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## Need a Ride?

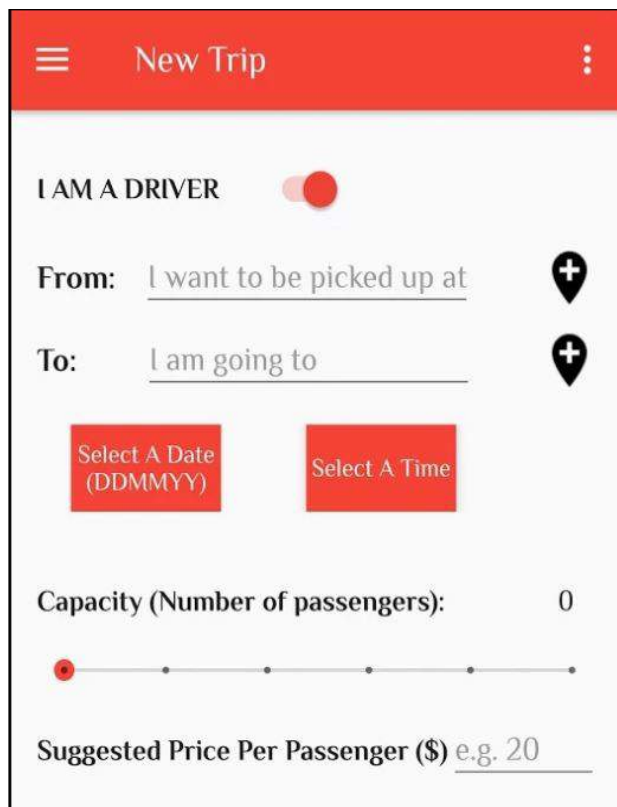
### Sophomores' App "Rosuber" Helping Students Find Rides

Lauren Wiseman  
News Editor

Rose-Hulman is a bit of a secluded campus, nestled against US 40, so unless a student has a car, trying to get off-campus to go anywhere is a bit of a hassle. Even going to Meijer can be a difficult ordeal to coordinate with other students or track down drivers. This experience was not unfamiliar to sophomore software engineers Yizhi Feng and Fangyuan Wang. "When we thought back to our experience as freshmen, especially for international students, it's kind of hard to get public transportation around campus." The pair came up with a solution: Rosuber.

The idea came from a previous class, Android Application Development (CSSE483). "We wanted to make a platform for Rose-Hulman students," Feng said. Rose-Hulman students can download the app (currently available for Android devices) and sign in with their Rose username.

"You can see the information about the driver and passengers," Wang explained while opening and navigating the application. "If they fill out the information, you can email them or text them." Users who are attached to a certain trip can update the location, the time, or other facets of the trip, and both driver and passenger receive notifications about the change.



Rosuber allows students to drive for others, create trips, and connect to rides.

Photo Courtesy of Google Play Store

When it came to programming the application, Wang said, "We took everything we learned in that course and integrated it into the app." Rosuber was the result a five-week project for the pair.

"We put a lot of functionality in [the app]." Feng went on to say that the project involved using material that was found outside of the class. Programmed in Java, the application came together and hit the Google Play Store last month.

"Originally, we had SharePoint for posting rides, but not many people actually read the emails," Wang said. "Now we have My Rose-Hulman, but I think a mobile app is more convenient." With this added convenience, now the trick is bringing more users into the application's database. "The problem with this is the number of people who use iPhones is more than the people who use Android. That can be a limit on this app for now." So Feng and Wang mentioned they plan on taking classes for programming iOS-compatible applications. This will allow them to extend the database.

The pair are improving the app outside the classroom, and those improvements will soon be brought to the app's interface. Wang said that with both iOS and Android platforms published, the door will open for more users in the database. This will ultimately allow for the application's purpose to be realized and the Rose-Hulman community to be more connected.

Rosuber is available in the Google Play Store for Android users.

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## The Search Begins

## Rose Tests New

### Rose-Hulman Looks for its Next Dean of Faculty

### Public Facing Website

Marc Schmitt

Editor-in-Chief

The Dean of Faculty Search Committee has announced its choice of four candidates for Dean of Faculty.

Each week there will be an open forum with a finalist for the position. The series of open forums began last week with Dr. Russ Warley speaking on Wednesday, April 19.

Information about each

"Each week there will be an open forum with a finalist for the position."

candidate, including a biography and CV, is released two

days before their respective open forum. Students, faculty, and staff have three days to review the material and provide feedback before being taken down to maintain fairness and consistency.

Dr. Jameel Ahmed, a Professor of Biology and Biomedical Engineering at Rose, has filled the role during the search for a permanent Dean of Faculty.

The Dean of Faculty is primarily responsible for the operation of academic departments and the implementation of the Academic Master Plan, which sets out a vision for the institute.

This week's candidate is Dr. Kevin Sutterer, the current Department Head of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Professor in the department. His open forum is Tuesday, April 25 from 4:20pm to 5:10pm in M137. A recording of the open forum will be available via [my.rose-hulman.edu](http://my.rose-hulman.edu)

Marc Schmitt

Editor-in-Chief

The Communications and Marketing department unveiled a new look for Rose-Hulman's public facing website on Monday.

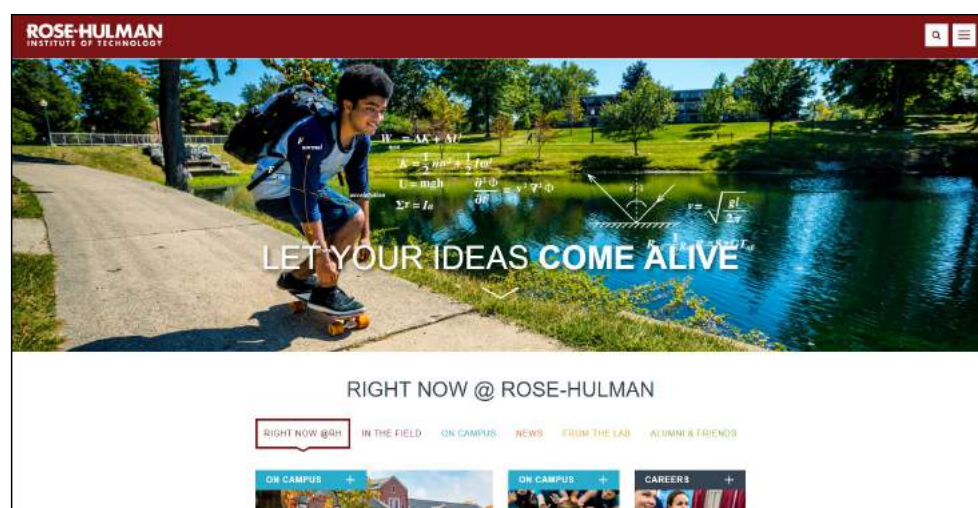
"Beginning today, campus constituents can get a sneak peek of the new public website at our test site, and provide feedback," writes Paul Shepherd, Senior Director of Communications and Marketing.

The sneak peek comes over a month ahead of the June 1 public launch of the refreshed website.

The updated website has the same information that is hosted on the current Rose-Hulman website. Academic information such as degree requirements, the course catalog, and more are available in an updated format.

The new website can be reached by going to [test-www.rose-hulman.edu](http://test-www.rose-hulman.edu).

Students are encouraged to explore the new website and give feedback. Any comments and issues can be directed to the Communications and Marketing staff via [webfeedback@rose-hulman.edu](mailto:webfeedback@rose-hulman.edu).



Rose-Hulman's new public facing website.

Screen Capture of [test-www.rose-hulman.edu](http://test-www.rose-hulman.edu)

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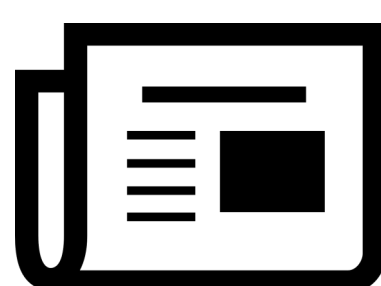
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## News Briefs

Joseph Lee  
Staff Writer

### Second Copy of the Declaration of Independence Found

Should the unthinkable happen to the Declaration of Independence—getting stolen to look for Templar treasure, for example—America can breathe a sigh of relief. A manuscript copy, known as the Sussex version, has been found in the southern English town of Chichester.

This copy dates back to the 1780s, and was believed to be owned by the Duke of Richmond. The Duke of Richmond was often referred to as the “Radical Duke” because of the support he gave to the Americans during the Revolutionary War.

The Sussex version is said to be nearly identical to the one on display in Washington, D.C. However, this version does not have the signatures broken down state by state. Furthermore, the actual author of this copy is unknown, but researchers are hard at work to figure out whose hand penned this copy. They assume the parchment was likely made in New York or Philadelphia. Researchers speculate James Wilson of Pennsylvania commissioned it.

Currently, the researchers are testing the document, which is an intricate process in order to preserve the document.

### Study Suggests Correlation Between Diet Sodas and Stroke, Dementia

The next “diet” drink you intake might cause future problems down the road. A new study has possibly found a correlation between drinking diet sodas and health problems including stroke and dementia.

The data came from a sample of 2,888 adults older than 45 and 1,484 adults older than 60. The researchers measured strokes for the older than 45 group and dementia for the older than 60 group. What they found was that drinking a diet soda once a day were three times more likely to have an ischemic stroke and dementia.

However, Lauren Kane, from the American Beverage Association, comments that the study does not necessarily establish a correlation. In other words, correlation does not mean causation.

Other experts such as Heather Snyder, senior director of medical and scientific operations as the Alzheimer’s Association, sees the study as a “piece of the larger picture.” She calls to attention that other factors of diet and exercise habits has a role into health as well.

### Naked Mole Rat Found to Survive in Zero-Oxygen Conditions

The naked mole rat, a creature many were first exposed to through the character Rufus from the Disney cartoon show ‘Kim Possible,’ has been discovered to be able to live while deprived of oxygen. They have been shown to survive in 0 percent oxygen levels for at least 18 minutes. For the sake of comparison, a mouse would be killed in 45 seconds.

Because the naked mole rat lives underground, the fact they can fare in low oxygen conditions was no surprise. However, the scientists were surprised to find just how long the creature can survive in so extreme of conditions.

When they looked at tissues samples to see exactly what is going on, they found the naked mole rat to switch its sugar metabolism from glucose to fructose, similar to that of plants. Now, one question lingering in the researchers’ minds is can this information be utilized to aid future patients that may require it?

### Hoverboarding Dentist Charged with Medicaid Fraud

Going to the dentist is frightening enough, but is it now standard procedure for them to be on hoverboards? Thankfully no, but that is what one dentist did.

A dentist from Alaska pulled a tooth out from a patient while on a hoverboard. Fortunately for the patient, she was sedated and did not have to face the potential psychological horror of the incident.

Though the procedure went smoothly, the dentist is being charged with Medicaid fraud. The charge consists of 17 counts of Medicaid fraud and “unlawful dental acts.”

The office manager is also being charged as well. Apparently, a video was recorded of the incident and sent to the office manager as a joke. Furthermore, the dentist allowed the office manager to remove two teeth from patients. Because the office manager did not have a medical license, this was illegal.

A conviction may mean 10 years in jail and \$100,000 in fines for the dentist. Furthermore, he might have to pay up to \$2.5 million to the affected defendants.

## SAM BRINTON: 50 BILLS 50 STATES

Lauren Wiseman  
News Editor

Before spring break, nuclear engineer Sam Brinton came to Rose-Hulman to tell their story. After surviving the trauma of conversion therapy, Brinton would go on to become a Presidential consultant and speaker. They continue to plead their case for bills banning the practice of conversion therapy across the nation.

(The following article contains descriptions of conversion therapy, which could be harmful to some readers.)

Conversion therapy goes back for years. Sigmund Freud’s daughter was put through conversion therapy, which attempts to change an individual’s gender identity or sexual orientation through means most would find comparable to torture. After try-

At age fourteen, Brinton attempted suicide.

After conversion therapy, the therapist tried aversion therapy. Brinton’s therapist dunked their arms in freezing water every time Brinton saw two men holding hands. Heating coils wrapped around their hands were also used, and heated every time images of men touching other men were seen. If men were touching women, the heat would be shut off, a brief reprieve from the pain.

Brinton became terrified of other men, refusing to hug their father, cowering behind their mother in church.

Electroshock followed. With needles inserted into their fingers, Brinton was shocked every time they saw pornographic images of gay men. Living in the commune, Brinton had never been exposed to pornography until that moment.

Every time Brinton hugged someone who



Sam Brinton (far left) and five other speakers have teamed up to champion bills which would ban the practice of conversion therapy in the U.S.

### Photo Courtesy of 50 Bills 50 States

ing to boost testosterone through physical mutilation—often leading to gay men contracting gangrene—the therapy moved to focus on the emotional and mental side.

During their talk, Brinton discussed a famous case at Brigham Young University in 1976. 12 gay men were invited to participate in conversion therapy. If these men refused, they were outed to their friends, family, and community. After the therapy was complete, they were asked if the therapy worked. Naturally, to avoid having to undergo the therapy a second time, the men confirmed the therapy worked.

Sam’s family earned only eight to ten thousand dollars a year and lived in a commune of Baptist missionaries. It was in this commune that Brinton, at around age twelve, found themselves digging through the garbage. With little to no money to the family name, entertainment was hard to come by. What was easier to come by, though, was a hypersexualized magazine.

Because the sexual images did not affect them, Brinton felt especially righteous after going

reminded them of a male-identifying person, the tingling in the fingers returns. After kissing a boy for the first time, Brinton threw up. They survived, but they were one of the few to do so. They knew this had to change, and this practice had to stop.

Brinton said, “Every APA except the American Poodle Association has said this treatment does not work.” These organizations cannot say they are harmful, though. Not without conducting tests on two identical twins, both of whom are gay, but only one of whom undergoes conversion therapy.

Once reaching adulthood, to get a ban on the practice underway, Brinton went to the National Center for Lesbian Rights (“If you need something done, go to the lesbians”) and the Trevor Project, which is a suicide hotline for LGBT individuals. The shocking statistic came out that almost every individual who has undergone conversion therapy has contemplated or attempted suicide.

Conversion therapy is not always the physical torture, and it can take many forms. As a result, one in three LGBT-identifying individuals, have been through some form of conversion therapy. Sam Brinton’s ultimate goal is to put conversion therapy out of business, to ban licensed therapists from taking money and initiating conversion therapy.

Together with five other speakers and advocates, Brinton launched the 50 Bills 50 States initiative. Six states, Washington, D.C., and several other cities throughout the country have already passed the ban. A number of states have also introduced the legislature.

Brinton focuses on education, because conversion therapy is often unknown to national—and international—leaders. Brinton spoke before the United Nations, and the UN Ambassador had no idea conversion therapy existed, proving to Brinton this movement needs to continue in order to protect LGBT youth from the harm conversion therapy can bring.

Last Friday, members of Rose-Hulman’s campus observed the National Day of Silence, which symbolically represents LGBT students being silenced on their campuses across America. Through initiatives like 50 Bills 50 States, LGBT students’ voices are being protected, and those voices are being heard.

To learn more or to donate to the cause, visit [50 Bills 50 States](#). To advocate here at Rose, the Unity group meets Thursdays at 7:30.

## “The therapist told Brinton they were the ‘last gay person on earth.’”

“from ‘VeggieTales’ to [sexually explicit imagery]” in a single afternoon.

However, as their parents sat down to discuss how these types of magazines can make some boys feel about women, Brinton realized they did feel that way, but about a male friend. Brinton told their parents as such, then woke up in the hospital. Their father had knocked them out cold, which would not be the only incident of violence. Brinton would “fall down the stairs” often, and would have to be treated in the commune hospital.

Rather than continually treat physical injuries in the hospital, Brinton’s mother decided to bring them to a therapist. Upon seeing seven Bibles stacked on the therapist’s desk, Brinton said their first thought was, “They love God as much as we do, because we have that many Bibles.”

The therapist told Brinton they were the “last gay person on earth.” All the others were dead, shot by police for bringing AIDS to America. After spending years in South Africa and Chile, being exposed to that kind of violence against LGBT individuals, Brinton believed it. But the breaking point came after the therapist told Brinton that God did not love them.

## A Commentating Legend Returns A Review of IFC Comedy Brockmire

Lauren Wiseman

News Editor

What do I know about baseball? Well, everything I learned about baseball, I probably learned from 'Mario Superstar Baseball,' if that answers the question. The good thing is IFC's new show 'Brockmire' requires no baseball knowledge. Instead, it opens the door for smartly written deprecating comedy.

Back in 2010, Funny or Die created a series called "Gamechangers," which was all about the world of sports and sports broadcasting. A number of comedic actors embody the players of the sports world, but the one that stuck was Hank Azaria as Jim Brockmire. He was a famed sports announcer, with a plaid jacket and a red tie. He loved baseball, but he loved his wife, Lucy, more. When he found her in the kitchen with half the block, things go south for the commentator. So far south, in fact, that Brockmire unleashes a drunken, profanity-laced tirade over the loudspeaker that ends his career. What started out as a sketch became a fully-realized project within seven years, and IFC had a new show on their hands.

The first four episodes trace Brockmire from his downfall in Kansas City, Missouri, to Morristown, Pennsylvania, where he was recruited by Julia James to comment minor league games. Both are on a quest for redemption, with Brockmire looking to conquer his demons and James planning to restore the Morristown Frackers to their former glory. A story of underdogs, if ever I heard one.

It becomes a show driven by the interpersonal relationships, with a cold open to provide some backstory. Sometimes, Brockmire is in the booth; other times, he is snorting coke in Manila. It really is a tossup. Apart from the bizarre cold opens, the show feels very conversational, as if the events were regaled to me by a friend. And with Brockmire narrating nearly everything, that comparison is not far off.

For anyone who watches 'The Simpsons,' Azaria's voice is a liquid—it fits any vessel. Brockmire's velvety pipes fit right in with any other commentator on ESPN. Azaria puts in the work, though, and ensures the performance does not stop with the voice. Watching Brockmire's breakdown in the booth was



Hank Azaria plays washed up baseball announcer Jim Brockmire.

Photo courtesy of IFC

enough to sell me on the character, the premise, and the whole darn project. His snowballing frustration and pain combined with the crippling alcoholism was surprisingly heartrending. I did not anticipate such deep emotions to come from a show that rubs elbows with 'Portlandia' and 'Documentary Now!'.

Azaria is not the only heavy-hitter here. The supporting cast is limited, but still holds their own. Amanda Peet grew on me as I watched more episodes. Initially, she did not make sense as a character. But she proved to be vulnerable and charming, and she commanded the right amount of attention. Perhaps more surprising is Tyrell Jackson Williams, playing Charlie. It is difficult to create endearing teenage characters, but Williams was the perfect fit for the character. He is the right amount of awkward to make him relatable, rather than forced.

IFC already renewed the series for another season, which could be a good sign. So far, the episodes almost feel too short, and I am left wanting them just a

little bit longer. Overall, though, to ensure it does not fall into a second season slump, the show needs to work on the antagonist arcs. The emotional arcs are strong, sure, but the bigger conflicts are weak. It seems to be a pretty obvious set-up of the evil corporation looking to buy out the baseball field. It is something that has been seen before, and not something I was enthused to see again. However, knowing what kind of channel the show is on, it is very likely I could be proven wrong. The strength is in the dialogue, and the dialogue is in very capable hands.

Four episodes in, I am cautiously optimistic about the show. The concept of a sports commentator dealing with alcoholism due to the antics of his estranged "sexual astronaut" of a wife is outlandish enough to be intriguing; but it is Azaria, Peet, and Williams who make it engaging. Provided the antagonist arcs improved, it could be a home run (I couldn't resist).



## Samurai Jack Returns with a Vengeance

Andrew Henderson

Staff Writer

Last March, a show returned to Cartoon Network that hasn't been seen for over 13 years, the story of a samurai fighting in a dystopian future. That is right, it's Samurai Jack, the story of a samurai whose life goal is to destroy evil, flung into the future by the tree demon Aku.

The new season was hyped up for over 2 years, with the announcement of the show having a TV-14 age rating growing even more hype for the show's comeback. The

**"The new Samurai Jack has given me everything I wanted..."**

question is, does the new season of Samurai Jack live up the hype? The answer is yes, an enthusiastic yes at that.

Jack is back, displaying better animation, more mature plotlines, a new interesting co-lead, an improved character arcs. The new season highlights how much Genndy Tartakovsky (the original creator) has grown since his earlier years at Cartoon Network. His stylized 2D world is more life-like, with even greater contrast between darks and colors, incredible facial reactions in his characters, and cinematic, beautiful backgrounds with some of the best TV cartoon shadings I've seen in the last decade.



Samurai Jack returns after 13 years, aging like a fine wine.

Photo courtesy of Adult Swim

Each episode sucks the viewer in, creating a slow-build up to the climatic, lightning fast fights, before finally cutting to credits leaving you demanding for more. The new season deserves its age rating, the show takes place 50 years after the last season and watchers can feel it. Jack seems tired, downtrodden with all he has done to fight back against evil to no avail, and almost depressed to near mania. Jack is not the only one with mental issues, as other characters also have their demons to deal with.

Samurai Jack still has its goofy lovable character and feel good moments. I especially loved a new villain you meet in the first episode. As a fervent watcher from childhood, the new Samurai Jack has given me everything I wanted out of a new season and more. I can do nothing but recommend the season to any past watchers and recommend the whole show to new watchers. Trust me it is worth a watch. Samurai Jack airs Saturday nights at 11pm on Adult Swim.



## DOPE BROWNIES

Seun Ladipo  
Lifestyle Editor

### Ingredients

- 1/2 cup Butter or Butter Substitute
- 1 cup White Sugar
- 2 Eggs
- 1 Teaspoon Vanilla extract
- 1/3 Unsweetened Cocoa Powder
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon baking Powder

### Preparation

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease and flour an 8-inch square pan.
2. In a large saucepan, melt 1/2 cup butter. Remove from heat, and stir in sugar, eggs, and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Beat in 1/3 cup cocoa, 1/2 cup flour, salt, and baking powder. Spread batter into prepared pan.
3. Bake in preheated oven for 25 to 30 minutes. Do not overcook.



God probably created brownies himself.

Photo Courtesy of [recepies.com](http://recepies.com)

## Summer of Festivals

Seun Ladipo  
Lifestyle Editor

With the summer of 2017 around the corner we begin to enter the season of outdoor music festivals. This week on the lifestyles page I wanted to share some information on a selection of the best music festivals that the US has to offer.

### Afropunk Fest

**August 26-27**

**Brooklyn New York**

**Headlining Acts:** Kaytranada, Sampha, SZA, Dizzee Rascal, and Thundercat.

### Electric Forest

**June 22-25 June 29 - July 2**

**Rothbury Michigan**

**Headlining Acts:** DJ Snake, Dillion Francis, Bassnectar, Flume and The String Cheese Incident.

### Electric Zoo

**September 1 - 3**

**Randalls Island New York**

**Headlining Acts:** Deadmau5, DJ Snake, Excision and Alan Walker.

### Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival

**June 8 - 11**

**Great Stage Park Tennessee**

**Headlining Acts:** U2, RCHP, The Weekend, Chance The Rapper Major Lazer and Lorde.

### The Govenors Ball music Festival

**June 2 – 4**

**Randalls Island, New York**

**Headlining Acts:** Chance The Rapper, Schoolboy Q, Kehlani, Childish Gambino, Wu -Tang Clan, Rae Srem-murd, and Skepta

### Lollapaloza

**August 6 –7**

**Grant Park, Illinois**

**Headlining Acts:** Muse, Lorde, Migos, Kaytranada, Baauer, The Killers, Justice, Lil Yachty



The scene at the main stage of Bonnaroo

Photo Courtesy [redbull.com](http://redbull.com)

## The Antisocial Network

Thaddeus Hughes

### Opinions Editor

Facebook started with a simple objective: provide a means of connectivity between friends at a distance. What started out as a platform focusing on individuals and relationships has devolved into what is, effectively, a faulty content aggregator. While Facebook remains a prominent example, many other platforms suffer the same pitfalls: Tumblr, Twitter, Snapchat, and Instagram. Content aggregation is great (we'll get to that later), but it can be seriously hampered by many factors.

First, ads. It goes without saying that much of Facebook's sponsored content blends in with what you wanted to really see. Your friends are all posting BuzzFeed articles, so what harm is a couple more in your feed? We are subjected to enough advertising on signs, fliers, and emails; why add yet another source of nagging to our lives?

Next comes the algorithm. Try this: open up Facebook. Make note of the top post. Refresh. Different first post, right? Facebook's algorithm is "magical"; you have no idea what it is, and you have no idea how it's decided what to spoonfeed you. Just like many Americans have eating problems, we have issues with consuming too much on social media. At least when you're eating, you're making a conscious decision, but on Facebook? It's whatever you're given.

Now, you're thinking to yourself: "okay, I'll just limit who I add and hear from on Facebook, and just directly look at people's profiles". Sure, there aren't ads on profiles (as of this writing), but you'll find that sponsored content has suc-

ceeded: it's been reshared. BuzzFeed, Vice, Onion, Clickhole (which has devolved into exactly what it started out mocking), suffocate the profiles of our dearest friends and family.

All of this content explosion wouldn't be so bad if not for a final nail in the coffin: brevity always wins. While there is glory in concise language, the reason quotes hold weight is the context surrounding them. Content that is brief and reshareable is almost always shallow and useless.

## We all too often mistake invention, regardless of externalities, as progressive.

What value did that article about pineapple on pizza really give you? Did you really get anything out of reading what Milo Yiannopoulos did this time? Small articles and videos cannot muster the heft required to build up and begin seriously thinking about a topic.

Social media can be a time suck. Some of us browse for hours at a time, and some of us only 5 minutes, while waiting for someone, in between class, or in the bathroom. In the case of extended

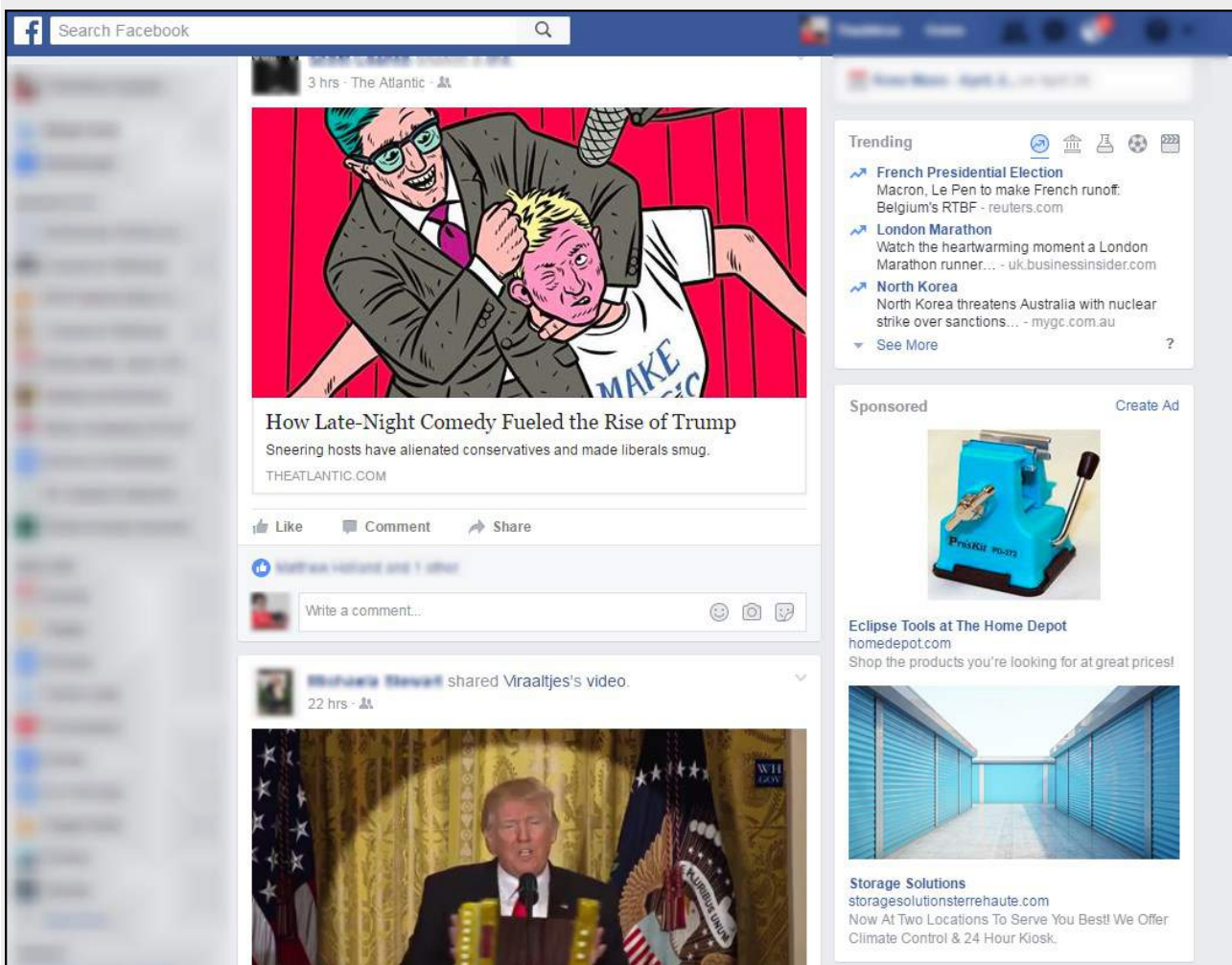
periods of time- there are clearly better uses; we can find better media to read, journal, work on a personal project. In the case of shorter periods, there are still better uses. Converse with the person next to you, plan your day, or practice the long-forgotten art of meditation. We've become so caught up in doing something all the time and maximizing productivity, our outlets have become as shallow as Facebook, and with our free time, we do worse than nothing.

So, with modern social media being toxic, what do we do about it? Obviously, we should burn our cellphones, cut all communication lines, and live off the grid. Alternatively, we should evaluate our content consumption carefully and mindfully. We all too often mistake successful modern invention, regardless of externalities, as progressive.

I mentioned before that content aggregation isn't a bad thing. Back in the dawn of the internet, this realization was made, and standards such as RSS and Atom emerged, so feed readers could be made. With no injected ads, you decide what you want to see, and your intake is not set by others, RSS proves to be a better system of compiling what you want to read about into a nice stream than does Facebook. Rather than seeing that article about pineapple pizza for the 20th time, you see an in-depth, valuable post about how to make that belt grinder you've always wanted, or a podcast comparing different countries' welfare systems. Switching to RSS is not the key to knowledge and wisdom, but one of many.

Of course, this still allows us to hole up and become disconnected from the world. We're still not addressing the original desire of Facebook- to have meaningful interactions with others, long-distance. The number of meaningful interactions I've had on Facebook is approximately nil, but over Messenger (as a separate entity from Facebook), quite a few. The power of in-person, face-to-face conversation is undeniable. If that isn't possible, the next best thing should be the replacement, not the last. Text messaging, (whether SMS or Messenger), Skype, Phone calls- all provide us much better interaction with others, since we command their attention. We are a human being, admittedly at a distance, but a human nonetheless, not an easily-dismissable number of notifications.

We must, ultimately, consider if our leisure and socializing is actually achieving its goals of calming and strengthening ourselves. We can socialize faster and more now- but the quality of our interactions is not improved.



Facebook, an excellent tool for keeping up to date on bad news articles and advertisements.

Screenshot by Thaddeus Hughes

## Tenth Hour Blues

Emma Oswood

### Copy Editor

My life at Rose-Hulman is filled with dozens of scheduling conflicts and many missed events. It's the 10th hour pit that has got me tuning out of guest lectures before they've started and waving goodbye to faculty candidates before they've set foot on campus. Because my 10th hours are not free, I've started to simply delete all invitations to 10th hour events without reading the content of the email. I've found it's the best way

to avoid feeling guilty about missing most campus events.

For example, I was really excited about the outdoor skills club. It sounded like a great way to get outside and enjoy the occasionally fine weather Indiana has to offer. However, the first emails stated the club would be held during 10th hour. So I deleted the emails, and never reconsidered. Maybe they've moved their scheduling, maybe they haven't. What has happened is that they lost a large demographic of students to the 10th hour pit.

I feel like I'm screaming into a void of unsubscribable all-campus emails and frustrated feelings. Maybe there is a solution out there that allows students not to miss out. What that is, however, is not something that is readily apparent to me. Could we schedule more things as lunch lectures? Dinner lectures? Throwing the events onto the already overwhelming stack of things students are obligated to after school hours? Is there a viable solution? I don't know, but I'm not a fan of missing out on things because my schedule sucks.

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# Sports



## LeBron's Dominance

Blake Powell  
Sports Editor

LeBron James has always played for teams in the Eastern Conference; the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Miami Heat. Since LeBron's first year in Miami, the 2010-2011 season, he has made it to every finals.

In the last six Eastern Conference Finals, LeBron has played in every single one whether it was with Miami or Cleveland. However, LeBron has played five different teams in the Eastern Conference finals; Chicago, Boston, Indiana, Atlanta and Toronto.

In the last six years, LeBron has also played four different teams in the Finals; Golden State, San Antonio, Oklahoma City, and Dallas.

So as observed, there is only one constant when it comes to Championships in the NBA, LeBron. Whether it is the Conference Championship or the NBA Finals, it is almost guaranteed that LeBron will be there.

The rest of the NBA knows that they have to form their teams around the goal of beating LeBron James and whichever team he is on. Although LeBron is always in the Championship series, a few teams have been able to beat him and his team. Such as in 2014-2015 when the Golden State Warriors beat Cleveland in the Finals

in a 4-2 series. Or in 2013-2014 when San Antonio beat Miami in a 4-1 series.

However, when it comes down to crunch time, it is usually a safe bet to count on LeBron. Last year in the Finals, LeBron led both teams in pretty much every statistical category; his per-game averages were 29.7 points, 8.9 assists, 11.3 rebounds, 2.6 steals and 2.3 blocks. These stats and Cleveland's game 7 win lead to LeBron being the unanimous Finals MVP.

Cleveland looked a little out of their game towards the end of the regular season this year as they finished 11-14 in their last 25 games. However, the team has shown their dominance in the first round as they swept the Indiana Pacers 4-0. It's playoff time so we finally get to find out if LeBron can add another NBA Finals to his stats.

Leading Everyone in Everything		
LeBron James in NBA Finals		
	POINTS	FINAL'S RANK
Points	181	1st
Rebounds	68	T-1st
Assists	51	1st
Blocks	13	1st
Steals	16	1st

▶ Among players on both teams

LeBron's stats in the 2016 NBA Finals.

Photo by thebiglead.com



Run, jump and make weird faces.

Photo by Rose-Hulman Athletics

## RHIT Track

Blake Powell  
Sports Editor

The Men's and Women's teams swept the Rose-Hulman Twilight Meet on Friday night. The Women's team scored 157 points followed by 111.5 from Greenville. The Men's team scored 199 points to out-score Greenville who had 196.5 points.

The two teams combined for fourteen event wins and several other placers. The Men's team relied on four top five finishes in the discus throw and the 4-x-400 meter relay to put them ahead of Greenville for first place.

The teams will return to action on April 28th for the Heartland Collegiate Conference Championships at Anderson University.

Good luck to both teams and congrats on everything they have accomplished in their season this year. Finish the season strong by bringing back a Conference Championship.

## RHIT Tennis

Blake Powell  
Sports Editor

The Men's team moved on to be 7-0 in conference play after shutting out Defiance 9-0. The only other undefeated team in the conference is Earlham; Rose-Hulman and Earlham will face off on Saturday at noon. The Men's team earned a first round bye in the HCAC Tournament. They will end up playing the fourth or fifth seed in the second round of the tournament on May 6th.

The Women's team played a lot of their games back in the fall months which earned them a trip to the NCAA D3 Tournament. The team traveled to Principia College back in February and defeated the Panthers 5-4 and then beat Franklin in two matchups. The team is carrying an overall record of 13-2 into the tournament.



Austin Perry's backhand is viscous.

Photo by Rose-Hulman Athletics

## RHIT SPORTS BOX SCORES

### RHIT Baseball

Blake Powell  
Sports Editor

The Fightin' Engineers have been playing really well lately as they had a 10-game HCAC win streak going until they played Defiance on Saturday. The Engineers were trailing all game until they rallied back in the ninth inning to send the game into extra innings. Defiance went on to take the game with three runs in the tenth inning.

BASEBALL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	FINAL
DEFIANCE	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	5
ROSE-HULMAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2

### Standout Performers

Marcus Wechselberger— two singles and one RBI  
Drew Schnitz— one single and one score  
Zach Trusk— one double  
All of the Seniors on their hard work and dedication

### RHIT Softball

Blake Powell  
Sports Editor

The Engineers were swept in a double header against Defiance; the first game being 8-4 and the second game being 9-4. Defiance finished off the first game with six runs in the final inning. In the second game, Defiance scored seven runs before Rose-Hulman answered with four runs. Defiance moved on to 20-13 on the season while Rose-Hulman dropped to 10-22 overall. The Engineers will host Webster University in a double header Thursday at home.

BASEBALL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	FINAL
DEFIANCE	1	0	0	0	0	1	6	8
ROSE-HULMAN	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	4

### Standout Performers

Jessica Will— three singles, one run scored, and one RBI  
Maddie Struble— two doubles and two RBIs  
Michelle Korf— one single and one run  
Jessica Thuer— one single and one run  
Ellisa Eckert— one single and one run



"Coach, I can't see with this helmet on."

Photo by Rose-Hulman Athletics

# Intramural Standings

## Ultimate Frisbee

## Softball

TEAM NAME	W	L	T	GP	STREAK	STANDING
Delta Sig	4	1	0	5	W1	1st
Pike Garnet	2	2	0	4	W1	3rd
Pike Gold	1	4	0	5	L2	5th
ATO B	1	4	0	5	L4	5th
Sigma Nu	4	1	0	5	W4	1st

TEAM NAME	W	L	T	GP	STREAK	STANDING
ATO A	4	0	0	4	W4	2nd
Pike	1	4	0	5	L1	6th
Sigma Nu	2	2	0	4	W1	4th
Phi Gamma Slam	0	5	0	5	L5	7th
Wood Elves	2	1	0	3	W1	3rd
Mouserat	2	2	0	4	L1	4th
Triangle A	5	1	0	6	W3	1st

TEAM NAME	W	L	T	GP	STREAK	STANDING
Disk Guys	1	4	0	5	W1	6th
Diskpicable D2	3	2	0	5	W1	4th
BSBackhand	5	0	0	5	W1	1st
Floppy Disk	4	1	0	5	W1	2nd
FruitOfTheBloom	0	5	0	5	L1	8th
Deming 1	1	4	0	5	L1	6th
DiskIt4TheBiscuit	4	1	0	5	L1	2nd
404SpeedNotFound	2	3	0	5	L1	5th

TEAM NAME	W	L	T	GP	STREAK	STANDING
Ball is Life	2	3	0	5	W1	5th
Pass the Napkin	4	1	0	5	W2	2nd
Fast	4	1	0	5	W3	2nd
Brokebat Mountian	4	0	0	4	W4	1st
Inglorious Batters	2	3	0	5	W1	5th
Pike B	0	5	0	5	L5	10th
Pitch me baby 1 ...	1	3	0	4	L1	8th
Hitsquad	2	2	0	4	L1	4th
Deming Peachers	1	3	0	4	L1	8th
Deming Double P...	2	3	0	5	L1	5th

Greek B

Residence A

Combined A

Combined B



## National 7 Day Forecast

<b>National Pigs in a Blanket Day</b> <b>24</b>	<b>National DNA Day -</b> <i>Giving out free DNA samples is strongly discouraged.</i>  <b>National East Meets West Day</b>  <b>National Hug a Plumber Day -</b> <i>Hugging generally involves facing the front, so you'll be spared from the Plumber's claim to fame.</i>  <b>National Telephone Day</b>  <b>National Zucchini Bread Day</b>	<b>National Help a Horse Day</b>  <b>National Kids and Pets Day -</b> <i>Glad to see them lumped together, they're practically the same thing.</i>  <b>National Pretzel Day</b>  <b>National Richter Scale Day</b>  <b>National Administrative Professionals Day -</b> <i>Ask your secretary to add this one to your schedule. It's important.</i>	<b>National Babe Ruth Day</b>  <b>National Prime Rib Day</b>  <b>National Tell a Story Day -</b> <i>So a CS, an ME, and a CE walk into the BIC...</i>  <b>National Take Our Sons and Daughters to Work Day</b>	<b>National Teach Children to Save Day -</b> <i>Kick off the lifelong stress and guilt associated with spending money early.</i>  <b>National Superhero Day</b>  <b>National Arbor Day</b>  <b>National Hairball Awareness Day -</b> <i>Just in case you managed to forget about the time that you stepped on a hairball, here's a gentle reminder.</i>	<b>National Kiss of Hope Day</b>  <b>National Peace Rose Day</b>  <b>National Zipper Day</b>  <b>National Rebuilding Day</b>  <b>National Sense of Smell Day</b>  <b>National Pool Opening Day -</b> <i>Thank goodness the SRC is finally opening its pool.</i>	<b>National Military Brats Day</b>  <b>National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day -</b> <i>Just make sure it's "flushable."</i>  <b>National Bugs Bunny Day</b>  <b>National Hairstylist Appreciation Day</b>  <b>National Honesty Day -</b> <i>Yes, you do look fat in that.</i>  <b>National Pet Parents Day</b>
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### Fact of the Week

As the change has been subtle and not apparent until it's pointed out, the Bone has changed their dining arrangement. More information can be found on [my.rose-hulman.edu](http://my.rose-hulman.edu).

### Heard 'Round Campus

"You look too young to be a professor, but too old to be a student. What are you?" - Student to Dr. Chang

### WACKY PROF QUOTES

"I can't start because I haven't finished all my coffee."  
-Dr. Mayhew

"Dr. Reyes isn't across the hall, is he?" \*looks out doors\* "HA HA! I can get away with impunity!"  
-Dr. Holder

"We have come to one conclusion, and that is how to spell 'slidey'."  
-Dr. Jones

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](mailto:thorn-flipside@rose-hulman.edu).

### Top 10

Memes to Invest In

1. You know that one where it's pictures of the human body that get all spacey as they progress.
2. You know that one where there's a frog and the wheelie device and the male thing.
3. You know the one where's that guy who's pointing at his head and you're like, "oh, he's got an idea."
4. You know that one with the recipe that's kind of Italian.
5. You know that one that has that sweater aardvark (not the indie man, but you should Google that) that's probably pretty angry.
6. You know that one with the guitar that's all "doo doo doo doo doo doo doo."
7. You know that one that's like "Mess with the something you get the something."
8. You know that Reddit meme that nobody knows about but it has like 50 views and the guy called his mom about it.
9. You know that one where people were all upset for a year and a half and then the annoying orange got elected to the white house.
10. You know that one where Trump said bing bing so many times.
11. You know that one where the frogs are abandoning their previous sexual identity and then it turns out something like that is actually happening.
12. You know that one where it's like "LGBTZRSTUVWXYZ."