Motivation on the Rocks
Senior Speaks Trouth Through Art

Thomas Hall
Staff Writer

Students may have noticed rocks painted with inspirational messages scattered around campus. This led to a search to see who was making these rocks that have been popping up around campus.

At the source was Andra Schwartz, a senior and the chair of the Student Government Association and the current president of Art Club, who started putting them up after a particularly hard day last spring quarter.

He started after a long and tiring day of work for his job, and noticed the rocks around campus would make a great backdrop to his painting on. Needing to decompress, he decided to paint some positive quotes on the rocks because of an idea he had seen someone make on Pinterest.

After realizing it might be weird to have rocks laying around with quotes on them, Andra decided to announce her course and they soon started appearing all over campus. She was hoping that they might make someone’s day just a little bit better.

Of all the rocks she has painted, Andra said that her favorite is one which reads, “Be brave enough to start a conversation that matters.” The idea for the rock came from a talk Andra was hearing a gender studies course where they were coming out, showing who they are for many is a highly uncomfortable topic, as it makes a lot of people feel like they need to speak truly about it. She hopes that this rock might get people to come to a little deeper with the hard conversations because philanthropy and art.

Andra says, “There will be a little bit of Rose, and no bottom, pin not intended, but the simplest spot of inspiration to keep you going, and if that’s something I can do while I’m here, then I’ll be happy to do that.”

Andra says she painted those rocks for many students at Rose, after being at the school for a while, she hopes they are coming to a place where they feel safe for positive growth, being challenged in ways they have not been before.

It is easy to fall into despair, but the art is that it is free. These rocks are a reminder that sometimes it is possible for all of us to be at peace.

Photo by Thomas Hall

Overall, the response to these little pebbles of hope in campus has been positive. Students have mentioned these rocks have made their day, wondering who was behind it and if they could thank them for brightening their day.

Andra said the rocks are painted on a rock that really speaks to them, which Andra says is great.

Andra says the best way to get involved is to do little things to try and make someone’s day just that little bit better, whether that is giving them a compliment or even something as simple as a small smile in their way.

Andra’s hope is that these rocks will bring a little light to the Rose community. That is why they are there, to help others take on challenges, even if you think you might fail,” Andra told Time. "When you become an old person and look back on your life you may say, ‘I lived a hard life—that you don’t want to be in that position. Give yourself challenges that are exciting, and be available to help others. There is no better feeling than helping someone.’

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Photo Courtesy of NASA

Deirdre Adams—NASA Al- bert Einstein Distinguished Visiting Fellow, has brought moon rocks from Apollo Missions to Rose.

Collins was featured in Time magazine’s special report “Firsts,” which highlighted women who broke down barriers and opened doors. She told Time, “I decided I wanted to be an astronaut in fourth grade. [...] I don’t re- gret it because I didn’t do it because they were all men and I was a young girl. I remember thinking, ‘I’ll just be a woman astro- naut, they are too hard, even if you think you might fail,” Collins told Time. "When you become an old person and look back on your life you may say, ‘I lived a hard life—but you don’t want to be in that position. Give yourself challenges that are exciting, and be available to help others. There is no better feeling than helping someone.’

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Catalan Independence

On October 1, about 2,000 polling stations opened in the Catalan region of Spain, allowing the people of Catalonia to vote for or against the call for Catalonia’s separation from Spain. Spain’s top court declared the referendum illegal, Madrid sent police to prevent voters from reaching the polls and to chase people lots and counting software. The resulting clash between voters and police ended in hundreds of Catalans being injured as police used rubber bullets and tear gas to keep back those from the polling locations. The Catalan President, Carles Puigdemont, condemned the violence while the Spanish Prime Minister insisted that the vote of law must be upheld. Blocking the illegal referendum.

Located in the northeastern corner of the country, the Catalan region of Spain has its own flag, anthem, language, and is burning over 47,000 acres of land by Northern California area calling for high chances of many of the fires surrounding their property. The above is unknown but suspects it was caused by its own underground steam piping or condense water conversion. The above power outage occurred for the houses of Sigma Nu and Lamb Chi Alpha houses, a 30 minute outage that occurred in mid-morning on Friday, just before repairs finished.

Today, October 16. If Puigdemont is serious about declaring independence, Catalonia’s citizens will need to deal with the illegal referendum. Puigdemont has addressed the referendum to Thursday, October 16. Although some Catalans were hoping for a declaration of independence, in his October 16th address to Parliament, Puigdemont further suspended the referendum in order to give "open a period of dialogue" but to "we subsidizing Andalucia, we are subsidizing Extremadura, we are subsidizing, subsidizing, and it comes to a point where we don’t feel like subsidizing any more. Subsidizing independence is all the more significant to separate such a significant amount of resources should allow firefighters to get to the Nun fire up to containment levels of many of the fires surrounding their property. New history is repeating itself again. The debate is whether or not the shoe is teal and grey or is it pink and white or is it teal and grey? If you have scrolled through your feeds, you will find that the shoe is teal and grey. No one really knows how or why this debate started. The debate has spread across the internet and even on the evening news. Now history is repeating itself with another debate.

AJ Henderson

Near noon on Tuesday, October 10, the power went out for the Sigma Nu and Lamb Chi Alpha houses on campus. The power was out for another hour and a half and caused problems for those who were able to connect an above ground mining cable. That cable is a former nemesis on the north side of Harvard Hall. Another transformer on the south side of Lamb Chi Alpha house. Within half an hour of the power outage, Senior Director of Housing, John Soplin, sent out a brief to students about the power outage and what was going on to keep students in place in the continuing repairs. Taylor also stated that the cable failure could have been caused by a failure in one of those underground cables connecting the transformers to the power outage occurred for the houses of Sigma Nu and Lamb Chi Alpha houses, a 30 minute outage that occurred in mid-morning on Friday, just before repairs finished.

Catalonia is home to FC Barcelona, who has been very involved in the independence crisis.

Photo Courtesy of Getty Images

Aparici who fear that, unless Catalans in gaining independence, the central government will strip them of their limited autonomy that they currently enjoy. However, if Madrid backs down from declaring independence, Catalonia keeps its limited autonomy, but Puigdemont is engaging the separatists who currently govern Catalonia. Catalonia is not Spain, but we are subsidizing Extremadura, we are subsidizing, subsidizing, and it comes to a point where we don’t feel like subsidizing any more. Subsidizing independence is all the more significant to separate such a significant amount of resources.

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News Briefs

Power Restored!

Write for the News Section.

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The journalism isn’t always Black and White.

Write about what matters.
American Assassin

Cliché Storm with a side of guns and cars?

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A Look into Bea Miller
They Grow Up So Fast

Years ago, when the show ‘The X Factor’ was still rather relevant, there was a contestant by the name of Beatrice Miller. She competed on the second season of the show and ended up coming in ninth place at the age of thirteen.

Fast forward years later, and she is now known as Bea Miller. Her debut album, ‘Not an Apology’ came out in July of 2015. Now she has released her second album entitled ‘Spectrum.’ This album is broken up into three EPs each same representing the primary colors. Three additional songs will be released with it as well. Chapter One: Blue, carries a theme of more melody, rather somber songs.

The artist said that this first installment is to represent the early stages of realizing when someone or something in your life is not actually helping you but hurting you. The second EP, ‘Chapter Two: Red’ takes a more intense turn. Those songs revolve around empowerment, and anger towards a situation but having the desire to make it okay. The color red shows how the collection carries passion.

The final EP in the set is ‘Chapter Three: Yellow.’ Yellow, is a color often to demonstrate happiness and sunlight. It brings the same positive connotation to the album. The theme of this one is positivity. Each of the three EPs stand alone and tell their own story. However, just as primary colors are blended together to create new colors, when the installments are brought as one album tell a completely different story and complement one another well. Overall, as a whole it is very strong and the content was delivered in a very unique and interesting way. It was a great follow up from her previous album and shows a great deal of depth and growth. Especially when looking at her on the X Factor where she got her start, she has come a long way over the years. It will exciting to see what else she comes out with and how the album will be concluded in the end.

Staff Writer
Hailey Hoover

The cover of Bea Miller’s Album “Chapter One: Blue”

Photo Courtesy of Apple Music

Pumpkin Popcorn Soup

Recipe Courtesy of Geoffrey Zakarian

Ingredients
• 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
• 2 medium leeks (white and light green parts), thinly sliced and well rinsed
• 2 cloves garlic, chopped
• 1 tablespoon chopped peeled fresh ginger
• 2 teaspoons curry powder
• 2 1/2 cups plain popped popcorn
• 1 quart chicken stock
• 1 cup canned pumpkin puree
• 1/2 cup heavy cream
• Juice of 1 lime (about 2 tablespoons)
• Kosher salt

Instructions
In a medium saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the leeks and cook until wilted, about 5 minutes. Add the garlic, ginger and curry powder and cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add 2 cups of the popcorn and toss to coat in the butter.

Add the stock, pumpkin and heavy cream. Bring to a simmer. Cook until the leeks are very tender, the popcorn has dissolved away from the kernels and the kernels are soft, about 15 minutes.

Puree the soup with a hand blender or in batches in a counter-top blender. Stir in the lime juice and taste for seasoning, adding a little salt if necessary. Thin with up to 1/2 cup water, if desired.

Serve in individual bowls with the remaining popcorn as a garnish.

Photo Courtesy of ticketmaster.com

Upcoming Concerts
in Indianapolis

OCT 17 – 8:00 pm – Queens of The Stone Age
OCT 19 – 8:00 pm – The Flossies
OCT 20 – 7:00 pm – Chief Keef
OCT 21 – 7:30 pm – Butler Symphony Orchestra
OCT 22 – 7:30 pm – Bret Michaels
OCT 26 – 7:30 pm – Postmodern Jukebox
OCT 27 – 7:30 pm – Lindsey Buckingham and Christine McVie

*Bang Bang* – Chief Keef

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Photo Courtesy of twing.com
"Do we really have the time to argue about a body-wash commercial?"

Talidere Hughes
Opinion Writer

If you've known me for long enough, you know I despise not knowing what my technology is doing. We may live in a time where our work is supported and pepped up on millennia of compounded human expertise, but that's no excuse to be clueless about why something is doing what it's supposed to without your permission. Enjoying a game when it suddenly... crash-es the whole system? No, that was just Windows thinking its updates don't even deserve a warning. Do you have a large, unattended batch simul-ta-nous run that you need done for work tomorrow? Well, installing this tiny security patch (even though you're offline) is actually more important. Need to place a phone call for an im-portant job interview? Too bad; you must install an over-the-air update for the next hour.

This can be extended to 'safety' features. The passenger in my moving car should be able to call for help in the event of a collision, but not the sound system, and to use cer-tain GPS features. I should be able to delete the 30 GB of 'insur-able' files in my Windows install (which are confirmed by virtually everyone to be junk files).

Such features do exist within-the realm of mechanical en-gineering-but usually, the fix-es are either splicing wires, propping something, or cutting off something. Figuring out how to override mechanical things is relatively straightfor-ward and the consequences are typically stable. The average adept person can put tape over a door latch and cut the safety switches off a rid- ing mower.

Overriding software is not. Need to place that phone call now? Good luck figuring out how to get your batch run up again? Flattening your PC now might corrupt the whole hard drive-you're basically in a hu-si-tation with something you thought you owned.

There is no excuse for making a product that cannot be overridden. The full use cases for something cannot be foreseen and thought out. Your car doesn't shut off the engine if you don't have all seat belts in—just keeps at you. Warning messa-ges are good and well-but lookouts are not. The same should be the case with soft-ware.

Or, maybe, Stallman is right; software companies have malicious intent.

Opinions
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Dara Nafisi
Staff Writer
The marketing department for any name-brand company operates within a very small margin of error. They push the boundary between attention-grabbing and outright of-fensive, trying to turn heads without raising eyebrows. While Dove no doubt had this in mind when it kick-started its latest ad campaign with a characteristically sun-kissed and smooth-skinned video, there is no way they could foresee the resulting social media onslaught.

Once the commercial started circulating on Facebook, it only took a few carefully-crafted comments to get a sewing needle to a hedgehog. The go-getting marketers had no chance to respond to fast-growing waves of women of various races and cultural backgrounds, each one leaping off the screen and an online World to reveal another woman. According to Dove, this was intended to "represent the diversity of real beauty." At some point during the commercial, however, an African-American woman in a brown shirt transitioned to a Caucasian woman in a white shirt, and that was the pow-er move.

What made the scandal so be-lievable initially was that the iconic bodywash brand had been designed for a supposedly tame-deal advertisement in 2013. This one featured three women, the darkest of which was a holding a towel, while the other two were going through a before-and-after montage. Still, Lola Ogunyemi, the African-American woman in the most recent commercial, stressed that "the narrative has been written without con-sumers context on which to base an informed opinion." In other words, the screenshots that prompt-ed the internet fury did not show how the white woman herself trans-mitted to a Middle-Eastern wom-an, who in turn changes into an Asian woman.

As an African-American individ-ual myself, I am simply just that offensive when taken at face value. Was the commission heavily-handed and clumsy? Sure. Have companies historically taken advantage of Black stereotypes in order to make their products more appealing to whites? Definitely. But while this type of careless rhetoric is offensive and im-portant to some degree, we must admit that there are far more press-ing issues at hand.

As modern-day civil rights ad-vocates, we should organize our ef-forts around overarching problems like police brutality, the criminal justice system, and mass impris-on-ment. For example, Jensen recently released an article stating that "incarcerated women are fighting on the front lines of California's wildfires for $8/hour." In a social climate where effective slavery is going unnoticed, do we really have the time to argue about a body-wash commercial?

Poueto Rican disaster relief pro-vides you yet another example, as the White House boosts extensive care and rebuilding efforts amidst crises of continued desperation from the U.S. territory's governor and people. These are the types of humanitarian issues we should be very angry about.

The difference between Twitter war-riors bewailing a soap brand and the NFL athletes kneeling in protest is that the latter are speaking out against the deep, institutionalized racial and social issues.

Where the Black Lives Matter and other civil rights movements falter most commonly is controlling the message. One cannot afford to get away at everything, especially in such politically- and racially-sensitive times as these. So please, from one reasonably informed individual to another: stay angry, but stay fo-cused. A Dove ad isn't killing or in-cessantly pushing men at a dispro-portionate rate—institutionalized racism is.
Burtnick on a 35-yard pass in the first quarter. Kicked the ball off, recovered the ball with 7:55 left in the first quarter and led with eight tackles followed by Mike Riley with a sack. Garner and John Kirby were big in the defensive line with two sacks followed by Mikey Manchester to 49 passing yards and 197 rushing yards. Garner had 25 for 252 yards and three touchdowns. Garrett Burtnick hauled in seven catches for 173 rushing yards and three touchdowns. Andrew Mond Burtnick had three touchdown receptions this season and many more to come.

Sports

RHT Volleyball

Blake Powell
Sports Editor

Rose-Hulman clinched their first winning season since 2012 with their victory over John Carroll University at Ohio Northern University. The Fightin' Engineers improved to 16-10 on the season with arguably one of the toughest non-conference schedules in the country featuring six matchups against nationally ranked teams.

Grace Beach led the offensive attack with nine kills. Mia Styczynski and Mackenzie Gough followed with eight each. Katie Orbeta had 25 assists along with Alison Rogozinski’s 31 assists.

Gabi Razma and Karina Dahlberg led the defense with nine digs. Gossard led the front row with one solo block and three block assists. Maria Briener also had three total blocks. Rose-Hulman stands at 16-10 overall and 4-1 in HCAC play this season. The Fightin’ Engineers host Mount St. Joseph in another league matchup on Wednesday. Congrats to the team on their accomplishments this season and many more to come.

Photo by Rose-Hulman Athletics

Hulman on the 1-victory season with holding Defiance to just five shots. Rose-Hulman dominated the game as they outshot Defiance 12-5 overall as they face Mount St. Joseph on Wednesday night.

Photo by Rose-Hulman Athletics

RHIT Player of the Week

Ross Klauer is the RHIT Player of the Week. Ross scored his first two goals of the season this week: one goal against Anderson and one goal against Defiance. The similarity between these two goals is that both were perfectly executed with game winning goals. With that being said, Ross earned his achievement of being the RHIT Player of the Week. Ross scored his first goal here at Rose-Hulman and has contributed to the soccer team every season: Ross appeared in 14 games as a freshman.

Photo by Rose-Hulman Athletics

RHT Sports Schedules

Football

Soccer

Men

Women

September 5th-Millikin–7PM
September 10th-Hanover–2PM
September 13th-Westminster–6PM
September 20th-Yellow Shoes Game
September 23rd-Defiance–1:30PM
*Samartian’s Feet Game
September 30th-@Anderson–1:30PM
October 7th-Mt. St Joseph–2PM
*Homecoming Game
October 14th-@Manchester–1:30PM
October 21st-@Franklin–3:30PM
*Senior Day
October 28th-@Bluffton–1:30PM
November 11th-@Earlham–3:30PM
October 4th-@Anderson–7:30PM
7th-Bluffton-5:30PM
11th-@Franklin–7:30PM
13th-@Northern Ohio–3:30PM
18th-Albion–7:00PM
14th-John Carroll–2:00PM
18th-Mt. St. Joseph–7:00PM
21st-Hanover–2:00PM
20th-@Earlham–3:30PM
25th-@Earlham–7:30PM
25th-@Bluffton–3:30PM
25th-@Franklin–7:30PM
September 5th-Greenfield–8PM
9th-Carroll-Wins–1:30PM
13th-@Wabash–5:30PM
19th-DePauw–3:30PM
24th-@Purdue–7:30PM
25th-@Ohio Northern–3:30PM
26th-@Principia–7:30PM
30th-@Trinity–7:30PM
October 4th-@Earlham–7PM
7th-Machester–7:30PM
11th-Anderson–7:30PM
14th-Defiance–5:30PM
14th-@Mt. St Joseph–7:30PM
21st-@Bluffton–7:30PM
25th-@Bluffton–7:30PM
September 5th-Greenfield–6PM
7th-@Washington–7:30PM
12th-@Principia–7:30PM
16th-Millikin–1:30PM
20th-@Webster–6:30PM
24th-Westminster-7PM
30th-@Trinity–7:30PM
October 3rd-@Earlham–3:30PM
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11th-@Anderson–7:30PM
14th-Defiance–1PM
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Standout Performers

Jessica Wolfe – Two game winning goals this week

Carli Weinberg – 3 assists along with Alison Rogozinski

RHT Sports Box Scores

RHIT Men’s Soccer

Blake Powell
Sports Editor

The Fightin’ Engineers improved to 16-10 overall and 4-1 in HCAC play, Rose-Hulman and Franklin face off this week and both teams are currently undefeated in HCAC play.

Photo by Rose-Hulman Athletics
Dear Lady: My gf built an AI to replace me. She said I was too boring and cadent hold intelligent conversation. I cry all the thyme and can’t sleep at all. My grads are slipping and I already know that my midterms will only be effs. What do?

- Replaced by A.I.

Dear Replaced: I’m sorry my dude. A.I.’s are smart. Besides, if your ex-girlfriend’s contact information to me, that would be awesome. Having an A.I. for a significant other would be way better than going on another date with that cocky “Self-A.I. for a significant other would be way better than going on another date with Iron Man? JARVIS is one hot momma. If you could send your ex girlfriend is intelligent enough to build an A.I. and you can’t even spell the word “what” correctly, then maybe it just wasn’t meant to be. Don’t worry, with your fabulous way with words, I’m sure that you can walk into the Walmart or Rural King and find your next spelunker. For now, take a couple of shots of vodka every night to soothe the pain and invest in a dictionary, or at least a better spell check. Good luck!