “yes, it can be done” and left the room.