Removing the tuition waiver for students could drastically reduce the number of students pursuing graduate degrees.

Graphic Courtesy of Dallas News

The tax bill, while focusing on tuition waivers, is not arguably more important tax benefits such as health insurance. "It's logically inconsistent to tax small benefits such as tuition waivers," Cooper writes. "Put aside massive, widespread benefits such as employer-provided health insurance."

Continued Below.

Excluding waived tuition for graduate students that are employed by their institution costs $3.9 billion in lost tax revenue.

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Jared Gibson
Staff Writer

"But fear not, for unto us a personal statement workshop is born."

Seasonal

The Holidays are here! Christmas decorations are visible all over campus. From the innumerable strands of Christmas lights inexplicably intertwined in the branches of the trees liningWalsh in ways that perfectly combined the efforts of the physics and math departments, to the quirky, 3D-printed Christmas decorations that only engineering or science professors would ever own, it is undeniable. However, I'm sure most Rose students/parents are aware, work does not stop even a few days before Christmas. Exams, papers, homework, tests, and projects that students are working on in mid December should be one of the last things on your mind. If you’re going to do something special this December, it should be participating in the best one-day event of the year, the personal statement workshop.

The date is Saturday, December 9. The workshop will be held in the morning and will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Roman Catholic Student Center. There will be presentations on the basics of personal statement writing, what to include, and how to structure it. The workshop will be followed by a Q&A session, where participants can ask questions and get feedback on their work. All students are encouraged to attend, regardless of their major or academic pursuits. The workshop is free and open to all Rose students.
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Reverse Advent Calendars

In the spirit of the holidays, a common tradition is the “advent calendar.” Now it is commonly known that this is a countdown to Christmas in which a small present or a piece of candy is received each day of December until the holiday. However, there is a new reinvented version of the concept that is gaining popularity. It is known as a reverse advent calendar, which is not the most creative of titles but it gets the point across.

Reverse advent calendars have you pick an item in which you will then donate. For example, many families will have a selection of items and will have the child or children pick one out each day to add to the donations box. You can collect all of these items and then donate them all together at the end or doing smaller donations more frequently throughout the season.

The great thing about the idea is that it spreads the true message of the Christmas season and that is that it is better to give than to receive. It is teaching people that you don’t need to get a gift every day and that it is important to give to those that may not have the advantages as others, especially during this time of year. So follow the example of these people and start your own Christmas tradition this year.

The first two weeks of December have been an incredibly controversial and important period for the Supreme Court as it faces multiple contentious issues. One of these large issues is the Supreme Court discussed was the Trump immigration ban from the six muslim countries of Chad, Iran, Syria, Libya, Somalia, and Yemen.

The great thing about the idea isargue that it is a revolutionary technology, and people love it. But is it really that out. On the other side, people argue that the wedding cake is an artistic product and therefore cannot prohibit the free exercise of any religion and the defense is based off the free speech clause of the first amendment.

The couple sued Phillips based on civil rights commission where a homosexual couple is suing the owner of a Colorado cake shop for not making a wedding cake for them in 2012. Jack Phillips, the owner of the cake shop has stated that he has no problem making cakes or other bakery goods for the couple, however he cannot make the wedding cake as it would violate his own religious beliefs.

The couple sued Phillips based on anti-discrimination laws, while Phillips is based on the free exercise and free speech clause of the first amendment. Colorado anti-discrimination law states that private businesses cannot discriminate based on race, religion, sexuality or nationality. While the free expression clause states that, the federal government cannot prohibit the free exercise of any religion and the defense used the free speech clause by stating the wedding cake is an artistic product and therefore the defendant cannot be forced by the government to create that art.

The Supreme Court agrees with it, will have major effects on how anti-discrimination laws and the first amendment interact with each other.
Entertainment 4

WHAT WE DO IN THE SHADOWS
INTERVIEW WITH A FEW) VAMPIRES

Lauren Wiseman
News Editor

"Vampires have had a pretty bad rep," explains 79-year-old Viago. "We’re not those moody old creatures who live in castles. And while some...most of us are...a bit...but...there are also those of us who like to flat-together in really small countries like New Zealand." Such is the case for a passel of vampires in the 2014 mockumentary What We Do in the Shadows.

There is not a lot to say in terms of plot, but Taika Waititi and Jemaine Clement’s horror comedy makes up for it in spades. The three vampires the Gumberg buffet follow feel like real people, and never once did the dialogue feel like it was written or rehearsed. Even with the goofy accents and costumes, I had no problem believing these three vampires really did live in Wellington together.

Waititi is adorable as the Sopps, and fastidious Viago, obsessed with laying down towels before feeding and making sure someone does their house chores. Clement plays Vladislav as a washed up parody of Gary Oldman’s interpretation of Dracula, and somehow manages to make an 862-year-old Vlad the Impaler-type a bit of the buffoon. Johnny Rech rounds out the trio as Deacon, the "young, rebellious bad boy" of the group, and a former member of Hitler’s secret Nazi vampire army (did you know that? I didn’t know that).

Even the non-vampires fit seamlessly into the expose of this bizarre Wellington subculture. The werewolves (“not swearwolves,” they constantly remind each other) form a hilarious pack of dudes who just want to save a pair of jeans when the full moon comes around. Stu, a human who finds his way into the vampires’ lives as a sort of personal IT guy, isn’t even acting. And I mean that. Waititi brought Stu Rutherford onto the project after Rutherford hooked up a router for Waititi’s mother.

What We Do in the Shadows is ultimately a string of clever vignettes that either subvert established vampire lore or use the established lore to increase just how funny a given situation is. In one scene, the vampires draw pictures of each other because they have no reflections to consult; in another, they’re watching sunrises on YouTube because they cannot go out in the daylight.

Even amidst all the laughs, there are some genuinely heartfelt moments. Like the humans around them, these vampires have people they love, others who have broken their hearts, or people who leave their lives in gruesome ways. For a movie all about the undead, there were some good messages in there about living your life to the fullest.

It has been a long time since I genuinely laughed out loud at a movie, but What We Do in the Shadows quickly became one of the funniest movies I had ever seen, and potentially one of my top ten movies ever. A concept is only as good as its execution, and I think What We Do in the Shadows executed it perfectly.

P.S. I have watched 47 of the over a hundred episodes, and is made to encourage the viewer to contemplate the situation. Many episodes result in a mind-blowing reveal that, after a late night of homework, seem pretty extravagant. Though this show can touch on some very serious topics, it can be very humorous and full of excitement. The episodes are eerie and interesting. I would highly recommend this show to anyone who was looking for an entertaining, dramatic, and comedic show.

Netflix has all of the episodes of The Twilight Zone and you won’t regret watching any of them.

P.S. I have watched 47 of the over a hundred episodes, and have loved every single one!
A Visit to the Indianapolis Museum of Art

Thomas Hall
Staff Writer

I am an engineer, why on earth would I ever be interested in such a waste of time and space as art? I mean I chose to go to an engineer school not some hippy liberal arts school because I actually believe it or not want a job. Well first off you are wrong. Art stands to be one of the most popular collections of the year. The shoes all released separately with pieces ranging from $130 to $500, with some going as high as $1500. Anyone willing to spend enough to get the entire collection better be ready to give up their first born child.

On your trip it can be handy to bring a friend that knows art and can talk you through pieces that way you can really start to see the layers beneath the surface if not feel comfortable asking the museum staff: trust me they do not mind. If nothing else, Indianapolis Museum of Art has one of the four famous LOVE statues which makes it perfect for that Instgram photo for all your friends.

The Ten

On November 9th, 2017 Nike and Off White released their latest sneaker collaboration. This collaboration gained much popularity among social media and the sneaker community alike and turned out to be one of the most popular releases of the year. This collaboration called “The Ten” showcases ten iconic Nike shoes, both historical and contemporary. These shoes in this collection are the Air Jordan 1, Air Presto, Air Max 90, Air Force 1, Air VaporMax, Hyperdash, Zoom Vaporfly, Converse Chuck Taylor, Blazer and Air Max 97. The popularity of this collection is almost unprecedented in the sneaker community as this collection has been in the public spotlight of sneaker heads ever since it was announced. I believe that this collection was a perfect storm as far as the three shoes in this collection (Air Jordan 1, Air Force 1, and Chuck Taylor) are the top three best selling shoes of all time. This paired off with the fact that they were designed by Off White, one of the most popular fashion companies in the world at the moment, really led way for some serious potential.

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Most of the shoes in the collection are black and shades of white apart from the Air Jordan 1 which is in the iconic Red, Black, and White Chicago colorway. Translucency along with rough textures are a definite trope of this collection as they are strung throughout every shoe in this collection. Another key point of The Ten is that they all have a small red zip tie label on them and a small orange tab somewhere on the body of the sneaker. These serve as a birthmark of sorts as these shoes are all the same collection. These shoes all released separately with pieces ranging from $130 to $500 retail. Although this being a very limited release they sold out everywhere within months of their actual release date. Due to reselling and the popularity of this collection pairs are selling at an average of $500, with some going as high as $1500. Anyone willing to spend enough to get the entire collection better be ready to give up their first born child.

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On top of the issue of how bad a precedent DACA sets, it is a policy that rewards criminal behavior. Under DACA, illegal immigrants who enter the United States illegally are rewarded with a stay of 2 years, a work permit, and the ability to gain legal residence in the United States. It is a perverse policy that is actually designed to encourage more illegal immigration into the United States. Therefore, many have argued that DACA is a policy that rewards criminal behavior.

The Trump administration has rescinded DACA, and it is currently in court. It is unclear what will happen next, but it is clear that this policy is fundamentally flawed and needs to be replaced.

On Capitol Hill

The Dumpster Fire

The Supreme Court will hear Trump’s appeal in the DACA case, and we will see what happens next. It is clear that the Trump administration’s policies are fundamentally flawed and need to be changed.

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The Sooners started the season 1-0 and won by beating out Trevor Knight for the Sooners after Baker Mayfield was named the starting quarterback for Texas Tech following a buzz injury of starter Michael Brewer. Mayfield is the first walk-on true freshman to start a season opener at the quarterback position.

In addition, Mayfield is the only walk-on this season and earn Big 12 Conference Freshman Offensive Player of the Year.

The Mayfield anounced he would be leaving the program due to a "miscommunication" with the coaching staff.

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Sports Editor

Rose-Hulman seniors Kaelen Garner, Alex Thompson and Young are the only members of the team's roster who have competed in all 8th annual National Bowl Game on Sunday morning at 9:30 AM in Daytona Beach, Florida.

The National Bowl Game features the best NCAA Division II and DIII college athletes to showcase their potential talent to NFL and CFL teams. Thompson was named a consensus first-team All-American and put up numbers on the field to back his case. He is a three-time all-conference and three-time all-region performer.

Garner earned first-team all-HCAC honors for his efforts during his senior season and was named 2017 heisman trophy winner.

The team also has the best-50 percent of the possible points and third highest percentage in the conference history.

In addition, Mayfield is the only walk-on to ever win a Heisman Trophy.

RHIIT Men’s Basketball
Blake Powell
Sports Editor

Rose-Hulman defeated previously unbeaten Transylvania 75-62 in Kentucky. The Fightin’ Engineers relied on hot shooting to defeat Transylvania as they shot 56% and went 9-17 from the three-point range. Transylvania trailed 32-24 in rebounds. The biggest lead of the game was a 14-point Rose-Hulman lead midway in the second half. Transylvania fought back to bring the game within one possession before Charlie Aimone buried a three-pointer with 44 seconds left to push the lead to 77-70. Rose-Hulman improved to 2-0 in conference play and 2-0 overall.

Standout Performers
Charlie Aimone– 39 points, 2 assists, and 2 rebounds
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RHIIT Women’s Basketball
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Rose-Hulman made a huge statement in their win over Transylvania because Transylvania was selected as the pre-season favorite to win the HCAC while Rose-Hulman was predicted to finish last. The Fightin’ Engineers jumped ahead quick by taking a 16-2 lead in the 1st quarter. Transylvania fought back to tie the game at 19, but the Engineers jumped ahead quickly and never looked back. Rose-Hulman ended the game with a 14-point lead. In the first half, Transylvania shot 37.5% from the floor and just 3-14 from the three-point range. Rose-Hulman carried their defensive momentum into the third quarter by holding Transylvania to just 11 points.

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This one is for Kansas.
**The HORSEpocus**

The week’s horoscopes have been read in the goose poop littering the sidewalks. Failure to comply with the advice below will result in the spawn of Satan’s left butt cheek, the geese, descending upon you and your loved ones in a fury only matched by that of a frat boy being asked to be the sober one two weekends in a row.

**Aries:** Say something nice about the geese as you walk past them this week. After all, geese are only nature’s finest Satanists.

**Taurus:** If you take notice, you’ll hear the geese honking the secrets of the universe. Your golden opportunity to become enlightened will arrive Thursday, when the annual “Congress of the 42 Supreme Geese” will meet around Rose-Hulman’s very own Speed Lake.

**Cancer:** While having a major falling out between you and your friend might be painful, the geese are here to help. They’ll gladly and viciously attack your friend, giving you the opportunity to swoop in and become their knight in shining armor. As you drive to the ER, tears will flow and apologies will come easily.

**Leo:** It’s time to quit living under modestly dull feathers. Take charge and show everybody that you are a proper golden armor. As you drive to the ER, tears will flow and apologies will come easily.

**Virgo:** The general public might be quick to point out your flaws this week. Don’t worry too much; they’ve been doing the same thing to geese for years. Take after the geese and just don’t give a squawk.

**Libra:** The world is a scary place filled with geese and what some little devils are afraid of. In order to survive, stick close to your friends and never trust a quack.

**Scorpio:** If you take notice, you’ll hear the geese honking the secrets of the universe. Your golden opportunity to become enlightened will arrive Thursday, when the annual “Congress of the 42 Supreme Geese” will meet around Rose-Hulman’s very own Speed Lake.

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**Capricorn:** The world is a scary place filled with geese and what some little devils are afraid of. In order to survive, stick close to your friends and never trust a quack.

**Aquarius:** You’ve been working hard to repay your debts to the geese. Soon, you will be squared up but your actions have led you to being entrenched in the water fowl underground. There is no escape.

**Pisces:** You’ve got a goal in mind and nothing will stop you from getting there. Just don’t forget that in order to get this far, you had to sell your soul to the Devil. The geese are coming next Tuesday to collect.

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**National 7 Day Forecast**

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**Top 10**

**Spots on Campus with Extreme Temperature Changes**

1. Dr. All’s classroom during an exam
2. The Myers’ airlock leading to the parking lot
3. G308
4. The classroom seat after that dude sits there
5. Hatfield Hall
6. Any physics lab
7. First row in the GM room
8. The unlicensed nuclear generator in the basement of the BIC
9. Your car (Yeah, looking at you.)
10. The top bunk/the loft

11. <Insert least favorite frat here> during a party
12. Your 8 a.m.
13. The tears running down your face
14. The space between the shower and the towel
15. The toilet seat
16. Your laptop when trying to run any sort of video game
17. The Gigantic air conditioning units outside of Myers
18. Winter quarter after the Holidays
19. Second floor of the Library

**WACKY PROF QUOTES**

"Avoid the devil ... if you can."
- Dr. David Chapman

"*Since you won’t need this for the exam, we’ll just call this recreational mathematics.*"
- Dr. Manda Richl

"I’m not an idiot."
- Dr. Zachariah Chambers

"Really? Oh."
- Dr. ArifMohaimin Sadri

Did your prof say something hilarious or just great out of context? Did you hear something amusing on your jaunt about the fine halls of this institution? We want to hear about it! Send your quotes with who said it to the Flipside Editor <thorn.flipside@rose-hulman.edu> Disclaim: The Flipside is purely for fun! Any uncredited work above can be attributed to me, Emma Osoood.