Day of Silence

Bullying and the Silence it Creates

Jared Gibson

News Editor

It all started with a homework assignment. You, that’s right: a homework assignment.

I’m sure that all of us are quite familiar with them and we were the students of the University of Virginia in 1996 who were responsible for the creation of Day of Silence.

Unlike the typical homework assignment here, this one was about non-violent protest and the students’ response was what is now known as the Day of Silence.

The following year, there was an effort to make the Day of Silence a national event, and even onto college campuses, it grew.

The Day of Silence is a national event that happens in high schools, middle schools, and colleges across the country, including our very own Rose Hulman Institute of Technology.

On Friday, April 27, students across the country will take a vow of silence in support of the GLSEN Day of Silence. This is a nationwide event that happens in middle and high schools around the country.

GLSEN stands for Gay Lesbian and Straight Education Network and is an organization that came to the forefront in the early 2000s to fight for the rights of LGBTQ students.

Their goal is to make sure that every student is treated with respect, no matter their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

They work with the Department of Education and the Kiwanis Foundation to reduce bullying and harassment for LGBTQ individuals.

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The Rose Thorn

Meet Up

More Room, More Innovation

Evil Maquilin

Editor in Chief

Last year, the announcement of the Rose Thorn Meet up was made. This year, the Rose Thorn Meet up will be held on Wednesday, April 27, at Rose Hulman Institute of Technology.

Meet up sessions are a great opportunity for Rose Hulman students to network with each other and learn about different topics.

This year, the topic is “More Room, More Innovation.”

The meet up will be held in the Biotechnology Center, and will focus on the importance of having more room for innovation and creativity.

The meet up will feature guest speakers who will discuss the importance of innovation and how it can lead to new ideas and breakthroughs.

The event is open to all Rose Hulman students, faculty, and staff.

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- Environmental Photo Session - Quad: 10-12
- Multidisciplinary Capstone Design Information Session - G222: 3:30 - 4:15
- BIC Welding 2 - BIC: 7:30 - 7:40
- Open Mic Meeting - White Chapel: 7:30-9

Tuesday, April 24
- Blood Drive - SRC: 11-5
- Q&A Lunch Series - Accessibility RSVP Required - A202: 11:45 - 12:35
- Mindfulness Meditation - HMU262: 11:45 - 12:35
- Environmental Photo Session - Hadley Hall: 1-3
- Association for Women in Mathematics Students Chapter Informational Meeting - G229: 4:20 - 5:20
- BIC Shop Practices - Mill: BIC: 4:30 - 6:30
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- HERD Giveaway: Softball: 5:30 - 6:30
- SGA Senate - Lake Room: 5:30 - 7:30
- Anderson, Softball - Home: 5:30 - 9:30

Wednesday, April 25
- Key Training: Skype for Business - L977: 9:55 - 10:45
- Blood Drive - SRC: 11-5
- Take a break Fika - 2nd Floor Meyers: 3 - 3:20
- New Academic Building Information Session - Hatfield Hall: 4:50 - 5:30
- Safe Zone Advanced Training - 0231: 4:20 - 5:20
- BIC TIG Welding - BIC: 5:30 - 7:30
- DePauw, Baseball - TSGA: 6:30 - 8:30

Thursday, April 26
- Mindfulness Meditation - HMU262: 11:45 - 12:35
- Exponential Technologies - Innovation Chair Presentation - ML17: 4:20 - 5:30
- LEAD Org Track: Dynamic Recruitment - Preparing for next Fall - Lake Room: 4:20 - 5:30
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- Learn a Language - O167: 9 - 7
- Greenville, Baseball - Away: 7 - 9

Friday, April 27
- Day of Silence: All Day
- HCAC Track Championship - Away: 12 - 2
- HEARD Giveaway: Track & Field - Cook Stadium: 5:30
- Legally Blonde the Musical - Hadfield: 7:30 - 10

Saturday, April 28
- HCAC Track Championship - Away: 12 - 2
- HCAC Men’s Golf Championship - Away: 12 - 2
- Baseball, Bluffton - Away: 12 - 5
- Softball, Bluffton - Away: 1 - 5
- Men’s Tennis, Earlham - Away: 12 - 2
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North Korea: A Step in the Right Direction?

Marc Schmitt

Staff Writer

North Korea made several announcements this past week in ad-

vance of proposed direct talks with the United States.

The headline announcement was the suspension of nuclear tests and long-range missile tests while talks are underway. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un delivered this message on Friday, April 20.

Additionally, Mr. Kim promised to not share any of the regime’s research on nuclear weapons with other states and would only use nuclear weapons unless it was provoked.

Earlier in the week South Ko-

era announced that it had estab-

lished a direct telephone line with Mr. Kim. The move is intended to help build trust between the two nations and reduce tensions. There has previously been a military tele-

phone line between the two coun-

tries, but it was severed in 2018 after diplomatic tensions flared. The military connection was reac-

tivated earlier this year.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in and Mr. Kim are set to meet in the demilitarized zone on April 27. Negotiators for South Korea have stated the focus of the sum-

mit will be the “denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula”.

This is the first meeting in a series as both nations acknowledged the need for more talks to set the agenda and re-

solve complex issues. The United States is also using the talks to prepare for the meeting between Mr. Kim and President Trump.

The direct talks between the two leaders are set to begin the process of resolving long standing disputes with the North Korean regime.

The United States diplomats have placed the elimination of North Korea’s nuclear arsenal as the highest priority of negotiations.

Officials have been quick to point out the obstacles that stand in the way of achieving this goal; Mr. Kim’s reluctance to reeall all nuclear weapons and securing a deal that withstands domestic scrutiny.

U.S. Intelligence indicates that the North Korean arsenal includes missiles with ranges upwards of 11,000 kilometers.

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Unrest in Kentucky

William Kemp

Business Manager

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Chappaquiddick
A Kennedy Cover-Up

Lauren Wiesman
Staff Editor

America went to the moon on July 20, 1969. It was a proud moment for the United States. A dramatic moment. One that was foreseen. But a moment that the country had been waiting for. A moment that seemed to come out of nowhere. A moment that changed the course of the country.

In order to talk about Kennedy, it is also necessary to talk about Mary Jo Kopechne, portrayed by Kate Mara. Even with a short amount of screen time, Mara captured how warm and bright Kopechne was, and how she was killed by the accident. The film had the difficult responsibility of balancing the dramatic acting scene, but he gives a good performance. He did a fantastic job of portraying the protests and the whole situation surrounding Chappaquiddick. Despite this, the film was slow, melodramatic, and unfortunately dragged on a bit.

The film asks us to evaluate our connectedness to the Chappaquiddick incident. The story-telling was smartly done, too. The opening frames spectacularly set up how Ted was painted himself as the helpless victim, and that he was pressured not to release the movie, which made me wonder if he had done enough. It took a significant amount of restraint not to yell at the screen, but it was never so distracting it took me out of the movie.

Information producer Yuichi Fukushima has also seen death threats, like what was seen this year, happen after the controversy over a mobile game. In an interview with Crunchyroll, Fukushima expressed how he was put into a deep depression because of the brutal criticism from fans after the controversial episode. To keep this spoiler free, Ichigo, the beloved president, or the brilliant senator. How-er, the movie does not shy away from the facts. The film leaves no room for doubt, that he tried to tailor the accent in his favor, that he tried to paint himself as the helpless victim, and that he waited ten hours to call—hours that Mary Jo spent recovering from the accident.

For a film that had all the right elements, a couple were out of place and hampered the execution. One of those was the score. Earth斯坦’s score was slow, melodramatic, and unfortunately dragged on a bit. The film’s score should change to reflect that.

The negative other element was the dialogue. Some of the lines were very clearly written for the trailer, and sounded obviously scripted in the context of the film. Even with those problems, it still is a worthwhile film to see. It is an interesting look at how politicians are protected, especially those who are well-connected. This film asks us to evaluate our responses to situations like those, as we see citizens after citizens angrily say they will vote for Kennedy, even after Chappaquiddick. How many politicians could be sitting in Washington today with their own Chappaquiddicks, so well-hidden we haven’t even heard about them?

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A Look Into: The Birkin Bag

Am Iconic Shape Turned Fashion Centerpiece

Thomas Hall
Staff Writer

The Birkin might be the most famous bag of all time. Somehow, this purse has been able to keep its status as the “35” bag since its inception in 1984—a fact that has never been accomplished by any other article of fashion. The bag was originally made for actress and singer Jane Birkin by the head of Hermès after the two shared a flight. In fact, the original sketch for the bag was created on the back of a throw up bag from the plane.

Since then, the Birkin bag has become the must-have bag for women in power. Birkin owners include: Michelle Obama, Melania Trump, Hillary Clinton, Victoria Beckham, Angela Merkel, Margaret Thatcher, etc. The list is endless. The Birkin has become the mark of powerful women everywhere. The bag is said to radiate to everyone that sees it that you are not someone to mess with.

Knowing this, you probably are guessing that Birkin bags are not cheap. You’re right; they aren’t. With starting prices around twenty thousand and some models nearing six figures, Birkin bags are some of the most expensive handbags available. This price is partially due to the fact that it takes specially trained leather artisans over 48 hours to make a single bag. Although that does not worry any of the owners. They can afford it and Birkins are viewed as an investment. They have consistently outsold on the stock market since their inception.

Let’s say you want a Birkin and you are at a point in your life where you could afford to go into a Hermès boutique and drop down tens of thousands of dollars on a purse. You would think it would be such easy right? You would majorly wrong. In fact, many people believe that the scarcity of the Birkin is what has allowed them to keep their status over the past 35 years. If you were to walk into a store, the odds of them selling you one is basically a million to one. Most likely, they would ask you to join the waiting list to get on the waiting list. This means you could probably expect the wait to be over five years. Of course this means that people have tried to develop tips and tricks to get one sooner. Apparently, it has been found that, as soon as the Birkin is appar­ently it helps if your husband is trying to buy the bag for you. Other people claim that if you go into the store and buy a whole bunch of Hermès’ other items, then, at the very end, while you are checking out, ask if they have any Birkins. They might just bring one out of the back. If you are going this route I suggest hallowing up on their scarfs. I have heard nothing but good things about them.

If you or anyone you know has a Birkin and they would allow me to touch it please reach out. I have never heard anything but good things about Birkins. I have never had the opportunity and would really like to see the quality personally.

Music Corner: Goldlink

DC Rapper turned Hip-Hop Superstar

Sean Ladigo
Lifestyle Editor

Goldlink is an American hip-hop record producer, composer, and rapper, who is the main focus of this article. He is well known for his use of electronic music production, and his distinctive style of rapping. In addition to his music career, he has also been involved in various other projects, such as producing and writing for other artists.

Goldlink has gained a large following over the past few years, and has been recognized for his unique style and his ability to create music that is both accessible and innovative. His music has been praised for its emotional depth and its ability to connect with listeners on a deep level.

In all I feel that Goldlink has definitively set himself into a typecast of Rappers that have tragic love stories and affairs with multiple women of whom they have fallen into and out of love with but this does not mean that his music is bad. He really adds a different electronic aspect to his music that is not seen in many other Artists that make music in this genre truly diversifying himself form the group. At the same time his music has a level of awareness to it with important lyrics and actual instruments that rally gives it a wholesome realism to it. I feel that he really gets inspiration from the Gog music scene that has taken over The District of Columbia for so long and he is one of the first rappers to be this cohesive to do so.

If you’re looking for new music full of joy, substance, and emotion, look no further than Goldlink. You’ll find his music on your playlist whether you’re at a party working out, or at home doing work. He is a great young rapper who will make you reconsider your take on the Hip-Hop genre.
"There's this hourly rat race of on-campus and off-campus people fighting for legal parking spots.

The second issue was solved the following year after I got my email exchange. The computer monitors are now included in the KOREFIT Challenge and, fun fact, won the challenge this year.

The parking issue is more complex. The most obvious problem is the number of parking lots or buildings parking garage, but I don't see this happening anytime soon.

Perhaps, instead of just red parking stickers for faculty staff and yellow for students, the student parking stickers could further distinguish computer monitors from computer monitors. This would disregard people living on campus illegally parking in computer lots, rending the dreaded hourly rat race.

In the meantime, Pub Safe could be a little more understanding and chill with it with the tickets.

If your car isn't driving itself completely, this probably isn't safe.

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WILLIAM KEMP

As we transition into the future, assisted and self-driving cars are becoming more prominent on the roads. This movement actually started in 2000 when DaimlerChrysler included lane assistance to Mercedes-Benz commercial vehicles. The concept of this project was to alert drivers when they were merging into another lane too quickly. The first column of this daily feature can be found in every large brand name car company. Have you ever been on the road and been passed by someone who came within inches of your car? Lane assist was meant to prevent these hazardous moments to give you a safe and stress-free journey to your destination.

Another big safety feature popping up around the world is automatic braking. Say for some reason the car ahead of you slams on their breaks, your car will have enough time to react. Automatic braking can stop the change in speed without the human error, to keep you safe in this automated form of becoming truck baggage. The use of these devices are revolutionizing the way we travel on the streets, which is mostly true. I don't think anyone could have viewed this as an opportunity to be on their phones and relying on the car to keep them safe. That is, until someone crashes into a woman crossing the street.

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Elaine Herzberg, the auto-mated fiber victim in Yuma Arizona was a very unfortunate but necessary lesson on why drivers should not drive distracted. This entire incident could have been avoided if Mr. and Mrs. Herzberg could have been enjoying nice evening in the park with their daughter. When the driver put down her phone, and paid attention to her surroundings. It's easy to forget that cars are capable of ten wrecking balls with the power to cause massive destruction to yourself or others. Being a distracted driver means letting that wrecking ball swing around a megacity, indifferent as to what destruction it may bring. Approximately 5,000 people are murdered every year due to a distracted driver. As an example, even though it is statistically impossible, it would only take 9/8 days to walk all state of Arizona's. With 9900 injuries per day via distracted driving, it would only take 2,924 days for all of us to be in the hospital. When this number is put into perspective, it is statistically implausible, there is a chance you could fall victim to a distracted driving accident lifetime.

This article is, I've said, "you could get hurt," or you might become another statistic, "it's turning that into you might be the distracted driver. I want everyone at least once checked their phone behind the wheel. I will be the first to admit that I have sent a text while driving 15 miles per hour, endangering my self and my fellow travelers on the road. However this is a rare occurrence and I very much dislike knowing that I could potentially cause harm to another human being. On the other hand I do know people that have no problem sending their texting while driving ball harrowing towards a family so that they can send a LOLS and emoji. In fact, this idea of texting while driving is very popular among Florida over spring break, one of my friends, a junior-senior student, was on his phone when the automatic breaks activated and we stopped only a few feet behind the stationary car in front of us. I can say if the people in that car knew we almost rear ended them, or if we could form automatic breaks who would've been injured or killed by killing yourself driving car.

If you're going to drive distracted driving/index.html

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In a shutout against Defiance The Rose-Hulman Baseball team added another win under their belt. Thanks to the pitching of Sophomore Luke Buehler, who threw the complete game shutout, the Engineers were able to get the victory. This was the first game in a doubleheader against Defiance with this win earning a split.

Bob Truax had the only hit of the game for the Engineers as they cruised to a win. Buehler had a walk and was thrown out at first base in the top of the first inning. Overall Highlights:

- Women’s Golf: 4th after day 1
- Boys Tennis wins over Mount St. Joseph with a score of 9-0

IM Leagues Sponsors Their First Ever Video Game Tournament

Hailey Hoover
Sports Editor

In recent events, the IM Leagues organized a tournament for both Madden Football and FIFA Soccer. The event was open to everyone and the players played head to head in a number of games before being seated in a bracket for the finals. The finals games were held in the Lake room in the Union. The contestants had the opportunity to play on the large screen held in the room. There were four different games played to determine the places of first, second, third and fourth place. The winner of both the FIFA and Madden winners were able to pick any video game they desired and it will be purchased for them. Overall the event was a huge success and a lot of fun and hopefully they will continue to put it on in the years to come. Pictured below are the two winners — Dangs Cassidy Yeomans and Hailey Hoover (left) for Madden and Michael Boye for FIFA (right).

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Top 10 Things to Do When Tour Groups Go By

1. Start a banana gun Mexican standoff against members of an opposing res hall.
2. Scream "Get out!"
3. Pretend to give your friends a tour and spread misinformation.
4. Walk backwards with the tour guide in solidarity.
5. Hold up desecrated signs in the res hall windows.
6. Add all the high school students on Fortnite so they have to come here.
7. Assimilate and join the tour. Bonus points if you can get a professor to be your stand-in parent.
8. Hug the tour guide for an uncomfortably long amount of time and then just walk away.
9. Give them a stack of textbooks, smash the books out of their hands, and call them jerks. Oohoo! Got’ em.
10. Ask them for directions.
12. Walk them like the wild animals they are. Record their movement, narrate the story, and make them a nerd.
13. Give them a black box. Stare them directly in the eyes and whisper, "I went to college for a decade for this. To be surrounded by smart people and have to make dinner is a little upsetting."
14. Give them a pop quiz on derivatives. If they get it right, call them a nerd.
15. Give them coupons for the RHIT Gentlemen’s Club.
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20. Walk up to one of the parents and reenact a touching reunion with them.

Insult like Shakespeare

Peter Quince

Bumbler

"Bless me, what a fry of fornication is at the door."

This witty insult is one of many written by the great William Shakespeare, queer icon and playwright. The line, from Henry VIII, is said to have been a burn so sick the Globe Theatre burst into flames at its utterance. Of course, Shakespeare was no one-hit wonder. After they rebuilt the theatre to be slightly more fireproof, Shakespeare went on to have his creations sling more zings such as “Your virginity breeds mites, much like a cheese,” and “Your abilities are too infant-like for doing much alone.”

In honor of National Talk like Shakespeare Day, here are three easy steps you can use to create insults that the Great Bard himself would give a standing ovation.

1. Start with something basic like “Your momma looks like a cheese puff.”
2. Jazz it up with some old-English flair. The previous line now becomes “Thy mother dost look like a puff of cheese.”
3. (Optional) Maybe throw in a bit of elaboration. Something that really builds on the idea you’re trying to convey. Now, my insult becomes “Thy mother dost look like a puff of cheese, dry and tasteless.”

Now depart and start making thine enemies weep!

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-Dr. Stephanie Hill

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/bB339sx6GHohggYt1

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