Homecoming Weekend is one of the biggest social and athletic events of the year at Rose. Whether it’s your first visit to Rose, your 37th graduation reunion, or anywhere in between, there is too much to be had and memories to be made. All week, homecoming celebrates the traditions and the deepest spirit that the Fightin’ Engineers have for their school.

The festivities began on Thursday with the grand opening of the Musallam Union Pavilion, the ribbon was cut by the Musallam’s themselves, and now the newest addition to the Rose campus is open for all Students have already been enjoying eating and relaxing in the all glass patio. That is all that is left for the Student body in terms of the excitement to be determined by the students own suggestions.

As the weekend draws closer, more alumni arrived on campus and homecoming kicked into full gear. Students crowded at the pep rally Friday night with the grand opening of the Musallam Union pavilion. The ribbon was cut by the Musallams themselves, and now the newest addition to the Rose campus is open for all. Students have already been enjoying eating and relaxing in the all glass patio. That is all that is left for the Student body in terms of the excitement to be determined by the students’ own suggestions.

Monday, October 1

From the same problem: age. It seems, Byrley began her talk with an explanation provided Byrley not only with statistics and the announcement of homecoming king and queen. Afterwards, hundreds of people made their way to the back lawn to watch a band. The historical Rose bandmates arrived. Though there were no giant explosions this year, the flame still burned bright. Fireworks and sparkles lit up the sky as the Rose Hulman family gathered in orthodontic buildings.

The following morning brought great weather for the Homecoming game and the first day of homecoming events. The Cook Stadium lot was filled with students, alumni and families for Tent City and alumni and families left campus, but the energy for the Rose stadium lot was filled with students, alumni and families for Tent City and alumni and families left campus, but the energy for the Rose

The American public is fed up with the state of their infrastructure. So much so, that Byrley says that working with OBO has been one of the best experiences of her life. Her job also requires doing what we’ve failed to do in the past for our nation’s infrastructure: planning. Along with the general upkeep of US properties, a facilities manager should plan for natural disasters like earthquakes and hurricane. In some countries, the water can be unsafe for consumption or the country in which the property is located could be politically unstable. In those scenerios, what do we need to do in order to drink the water? How can we ensure the safety of our employees should political conflict arise? What if, for example, the US and the host country cut all political relations? Is the embassy prepared to withstand several years with little repair until each nation is ready to negotiate once more? After Senegal, Byrley worked for the US government in several different countries including Belize and Mauritania. In each of those places, she shared with the audience some of her own experiences. In Belize, she lived with a large family of 15 people in a small cottage. In Mauritania, she was invited to a dinner at the US embassy in a village where she worked.

It is not everyday that working with people has always been something she enjoys and that her job with OBO has allowed her to do just that. The US government often hires locals for repairing their own properties. As a facilities manager, Byrley works with those locals, training them to make any needed repairs to property under her care.

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Tens of thousands of protesters took to the streets to continue their organized demonstrations against China’s authoritarian over the autonomous region. As more police infiltrate the protests in plain clothes and handguns, more protesters also carry makeshift shields and metallic weapons. Videos of the protests also depict use of firehoses by the protesters to harass police officers. During the protests, a police officer in riot gear was shot in the leg while he was responding to the clashes by several protesters armed with makeshift weapons like wrenches and metal bars. As the officer fell to the ground and was hit by a rock, another officer charged in with a drawn revolver and fired at the protesters, hitting an 18-year-old protester in his chest. The shot marks the first use of live-action rounds in the several months of Hong Kong protests. The bullet penetrated the protester’s chest and one of his lungs, while narrowly missing his heart and spine. A 14-year-old boy also had his leg broken, according to a local hospital, but provided no information about the shooter, however a police statement noted that a police officer fired a shot in self-defense. The protests have shut down several mall areas and public transport stations. As the protests continue, Hong Kong will continue to feel the impact on its economy due to their reliance on tourism. Neither side shows signs of yielding. Lam’s use of a colonial-era emergency power to prevent protests only displays the Hong Kong government’s refusal to acknowledge or change their police system or compromise the demands of the protesters.
And the Rebelliousness of Youth

Dara Nafiu
Editor-in-Chief

Have you ever felt like your emotions were not taken seriously when you were a teenager? You felt constantly restrained by the rules of your family, school, or neighborhood when all you wanted was to express and explore. Best assured, many teenagers spend years and even decades in such experiences as they grow up.

Placed in Harlem, Xiomara-rate is restricted from many things in the name of God by her devout mother and also endures unwanted attention and objectification from men in the neighborhood, which leads to her exposure to complex feelings such as shame, self-identity, and anger, at a young age. Unaware of her own power, Xiomara begins to show signs of defiance in her own writing during English class, which her teacher notices and invites her to the Poetry Club at school.

Xiomara finds a creative outlet affected her generally in her and speaks to herself in the streets. From each poem, we devoted. We watch as Xiomara unravels her identity and who she truly wants to be.

The Poet X is a novel written in slam poetry by Elizabeth Acevedo that tells the story of a young Dominican girl, Xiomara Batista, who finds herself in such a dilemma and is trying to make sense of it.

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The Dark Knight

D.C Extended Universe

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Through the Fire
The Journey of Kanye West and His Music

Matthew Supp
Staff Writer

Love him or hate him, he is one of the biggest cultural icons of our genera-
tion — Kanye West. Since early child-
hood, it was evident that Kanye adored
music and had a competitive drive to al-
ways be the best. Deciding to combine
these, he made it his goal to be the best
musician in the world. Kanye had a slight
disadvantage compared to his competi-
tion: he was not gifted when it came to
playing instruments. Turning the tables
and using it to his benefit, he took ad-
vantage of new technology and started to
use sampling in his beats. Using this, he
created a type of music now known as
‘Chicano Soul’, gospel-esque tracks sped
up and remixed to get a high pitched sam-
ple. Starting strictly as a producer, he
slowly made more and more connections
within his hometown of Chicago. He be-
gan to make a name for himself as one of
the best up-and-coming producers, but
Kanye had his eyes set on a greater prize.
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With 2,000 people crammed into the
theater, Kanye played two films, fol-
lowed by the presentation of his new mu-
sic. Being as paranoid and image obsessed
as ever, the artist secured the crowd's
phones, ensuring nothing would be
leaked. Promised as a gospel album, re-
ports have been mixed. As always, there
seems to be gospel themes, as well as gos-
pel samples. But contrary to what people
close to Kanye have said, this does appear
to contain the typical Kanye boasts and
features. Kanye’s ninth studio album Jesus
is King already has more fruition than Yee-
dhi (his previous suspected album), espe-
cially considering the release in Detroit.
While only about 2,000 people have lis-
tened to it, there is still hope for some-
thing great.

Some may say it is just a
number, and that may be so, but
rules of three are very applica-
table and can be used to improve
and impress. If anything, I leave you
with some advice I received many years ago:

“...three things you need in life: Something to do, something to
hope for, and someone or something to love.”

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Colin Beach
Lifestyle Editor

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It is a number found
everywhere. It seems
so simple, but deep
there is much more
to it. Last month, mathe-
maticians compiled the list of
“Sums of Three Cubes” for num-
ers one through one hundred
(where x^3 + y^3 + z^3 = n). What
looks to be easily actualized
thousands of hours, if not more,
computer processing and cal-
culating. This discovery got
me thinking, What other
important could a number
deem so basic truly hold?

It turns out, the number
three is imbedded in nature.
The simplest shape you can make, a
triangle, takes three sides.
Space itself is made up of
three dimensions. The printer ink
can combine to make any color
you need. Look around closely
and you can easily find more;
rules of three are throughout all
of history and society too. Ca-
tholism follows the Holy Tri-
osti. Statistics requires a sample
of three for data to become rele-
vant. The United States has
three branches of government.
Three meals in a day, “3,2,1 go.”
The Three Musketeers, Goldi-
locks, the list can go on and on.

The reason we like threes
so much is because of the pat-
tterns they form. Lists become
more memorable when there are
three items: ‘Stop, drop, and
roll’ or ‘Life, liberty, and the
pursuit of happiness’ are clear
eamples. A story also follows
three basic parts — beginning,
middle, and end. In books and
movies expand this idea into a series of three (think
of Star Wars, which will soon have
a trilogy of trilogies). The
same goes with a successful es-
say or thesis statement. We
were all taught the Writing Rule of Three: find three points to
support your claim. Even in
interviews, you should have
three reasons that justify your
answer to a question. In our
brains, something about it just
works.

[Translations: (1) “Everything that comes in threes is perfect.” (2) “Every set of three is complete.”]
Unpopular Opinions

Thom Staff Members Weigh In On Hot Topics

A Foreboding Future

A Discussion About Our Increasingly Consumerist Society

Unpopular Opinions

Aidan Moulder

Opinions Editor

I think it was just last week when I first started writing about our society consuming less and less. Staying at home, I've been doing a lot of reading and researching over the past few weeks in order to get a better understanding of what's going on. I've learned that there are many different aspects to this phenomenon, but one thing that stands out to me is the way in which technology has transformed our daily lives. It seems like every day we are introduced to new gadgets and devices that promise to make our lives easier and more convenient. However, I believe that this trend is leading us down a path of dependency and complacency.

According to a recent study, the average person spends over 5 hours a day using electronic devices. While this may seem like an insignificant amount of time, it adds up over the course of a year. In fact, some experts estimate that the average person spends over 10 years of their life looking at screens. This is a disturbing trend that needs to be addressed.

But what are the implications of this trend? One possibility is that people are becoming less physically active. As we spend more time in front of screens, we are less inclined to engage in physical activities such as exercise or sports. This can have serious consequences for our health, as a sedentary lifestyle is linked to an increased risk of chronic diseases such as obesity, diabetes, and heart disease.

Another concern is that people are becoming less engaged with the world around them. When we spend all of our time looking at screens, we are less likely to interact with others face-to-face. This can lead to social isolation and a sense of disconnection from others. It's also important to consider the impact of technology on our mental health. While social media and streaming services can provide a sense of community and connection, they can also contribute to feelings of loneliness and anxiety.

Finally, I believe that the trend of consuming technology is leading us to a place where we no longer need to think for ourselves. When we are constantly bombarded with information from our devices, we become less able to critically think and make informed decisions. This can have serious consequences, as we are more likely to be swayed by false information and make rash decisions.

In conclusion, I believe that the trend of consuming technology is leading us down a path of dependency and complacency. While there are certainly benefits to technology, we need to be mindful of the negative impacts that it can have on our lives. As we move forward, I hope that we can find a balance between technology and the rest of our lives.
Volleyball

Caleigh Kintner
Sports Editor

Unfortunately, in the last twenty-eight seconds of Saturday’s Homecoming game Franklin College was able to score a touchdown and two-point conversion to win the game with a score of 29-28. Rose-Hulman lead 14-0 after the first quarter. Andrew Dion had a great pair of touchdown passes in the first quarter, connecting with Sturgeon on a 33-yard touchdown, and Zimmerman on a 52-yard touchdown to build up an early lead for the Engineers. Franklin was then able to complete a 36-yard touchdown pass to tie the score 14-14 early in the third quarter. Garrett Wight, a Fighting Engineer, scored two touchdowns in the third quarter. From eleven yards and four yards to give the Engineers a 24-14 lead heading into the fourth quarter. Near the beginning of the fourth quarter Franklin was able to complete six-yard pass for a touchdown narrowing the score to 28-21. That score remained until the last minute of the game where Franklin was able to connect for a seventeen-yard touchdown pass to increase the score to 28-27. Sadly, Franklin went for two-point conversion that was successful. Dion fished with 201 passing yards and two touchdowns to lead the Rose-Hulman offense. Garrett Wight lead the team with 94 rushing yards and two scores. Noah Thomas had a team-high seven receptions and threw a 56-yard pass to Bryce Dobbins. Zimmerman gained a team-high 79 receiving yards. The Fighting Engineer defense recorded six sacks of the day. Tyler Smith led the defense with nine tackles, one sack, one diving interception, and one fumble recovery. Alex Perez added seven tackles, one sack, and two pass breakups. Corey Vincent provided two sacks, while Jalen Gutierrez had a team-high 2.5 tackles-for-loss.

Women’s Golf

Caleigh Kintner
Sports Editor

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Volleyball was able to pick up two wins on the road this weekend. In the first match of the weekend, Rose-Hulman defeated Manchester with a final score of 3-0. Their second road game on Saturday against Eureka ended with a score of 3-2. Rose-Hulman Volleyball stands at 9-12 overall this season and 1-0 in Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference. The team will host Franklin College this Wednesday in Hulbert Arena at 7 PM.
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We've finally reached mid-quarter break! Enjoy those two days off from work to catch up on all the work you've been pushing off. Please send an email with questions, concerns, or content to the Thorn Flipside Editor <thorn.flipside@rose-hulman.edu> Disclamer: The Flipside is purely for fun! Any uncredited work above can be attributed to me, Rithvik Subramanya.

TOP TEN Ways to Immediately Get Rejected By A Company

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“Your body is 72% water and daddy's thirsty.”

Massive Fire Erupts in Middle of Field; Onlookers Shocked

Decent Chick of the Week

Thanks for all of the Dr. Grigg quotes this week! Please be sure to embarrass your favorite (or least favorite) professors by submitting their funny quotes!

Rob Coons Surprises All By Fighting a Bear Live at the Pep Rally

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