Rose Celebrates Diwali

Last Friday, in celebration of Veteran’s Day, Rose-Hulman held its annual Patriotic Concert in Hatfield Hall. With the theme “American Songbook,” various Rose ensembles gathered to sing, play music, and celebrate with American spirit. Comprised almost entirely of students, the Chorus, Concert Band, and Jazz Ensemble gave quite the tireless performance. While firework weren’t approved for use in the SRC, the Diwali fest did feature dance music and female performances from members of SASA, a vocal performance by ISA president Amol Agarwal, and catering from Indianapolis’ Hyderabad House.

The celebration began with an introductory youtube video ramping up Stories of Diwali, a video explaining the mythological origins of Diwali from the perspective of the Hindu epic as Rama overcomes the evil forces of Ravana. Afterwards, ISA President Sangeet Angal sang a heartfelt performance of “O Tannenbaum.”

Next came members of SASA’s male dance group, the Desi Dancing Queriors, performing a Bollywood-inspired dance routine. Finally, SASA’s female dance group, the Actual Desi Dancing Queriors, demonstrating Bollywood-inspired dance, concluded the first half of the performance.

The evening kicked off with a choir and band combination of “Strike Up the Band” that greatly showcased the concert’s theme. The Concert Band continued with a grand medley from the Gershwin brothers (two popular American composers from the 20th century) that featured sections of their best works like “An American in Paris” and “Rhapsody in Blue.” The Jazz Ensemble also played more Gershwin music and another blues style piece, music you could sit back and relax to. As for the Rose Chorus, the group performed the song “Foliette Goost” and showed the emotion with which the song was written. Choir director Michelle Azar also invited the students she teaches at Terre Haute North for a beautiful rendition of “Over the Rainbow” from The Wizard of Oz.

For the grand finale, all groups came together to perform the classic “Theme from New York, New York.” The sounds of Frank Sinatra and lively jazz combined for the perfect close to the evening.

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Is “OK Boomer” the New N-word?

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World News Editor

Millennials have single-handedly killed McDonald’s, sex, trust, Home Depot, and even democracy itself. For the past two decades, Generation Y has been everything from a suspect for disgruntled terrorists to the punchline for tired comedians. Somewhere between Tide pods and back pain, they are an easy target for an older generation that is begrudgingly coming with the mess it has created.

Of course, as the nineties kids push thirty, they are starting to experience the cynicism that comes with age. Unlike the baby boomers before them, however, they aren’t directing it at the younger generations or wistfully longing for a by-gone era. Instead, that cynicism has made them think about the issues of race, gender, violence, freedom, and human rights. Whether you believe it’s an unfortunate byproduct of humanity or a word forged from centuries of generational exasperation, is perfectly encapsulated by “okay, boomer.”

“Okay, boomer” is one of the most offensive words in the English language. Whether you view the phrase as a passing one or a generationally divisive one, it cannot compare to the past or present of the generations that come first or second. But it’s an unfortunate byproduct of humanity itself. For the past two decades, the phrase has created.

The final twist in this viral sensation is that Gen Xers are beginning to refer to their millennial parents as “boomers.” In this way, the generational identifier has transcended age and now represents outdated or close-minded ideas. To next time, whether you’re serving a table full of fifty-somethings or the kids from another recycled joke, just close your eyes and whisper to yourself, “okay, boomer.”

Microsoft Japan Introduces a 4-Day Work Week

Dulal Bima
Editor-in-Chief

Microsoft Japan has seen a 40% increase productivity after experimenting with a 4-day workweek this past summer. This experiment came to Microsoft Japan’s attention after considering ways to ensure an innovative and efficient work environment for its employees, especially when it comes to a flexible work schedule that can be customized to the employee’s lifestyle and needs.

To encourage employees to take a day off and only work four days a week, Microsoft Japan has given those who took Fridays off a special paid leave. What was quite interesting is how other aspects of the work life changed due to the shorter workweek. For instance, Microsoft Japan has seen a 40% increase in productivity and work output. Although this idea of a 4-day workweek has shown to increase productivity and work output, only a few companies have implemented it permanently around the globe. The workplace analyst Dan Shawbel says that the most common workplace perk that employees look for is flexibility, but the traditional understanding of the workplace is now changing.

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Jojo’s Bizarre Adventure (with Hitler!)
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“Well, we still have Nazis, so I guess I still need anti-Nazi satire. Thankfully, the latest director to take on the subject is Taika Waititi, director of the best Thor (Ragnarok) and the best vampire movie (What We Do in the Shadows). And, like the great Mel Brooks before him, he also dressed up as Hitler to make fun of the dictator.”

“This time, though, Hitler is the imaginary friend of ten-year-old Nazi fanatic Jojo (Johannes—aka—K. Jojo (Roman Griffin Davis)—who learns that his mother, Rosa (Scarlett Johansson) is hiding a Jewish girl named Elsa (Thomasin McKenzie) in their attic. Jojo begins to learn that his blind devotion to the Fatherland may have obscured the truth about the war, about Jews, and about his good old buddy, Adolf.

Waititi has a knack for building good films around strange little stories—having done it in his earlier films Boy and The Hunt for the Wilderpeople—and his great performances out of the young actors, bridging the gap between competent leads and believable children, and both Griffin Davis and Archie Yates, playing Jojo’s friend Yorkie, Chloë Coleman (out) and the younger actors with a tight, tight ensemble to help them out, and they are formidable, everyone is pitch perfect.

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Unprofessional Engineering
The Creative and Compelling Pittsburg Podcast

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The Unprofessional Engineering podcast is probably the most hilarious and interesting podcast any aspiring or current engineer could listen to. Hosted by James Hezing and Luke Mihelic, their witty commentary in a light-hearted tone makes each episode a must-listen. Both work as product marketing managers at Autodesk, but they still find the time to share interesting facts about many aspects of engineering that most wouldn’t immediately connect to the engineering world and aspects of their jobs that most wouldn’t immediately connect to engineering.

Some of my favorite episodes come from the “How it’s Made” series. Episode 159 talks about how solar panels are made and how they’ve changed since the invention of the solar cell in 1881. Did you know that the original solar panels aren’t solar anymore? Or that today’s solar panels are so advanced it’s possible for a window to be a functioning solar panel?

The “Great Inventors” series is another gem. They talk about how Thomas Edison’s light bulb was just one of many inventions he created. The show talks about many aspects of engineering that to most would seem boring.

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Scrumdiddlyumptious... both the name and a perfect description of the channel. With videos more or less daily, the chefs of Scrumdiddlyumptious use unique kitchen tactics and recipes that anyone with some expertise could do at home. Cooking is one of my favorite hobbies and I’ve spent my fair share drooling over the videos from this channel. If you ever want to try something new out in the kitchen, this is the perfect place for inspiration.

Linus Tech Tips (from Aidan Moulder, Opinion Editor)

Linus Tech Tips is a great channel for tech news, reviews, experiments, and (above all) tips. I learned basically everything I know about computers and PC building from this channel, but they also talk about current technologies like phones, wearables, and smart home products.

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I think I’ve had enough time to judge me living accommodations here in Percopo, and I’m leaning towards the negative side of things. Don’t get me wrong, compared to Speed, it’s a much more pleasant place of ways. For example, having a bathroom right next to the room that I share with three people instead of 10 is great. I too love having air conditioning, but for the thousands of dollars I’m paying, I’ve not found anything really amazing about this room, and in fact some things are less impressive than in Speed.

Since we have these massive ceilings standing around it, or so, there’s a huge amount of wasted space that could be used for storage or literally almost any other purpose. In order to reclaim some of the floor space, my roommate and I built closets for our belts (which include desks on the bottom) and took some of that vertical space to see the need for such high ceilings, other than to make the rooms feel big, but that they actually are, when in reality the room I had in Speed last year probably has more floor space than a room in Percopo.

The furniture we’re given is completely awful. The desks don’t fit any chairs other than those creepy wooden ones we all have and probably hate. The bed attaches to the wall, which is not amazing. The mattresses are too small and too hard. Having one dresser for two people is convenient. We have fewer shelves than we did last year. The list goes on and on.

Mechanical issues abound this year. Only a few weeks in to this quarter, my suite had to come up with a solution to keep the shower handle from slowly losing to gravity, resulting in increasingly hot water during showers (speaking of which, the water pressure is completely unsatisfactory). Oddly enough the Math and Econ major, as opposed to the engineers, came up with a solution involving some paracord tied in an expert knot. While I’m on the subject of plumbing, one of the showers on my side can get stuck in this weird spot that results in this really loud cracking noise but with no water coming out.

I’m the kind of person that likes to make it comfort in the room when I go to bed. At home, I crank my ceiling fan and it does the job. Here, with my lofted bed, I don’t have anywhere to put a fan, so my next step would be to adjust the thermostat. However, there’s no

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Men’s Soccer

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Unfortunately, Hanover College scored in the final minute of regulation to force extra time, then won a penalty kick shootout over Rose Hulman Institute of Technology to win the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference men’s soccer tournament championship on Saturday.

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Volleyball

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The Rose Hulman Fighting Engineers were defeated by #20 Transylvania in the HCAC Tournament Semifinal Match 25-13, 25-15, 25-17.

Kayla Harding led the Engineers offensively with six amazing kills for the night followed by Riley Woodcroft who totaled four kills.

Katie Orbeta led the team with 12 assists followed by Eryn Castaneda who was able to contribute eight assists of her own to support the Rose Hulman Engineers.

The Engineers defense was led by Katryna Dahlberg recording 21 digs in the match. Orbeta had the teams second highest total with nine digs on the night.

Maia Brouer led the team with three block assists.

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Kayla Harding led the Engineers offensively with six amazing kills for the night followed by Riley Woodcroft who totaled four kills.

Katie Orbeta led the team with 12 assists followed by Eryn Castaneda who was able to contribute eight assists of her own to support the Rose Hulman Engineers.

The Engineers defense was led by Katryna Dahlberg recording 21 digs in the match. Orbeta had the teams second highest total with nine digs on the night.

Maia Brouer led the team with three block assists.

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