Rose Gardens is Here!

Goodbye Subway, Hello Rose Gardens

Colin Beach
Staff Writer

The newest addition to Rose-Hulman's campus has officially opened its doors: Rose Garden. Located in the East/West Apartments, Rose Garden is in place of the Subway, which was used to there. 

It incorporates both the small café style of C-store and small café style of Chaucney’s. Open from 1 to 4 pm Mondays through Fridays, their menu is created by the students and changes frequently. During the holidays, it includes free soup and sandwiches. They also have a small selection of pastries.

Some inside tips: 1) Be on the lookout for the fingers of dreams. 2) Enjoy the free soups and sandwiches. 3) The best time to visit is during Fall Quarter.

With its modern style and great variety, Rose Garden may soon become a popular place to visit. Students and workers alike enjoy the new space. And though hypercritical men will miss the days of Subway and C-store, the opening of the Rose Garden marks another step in this university’s plan to be better each day.

“[Rose Gardens] incorporates both the convenience of the C-store and small café style of Chaucney’s.”

MIT students taking the Putnam during December 3, 2011. MIT typically has a team of students that rank in the top 5 teams each year.

Photo courtesy of math.mit.edu

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The Ultimate Brain Teaser

Rose-Hulman Students attempt the Putnam

Jared Gibson
News Editor

Let me ask you something. No, not something personal. Let me ask you something, about problem solving and, for many, a problem.

So, here it goes: Let 3 be the smallest set of positive integers with the following properties: 1) 2 is in S, 2) n is in S whenever 3 is in S, and 3) (n + m) is in S whenever n and m are not in S.

You have just read a question on the William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition from 2007, which is the reason for its mathematical language and level of difficulty.

Now imagine 11 more problems of the same caliber, give yourself 3 hours to answer them. In first six, a break, and try to answer the remaining six, and you will have an idea of what undergraduate students who participate in the Putnam competition go through every year during the first Saturday of December in America.

That’s right. Six hours of pure problem solving. Many of you are probably thinking, “My math skills aren’t good enough to do that to themselves?”

I’m here to tell you that you are incorrect. Preparing the preeminent, best-known, most prestigious, and, yes, most difficult undergraduate students in the world to answer these problems, individuals receive $2,500 and are announced as Putnam Fellows by the Mathematical Association of America.

To give you an idea of how big of a deal this is, many Putnam Fellows have gone on to win the Fields Medal in mathematics and the Nobel Prize in Physics.

In fact, the renowned putnam exam was a Putnam Fellow for the second time in 1975. Despite all of the prestige associated with the exam and the fame it so often brings, putting in the time to prepare for the Putnam competition is not so much about how long you study, but that you know it is about one’s ability to solve the problem.

Or as UC-Berkeley’s mathematics department’s website words it, “the emphasis is less on knowing a vast amount of mathematics and more on seeing through to the heart of a problem,” and that kind of thing is appealing to over 4,000 students in the U.S. and Canada every year.

Rose-Hulman students have been among these brave 4,000 for over 20 years, and last December (December 4), a small group of students gathered in Drake Hall to try their hand at the 79th William Lowell Putnam Exam.

The first session ran from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time, and the second session from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

In spite of the connotations of the word “competition,” students do well on the Putnam likely because it first and foremost as an enjoyable activity which tests their problem-solving abilities.

The accolades and fame come last, after all of the hard work has been had.
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The pen is mightier than the sword, join us. Tuesdays at 5:15 in O259.
In recent weeks Premium Snapchat accounts have found themselves on an IRS radar for possible tax fraud. It’s not the most respectable side of the internet because Premium Snapchat accounts provide sexual content for a monthly subscription. These accounts have found popularity with women that have created a large fan base from the explicit content that they provide. In the light of this new movement, that has a rising and shall remain nameless in this article, many women are discovering that the money that they have earned from these premium accounts is taxable income. Sources from the IRS indicate, for single/married persons, that failing to report taxes on income above $50,000/$100,000 is a tax violation and above this threshold, failing to report as such is a tax evasion. So some online examination for businesses that prize because there is no tax exemption for business that provide virtual sex. Some online sources indicate that some of these accounts generate as much as 5 to 6 figures and allegedly isn’t being taxed. As far as tax evasion goes there is little to no proof that this Snapchat income isn’t being taxed and the identity of those accounts is unknown. However, an investigation by the IRS is the leverage that these whistle blowers are counting on. Some of the gossip in the Twittersphere is warning premium Snapchat accounts that “IRS is coming for them” like dogs on a scent. It’s hard to say why sex workers are being singled out on this viral movement because as far as the IRS is concerned, tax violations have happens in many different industries. I do agree that tax fraud is serious and should be treated with the IRS and people that demonstrate little to no respect for themselves shouldn’t be exempt from this whistle blowing. That being said, I think it’s a revenge movement from incels that see their sexual frustrations being profiled on. Whatever these whistle-blowers hope to gain, I’m sure that the consequences isn’t exactly public humiliation in many different industries. The last event is the IRS and people that demonstrate little to no respect for themselves shouldn’t be exempt from this whistle blowing. That would be an illusion that Paul was a victim, but investigators quickly saw it was all a ruse. It was almost like Paul tried to use along with almost all evidence police custody until his next court date. 

A Series of Unfortunate Events

Paul Canerio, possibly motivated by strained business relations with his brother, allegedly murdered Keith Canerio and his family, burning their house down around them.

Photo Courtesy of ABC News

Several Snapchat users are reporting premium accounts to the IRS as potential tax fraud.

Photo Courtesy of Facebook

Paul Canerio, Keith’s brother, set fire to his own home, assisting his wife and two daughters to safety. After police questioned Paul’s family, he was taken into custody on four counts of murder and two counts of arson. Investigators say that the motive behind all of these disgusting acts was financial, connected to the fact that Paul was being sued by his brother. Both of these fires set fire to his own home, assisting his wife and two daughters to safety. 

In Court, Paul pleaded not all of these events. In the meantime Paul will remain in prison until his next court date. 

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Tuesdays at 5:15 in O259
American Vandal
A review of a true crime parody

Thomas Hall
Staff Writer

Netflix’s American Vandal is one of the most unique and engaging non-fiction shows to grace television screens. The series is a parody of true crime documentaries and news segments, using humor and satire to comment on the format and tropes of the genre. The show is set at a high school where a team of students investigates the mystery behind the disappearance of a beloved teacher. The series is a clever and well-executed parody of the true crime genre, and it offers a fresh perspective on the format.

The show’s use of humor and satire is one of its strengths. It is not afraid to mock the serious and sometimes overdramatic nature of true crime documentaries. The show highlights the absurdity of the genre by presenting the investigation in a lighthearted and entertaining way. The show also has a great cast of characters, each with their own unique personality and perspective.

The show’s compact format, with each episode focusing on a particular theory or suspect, makes it easy to binge-watch. The show’s short episodes allow viewers to enjoy the show in small bursts, which is perfect for a busy schedule.

Overall, American Vandal is a unique and entertaining true crime parody that offers a fresh perspective on the format. It is a must-watch for anyone who enjoys humor and satire, and it is sure to appeal to true crime fans.

American Vandal also shows the hypothetical statement “all people are equal under the law,” which is a crucial statement that cannot be erased or proven guilty because it clearly shows that there are different levels of evidence needed to accuse any one of any given crime and that the rules do not apply to every one equally.

Overall, I highly recommend binge-watching both seasons of American Vandal as soon as possible.
Rapper Tekashi 69 has seen a meteoric rise in the past year with his release of tracks GUMMO, BEBE, and FEFE. He has also seen a meteoric rise in his popularity for the wrong reasons as he has appeared in the news with allegations of his future incarceration.

Born as Daniel Hernandez in the streets of New York, Tekashi 69 is facing racketeering and weapons charges alongside his producer Treway. They have apparently been associated with drug trafficking, including marihuana, heroin, cocaine, and fentanyl.

Tekashi has been involved in other illegal activities throughout this career as he was also convicted of a number of crimes in 2015. He negotiated a plea deal which he made with the court postponing the case for 3 years. Along with this he had complete his GED and 300 hours of community service.

Since then he has been involved with a number of other crimes including a fight with a 16 year old. After a few conversations the 16 year old appeared in court and dropped all charges against the rapper.

Long story short these crimes have repeated over and over again as the 22 year old rapper fails to have any respect for the law of those around him. He has acted above the law for quite a while and these recent racketeering allegations may be the ones to finally put him in prison for a long time.

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With the rise of the internet, the hardship you have been through in your life is something that has proved to be both successful and relatable in many rappers lives the violence that follows their eccentric lifestyle seems to be a trope that is getting many rappers in a lot of trouble.

The cycle of violence provided by these raves in the spotlight of social media is fueled by their image as rappers such as 69, Trippie Red, and Lil Pump are in an era fueled by doing the most ridiculous actions to get the most attention. These actions are then bolstered by their musical releases as people will blindly listen to their tracks as long as they are in the spotlight of social media.

It is honestly a shame that there is a large portion of people in the rap community falling victim to this era of shock value equaling success as they are having their five minutes of fame and subsequently getting eaten up by the system whether it be falling to addiction, being incarcerated, dying, or even dedicating their life to something that will never find them any sustainable success.

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Why Gassing Children is Bad
Crisis on the Border

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World News Editor

It is hard to pinpoint, even in retrospect, exactly when and how things went south at the Tijuana US-Mexico border on November 21. The Sunday began peacefully, with a collection of Central American asylum-seekers gathering by the San Ysidro Port of Entry. As the day wore on, conditions worsened. Undertones of desperation and frustration began to rise to the surface.

They had come too far and sacrificed too much to be turned back now. Fighting and shouting quickly devolved into full-fledged rioting, with protesters flinging bottles and rocks at border patrol agents while rushing the port. In justified shock but questionable judgement, U.S. officers fired tear gas and rubber bullets into the fray. Adults and children alike nectured in all directions, one such family pictured below.

Even as our minds reel from the haunting image of children fleeing massẠl Battlefield just yards from our borders, it is important to remember one incontestable truth: seeking asylum is legal. The Refugee Act of 1980 defines a refugee as an in individual or a group of individuals in a country in which they are persecuted on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion. In the case of this story, the international numbers reported on the global refugee crisis underscores the need for these persecuted environments, a clear violation of international human rights laws. In other words, the danger seekers are running from is very real. By hardening ourselves to their plight, we become complicit in their fate.

The response to the Tijuana border conflict was mixed. Legal experts, including humanitarian law professor Geoff Gilbert, questioned the legality of firing at children. That Chief Agent Rodney Scott told CNN that the decision to fire into the crowd was made on an "officer to officer" basis. President Trump and the Secretary for Homeland Security both expressed support for the agent's actions, claiming that the limited casualties demonstrated their professionalism in diffusing the situation. Analysts on both sides seemed to be avoiding a central point—the moral precedent this sets. Everything, from caged children in detention centers to tear gas being deployed through fleeing protestors, forms ominous parallels to the atrocities of the Second World War. History must not repeat itself.

Most level-headed people on both sides agree that some amount of immigration is necessary—America itself is itself a country of immigrants. On the other hand, few would contest the reality that a borderless nation is a dangerously naïve one. We have yet to find a functional balance between both sides, but I am certain that it does not include concentration camps and biochemical warfare.

I Can't Believe...

Aidan Moulder
Staff Writer

I perhaps it by now, most of us realize that human activities have a very sizable impact on the health of our dear planet Earth. Unfortunately, the perception of reality that realizes this is not in a position to do anything about it. We can only sit back and watch as climate protections are rolled back, climate agreements are thrown out the window, and climate reports are dismissed, which is exactly what President Trump did just a couple weeks ago. The Fourth National Climate Assessment, or NCA4, arrived on his desk on Black Friday. He read some of it, put it back down, and said "I don't believe it."

I suppose we shouldn't be surprised, as this is the same guy who said climate change was "created by the Chinese to make US manufacturing non-competitive." Regardless of how surprised we should be, I simply cannot believe that he doesn't believe it. His own administration handed him cold, hard facts backed by years of research, and the President still says no. At least some of the report should have had some impact on him, as many of the chapters of the report regarded the effect of the changing climate on communities in the US, particularly with regards to economic growth. For a president who often claims to have reduced unemployment and boosted economic growth more than any of his predecessors, I would think that he would have paid a little more attention to NCA4. Furthermore, NCA4 delves into the effects of climate change over the entire century, stating that infrastructure will deteriorate greatly over this period of time due to rising temperatures and sea levels.

The underlying purpose of this report is to spur actual change. Unfortunately, we need to make these changes soon, and obviously that's not going to happen when the most powerful man in the world isn't willing to make these changes. He grossly misunderstands what is at stake, and also even what climate change is, as he labels it as "global warming" and claims that it doesn't exist because he thought it was surprisingly cold this Thanksgiving. A CNN article I read had a good way of putting this into perspective: anecdotes do not equal data. By letting his personal experiences with cold weather on one particular day which falls during a cold month of the year shape his entire view on climate change, he is in turn letting us fall deeper and deeper down the rabbit hole.
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Charlie Admon

RHIT Men’s Basketball

In their opener against Defiance, The Men’s Basketball team was able to come out on top. The team managed to shoot 57% of their shots from the field. They also had 8 three point shots. The win brought their record to 3-3 overall and 1-0 in conference.

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Debby Gedeon

RHIT Track & Field

Hailey Hoover
Sports Editor
Two Rose athletes have been added to the HCAC Athlete of the Decade Team. The team consists of 20 members and one male and one female graduating from 2009-2018 at each of the 10 conference schools. The two Rose Athletes that have been chosen are Sutton Coleman and Liz Evans. This Saturday, December 8th these athletes will be honored before the Alumni Track and Field Meet that begins at noon. There will be another recognition to follow during halftime of the men’s basketball game against Transylvania.

RHIT Swimming & Diving

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In the Home Meet against Anderson, the Engineers were able to earn a combined 21 victories to bring them ahead of their opponent. For the women, they gained 8 victories and the men won 13 wins. Lauren Blake had three wins on her own in the 100– freestyle, 200-freestyle and 500– freestyle. Other honorable mentions include, Michaela Kivett, Sean Gish, and Brendan King, among others.

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RHIT SPORTS BOX SCORES

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Defiance vs Rose-Hulman

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Defiance vs Rose-Hulman

Basketball

Defiance 1 2 Final
Defiance 32 40
Rose-Hulman 9 17
Defiance 10 25
Rose-Hulman 25 16

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Basketball

Defiance 1 2 3 4 Final
Defiance 29 47 66
Rose-Hulman 38 48 76

RHIT SPORTS SCHEDULES

Track & Field

Dec 18: @ University Of Kentucky
Jan 11: @ RHIT
Jan 19: @ Bloomington, Ill
Jan 26: @ Valparaiso, Ind
Jan 25: @ Franklin Community Middle School
Feb 2: @ RHIT
Feb 14-15: @ Vigo County Aquatic Center

Basketball

Dec 5: Mt. St. Joseph
Dec 8: Transylvania
Dec 13: Boyce
Dec 15: Manchester
Dec 22: Millikin
Jan 2: Hanover
Jan 5: Earlham
Jan 9: Franklin
Jan 12: Bluffton
Jan 16: Anderson
Jan 19: Defiance
Jan 23: Mt. St. Joseph
Jan 26: Transylvania
Jan 30: Hanover
Feb 2: Bluffton
Feb 6: Franklin
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Feb 13: Anderson
Feb 26: Manchester

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Dec 1: Defiance
Dec 4: Rose-Hulman
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Jan 2: Hanover
Jan 5: Earlham
Jan 9: Franklin
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This was clearly the work of Rose’s newest syndicate, the ‘Scooci Gang’. They appeared in the power vacuum left in the wake of the change in Rose’s President. Led by a mysterious figure known only as the ‘Razor King’, the group grew quickly in size and visibility. Scooters have been seen everywhere from Hatfield to the SRC to even inside Lakeside Hall. They ride around campus at terrifying speeds, and anyone unlucky enough to cross their path could find themselves the only place that’s safe.

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New Gang on Campus

Chit-chat

It all happened so fast. I was passing the tree in-between Olin and Thomsen, when I noticed people around me quickly got off the sidewalk, jumping onto the previously perfectly manicured grass. “How dare they?” I thought to myself, as I kept on walking. Little did I know that they were avoiding the horror that was approaching from behind me.

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Rose-Hulman to Shorten Passing Periods

Warren Liesman

The Rose-Hulman community is no stranger to the five minute passing periods. It is a luxurious amount of time to walk from one classroom to the next. After the latest board meeting, it was announced this passing period would be shortened to heighten the efficiency of the Rose-Hulman school day.

“Don’t see students using this passing period to use the bathroom or purchase a coffee from the Moench Café,” one board member commented. “As a result, students are clogging the hallways outside classrooms, just using their phones.”

The board has opted to put this into effect for the 2019-20 school year. They will be altering the current daily schedule to reflect this—potentially including more, shorter class periods—but they do not anticipate this leading to a great change to the campus as a whole. In fact, they feel this will fall in line with the Busselmers’ goals to increase the health of the campus overall.

“By shortening the passing period to three and a half minutes, we anticipate students can run to their classes,” another board member explained. “This creates a ceiling of 28 minutes, which is well on students’ ways to getting 30 minutes of activity every day by just going to class.”

Some students have expressed shock and confusion at this decision. “I barely have enough time to get from Olin to Crapo, and now I have to go from Olin to the Bridge,” a junior Mechanical Engineer said. “And now they expect me to make that commute in three and a half minutes?”

In spite of their confusion, students do have a workaround. “We’re starting to build our schedules around the room,” a Biomathematics sophomore said. “I have a friend who straight up switched majors because it meant switching rooms less often.”

Students are making do, but others are not quite ready for the change. Professors express concern in running with loose paper and coffee. “This can only end badly,” one professor said. “But no one asked us.”

Who’s ready for the new quarter? Waking up in the dark to go to class really sets the mood for the day.

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