Rose GPE Finishes Strong

Places 14 out of 73 Despite Technical Failures

THADDEUS HUGHES
OPINIONS EDITOR

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Those hopes were not ill-placed. Despite a lack of power, the team managed to place 15th in the endurance event, and 6th in the efficiency portion (measured by fuel consumption during the endurance event).

While the results were not as great as the team knew they could be, RoseGPE was not discouraged in the development of RGP007, the next contender for the 2018 Michigan and Lincoln competitions.

With full-car lap time simulations, chassis design near completion, drivetrain design finished, actuators ready to prototype, the team was geared up to go faster than ever and take their education further beyond what classrooms offer.

"One amazing thing about RoseGPE is that we also build non-technical skills that aren't developed in the classroom," said Sabeed Khan, senior GPE and electrical engineering student.

"The team has given me the opportunity to develop relationships with industry leaders in automotive engineering."

The team meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 and Saturdays starting at noon in the Braun Innovation Center (BIC).

Full Disclosure: The author is a member of RoseGPE.

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**Cookout on the Quad**

Free Food, Music, Prizes and Networking

LAUREN WISEMAN
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Even though the fall career fair is not until October 4, it is already in full working. That was the intention of the 2017 Cookout on the Quad. Career Services and Employer Relations put together an event in which students could talk to potential employers, grab some food, and network. One of the biggest was a shot at the North American Stainless $500 scholarship each cube. North American Stainless was just one of the event sponsors. Alongside them were Technotion, TechPoint, ADM, Marathon, Ingredion, Rockwell Collins, and the US Army. Company booths lined the sidewalk, and students could submit their resumes and talk to recruiters about internship opportunities.

Students had a variety of reasons for coming to the event. Some came even though their major was not one of the companies interested in them, like senior biomedical engineering engineer Caroline DeBiasi, a member of RoseGPE.

"I am here to see my classmates and talk up from the event," she said.

Others came to talk about the atmosphere could feel the atmosphere despite the rain and cold.

"One hope the team had was that the team passed brakes testing and moved on to the first dynamic events--skidpad and acceleration. The team went out to practice for the first endurance event but ran into some issues with powertrain woes, unable to lay down times on the track. The team fixed everything over everything, but could not find the source of the problem. Nothing was catastrophically wrong—the powertrain just could not put power to the wheels. Unable to fix anything, the team took the time off of the endurance course—hoping that at least the car made it through.

The team made a less-than-ideal acceleration run, then a skidpad run that just didn’t work quite well, because the power train wouldn’t lay anything down. The team used a low fuel starvation on the engine. With a fill-up, the team went back to do better on the skidpad run. The next dynamic event was the autocross course, where GPE saw both drivers lay down excellent times placing them in 1st for the event.

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**Rose students entered to win numerous door prizes, included a $500 scholarship.**

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Black Smoke Pours from Russian Consulate

Sounds like the Russian consulate does not have a new pope, which is just one theory as to why thick smoke began seeping into the atmosphere in San Francisco. The mysterious smoke began the day after the consulate was ordered closed by the Trump administration. In closing the consulate, the administration was exasperated, as San Francisco is home to a large concentration of Russian sanctions and pressure on North Korea so that it refrains from making provocations and comes out to the dialogue table to peacefully resolve its nuclear issue.

While it is possible to bolster Russian independence, this move is not official, as it involves a "conceptual approval," according to the White House. However, Seoul is planning on purchasing billions of dollars worth of US military equipment.

Tech Giant Promises $36 Million for Harvey Relief

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We at The Rose Thorns are committed to open debate and the sharing of ideas. It is crucial that people with dissenting opinions are allowed to speak their mind.

Professor at Princeton, Harvard, and Yale recognize this and recently published an open letter, to students with some powerful advice: think for yourselves.

The staff of The Rose Thorns believes that every student should be able to benefit from hearing this simple yet powerful message.

Marc Schmitt
Editor-in-Chief

We are scholars and teachers at Princeton, Harvard, and Yale who have some thoughts to share and advice to offer students who are headed off to colleges around the country. Our advice can be distilled to three words: Think for yourself.

Paul Bloom
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Joshua Katz

Now, that might sound easy. But you will find—as you may have discovered in high school—that thinking for yourself can be a challenge. It always demands self-discipline and these days it requires courage.

In today's climate, it's all-too-easy to allow your views and outlook to be shaped by dominant opinion on your campus or in the broader academic culture. The danger any student—or faculty member—faces today is falling into the vice of compromise, yielding to group-think.

At many colleges and universities what John Stuart Mill called "the tyranny of public opinion" does more than merely discourage students from dissenting from prevailing views on moral, political, and other types of questions. It leads them to suppose that dominant views are so obviously correct that only a crack or a crank could question them.

Since no one wants to be, or be thought of as, a bigot or a crank, the

dotes to bigotry. Merriam-Webster's first definition of "bigot" is "a person who is arbitrarily or intolerantly devoted to his or her own opinions and prejudices.” The only people who need fear open- minded inquiry and robust debate are the actual bigots, including those on campuses or in the broader society who seek to protect the hegemony of their opinions by claiming that to question those opinions is to slight bigotry.

So be not tyrannized by public opinion. Don't get trapped in an empty chamber. Whether you in the end reject or embrace a view, make sure you do so from having critically assessed the arguments for the competing positions.

Think for yourself.

Good luck to you in college!

Lauren Wiseman
venture. Strap in and enjoy this rollercoaster of a dirk running beyond expectations, a villain the deal with Starmen? Why are Mr. Saturn? Ms. Esophagus? Buzz? Run, be prepared to hit, are with many questions: who is the greyface? Is that Holby the true destroyer of worlds? Did I complete all the easter eggs? Thematically, the game is more mother 2- you’re time-tripping, space hopping, dimension-hopping, spacevaricai everything’s crazy. But the story is more mother 3- the connection to characters is much stronger.

The game starts by setting you up for some low expectations. You start in control of a Mook and advance the plot by walking slowly, and only in 4 directions. That is tricky to walk diagonally- something even mother better-sounds like a bad idea, but that’s surprisingly the only real complaint I have with the gameplay mechanics, and it’s something you get used to. The game pokes fun at this when you get a spaceship upgrade called “Diagonal Throat”. But not being able to run is alright, since for the most part, the maps are laid out more densely and interestingly. In any MOTHER game being. Dis actually tries more interesting things than any MOTHER game before it. Starmen have the “SPD” system, trampolines allow inter- sidequests. game stops, and the weird aliens. In fact, CogDis, created by otherhand aka handwashizo, is fusion that bridges the gap between the classic MOTHER 2/Earthbound and the grindy, less respected MOTHER. If you haven’t played MOTHER 2 and heard the plot of mother, the game won’t make sense as much. You don’t have to grind through the boring nuisance of MOTHER. The gameplay is unique and makes sense. CogDiss, created by otherhand aka handwashizo, is fusion that bridges the gap between the classic MOTHER 2/Earthbound and the grindy, less respected MOTHER. If you haven’t played MOTHER 2 and heard the plot of mother, the game won’t make sense as much. You don’t have to grind through the boring nuisance of MOTHER. The gameplay is unique and makes sense. CogDis also does something that the rest of the series (save MOTHER 3 to some extent) has never really done- explore the subconscious. This is how the creator of ENDERTALE got a following.

Ah yes, Batman’s greatest foe. Microwaves…

In addition, the battle system is completely fresh and new. While MOTHER 3 has a rolling HP meter that fills up individually for each party member, CogDis has a solar system filled meter that fills up in a whole for each party member. However, since the game is said to be a RPG, a PHD, a MOTHER 2, and MOTHER 3 implement easter eggs and sidequests. The rate at which it fills up is based on status ailments and your speed stat- meaning you can’t rely on any particular order of moves, or even that you’ll get to heal your party before the enemy attacks again.

If you loved the music of the MOTHER series, you will be not disappointed by CogDis- with a whole suite of music playing homage to the original themes we loved. With tunes which while new, are unique to CogDis and yet still thematically fit the MOTHER series. I mentioned sidequests earlier. If you enjoy sidequests and multiple endings, you’ll enjoy getting all 3 endings. In addition to the ending, a good ending, a joke ending, the accusations ending, any ending you want. You will not be disappointed by the fill of easter eggs and long cutscenes.

If you didn’t feel closure from mother 3, just want more, or need a good explanation for the events from MOTHER 3, then you got this game now- for free on Windows.

The Lego Batman Movie: Building Quality Comedy...
This past year has seen a large shift from the norm in hip-hop culture. Songs created for release now focus more on thought and feelings rather than lyrics and strong narratives. Rappers like Kendrick Lamar and Jay Z have even followed this trend with their releases of DAMN. and 4:44. XXXTENTACION piques heavy interest among hip hop listeners today after the release of his latest album, 17, which uses the same concept to give us a better perspective of the mental turmoil he has faced.

Facing criminal charges while dealing with the newfound fame and the loss of his significant other together as young as he is seems to really have taken a toll on him. The album is really good, however it is pretty messed up. But X accomplishes his goals of putting the listener into that wavelength to gain a better understanding of the emotional processes he is going through.

With albums like Luv is Rage 2 and 17 setting the tone for fall 2017 hip hop, it begs the question: is rap moving away from the album concept and more towards musical releases as art and perspective pieces? It started with Kendrick when he released untitled unmastered and then Gambino when he dropped the Redbone album, an album with an artistic vibe. Drake released his More Life playlist, which gave artists a huge opportunity to drop some crazy projects. As “The Culture” coming from artists like Future, Migos, and 21 Savage keeps flowing from Atlanta, I think these trends will continue to be a thing for the next couple years before the next wave.

Mass Media and streaming services have transitioned today’s music away from traditional track releases and have begun to blend with skits to convey emotion and perspective through thought and feeling evoking tones rather than in lyrics. Sparking emotion through sound as an atmosphere rather than through lyrics.

However, today’s rap game has a new hero, a rising star in Dieuson Octave, better known as Kodak Black. With the release of Project Baby Two Kodak brought back the traditional album concept which, while it lacked concise and significant meaning, it was full of fun beats and lyrics delivered in traditional album style. I am excited to see what this young prodigy will continue to produce as time continues.

Slow Cooker Pulled-Pork Sandwiches

- ½ c. ketchup
- ¼ c. packed brown sugar
- 1 tbsp. chili powder
- ¼ c. cider vinegar
- Kosher salt and pepper
- 1 pork butt or shoulder
- ½ c. low-fat sour cream
- ½ small green cabbage (about 1 lb)
- ½ c. fresh cilantro
- 4 rolls
- Potato chips and pickles

In a 5- to 6-qt slow cooker, whisk together the ketchup, sugar, chili, 1/4 cup vinegar and 1/2 tsp each salt and pepper.

Add the pork and toss to coat. Cook, covered, until the pork is tender and shreds easily, 7 to 8 hours on low or 4 to 5 hours on high.

Forty-five minutes before serving, in a large bowl, whisk together the sour cream, remaining 2 Tbsp vinegar, 1 Tbsp water and 1/2 tsp each salt and pepper. Core and thinly slice the cabbage, add it to the sour cream mixture and toss to coat. Let sit, tossing occasionally. Fold in the cilantro before serving.

Using two forks, shred the pork into large pieces; gently toss in the cooking liquid. Fill the rolls with the pork and slaw. Serve with chips and pickles, if desired.
Opinions
What the Schu?!
Needs to Increase Disaster Resilience
Marc Schmitt
Editor-in-Chief

Even before Hurricane Harvey was doing tornado- ing Texas and Louisiana, Washington began debating about putting together a relief package. Like the Super- storm Sandy before it, a federal relief bill is likely to cost upwards of $60 billion.

Yet when the next disaster comes around - Hurricane Irma is already racing the East Coast - we must not be surprised when the bill tops up in the billions, an unfortunate trend since the 1990s has seen the steady increase in billion dollar disasters (see Chart). Disasters are quickly becoming a serious drain on our national wealth.

In purely financial terms, the cost of disasters is rapidly increasing. In 1993, the federal government spent $20 million in 1993 dollars, or $40.13 per person, on federal disaster efforts. In 2009, however, they spent $8.14 billion, or $47.57 per person. These figures do not include private relief events that get special relief funding, nor do they account for the loss of business or total property damage, which in 2005 cost over $300 billion.

Clearly more needs to be done to lower the cost of disasters, namely the country needs to focus on disaster resilience.

Disaster resilience is the idea of preparing for and withstanding adverse events. In the context of disasters, both natural and man-made, this requires extensive coordination across government, the private sector, and local communities.

The physical implementing disaster resilience can be immense. One study found that every dollar spent on disaster mitigation saved 64 dollars after the disaster. So why haven’t we done all that before?

Clearly, democracies struggle to prepare for disaster. They are inherently hazy events that can be mitigated, but only gain attention after they start affect- ing communities. Building disaster resilience is expensive and requires maintaining public support, something that increasingly difficult given its dwindling attention span.

Taxpayers should not hesitate such short-sighted- ness on the part of our government. Hurricane Sandy and Harvey should serve as a wake-up call, or else we can expect more multi-million dollar relief bills bur- ding future generations.

Politicians are both at fault against such measures because they never knew when their district may be in need of federal funds. Senator Ted Cruz fought hard against Hurricane Sandy relief but is now asking Congress for the same relief for Texas.

Building disaster resilience has to be a grassroots effort supported at all levels of government. Govern- ment should play a role in resilience in vital. This chart via fivethirtyeight.com

Costly disasters are becoming more common
Losses from 127 weather and climate events that caused at least $1 billion in damage (2017 edition)

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Thaddeus Hughes
Editors Opinion

Noise: noun. (technical) irregular fluctuations that accompany a transmitted signal but are not a part of the information being conveyed.

We live in a society riddled with additional social media, confirmation, alcohol, drugs, par- donography. We often acknowledge this but over- look the abuses developed because they are forces upon us without our consent.

Namely, our society is addicted to noise. It hardly even hit me hard until I was sitting in the kitchen with my mom. She was working on some Oklahoma farm, and she was teaching my sister some CAD. In the background? The TV, playing something that none of us were listening to- I don’t even remember what it was, it was that unimportant. Why was it on, though? Noise.

We check social media on our phones when we go to the bathroom. How often do you learn something useful that way? Pretty infrequently. Why do you do it? Noise.

Listening to some ‘let’s play’ on YouTube while you’re doing your homework. You’re not really paying attention to what they’re saying, you’re not actually seeing it. Sometimes you do get distracted and watch, though. Why do you do it? Noise.

Why noise? Humans are social creatures. We feel lonely, we want to be reminded of oth- ers, we can’t stand to be in our own heads. This sound may look perfectly valid reason- but they just as easily look like symptoms of ad- dictions. We aren’t comfortable working in sil- ence- we must have something to ground out our inadherence.

We live in a society which does not value silence, as it seems. To quote Ray Bradbury’s Fahrenheit 451:

digest, digest-digest-digest. Political? One column, two sentences, a headline? Then, in mid-air, all vanished! What must mind around about so fast under the pumping hands of publishers, exploiters, broadcast- ers, that the sound/fog finals off all unneces- sary, time-wasting thought!”

But here we see that the enemy of noise isn’t silence, really. The enemy of noise is thought. Silence is merely one small medium which can facilitate particular thought better.

Many wars we face can be traced to this ad- dictive behavior towards noise. Simply existing forces us to confront ourselves without the con- text of the world, only spirit. Our society looks at the future can be so clouded knowing that we are here, and have purpose and meaning be- yond the world. Our anonymity with ourselves can be realized not as ourselves being disen- gaged from the world, but rather we are being built away from it. Our habits and desires can be realized and tampered- spending time to think about ourselves and alignment with grace forces us to rethink everything we do: chewing our fingernails, ruminating on Facebook, useless desires, dis- tress issues. Spending time in silence and self- awareness gives us perspective that things we thought unconsidered are not, and things that we considered insane and unconstructible become probable.

We can often times be disgusted with our- selves and turn to the noise of the world to res- tore us. Rather than facing our own personal places as problems, we look for someone to tell us our inability to be kind. Trump supporters are completely justified.

We oftentimes have become emboldened and larger-than-life, and the noise of the world is happy to give us our problems and data check full of confirmation bias. We do look back, but tread deeper into our own beliefs. We cannot possibly be wrong when so many noisy folks agree with us.

Blame it on the globalists, mass media, capi- talism, consumption, or our sinful nature, it doesn’t matter so long as the end conclusion is the same: the noise is getting louder.

Chart via fivethirtyeight.com

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The enemy of noise isn’t silence. The enemy of noise is thought.
The Rose-Hulman football team won the game against North Central on Saturday in double overtime. It only took the team over 200 minutes to score the first and last goal of the game but they did what they needed to do to win; score more goals than the opposing team. The victory against North Central will go down as the first win for the 2017 season. Rose Hulman will go back to action again on Tuesday.

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**ROSE-HULMAN**

**RHTF Volleyball**

Blake Powell
Sports Editor

Rose Hulman improved to 3-1 on the season with wins over Webster and Dominican on Saturday at the Washington University Invitational. The Fightin' Engineers beat Webster 25-19, 25-10, 25-21 in a balanced team win. Adekile Olupudo led the Fightin' Engineers with twelve kills and eighteen digs. Mackenzie Gosnell added nine kills with Marissa Gollnick adding eight kills.

Rose Hulman played a tight match against Dominican 27-23, 26-24, and 25-16. Olupudo led the offensive effort with sixteen kills. Gosnell had eight kills at Grace Beach recorded six. Orbeta Rogozinski led the passing effort with eighteen and sixteen assists.

Defensively, Rauma had a team-high twenty-two digs and Olupudo contributed eleven. Styczynski led the front row defense with two block assists.

Olupudo was named to the all-tournament team of the Washington University Invitational for her outstanding performances.

Rose Hulman will make its home debut next weekend with their annual Invitation-tournament. The Engineers will host Monmouth and William Woods on Friday, September 14th, and Webster on Saturday, September 15th.

**RHTF Volleyball**

**Photo by Rose-Hulman Athletics**

**RHIT Women’s Soccer**

Blake Powell
Sports Editor

Our Women’s team is just beginning their season as they are only 0-2 and still have a lot of time to improve and prove themselves. Olivet improved to 2-0 with the wins as they upset Franklin College on Friday night. The Fightin’ Engineers will return to the field on Tuesday against Greenville in their home opener. Kickoff from the Intramural Field will be at 6 PM on September 19th.

**Standout Performers**

Jessica Wells - Led RHIT with four offensive shots
Madelyn Twetten - Took five offensive shots
Meggie Sheerin - Scored two goals on two assists in the second half

**RHTF Player of the Week**

Carter Wright - is this week's RHIT Player of the Week for his outstanding performance against North Central on Saturday. The season has just begun but in his 105 minutes of playing time he hasn’t allowed a single goal and has gobbled up six total saves. Carter has achieved a lot in his career at Rose-Hulman and it’s exciting to see what he’ll accomplish his final season of being a Fightin’ Engineer. Best of luck to Carter and the rest of the seniors on their last go around.

**Photo by Rose-Hulman Athletics**

**RHTF Women’s Soccer**

Blake Powell
Sports Editor

Will McGowen - Had the game winning goal in double overtime

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**WACKY PROF QUOTES**

“Good design demands souls.”

-Dr. Micah Taylor

This quote is feeling pretty lonely right now. It's a tough life. Thankfully, you guys are the eyes and ears of this section. So: 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

Scum Lawn is now open. While the wet aspect of the area is now regrettably lost to all, perhaps we shall catch a glimpse of it's former glory in times of heavy downpour. For now, Scum Pond shall remain forever alive in our memories and on Google Maps.

### National 7 Day Forecast

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### Top 10 Uses for the New Land Acquisition

1. A New Union
2. An Even Farther from the Lake Lakeside
3. Underground Bunker for North Korean Missiles
4. Race Track with Stop Signs at Each Corner
5. A Really Big Shed
6. Colosseum for Freshman Pit Fights
7. A Bigger Perimeter Road
8. World’s Largest Circle K
9. Bass Pro Shop
10. Trump Golf Property
11. Bowling Alley #5
12. Slightly Closer Walmart
13. Massive Library with no Meeting Space
14. Ron Jon Surf Shop for Web Surfing
15. Math Department Offices
16. Continuous Construction Site for Civils
17. A Literal Money Pit
18. An Everlasting Bonfire
19. Giant Self-made Man Statue with a Plaque Telling Us to Collaborate
20. Scum Pond 2.0
21. A Field of (Broken) Dreams
22. Campus Distillery and Brewery

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**Decent Joe of the Week**

Is this man’s name Joe? I don’t actually know. However, he is page friendly as he appears both right-side up and upside down.

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