Graduate Students Spared
Final Tax Bill Reserves Tuition Waivers
Marc Schmitt
Editor-in-Chief
Republicans have agreed on a final tax cut bill that is set to pass and be ready for president for signature to eign into law by the end of the year. This agreement is particularly relevant for Rose-Hulman students with the 20% reduction in the corporate tax rate waived income by universities for graduate students. Before reconsidering their bills, House Republicans passed a bill that would have substantially raised taxes on 150,000 graduate students and $79,000 undergraduate students, according to Dal l New York Times.

Rose-Hulman graduates pursuing graduate study would have been among those graduates with up to 60 percent of those graduate students are pursuing degrees in STEM.

Graduate students across the world have been sending messages to each other with messages on them, such as "this bill is trash."
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The election being in Alabama made predicting data even harder to find, considering that Alabama has been red for so long now and Republic- can candidates win by such a large margin, so a lot of pollsters don’t bother analyzing election results as carefully as they would in other states.

Either way, the result of the election meant trouble for the Republican Party. A loss would mean the Republican Party can do better.

One State, Two State, Red State, Blue State

First, special elections are weird, and experts who are typically able to make an educated guess at the outcome of elections, especially in Alabama. Polls are not as reliable in these kinds of elections, as the name implies, they happen a lot less frequently which means that there are not as many data for experts to look back on and compare with current-day data. This comparison of data helps the pollsters to make their educated guesses. Well, with a less educated guess, the election results come from an loser guess.

Second, there were multiple accusations of sexual misconduct brought against Republican candidate Roy Moore by women who said he mistreated them when they were teenagers. Moore denied that any of these accusations were true, but they definitely had an effect on the election. For example, a couple of high-profile Republican candidates have spoken out against the allegations Alabama Senator Richard Shelby said that “the Republican Party can do better.”

Marc Schmitt
Editor-in-Chief

The Federal Communications Commission voted last Thursday to repeal net neutrality regulations. The commissioners voted 3-2 along party lines. The Republican commissioners Ajit Pai argued that the repeal is needed to foster innovation and im- prove access for. He was later served community groups and technology companies in the public interest are promising legal action to protect the rules.

Among the controversy behind the vote was evi- dence of a campaign to in- fluence public opinion and flood the FCC with millions of fraudulent public comments (See graph).

New York Attorney General Eric Schneider- man concluded that there were millions of fraudu- lent comments filed with the FCC. Schneiderman has called for an investi- gation into the comments and has set up a website that allows individuals to check if their information was used to file a fake comment.

One FCC commissioner, Democrat Jessica Rosenworcel, called for the vote to be delayed, pointing to over half a million fake comments left from Russian email addresses.

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Journalism Isn’t Always Black and White.

Write about what matters. Write for the News Section.
Rush one more album, hoping the band could numbers on their show too, Rush negative critical responses. With decreased album, Caress of Steel (the third Rush album) rock band Rush was in dire straits. Their last Staff Writer Andrew Henderson
their label after a disappointing album. was lost in the transition.

“Season Two, so far, has recaptured the Top Gear magic that was lost in the transition.”

A Ballad About Discovering A Guitar A Review of Rush’s 2112 Album Andrew Henderson Staff Writer

In early 1976 the Canadian progressive rock band Rush was in dire straits. Their last album, Caress of Steel (the third Rush album) had lower than expected sales with mixed to negative critical responses. With decreased numbers on their show too, Rush label Mercury Records was contemplating dropping the band. However, the label decided to give Rush one more album, hoping the band could come up with some of their best songs to date. Most bands in this situation would have made a simple, uncontroversial and average album in this dire situation but Rush from the label, Rush’s next album 2112, could be anything but that. Rush 2112 would be anything but that. Rush 2112 would be an incredible risk taker, going unproved instrumentals and synthesizer storytelling, and song lengths. The song 2112...
Recipe Courtesy of Allrecipes.com

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Directions
1. Soak cherries, mango, cranberries, currants, and citrus in 1/4 cup rum for at least 24 hours. Cover tightly, and store at room temperature.
2. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Butter a 6x3-inch round pan or loaf pan and line it with parchment paper.
3. In a large bowl, cream together butter and brown sugar until fluffy. Beat in egg. Whisk together flour, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon; mix into butter and sugar in three batches, alternately with molasses and milk. Stir in soaked fruit and chopped nuts. Scrape batter into prepared pan.
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5. Construct time machine capable of bi-directional time travel.
6. Cut out one piece parchment paper and one piece cheesecloth, each large enough to wrap around the cake. Moisten cheesecloth with 1 tablespoon rum. Arrange cheesecloth on top of parchment paper, and unmold cake onto it. Sprinkle top and sides of cake with remaining rum. Wrap the cheesecloth closely to the surface of the cake, then wrap with paper. Go back 10 weeks in time place in an airtight tin, and age for at least 10 weeks. If storing longer, douse with additional rum for every 10 weeks of storage adjusting for time machine accordingly.

Lifestyle

Up and coming Musical Artist Yaeji, Born Kathy Yaeji Lee, is a 24-year-old singer/songwriter/DJ based out of Brooklyn, New York. She blends the genres of House, Garage, and Hip-Hop to make a futuristic sound that establishes her style in a class of its own. This along with her vocals being sung in both English and Korean add many unique qualities to her work.

She released two extended plays in 2017 dubbed Yaeji and EP2. Whenever I listen to her music I feel like I just walked into an Asian Nightclub where everyone wears only neutral colors. The year is 3005 and we have somehow evaded total world destruction and instead living in a society devoid of deadly conflict. This may seem oddly specific but her album and in particular the songs “passionfruit” and “drink I’m sipping on” off of EP2 give me this eerie vibe.

These two collections are a bit all over the place in terms of construction although that is almost expected. She is a self-supported artist at this point in time which is evident in that they are both EP’s rather than full albums themselves. That being said I am interested to see what she is capable of if and when she produces a blown album.

This style of music is so intriguing I would not be surprised if we saw her as a producer of a playlist for an anime movie as her mix of both Western and Eastern influences in her music really separates her self from the crowd mixing perfectly into both cultures.

I am excited to see her flourish into a much bigger artist after listening to a refreshing new sound is seems like for the first time in a long time. I think that anyone reading this should definitely go and give her a listen as well. What is the worst that could happen either you find a new artist that you like or you can say you are better than all your friends because you found Yaeji back in 2017 before she went triple platinum on the 2025 billboard top 100 with her hit single DespYaejiito featuring Pre Malone, Blue Ivy, and North West.

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Opinions

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has generally maintained an impression of being non-partisan and delivering unbiased economic analyses that are important in helping policymakers make decisions. However, it is generally perceived as having some bias. It is not clear whether the CBO will continue to maintain its non-partisan reputation during the Trump era.

Several recent reports published by the CBO suggest that the organization may be selectively choosing data to support its conclusions. This practice is considered to be increasing, which raises questions about perceived bias.

Assumptions let the CBO put a finger on the scale. This would be the Formula 1 of athletics.

The Center for Budget and Policy Priorities argues that the assumptions about the macroeconomic effects of policy changes are highly uncertain. Economists differ substantially on the size of macroeconomic multipliers from reducing marginal income tax rates or other changes in taxes or spending.

In the same vein, the CBO reviewed a study on the economic effects of immigration, and found that the changes in spending and tax revenue would lead to a cumulative net cost of $6 billion. Here the CBO differed from its predecessors, and instead of selecting a static model for estimating the economic outcomes under the previous dynamic models which would factor in future benefits. The conservative Washington Times reported as much, noting, "The new CBO report looked only at the taxes paid and benefits collected by Dreamers. It did not include a "dynamic" stock looking at the costs and benefits once the effects on the economy are included. Past CBO estimates of broader immigration legalization bills have done a "dynamic" scoring, and those finding legitimate migrants would benefit from a negative factor in the near term because there would be more people working above board, paying taxes."

There may very well be valid differences in the CBO choosing the macroeconomic models that they do, but it is a case for concern that the CBO chose the modeling scenarios most favorable to the Trump administration. The bill largely failed because the CBO found that it would cause millions to lose insurance. If the CBO began producing bill unbiased results, it will give the Trump administration even more leeway to enact its agenda without opposition. As the song goes, "numbers never lie, but lies often use numbers."

Do not please celebrate Christmas if you are not Christian.

Nehal Bima
Staff Writer

I do not think we celebrate Christmas if you are not Christian. This was a tweet I read a few days ago that truly caught my attention. We are all celebrating the holiday season, even or especially if we are not of our faiths.

One such tweet that caught my eye was from a friend of mine who is a Muslim. She mentioned how she celebrated Christmas with her Muslim, Hindu, and Catholic friends. She noted that they all enjoyed the festival and celebrated Christmas together.

Friends of Dalal's during Eid. Left to right: Hindu, Catholic-Jew, Muslim

Photo via Dalal Bima

While celebrating any holiday is a matter of choice, it is not wrong to say that religious and non-religious people can coexist and even thrive in diversity if we have the courage and desire to learn about these cultures.

This would be the Formula 1 of athletics.
Blade Powell  
Sports Editor

Rose-Hulman volleyball players Bailey MacInnis and Gabi Razma are the first team members to earn first-team CoSIDA Aca-
demic All-American honors in the history of women’s athletics at the college. MacInnis and Razma were chosen as two of just seven first-team selections from over 400 institutions that play NCAA Division III volleyball nationally. The Fightin’ Engineers are the only institution with two-first team selections.

Razma combined Academic All-America total ranks No. 10 nationally among NCAA Division III institutions and in the top 30 of all United States colleges and institutions. Razma was a first-team all-HCAC for the second year in a row. She ranked in the national top 75 in kills per set and hit percentage this season. Razma totaled 372 kills, 122 digs and 49 block assists.

Razma finished the regular season ranked No. 12 in NCAA Division III in digs and No. 14 in digs per set this season. She holds the Rose-Hulman single-game and career school records for digs.

The CoSIDA Academic All-America Team is voted on by nearly 420 NCAA Division III sports information directors and CoSIDA board members from across the country.

Little All-America squad since Kyle Ko-cvich in 2011. Riley is also the first Fightin’ Engineer since Todd Hultahnke in 1992 to earn first-team All-American honors from a nationally recognized organization.

Razma has earned 27 Academic All-America accolades since 2002, which 16 have come from the HCAC. Razma caps her career off as a four-time HCAC Defensive Most Valuable Player.

Razma leads the team with 513 kills, 164 digs and 78 block assists.

Valuable Player for her efforts this season. Razma caps her career off as a four-time first-team all-HCAC selection and a two-time HCAC Defensive Most Valuable Play-

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- Getting Close to Demon Days

Dear Demon Days: I think out of all the stories I’ve ever heard of people trying to cheat a demon, this is the most hellishly bad. Demons are not three-year-olds or drunk college students. They are demons. I do not think a demon will think that a woman you hired to be your girlfriend is actually your girlfriend. However, you hired her already so you might as well have a good time pulling the wool over your family members’ eyes.

In dealing with demonic deals, there are a few ways you can try to not lose your soul or spend your eternity being tortured in the Underworld. Demons are afraid of Hybrid Physics Courses and the Minions. Of course, spending your whole life living as a fan of the Minions will mean that you won’t have much of a life at all. Just remember the alternative, and I’m sure you’ll be gungho for those little yellow abominations.

In order to afford all of the Minion merchandise you’ll need, you should consider selling your story to anime writers. I’m sure it will be a big hit. Good Luck!

Heard Round Campus

“Jared Leto is my favorite Batman.”

WACKY PROF QUOTES

“Infinity is weird, and should not be trifled with.”
-Dr. Timothy All

“I’m going to give you the middle finger in Calculus.”
-Dr. Bill Butske

“I was raised by a pack of wild televisions”

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 thorn-flipside@rose-hulman.edu or fill out this nifty google form: https://goo.gl/forms/bF3gqex6GH0hggYu

Top 10 White Elephant Gift Ideas

1. (Fried) Fruit Cake
2. Peanuts... for the White Elephant...
3. Homework
4. Get out of Tuition Free Card
5. Subway Gift Card
6. (Used) Murder Weapon
7. A Used Condiment
8. An Empty Beer Bottle Planted in Soil
9. A Facebook Gift Card
10. A Hard Drive with a Single Bitcoin on it
11. A Brick of Salt
12. Nolan Hughes’ Autograph
13. 50 Copies of the Rose Thorn
14. A Pillow with Nicolas Cage’s Face on it
15. Bottom Shelf Vodka (What a deal!)
16. A Single Sheet of Engineering Paper
17. Blu-ray Copy of the Bee Movie - Director’s Cut
18. Expensive Vodka Brand Bottle with Vinegar in it
19. A Hard Drive with a Single Bitcoin on it
20. A Brick of Salt

Who’s ready for the Holidays? Everybody! Conversely, who’s ready for Winter Quarter after break? Nobody! Also, if you’ve got a cute animal, send a picture of it to me. I love them and will showcase them if allowed. Please send an email with questions, concerns, or content to the Thorn Flipside Editor <thorn-flipside@rose-hulman.edu> • Disclaimer: The Flipside is purely for fun! Any uncredited work above can be attributed to me, Emma Oswood.