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Lifestyle Editor

Homecoming Weekend is one of the biggest class reunions on campus. Whether it’s your first time at Rose, your 50th graduation reunion, or somewhere in-between, there is fun 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. Festivities began on Thurs- day with the grand opening of the Mus- sallam Union pavilion. The ribbon was cut by the Mussallam’s themselves, and now the newest addition to the Rose campus is open for all. Students have already been seen eating and relaxing in the all glass patio. All that is left for the founders in this name, an exciting end to the presentation to be determined by the students’ own sug- gestions.

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Following her presentation, a Q&A session allowed audience members to ask Byrley anything about her job that was not addressed in the presentation. Questions revealed her experiences with the aftermath of a hurricane, while in Mauritania. She was invited to a dinner at the ambassador’s, where she was served with an array of local foods. It is a reminder that Rose is forever a home, and that the friendships you make (new and old) are the greatest tradition homecom- ing can give.

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The Pen is mightier than the sword
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President Donald Trump and his committee with now-ex-national security advisor, John Bolton (far left), meet with Kim Jong Un’s panel at the second nuclear summit in February 2019.

Image courtesy of Daily Mail

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Nuclear Summit Resumes

 Talks with North Korea Break Down

Will Kemp
Rose News Editor

North Korea’s nuclear program has been a very off-off issue for the past several months. DPRK met with the US this past weekend for the first time after negotiations collapsed in February. Last time, days before the September meeting, North Korea had launched two unidentified projectiles into the sea almost immediately after inviting the US for a diplomatic meeting. The ultimate reason for the collapsed negotiation according to Pyongyang was “unreasonable American demands” and indicated North Korea wouldn’t be interested unless a unilateral disarmament was ruled out.

This time with the recent termination of John Bolton, president Trump’s most national security advisor, a “new method” could be sought out according to Kim Jong Un. With his decision, Bolton made it clear that he opposed Trump’s approach to North Korea saying, “What they have to give up to satisfy me is the entire nuclear structure.”

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A City in Tumoloe

Hong Kong Protests Escalate

Jonathan Kawcushi
Staff Writer

This past week has been a turbulent time for Hong Kong protesters as police escalate their tactics. Within the past two weeks, the Hong Kong government has passed a bill banning protesters from wearing face masks at public assemblies to counter the amount of the protests and a protester was shot at point blank by a police officer as heVideo footage of the protests shows a wave of more than a few dozen people can result in up to a year in jail and a fine, however due to privacy and personal safety as police use tear gas and rubber bullets, it seems unlikely that the ban will have the intended effect.More likely, it seems that the move sparked another wave of protests, which are becoming increasingly violent as the demonstrations continue while the protesters also ignoring the face mask ban.

October 1st marked China’s National Day and tens of thousands of protesters took to the streets to continue their organized demonstrations against China’s authority over the semi-autonomous region. As more police infiltrate the protests in plain clothes and handguns, more protesters also carry make-shift shields and metal weapons. Videos of the protests also depict use of firebombs by the protesters to harass police officers. During the protests, a police officer in a taxi was shot multiple times severed and chased by several protesters armed with makeshift weapons like wrenches and metal bars. As the officer fell to the ground and was the sea the side of a vehicle, another officer charged in with a drawer and fired at the protesters, hitting an 18 year old protester in his chest.

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The bullet penetrated the protester’s chest and one of his lungs, while narrowly missing his heart and spine. A 14-year-old boy had also been shot in the leg, according to a local hospital, but provided no information about the shooter, however a police statement noted that a police officer had 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 their 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 protesters only displays the Hong Kong government’s refusal to acknowledge or change their police system or compromise to the demands of the protesters.

*Demonstrators lit fires across Hong Kong on Tuesday during a day of violent protests.

Image courtesy of Sam Tsang

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Joker (2019)

DC is back with another dark addition to the DCEU.

Joaquin Phoenix takes on the role of the Joker in this origin story. Image courtesy of consequenceofsound.net

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Todd Phillips’ Joker was the first DC film in the decade since The Dark Knight trilogy to make me feel.

Over the past several years, the DC Extended Universe showed promise of living up to all the elements of its cohesive story lines. Fans were hoping for and more like a classic at- tempting at mimicking the Marvel Cinematic Universe’s (MCU) place of its own identity. Director Zack Snyder revised 2008’s The Dark Knight during the formative stages of the DCEU.

Unfortunately, in order to create this darker universe, Snyder drained the color from DC’s iconic heroes, both meta- physically and literally. Joker, on the other hand, was authentic and refreshing. The film paid homage in all the right places—Arthur Fleck’s failed comedy career references, nia, and parasomnia.

This harsh realism is cap- tured in one particularly chilling quote: “The funny thing about mental illness is that people ex- pect you to act like you don’t.” Joaquin Phoenix’s Joker falls somewhere between Jack Nicholson’s theatrical flair and Heath Ledger’s pragmatic realism, but is still distinct from both. While Nicholson and Ledger both portray the Joker in their prime, Phoenix depicts the character’s origin, adding an element of vulnerability practically unseen.

The film uncovers often overlooked aspects of the eco- nomic turmoil in the early 80’s: the lack of sanitation, defunded mental health programs, and a society on the edge. Though these elements play a role in Ar- thur Fleck’s transformation into the film’s titular villain, there are a number of personal problems he is faced with.

“...the darkest parts of you can almost understand him.”

As his mother’s health deteriorates, Arthur learns more about his past than he knows how to handle. He is invited to meet his idol, only to be humiliated on national television. His final de- feat of his illness is simultane- ously satisfying and disturbing— you can’t help but identify with him. In fact, the darkest aspects of you can almost understand him.
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
"Chicamoboul", gospel-esque tracks sped
up and remixed to get a high pitched sam-
ding. 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.
He not only wanted to be the best pro-
ducer, he also saw himself becoming a
rapper, and the best one the world had to
offer. As his rap career started, big names
would let him perform just so they could
catch a beat or two; no one took him seri-
ously.

Fast-forward to 2003, Kanye was in
horrible accident. His jaw was wired shut
for months. However, that didn’t stop him
from writing and releasing his debut sin-
gle, "Through The Wire". This alone shot
him to the limelight, and the following year
Kanye released his debut studio al-
bum, The College Dropout. The rest is histo-
ry, album after album, controversy after
controversy, award after award, it seemed
there was no limit to his fame. With one
of the most well-known albums ever, My
Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy, it seems that
there isn’t a person on Earth who doesn’t
know his name. Kanye is known for his things: being famously good at speaking
his mind, and always making good music.
In recent years however, Kanye has
gotten another trademark characteristic of
releasing albums late. His 2016 album,
The Life Of Pablo, was dropped on his web-
site for a few hours before being pulled
back. He later released it exclusively on
the app Tidal, briefly making it the most
downloaded app on the App Store. West
explained that the album would be re-
leased a week later to the general public.
Then last year, Kanye claimed to be drop-
ning an album (his second of 2018) on
Black Friday. November 23rd rolled
around, and no album was dropped, and
none has been since. Finally, on the 27th
of September, fans were excited to hear the
news that Kanye’s newest album would finally be dropping... sort of. Kanye
opened sales for tickets to the Fox Thea-
er in Detroit. Being first come first serve
and only available on TicketMaster, seats
sold out in an instant.

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 minutes than Ya-
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-
ble and can be used to improve
and impress. If anything, I leave
you with some advice I received
many years ago:

"There are three things you need in
life: Something to do, something to
hope for, and someone or something
to love."
A Foreboding Future

A Discussion About Our Increasingly Consumerist Society

Aidan Moulder

I think it was just last week when I first read about our society consuming games in the same way we consume food. This was simple enough to say since then. I've compared the past gaming experience to the one I had. I've looked through my mountain of backlog of unplayed and unfinished games. Instead of pick-and-choose, I started a game I've played countless times: Half-Life 2. Most people that I know agree with me when I say it is the best game of 2004, and still one of the best games ever made, even after 15 years. Now, I'm playing through the 15-year-old relic of the past still be a blast to play any more time than it was before. The answer is simple: mobile gaming. Mobile games become powerful enough to play games on, companies have decided to make mobile transactions, and the practice seems to have worked wonders.

You will pay well over $300 for something that's actually kind of useless.

As I've played a decent range of mobile games, you typically need to explain more about what has started to bleed into other parts of the game industry. But you also need to explain more about what per second rather than per game. With four weeks in a month, and twelve months in a year, at $37 per game, the cost of downloading games is a bit too much for something that's actually kind of useless. As mobile transactions are under the scanner of legislative inaction, mobile games are one of the most pointless foods there could be. If you've ever been anyplace in the Dust Bowl, it's nothing short of disgusting.

...many countries are enacting legislation to counteract or even outright ban the practice, particularly in Europe.

I am truly sorry for you. Something else did not work for the purpose of coffee. Each day, I know most people drink coffee for the caffeine in it. Coffee is one of the world's most popular, heavily processed foods. Those believers will scoff at its contents, but be not frightened. If a movie can accomplish that, then it is just as valid as any other film.

I completely disagree with this one. Coffee is a good read. Whether it's not black or full of cream, milk, and sugar. The only acceptable reason to have coffee is because it makes coffee, coffee ice cream, or in a coffee-based beverage, like a frappuccino you might pick up at Starbucks.

I'm not from Indiana, and corn on the cob is a particular favorite in my family. When you take an ear of corn, wrap it in foil, throw it on a grill, and then add butter and salt. This is a form of the historical, after corn field corn field after corn field, after corn field, after corn field, after corn field, after corn field, after corn field... Corn on the cob is dumb. This doesn't include all corn, like corn starch, pop corn, anything like that, but corn on the cob in my opinion is the most pointless food there could ever be. If you've ever been anyplace in the Dust Bowl, it's nothing short of disgusting.

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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 Dobb. 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.

The Women’s Golf team had a historic weekend at Hulman Links this weekend as the team broke 300 for the first time in program history. All five Rose-Hulman players ranked in the top five on the first day of the three team competition. Namuuna Nadmid led the day with a career best of 73, with Lauren Conley, also with a career best, with 74. Coverstone and Zhang tied with a score of 76. Rebecca Su finished up the top five for the first with a season best of 78.
1. “I am a freshman.”
2. Tell them you are a BE (RIP)
3. Tell them that you want to be a part of the 2% that does not get a job
4. Tell them your end goal is to have their job
5. Tell them you know where they live
6. “I don’t know, why do you want me?”
7. “I put pineapple on my pizza.”
8. Give them your resume on a post-it note
9. Tell them your GPA (I’m a proud member of the square root club)
10. “What is a fine company like you doing in a place like this?”
11. Give them a hug
12. Dap ‘em
13. Tell them your whole life story, starting from your birth
14. Answer each question with a question (Why do I want to work for you?)
15. Tell them you are only there for the food/swag
16. “I am only here because the line at Eli Lilly is too long.”
17. Use finger quotes when you say the company’s name
18. Give them a Juul
19. Offer to buy them a drink
20. Offer them a free meal at Chauncey’s (Gotta use all those extra meals)
21. Ask them what hotel they are staying at
22. Tell them your room number (Here’s my phone number too, just in case)

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. Disclaimer: The Flipside is purely for fun! Any uncredited work above can be attributed to me, Rithvik Subramanya.

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“To err is human, to check is engineer. Anyone can make mistakes but it takes boldness to find them and fix them.”
- Dr. Clifford Grigg

“I always wanted to take a swing at one of those big guys (Colts when they practiced at Rose) and see what they’d do. I’m still alive, so obviously I never did it.”
- Dr. Kurt Bryan

“If this isn’t tangent to the surface, I’ll go to the bonfire and throw myself in!”
- Dr. Kurt Bryan

“Check graph and the plane isn’t tangent to surface”
- Kurt

“Tell them your whole life story, starting from your birth”
- Dr. Clifford Grigg

“I would like all of you to get jobs, because then you guys have to pay taxes and I’ll have to pay less.”
- Dr. Clifford Grigg

Did you 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/3li3Yb56G4xshqYy1

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!

Massive Fire Erupts in Middle of Field; Onlookers Shocked

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

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

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