The Walking Statues of Rapa Nui

How to Move 5 Tons of Statue with 3 Ropes

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Entertainment Editor

About 2,000 miles off the coast of Chile lies Rapa Nui, home to approximately 1,000 people, most of whom are descendants of Polynesians who settled the island long before Europeans arrived in 1722. More commonly known as Easter Island, this dot in the middle of the Southern Pacific has been a mystery— the Easter Island statues.

Although commonly thought to be just heads, these statues are full human figures with arms, feet, and sometimes a hat. Thousands of them are scattered across the island. Some stand on platforms called ahu near the shore, their faces towards the island. Others fell in fields and along roads, and still others remain in centuries-scarred old quarries, never quite finished. These statues, according to current research, provided a way for the islanders to scatter them all over the island with precision. Their data showed overwhelming evidence to explain how they were transported.

Dr. Hunt’s research reveals how these multi-ton statues made it from quarries to platforms.

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Dr. Hunt researches how these multi-ton statues made it from quarries to platforms. How to move 5 tons of statue with 3 ropes?

1. First, it seemed in agreement with the theories that suggested that these modifications were done once the Moai were transported to the platforms. This idea was not supported by Hunt and his team.

2. Hunt and his team found that they were able to move the statue up and down inclines, and turn the statue with ease, since gravity did much of the work. We shift our center of gravity forward, shifting one “foot” in the other direction, and the foot landed on the ground. In this way, the statues were able to move in a vertical position.

3. Once the wobbling motion was initiated, they did not have enough evidence to explain how they were transported as a vertical position. Still, there was pressure from the editor of their book, Te statues of Rapa Nui, that if they said that if they were going to write a book about walking statues, they had better explain how they walked. What’s more, National Geographic offered them a deal to film a documentary about the statues. Hunt and his team determined in which direction Moai were transported. They discovered that Moai being transported downhill were found lying on their faces while those that were being transported uphill fell on their backs, more evidence against a horizontal transport theory.

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In his lecture last Wednesday (October 31), however, Dr. Hunt explained that damaged the statues. They focused on features like location, weight, size, and shape rather than explaining how the islanders were able to transport them without the complex machinery we have today. One day, however, his colleague brought to his attention a satellite image, revealing an old road leading from a Moai quarry and along which lay a fallen statue. They took more satellite images and mapped roads similar to the quarry road in the first map. This map was compared to the location of Moai on the island, Hunt and his team found that they were able to move the statue up and down inclines, and turn the statue with ease, since gravity did much of the work. We shift our center of gravity forward, shifting one “foot” in the other direction, and the foot landed on the ground. In this way, the statues were able to move in a vertical position.

Their research was published in Science on May 10, 2019. Since then, Hunt and his team have continued to study the statues, publishing more papers on the topic. In 2021, they published a book titled “The Statues that Walked: The Story of How Easter Island’s Moai Were Moved.”
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The two last weeks has been a two marathonous time period for one reason: Brexit. Ever since the June 2016 referendum, the United Kingdom’s politics has been shaped by their agreement or disagreement with leaving the European Union. Currently the major party in the British parliament, the Conservative Party, mostly supports leaving the EU. The rest of the parties in UK parliament vary in their support with most of the minority parties against leaving the EU. The prime minister of the United Kingdom Boris John son was also a major member of the original leave campaign that pushed for Brexit. However, on 29th of October 2019 when the prime minister was Theresa May the Conservative Party lost seats during a snap election, which forced the party to enter a coalition with the DUP to keep a majority. The snap election was originally started by Theresa May to give the conservatives enough seats to make passing the agreements between the UK and the EU more likely, since there are few other parties who would vote for the conservative party version of the EU agreement. For the United Kingdom and EU to pass for leaving the EU, 120 MPs of the 650 MPs with a vote must support the deal. Since the snap election was held November 6th before the deal a deal she agreed to with the DUP to keep a majority failed all three times. Since then, the EU and Boris Johnson has taken ever, with a goal to pass a deal before the new extended due date of October 31, 2019. However, Boris has essentially failed in this endgame.

Since Boris Johnson has become Prime Minister in July 2019, he has created a new revised agreement with the EU. The new agreement major revisions from the old agree ment. However, the UK wants the trade at the border the two regions to remain as unrestricted as possible. The current situation surrounding The Brexit deal means that the UK is likely leaving the single market and customs union of the EU, which would cause goods moving across the border to need to be inspected and possibly have tariffs applied. This has all made the discussion surrounding what the new trade deal for the Irish border will be highly contentious. At first, the EU brought up the use of a backstop for only Northern Ireland. A backstop means the region would stay within the UK single market and customs union for an indefinite amount of time. This was highly controversial within some members of the DUP that forms the coalition, as they heavily disagreed with having Northern Ireland exist under a different trade agreement with the rest of the UK. So in the agreement between Theresa May and the EU, a backstop was created for the entire UK market. This was also controversial as it meant the UK was still a part of the EU single market and had no way to form their own trade talks separate from the rest of the EU. This agreement was so unpopular with the Conservative party that many of May’s ministers resigned in protest, and she was unable to pass the agreement, causing May to herself resign. Now, Boris has created a new agreement with the EU that removes all of the UK from the EU customs union, and instead creates a new regulatory zone in Ireland. This regulatory zone would mean that goods entering Northern Ireland from the rest of the UK would be inspected at the “points of entry”, and any goods at risk of being transported across the border to Ireland would be banned. Goods transported from the rest of the UK to Northern Ireland would be beginning to the regulations of the EU, so that inspection would occur at “points of entry”.

Boris hoped this agreement would be passed within parliament before the October 31st deadline. However, the parliament did not agree to the deal and forced Boris by vote to ask the EU for a three-month extension as support for the revised deal was low, and the opposition to Brexit wanted to stop the possibility of a No-Deal Brexit. In reaction Boris Johnson asked for a vote on Monday, October 28th for a new snap election on December 12th, in the hopes that he can increase the seats of his party to pass the agreement. However, it is unlikely that Boris can gather the 2/3 vote necessary for the snap election to pass, especially since he failed to gather votes for a similar proposal in September. The Labour party wants a guarantee that a No-Deal Brexit won’t occur, and with out the Labour parties support the vote is nearly impossible to pass.

A second option for a new snap election is still possible though, as the other way to create a snap election is through the use of a passing law. A plan for such a law currently exists through the pro-EU Liberal Democrat and Scottish Nationalist Party to have an election on December 9th. However, such a law would need to be passed through all stages in the House of Commons and House of Lords in time, which is unlikely since parliament law requires there to be 21 days in which a law could be amended by MPs during the process, which the Conservative Party doesn’t want, and the December 9th election would mean no time for discussion or agreement is shortened. For these reasons, the Conservative MPs have been against such a way to begin a snap election for the last week. However, this weekend Conservative MPs have started to warm up to such a process, with the prospect of not getting a snap election before Christmas looming. During the October 28th summit, the EU voted in support of an extend until January 31st 2020. This decision may open the door to a snap election through the second process described above. Both sides of the political aisle understand that being behind the December 31st deadline has major consequences for all of Europe.
Aylar Moshur

Opinions Editor

Another high-profile, genre-bending, limit-pushing game has hit the stores, so here I am with another review of one of the latest entries in Call of Duty: Modern Warfare. After spending weeks cutting through the game, I think it’s time over to give my thoughts on this controversial title. Any- thing that I say here will have nothing to do with my own personal PC build, which includes a 4th generation Intel processor, and is still not using my personal PC build, which includes a 4th generation Intel processor. I have also attempted at reading books from a genre I normally don’t enjoy. I generally felt like breathing in some fresh air and taking my mind off of the more traditional genres, which I have been using Goodreads to do its job properly. These are books that do not believe in school, if you consider the straight lines and neat, tidy ideas in the events of the campaign, which I have been using Goodreads to do its job properly. These are books that do not believe in school, if you consider the straight lines and neat, tidy ideas in the events of the campaign, which I have been using Goodreads to do its job properly. These are books that do not believe in school.

Editor-in-Chief

Dalai Bima

We are almost done with 2019, and with that comes a very short notice that this year’s Call of Duty: Modern Warfare was on my short list of what books to read. As I Lay Dying is about a girl who was born into a norman family that does not believe in school, if you consider the straight lines and neat, tidy ideas in the events of the campaign, which I have been using Goodreads to do its job properly. These are books that do not believe in school.

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I found myself relating closely to several of the characters in the game. I was able to see how things a bit more interesting, this is a waste of time. So I felt like I was just going to do the best I could with the situations the game does have some things to say about the real world, and especially about the Syrian Civil War. I mean, as I’ve seen in the news media (and even on online forums), it’s not brave enough to be loud and proud and instead is mostly just loud. I don’t think this is the case, now for the past few years I’ve been waiting for a battle between two forces that I truly believe in and that’s actually happening. I’ll admit, it’s the most detailed multiplayer system I’ve seen in a Call of Duty entry.

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It would have been nice to include some improvements across the board that completely update this Call of Duty from the past couple weeks with the new PC build, so online matches are easier than ever. I would be willing to give it a try, especially on the edges of a high-magnification scope, I was quite pleased with almost everything graphically. In closing, Modern Warfare is able to make up for its story mode’s short comings with a very strong multiplayer experience that I’ll enjoy playing, it’s almost as good as last year’s, more so in terms of what I was looking for. It’s the most detailed multiplayer system I’ve seen in a Call of Duty entry. I would like to single out the weapon customization and revamped gunsmithing, which are both far more enjoyable and personalized experience.

Popular mechanics like Team Deathmatch and Search & Destroy have made a return, and they’ve been joined by the full ballistic-style (but less fun) Ground War mode, as well as the much smaller-scale (and very fun) Gauntlet mode, a two on two mode which rewards individual skill as much as good teamwork and coordination.

What other modes I’ve been ex- posed to so far have been decently enjoy able, but I’ll definitely spend most of my time playing Hardline Team Deathmatch and Gauntlet. Cross-platform is a great new feature, because I can actually very easily play with friends who play on consoles because they don’t have a PC capable of running the game. It also goes PC players like me a competition mode. The game on the other hand is a completely different story. I simply can’t get over how good it is. I can play on max settings and every easily play with friends who play on the other side of the spectrum. It’s the most detailed multiplayer system I’ve seen in a Call of Duty entry. In all honesty, the characters were not as

The Wonders of Branching Out

From My Usual Readings. With the help of my literature class (about the awesome Dr. Taylor for having a wonderful reading list). I have read a couple of contemporary fiction books that I would not have picked up on my own. Despite that there were some books that I was struggling to get through, especially as I lay down by William Faulkner, I appreciated the exposure to a variety of writing styles that will definitely aid in the development of my own. Moreover, I have read a few nonfiction works that were more contemporary works increase. I am not sure why, but previously I have been avoiding reading books that were recently published. This is because I find it hard to be interested infan

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I consider myself to be a devout fan of Kanye West. I love most of his work and commend him as one of the best artists of our generation. On October 25th, he released his ninth album, *Jesus is King*. The cover is simple, a white background and a blue vinyl disc. From the beginning of the hearken, we know how important this album was going to be. This album is going to be more than just the rap world, but the whole world, had not yet thought of gospel rap. Kanye West wanted this album to be a gospel rap album, and he did it. He has created an album with no cursing words and only a handful of non-religious lines, and yet has created a work of art that is a self-proclaimed apologist, finds beautiful.

The second song, “Selah,” is the first time we are introduced to this “gospel rap” that was promised. Kanye’s verses are not long, but they lend themselves very nicely to the beat and the mood of the song overall. There is a bridge in the middle, consisting of light piano and a choir singing hallelujah on repeat, that acts as a nice break from the hard beats of the verses.

The fifth song, “On God,” is my personal favorite. The song opens with a synch piano playing, a quick chord on repeat. We hear an auto tuned Kanye shortly after. His lines are long and they are not that deep or meaningful, but they flow well together. The chorus is frequently sung throughout the song. The beat is simple and really smooth. For me, it is a song that just makes me feel good and it gives me hope. His eighth song, “God’s Country,” is exactly what you’d expect from a gospel album. On this track we hear Kanye use a slightly distorted voice emotionally sing a ballad to his lord and savior. I am in no way, shape or form a religious person but I like the message so far as well. From 00:36 to 02:28, he sounds as if he is pouring everything he has into a verse that tells his view on God and thanks Jesus for giving him his gifts...and it just sounds good.

Without paying any attention to the lyrics on my first run through, this was a song that was kind of slow, but I knew that it was nonetheless a very well produced and well done track.

Overall, I think that this album will get a lot more hate than deserved. A lot of people, fans or otherwise, wanted an album that reminded them of early Kanye: rapping about himself and making a smash hit with every other song. This was not the old Kanye. He did exactly what he set out to do and created a gospel rap album. While many people might not be happy with that, I am because it allowed me to see one of my favorite artists be passionate about making music again. I could tell that he actually took his time in making this album, as opposed to his eighth album, *Ye*, in which he admitted himself the song overall. There is a bridge in the middle, consisting of light piano and the importance of your topic. For large groups, take the time to explain back

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Kanye West and his newest album, *Jesus is King* image courtesy of GQ.com

**Jesus is King Review**

*Lifestyle A Look into Kanye’s Newest Album and Newest Style*

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Opinions

Will how the NCAA maintain a level playing field?

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Over the past week the NCAA approved a bylaw allowing college athletes to profit off of “any commercial items with names, likenesses, or pictures.” The NCAA left it up to each division to create their own rules, where some divisions are operations for the release of information to come to equal pay. Along with the very obvious difference between Divisions I, II, and III athletics, the NCAA now has to account for popularity and in most cases physical ability. Division I athletes absolutely dominate the NCAA’s income.

The NCAA made more than $1 billion in revenue from student athletes during the 2017-18 academic year. According to the NCAA, there are about 460,000 athletes currently enrolled in college. If everyone got paid equally, each student would receive roughly $2,100 per school year. However, every division has its own rules and regulations.

Division I has the most rules and regulations, and most of the teams are the ones that are for-profit. Division II is the middle ground, and Division III is the one that is closest to what the NCAA’s ultimate goal is.

I’m not saying that the NCAA should not change its rules, but the rules they are making are going to be a lot more complicated than what the NCAA has made in the past.

Jonathan Kawauchi
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Disney+ new streaming service, Disney+, debuted in only 11 days and is already a massive success. The company is planning to go by a weekly release basis rather than the traditional binge model of years of established prestige and quality, it’s time to ask if the binge model is coming to an end. After all, if the entertainment juggernaut Disney doesn’t consider it’s time to ask if the binge model is coming to an end. After all, if the entertainment juggernaut Disney doesn’t consider it serious, why do we? Is it just for the sake of creating hype or is it to maximize revenue?

It seems like Disney is trying to keep up with the current trends, but they still have a lot of room for improvement. The company is currently struggling to figure out how to keep viewers engaged and interested in the content.

Disney+ is a streaming service that allows users to watch movies and TV shows on their own schedule. The service has been very popular since its launch, and it has helped Disney+ become one of the most popular streaming services in the world.

One of the biggest advantages of Disney+ is that it allows viewers to watch movies and TV shows on their own schedule. This is in contrast to traditional television, where viewers are forced to watch programs at specific times. Disney+ allows viewers to watch the content whenever they want, which makes it more convenient and accessible.

Another advantage of Disney+ is that it offers a wide variety of content. The service offers a mix of old and new content, including classic Disney films and new original series. This variety helps to keep viewers engaged and interested in the service.

Disney+ is also relatively affordable, costing just $6.99 per month. This makes it an attractive option for viewers who are looking for a low-cost streaming service.

Overall, Disney+ has been a success since its launch. The service is popular among viewers, and it has helped Disney+ to become one of the most popular streaming services in the world.
Soccer

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Sports Editor

The Rose-Hulman Fightin’ Engineers women’s soccer team was able to come away with a 4-0 win over Transylvania on Senior Day. With the win, Rose-Hulman clinches its first outright Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference women’s soccer regular season championship and its first league title since 2009.

Before the start of the match, the team took the time to recognize their six senior athletes. Cora Arnold, Jillian Cafrey, Kristin East, Rhiammon Turner, Maddy Twetten, and Jessica Wells were all honored for their hard work and dedication to the women’s soccer program.

The Engineers got off to a strong start taking the lead in the first minute. Wells was able to get the score after an assist from Elle Vuotto and Sarah Shoemaker to give the Engineers the lead. Wells would add another score in the 16th minute after an assist from East to put the Engineers up 2-0 over the Pioneers. Wells completed the hat trick after a foul in the box led to a score on a penalty kick in the 20th minute. The score would stand 3-0 as the match headed to halftime.

The second half continued to be controlled by the Engineers. Wells was able to add yet another goal to her total after an assist from Vuotto and Sarah Shoemaker to give the Engineers a 4-0 lead. Wells would add another goal in the 16th minute after an assist from East to put the Engineers up 2-0 over the Pioneers. Wells completed the hat trick after a foul in the box led to a score on a penalty kick in the 20th minute. The score would stand 3-0 as the match headed to halftime.

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How To Play Picross

Picross puzzles look like grids of squares with numbers above and to the left. Each number tells you that there is a group of consecutive black squares somewhere in that column or row. For example, a 5 above a column means that somewhere in that column, there is a group of five black squares with no spaces between them. If there is more than one number for a row or column, it means that there are multiple groups of black squares, separated by at least one white square.

In response to concerns by both the four (4) readers and Student Affairs, President Coons announced through My Rose Hulman that he has “Decreed that any measures must be taken to get more content to the news. The Rose Thorn has been going since I’ve become president of this campus, and I won’t let this historic organization fall.” As a result, legions of strikebreakers (7) have appeared by the tent to the news. The Rose Thorn has been going since I’ve become president of this campus, and I won’t let this historic organization fall. In an attempt to get past and submit their “quality” articles to the Thorn. We’ll see if their actions will help save this organization.