months after the completion of the Union renovation projects, Rose-Hulman Board of Trustees have approved a new expansion to the Union, this time to its exterior. As depicted in the 3D renderings below, the glass-walled pavilion will be constructed on the other side of the windows looking into Chauncey’s. With sliding doors on all sides, the space will accommodate the unpredictable weather conditions characteristic of the Midwestern climate. The majority of the area on the roof will be dedicated to what was described as “a sustainable green space of plants.” This not only compliments the Living Wall in the Union, but also hints at a future of ecologically-minded expansion projects here at Rose. The inside flat screen and AV equipment will allow students to host movie nights or give presentations, and the open seating and full-function grill will provide another place to kick back during the warmer months.

The project arose from the generosity of the Mussallem family, who provided the $3 million advance that kick-started the initial Union renovation in 2016. Their most recent $3.5 million donation will see project through to its completion by Homecoming this year. The campus seemed equally surprised and intrigued by the new development following Rob Coons’ announcement last Tuesday, and will no doubt be looked at with excitement. Even some students have already dubbed “The Greenhouse.”

William Kemp
Rose News Editor/Business Manager

2019’s Spring Quarter is here with new and exciting opportunities. Many of which may fall into the extra five minutes between classes. As I’m sure everyone already knows, Rose-Hulman is trying an extended ten minute passing period. Around several reasons, the one that stands out the most is for students to be able to walk from Olin to the new bridge building (Xka, Kremer Innovation Center). Despite the added time, however, there are still some mixed opinions on the matter.

During the first couple days of class there was definitely an awkward silence waiting for class to start. Professors would stand at the front of the classroom sipping tea, some trying to make some sort of conversation with the students. All while students shuffled in trying to find a seat next to someone they knew. For the first two days especially, it was very rare for someone to walk in late. In one of my classes in particular, everyone came in at a full sprint, out of breath, apologizing profusely for being late. Little did they know that they were actually more than 2 minutes early. Laughter ensued as the two students both face planted into the door and cried out to the Rose-Hulman gods.

Unfortunately, this trend did not continue later in the week. Some students still somehow managed to be late to class. Before the passing period change, there may have been some sort of excuse for being a couple minutes late. Now however, it is possible to walk from Percopo all the way to the KIC in less than ten minutes. In my opinion, it would take the exceptionally skilled student to be more than a couple of minutes late to a class.

After talking with several students, many favor the ten extra minutes, while some think it is simply a waste of time. While I agree the extended passing period has seemed like an eternity for some classes, I can definitely see how it could prove extremely helpful later in the year. With this quarter only have one week under its belt, there aren’t really too many questions or concerns from the content in most classes. As the quarter progresses, however, the content is only going to get more and more challenging. The ten minute passing period could be used to ask questions before/after class, which may prove very helpful to a lot of students.

Many professors have had a lot to say about the passing period as well, again mixed emotions. Chemistry professor Dr. Mottel says, “I’d rather have a 55 minute lecture than a ten minute passing period.” I think a lot of students and professors can agree that an extra five minutes would be helpful, but it would continue to make talking one on one with a professor before/after class more challenging. Other professors have said that they’ve had time to go make tea, run to their office, and to the bathroom, and still be on time for class. All of which they couldn’t do last quarter.

So far the extended passing period has been very helpful in allowing extra time to prepare for class. It’s also been less mentally straining not having to rush from class to class. Even still, the ten minutes may seem like a long time now, but as the quarter goes on that balance will become more obvious and present itself as a new opportunity towards student’s success. There will likely be more updates on the matter towards the end of the quarter, so be up to date with the latest news from the Rose Thorn!
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Join the Rose Thorn!

When: Tuesday's at 5:00 pm
Where: Olin O289
Join us for our Second meeting this Quarter on March 12th!!

Share your opinions, write an article for next weeks issue, or get the inside scoop on the latest news!
News

Sunshine Week 2019
Embracing Open Government, Open Information, and Free Press

Jonathan Kawauchi
Staff Writer

Going back through U.S. history, with journalists such as Upton Sinclair uncovering public health issues of the meat packing industry or Chris Hamby exposing lawyers and doctors conspired to deny coal miners benefits from black lung disease, investigative journalism is a necessary piece of society that can shine the light over any illicit dealings and maintain power in the hands of the public. Free information and democracy must go hand in hand if government and the justice system to be of, by, and for the people. In other words, it’s your right to know. This also happens to be the theme of Sunshine Week 2019.

In 2005, the American Society of News Editors and Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press launched an annual initiative which dubbed March 10th - 16th Sunshine Week, a week dedicated to promoting open government and pushing back against excessive official secrecy. Freedom of information is a cornerstone of the free world, allowing for an informed populace and creating an accountable government.

Whether you’re a professional journalist or a blogger, a legal professor or a student reporter, or even just a private citizen, participation is encouraged from all walks of life, and participation can be done in a multitude of ways. As a result, the Board of Supervisors voted 5:0 to dissolve TCEDA and the city of Sonora voted 4:0 in support of dissolving it as well. As a result of the lawsuit being filed on June 11, 2019, the organization was dissolved less than one year later. This Sunshine Story is simply one of many that highlights the potential for government incompetence and the necessity of transparency laws. Without such laws, public funds that should go to schools, public health and the well being of citizens can be stolen by an evil few.

More information, including success stories, resources and instructions on how to use the Freedom of Information Act, can be found at the official website: sunshineweek.org.
The rest of the game is a typical Far Cry experience: a grand open world filled with hundreds of missions, dozens of vehicles, and a variety of weapons. Players can explore the rich and diverse environments, encountering various enemies and completing a wide range of objectives. However, the game also features some innovative gameplay mechanics, such as the ability to interact with non-playable characters and solve puzzles to progress in the story. Overall, Far Cry 5 is a well-crafted open-world adventure that delivers an engaging and immersive experience for players.
Lifestyle

Geneva International Auto Show
An update of your dream car(s)

Thomas Hall
Staff Writer

This past week was one of those most important auto shows of the year the Geneva International Auto Show. The show is held annually in Switzerland and is considered to be the biggest automakers show of the year, newest and coolest stuff. Here are my Top 5 releases from this year’s show.

1. Koennigsegg Jesko: This new model from the small Swedish hypercar manufacturer promises to be its most insane yet. It boasts a new version of Koennigsegg’s 5B making 1,400 horsepower on ERB and only a measly 2/767 horsepower of pump gas. They have also completely rethought how transmissions are made with their new gearbox having 9 gears and 7 clutches which means it can change from any gear to any gear instantaneously. In track mode the extensive active aero means it produces an actual ton of downforce at 170mph. However, with the top speed over 250 mph, they believe the Jesko will be the best 300 mph mark setting a new fastest production car record.

2. Ferrari F8 Tributo: The F8 Tributo is the replacement for the outgoing 488GTB. This new car now makes 710 horsepower from the same 3.9 liter twin turbo V8 from the previous car. The F8 Tributo has also dropped 50 lbs due in part to the new Lexus engine cover which is meant to evoke the classic 458. Ferrari has said that this will be the last V8 powered car from them without the aid of hybridization meaning the F8 will most likely become a collector’s item.

3. Pininfarina Battista: The old world coach builder from Italy Pininfarina has decided to go out on its own and develop a new super EV. Although it looks like a Ferrari in 88, however, you can be forgiven for thinking that because Pininfarina has designed cars for Ferrari for decades as well as the Coke-a-Cola Freestyle Machines. The Battista is said to produce over 1900 hp out of its electric motors and will do 0 to 60 mph in under 2 seconds which it can only promise is extremely uncomfortable yet really fun. Pininfarina also claims a range of 280 miles per charge.

4. Polestar 2: Now something with a much more reasonable price tag, the Polestar 2. The second car from this all-electric Volvo spin-off company is aimed to compete directly with the Tesla Model 3. It offers over 400 horsepower and a range of 310 miles on a full charge. Instead of using a native multimedia software Polestar is utilizing Android Auto to power the entirety of the center stack which means google assistance will work perfectly as the voice recognition software. Although Polestar 2 has a starting price of $39,900, Polestar has promised a subscription model will be available instead of traditional purchasing.

5. Lamborghini SVJ Roadster: For this year’s Geneva show Lamborghini has cut the roof off the Aventador SVJ. However, this minor change could prove to be the last Lamborghini of an era because reports have said that any new Lamborghini will most likely to be the naturally aspirated V12 without hybridization that the company has been known for since 1966 with the Miura. This potentially last iteration of this V12 will produce 770 horsepower. Only 800 will be made making it a likely collectible in the decades to come.

Root
Board games are a lifestyle

Rithvik Subramanya
Flipside Editor

Root is a two to four player board game in which four different factions try to gain control of the woodland and win by reaching thirty victory points. It was released in 2018 by Leder Games, who also released Vast, another asymmetrical game.

Each faction has different abilities, different ways of scoring victory points, and a different start on the board. The Marquis de Cat starts in control of most of the clearing of the forest, and tries to build an engine where they produce wood to build more buildings, scoring points, while making more warriors to keep their enemies in check. The Eyrre Dynasties starts in a clearing of the forest, but can expand explosively if their players are able to “think in decay”, an ancient order where they must take certain actions in a specific order (Recurit more troops, move, battle, and build the roots that score them points). However, if they can’t complete one of the actions in their decree, they fall into turmoil, and must select a new leader to help them achieve victory. The Woodland Alliance doesn’t even start on the board, but can spread sympathy for their cause. When they have enough sympathy on the board, they can rally against the other factions and try to forge a new leadership for themselves. The Vagabonds is a lone traveler, who completes big quests and trades with the other factions to gain victory points.

The biggest hurdle in playing this game is the fact that almost all of the factions play and score differently. Each player must know the rules, not only for their faction, but for the other three in the game. However, once you get over this hurdle, the game has almost limitless possibilities. There are so many ways that each faction could play, with forming alliances with other factions, or just declaring war on the other three factions. The game has a lot of replayability.

Despite the asymmetrical starting positions, in the games that I’ve played, all of the factions have won, showing how well balanced it is. If every faction doesn’t work together to keep the others in check, one player will run away with the game. This forced cooperation while each player is competing with each other is what makes the game so fun to play.

Sources from top to bottom: Automobile Magazine, Motor1, Rob report.

Richie Steele
Flipside Editor

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Opinions

Why $206.25 is Too Much for One Book

Collin Beach

Staff Writer

With the start of the new quarter and new classes, and new classes means having to buy new textbooks. Sometimes one book can be used multiple times, but more often than not each class has its own required book. I don’t believe that the problem is having to go and purchase all the needed books (our bookstore and at other stores are very nice), but rather the price. College textbooks, especially here at Rose, already cost a lot of money. Having to spend another $200 or more per quarter for something that one opens may cost five times is ridiculous. And when trying to sell them, we get back less than half what was paid while the book is resold at a high price yet again. Something in the system needs to change.

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One example of how reading makes one a better person

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How Reading Makes You a Better Person

Jared Gibson

Editorial Enthusiast

The benefits of reading are incredible and manifold. Reading trains our brains to process information more quickly, increasing overall intelligence. Reading increases one’s vocabulary, allowing one to express their ideas in more articulate ways. Not entirely unrelated to the previous benefit, reading goes hand-in-hand with writing. Great writers were often voracious readers, and writing, much like reading, is its own set of advantages. Each of these benefits deserves a discussion of its own, but the most important benefit has yet to be mentioned: compassion. In the course of this piece, my hope is to demonstrate why this aspect of reading is so vital, in its ability to increase one’s capacity for compassion, making those who practice it better people.

First, however, it must be accepted without objection that compassion makes for a better person. If this poses a problem to you, the following argument will fall miserably, and I urge you to read this column and then in reading it not that of anyone else’s doing.

Most— if not all—Americans know Dr. King for his “I Have a Dream” speech. He articulates his hopes for the eradica-
tion of racism, against his accept-
ing playing people of color in the United States. In fact, memorizing

One example of how reading makes one a better person.

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the words of this speech would be the main course of every pri-
mary school education. Yet, racism was but one—all-in-
portant issue with which King was preoccupied, and he deliv-
ered many speeches over the course of his life one of which includes his vivid description of

In his speech Beyond Vi-

ets, he shares his insightful thoughts on compassion:

with the true meaning of compas-
sion and nonviolence, when it helps us to see the enemy’s point of view. For from our

perspective we may indeed see the

weaknesses of our own condition, and if we are mature, we may learn and grow and

profits from the wisdom of the

brothers who are called the op-
nortunist.

Compassion means stepping into another’s shoes and

understanding the world through their point of view. This ability to empathize with others is difficult
to master, especially when “others” is synonymous with “enemies” as in King’s speech.

Reading, I argue, can help.

Reading makes us better people in the same way that traveling does. It gives us a different perspec-
tive than what we are used to in everyday life. For example, we could step into the shoes of an Afghan boy in Khaled Hosseini’s novel The Kite Runner. Narrowly escap-

ging the political turmoil into which his country is plunged, this boy revisits Afghanistan later in life to right his wrongs only to find that an extremist group called the Taliban has taken control. In the process, Hosseini paints an unforget-
nable portrait of modern Afghani-

nistan, in which guilt and suffering are the focus. If it is a novel and the events that occur within it are fictional, they still reflect reality, and in doing so dispel misconceptions about the Mid-

dle East. Afghanistan was con-
trolled by the fundamentalist Taliban at some point, and at first, the citizens were happy. Finally free of overbearing Euro-

nian and American influ-

ences, they could return to run-

ning their own country however they pleased. However, these hopes of freedom were soon crushed when the Taliban re-
sorted to tyranny and corrup-
tion, terrorizing their own people.

So, when we come into con-
nact with people who

having read The Kite Runner, we are better equipped to see them as people like you and me instead of terrorists wanting the death of America and all her cit-
izens. Thanks to Hosseini’s por-
trayal of Afghan culture, we are also better equipped to see a woman wearing hijab and speaking Farsi without it stirr-
ing up that primordial fear upon which the rotten part of nation-

alism feeds. Simply because they dress differently than most Westerners and speak a differ-
ent language than most West-

erners, does not mean that they are participants in some treach-
ous plot to destroy America.

Of course, these are extreme examples and many of you may have no problem in recognizing that Middle Easterners are people too, with the same basic desires and necessities as you and me. In that case, the novel offers us a chance to discount these fear-motivated misconceptions when expressed by people around us.

This is but one example of how books can increase one’s ability to empathize with others, and the general lesson holds for others books, too. Whether it is fiction or nonfiction, reading

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ing a better place.
Indoor Track and Field National Championship this weekend in Boston.

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WACKY PROF QUOTES

"VirtualBox is a virus.
- Dr. Sid Stamm"

"My hate for Windows almost cost me my Ph.D.
- Dr. Aaron Wilkin"

"We can ask McAfee ‘Is that bad?’
No, I am. Hahahaha.
- Dr. Sid Stamm"

"Tell me what the next big industry is going to be in 30 years. I’m banking on potato chips.
- Dr. Casey"

Rob Coons after signing peace treaty with Dr. Evil, 1963, colorized

Our amazing historians at The Rose Thorn Flipside have unearthed a long-lost historical record - our current President, Rob Coons, actually helped negotiate peace agreements with Dr. Evil. The conflict occurred when the biology and optical engineering departments refused to help engineer sharks with laser beams attached to their heads, which was promptly met with the threat of Moench hall being destroyed with a satellite laser. After coming to the realization that a ransom of thousands, rather than millions, of dollars was all that was required, Coons was able to use funds saved by not installing AC into speed hall to pay this paltry ransom.

Top 10

Ways to keep your roommate from changing the thermostat...

1. SETTINGS -> DEVICES -> DELETE the thermostat
2. Zipties
3. Duct tape it
4. Saw the thermostat in half
5. Flex tape it - Hi, Phil Swift here with Flex Tape! The super-strong waterproof tape! That can instantly patch, bond, seal, and repair! Flex tape is no ordinary tape; its triple thick adhesive virtually seals itself to the surface, instantly stopping the toughest leaks. Leaky pipes can cause major damage, but Flex Tape grips on tight, and bonds instantly! Plus, Flex Tape’s powerful adhesive is so strong, it even works underwater! Now you can repair leaks in pools and spas in water without draining them! Flex Tape is perfect for marine, campers and RVs! Flex Tape is super strong, and once it’s on, it holds on tight! And for emergency auto repair, Flex Tape keeps its grip, even in the toughest conditions! Big storms can cause big damage, but Flex Tape comes super wide, so you can easily patch large holes.

6. Put a large photo of yourself over the thermostat
7. Notify the FBI (or take it up the ladder to Pubsafe)
8. Have a reasonable discussion about the situation
9. Move them to the hallway while they are asleep
10. Leave your car idling to prematurely induce global warming
11. Turn your oven - If your oven is facing the wall, watch our for potential fire hazards
12. Slam them at 1667.5 m/s (Fully cooked chicken slap)
13. Turn it around to cancel out the temperature
14. Change roommates
15. Murder
16. VODKA
17. Burn all of their t-shirts so they have to wear sweaters
18. Burn all their sweaters to make them regret their decision

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