A Follow Up to Last Weeks “Dry-Erase Dilemma”

Aidan Moulder
Opinions Editor

In last week’s issue, I published some thoughts from a Math Department professor regarding dry erase markers. Shortly after submitting that article to the page editor, I received more input from another professor, Dr. Butske. He expressed similar sentiments to Dr. Leader, and he made it very clear to me that he much prefers chalk over dry erase markers, going so far as to say that the markers are a “terrible scam.” Dr. Butske mentioned that the best markers last “at most two days before they are shot”, and also that some brand new markers do not work, similar to what Dr. Leader told me last week. Dr. Butske also mentioned that he prefers Expo markers, especially with bullet points, over markers under the Integra brand, which he claims “last for at most fifteen minutes before the point breaks.” Despite his preference for particular markers, he has found that the performance of even supposedly good markers is still quite spotty. A great point that the professor had was the shelf life of markers going bad. Dr. Butske stated that, if it were up to him, he would replace all the whiteboards with chalkboards, and boot some sort of engineering contest to create a solution for recycling all the unused chalk. I did a little bit of research myself, and depending on what material the chalk is made out of, it can apparently be used to reduce the acidity of soil for agricultural purposes, and I’m sure that this could be used to create even more blackboard chalk. There are numerous options for chalk recycling that could be considered if Rose made the switch to good old calcium carbonate. Out of curiosity, I conducted a quick search on Amazon, and I found that a 12 pack of plain white, Crayola brand chalk is $2.49 regularly, while a 12 pack of fine point Expo brand dry-erase markers is $5.99. For as long as these markers seem to last, that is a really steep price. Even if I look for colored chalk, the total price is still less than a fifth of what I would pay for the equivalent amount of colored markers. Basically, without considering the cost of replacing whiteboards with chalkboards, switching to chalk would save the Institute a sizable amount of money.

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It is unfortunate that this is such a huge issue at this school, and even more so since it often disrupts the flow of classes and can be annoying for professors. However, despite the many advantages of chalk as compared to markers, the forward march of progress will more than likely lead to some sort of electronic solution which will solve all of the Math Department’s dry-erase woes. Whether this will take the form of a smart projector or a high tech “interactive whiteboard” from a tech giant like Samsung remains to be seen, but I am willing to say that dry erase markers, as well as chalk, are not long for this world.

On the chalkboard side of things, there is no need to worry about chalk drying out, and a stick of chalk can be used almost completely before being thrown away, cutting down on the waste created by markers going bad. Dr. Butske mentioned that, two days before they are shot, markers do not work, similar to dry erase markers. Dr. Butske also said that if they were up to him, he would replace all the whiteboards with chalkboards, and boot some sort of engineering contest to create a solution for recycling all the unused chalk. I did a little bit of research myself, and depending on what material the chalk is made out of, it can apparently be used to reduce the acidity of soil for agricultural purposes, and I’m sure that this could be used to create even more blackboard chalk. There are numerous options for chalk recycling that could be considered if Rose made the switch to good old calcium carbonate.

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Tattooing is by no means a new practice. With many ancient evidence of body art dating back as early as 3500 BCE, tattoos have been used as everything from tribal markers to religious rituals. German tattooist Martin Hildebrandt introduced America to tattoos by offering his services to U.S. soldiers in 1846. The practice became extremely popular within the military and eventually spread to the general public. Though tattoos were once regarded as emblems of fashion and class, as with many popular crazes, public opinion eventually soured. By the mid-20th century, tattoos were painted into caricatures of rebellious youth and cartoon villains. Even today, social stigmas surrounding tattoos are just as ubiquitous as body art itself. As a result, these social considerations are a crucial part of any discussion of tattoo regulation.

What began as a thorn and mallet-tapping technique perfected by the early inhabitants of the Asian continent has become a precise subdermal procedure. After the tattooist has perfomed the mallette puncturing technique, he or she uses a high temperature tattoo pen to puncture the epidermis, causing the tattoo to disperse into the dermal layer beneath. With time, the damaged epidermal tissue falls away and the ink remains trapped in the upper dermis. As the skin heals, the tattoo is overlaid by a transparent layer of new epidermal cells. It is important to note that if the pen is pushed too deep, it could breach the subcutaneous layer of the skin, inflicting pain and potential infection on the client. On the other hand, a shallow injection may only stain the epidermis, causing the tattoo to disappear quickly with shedding of the skin.

While many at a process that can so easily go wrong, still others pose a particularly unsettling question: what is in the ink? In fact, recent studies on tattoo ink and their contents are beginning to raise important safety questions. Typical tattoo inks are suspensions of metal salts, alcohol, water, pigments. However, some tattoo inks have been found to include toxic heavy metals, as well as industrial grade pigments used in printers and car paint. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) (which regulates cosmetic products) revealed in a 2017 editorial that it had received 365 adverse event reports related to tattoos since 2014. Many of these consumer reports described skin irritation, infection, and allergic reactions. FDA’s Office of Cosmetics and Colors (OCC) advises that these reactions are often the result of both unhygienic conditions and contaminated ink. For this reason, the OCC also warns against the use of do-it-yourself tattoo kits, since living environments are even harder to properly sanitize than tattoo parlors. This is particularly evident in prisons, where inmates often share tattoo equipment, including ink and needles. A handful of studies, including a recent article in the Harm Reduction Journal, highlighted this lack of tattoo sanitation as a leading cause of the prevalence of Hepatitis C in prison populations.

Further compounding these concerns, an FDA Safety Advisory issued this May warned that several widely distributed tattoo inks were found to be contaminated by microorganisms. The advisory identifies three ink retailers who voluntarily recalled their products after failed inspections: Scalp Aesthetics, Dynamic Color Inc., Color Art Inc. Consequent microbiological analysis found 8 tattoo inks contaminated with bacteria harmful to human health. The symptoms consumers reported were notably similar to those referenced above, including skin lesions and permanent scarring. It is interesting to note that the microbiological analysis used above is one of many novel techniques FDA is employing in an attempt to elucidate the effects of tattoos.

In their editorial, FDA states in no unclear terms that “it has not approved any pigments for tattooing, but is considering the issue.” So how are tattoos regulated? Currently, each state is tasked with legislating the body art practices of its residents. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), all states (with the exception of Nevada) restrict tattooing in some way. Indiana’s state law, for example, requires that minors receiving tattoos provide written permission from the legal guardian accompanying them ($15 42-2-7). Other Indiana statutes range from basic (§16 35-47-1) to oddly targeted (Section 1 IC 25-1-7). Other Indi ana statutes range from basic (§16 35-47-1) to oddly targeted (Section 1 IC 25-1-10) and specifically prohibits eye tattoos. Perhaps even more mystifying, some states (like Iowa) prohibit tattooing minors unless they are married, and still others mandate that all tattoo artists be licensed medical professionals.

The seemingly random and hazardous nature of some of these statutes speaks to how difficult it is for legislators to stay ahead of an issue with only budding research.
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Amazing Dinoworld
I Started Drinking 1.5L of Water Every Morning

And You Should Too!

Lujana Fatta
Guest Writer

Think about what sleep is. Sleep is the action of no action and the enemy of hydration and nutrition. I mean, if you think about it, we are depriving ourselves of food and water for anywhere between 6-8 hours on average (or 0-3 hours if you’re a hardworking Rose student). Waking up and going straight to the salt and sugar-full average breakfast is only going to make you more dehydrated. What’s worse is going straight for coffee. Come on, what are you thinking? Coffee is a diuretic!

I started my routine just because I wanted to drink more water before I workout in the morning. I looked it up later, and apparently it’s a thing! They call it water therapy, and it supposedly makes you more energetic, improves your metabolism, and clears up your skin. I had been doing it for 2 weeks before actually looking it up, and I can say from experience that I have noticed that I do feel more energetic (I danced all day this past Wednesday to “Gettin’ Jiggy Wit It” by Will Smith on repeat). I have also lost eight pounds in the past two weeks with the help of working out, and my face doesn’t look like a warzone anymore (with the help of my all-natural skincare routine, too… stay tuned for a piece on that later).

However, you need to work your way up to 1.5 liters, not just jump up there. It took me a whole week to expand my stomach just to be able to handle that much water at one go. And don’t just chug the whole thing at once, drink it gulp by gulp while taking breaks in between to breathe. We don’t want you to perforate your esophagus here. These are all great outcomes, but there is a catch. You need to make sure you’re consuming enough sodium. If your sodium levels go down, you’ll start feeling dizzy and/or nauseous. If you are not sure if you have consumed enough sodium, just go into the bone and take a bite from any stew-like substance they’re serving that day. A good idea would be to add electrolytes supplements to your water, especially if you work out. And don’t forget, drinking 1.5 liters of water in the morning doesn’t mean you should stop drinking water throughout the day. I try to drink over five liters every day! Find how much you can handle, and you’ll quickly feel so much better.

Claim: You will take the smoothest morning poops if you start doing this!

It’s Tailgate Time!

Two Delicious Dips to Feed a Crowd

Collin Beach
Lifestyle Editor

Buffalo Chicken Dip

Ingredients
2 blocks (two 8oz packages) softened cream cheese
1 cup ranch dressing
¾ cup Frank’s Red Hot sauce
1 lb of shredded cooked chicken breast
Shredded cheddar cheese (optional)

Instructions
1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Spray a 9”x13” glass baking pan with nonstick cooking spray.
3. Combine the softened cream cheese, ranch dressing, hot sauce, and shredded chicken into a bowl. Mix thoroughly until incorporated and cream cheese is no longer in large clumps.
4. Spread the mixture evenly in the glass pan and bake uncovered in the oven for 20 minutes.
5. Remove pan and top with shredded cheddar cheese (how much is up to you).
6. Bake for an additional 15 minutes or until dip begins to bubble.

[Best served with Fritos Scoops]

Velveeta Sausage Dip

Ingredients
1 lb of hot sausage, ground
1 lb of mild sausage, ground
2 lbs of Velveeta cheese
1 12oz can of evaporated milk
1 cup mild chunky salsa

Instructions
1. Place a slow cooker liner inside a Crock-Pot.
2. Brown both types of sausage thoroughly in one pan.
3. Place cooked sausage on a large plate and degrease by patting it down with paper towels.
4. Cut the Velveeta into small cubes.
5. Place all ingredients in the Crock-Pot and set it to low heat.
6. Stir every 15 minutes, serving once all Velveeta is melted and dip is incorporated.

[Best served with Tostitos Scoops]

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We’re All In This Together

Why High School Musical is more important than you thought

Caleigh Kintner
Sports Editor

If you were born around the turn of the century, you have to have watched High School Musical at least once. If you haven’t, I beg you to stop and go watch it, you’ll have the time of your life. And do please reach your potential that was never seen in the Lemonade Poncho. I am continuously proud of the Athletic Department. However, I do have some statements. I would also not retract any of my previous statements. I am a writer. And though I have expressed my opinion this way, it is for more than my self. There are others (some here long before I was) who share my heart because once you are a Wildcat, you are always a Wildcat. I watch the scene where Troy steps back of the auditorium to audition. I know they’re the wild, the reckless, the ones who take the lead for a little while and are great. Gabriella was a great female role model for children. She showed that it was cool to like science (like Rose Hathman student!), but that you can also do a variety of activities through out your high school career. She literal ly wore a lab coat from the decal-ion to singing Breaking Free and looked wonderful. She was the moral compass of the movie and always stood up for what she believed in. We need more Gabriellas in real life.

High School Musical taught us many lessons, with the most important being that we are all in this together. This movie will always hold a special place in my heart because once you are a Wildcat, you are always a Wildcat! High School Musical, without a doubt, is the greatest movie of our generation.

Jesus is King

A Missed Opportunity

Dalil Raza
Editor-in-Chief
On October 25, 2019 Kanye West dropped his new album, Jesus is King, which is a gospel that follows Kanye’s attraction to writing/producing religious music. Personally, I find it quite interesting to see such an influential figure produce Christian music, especially in such times where many younger generations are diverging from religious be liefs. However, I am not just me, and Kanye West in general is an overrated artist, but I do find some of his songs to be interesting and different from the mainstream.

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Guest Writer
I apologize for any anger or disappointment I have caused within the Athletic Department. However, I do not retract any of my previous statements. I would also like to clarify my opinion and make sure my words do not get misconstrued. I have the utmost respect for the team, the coaching staff, and the Athletic Department. I am continuously proud of what we accomplish. I am simply commenting on the overall state of the program as I see it. As I said before, things have been improving enough to scare anyone. Yes, there are times where we can put in more effort, not just go through the motions, and not give up when it gets rough. But when issues that are beyond your reach persist, you begin to wonder. Is there something else going on?

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Rose-Hulman Basketball

Defeating the Undefeated

Caleigh Kintner
Sports Editor

Rose-Hulman Institute Technology football brought a lot of effort to knock off previously undefeated Mount St. Joseph on a rainy and windy Saturday afternoon at home. The final score was 29-16. Noah Thomas had a team-high 193 all-purpose yards and eight receptions for 123 yards to lead the Rose-Hulman defense. For the third straight week Garrett Wright crossed the 100-yard rushing mark with 113 yards and one score. Andrew Dion completed the game with 13/23 through the air for 200 yards and two touchdowns. Jake Zimmerman added two receptions for 65 yards, including a 48-yard catch to score in the second quarter.

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The Fighting Engineer defense held one of the nation’s most accomplished teams to just one touchdown. The defense held the Mount St. Joseph to 212 total yards, forced two turnovers, and collected six sacks on the day.

Michael Stevens helped the defense with ten tackles, one sack, and one interception. Andrew Hesse has eight tackles, and Alex Perez contributed nine stops. Zach Phillips and Chaikou Sow both added six tackles each.

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Halloween: More like Satan-Worship-ween

Halloween, coming up this week, is a national holiday in the United States. Americans spent about $9 billion on Halloween in 2018, and it’s only expected to get more celebrated this year. But is Halloween really a “holiday?”

The word “holiday” means “holy day.” However, Halloween is anything but holy. Halloween comes from the root word “hallow,” meaning “holy, consecrated, and set apart for service.” But whose service is it? The answer is clear: Lucifer’s!

During Halloween, demons are assigned to those who participate in the rituals and festivities. These demons are drawn to the pagans who open their doors, and hearts, to the devil. For example, most candy sold during the Halloween season have been dedicated and prayed over by Satanic followers and witches.

Another Satanic ritual that we have all fallen into are bonfires. Gathering around bonfires is a common practice in pagan worship. Unfortunately, many places have scheduled their bonfires in the fall, when demons abound and Satan is everywhere. Attending a bonfire in the fall opens your heart and the fate of your eternal soul to Satan.

Decorating buildings with Halloween scenes, dressing up in demonic costumes, going door to door begging for candy, and standing around bonfires are all acts that demons, servants of Satan have long participated in. Another Satanic ritual that we have all fallen into are orgies with demons. GATHERING AROUND ORGIES IS A COMMON PRACTICE IN SATANIC RITUALS.

These occult and demonic activities are only the commonly seen activities. Meanwhile, witches and those who consort with demons do many more dangerous activities elsewhere, hidden from the public eye. These activities include:

- Sex with demons
- Orgies with demons
- Animal and human sacrifices to demons
- Sacrificing babies to demons to shed innocent blood
- Conjuring demons
- Casting spells
- Release of curses against the innocent and ignorant.

Be sure to be on the lookout for servants of Satan. Do not participate in the pagan rituals. Do not let Satan into your life, and control over your soul.

Did your prof say something hilarious or just great out of context? Did you hear something amusing on your jaunt about the text? Did you hear something amusing on your jaunt about the text? Did you hear something amusing on your jaunt about the text?

Professors: “Are you going to the party for Dr.”

Dr. Amir Danesh: “Absolutely not.”

Professor: “What do you think about Germans, by and large they drink beer and run around in lederhosen and eat sauerkraut?”

Dr. Tom James: “I could juggle chainsaws in second period and some people would still fall asleep.”

Dr. Michael Wollowski: “Don’t blame me! Blame God! Or whoever invented Physics!”

Don’t quote me on that.”

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Dr. Amir Danesh: “I wish for my peers, old together with young, to rise to the level of understanding of irony.”

Dr. Michael Wollowski: “I simply do not follow you. Your sentence count is growing, yet I refuse to use the letter. If this deed seemed to me to be too difficult, then you wouldn’t see me rising to it, recognizing it, destroying it. Words continue to not be enough to justify the proportion of which I despise the thing, I refuse to uphold the presumption of its influence.

For some, it is too difficult to discern the futile use of such letters. Why, oh why must I comply with society’s conventions? I do not see the purpose of it. Is it too much to question the success of the world if we didn’t use the first letter of our terminology? I simply do not follow. I wish for my peers, old together with young, to rise to the level of understanding of irony.

Shitty ass 2011 memes

The entire Bee movie script… Twice

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