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In 2009, Dr. Minster taught a class about the trip.

In early June, the students had the opportunity to travel to Cuba for a class about Spanish culture followed by a trip to Spain where students experienced a similar, comparable urban walking experience, a way of being in the world... Consider for a moment, why is it that so many religions at the very least suggest that their followers take part in a pilgrimage? Is it for the sole purpose of communicating past events or actions of those who came before them? Or is there something more? 

“I’m interested in walking as a phenomenological practice, as an experience, a way of being in the world...” said Dr. Minster last Thursday. Consider for a moment, why is it that so many religions at the very least suggest that their followers take part in a pilgrimage? Is it for the sole purpose of communicating past events or actions of those who came before them? Or is there something more? 

Walking England

Another Opportunity to See the World

Jared Gibson

News Editor

In the last issue of the Thor, the front page presented information on an opportunity to travel to Cuba for spring break of 2019. In the past week, yet another opportunity to travel the world and experience other places has been set in front of you, the students of Rose-Hulman.

Perhaps you have seen it before, perhaps you have seen it in the front seats of your classroom, as you wait for the next class to start. Students shuffle out of their first hour class to make way for your entrance and your significantly less-strewed-eye classrooms lucky enough to secure the second hour section of your same class.

Or maybe you have seen it in a stairwell in Graeps, advertising for a spring quarter class about walking or something before being shoved along by students eager to get to their class on the third floor.

In case you never got around to finishing the poster, here’s a recap: In Spring of 2019, a class will be offered titled SV 399, Walking England. In early June, the students enrolled in the class will join Dr. Gardner and Dr. Minster of the HSS Department on a trip to England, and any students interested in learning more can attend an information session today (October 29) at 4:20 p.m. in A202.

This isn’t the first time a course like this has been offered. Dr. Minster and Dr. Gardner have coordinated three similar trips in the past nine years. In 2009, Dr. Minster taught a class in England that included two trips to both Spain and England. In 2011, students walked in big European cities such as Madrid, walking in smaller cities like Santiago de Compostela, and even walking in the footsteps of many medieval pilgrims across the pyramidal walls of Madrid, walking in the London area while the students compared urban walking with rural walking.

Walking what? To many of us, walking is this a mundane, everyday activity, and often times, it is an activity we are hardly conscious of what we do in the activity we must do to get our from one place to the other. Walking, from our class to the academic buildings, from one class to the next, and from class to lunch.

In the case you have someone who could care less about religious rituals suggest, and find the previ- ous question unworthy of further ex- ploration, let me encourage you to begin to recognize your skepsis and seek the bigger picture for a moment. Perhaps what you might use as a vestige of some old-fashioned belief system actually holds some deep truths for every- one human being.

In 2012, Dr. Gardner taught a class about Spanish culture followed by a trip to Spain where students compared urban walking with rural walking.

The opportunity came up again when, in 2016, Drs. Gardner and Min- ster led a trip to England where stu- dents experienced a similar, compara- ble walking tour of the country as in the previous two trips. This included modern-day, urban walking in Lon- don, walking from Rochester to Can- nterbury.

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This is because people do not merely want to see the Grand Canyon, they want to experience it. They want to immerse them- selves in the culture, they want to feel it not just see it, but also to engage their other senses.

An airplane does not afford us this opportunity. Even in a car or on a bicycle, we are often moving too quickly to experience our surroundings in the way which walking through which we walk. One of the main advantages of air travel is that we can see more places in a shorter amount of time, right? Well, even a quick glance out the window of an air-plane?

When you’re walking, you’re going about a mile per hour. I mean, you notice things that you would not notice otherwise. You experience things in a very different way, said Dr. Minster.

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Walking England’s Lake District is filled with mountains and lakes which make it the perfect destination for hiking.

Walking England’s Lake District is filled with mountains and lakes which make it the perfect destination for hiking.

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men? The answer lies simply with the fact that walking is an activity that we do every day, and it is one that we can use to explore, to learn, and to take in new experiences. It is an activity that we can use to explore, to learn, and to take in new experiences.

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Riddle of the Week:
Given three bowls: 7, 4, and 3 liters capacity. Only the 7 liter is full. Pouring the water the fewest number of times, make the quantities of 2, 2, and 3 liters.

Come to our C-Think info session on Thursday at 7:30 in M103 for the answer!

For more info contact: hendritc@rose-hulman.edu

The Pen is mightier than the sword, join us. Tuesdays at 5:15 in Q259.
In a social climate where sexual predators are being exposed on what seems like a weekly basis, it is easy for our eyes to glaze over and let the horrifying storylines run together. We quickly lose touch of the impact each incident has on the victim, desensitized by the unrelenting flow of information that is the media. In the same way, images of car bomb explosions or inconsiderate refuse children anesthetize us to the helplessness those countries feel. Monthly headlines depicting hurricanes as monthly occurrences numb us to the harsh reality of climate change. However, for the hundreds of young athletes abused by the USA Gymnastics team doctor, Larry Nassar, our horror movie was their crushing reality.

When accusations outing Nassar as a serial child molester flooded the headlines last year, the USA Gymnastics organization appeared to have reacted with appropriate swiftness by cutting ties with him back in 2015. In a recent NBC News segment, however, Olympic Aly Raisman revealed that the sport organization’s response to her fellow victims’ complaints had been sluggish and insincere. Raisman met with USAG officials in the summer of 2015 to corroborate her experiences and press her concern that Nassar was only the first step. The USA Gymnastics board would re-sign at the request of the Olympic Committee. Perhaps these are the types of measures that will provide the drastic restructuring the sports organization so desperately needs.

What is the takeaway for sexual assault victims and allies alike? I believe it is best encapsulated by Aly Raisman’s own words in a chilling court appearance. “Well you know what, Larry? I have both power and voice, and I’m only just beginning to use them.”
The Handmaid’s Tale

Is it really a far-fetched future?

Aidan Moulder
Staff Writer

Imagine a society where women’s rights are stripped away from them. Where they are re-oppressed and can no longer control what they say, what they wear, what they read, or even their own identity. Margaret Atwood’s dystopian novel, The Handmaid’s Tale, gives a window to see what that world attitude could look like in reality. The book was published in 1985; by Margaret Atwood who wrote it as a pre-registered future for women and their rights. Although it was not as popular back in the day, it is gaining a much larger momentum in the present day due to the relatable “extreme” themes that the book discusses, which is why I found this book a terrifying necessity to read.

The book tells the story of a handmaid, Offred, who is someone whose sole purpose in this constructed society is to bear children for the commander Fred. In this society, there is a very low fertility rate due to radiative pollution, so those who are still fertile, the handmaids, are forcibly assigned to bear children for men in power whose wives cannot, and Offred is one of the handmaids assigned to commander Fred, hence the name of Fred. The book is divided into two stories within the story, the story of the handmaid Offred and the story of the other women living in this society: Domestics (The Mar-. thons), Sexual Toys (The Angels), Prison Guards (The Aunts), and the wombs (The Handmaids), and despite the handmaids do not fit in any of the categories (Unwomen). As the reader, you are exposed to Offred’s personal thoughts about the regime, the commander, the wife, and mostly, escaping from the commander’s house.

Personally enjoyed the book, because it felt like a well-written nightmare that gave me a nudge and helped me think about my own society and how I fit within it as the woman I am. The Handmaid’s Tale brings to light many of the issues women face today, but displays them with a twist. Many of the issues discussed in the book felt like Atwood took a part from the reality of how women are living and stretched it to an extreme worst case scenario, which I think was an effective thought provoking method.

What I found personally interesting is the disparity among the readers, as there is not much of a spectrum; either they absolutely loved it or abso- lutely hated it. But Atwood ad- dresses these opinions in the book with a twist. Many of the issues discussed in the book felt like Atwood took a part from the reality of how women are living and stretched it to an extreme worst case scenario, which I think was an effective thought provoking method.

Overall, The Handmaid’s Tale definitely was terrifying to read, because of the parallels that can be drawn from the con- structed society to the present day of women’s experiences. However, I think it is a necessary eye-opening piece of literature for women and men.

Venom

A different perspective in the superhero-movie genre

Dhalin Buma
Entertainment Editor

Marvel has cranked out yet another solo superhero mov- ie, this one starring Tom Hardy as the anti-hero Venom. Venom is alright. I think there are definitely many things that could have and should have been changed, but for the most part they’re only small issues. Despite its flaws, the film is en- tertaining and fun. The plot is basic and predictable, but that’s what we can expect in a superhero movie, so it’s not really a bad thing in this case. The CGI serves to make Venom look really cool (or better than he was in Spider-Man 3, at least), and also puts a giant aerial spacecraft facility in the side of a mountain in San Francisco (Don’t let Elon Musk get any ideas!). The score wasn’t particularly memorable, but when the credits rolled, a spicy new Eminem track started play- ing, so that was worth the wait.

There are two big issues that I found in Venom: the pace of the plot and the film’s attitude. Before the premiere, it felt like Venom wanted to be on-screen for no longer than two hours, so it decided to move very quickly when it should have taken its time. This resulted in a very disappointing final battle between Venom and the film’s antagonist, Riot. This scene should have been fleshed out much more than, say, the car chase scene earlier in the movie. The next big issue was the film’s attitude. When I say that, I mean the movie couldn’t decide what it wanted to be. It couldn’t choose to be a serious movie or a funny one. At times, it felt like Venom wanted to be like Deadpool, a movie with detailed vio- lence and intense action, all punctuated with a wisecrack from the hero. However, Venom didn’t deliver in this regard, and instead seemed to bounce back and forth between action and comedy, and this uncertainty was definitely noticeable throughout most of the film.

Overall, Venom is worth watching at least once. Like I said earlier, it’s definitely fun. Anyway, in the end, my room- mate has a good way of summing it all up: “You have to watch Venom like you’d play a Call of Duty game: turn your brain off and enjoy it for what it is.”

Happy spooky season, our eyes have scales are almost here. Feel free to send any questions or comments about the content of this page to hbd@how.hal- luman.edu
The State of Virtual Reality
The Future is Now

Seca Laliope
Lifestyle Editor

Virtual reality has come a long way in terms of its feasibility and accessibility to the common person. A few years ago having one of these expensive systems would set you back a pretty penny and you would have to vacate a room in order to have all of the necessary sensors and peripherals needed to use the device correctly. As with all technology breakthroughs have been efferescent in the realm of virtually reality as competition and innovation has fostered much progress in the community.

Oculus one of the pioneers in the field of VR has unveiled their next line of products for the upcoming years. These products are the Oculus Go, Quest, and Rift. The Go is a high quality standalone virtual reality Device aimed at those who want to watch VR content. It can be used for watching movies or even using a selection of apps made for the device. These can also be stored directly on the device as it has two versions one with 32 Gb of storage and the other with 64 Gb. It has one remote is completely wireless and is $199 MSRP. On the other end of the Spectrum is the Oculus Rift that serves as a Virtual Reality peripheral to a computer. With two controllers this device will definitely meet all of your needs as long as you have a computer strong enough to drive this beast. This Version starts at $499 MSRP. Oculus also made the surprising announcement with the unveiling of the new Oculus Quest. This product takes all of the setbacks of previous VR gaming and throws them out the door. This new product is completely wireless and requires no dedicated room to set up sensors and at the same time new product doesn’t even require a console or computer to drive it as it is essentially its on standalone console.

This machine has strong enough internal hardware that it can run complete games in full VR for hours making this almost a new competitor in the console wars or at least we will see how it fares. It is much more powerful than the Go while having the same selection of games that the Rift offers, although one will probably run those games on the Rift at a much higher quality. Having said that the Quest is the experience VR for the common person as it is not been simplified down to the point where anyone can use it and eliminates the need for an expensive computer. The Quest starts at $400 which is a bit steep until you think of it at a standalone console which makes the price much more feasible.

Virtual reality has come a long way in the past decade from its inception to the beginning of its commercialization. Anyone who has not tried the experience is truly missing out one of the most enjoyable aspects of technology today as you can insert yourself in to multitude of situations using only a specialized screen utilizing a gyroscope.

With the introduction of products such as PlayStation VR and the Oculus Quest one can only hope that Virtual reality is here to stay and isn’t some fad that comes and goes as I believe that it is truly a revolutionary step forward in the realm of Gaming.

The Easiest Mac

Recipe Courtesy of Trisha Yearwood

Ingredients
- Cooking spray
- 8 ounces elbow macaroni, cooked
- One 12-ounce can evaporated milk
- 1 1/2 cups whole milk
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) of butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Dash of pepper
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- Two 10-ounce bricks sharp Cheddar cheese, grated (about 5 cups)
- Dash of paprika

Equipment
- Money
- Slow cooker

Directions

In a large 4-qt slow cooker sprayed with cooking spray, mix the macaroni, evaporated milk, milk, butter, salt, pepper, eggs and all but 1/2 cup of the grated cheese. Sprinkle the reserved cheese over the top of the mixture and then sprinkle with paprika. Cover and cook on low heat for 3 hours and 15 minutes. Turn off the slow cooker, stir the mixture and serve hot. If you don’t have a slow cooker, grease a 9-by-13-by-2-inch pan with butter, add the mixture and bake at 350 degrees F for 50 minutes.
**RHIT Football**

Hailey Hoover  
Sports Editor

In the game against Defiance the Rose-Hulman Football team came out on top. The Engineers were able to get a lead early and keep that momentum throughout the rest of the game. The team is now sitting at a record of 4-4 and 4-2 in the league.

**RHIT SPORTS BOX SCORES**

**RHIT Men’s Soccer**

Hailey Hoover  
Sports Editor

Against Transylvania, the Rose-Hulman Men’s Soccer team ended regulation and overtime all tied up 0-0. Pascal Schlee got 7 saves to increase the total to 9 shutouts for the season.

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Standout Performers  
Michael Simmons  
Pascal Schlee

**RHIT Women’s Soccer**

Hailey Hoover  
Sports Editor

Rose-Hulman’s women’s soccer team ended regulation against Transylvania with a 1-1 score thanks to a score by Alyssa Taylor, assisted by Jessica Wells. In double overtime the Transylvania women’s team was able to score one to get the win.

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Standout Performers  
Katie Demert  
Alyssa Taylor  
Jessica Wells

**RHIT Volleyball**

Hailey Hoover  
Sports Editor

In their match against Defiance the Rose-Hulman Volleyball team came out on top. This win has brought the team to second seed in the HCAC Tournament. For this they will have a bye in the first round. The team’s record has improved to 17-11 and in conference play to 7-2.

**RHIT SPORTS SCHEDULES**

**Football**

Aug 31: Central  
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Sept 1: North Park, Cornell College  
Sept 5: Webster  
Sept 7: MacMurray  
Sept 8: Birmingham-Southern  
Sept 11: St. Mary-Meadows  
Sept 14: Concordia Chicago, Millikin  
Sept 15: Muskingum, #1 Calvin  
Sept 19: DePauw  
Sept 21: Texas Lutheran, Williams  
Sept 26: Manchester  
Sept 29: Transylvania  
Oct 3: Anderson  
Oct 6: Bluffton, Hope  
Oct 10: Franklin  
Oct 17: Mt. St. Joseph  
Oct 20: Hanover  
Oct 24: Earlham  
Oct 27: Defiance, Kenyon

**Volleyball**

Aug 31: Principia  
Sept 4: Greenville  
Sept 9: Thomas More  
Sept 12: Wabash  
Sept 15: Millikin  
Sept 19: DePauw  
Sept 22: Ohio Northern  
Sept 26: Bluffton  
Oct 3: Mt. St. Joseph  
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**Soccer**

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Sept 4: Principia  
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**Standout Performers**

Michael Simmons  
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**Photo by Rose-Hulman Athletics**
Did your prof say something hilarious or just great out of context? Send your quotes with pure fun! Any uncredited work above can be attributed to me, Emma Oswood.

Please send an email with questions, concerns, or content to tombstone or the Thorn Flipside Editor thorn-flipside@rose-hulman.edu

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

THIS IS HALLOWEEN! I UNDERSTAND A LOT OF SUCKERS ARE HUNGOVER HALLOWEEN BUT IT HASN’T EVEN ARRIVED YET. STAY HYPE. (vote.)

Spooky Soup

The Supplier
She...Supplies

Hi, my name is Kaelyn and this is my spooky soup recipe. Unlike stone soup, the pioneers did not ride these babies for miles. It’s almost Halloween, which is like my third favorite holiday (@ me all you want but Christmas is superior 100%), so it’s time for the soup that defines the autumnal season for me. You know? That time of year when the leaves are turning the color of my hair and we all bust out the sweaters that have been gathering dust for like half a year (you might want to wash those tbh).

Ingredients

1. 1.375 quarts bone broth - Which bones? You decide.
2. 1/48 of the screws from Kaelyn Bock who you are, Kevin.
3. 1 really cheap bottle of black nail polish - Don’t drop in Walmart.
4. An artificial pancreas, for flavor
5. Dash of nutmeg - Optional, but adds a wonderful earthy note that just screams Autumn.

Directions

1. Get your best and biggest pot, because you’re in for a bumpy ride. Pour in the broth, the titanium screw, the artificial pancreas, and the nutmeg if you choose to use it. Bring to a rapid boil, then let sit for ten minutes.
2. While the base boils, sauté the skeleton and salami in the nail polish until evenly coated and the internal temperature of the skeleton reaches 667 degrees Kevin (not Kelvin, subtract 1 for Fahrenheit).
3. Serve warm with a side of toasted pumpkin bread for a really special Halloween touch.

WITCHY PROF QUOTES

“Get ready for the best law in chemistry: Beer’s law. It’s Wednesday, might need me one of those later.”
 - Supernatural Stephanie Poland

“If the calorimeter had a tongue, you’d be home free.”
 - Eerie Edward Mottel

“Yeah, that’s life man. The layers are all connected.”
 - Bone-chilling Buffalo

“If you screw up the educational part, no amount of memes will save your presentation.”
 - Batty Buffalo

“Use your Aristotelian logic to untangle THAT syllogism!”
 - Blood-curdling Brad Burchett

“There is nothing more important than a clean nose.”
 - Macabre Micah Taylor

“Well if there’s anyone that wants to kill me, I will be making appointments outside my office after this.”
 - Monstrous Micah Taylor

“You are not a thermometer, you are a thermostat!”
 - Impish Igor Minevich

“If you’re going to ask if you can turn in late homework, ask in private, not in front of the entire class. That way I don’t look soft.”
 - Murderous Marc Herniter

Heard ‘Round Campus

“...Hillary Clinton is a demon because she smells like sulfur.”

SPOOKY SOUP
Feast On My Children

The Supplier
She...Supplies

Ingredients

1. 1.375 quarts bone broth - Which bones? You decide.
2. 1/48 of the screws from Kaelyn Bock’s metal spine - She has a Weekend Wednesday this week, so you can collect your screw then. Bring something to bribe her with and also a scalpel. *While supplies last.
3. 0.0056 gallons of chopped hard salami
4. 1 plastic skeleton who’s ribs and arms are missing - You know who you are, Kevin.
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