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The Automaton
Alumni Speakers Series with Adam Janeria

Alyssa Russell  |  Staff Writer

On Wednesday December 4th, Adam Janeria held a showing of one of his latest film productions: “The Automaton.” The story behind Mr. Janeria’s success in creating “I’m The Villain Films” and his short film is a striking encouragement to all the Rose Hulman students that being an engineer doesn’t mean you can’t follow your dreams. As an alumni to Rose Hulman, Mr. Janeria didn’t ever think that himself as an engineer would become a growing film producer. He was a very bright student, according to Mr. Janeria’s previous professor, who was opening up the presentation. Mr. Janeria was hard-working and persistent and that contributed to his work as an up and coming producer.

Coming out of college, Mr. Janeria had no idea what he wanted to do as a career. Being a mechanical engineer, he discovered that many companies had many different ideas of what his job was supposed to be; none of which Mr. Janeria had any interest in. As a result, he decided to take up being a multi-media specialist, going to various business offering his services to build his reputation. After a few years of trial and error, Mr. Janeria build enough stored money to try and create a film. However, without a support from other sources the production of the film would not be able to reach fruition.

After approximately 5 years of being stagnant, Mr. Janeria decided to act upon one of his fantastical stories and create a short film. Which brings us the story of “The Automaton.”

“The Automaton,” set in the 1880s of South Dakota, the story follows the life of a recently widowed wife and her mother who has a unspecified disease. Coming to move in with a fellow family friend, as it seemed, the wife and mother began their lives in the silent country. After a few days, the wife leaves the house with a fellow family friend arrested the wife on the accusation she was tampering in witchery. In an abrupt end, the woman and she was horrified. Bringing the priest and a few officers with her, the family friend admitted the wife on the accusation she was tampering in witchery. In an abrupt end, the wife continues to converse and explore her husband’s ideas and past. Sitting in the presence of the automaton, she felt such a joy that she hadn’t felt since her husband had past, but during one visit to the shed she was found out by the wife’s family friend and she was horrified. Bringing the priest and a few officers with her, the family friend arrested the wife on the accusation she was tampering in witchery. In an abrupt end, the end scene shows the wife in a psychiatric facility, inferred from her being in a wheelchair and a patient’s dress.

In summary, the story showed the relationship between a wife and a husband’s creation, essentially their child that formed in a bond even beyond time, technology and death. This beautiful film was an interesting look at technology in the past and the ideas of those from the past, present, and future. All in all, this film is a beautiful addition in the world of fantastical short films.

You decide what’s newsworthy.
Tuesdays at 5:00pm in O259

Intervarsity Book Club
Alyssa Russell  |  Staff Writer

Established in 2008, the club discusses a different kind of Christian literature every quarter, one “classic book”, one C. S. Lewis book, and one of the groups choosing. Currently this quarter, the club is discussing Orthodoxy by G. K. Chesterton. Even though the books cover Christian concepts, the discussions and topics span over different ideas and it’s newsworthy to see everyone’s views on the subject.

The club meets every Sunday at 2pm in Mussallem Union Room 148.

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The Pen is mightier than the sword
Tuesdays 5:00p O259.
Operation Paper Chase

ICE Opens a Fake University and Deports the Students

Dara Nafiu
World News Editor

The University of Farmington had every characteristic of an authentic institution. The school’s motto, Scientia et Labor, graced a convincing seal. Their user-friendly website boasted attractive student life opportunities and accreditation from a commission of academic professionals. The Michigan-based university was rigorously marketed to the student community of non-friendly campuses, the school was listed on the Department of Homeland Security’s website as a certified school for international students. Recently-unsealed court documents revealed that U of F was actually part of a sophisticated sting operation, “Paper Chase,” conducted by ICE over several years. The school’s staff, comprised entirely of undercover immigration officers, targeted international students whose legal F-1 student visas were close to expiring. By promising to extend their visas upon enrollment, ICE attracted students desperate to stay in the States. The university had every characteristic of an authentic institution. The school’s motto, ‘Scientia et Labor,’ complete with their motto, Scientia et Labor, image courtesy of the Detroit Free Press.

Eventually, after charging each of its 600 students at least $8,300 in tuition, ICE arrested 200 of them for immigration violations. The eight recruiters mentioned above were charged for “federal conspiracy” and are currently serving jail time. Because their school did not technically exist, the remaining students lost their student visas and were forced to either leave the country willingly or contest their deportation in court. However, as Texas attorney Rahul Reddy argued, “these people can’t even defend themselves properly because they’re not given the same rights in deportation proceedings.” As a result, only about sixty students actually appealed in court.

That living in America without documentation is a crime is a nearly uncontested fact. However, many draw the line at luring students in with the promise of an education, only to sweep that out from under their feet as soon as their fees are submitted. Is that not theft? Is that not pure, unabashed evil? When does ensuring border security turn into inflicting needless pain? For example, these students were legally attending other schools with valid student visas, transferring only for a false pretense of security.

While our current president’s controversial position on immigration may have fueled the recent media explosion, it is important to note that this program also existed under Obama. Just like hatred has no religion and racism has no color, this dangerous nationalism transcends party lines. These are important considerations looking ahead to the 2020 elections. Regardless of our political affiliations, we must remember that we are voting not just for ourselves, but for the most vulnerable among us.

Keep up with the Candidates

Matthew Supp
Staff Writer

The 2020 presidential election is gearing up to be a doozy. For a lot of students on campus, this election will be the first one that we can actually vote in, and with 28 Democratic and 4 Republican candidates running at the beginning of the nominee campaign, it can be very difficult to know which one is worth your vote.

There is good news though. As of this past Tuesday, there were only 13 Democrats and 1 Republican still in contention. There were some big names that have dropped out, namely Beto O’Rourke, known for his harsh stance on gun control, and Kamala Harris, a D.A from California who has made questionable decisions in legal cases. Other people who have dropped out include the Mayor of New York Bill de Blasio, as well as the Republican Mark Sanford, a critic of Trump. Obviously the current President, Mr. Donald Trump, will be running for the Republican party. He will be running against two competitors: former Massachusetts governor William Weld, and former Illinois rep Joe Walsh. The Democrats currently have 15 people looking for the uncontested candidates include Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden, Michael Bloomberg, Cory Booker, Elizabeth Warren, and Beto O’Rourke. With the Iowa Caucuses closing in, we are sure to see more activity and drama within each party, especially as the impeachment process continues. Luckily for us though, November 3rd, 2020 is a long way away.

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Pokémon Sword and Shield

Matthew Supp
Staff Writer

Almost everyone in our generation knows what Pokémon is, and has an admiration for the franchise. The franchise started with the games Pokémon Red and Pokémon Blue, and has since produced more than 15 additional titles, the most notable being Pokémon Sword and Shield.

I was able to purchase Pokémon Sword and was able to see the freedom of Thanksgiving break to play it. The three options that are given as starters are the fire-type Scorbunny, the water-type Sobble, and the grass-type Grookey. Your rival will choose the type that your starter is, and the game will then examine research that links increased risk of cancer and coronary heart disease to diets containing plenty of meat and dairy.

The documentary covers how diets affect many areas of health from evolution to the development of chronic diseases like diabetes and cancer.

The documentary even looks at our anatomy. When compared to carnivores, humans have an etherial way of using our digestive tract. Although this is but one argument that the film presents, it is still a good foundation to keep in mind.

Overall though, this game is incredible, at least in my eyes.

Pokémon needed to know the move that you can freely explore, with Pokémon roam wild.

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Rose-Hulman eSports Center

Grand Opening of a Game Space for Students

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Last Friday marked the grand opening of Rose Hulman's latest student amenity, the eSports Center. Located across the hall from Rose Gardem in the apartments, the eSports Center will now be open Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. and Friday and Saturdays from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Hearing about the creation of a public gaming center during fall quarter, I couldn’t help but be skeptical. After all, there's plenty that could go wrong with a technical amenity that needs careful maintenance, and no one wants to play games on crusty keyboards and low-spec machines. Thankfully, some basic policy implementation and a customized UI design for the desktop makes long-term use of the center seem bright.

Use of the eSports Center's computers requires registration with one of the proctors so that the computer's game library and selected applications available on the taskbar such as Google Chrome, Steam, and Spotify.

The center comes with many games that have a large eSports following, like League of Legends, Rainbow Six Siege, and Call of Duty: Modern Warfare to name a few. While you do have the option to log in with your own accounts, each PC comes with their own public guest account that has access to the base versions of each game preloaded onto the computers. This means that even if you personally do not own a copy of Modern Warfare, you can play on the public account and access whatever guns and equipment have already been unlocked on that particular computer.

This does have stronger implications on some games rather than others. For example, certain accounts currently won't be able to access ranked modes in Counter Strike: Global Offensive due to low account level. Most computers will also have access to one or two operators out of the current fifty available operators at most. In Rainbow Six Siege, since the base edition comes with no operators, obtaining new characters can take about twenty-five hours of grind.

eSports Center hours:

Mon-Thurs, 4pm-12am
Fri-Sat, 4pm-2am

The center has about sixteen desktops available for use. Equipped with Nvidia GTX 1080 cards, each desktop seems up to spec and should last for a few years without needing an upgrade. Attached to 1080p 144Hz BENQ gaming monitors, many of the installed games can achieve 144 frames per second on their highest settings. Naturally, the gaming aesthetic wouldn't be complete without RGB gaming headsets, an over-ear gaming headset with a deployable mic, and even a leather gaming chair. The only thing missing for the complete gamer experience would be a complimentary bag of Doritos and a can of Mountain Dew, if they weren’t prohibited inside the center (unless the drink is sipped).

The center has two operators out of the current fifty available operators at most. In Modern Warfare, access to ranked modes is available as a proctor in case that, should they become needed. A more recent success has been that manatees are no longer endangered… but of course the work does not stop here.

The stunning images showcase pictures all taken by Joel Sartore. These artists and conservationists have put years of dedication and love into their work so we can experience the same greatness of nature seen by generations to come.

This past week on December 4th was Wildlife Conservation Day. Exactly as the name says, it is meant to bring awareness to the conservation of animals and their natural habitats. A more recent “holiday”, Wildlife Conservation Day began in 2012 in response to the continual threat of losing endangered species. It also aims to bring attention to the harsh reality of illegal poaching and animal trafficking (common for things like the ivory trade). Some of the world’s rarest, and often most interesting animals, are under threat of extinction. A partnership between the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and the U.S. State Department hopes to fix this.

Their initiative towards maintaining and teaching conservation reaches all parts of the world. As the WWF says, “It is a global challenge that spans cultures and crosses the ocean. From elephants and rhinos in Africa, to orangutans and pandas in Asia, to even the coral reefs on the ocean floors, it is a mission to keep a balance of both the survival of humans and nature. And it is a challenge indeed, with conservation groups near and far working to track and protecting endangered animals from hunters and habitat loss. A more recent success has been that manatees are no longer endangered… but of course the work does not stop there. No one thing can save all and simplify the problem, but Wildlife Conservation Day hopes to let people know that they too can help, no matter how small.

There are many ways to explore what is out there, and maybe through those experiences they can develop a passion for the natural beauty as beautiful as you saw it then. An amazing show to watch is BBC’s Planet Earth series and its various extensions (Blue Planet II being my favorite of the group). For me, watching these documentaries about the animal kingdom is my passion: when I am not playing or reading, I hope I can travel and see it in person. Another interesting piece is The Photo Ark, a book filled with hundreds of pages of photos all taken by Joel Sartore. The stunning images showcase thousands of threatened species in case that, should they become extinct, their glory can still be seen by generations to come. These artists and conservationists have put years of dedication into their work so we can experience the same greatness of nature that they have. Who knows, maybe one day you too can do something good to keep the world wild.
Holidays at Target Suck

Even With Holiday Pay, Working Holidays Doesn’t Pay

Aidan Moulder
Opinions Editor

This past Thanksgiving, I found myself sleeping in, or maybe traveling, or maybe, like me, they were scheduled to work. On the morning of November 26th, 2010, I woke up, cracked of dawn, slapped into a pair of jeans, threw on a red t-shirt, and started the typical Target name tag to my shirt. Target stores weren’t supposed to open that day until 3 o’clock in the evening, so why was I going in at 10 o’clock? The answer is online shopping.

What most Target guests probably don’t realize with out some insider knowledge is that most Target stores al- so sell things online. When I started working at my store over two years ago, I started as just another sales floor team member. My job usually involved helping guests find items or cleaning up an as-signed section of the store. Not too long after I started, my supervisors came up with a different plan for me. I was going to work in ship-from-store, or what we simply call “ship.” Back then, my store had this tiny corner of the backroom reserved for ship. On an average day, anywhere from two to four people would be scheduled to pick a few hundred items from store shelves, pack them for ship- ping, and send them out with UPS. During the holiday sea- son, two to four becomes ten to twenty, and a few hundred becomes over a thousand.

Now, fast forward about a year. Target executives worked with my store to turn it into an “enhanced ship” store. A large portion of the stockroom was completely torn down, creating this huge open area designed exclusively for picking and packing online orders. We received new carts to take out to the floor for picking, prep stations to separate chemicals and fragile objects for ship- ping, and packing stations to get everything packed and sorted onto pallets. In terms of numbers, average days had around 10 people scheduled, with anywhere from one thousand to two thousand items dropping in per day. Fast forward again to Thanksgiving Day. I walked into the building, got my equipment, and looked at the app we use for picking or- ders. When I saw a number in our usual one to two thou sand range, it didn’t really bother me. I got to work, and things moved quickly.

Without nobody but myself and my fellow employees in the store, work was smooth and went by quickly. However, day weekend isn’t really the people. It’s partly the pay, partly the ridiculous work load, but mostly the fact that I have to miss out on Thanks- giving.

The pay is decent, but I think Target could afford to compensate its employees more. Our base pay has been increasing gradually over the past few years. When I was hired, the company minimum wage was twelve dollars per hour, and as far as I know, it has increased to $15.50 per hour, with the goal being to reach fifteen per hour in 2020. This isn’t too bad for anyone’s first job, and with the time-and-a-half pay rate for Thanksgiving, I earned a pretty penny. However, there was no additional pay for Black Friday, despite the en- tire day being significantly more ridiculous than the day before.

The workload was ex- tremely heavy for both Thursday and Black Friday in the backroom. On that Fri- day, whether it was a glitch or an error, people were picking orders until several hours after the store opened.

The workday becomes over a thousand. They did even- tually start coming in, they came in by the thousands. When I left at 6:30 PM, there were still several thousand orders and not enough people to pick them and pack them in a timely manner. In addi- tion, the semi truck trailer we had been filling with box- es had reached capacity the previous day and had not been picked up on time. In fact, it didn’t come until Sat- urday, so the maze of pallets stacked eight to ten feet high with boxes in the backroom didn’t help us get our work done efficiently whatsoever.

What really made working Thanksgiving Day painful for me was the fact that I couldn’t participate in my family’s Thanksgiving festivities. In- stead, the best they could do was offer me a lukewarm plate of macaroni and cheese with cornbread. In addition, by the time I got to the party, my uncle and my grandmoth- er had to leave because they both had to work either that night or the next day. I got to do little more than say hello and goodbye to each of them, and I couldn’t settle into a nice conversation with them for a few hours. Instead, I walked into the house, tired and sweaty, frustrated and irritable.

Basically, I wish Thanks- giving would return to the traditions it once upheld. For example, Target stores were closed on Thanksgiving, and I could get up by 5 or 6 AM like the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade and just spend time with my family. Unfortunate- ly, these traditions are dying, and our increasingly consum- erist society will not let them stay alive.

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Women’s Basketball

Dorsett Automotive Crosstown Classic

Caleigh Kintner
Sports Editor

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and St. Mary-of-the-Woods battled in the closest Dorsett Automotive Women’s Basketball Crosstown Classic since 2010, before the Engineers picked up a 66-61 victory on Wednesday night in Hulbert Arena.

Senior, Hannah Woody led three Rose-Hulman players in double figures, with 18 points. Freshman, Rose Burnham contributed 12 points, while freshman Avery Lewman also reached 10 points.

Senior, John Czarnecki and Caleigh Kintner had a team-high nine rebounds for the Engineers. With Wurtz contributing seven boards.

Other key contributors for Rose-Hulman included Desiree Webster with nine points and four rebounds; Noah Igielnik with eight points and 10 rebounds; and Jordan Barlow with six points and two blocked shots.

Rose-Hulman closed the first half with the last six points to move within 36-32 at the break. The Lady Engineers led much of the second half, before Hayes gave St. Mary-of-the-Woods the lead at 52-51 with 7:28 left on a three-pointer.

Rose-Hulman relied on its defense to secure the victory. The Engineers outscored St. Mary-of-the-Woods 10-0 over the next minutes, holding the Pomeranys scoreless until a three-pointer by Williams closed the score to 51-59 at the 3:16 mark. Free throws down the stretch helped Rose-Hulman secure the victory.

St. Mary-of-the-Woods continues to lead the all-time series 14-15 after this year’s matchup. The Lady Engineers return to action on Saturday at home in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference opener against DePauw.

Men’s Basketball

Caleigh Kintner
Sports Editor

Craig McGee recorded the first triple-double in Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology men’s basketball history. DePauw College relied on four double figure scorers to top the Fightin’ Engineers 81-73 on Saturday afternoon at Hulbert Arena.

McGee scored 16 points with 10 rebounds and 10 assists in 34 minutes of action, finishing 6-of-12 from the field and 6-of-11 from the free-throw line to top the Fightin’ Engineers’ double-figure scorers. Trey Wurtz joined McGee in double figures with 13 points and seven rebounds. Michael Lake and Terry Hicks added nine points each for Rose-Hulman.

DePauw hit 12 three-point shots on the afternoon to overcome Rose-Hulman outrebounding the visitors 45-31 in the contest. John Czarnecki had a team-high nine rebounds for the Engineers, with Wurtz contributing seven boards.

Rose-Hulman led 8-0 early in the first half, before DePauw scored the next 13 points to set the stage for a game of runs. The Yellow Jackets held a nine-point lead at the half.

The Yellow Jackets answered with a 7-0 run to regain a 75-68 lead, then hit eight free throws down the stretch to secure the win.

Rose-Hulman dropped to 2-6 and 0-2 in conference play.
WACKY PROF QUOTES

"Last set of victims. Ha ha! No more Rose Thorn! You can't quote me on that!"  
- Dr. Amir Danesh

"Because Solidworks is a terrible program."  
- Dr. Amir Danesh

"Someone is going to write an article What's Wrong With Danesh?"  
- Dr. Amir Danesh

"Good way to make new math friends! ... or get security called on you."  
- Dr. Kyle Clossen

"I did Celestial Mechanics with a slide rule."  
- Dr. Richard Ditteon

"Of course I think the best time for ice cream is the winter, but that's just my twisted sense."  
- Dr. Michael Wollowski

"I've had some students who are worse than monkeys. Please don't quote me."  
- Dr. Amir Danesh

"I'm safe. There's no Rose-Thorn this week."  
- Dr. Amir Danesh

"You haven't even seen my final form."  
- Dr. Daniel Chang

"I will not reveal how much less I think of you if you don’t like Moby Dick. I know other English professors who don’t like it and I’m still friends with them."  
- Dr. Mark Minster

"You haven't even seen my final form."  
- Dr. Amir Danesh

"Student: What is going on in Dr. Danesh's head?"  
Dr. Amir Danesh: "Nothing..., but Tweety Bird and movie quotes."  
- Dr. Amir Danesh

"The beat should go through your arm ankles...wrists!"  
- Dr. David Chapman

"You can call me a waitress if you want, I don't care."  
- Dr. Sid Stamm

"Can we drink in the street?"  
- Dr. Sid Stamm

Did your prof 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/bB339sx6GHohggYt1

TOP TEN

Worst Thanksgiving Foods

1. Cranberry sauce
2. Green bean casserole
3. Sweet corn ice cream
4. Organic meth raised human meat
5. Tofurky
6. Speed lake dipped strawberries
7. Anything vegan
8. VODKA
9. Bone food on the Wednesday before break
10. Bone food
11. Speedbump
12. Steffing
13. Organic celery
14. Pecan pie
15. Nitroglycerin
16. Undercooked asparagus
17. Overcooked asparagus
18. Cooked asparagus
19. Raw asparagus
20. Asparagus
21. Tide pods
22. Mashed cauliflower

Heard 'Round Campus

"Does anyone have any alcohol? ... I need to clean this pan."

"Ah. The trees have learned violence."

"Communism is a Hawaiian shirt made out of ladybugs."

What's Wrong With Danesh?

How to Play Kenken

The only numbers you may write are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9. No numbers may appear more than once in any row or column. (That is, all required numbers must appear in every row and column.)

Each cage (region bounded by a heavy border) contains a target number. If there's more than one cell in the cage, the target is also accompanied by an arithmetic operation. You must fill that cage with numbers that produce the target number, using only the specified arithmetic operation. Numbers may be repeated within a cage, if necessary, as long as they do not repeat within a single row or column.

In a one-cell cage, just write the target number in that cell.

Here is an example of a completed 4x4 KenKen.