This past week I was followed by a mysterious Instagram account, "Rose Parking Hall of Shame." Claiming to be "purely satirical" I scrolled through their posts and found it very amusing. It's common knowledge at this point that parking on campus is atrocious. Speed lot's spots are extremely narrow, Percopo rarely has spots in the far corner of the parking lot, and the BIC/KIC lot… good luck. This blog has accumulated the creative (and sometimes plain dumb) ways Rose's students, faculty, and staff have tried getting around this poor parking predicament.

With its first post on December 11th, 2019, it still is a relatively new blog. However, it still has over 500 followers, equivalent to more than a quarter of students at Rose. I have no doubts that this blog will only gain more attention exponentially as time goes on. Therefore, I want to offer a friendly warning. Several of the posts do not blur license plate numbers, and while this isn't illegal, I doubt everyone who has viewed this blog is thrilled.

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New Course Added: Mixology

The Exciting “Drink and Think” Event for Students

This past Saturday, February 8th, the Senior Class Gift Committee held their mixology class in the Kahn room. Admission cost $10 for those making mocktails and $15 for those over twenty one making real cocktails. This class was taught by Alia Shuck from the Communicaton and Marketing offices at Rose-Hulman. A past bartender, she instructed participants on how to mix five common drinks.

The drinks demonstrated were the Shirley Temple (Dirty Temple), Tequila sunrise, Mojito, Moscow mule, and French 75. Alia presented the main tricks to mixing each drink, some history or fast facts about them, and how to make the drinks without alcohol too. Then students could each make two cocktails of their own. The ingredients for each drink were supplied by the Senior Class Gift Committee (with alcohol obviously only to those who were over twenty-one).

The event seemed to be quite the hit among those who came, with a good combination of students from all years. Even some alumni of the school came too. I know I enjoyed myself and got to see quite a few floormates from freshman year that I hadn't spoken to in a while. I especially enjoyed how fun Alia made the event with the jokes and stories she told during mixing. Being such a success, I hope they bring this event back for next year.

The Rose Parking Hall of Shame

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The virus is still unknown, analyses of its composition points toward bats as the original host. And though humans are the primary target of the coronavirus, recent research shows that pangolins is a possible inter-
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The New York Times shows results of 99% of Iowa precincts. Pete Buttigieg and Bernie Sanders tied, while Elizabeth Warren and Joe Biden come in third and fourth. When chairpersons resorts to calling in the final results, they might be narrowed even further. Although the results of the Iowa Caucus are controversial, they do seem to have a determining effect on the field. During the New Hampshire Democratic debate last Friday, the candidates with the most speaking time were Bernie Sanders (22 minutes), Joe Biden (18.5 minutes), and Pete Buttigieg (18 minutes). The next candidates with the most speaking time were Elizabeth Warren (14 minutes) and Amy Klobuchar (15 minutes), a significant drop from the other candidates’ time. With the New Hampshire Primary tomorrow, the field might be narrowed even further.
Graham Hepworth

Guest Writer

Adam Sandler has sculpted himself an unparalleled comedy career spanning decades. Starting with his role in the popular Netflix comedy-drama that he can effectively act in. He has been known to give to Adam Sandler. He also turned in Uncut Gems, a critically acclaimed film that didn't flop. He also turned 13 comedies and exaggerates and exploits it until it's sick and twisted, just to feed America at all it up.

The traditional Madonna whore complex is often used by an artist, at least. The movie is just so aggressively bad that it transcends its normal desire to make a profit and becomes an artistic statement on the way Adam Sandler had to make movie to be successful. He made this movie in his first season, priming the Pump, 2014, and his disappointment at a small failure is well known. Could it be possible that Sandler created a movie that managed to satirize every other movie he's ever made? He knows how to make the audience tick, and so he takes every trick in the book he's used in his PG-13 comedies and exaggerates and exploits it until it's sick and twisted, just to feed America at all it up.

He knows this, and the possibility that his alcoholism, violent religious figures, gay people, even using multiple storylines in his movies to have the prejudices and concerns of the sensibilities of the audiences that America had against certain groups and people might advocate to society. Even though this was his first movie, he made no jokes anyone over the age of 5 would understand, anti-culture, anti-middle-aged, anti-gay, sexist, unattractively nude, anti-male, unattractively female, anti-male, unattractively female.

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Vegan Chocolate Cake Recipe

Preparation
1. Position a rack in the center of the oven and preheat to 375°F. Lightly grease an 8-inch square pan.
2. Sift the flour, cocoa, baking soda, and salt directly in the baking pan, then add the sugar. With your finger, poke 2 small holes and 1 large one in the dry ingredients. Insert of one of the small holes pour the vanilla, into the other one the vinegar, and into the larger one the oil.
3. Pour the water over all the ingredients and stir the ingredients together with a table fork, reaching into the corners, until you can't see any more flour and the batter looks fairly well homogenized.
4. Bake for 15 to 40 minutes, or until the top is springy and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out dry. Cool the cake in the pan on a wire rack, then cut and serve it in the pan.
5. Instead of frosting, sprinkle a little powdered sugar on top before serving.

Storage
Keep at room temperature, wrapped airtight, for up to 3 days, refrigerate after that.

Some Helpful Tips and Ideas

- Invest in a reusable safety razor for shaving in place of parchment paper, that eliminates your need for peri- odic pads and liners. Swap your toothbrush with a bam- boo one. Bamboo is compostable and biodegradable, so whenever it is time to change your toothbrush you will be throwing away some- thing that won't stay on our planet forever.
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Ingredients
- 1 1/2 cups (7 ounces) bleached all-purpose flour
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- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup (7.5 ounces) granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon white or cider vinegar
- 6 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 cup water
- Optional: powdered sugar for dusting

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In the kitchen:

- when grocery shopping, make sure you buy loose fruits and vegetables. Many stores use single use plastic wraps for their produce that is not recyclable, instead use your reusa- ble produce bags if needed.
- reuse glass sauce jars. One way is to shop at a bulk store, like Fresh Thyme here in Terre Haute, and using the jars by filling them with rice, coffee, or nuts.
- Replace paper towels with cloth and fabric rags. This way whenever you need to clean them, you can just throw them in the washing ma- chine.
- Invest in a reusable beesax wrap to replace foil or saran (cling) wrap that can only be used once.
- If you use Kneurig to make your cof- fee, invest in a refillable Keurig cups. You can still enjoy your morning coffee, without the waste that accompanies it.
- Invest in a silicone mat for your baking in place of parchment pa- per. They are very durable and will stay with you for a long time.
- Swap your sponge for natural bio- degradable loofah.

In the bathroom:

- Switch to soap and shampoo bars. In most grocery stores, they come wrapped in a paper box, and some come free of any packaging materi- als.
- Invest in a reusable safety razor for your shaving needs. The blades are recyclable and are much cheaper than plastic razors.
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Aidan Moulder  
Opinions Editor

Let’s face it: no matter who you are, you most definitely have an unpopular opinion. Well, as it turns out, the staff here at the Rose Thorn consists of mostly normal people with unpopular opinions, and we’re here to tell you about them.

Before we do that, I’m going to give you one of my own unpopular opinions: Spongebob Squarepants is one of the worst shows ever created. Who in the right mind said, “Yes, an excruciatingly annoying cast of characters along with mediocre writing and average animation quality and will make for a great show?” What gets me isn’t really how bad the show is, but the fact that people love it like they love their own child!

Matthew Supp  
Flipside Editor

Bacon is something that I grew up with, and let me tell you, it is just not that good. As a meat, it borders on not having enough substance to be worth eating. As a breakfast food, it barely passes due to its high level of grease. And taste? Eh! I tolerate bacon and on the off chance it appears accidentally in one of my meals, I will not actively avoid eating it. My biggest thing is that bacon is simply not as good as good people make it out to be. Its fat/grease/oil content make it by far one of the more unhealthy meats, and yet people seem to put it in everything: bacon wrapped green beans, chocolate covered bacon, hell, there’s even bacon flavored toothpaste. I just don’t get the obsession.

Jonathan Kawachi  
World News Editor

There’s nothing wrong with McDonald’s or fast food as a whole, at least in how it’s typically perceived. It’s to the point that fast food as a whole is seen as good food. People take pride in never eating fast food, but it ignores any actual reason why fast food should be avoided. Fast food tends to be labeled as unhealthy, which is fair in the sense that it is not as nutritious as its caloric equivalent in terms of vegetables or a plain cut of steak, but food cannot really be ”bad”, it’s just food. Few people really track their macronutrients, let alone their micro-nutrients. You’re allowed to treat yourself every once in awhile and still be healthy. Health is determined by a trend, not a meal. You can argue that it’s not healthy, but it’s not like they’re particular. Though I do at least in comparison to many things found in grocery stores, chain restaurants and other brands like Vitamin Water. Health is a complex and individual topic that science is nowhere near settled on. Biochemical processes, metrics and food studies are 90% trend-based and can’t account for individual needs and don’t explain what’s happening on a micro-level. Fast food has a purpose, it’s quick and cheap. You can’t possibly know that one burger is going to take a month off your life, and the only reason fast food can be detrimental to you is if you lack the self-control to moderate what you eat, but that’s up to the individual, not the restaurant.

Anyway, now that I’ve gotten that out there, I should wrap up this Week’s Opinions page by thanking the staff members that contributed this week, but also by telling you that we would love to hear from you on your own unpopular opinions, and even some of your popular ones, too. The Thorn meets at 5pm on Tuesdays in O259, and we would love to hear from more people to write some spicier Opinion pieces. The other editors and I hope to see you there!
**Men’s Tennis**

Caleigh Kintner
Sports Editor

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology topped up three match victories against strong competition to open the 2020 season in Michi- gan on Saturday.

In the season opener against NCAA Division III No. 12 ranked Case Western, the Engineers won two singles matches. Ian Landwehr picked up a 6-2, 6-4 win at No. 1 singles, and Joseph Con- battista going to a third set tie-breaker before falling 10-5 at the No. 6 singles flight.

Later in the day against NCAA Divi- sion II Ferris State, the No. 3 dou- bles team of Landwehr and Mark Slaninka picked up a 7-5 win at No. 3 doubles.

**Track & Field**

Caleigh Kintner
Sports Editor

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technolo- gy recorded two event wins and one school record, along with seven top five finishes, at the Illinois Wesleyan Kecsk Meet on Saturday.

Mary Helen Shomba set a school record in the 60-meter hurdles for the third time this season with a mark of 9.04 seconds. Shomba’s mark topped a field including several of the nation’s top NCAA Division III runners.

Kyle Brownell recorded the No. 4 ranked men’s high jump in school history to win the event. Brownell cleared 6’7” to take home top honors on the day.

Runners-up performers for Rose- Hulman included Kristian Callo in the pole vault and Nathan Schrad- er in the shot put with a personal best mark.

Third-place finishers included Mikey Holzr in the pole vault and Tim Murtland in the triple jump.

Other top five performers were Aaron Lammy with a fourth place in the men’s 800, Schnorr with a fifth in the men’s weight throw; and Dara Smith with a fifth place in the women’s high jump.

Rose-Hulman finished fifth in men’s team scoring and eighth on the women’s side with half of the team’s roster traveling to the meet.

The Fightin’ Engineers return to ac- tion at the DePauw Institutional next Saturday.

**Women’s Basketball**

Caleigh Kintner
Sports Editor

The Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology women’s basketball team battled No. 6 ranked Transyl- vania University into a one- possession game midway through the fourth quarter, before the hosts pulled away for a 69-55 victory in Heartland Collegiate Athletic Con- ference action on Saturday after- noon.

Rose-Hulman rallied from a nearly double figure deficit to tie the score at 46-46 on a free throw by Rose Burnham with 0:04 left in the fourth quarter. A layup by Hannah Woody at the 7:13 mark kept Rose- Hulman within two points at 30- 48, and the Engineers maintained just a four point deficit at 54-50 with 4:21 remaining after a basket from Jordan Barlow.

Transylvania rallied on its defense to pull away from the strong Rose- Hulman effort down the stretch. Woody led Rose-Hulman with 14 points and four as- sists. Nola Wilson added 12 points on 4-5 from the three point range and three assists.

**Men’s Basketball**

Caleigh Kintner
Sports Editor

Transylvania University placed four players in double fig- ures and shot 53% from the field to earn an 88-67 men’s basketball vic- tory over Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology on Saturday afternoon.

Brandon Cromwell led the Transyl- vania offense with 18 points. Spen- cer McKinney added 17 points, Gavin Root scored 12, and Zach Lutimore had 10 points for the host Pioneers.

Craig McGee paced the Rose- Hulman offense with 11 points and five rebounds. Taylor Hall contributed a career high nine points on 4-4 from the field, Max Chaplin added eight points, and the duo of Eli Combs and John Czarnecki scored six points each for the Fightin’ Engineers.

Transylvania shot 58% from the field and hit seven three-pointers to jump out to a 44-29 lead at the half. The hot shooting continued for Transylvania with 14 points in the first 3:30 of the second half, as the Pioneers pulled away for their seventh straight victory.

Rose-Hulman had a four-game win- ning streak snapped with Satur- day’s loss. The Fightin’ Engineers stand 10-8 on the season and 8-6 in HCAC play, and host conference leader Franklin College (14-7, 10-4 HCAC) on Wednesday at 7:30 pm.

**Swimming & Diving**

February 12: @ Franklin
February 15: @ Defiance
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SGA blocks witnesses during Presidential trial

In a decision shocking the seven people that pay attention to student government matters, SGA senate voted to block witnesses from appearing during the judicial trial over the recent election proceedings.

The SGA election committee came under fire last week when it was revealed that one of the candidates didn’t actually have the requirements to run for president, and the senate had suspended the constitution for approximately 32 seconds to allow them to run. While this may not seem like a huge issue, some people expressed concerns that the student senate was able to “ignore legal documents for a certain period of time, as long as it’s, I don’t know, under a minute or something.” Similarly to when SGA receives $20 OTFRs, this spectacularly snowballed into a major issue sparking huge debate.

After the results by the judicial council were released, Erik Hayes requested a full trial to take place instead of calm deliberation by 5 students “totally in the pocket of Seiji Takagi”. When asked about the possibility of bribing other judges to follow his results, former aide to the Treasurer Seiji Takagi responded with “no comment.”

One potential witness was interviewed on the info he knew, stating that the exec board misled SGA senate to allow for grievous misconduct related to the constitution.” Another witness was quoted that “[I] was just here to get funding for a $19 RCA HDMI cable so I could watch bootleg music on my flat-screen mirror!”. Finally, potential witness and former senator Seiji Takagi was quoted saying “no comment”.

For those who remember last year, SGA elections had similar drama when claims of Russian meddling stalled the election process. This spectacularly snowballed into a major issue sparking huge debate.

Hear’d ‘Round Terre Haute

“I’m trying to cut back on doughnuts. I only eat them on Saturdays or when I’m drunk.”

-Random Fed Ex Employee

Your sex life

Joke of the Week: Pick-Up Lines to use this Valentines Day

1. You wa n t ...s um fu k?
2. A re y ou a  ba ker,  b ec a us e y ou m a ke m y  ba n a n a  c rea m s a c ket?
3. A re y ou quie t ho ur s , bec a us e I’ m  g on n a  v iola te y ou c oun try .
4. A re y ou a tt rac ti o n f loor d in n er,  bec a u s e I n ev er  wa n t o f m y  n os e.
5. A re y ou f reshm en  f loo d in n er,  bec a u s e I n ev er  wa n t to m is s  y ou.
6. A re y ou h elic a s e, b ec a us e I wa n t y ou to un z ip m y  j ea n s
7. A re y ou a  t ra s hc a n , bec a us e I’ d  like t o put  m y  j un k i n  y ou r  j e a n s
8. A re y ou a  c at, bec a us e I’ m  fel in e a  c on n ec tion .
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