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Birdhouse Building Workshop

Alysia Russell
Staff Writer

On Wednesday December 11, the BIC hosted a wonderful opportunity for students, including myself, to work with wood and create their own bird houses based on a template. Students were given a long piece of wood, with the ends shaped for the front and back of the bird house. Supplied with a pencil and a measuring tape, I was able to consult the instructions to get the measurements and mark up the wood to get ready for cutting. After marking up the front, back, two sides, and the base, the instructor and I moved over to the wood-cutting tool set up. Described as the safest tool in the workshop, the tool consisted of a large rotary cutting blade, with a thick plastic shield, mounted to an arm. The plastic shield would move as the rotary blade moved up and down. After carefully cutting the wood at the marks I previously made, I blew the saw dust from the freshly cut pieces and was let loose to begin assembling my bird house.

Provided with two drills needed for drilling holes and drilling in screws, the instructor helped me clamp down my wood to the worktable to make sure it wouldn't start spinning out of place. After a bit of adjusting and rigging, I was finished with the four walls of the bird house, ready to take two other pieces of precut wood to create the roof. Following the attaching of the roof, wiping away the saw dust, and cleaning the workspace, I had in my hands a fully built bird house!

It was exciting to go through the process with the instructor and the other students. I didn’t realize working with wood would be a lot of fun, especially with the rotary blade. I hope I will have more time in the future to attend many more of these sessions! Until then I will painting my birdhouse. Find similar events and more on MyRose-Hulman.

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The UK Election

What It Means

Andrew Henderson
Staff Writer

Last Thursday on December 12th, the 2019 United Kingdom had shown the general election. This unexpected election was started by the conservative party to have a chance of taking the majority in parliament, which would mean the conservative party would not need the support of any other party to pass future legislation. The snap election was called the minority parties, especially the Labour party, as the Conservative party had no majority and had to accept the snap election. After the victory of the Conservative party, Boris Johnson, Conservative prime minister of the United Kingdom, has been labelled as the “red wall” and its policies have become the main topic of discussion in the UK, European Union, and the world.

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Disenchantment

Netflix releases new animated Comedy

Aidan Moulker
Opinion Editor

Over our much too-short Thanksgiving Break, I found myself up late at night with Netflix playing on my Amazon Fire Stick. I’ve watched a great deal of shows on there, but more often than not I just re-watch episodes of NCIS. However, I decided to try something else out, so I looked through the Netflix Originals, not expecting to find anything and that’s when I stumbled upon Disenchantment. The resemblance to The Simpsons was unmistakable, and upon further investigation it made perfect sense: the production is spearheaded by some other than Matt Groening himself.

In order to keep things as spoiler-free as I can, I’m going to keep some details vague and focus more on technical aspects than the plot. If a piece of plot is necessary to explain something, it most likely isn’t a huge spoiler anyway.

Disenchantment follows the misadventures of Princess Bean (voiced by Abbi Jacobson), and thankfully shortened to Bean (Love An-ders) and Elfo (Nat Faxon). All three of them aren’t satisfied with their lot in life, so they band together and take part in debauchery and cause a lot in life. They keep running into a new challenge to the kingdom, and underneath the film’s charm, there is simply no way to predict what sort of abstract thing is going to come next. This can also be said for the characters and their backstories. We don’t want to spoil anything, but there is enough depth and substance.

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Green Eggs and Ham Review

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With the holidays comes presents, and with presents come wrapping paper. But people, especially little kids, just tear through the wrapping. In the end, a lot goes to waste and you have to buy more paper year after year. However, there are many other ways to give your gifts without ending up with a trash bag full of crumpled and torn paper. They can save you time, money, and even help the environment. Here are just a few ideas:

- **Gift bags** – Yes, bags are often as commonly used as wrapping paper, but you can get multiple uses out of them. Keep the bags you get from Christmas and reuse them the next year; who you give it to can use it again as well (my mother will do the same thing with the tissue paper too). In addition, if it’s a plain enough style, you can reuse the gift bag for birthdays or other parties.

- **Mason jars** – Though you’ll be able to see what’s inside, mason jars still offer great value as a gift holder. Usually used to store food, people will be able to reuse them for their snacks, candy, or even drinks. The jars are glass, so they are both sustainable and nice-looking. Decorate it with a bow, and you’re good to go.

- **Boxes** – Sometimes, all you need is a cardboard box and your imagination. It’s ok to have that plain base color. Use it as a canvas and decorate with markers or paints. Wrap with ribbon to secure lids or cover tape, and you’ll have a container with some character.

- **Newspaper and duct tape** – My uncle’s personal favorite. Cheap, easy to do, and entertaining to watch whoever unwraps it.

- **Shirts** – It may sound weird, but this creative method of wrapping is very useful. If you plan on giving someone a shirt, and they have other small gifts too, wrap them in the shirt. To hold it in, tie the sleeves together (best with long sleeves) or secure loose ends with pins and ribbon [see more instructions to the left]. Similarly, if you have an old shirt you don’t need anymore, cut it into a large square and use it as a fabric “wrapping paper”.

- **Space savers** – Combine gifts together to save wrapping material and space. Put candles in empty bottles, toys in backpacks, and so much more.

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**Creative Ideas when Covering your Presents**

**The Right Way to Wrap**

Now that it’s getting chilly outside and the holiday season has started, it’s time to break out the wine… and brandy. Glogg originated in Scandinavia and would be served as a means to keep warm during the wintertime. It takes a while to make, but oh boy is it worth it.

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**Christmas Glogg**

**A Recipe to Warm up Your Holiday Party**

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From all of us at The Rose Thorn
Improper Impeachment

Why the Current Impeachment Proceedings Cannot Be Ignored

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Opinions Editor

Some time last week, I walked into my work-study job and my supervisor was listening to the impeachment proceedings on a YouTube livestream. I'm not up to date on how the process is going, but what really got to me was how arrogant both sides sounded, and just how petty everyone was being. I consider myself to be a Democrat, and I agree with most party policies on a general level, but not always on specifics. Now, I fully understand that politics exist because people disagree on things, but just because you disagree with something doesn't mean you have to be impolite about it.

Ever time a member of the Republican party started speaking, he or she would say something about the Democrats' case against President Donald Trump was based on rumors and hearsay, and that there was in fact no case, and that this was a poor reflection on the United States government. The next Democrat to speak would refute these claims, and say something about "returning to the facts" and reiterating what the party acuerdole cases to the President as the address the witness or whoever was before the audience, it seemed like they were asking a lot of the same questions but interpreting the answers differently just to push a personal agenda with very little connection to the goals of the party. Something else that bugged me about the proceedings was the constant refer-

cences to the Founding Fathers and how they intended for the Constitution and the powers it grants to the government to be used. In my opinion, the Constitution absolutely cannot serve as a guide for government activities in the era of information in which we live. It's an antiquated document which laid down a framework for how the government should function. For example, in regards to impeachment, the Constitution was written before the age of information, which has led to a significant change in the way information is consumed and shared. The blanket term "high Crimes and Misdemeanors" to describe everything else. This ambiguous definition is left up to interpretation, and it's not hard to believe that two different parties with two different systems of belief are making two different interpretations.

At the end of the day, as people who can't directly affect policy, we can only sit and wait for the results of these proceedings, and hope that the future of our union will be much brighter than it currently looks.

The Importance of Literature

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Literature's Importance in Education and Communication

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Ambassador Gordon Sondland before the House Intelligence Committee

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**Women’s Basketball**

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Sports Editor

Bluffton University opened both halves with strong play to earn a 63-31 women’s basketball victory over Rose Hulman Institute of Technology on Saturday afternoon in Ohio.

Bluffton led 17-8 after the first quarter and relied on a 14-10 third quarter to keep a nine-point lead entering the fourth quarter. Bluffton built a 10-point lead in the fourth quarter, before Rose Hulman held Bluffton scoreless for over three minutes and scored the game’s last nine points to close within single digits.

Devinet Webster led the Rose Hulman offense with season-high totals of 16 points and 11 rebounds in her first career double double. Hannah Woody added 10 points and five rebounds, and Nasa Igikolen also reached double figures with 10 points.

Other key contributors to the Fightin’ Engineers included Rose Burnham with eight points and four rebounds, and Nola Wilson with seven points and four rebounds.

Rose Hulman dropped to 0-2 in conference games. The Fightin’ Engineers return home to face Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference foe Manchester University on Wednesday at 7:30 pm.

**Men’s Basketball**

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Sports Editor

The Rose Hulman Institute of Technology men’s basketball team used a balanced scoring attack to lead a strong second half performance, earning a 76-61 win at Bluffton University on Saturday afternoon.

With the score tied at 48-48 with 10 minutes remaining, Rose Hulman outscored Bluffton 28-13 in the rest of the way to improve to 2-1 in Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference play. The balanced attack featured five players in double figures, led by Craig McGee with 20 points, seven rebounds and six assists.

Michael Luke contributed a career-high 18 points on 4-4 from three point range and four assists to the effort. Terry Hicks recorded his first double figure game at Rose Hulman with 13 points. Elisa Weber added 11 points and six assists, and John Czarnecki pitched in with 10 points and a season-high nine rebounds.

Rose Hulman led 29-28 at the half on a shot by McGee in the final seconds of the opening 20 minutes. In the second half, Rose Hulman built a 49-40 lead before Bluffton scored eight straight points to tie the score.

McGee proved the Engine driver difference maker in the final half, scoring 17 points after halftime. The score was tied at 30-30 before a 12-2 run by the Engineers over three minutes proved the key. Kipp capped the rally with a three point shot at the 50.3 mark to make the score 62-52.

Rose Hulman improved to 1-6 overall and 1-2 in conference play. The Engineers return to home with a non-conference matchup against Walsh College on Monday at 7:30 pm.

**Swimming & Diving**

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The Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology men’s swimming and diving teams collectively earned 20 individual victories and two relay events wins at the five relay events win at the five team Transylvania Invitational, held last Saturday and Sunday at the University of Kentucky Natatorium.

The Rose-Hulman men outdistanced the competition to win the team scoring with 1650 individual medley, and 100 freestyle. Other individual winners included William Kemp in the 200 freestyle relay, Ethan Park in the 200 backstroke, Derick Miller in the 100 butterfly, and Shamus Sparling in the 400 freestyle.

On the women’s side, Elisa Weber led individual efforts with two event wins. Weber swept both the 200 individual medley and 400 individual medley titles. The Fightin’ Engineers also swept the two diving titles, with Michelle Reese winning 1 meter and Michaela Kivett winning 1 meter.

The men’s squads also won all five relay events. The 200 freestyle team of Kipp, King, McLaughlin and Brown won in 1:24.96. The 200 medley relay team of Ryan Nikola, Ethan Park, Brown and Kipp won in 1:33.80. The 400 freestyle squad of Kipp, King, McLaughlin and Brown won in 3:10.85. The 800 freestyle team of Nikola, Tate, Kipp and King won in 7:59.93.

The women’s relay events were highlighted by a win in the 800 freestyle relay. The team of Weber, Natalia Pompous, Parker Beady and Bailey Hildreth captured first place honors in 8:15.08.

Rose Hulman returns to action on Friday Jan. 10 with a meet at DePauw University. The home schedule kicks off Saturday Jan. 11 against Illinois Wesleyan.

**Men’s Basketball**

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January 4: vs. Hanover
January 8: vs. Earlham
January 11: @ Mt. St. Joseph
January 15: vs. Anderson
January 18: vs. Transylvania
January 22: @ Franklin
January 25: vs. Bluffton
January 29: vs. Manchester
February 1: vs. Mt. St. Joseph
February 5: @ Anderson

**Women’s Basketball**

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December 29: vs. Washington and Lee
December 30: vs. New Paltz
January 4: vs. Hanover
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January 11: @ Mt. St. Joseph
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January 18: vs. Transylvania
January 22: vs. Franklin
January 25: vs. Bluffton
January 29: @ Manchester
February 10: @ DePauw
January 11: @ Illinois Wesleyan
January 17: vs. Valparaiso
January 24: vs. Franklin
February 1: vs. Hanover
February 13: HCAC Championship
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**Swimming & Diving**

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WACKY PROF QUOTES

"I guess I didn’t use Civil and Environmental Engineering, so it’s not important."
- 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/BB139x5u6Gf10hsgyV1

The Rose Thorn’s Triannual Best Holiday Dishes To Make If You Have To Make A Dish But You Don’t Want To Ever Have To Make One In The Future, So You Make The Worst Dish Possible AKA How To Use The Most Mayonnaise In A Dish As Possible

(TRTTBBHDMDYHTMKADBWDWTEHT MOITFSMTWDPHUTUMMIADAP)

Bananas, cranberry jello, and mayonnaise for the melted wax Vegetable and Tuna Jello Thing
Green Corn Flakes Christmas Tree
Liver and cream cheese balls in a turkey flavored gelatin

CHRISTMAS PUDDING

Fold sour cream, vermicelli, raisins into cheese mixture. To make topping, stir cranberries into thickened juice.

Rudolph the “Red-Nosed” Reindeer
Rainn D. Eeer

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. Everyone knows his name, everyone knows his story. He was treated poorly by the other reindeer just for having a glowing nose, but then Santa Claus needed a light on his sleigh, so he had Rudolph lead him. This is the story of Rudolph... or so we thought.

For the past few winters, I have been investigating more and more into this legend, and whether Rudolph really is all he’s cracked up to be. Most of the leads I have gotten have gone cold. Either an address that doesn’t exist, or a fake name. But last week, I was able to finally find something. I was fortunate enough to interview one of Santa’s elves thanks to a few connections I have. The elf asked to remain anonymous, so we will call him Bob.

Bob had some incredible information about Mr. Red Nose, and to be honest, I was shocked when I first heard it. Bob says that one day while he was in the locker room after elf practice, he heard a funny noise coming from the stall Rudolph was in. When Rudolph came out of the stall, there was something faint and white by the nose. Bob said his eyes were bloodshot and he was not able to walk steadily.

I do not want to jump to any conclusions, but could this mean that Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer is actually Rudolph the White-Nosed Reindeer? I’m not sure, and I can’t be until I get more evidence. Sadly, before I could reschedule another interview with Bob, he was killed in a tragic sleigh accident. I am not trying to hurt anyone’s feelings or change their opinion about the legend many consider the hero of Christmas, I just wanted to shed some light on a flawed Deer.

TOP TEN

Worst Christmas Things

1. All I Want for Christmas is You - Mariah Carey
2. Die Hard
3. Die Hard 2
4. Die Hard with a Vengeance
5. Live Free and Die Hard
6. A Good Day to Die Hard
7. Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer
8. Frosty the Snowman
9. Candy Canes
10. Mistletoe
11. Baby It’s Cold Outside
12. Santa Baby - Michael Bublé
13. Figgy pudding
14. Non-alcoholic Eggnog
15. Consuming gingerbread (constructing OSHA compliant ginger buildings is a -ok)
16. The weird jello things that your aunt brings to Christmas because she can’t cook
17. Green deviled eggs
18. Green ham
19. Sitting on Santa’s oddly warm lap

Heard ‘Round Campus

"It’s free prostate exam"
"Been there, done that. Ain’t gonna fool me three times."

Vegetable and Tuna Jello Thing
Green Corn Flakes Christmas Tree

*Disclaimer: The Flipside is purely for fun! Any uncredited work above can be attributed to me, Rithvik Subramanya.

Last week before break! Have a good break, and relish in the lack of classes/homework to do. Until you come back. The grind never stops.