Making RHIT more supportive for Members of LGBTQIA+ Community

Jared Gibson

News Editor

It is our unfortunate reality that some individuals of this world are intolerant of sexual orientations other than heterosexual, gender identities other than male or female. While there are many great aspects of the Rose-Hulman community, it is necessary to assume that no such individual exists within our community, or even among the family members of students.

Regardless of your views on sexual orientation and gender identity, to claim that no one in our Rose-Hulman community aligns with a non-heterosexual orientation requires an insensitive act of denial comparable to that a Flat Earth theorist must perform every day they spend on this planet.

Thus, the interaction between the Rose-Hulman and the LGBTQIA+ community can result in situations in which those of the LGBTQIA+ community are side-by-side with the very people intolerant of their identity and/or sexual orientation. In this way, there is a risk associated with the student or faculty revealing their sexual orientations or gender identity to any other member of RHIT. Even those who have good intentions yet remain uninformed about the risks of coming out as non-heterosexual can unknowingly expose people to those intolerant of their beliefs. It is important that LGBTQIA+ members find others within RHIT who are supportive of them, especially when these members’ family backgrounds reject such beliefs.

Unfortunately, this hasn’t been easy for students in the past, and their struggles have served as the motivation for something called Safe Zone training sessions. Their aim is to offer an opportunity to any member of the Rose-Hulman community that wishes to avoid being un-supportive of LGBTQIA+ people to educate themselves about issues people who are coming out face.

The goal of the program is to educate members of the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology about LGBTQIA+ people and the important parts of all identities, such as pronoun usage and how to support students who are coming out,” said Xander Laruebey, a Rose student who plays a key role in facilitating Safe Zone training sessions.

It is the hope of these programs that these opportunities will increase the number of supportive members of the Rose-Hulman community, making it a more welcoming environment for those previously unnamed members of the LGBTQIA+ community and for those yet to be identified.

Safe Zone training sessions are split into two categories: general training sessions and advanced training sessions. While it is recommended that someone interested in this opportunity attend a general training session before attending, an advanced training version, both provide an opportunity to learn something new.

While the Advanced trainings cover topics that some people may find more complex than those in the General training, we review the basic concepts from the General training during the Advanced trainings so people can learn from the Advanced trainings without having attended the General training,” said Xander in an email.

General Safe Zone training sessions usually address terminology, privileges, subtle forms of homophobia, and understanding the differences between biological sex, gender identity, and sexual orientations in the span of 2 hours. These sessions usually provide their attendees with the basic knowledge and terminology needed to be aware of and educate others about what public and on-campus facilities transgender community members are allowed to use,” says Xander.

The other type of advanced training session, which will be offered next quarter, focuses on sexual/romantic identities and the terminology used to talk about them.

Safe Zone began offering training sessions in the fall/winter of 2015, and this Wednesday (January 16) the first Safe Zone session of 2019 will be held in MU 170 from 4:20 p.m.-5:20 p.m. As mentioned before, it will cover transgenerer and non-binary identities. If you are interested in being a supportive member of the RHIT community or even simply further your knowledge about the LGBTQIA+ community here at Rose-Hulman and what kinds of hardships they face, consider attending this week’s advanced training session. You can RSVP for the event via my.rose-hulman.edu, and if you have any questions regarding Safe Zone training sessions feel free to contact Dr. Dosmar who serves as the student group’s advisor.

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Rose Riot!

A collection of photos

Dara Nafiu

News Editor

Rose Riot is an annual Rose-Hulman tradition collaboratively organized by the Residence Hall Association and the Student Activities Board. Taking place just after Winter Break, the event comes at a time when student morale is at its lowest, and over the years has become a symbol of campus bonding. On Saturday afternoon, the backקר of Rose-Hulman students came together to find that maybe winter quarter isn’t quite so bad after all!

Volunteers donned bright pink Rose Riot shirts and even brighter smiles to help with everything from setting up laser games to unloading an serving food. Delicacies from local Terre Haute staples like Taj Mahal, J. Gambino, Panda Express, and Rick’s Smokehouse kept the lines long and plates full!

Hand/half dinner became campus dinner as Rose students gathered to spend time with friends over some great food.

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Riddle of the Week: Many things can create one, it can be of any shape or size, it is created for various reasons, and it can shrink or grow with time. What is it?

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

Last Weeks Answer: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

C-THINK
Aidan Moulder
Staff Writer

Incoming Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a Democratic Socialist, is making a name for herself in Congress. She has previously asserted that she won the Democratic Party towards making a name for herself in Congress. She has previously asserted that she won the Democratic Party towards a national debate on radical green new deals, such as free tuition and universal healthcare.

She has proposed a bill she called the Green New Deal (GND), a piece of legislation designed to eliminate most of the planet's greenhouse energy emissions. In early December, members of her party, including the Green New Deal (GND) and the Great Society, set a goal to eliminate most of the planet's greenhouse energy emissions.

Staff Writer

On the first day of the new year, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a member of the party of the left-wing Green New Deal (GND) and the Great Society, was sworn into office. Coming into the late 2018 election with 55% of the vote, she set a goal to re-define the Social Liberty Party, which she now heads as the 38th president of Brazil.

The significance of the 2018 election was not lost on Ocasio-Cortez, who stated, as it comes off the heels of the 2018 presidential election in Latin America. The country, known as Operation Car Wash, accusatory, and high holistic, has been under fire for many years because of Brazil's Workers' Party. With the investigation so far having been conducted in Brazil, and under arrest, one of Brazil's Workers' Party and the government of Inácio Lula da Silva, many Brazilians feel disillusioned with the previous government and desired to see a change. In the wake of Bolsonaro's opposition campaign in April 2018, as Bolsonaro began his front-runner according to all major polls after the previous election was called.

Now as the 38th president of Brazil, Bolsonaro must meet his campaign promises of addressing the country's financial crisis. He is seen as the new administration in the political world and is focused on obtaining the support of his closest aides. Now the new administration is focused on obtaining the support of his closest aides.

Despite the crisis, the Brazilian economy has remained strong, with the country's currency, the real, remaining stable. In addition, the government has implemented a series of austerity measures, including cuts to public spending and the privatization of state-owned enterprises.

Brazil's Path Under Bolsonaro

Jonathan Kawashuchi

While Bolsonaro was not the first president to call for austerity, he does not have an uneducated, controversial political record.

For example, he made public statements admitting the Brazilian military dictatorship that lasted from 1964 to 1985, claiming it led to "a more sustainable and prosperous Brazil" and in 2015 was confirmed to pay $20,000 each to Brazilian politician Maria do Rosario for stating in an interview that she is very ugly.

Bolsonaro is also record saying that in his first term, he would re-establish the country's rights movement, including the military, to help achieve the GND. Regardless of those details, Ocasio-Cortez (assuming she gets the support needed to pass the bill) plans to work for an infinite support, for its effects to be carried out by 2020.
Thwip It Really Good
Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse

Jared Gibson
Staff Writer

The Spider-Man franchise has changed hands and changed Spider-Man for nearly twenty years (I know, I can’t believe it), and in that time people have chosen Tom Holland for the Marvel Cinematic Universe was a step in the right direction. Maybe the number still clinging to Tobey Maguire is just right for a midlife crisis. For Miles, it is clear that the recipient of plenty of negative reviews is the origin story, not the fans of rock.

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Over the past few months a new genre of music has erupted from the depths of YouTube for a reason that no one truly intended. YouTube's recommendation algorithm is not perfect and there are many times in which a video will be recommended for a large group of people. This can have various repercussions although many times these go unnoticed and get lost in the midst of the internet. Having said that there a few times when the stars align and we are subject to a whole new side of a topic we never even knew existed.

This is exactly what happened when recently the realm of Japanese City Pop was shown through the depths of YouTube as it was a very popular genre in Japan in the 1980s. Tracks such as Mariya Takeuchi's plastic love and Taeko Ohnuki's 4:00 am have gained massive popularity in various internet communities. Some of these tracks have even found more success today than they ever received in the past.

To take a deep dive into what citypop actually is I would compare it to a mix of classic American disco, funk, and soul with heavy bass lines and catchy choruses along with the quintessential Japanese influence of which all this music is based upon. Any fans of the classic London band Jamiroquai will definitely find a similarity with this genre of music. The lyrics of this music may not be in English although translations of the music have found their way onto YouTube alongside the multitude of covers around many of these popular tracks. Having said that more legitimate media outlets such as Apple music and Spotify have not added many of the tracks to their libraries so if you want to go on a city pop binge you may have to go directly to the depths of YouTube or SoundCloud.

On SoundCloud itself I found many different remixes and a very wide array of playlists and classic citypop tracks that I was unable to find anywhere else. I feel that this genre of music really shows an interesting side to the internet itself. The fact that trivedes of art such as this from a seemingly forgotten time can be found so easily and then with the right keywords we can find a complete universe of music or other medium all in an afternoon is amazing and unsettling all at the same time. The internet is both a chest of secrets and untouched portals to another dimension in both the best and worst ways possible.

Snow Ice Cream
None is going to make this but I’ll put the here recipe anyway

Recipe Courtesy of allrecipes.com

**Ingredients**

- 1 gallon snow
- 1 (12 fluid ounce) can evaporated milk
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup white sugar

**Prep Time:** 10 Mins  
**Wait Time:** 10 Months  
**Cook Time:** You don’t cook ice cream  
**Total Time:** Way too much

**Directions**

1. In a large bowl, combine evaporated milk, eggs, vanilla and sugar until smooth. Gradually stir in snow until mixture reaches desired consistency. Eat at once.
2. Realize that the snow you grabbed was not completely clean and throw away your ice cream
3. Drive to Meijer / Walmart / Aldi
4. Buy some real ice cream
5. As you wait in line you think about why you thought that it would be a good idea to make ice cream out of snow.

**Nutrition Facts**

- 312 calories;  
  9.6 g fat  
  47.4 g carbohydrates  
  9.6 g protein  
  120 mg cholesterol  
  165 mg sodium.
Stinks like Coal

Paul Schwartz  
Staff Writer

In the recent weeks, the Indiana town of Santa Claus and Dale have held public hearings for a construction company that has made plans to build a coal-diesel power-generating plant in the city of Santa Claus. Reports from people in attendance of the meeting left, still complaining that the company had no intention of hearing residents' concerns. There has been some word that the environmental impact report conducted for this power plant wasn't accurate for the local Santa Claus area and was altered in the favor to the construction company. There are concerns that the leaders of this power plant project only see dollar signs and falsified data - logical reasoning for the construction of this plant. It was argued that no substantial environmental impact will result, and it will not significantly benefit the area. No one who makes the argument that coal-diesel power plants don't have large environmental impacts is obviously lying. According to the National Library of Medicine, coal burning emits 84 of the air pollutants recognized by the EPA.

Opponents of the power plant consistently experience negative health effects connected with coal burning, memory, and behavior. Coal burning plants negatively affect the brain, heart, skin, eyes, and lungs. A short list of coal power plant contaminants include Arsenic, Cadmium, Chromium, Distill, Furan, Hydrogen fluoride, Hydrogen sulfide, Hydrogen cyanide, Lead, Mercury, Nickel, Particle matter pollution, Sulfur dioxide, and Volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Coal burning power plants make up the largest source of Arsenic and Mercury pollution in the air.

In Santa Claus desperately in need of jobs? Local statistics show that Santa Claus, Indiana has an average unemployment rate of 4% compared very closely to the current national average of 3.9%. The Medi- cian household income for Santa Claus, Indiana is approximately $78,000, whereas the national figure is $93,000. When considering these two financial numbers, one can clearly see that coal burns are well off and don't need power-generating coal.

The coal-diesel power plant would be located very close to where I live and there are no logical reasons for building this plant. I fear that the project is being pursued for the benefit of a construction company without even considering the negative impact on local residents. It doesn't make sense to line the pockets of an incompetent group and cause sickness to the locals. Anyone can perform a quick search and find several articles concerning that coal is on the decline with no chance of returning to its former glory. When considering this evidence, what group stands to benefit most is only the name of New York Times reports that since 2010, coal plants have shut down and many more have announced their future shutdown. When considering reports from the National Library of Medicine, EPA, and the New York Times, one can easily conclude that only a construction crew could benefit from this coal-diesel project.

Bordering on Madness

Aidan Moldover  
Staff Writer

The United States Government has been shut down for several weeks, and is approaching a full month. The only reason that things have dragged on this long is because the President threw a tantrum when someone told him "no" when he asked for a ridiculous amount of money ($4.6 billion) to build a wall. Because of this, 800,000 government workers are not being paid. Many, but not all, federally-funded organizations are without funding and thus cannot operate.

What I find particularly ridiculous about this budget dispute is that President Trump already has some funding for the wall. His admin- istration previously approved $1.6 billion for upgrades to physical border security. However, only 4% of that money has been spent. I do not believe the government support this wall, but if it is inevitable, shouldn’t the government exhaust the resources already allocated to it before allocating more? Several companies have already received contracts to build portions of the wall, and those contracts cost a couple hundred million dollars, so there’s more than enough to fund a good deal of construction. It won’t be enough for the entire 1,954-mile border between the US and Mexico, but it doesn’t actually have to be. Apparently, one-third of the border already has some sort of fencing. Simply upgrading it or reinforcing it could be cheaper than building new walls. Although, I suppose, if it doesn’t meet Trump’s require- ments, maybe it will cost more.

Another big reason that I’m opposed to the wall is because immigration is often helpful for our econ- omy. Immigrants come to the US for better lives, and they will often fill many jobs that Americans don’t want to take. People always make the argument that they “smell” our jobs. I’m willing to bet that if you gave someone of that opinion a job “stinks” by an immigrant, they would probably be willing to let that person keep the job in the end. On top of earning money here, immi- grants will also spend money here, which means they are helping our economy in more ways than one. If they’re illegal immigrants, it’s a differ- ent story, but if we keep pushing these people away instead of trying to help them become legal, we’re missing opportunities to boost our economy and enhance foreign growth.

In the end, the border wall is completely unnecessary. It’s a solu- tion fueled by paranoia generated from ignorance. Too much money has already been granted for it, and the best thing we can hope for is that Trump will give up on it and just focus on ending the shutdown and making sure that people actually get paid.
### RHIT Track & Field

**Hailey Hoover**  
**Sports Editor**

In the season opener for the Track and Field Team four schools took part in the event. Washington University managed to come out on top with Rose following close behind in second for both men and women. On the men’s side Eric Fiacable and Nathan Schrader both gained wins for the Engineers. Fiacable in the weight throw and Schrader in the shot put. For the women, Dana Smith gained first in the high jump. The team of Lauren London, Mary-Helen Shomba, Tina Rogers, and Adekite Oladipupo won first in the 4x400 meter relay. Congratulations to the team and good luck keeping this momentum moving forward.

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### RHIT Swimming & Diving

**Hailey Hoover**  
**Sports Editor**

The Rose-Hulman Swimming and Diving Teams did quite well in the match against DePauw. Against the nationally ranked team, Rose was able to win 8 events and 8 runner-up titles. Ethan Park won the 200-individual medley and the 200-breaststroke. Joshua Schnipke won the one-meter and three-meter in diving. Lauren Blake received top honors in the 100-freestyle and Michaela Kivett won the one-meter for diving.

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### RHIT SPORTS SCHEDULES

**Track & Field**

- Dec 18: @ University Of Kentucky
- Jan 11: @ RHIT
- Jan 18: @ Valparaiso, Ind
- Jan 19: @ Grand Rapids, Mich
- Jan 25: @ Franklin Community Middle School
- Feb 2: @ RHIT
- Feb 14-16: @ Vigo County Aquatic Center

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**Swimming & Diving**

- 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
- Feb 9: Earlham
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- Feb 16: Manchester

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### RHIT SPORTS BOX SCORES

#### RHIT Men’s Basketball

**Hailey Hoover**  
**Sports Editor**

Unfortunately the men’s basketball team was unsuccessful against Bluffton. This puts an end to their 6 game winning streak. The team’s record is now at 10-5 and 6-2.

**Bluffton vs. Rose-Hulman**

- Bluffton: 35
- Rose-Hulman: 49

**Box Score Details**

- Rebounds: Bluffton 33, Rose-Hulman 22
- Assists: Bluffton 14, Rose-Hulman 15
- Turnovers: Bluffton 16, Rose-Hulman 12
- Pts Off Turnovers: Bluffton 19, Rose-Hulman 20

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#### RHIT Women’s Basketball

**Hailey Hoover**  
**Sports Editor**

The Lady Engineers managed to pull out a win against Bluffton. Their strong defense was what brought them over the top. The team’s record is currently at 10-5 overall and 7-1 in the HCAC.

**Bluffton vs. Rose-Hulman**

- Bluffton: 16
- Rose-Hulman: 28

**Box Score Details**

- Rebounds: Bluffton 8, Rose-Hulman 13
- Assists: Bluffton 6, Rose-Hulman 12
- Turnovers: Bluffton 16, Rose-Hulman 10
- Pts Off Turnovers: Bluffton 0, Rose-Hulman 20

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### Standout Performers

- **Ryuji Aoki**
- **Craig McGee**

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- **Ally Bromenschenkel**
- **Kayla Gerken**

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one audience member

"Whoever came up with that feature, I am going to murder them."
-Dr. Simon

"What’s that thing, the Thorn? Usually I get quoted for something stupid..."
-Dr. Herniter

"If you’re going to die, go do it in Dr. Chang’s room."
-Dr. Throne

Student: “Can we cancel class?"
Dr. Throne: “No, but you can sleep through it as usual.

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 flipside@rose-hulman.edu or fill out this nifty google form: https://goo.gl/forms/bLJ339ax6tGHi0hgQYl

Rose-Hulman to Rename Winter Break

Maureen Winterbreak

Many more changes are happening on Rose-Hulman’s campus, some even the campus community could not anticipate. The latest change came from the Naming Rose
-Hulman Things Committee meeting after the 2018-19 winter break. It occurred to the committee that most stu-
ents actually did homework over break, and that some professors assigned homework specifically to be done during the time away from campus. As a result of this re-
evelation, the Naming Rose-Hulman Things Committee has elected to change the name “winter break” to “winter work-from-home.”

“We understand that many students are commuters, and this work from home all the time, one committee member explained. “However, for the majority of the students on campus, they return to their homes and, given the amount of work they have to do, it really is a bit of a mis-
tomer to call it a ‘break’.”

During a town hall meeting to address the new change, one audience member—identified to be a 2015 Engineer-
ing Physics graduate of Rose-Hulman—asked why the committee did not propose a policy to not assign home-
work over break. Several members of the committee laughed at the ques-
tion. A designated committee member responded, “Do you think Rose-Hulman got to the place it was by giving students a chance to recharge their brains with loved ones”? After a fit of laughter, the committee member wiped a tear and added, “No, no. The real world doesn’t wait for engineering problems, and especially not over Christmas.”

Another committee member spoke up, “Speaking of Christmas, we want our students to have a trial run of all the Christmases they will miss when they become parents themselves. It’s important they get used to the sensation of working over the holidays and missing out on what really matters.”

This decision from the Naming Rose-Hulman Things Committee will go to the Board of Trustees and President Robert Coons in spring quarter. It is the hope of the com-
mittee that this change can also apply to spring break, earning the name of “spring work-from-home.” This re-

Decent Chang of the Week

"Dr. Chang, or ‘D Boogie’ as he should be called, is a great prof.” - Rate My Professor

Happy New Year! Hope those sixth week tests don’t crush you.

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