A whiteboard from Crapo hall with a crazy amount of dry-erase markers

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Dry-Erase Dilemma

Champions of Magic! performing mind blowing illusions

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Alyssa Russell
Guest Writer

This last Thursday (October 17th), Hatfield Hall held a magic performance that was a night to remember. The performers of Champions of Magic! had a line-up of illusions that were sure to leave the audience members speechless.

Starting off the night was the performer Young & Strange, re-enacting one of their very first tricks, placing a person, specifically Young, into a cardboard box and piercing the box with sharp wooden spears; which Young, miraculously, survived. After playing out how an audience member kept picking out the 5 of clubs out of the deck of cards.

Stunning the crowd with dangerous illusions was Fernando Velasco, in which he performed a daring act – escaping the ‘jaws of death’ while restrained in a straight jacket. And, for his most daring performance, Velasco re-enacted Harry Houdini’s Water Torture Cell performance. He was shackled with handcuffs, suspended upside down, and cuffed at his heels. He managed to escape a cell filled to the brim with water and pop out between a row of audience members.

Amongst the confetti, disappearing acts staged to look like 90’s in Las Vegas, and the fire and exploding flash bangs, the show was a smashing success and a beautiful night to remember. I’m looking forward to the next incredible performance at Hatfield Hall!
The Pen is mightier than the sword

Tuesdays 5:00p O259.
Due to bombings by Turks against invading Turks may continue to operate within Syria, resulting in severe military consequences for the US and Turkish military.

Only three days after Trump's announcement, Turkey's President Erdogan launched a military operation against all Kurdish forces (Kurds are an ethnic group that live throughout Iraq, Turkey, and Syria) in northeastern Syria under the pretext of eliminating Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK), which is a Turkish terrorist group that primarily operates outside of Turkey and Iraq. However, Turkey also includes other Kurdish factions like the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), a Kurdish military group that operates throughout Syria. As part of the PKK, despite many of them working alongside Syria for the past several years.

In regards to US involvement in Syria, Turkey's announcement, President Donald Trump orders the largest troop withdrawal from Syria, further stoking unrest in the region. The massive troop mobilization is expected to be costly and dangerous. The top commander of the SDF, General Mazloum Abdi, told NPR that while his troops are committed to a temporary pause enforcing the cease-fire, they would fully evacuate their forces if they’re given the go-ahead to fully evacuate his forces along hundreds of miles of the Syrian border away from the highly contested 20-mile wide zone. During their discussion, the SDF had only agreed to withdraw its forces from a few specific points. Not only that, but the SDF has asked for a corridor in

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As Erdogan ignored the messages and continued operating in northern Syria, Trump further responded by ending a $100 billion trade deal and imposing economic sanctions like a 50% tariff on Turkish steel.

Domestically, the withdraw- al lacks support from both sides.
Is Democracy Dying?  
The Road to Unfreedom: A Review

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A Digital Artist at Rose-Hulman

Attending Rose-Hulman as a freshman is one thing, but attending Rose-Hulman as a freshman and a passionate digital artist is another story. Now, my life as an artist might not be as interesting as being an engineer, but it sure is a passion I've kept alive for four years now. My drawing career began around seven years ago, and when it started I wasn't sure what kind of artist I wanted to be. My first year in high school led me to dabble in two digital art courses that the online public school offered. Because my school was over the computer for unusually long periods of time, I had to do it on paper. And even though I'm not practicing as much as I would like, I'm finding ways in between my free hours and studies to continue to observe interesting objects around me and attempt to recreate what I see as an image within my mind. Being an artist and continuing to create doesn't always mean I have to do it on paper. And even though I'm not practicing as much as I would like, I'm finding ways in between my free hours and homework to continue to sketch and play with colors. Sometimes, just being away from doing something that you love makes the passion you hold for it stronger and allows you to continue with more fire and motivation than ever before.

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When you have been swimming for as long as I have (10+ years), you are guaranteed to be a part of so many different teams. In that time, you discover what makes you good and, more importantly, what does not.

Just to clarify, I am not mad at anyone. Rather I am noticing that some type of change needs to happen. The Rose-Hulman Swim and Dive Team is not well known compared to other sports teams, and few people know what goes on in and out of the pool. We practice six out of seven days, have a meet every week or so, and do so for five months of the school year. We all work hard, but sometimes it doesn’t feel like it pays off. The events I should love to help feel nonexistent. I don’t always feel the same excitement in races that I used to. It may be that college swimming is radically different than high school or club, or that we have to swim for so much of our lives that we are getting tired out. Maybe, or maybe it’s me.

The best practice comes from variety, working different strokes and techniques. But at current practices, sometimes it is the same stuff every week. The distances or intervals may change, but in the end it all feels the same. Some of us are losing our motivation to work hard consistently. I came from a background heavily focused on technique and drills, and have at Rose-Hulman I have seen practices that seem to have no effect on helping us improve. Even with a team of just three, it remains geared towards the whole with little individual attention. It has slowly improved this past year, but still more should be done.

As I sat at the meet this weekend, I could only wonder what was going wrong. Many teammates are beginning to get injuries or have old ones come back even worse. What used to be a team of fifty swimmers and divers has seen a drastic reduction in numbers. Partly because of not enough incoming freshman, but also from multiple people dropping out that can no longer stand what practices have become. We have just one senior male swimmer, our facilities could use a few improvements, we must pay for our own required team at- tendance, and we help each other get through it. What it will take now is to create an environment that encourages people to join our Rose family, to keep swimming and diving, to inspire as both athletes and students. I would hate to see the sport I love held back, and I hate to see it happen to others as well. However, it’s going to take more than just us to see the changes we hope for.

Dulal Bora
Editor-in-Chief

I came into my apartment and saw my roommate in tears as she watched Survivor. She is a big fan of Survivor and began to watch the rest of the episodes with her. Surviving R. Kelly is a reality about people who worked with some anonymous and some known, who were there to speak out about their personal experience of abuse from the artist, which then was charged with child pornograph- phy and that led to many in- vestigations into him and his career. Later, he was accused of many cases of abuse, pedophilia, and sexual harassment. In Survivor, R. Kelly’s each episode shows interviews of survivors— including his ex-wife, Andrea— from a specific abusive time with R. Kelly and how he sex- ually, mentally, and physically abused them.

What was very interesting to me was the multiple clips of him walking into court and the hundreds of people, especially young women, who were standing outside with signs that say things like "R. Kelly is innocent" and were also trying to talk to him and tell him that he has their support and love. What R. Kelly has done has hurt these girls seem to be under his control, and that is why they love his music. This brought up the question of how much can we separately entertain our affection for the artists’ art from the artists themselves? This question can be examined from two different perspectives. From one side we can see the art of the artists as part of their job and they are, sort of, obliged to produce their work. Secondly, we can acknowledge that the art is a physical part of the artist, it is where they outlet their feelings and thoughts, and where they can flourish. Either way, there will always be a con- nection between the artists and what they produce. However, there seems to be many people who could not believe the empir- ical evidence against R. Kelly and the fact that he has been convicted by the court.

The campaign flourished and it’s going to take more than just us to see the changes we hope for.

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Separating Art From Artist

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Should we stop giving controversial artists our support?

Distracting ambition and use their platform to do as they please, especially in cases like the influential R. Kelly. However, this separation can get very hard to do, sometimes because we realize that humans make mistakes and nobody is immune to that. However, where can we draw the line to separate the art from the artist and take action when needed?
The Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology women’s golf team relied on four all-conference performances to dominate the field and claim its first Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference championship this weekend at Bluffton Golf Course. Rose-Hulman earned its first conference championship after six consecutive second-place league finishes.

Four Rose-Hulman players finished in the HCAC championship top five as the Fightin’ Engineers won by 39 total strokes. Rose-Hulman won the team title with a score of 660, easily outdistancing Transylvania in second (699) and Manchester in third (706) in the nine-team event. Namuunaa Nadmid won the HCAC individual championship with rounds of 78 and 81.

Nadmid earned all-HCAC honors for the second consecutive year after placing fifth in the 2018 HCAC championship. Lauren Conley finished in a tie for second place with rounds of 74 and 90. Conley is a two-time all-HCAC performer with finishes of second in 2019 and eighth in 2017. Rachel Zhang earned a fourth-place finish after two rounds of 84. Zhang earned her second career all-HCAC honor after placing third last season. Caitlin Coverstone also placed in the top five with rounds of 81 and 88. Coverstone captured her third career all-HCAC award, after finishing tied for first in 2017 and fourth in 2018. Rebecca Su added a top 20 finish for the Fightin’ Engineers with scores of 89 and 90 for 17th place. The tournament was played in extremely windy and challenging conditions at Bluffton Golf Course.

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Women’s Golf
Captured First HCAC Title in Program History

Caleigh Kintner
Sports Editor

Matchup of Unbeaten HCAC Teams

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Nationally ranked Transylvania University seized the win in a matchup of the last two unbeaten teams in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference volleyball standings, earning a 25-19, 25-18, 25-18 win over Rose-Hulman on Saturday afternoon.

Elizabeth Canon had seven kills, and Riley Woodruff recorded six to lead the Rose-Hulman offense. Katie Orbeta had 16 assists, while Eryn Castaneda contributed 11. Katryna Dahlberg had 14 digs, and Maria Bruner had a team-high three blocks. Gabrielle Gilbertson led the Engineers with two service aces.

Rose-Hulman had its overall seven-game winning streak broken and stands 12-13 overall and 4-1 in HCAC play. The Engineers travel to Mount St. Joseph on Wednesday night.

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"I don't want to be popular. I want to be unknown and hated - feared!"
- Dr. Amir Danesh

Student: “Good morning and welcome to week 5. What are you going to do this week to add value to your community?”
Dr. Amir Danesh: “That's a stupid question.”

Student 1: "Yo dog! Do you have that lit data, dog?"
Student 2: "Yeah I have that lit data, dog! You wanna see it dog?"
Dr. Amir Danesh: “Can I see your data, dog?"

"You know it's a good day when your instructor's threatening violence at you."
- Dr. Kyle Claussen

"Wait until you see the virgin sacrifice!"
- Dr. David Chapman

"I've got 99 problems, and Maple is 98 of them."
- Dr. Manda Riehl

"It's a good thing these markers are non-toxic; they're giving off a lot of fumes up here. I'm so wasted."
- Dr. David Chapman

"I'm not giving you a high five! That's discrimination."
- Dr. Manda Riehl

"I know you were all distracted by the gift bomb so please download the m file now."

"IS THAT WHAT THAT DOES?! IT BACK-SPACES FORWARD!?"
- Dr. Jody Jensen

"Minutes of work by looking up how to remove yourself from the bounce or just mute the thread. In order to remove this terrible amount of work that students have to do to save themselves a few notifications, EIT has implemented an artificial intelligence system that will automatically remove you from the associated list by updating your standing at the school!"

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Now the worst disaster since the 2020 water tower explosion.

"Can I see your data...dog?"
- Dr. Amir Danesh

"...That's a stupid question."
- Dr. Kurt Bryan

"Lousy string! Lousy string with a capital L."
- Dr. Kurt Bryan

"I like how none of them are like 'I hate genocide.' It's just Chemistry, damn that Chemistry."
- Dr. Jody Jensen

"The one thing we want to hear from our bright and emerging engineers: reading is hard."
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