Learning from Dr. Frankenstein’s Mistakes

Ethics panels discuss Mary Shelley's Classic

By Jared Gibson

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Students show off for a Good Cause

Jared Gibson

Editor

Last Wednesday, students, professors, and staff members gathered in the Lake Room to hear from a panel of professors on the ethical responsibilities of engineers and scientists. Drs. Rebecca Devasher, Daniel Hartner, and Kevin Sutton moderated an ethical discussion about the role of science and technology.

This event was a part of a series of ethics panels presented by Frankenstein sponsored by the Indiana University Chapter of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers. For the first event, members of the Rose-Hulman Humanities and Social Sciences Department handed out 500 free copies of the 200-year anniversary edition of the novel at the event entrance.

During the discussion, one of the panelists, Daniel Hartner, mentioned the importance of understanding the consequences of one’s actions.

“Was Dr. Frankenstein a good scientist?”

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From there discussion delved deep into the finer points of Dr. Frankenstein’s career to more fundamen- tally think through what it is that the character of Victor Frankenstein as a good scientist I would say ‘oh my god he’s the perfect scientist for entertaining reading’ because, ah, he’s a... perfect scientist!”

To start off the panel, Dr. Caroline Cavelski posed the ques- tion: Was Dr. Frankenstein a good scientist? In general, the consensus was no, but first it was important to discuss what it means to be a good scientist, or even what it meant to be good.

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The discussion about the role of sci- ence remained general. For a full re- search on this topic, contact the Rose-Hulman.edu.

The curtain was pulled at approximately 7:15. The 2019. There, a panel event will take place March 13, 2019. A part of the event will discuss the ethical gray areas that face engineers and scientists today, as well as ideas and prac- tices that may be going too far.
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Five have been confirmed dead after a horrific shooting in Strasbourg, France.

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Shooting in Strasbourg

Lauren Wiseman
Staff Writer

As if the horrifying shooting in Strasbourg were not enough, the country of France has been embattled in protests for five consecutive weekends, and this most recent weekend has seen the emergence of the gilets jaunes, or yellow vest protesters. These protests come from all corners of France and are occupied almost constantly by the movement must lose nei-

Protesters clash with police, causing traffic accidents and vandalizing several Paris establishments.

Photo Courtesy of The New Yorker

Emmanuel Macron, whose popular-ty nor its legitimacy. Some protesters were cyni-
cal of Macron’s olive branch measures. Lionel Fraise, a re-

tired state agency worker, claimed Macron’s wage increase was meant “to put the people to sleep.” He encouraged those who were protesting by saying, “the movement must lose nei-

You decide what’s newsworthy.
Tuesdays at 5:15 in O259
While on trial for war crimes and crimes against hu-
manity, Nazi officer Adolf Eich-
mann stated that he was only following orders. This fascination
with social psychologist Stanley Mil-
gram, whose life story was por-
trayed in the 2015 docudrama
Experimenter.

Written, produced, and
directed by Michael Almereyda,
Experimenter follows Milgram
through a series of experi-
ments, featuring most promi-
scuous is the necessity of sleep ex-
periment and the fallout that en-
sued. Along the way, Milgram
married and started a family, but he
cannot seem toKhim to his initial
enthusiasm.

Experimenter only re-
cieved limited release, which
eclams why I never really found
out about it. However, a movie
that features some dark psychol-
ological experiments I cannot get
enough of, that so, I was more
interested in this film. Ulti-
mately, Experimenter was a film
that started out with a lot of
promise, but ended up being
passable, and forgettable.

As I mentioned, the film
starts out with a lot of promise.
The opening scene is excellent,
and it really tells me that they
are conducting the radical
experiment, which is what we
are going for that is the neces-
sary aspect that is needed for
the film. The cinematography for
these scenes specifically are
creative, and it seems like the
characters are having a hard
time moving between locations in
fluid motions. There are great cam-
paigns here that you can even
tell the actors are moving, but
there are still some effects that
are not that bad.

Perhaps the thing that
works the best for the movie
is how just far it leaned into its
low budget. One scene in partic-
sular, that was just such a
brilliant and ingenuous. Milgram
and his wife Alexandra (Winona Ry-
e) are off to see a college,
Solomon Asch. They drive to
Milgram’s house, and Sarsgaard
are seated in a car, and the
background is just a screen.
The production didn’t even
try to make it a green screen
effect—they dyed techniques
used in films for de-
cases and just put a car in front
of a screen that played footage
of a road winding behind their
rear. The effect continued when
they reached Asch’s house—which
was also a projection on a
screen. When the Milgrims en-
tered the house, it was like a the-
ater stage: the scene was project-
et behind them, and they sat in
chairs opposite of Asch’s
echo of Rosenthal’s opening narration for The
Twilight Zone. Which, given that
was what Almereyda was going
for, I looked like he had accom-
plished his goal.

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When you sleep
Dreams
Matthew Walker Ph.D.
The sleep scientist, Dr. Matthew Walker

Image Courtesy of Fastfacts.org

While also providing modern
practices that could help us im-
prove our sleeping habits. Al-
though sleep is still somewhat a
mysterious phenomenon, Dr.
Walker provides new findings into understanding
the necessity of sleep for humans
by much how much I am getting
each night, but I failed minera-
ally. To my surprise, sleep is so
intertwined in our biology, be-
cause it affects almost every-
thing in our bodies. From you
heart, your mental stability,
your attention and memory, al-
ways leave you more prone to
catching/developing diseases.
One important aspect
that sleep is that highly
addressed in this book is that we
could never compensate for lost
sleep, which is a terrifying truth.
Let’s say one night you had a
lot of work to do and you
wake up to get ready for your
8 am class. What is unclear to
me at the moment is that the insuffi-
cient amount of sleep your body
needs to function properly; there
is no way to be able to correct the
received information and you will
not be able to recall them on an exam.
This is just one example of how
our sleeping behaviour
could affect our daily lives, and
in the book there are more seri-
ous issues and the amount of sleep we get could affect our life.

Why We Sleep
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cient sleep with developing mental ill-
nesses and diseases that lead to a shorter lifespan...”

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Discusses the importance of sleep in different species
and the early detection of how the amount of sleep affects our
physical and mental health,
What’s the deal with Raw Denim?
Is it finally cool to not wash your clothes?

Sean Ledigo
Lifestyle Editor

The Jean. Born in America and popularized around the world to be one of the most recognizable articles of clothing has transcended all levels of fashion and function. From farmers to fashionistas everyone can find a use from a good pair of jeans.

Having said that there has been an age old tradition that has been artifically replicated in many different realms of fashion.

Traditionally Jeans would be worn in and over time they would have the rips, creases, and distresses develop into the body of both the wearer and the Pant. This would create a canvas full of the body type of the weares as they would fit them perfectly and look as natural as can be.

This has been replicated by many fast fashion companies such as H&M and Forever 21 by them offering cheap distressed knockoffs that have are as made to last and are commonly much cheaper as can be lasting no more than a few wears before the rips enlarge.

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This has started a new way of clothing. Having said that there has been an age old tradition that has been artifically replicated in many different realms of fashion.

There are many different types of manipulation can be counter parts. They also throw discarded raw denim as they would fit them perfectly and look as natural as can be.

Worn in to the user with use. This naturally conducts their life and they reveal themselves in the way they are folded every day due to the way one moves.

The color in the pants begins to chip away over time revealing the lighter blue and eventually white cotton in the soul of the jean. These creases reveal themselves in the way they are folded every day due to the way one naturally conducts their life and they gain more and more character every time you put them on.

If you wish to buy raw denim you may have to save up a little bit more than if you were taking a visit to your local mall. These pairs of jeans are made to last and are commonly much more expensive than their fast fashion counter parts. They also through different types of manipulation can be form fitted to your exact body type.

This is different from the traditional process as they must be soaked in water and then left out to dry instead of going into a washing machine like many of your other pieces of clothing.

The biggest factor that comes to wearing raw denim is the first wash.

This is the defining moment of the jeans life and can only be done after weeks of wearing them without any washing. After this period of wearing the jeans you must enter the washing process.

You will definitely not want to wash those pairs very often as they will lose all of their character. Having said that they will get absolutely disgusting and bacteria will literally eat at the crotch of your jeans if you take to much time to wash them. If you really cant take the time to wash your jeans you could put them in the freezer to kill some of bacteria but this opens the door to a whole host of problems I recommend you just be like a regular person and wash them every few months just to stay safe.

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350° F.
2. Add butter to the bowl of your stand mixer and cream on medium-high for 1-2 minutes, or until butter is smooth and lighter in color.
3. With the mixer on low, slowly add the sugar and then the egg.
4. Scrape the bowl with the mixer off.
5. Turn mixer back on low and add in extracts.
6. Allow all ingredients to combine fully.

Recipe Courtesy of Iambaker.net

Ingredients

- 1 cup (226g) unsalted butter
- 1 cup (200g) granulated white sugar
- 1 egg, room temperature
- 1 tsp. McCormick Pure Vanilla Extract
- 1/2 tsp. McCormick Almond Extract
- 1/2 cup (360g) all-purpose flour

Prep Time: 10 Mins
Cook Time: 30 Mins
Total Time: 40 Mins
Servings: 24
Calories: 128

7. Add the baking powder and then the flour, 1/2 cup at a time, until fully incorporated.
8. Remove bowl from mixer and drop dough onto a floured countertop. Roll out into a flat disc, about 1/2 inch thick.
9. Cutout cookies into Christmas inspired shapes and bake at 350°F for 6-9 minutes.
10. Let cool on the cookie sheet until firm enough to transfer to a cooling rack.
11. Frost with buttercream or glaze icing.

Non Secular Holiday X-Mas Cookies
Or whatever you want to call them

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Opinions 6

Serious Platforms

Thad Hagn
Opinion Editor
2009 is the year that the social media giants should topple. Most everyone has some major grip with major outlets, and for good reason. For Facebook, it would be the Cambridge Analytica scandal, ban of top politicians, and alleged breach between a general disdain from the political right that Facebook is manipulating elections to favor them. For Twitter, it would be the issue of retaining users’ deleted videos. For YouTube, it would be the two years of ignoring their issues with spam accounts and the alleged breach of a sexual content ban that was only recently removed from the Apple app store. Some have accused Twitter of ‘death-owning’, but Twitter likes to dance around what exactly this means (but without any success in masking search results). And to top it all off, in the same year most new-moving (millions and counting) video on YouTube... the 2016 election. I don’t think much needs to be said here, but I think it’s just right to highlight why the platform has chosen to highlight the most biased and noncontroversial content to expand their influence.

The core theme here: platforms are alienating their user base, while still trying to play favorites. Most people look to services such as Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube for news and other services that give a few options to watch (i.e. a video subscription service, a chatbot, etc). They are common platforms that you decide exactly what you want to see. This is one of the reasons that many common platforms are not accountable for the content they censor any content, or are more like cable TV, where you have a responsibility to turn off that service. And from a platform’s perspective, the duty of not being a common carrier is even more daunting. Newspapers create and directly control their own content. Facebook has effectively outsourced the content generation problem. It’s worked, with a massive outflow of content, that no team of humans could have weeded out. What can be done? Enlist... an algorithm. And when that fails, or starts hearing too many certain types of content? Well, people start trying to beat it. But wait a second, algorithms aren’t this about using technology to connect and form relationships? Shouldn’t that then, be what’s first?

If I wanted to ‘Death’ Nate to post photos of my new dog, I could mail them to him and he’d probably have no idea that someone in the post office isn’t sifting through my mail and deciding she shouldn’t get to see that cute photo today. Isn’t the whole point here to have that same type of interaction, but faster, and with less footage? This premise seems to have eroded, however.

But, why leave? Everyone’s on the major platforms. Sure things aren’t good, but you get your dopamine hit and you keep going. And everyone’s on Facebook, where else is that the case? You wanna go somewhere else? Nobody’s there!

This lists a bit of a problem with the common-carrier approach: social media isn’t structured, like a telcom. If you get off AT&T and your friend has Verizon, no problem. If you want to take your digital books and oil revenue and put it on a different platform, you’ll be better able to convince all your friends to jump ship as well. Because the only way you’re going to reach people via Twitter... is with a Twitter account.

People can complain about how Google has dominated the search engine market, but if you want to use another provider that is objectively, better, membership doesn’t avert you. DuckDuckGo doesn’t work any better with 10,000, 100,000 users. But a social media platform requires a critical mass. And earning Facebook was hard enough for your Grandma.

Sean Ladigo
Lifestyle Editor
In the light of the end of 2018, the unlikely scenario presents itself: a controversy at us. The Oscars have recently made the decision of making use successful world class comedian Kevin Hart step down for a homophobic remark that he made. Hart made a few tweets in or before the year 2011 that were from a technical standpoint homophobic and unacceptably by many people’s standards. Although we must remember that Kevin Hart is a comedian by profession and his job is to make deprecating jokes about people; make people to make them laugh. His humor is well received among many and is known for his comic roles, his funny advertisements, which pull no punches from anyone willing to get a laugh. Having a sense of humor can be taken with a grain of salt while discussing their profession. This brings up the question of whether or not someone in Kevin’s Position should have had this type of punishment. In the social climate of 2018, many people, mainly celebrities, have had their social media accounts searched by the average person, only to be ousted for their homophobic, racist, or misogynistic views. These have resulted in many situations of people having to step down or even losing their jobs as Rosanne Barr did for her racist remarks in an interview this year.

The problem we have is normalizing the punishment if even needed for these remarks as they are many of the time varying of severity and must be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. People also have social media brigades calling for the boycott of a certain person for their actions.

In these situations, there are usually two paths one can choose to take. Address the controversy or completely ignore it. In many situations when celebrities address such controversy they open up about their pasts and their past and add that gives the chances, they would not have done such idiotic things. Then eventually after people forget, depending on the severity of the controversy, they carry on with their life as before either refusing or not having to address it all.

One of the things they can do is not address the controversy or completely ignore all the flack that they receive and carry on with their projects and plans in life. This is unusual met with more backlash from the public although in the end after enough time they will carry on with their life as if nothing happened again and not focusing on the severity of the situation.

The common trope between these two ways of dealing with such actions is that people are too preoccupied with getting angry at every little thing that everyone has done that they just can’t get that action off their mind, yet when they do get something, they cannot even say a telcom. If you get off AT&T and your friend has Verizon, no problem. If you want to take your digital books and oil revenue and put it on a different platform, you’ll be better able to convince all your friends to jump ship as well. Because the only way you’re going to reach people via Twitter... is with a Twitter account. People can complain about how Google has dominated the search engine market, but if you want to use another provider that is objectively better, membership doesn’t avert you. DuckDuckGo doesn’t work any better with 10,000, 100,000 users. But a social media platform requires a critical mass. And earning Facebook was hard enough for your Grandma.

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TINTERNHART

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I have made the choice to step down from hosting this year’s Oscar’s... this is because I do not want to be a distraction on a night that should be celebrated by so many amazing talented artists. I am sincerely apologetic.
Standout Performers

Ryuji Aoki
John Czarnecki

All-American Honor

Hailey Hoover
Sports Editor

Senior Bailey MacInnis has recently become the first student athlete in Rose history to win Google Cloud Academic All-American awards in volleyball. She has been able to gain herself a spot on the third-team Google Cloud Academic All-American Team. This is her second year in a row being a member of the team. The team consists of 21 players. MacInnis along with her teammates on the Rose Volleyball team made it to the NCAA Division III Tournament for the second time in its history at Rose.

Hailey Hoover
Sports Editor

Rose’s Peter Venema has the honor of being named the HCAC’s Diver of the Week. Peter won the 3-meter diving competition when the team competed at the Transylvania. His score of 421.85 was enough to get him the win. He also had a score of 377.10 points to win second in the 1-meter diving. His total score of the weekend got him ranked first out of all the competitors at the Invitational. So congratulations to Peter Venema!

Hailey Hoover
Sports Editor

Ryuji Aoki
John Czarnecki

RHIT SPORTS BOX SCORES

RHIT Men’s Basketball

Hailey Hoover
Sports Editor

As the winter break approaches the Men’s Basketball team are tied for first in the conference. They were able to beat Manchester University this past weekend to bring them up. Their record has improved to 6-4 overall and 3-1 in conference.

Manchester
38
Rebounds
41
5
Assists
10
13
Turnovers
16
10
Pts Off Turnovers
10

Basketball 1 2 Final
Manchester 22 26 48
Rose-Hulman 28 34 62

Standout Performers

Ryuji Aoki
John Czarnecki

RHIT Women’s Basketball

Hailey Hoover
Sports Editor

The Women’s Basketball team was victorious against Manchester. Ally Bromenschenkel led the Engineers with 24 points and 18 rebounds. The teams record now stands at 7-3 overall and 4-0 in conference play.

Manchester
31
Rebounds
52
5
Assists
9
17
Turnovers
15
4
Pts Off Turnovers
11

Basketball 1 2 3 4 Final
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RHIT 11 12 15 13 51

Standout Performers

Ally Bromenschenkel
Debie Gedeon

RHIT SPORTS SCHEDULES

Track & Field

Dec 18: @ University Of Kentucky
Jan 11: @ RHIT
Jan 12: @ Bloomington, Ill
Jan 18: @ Valparaiso, Ind
Jan 19: @ Grand Rapids, Mich
Jan 25: @ Franklin Community Middle School
Feb 2: @ RHIT

Swimming & Diving

Dec 8: Manchester
Dec 11: Mt. St. Joseph
Dec 15: Transylvania
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
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The World's Hardest Sudoku

This puzzle was devised by Arto Inkala, a Finnish mathematician, and is specifically designed to be unsolvable to all but the sharpest minds.

Sourced from the Telegraph.co.uk

### Top 10

**Last Minute Christmas Gifts**

1. Moon Shoes
2. Thigh High Uggs
3. Chegg Membership
4. Inflatable Weapons
5. One of the cats that roam across campus
6. Rose Garden Ice Cream
7. Original JNCO Jeans
8. Lawn Darts
9. Tuition Gift Card
10. Pogs
11. Tickled Me Elmo Extreme
12. An E-Z-Bake Oven (not allowed in dorm rooms)
13. Bionicles
14. Leftover Career Fair Swag
15. Fake Job Offer
16. Photoshopped Transcript
17. New Freshman Backpack
18. A Rob Coons Saint Candle
19. Wireless Number Pad
20. Wireless DVD Drive
21. A Chromecast

### Fact of the Week

In honor of Wright Brothers’ Day on December 17th.

If you point a laser pointer at a plane or its flight path, you can receive up to five years in prison!

### Wacky Prof Quotes

“I do whatever Dr. Chiu tells me to do.”
*Dr. Brackin*

“Is that about ten seconds loud?”
*Dr. Bryan*

“She might be a lesbian but that’s okay, because I have my sunglasses on.”
*Anonymous*

“Look at those curves.”
*Dr. Minevich*

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/bVv3os6G1Hag71t

### Decent Joe of the Week

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### Happy National Maple Syrup Day!

What’s your favorite thing to put maple syrup on?

**Photo from finecooking.com**

Only five more days until we get to escape back home for two weeks, then come back excited until Rose kills our spirits in the new year!

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