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College Application Fees

What happens when you apply to College

William Kemp

Rose News Editor

Have you ever wondered why you have to pay to apply to college and where that money goes? Michael Brown, a Research Analyst shines the light on what colleges actually do with your money. After analyzing data from LendEDU and the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System for which colleges make the most revenue from declined applications, total applications, and admissions yield, the results were stunning.

For revenue of declined applications only, Rose-Hulman ranks 462 making more than \$66,000 off of 4,241 applications. Surprisingly, this isn't all that high compared to some other schools. MIT and Purdue ranked 42 and 44 respectively each making about \$1.3 million for declined applications alone. Rose Hulman did not make the top 500 list for revenue of total applications, however MIT was ranked 88 with \$1.4 million and Purdue 24 with \$2.9 million.

In terms of enrollment from students admitted, MIT ranks within the top 10 taking the number 5 spot with 73% of students accepted choosing to attend, followed by Purdue ranking 47 with 49% enrollment, and Rose Hulman ranking 478 with 21% enrollment.

To specify further, yes colleges do make revenue from applications, whether the prospective student decides to enroll or not, but there

are many cases where the application fee is waived. The numbers mentioned earlier were calculated by taking that number of applications (depending on which category) and multiplying by the respective college application fee. This data does not take into account special cases or waived fees. The only truly accurate data in this study is the total applications, total accepted, and total students enrolled.

In the grand scheme of things, college application fees are marginal compared to the enormous mountain of cash colleges like Rose Hulman ask for in tuition. Taking into account the same enrollment data, and assuming that each student pays \$60,000 per year, Rose Hulman makes about \$130 million every year. This does not take into account scholarships or other cases.



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All in all college is expensive, and there are many great people who provide you the education you need to succeed when you graduate. These great people need some sort of income in order to continue serving the student body. Especially at a school like Rose Hulman, who's students have an average starting salary of \$71,080, (rose-hulman.edu) you get what you pay for. If Rose Hulman wasn't worth every penny they asked for, it certainly wouldn't be one of the top ranked colleges for 20 years in a row.



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Possible eSports Lounge

Faculty, Staff, and Students Discuss

Aidan Moulder

Opinions Editor

This past Wednesday, April 17th, I attended an open forum regarding the institute's plans for a gaming and eSports lounge. The forum, hosted by Kyle Rhodes and Jordan Barrett, allowed students the opportunity to weigh in on the current plan for the lounge, as well as get their questions answered. Not many students were able to attend the event due to the career fair, but Kyle was able to answer some general questions and provide a rough outline for the attendees.

Why is Rose-Hulman looking into eSports?

Gaming is becoming significantly more popular with gamers and non-gamers with the rise of streaming websites like Twitch. With this rise in popularity, Kyle sees an opportunity to attract prospective students to the institute.

What's the plan for the lounge?

The lounge will most likely be put in the old C Store space. The current floor plan for the lounge has room for about 20-30 computer stations, and there is a possibility of having separate rooms for console gaming as well as Twitch streaming. Each PC will be a high-end pre-built gaming PC, such as an HP Omen or a Dell Alienware. Kyle and Jordan are working with eBash Terre Haute to come up with a final design, as well as for the final hardware decision, as eBash software will be installed on the computers to manage videogame licenses and provide a host of other useful features.

The lounge will be open late in the afternoon and into the evening. It

will open every day at 4 o'clock, and will close at midnight on weekdays and 2 on weekends. Students will be allowed 8 free hours per week, but they may pay a few extra dollars for additional time. If needed, the above structure can be altered based on actual usage statistics.

What games can we play in the lounge?

The lounge will provide a collection of PC games popular in eSports competitions and on Twitch. The initial offerings provided in Kyle's presentation include:

- Call of Duty: Black Ops
- Battlefield V
- PUBG
- Overwatch
- Rocket League
- Madden 19
- FIFA 19
- NBA 2K19
- Tekken
- Street Fighter
- Dragon Ball FighterZ
- Minecraft

One student present at the event made a case for racing simulators (and I personally advocated for Halo when it becomes available for PC). I asked Kyle and Jordan if students could bring their own games, as I have several on an external hard drive, and they informed me that a Steam app could be added to the eBash client, which would enable the user to install their own games to play. This brought up another question, however.

Will downloading my own games count against my 30 GB data cap?

Thankfully, no. The eBash account you will use in the lounge isn't linked to your Rose-Hulman ID, so

there is no effect on your institute data usage.

What about consoles?

Consoles are, as of right now, a secondary goal for the lounge. While titles like *Super Smash Bros. Ultimate* are immensely popular on campus, that popularity is the exact reason why Kyle and Jordan are not currently considering purchasing consoles for the lounge. They have noticed that many students already have consoles, especially the Nintendo Switch. Since so many people play games like *Smash* on their floors or elsewhere around campus frequently, Kyle and Jordan do not see a need to buy additional consoles for the lounge. However, in the future, they would still like to cater to the console crowd, especially because the consoles maintained by Rec Sports see frequent use during large events in the SRC.

What if I'm a member of the eSports Club?

Members of the eSports Club will be granted additional free hours for practice, meetings, and events.

What if my floor wants a convenient place to play something together?

Good news: the lounge will be available for reservation, and will serve as another campus event space.

Will there be student worker positions?

Yes, and there may be summer jobs that allow for running test drives of the PC hardware once it is installed.

Lastly, I would like to thank Kyle and Jordan for their time. I, for one, am very excited to see where the eSports Lounge will go, and where they can take it! If you have any suggestions for the institute to consider for the lounge, you can leave feedback on a Google Form located on My Rose-Hulman.



Rose Hulman's eSports club official logo. Already popular among the gaming society at Rose, the new eSports lounge may pull in more participants for future tournaments.

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- Apr 23 - Principia, Men's Tennis
- Apr 24 - Men's Golf at St. Mary of the Woods Dual
- Apr 24 - HERD Event: Softball
- Apr 24 - Manchester, Softball
- Apr 24 - Men's Tennis, Franklin
- Apr 25 - Softball, Transylvania
- Apr 25 - Webster, Softball
- Apr 26/27 - Track at HCAC Outdoor Championships
- Apr 27 - Men's Golf at HCAC Championships Round 1
- Apr 27 - Women's Golf at Franklin Spring Invitational

Other

- Apr 23 - HERD Event: Coach Hopkins Appreciation Day
- Apr 23 - Entrepreneurship Speakers: Data Science and Cyber Security
- Apr 24 - Chemistry & Biochemistry Research Talk
- Apr 24 - Rose Tech Radio Club Operating Night
- Apr 26 - Game Night
- Apr 26 - Performing Arts Series: Indianapolis Baroque Orchestra
- Mar 30 - Alumni Awards

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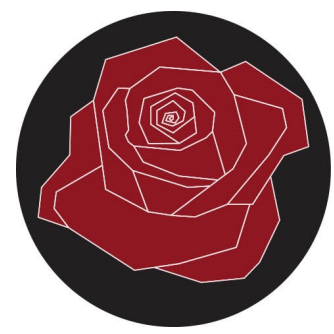
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The pen is mightier than the sword, join us. Tuesdays at 5:00 in O259.



The Fire Heard 'Round the World

Notre-Dame Cathedral Engulfed in Flames

Lauren Wiseman

Staff Writer

After surviving two World Wars, the Notre-Dame Cathedral seemed invincible. Much to the horror of the world, that was proven false as the timber frame and spire went up in flames last Monday. The fire, which investigators determined started at the center of the roof of the cathedral, interrupted ongoing renovations; these renovations fell under scrutiny after the fire caused substantial damage.

According to an article by The New York Times, Benjamin Mouton, the architect in charge of the fire safety system at the Cathedral said that officials “misjudged how quickly a flame would ignite and spread.” As a result, the fire was much more destructive than officials had planned for. Most had assumed the oak timbers that make up the frame of the Cathedral would burn slowly, providing time to put them out quickly.

In addition to this, there was not a sufficient fire alarm system, meaning guards at Notre-Dame had to climb a strenuous flight of stairs in order to notify fire dispatchers. As a consequence, the fire department was at least 20 minutes late to the scene due to the nature of the Cathedral and the lack of proper notification.

The 850-year-old building burned for nine hours until the flames were finally extinguished by firefighting personnel. Countless artifacts were taken to the Louvre for safekeeping; CNN reports the bees living on the roof of the Cathedral were safe; the bell tower was also left undamaged after



The 856-year-old place of worship caught fire on April 15th, sustaining damage to the roof and spire.

Photo Courtesy of Vox

the blaze. The organ, while the roughly 8000 pipes are mostly unharmed, the water from hoses may have irreparably affected the wind chest and the electrical system. Repairing the organ requires a pulley normally attached to the roof—which is no longer there—so staff at the Cathedral are unsure how to proceed.

In the unfolding days, donations poured in from all over the world to help with rebuilding including a cool €500,000 from video game developer Ubisoft, who is providing some

extra help in some unorthodox ways. The lukewarm installment in the Assassin’s Creed franchise—Unity—includes extremely detailed imagery of the Notre-Dame Cathedral, as artist Caroline Miousse meticulously studied the Cathedral for years. So Ubisoft is negotiating to use Assassin’s Creed: Unity as a potential aid in restoration efforts.

The question of restoration is a tricky one to answer, however, as debate ensues about how to balance modernity and antiquity. Some have criticized President Emmanuel Macron’s

push to restore the building as a ploy to rebuild the Cathedral ahead of the 2024 Olympic Games. For the most part, how is the bigger question, and République candidate François-Xavier Bellamy believes the answer is “only...to restore her, with the patience that an absolute masterpiece requires, to pass it on the way we received it.”

The debate is still ongoing, with France’s culture minister Franck Reister contemplating a number of options going forward.

Easter Sunday Bombings

Sri Lanka Rocked by Targeted Explosions

Rithvik Subramanya

Flipside Editor

Sri Lanka suffered 7 explosions on Sunday, April 21st, targeting churches and luxury hotels. These attacks were the first attacks since the end of the civil war ten years ago. More than 450 people were wounded, according to hospitals and police officers. In one church, north of the Sri Lankan capital of Colombo, in Katuwapitiya, more than 50 people had been killed. In another church in the Eastern Province of the country, another 25 people were killed. The hotels hit by the explosions were the Shangri-La Colombo, Kingsbury Hotel, and Cinnamon Grand Colombo. The number of casualties in the hotels The seventh explosion hit the capital of Colombo, killing at least two people. The death toll was 207 at the time of writing, including 35 American, British, and



Photo Courtesy of The New York Times

Dutch foreigners. There were no immediate claims of responsibility for the attacks. The Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, Ranil Wickremesighe responded to the attacks, saying “I strongly condemn the cowardly attacks on our people today. I call upon all Sri Lankans during this tragic time to remain united and strong.” The US State Department, in its 2018 report on human rights in Sri Lanka, said that Christian groups and churches had been pressured to end worship activities after authorities had classified them as “unauthorized gatherings.” The report also mentioned that Christian and Muslim places of worship had been threatened by Buddhist Monks, according to unidentified sources.

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The Best of Both Worlds

Captain Marvel and Shazam! Add to the Superhero Genre

Colin Beach

Staff Writer

The debate between which comic franchise is better, Marvel or DC, never seems to end. The companies are always in a rivalry, and it continues

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with the releases of the DC movie *Shazam!* and Marvel movie *Captain Marvel*. The two films, released within a month of each other, showcase the stories of heroes often not in the spotlight.

Captain Marvel follows the story of an interstellar warrior with little memory of her past, only to discover her identity when she returns to Earth.

Played by Brie Larson, Captain Marvel goes on a journey of exploration, discovering her true self and her place in conflicts across the universe.

The story is filled with 80's and 90's nostalgia, with references to long-gone things like Radio Shack and dial-up

“...both movies are a must-see for superhero fans.”

internet.

Overall, *Captain Marvel* is a well-rounded movie, with the right amounts of intensity, drama, and humor.

Though it does not greatly change the Marvel timeline of movies, *Captain Marvel* does provide the background to the

future role of Captain Marvel in the upcoming *Avengers: Endgame*.

Meanwhile, *Shazam!* tells the story of Billy Batson, a boy given the power of gods to defend the world. He is soon attacked by Dr. Sivana, a man who was once denied the same power given to Billy.

By transforming in to Shazam (played by Zachary Levi), Billy (played by Asher Angel) aims to defeat Dr. Sivana and the Seven Deadly Sins.

Though the movie has a strange opening and takes some time to get into the main story, *Shazam!* is a very enjoyable movie. With a primarily younger cast, *Shazam!* is humorous



Marvel and DC release a pair of superhero movies to add yet another character to their respective universes.

Images Courtesy of IMDb.com

throughout and gives a new Both provide interesting stories take to the classic, and often and are major accomplishments

“... a sequel [to *Shazam!*] is already in the works...”

darker, DC movie.

As a bonus, it is said that a sequel is already in the works – a key advancement for such a new release.

In my opinion, I think *Captain Marvel* was a better movie than *Shazam!*. However, I believe that both movies are a must-see for superhero fans.

for the franchises.

Though centered on characters less popular than their counterparts, the new movies have shown great success. Whichever you like more, Marvel or DC, a new age of superhero movies is emerging. And *Captain Marvel* and *Shazam!* are excellent examples.

Laurus: A Book Review

Eugene Vodolazkin explores fifteenth-century Russia

Thaddeus Hughes

Staff Writer

Laurus is an exquisite novel from Eugene Vodolazkin, translated into English by Lisa C. Hayden. The novel does an excellent job at recreating the religious fervor of medieval Russia— a painting of gripping words.

Although, this is not for grand usage of complicated words, but for simple and terse prose.

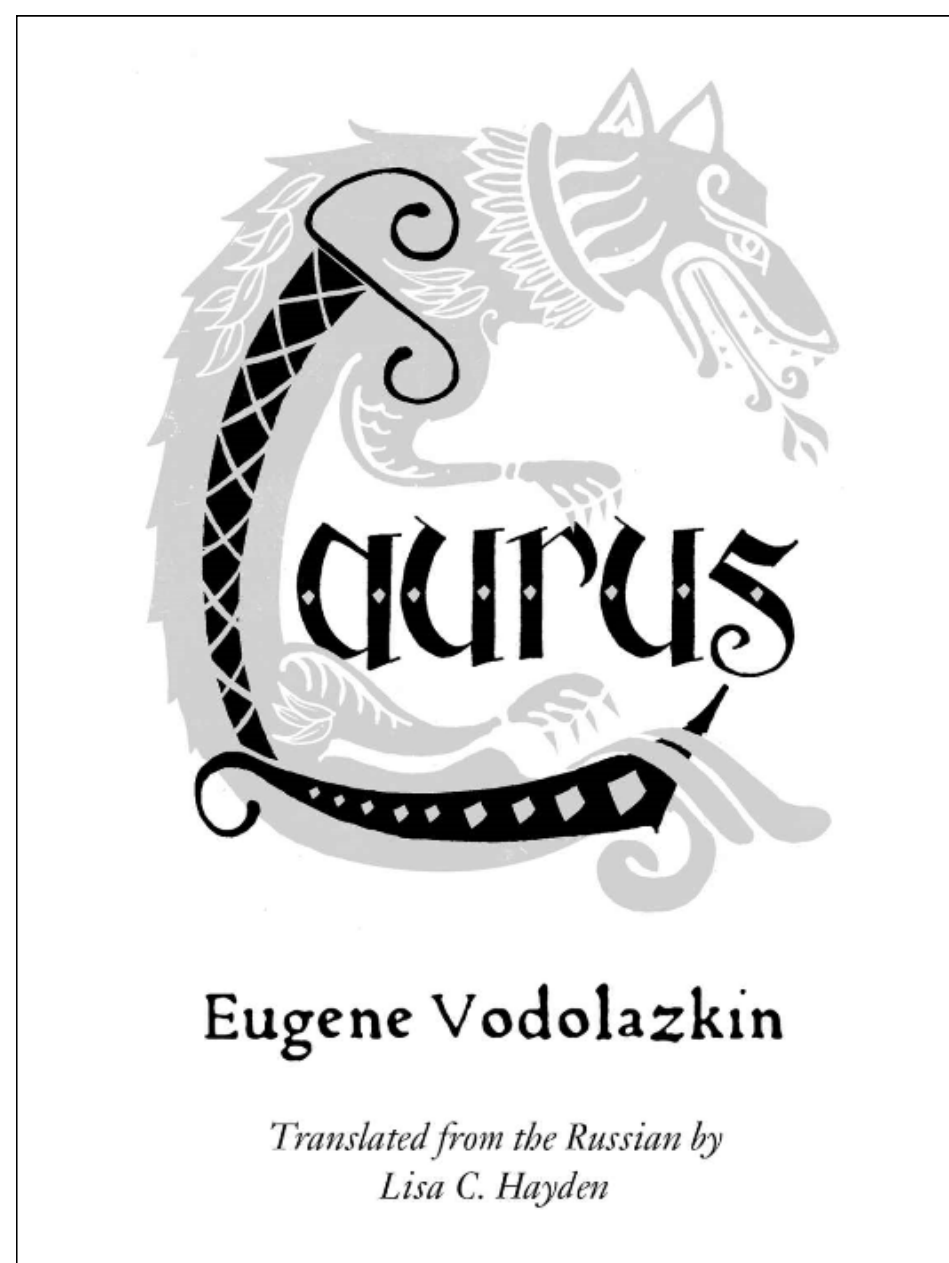
The lack of quotation marks is a strange quirk once you realize it— but you may not even realize it, for it is done fluidly and elegantly.

It is fifteenth-century Russia. Plague races across the land, and Arseny is orphaned, to be raised by his herbalist grandfather Christopher who teaches him the trade as well. His prowess—and renown—grow, and Arseny must as well.

He takes on many names in his journeys, at times rejecting his past entirely—venturing off, becoming a holy fool, trekking to Jerusalem, and returning home. His journey is split into four as well: Cognition, Renunciation, Journeys, and Repose.

The depiction of medicine is a central theme—one where the physical remedy is important, but only insofar as the corresponding spiritual healing and comfort are. The confrontation of death is dreaded and welcomed.

Healing is not an isolated action, but one requiring community and others—a meta-



phor for the healing we need in our spiritual lives as well.

Motion, too, and illusion of it, is another central theme. This could have been a story about a healer who stays in his house and atones for his sins in this fashion, but this would not be right. He must overcome his self-reliance; he must be challenged and rise.

Similarly, we must be, as warned many a time in the book, wary of ‘horizontal motion’; that which does not draw us closer to the divine.

‘Mystic’ is an understatement. The sheer size of the book is necessary in order to give a modicum of respect towards the orthodox tradition. While this may at first seem to indicate that this is a book with much to say about nothing, as a complete package, it builds upon itself as a grand unifying narrative, and is ultimately able to say more than other books of its size.

But even with this boundless wisdom, there is humility in this wisdom:

A: “You have already been in our land for a year and eight months, but have not understood a thing about it.”

B: “And do you yourselves understand it?”

A: “Do we? Of course we, too, do not understand.”

A thick Russian novel about a man and his journey across space and time to find redemption.

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Coachella 2019

If Urban Outfitters was a Musical

Hailey Hoover

Lifestyle Editor

In case you haven't checked any source of social media you might not be aware at the fact that just about the most important season for every basic semi important California native has occurred. That's right I'm talking about Coachella season ladies and gents. It is finally that time of year where you can wear your flower crowns proudly and cover yourself in every kind of body glitter. (But if that is a casual Tuesday for you that's cool too. Save yourself the hundred of dollars on the cost of admission) Let's not forget the charming atmosphere of extreme west coast heat, the sand and dirt getting on the outfit you spent months planning, and the immense amount of people jam packed covering the vast area of desert. Coachella is the time when you can walk around all day and listen to snippets of different acts -- seeing as they are spread out all over the premises while wearing the most uncomfortable abstract outfit you could ever possibly conduct -- all for the equivalence of the down payment on a car. But don't worry you can maybe see a celebrity roaming around and attempt to meet them when they aren't actually interested and are actually more concerned with



Sources: All pictures taken from Google Images

their own endeavors at the event. And don't forget there are two whole weekends of this fun!

But in all seriousness there are some really talented people that perform at this festival every year and I am sure a lot of work goes into all of the performances. However, an event in which the focus should be about the music is most often overshadowed by the number of different celebrities, A list and B list alike and what they wore and who they went with. People try to outdo each other with who has the trendiest ensemble and spend large sums to do so.

But average people get to take part in the fun too. Head on down to Claire's, Pacsun and Urban to starting gaining #inspo. The more uncomfortable the outfit is the better. In fact if a piece seems completely unnecessary and odd then you've hit the jackpot. So start saving now for next year kids!

Hand-Cut French Fries

Dalal Bima

Editor-in-Chief

Most of the people who know me know my *unconditional* love for french fries. I enjoy every single kind, whether they are mashed, fried, baked, shredded, etc. Although there are plenty of condiments that can be used to enhance that experience, I personally enjoy the simplest form there is. Fresh, thinly cut, crispy, and lightly salted house-cut fries.

Ingredients:

- 3 large Russet potatoes, well scrubbed
- 24 ounces vegetable, canola, or peanut oil
- Sea salt and malt vinegar

Directions:

1. Leaving the skin on, cut the potatoes into long thin strips and put in a large bowl of clean water to remove some starch, prevent them from sticking together, and stop the oxidizing process.
2. In a cast iron skillet fitted with a thermometer, or a small fryer, heat the oil until it reaches 275 to 300 degrees F. Remove the potatoes from the water and pat dry. Working in small batches, fry the potatoes until they go from shiny to matte, 3 to 5 minutes (this is also called blanching). Drain well on paper towels. Re-heat the oil until it reaches 350 degrees F and fry the potatoes

again, also in small batches, until they are golden brown and crispy on the outside but soft and chewy on the inside.

3. Remove from the oil, drain well, and toss with sea salt and malt vinegar, or any other seasoning you prefer. You can also fry fresh herbs such as rosemary, sage, and thyme with the potatoes. Serve hot.



Photo credit: Tripadvisor

The Blessing That Is Living Off-Campus

Dalal Bima
Editor-in-Chief

Wherever we go, we always tend to look for groups we can associate ourselves with and create a sense of community. Personally, this was one of the aspects I love about Rose-Hulman. This sense of community is very encouraged and flourished in the residence halls during the first year of being a student, since all freshmen are required to live on-campus, especially with hall/floor activities, late night homework help, RA/SA assistance, and much more. However, the advantages that came with living on-campus did not outweigh the sacrifices that I had to make.

One of the main reasons why I moved off-campus after freshman year is the cost. I was on a monthly payment plan when I lived on campus and paid around \$1500, which included the meal plan. But now, I share a two bedroom apartment and have been paying around \$800 less than the cost of on-campus housing, which includes utilities. I am aware that living on-campus comes with many oth-

er benefits such as laundry machines and housekeepers. However, the benefits still do not add up to the total monthly payment that the student has to pay.

Another substantial reason was privacy. This obviously could differ from one person to another, but I personally needed to have my own room, bathroom, and kitchen in order to feel completely comfortable in the space. Having your own room and bathroom meant that you have full responsibility with keeping them clean and organized at the level you want, which helps with preparation for real life adulthood. Moreover, one great aspect of having your own kitchen is the ability to control your own diet and have experience with cooking for yourself rather than purchase a mandatory meal plan every quarter.

Nevertheless, with each situation comes advantages and disadvantages. One of the disadvantages that I have noticed is that the experience of living on-campus and then moving off-campus created a feeling of separation from the friendships I built dur-



Heritage Trail Apartments near the Rose-Hulman campus

Image via heritagetrailapartments.com

ing freshman year, especially that most students choose to stay on-campus. Another disadvantage is the necessity of having some form of transportation from the apartment to

campus, but this is usually not a problem for US-citizen students since most of them have a car in the first year they come to college.

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When Words Prevent Communication

Jared Gibson
Entertainment Editor

I remember hearing this phrase from one of my friends. "I don't use labels," she said. I had heard it before, and like the other times I've heard it, I remember rolling my eyes and preparing myself for whatever nonsense would come next. She said that she was tired of being labeled as a "vegan," and from now on preferred to say "I'm on a plant-based diet." Depending on your audience, the word "vegan" carries with it negative connotations, she claimed. When some people hear, "I'm vegan," they have a tendency to make up their minds about the kind of person you are, or the quality of your culinary advice before you say anything else. It's been several months since she made this statement, and although it sounds stuck up, I have come to the conclusion that there is something of value at its core.

She claimed the word "vegan" generates a negative reaction. This much I knew to be true. Vegans are the kind of people who, due to their lack of protein in their diet, are always a little hungry. Poor things, for some reason they have doomed themselves to eat flavorless greens for every meal. It's no wonder they are so easily provoked into screaming matches about how "meat is murder." They must be constantly grumpy from never having a satisfying meal. Of course, these are all sweeping generalizations, holding very little truth when one considers most vegans or the food they eat.

Yet, many people perceive vegans this way. They see them as condescending or attention-seeking. It's commonplace to talk about vegans like they are a group of stuck-up people whose lifestyle choices, despite their claims, appear unhealthy, or even masochistic. This stereotype is what many of us go to when we hear that someone is a vegan. We im-

mediately try to fit them into this mold of an irritable personality, as if they're ready to break out into a fit of rage at any minute. We may even use this word to discredit what they say, hindering communication between us.

This is what she meant by "I don't use labels." When "vegan" stops meaning "someone who does not consume meat or dairy products," and instead means

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"stuck-up and attention-seeking," it becomes a "label." It almost becomes a way for us to identify what is right and what is wrong. If we can label someone as "vegan," it isn't that much further of a step to be able to disregard their advice on what is healthy and what is not healthy as incorrect.

At the same time, labels are useful things. We need them to communicate more easily. Instead of saying, "Hey, can you pass me the red stuff in the container in the middle of the table?" we say "Hey, can you pass the ketchup?" This is less cumbersome than describing everything out in full, avoiding any word that might be seen as a "label."

"Label," in the context of this article, does not mean "noun." The kind of labels I'm talking about are those which allow people to settle on conclusions about the subject being described by the label before there is even a chance to explain what the subject really is. For instance, in some cases, vegan is used as a label. Ketchup, however, is not. Ketchup means crushed tomato paste that I eat with fries, and there's not any room for anything

else. We don't hear of people making generalizations about ketchup before the ketchup has a chance to explain why it is ketchup.

If the previous argument about veganism seems of little importance to you, consider the use of labels in a political context. The words "conservative" and "liberal" are often employed to describe people or a group of peo-

ple. Both words provide a way to easily identify the political beliefs of the person or group of people being described without having to list them. These words facilitate communication by cutting down the amount of words needed to express the same idea.

On the other hand, they have a tendency to be made labels depending on the group that uses them. In some groups "conservative" has come to mean close-minded, ignorant, uneducated, and even racist while, in other groups, "liberal" has come to mean snobbish, prone to make decisions solely on emotional reasoning, and delusional.

Suppose, for instance, a democrat and a republican are about to have a conversation, and the democrat has this idea of "conservative" mentioned previously. Once, in the mind of the democrat, the republican has been labeled a "conservative," it means the republican has lost the argument before even having the chance to explain herself. If they get into a discussion about politics, there is now very little hope of any progress being made on either side since the democrat has made up her mind that her coun-

terpart is wrong before the argument is even started. In this situation, being labeled a "conservative" or a "liberal" means you've lost the argument. It means your contributions to the discussion are no longer relevant; your words will fall of deaf ears.

In this way, these labels make having conversations more difficult. Instead of making it easier to exchange ideas, they make it easier for us to be intolerant of ideas that challenge our own. They start as useful devices of communication and become tools of bigotry.

So, what do we do when words become "labels?" What happens when what was originally intended to ease communication impedes it? Do we get rid of the words entirely?

That is one option. Take the phrase "global warming," for instance. In recent years this phrase was changed in favor of "climate change" since "global warming" began to carry the kind of negative connotations that the previously discussed labels began to carry. Many people took it to mean that temperatures in every place on earth would rise, so when harsh winters hit the U.S., the phrase became somewhat ridiculous. It was used as if "global warming" was a kind of hoax created by some delusional group of scientists. As this was not its original purpose, the phrase "climate change" replaced it, just like my friend replaced "vegan" with "plant-based diet."

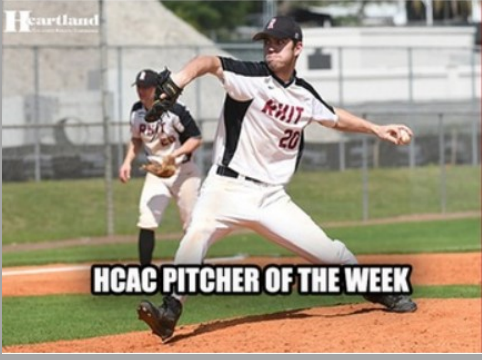
But I'm not convinced that this will fix every label scenario. Perhaps we have to go deeper into how these words come to take on these misleading meanings in the first place. Nevertheless, the next time you hear someone say that they don't like/use "labels," make sure that you, unlike me, take the time to think about what they really mean before you roll your eyes.

RHIT Baseball

Caleigh Kintner
Sports Editor

Rose-Hulman stands at 7-1 in conference play.

The Rose-Hulman Baseball team kept the lead in Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference baseball standings with a doubleheader split against Franklin Tuesday evening. Franklin won the first game of the night by scoring 13 runs in the seventh inning with a final score of 19-8. Rose-Hulman recovered in the second game to win with a score of 6-4. Dan Connolly picked up the win in relief pitching, after a solid pitching outing from Trever Bruno and Matthew Rouse. Bruno allowed just one earned run in five innings with two strikeouts, while Rouse allowed no earned runs with two strikeouts in two innings. Brian Pershing came on to pitch a scoreless ninth with one strikeout to earn his team-high fourth save of the season.



Luke Buehler has been named Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Baseball Pitcher of the Week for the third time this season.

Photo by Rose-Hulman Athletics

RHIT Track & Field

Caleigh Kintner
Sports Editor

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology won 10 events to take home first place in the men's competition and second in the women's team scoring at the DePauw University Invitational over break. The men's squad scored 192 points while the women's team placed second with 104.5 points.

The Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology men's and women's track and field teams combined to win 10 events in a strong performance at the Indiana Division III Championships. The men's squad came home second overall, led by two Athlete of the Meet performances by Eric Fiacable and Noah Thomas. On the women's side, the Fightin' Engineers came home fourth as a team. Mary-Helen Shomba won with the second fastest time in school history of fifteen seconds in the 100-meter hurdles.

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RHIT SPORTS BOX SCORES

RHIT Softball

Caleigh Kintner
Sports Editor



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First Conference Win of the Season

Rose-Hulman Softball had a rough time over break going 1-9. They won their first game of a doubleheader at Hanover 2-0. The game proved to be a pitching battle for the majority of the game. Neither team had scored well into the fifth inning. Emily Struble, the pitcher, got the win after four strikeouts in seven innings, while only allowing four hits.

RHIT Men's Tennis

Caleigh Kintner
Sports Editor

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology won its 44th consecutive men's tennis match against Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference competition, shutting out Manchester University 9-0 on Saturday afternoon. The Fightin' Engineers lead the HCAC at 5-0 in league play.



Photo by Rose-Hulman Athletics

Standout Student-Athletes

- Luke Buehler
- Eric Fiacable
- Noah Thomas
- Mary-Helen Shomba

RHIT SPORTS SCHEDULES

Baseball	Softball	Men's Tennis	Track & Field
April 27: Bluffton	April 24 : Manchester	April 23: Principia	April 26: HCAC Outdoor Championship
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April 28: @ Wittenberg	April 25: Webster	April 27: @ Hanover	May 3: Billy Hayes Invitational
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April 30: Greenville	April 27: Anderson		May 23: NCAA Outdoor Championship
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May 4: @ Anderson			
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National 7 Day Forecast

National Earth Day	22	National Picnic Day	23	National Pigs in a Blanket Day	24	National Telephone Day	25	National South Dakota Day	26	National Tell a Story Day	27	National Blueberry Pie Day	28
National Jelly Bean Day		National Lost Dogs Awareness Day		National Administrative Professionals Day		National Zucchini Bread Day - Lets get this bread		National Richter Scale Day		National Sense of Smell Day		National Superhero Day	
National Girl Scout Leaders' Day		National Talk Like Shakespeare Day - "I'll beat thee, but I would infect my hands."				National DNA Day		National Arbor Day		National Babe Ruth Day		National Great Poetry Reading Day	
						National Hug a Plumber Day		National Hairball Awareness Day		National Pool Opening Day			

Heard On Campus

"Careers are for tryhards."

WACKY PROF QUOTES

"I sold out real fast: the moment I got here."
-Dr. Zak Estrada

"You know the lecture's good if we use the man pages as our slides."
-Dr. Zak Estrada

"This exam is going to be surprisingly easy, these are very easy problems. Say that to yourself in your head."
- Dr. Igor Minevich

"I'm the final boss and the only thing standing between you and the break."
- Dr. Daniel Kawano

"If you email me, I will shame you. Don't test me."
- Dr. Joe Eicholz

"I know that they're doing nothing good because they're laughing too much."
- Dr. Joe Eicholz

"Welcome back from the break. I do not want to be here either."
- Dr. Amir Danesh

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/bB339sx6GHohggYt1>

Top 10

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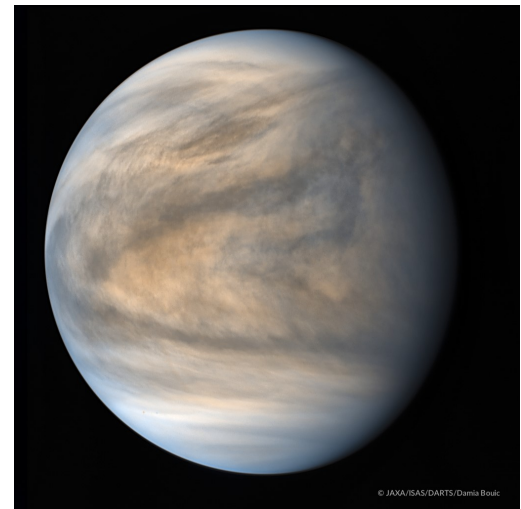
1. Hose Thron disappearance
2. The Bone menu blackout
3. When you have your hand up but you are sitting in the corner and the professor doesn't call on you
4. Saying the correct answer, but someone else says it again slightly louder
5. Lack of net neutrality during tests
6. EIT Bandwith cap
7. Removing the Subway sign from the White Chapel
8. Deleting Subway
9. Bon Appetit suggestions bonfire
10. Not allowing me to send racist emails to all campus
11. Forcing us to use My Rose Hulman
12. Students who don't conform to the open-door policy
13. Calling the Bridge the KIC
14. Demolition of the Rotz Lab (What were they hiding?)
15. Removing stapled bread from trees

Venus and Lucifer

By Edwin L. Assman

Venus is the brightest planet and was respectively named after the goddess of love and beauty. While current science denies the fact, early astronomers discovered that the "planet" of Venus is actually two separate planets, the morning star (nicknamed Lucifer) and the evening star. Starting in the mid 1500's the "Deep State", aka Lizard People, began the process of suppressing this "common knowledge", using "brilliant minds" such as Copernicus, Galileo, and Newton to propagate lies created by the Lizard People to better suppress our minds. The lies propagated include that the world is round, that gold cannot be created from lead, Calculus, Earth is not the center of the universe, and that Venus is only one planet. While these facts may offend you initially, when you open your mind you can still be saved and see the light.

The planet hereon referred to as Lucifer, is largely forgotten due to lack of REAL literature and common-core standards preventing REAL teachers from reaching students in developmental years. Lucifer was put into orbit by the Lizard people in 500 BC in order to surveil the Earth. Astronomers of this time saw the irregularities on the surfaces of Lucifer and Venus, thus declared them two separate planets. However, this would compromise the Lizard People's mission, so they set out to utilize lasers in order to smooth the surface of both planets to within 1% of round.



Propaganda image of "Venus", spread by NASA

Early space missions with the Soviet Union were in the late 1940's which concerned the Lizard People that we may soon discover the lies they have been propagating, so on June 14th, 1947, they approached Earth and touched down in Roswell, New Mexico. The Lizard People were greeted by a litany of US agents where they worked out an agreement to benefit both sides. The US was granted access to the data they gathered via Lucifer to ensure US military superiority and the Lizard People received confirmation that their deepest secrets are secure in addition to being brought into politics through Richard Nixon.

Why Venus/Lucifer?

Venus/Lucifer is the second closest planet to the sun, allowing for adequate power to support the infrastructure they have installed on Lucifer. They wanted a planet in our solar system in order to keep tabs on the Earth's civilization as we are currently the biggest threat to their way of life.

What are they able to gather?

Lucifer is equipped with telescopes significantly stronger than what we have available and are able to view the Earth's surface clearly while recording and transmitting back to Earth via the High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program located in Gakona, Alaska. Using this information they are able to view the entire surface of the Earth, minus where there is cloud cover. This phenomena is why the Druids only operate on overcast days, but this topic is for a different educational piece.

Why has there been no further contact with the Lizard People?

This is a nuanced topic that I am currently unable to fully answer in this short of a forum, but essentially, between 1947 and now Lizard People have been integrating into society and infiltrating politics at an unsettling rate. The first Lizard in politics was Richard Nixon who was later busted for Watergate using wiretapping programs provided by the Lizard people. Beyond him, notable figures include Mitch McConnell, Hillary Clinton, and the Bush family.