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New Course Added: Mixology

The Exciting "Drink and Think" Event for Students

AJ Henderson
Staff Writer

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 Communication 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 espe-



Students socializing at the recent mixology class, presented by the Senior Class Gift Committee.

Image Courtesy of AJ Henderson

cially 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.



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The Rose Parking Hall of Shame

Publicly Calling Out Bad Parking Jobs on Campus

William Kemp
Editor-in-Chief

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 relative-

ly 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.

The Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights *Social Media Community Guidelines: Things You Should Know* actually prohibits posting unblurred license plates. "The names of any individuals, and/or other information that could allow anyone to identify the individual(s), such as an address, phone number, social insurance number, license plate number, hometown, school, etc., unless those individuals have expressly consented to such use." While this blog doesn't have a name attached to it, I still highly doubt all of the posts had the consent of the vehicle owner. Additionally, one in particular posted on January 15th has comments with the full name of the owner of the vehicle in question. Again, I do not know if they gave permission to post, but it would be a wise idea to take some protective measures in case of legal action.

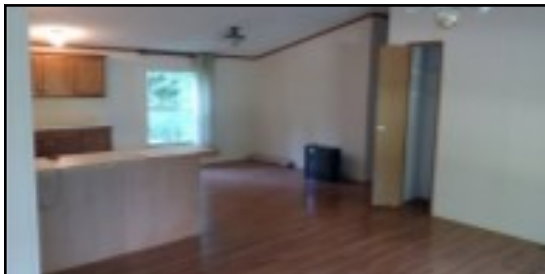
Censoring the plates and ensuring individuals cannot be identified will not take away from the comedic nature of the blog, it is just helpful advice. In the end, the memes are very funny, and (with enough followers) "Rose Parking Hall of Shame" may actually help improve the parking conundrum at Rose.



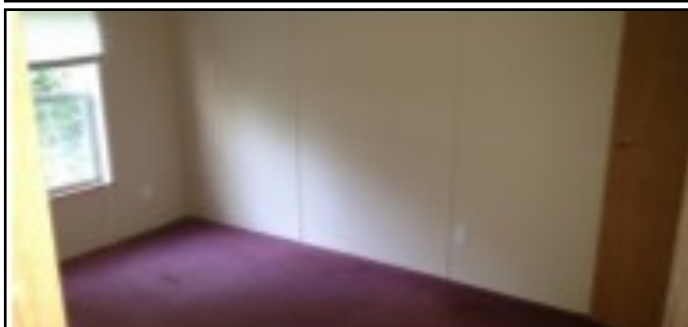
(left) A post with caption "close enough for Rose work". (right) A meme posted on the growing Instagram page.

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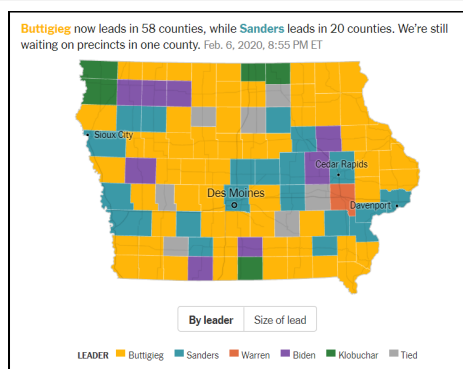
Wait. So, Who Won Iowa?

Jared Gibson
Staff Writer

Every election cycle, the results of the Iowa Caucus are one of the most highly anticipated events in politics. Especially the Democratic Caucuses, which—according to data.desmoinesregister.com—have picked the Democratic nominee every time since 1972. In other words, the Democratic presidential candidate who wins Iowa, typically wins the Democratic nomination. It gives the top candidates momentum. After Iowa, the field of candidates is usually pared down; it becomes evident who are the real contenders for the Democratic nomination. With this cycle’s large candidate field, the 2020 Democratic Iowa Caucus was extremely important. And yet, at the time of writing, it’s hard to say that any candidate has emerged truly victorious.

Last Monday, Iowans from all over the state met in their precincts to decide how many delegates each candidate should be awarded. Each precinct only has a certain amount of delegates that it can award to each candidate, but whoever has the most at the end of the night “wins” Iowa. This time, however, the Iowa Democratic Party could not report results by Monday night because of reporting issues.

At the start of each precinct’s caucus, “caucus goers” are asked to specify their preferred candidate in what is called “first alignment” votes. These votes are tallied and presidential candidates who fail to gain 15% or more of the votes, lose the chance to win any delegates from that precinct. Then, the voters whose first alignment votes were for candidates below this threshold are given a chance to vote again, but this time it must be for candidates with more than 15% of the total votes. This is called the “final alignment.” Notably, candidates with more than 15% of the total votes cannot lose voters in this



The New York Times shows Buttigieg leading in the most counties out of any candidate, but his lead in many areas is not that large, resulting in a close race between Sanders and himself.

Figure courtesy of nytimes.com

realignment phase. Additionally, no new voters are allowed to participate in the caucus after the first alignment votes. At the end of the night, candidates are awarded a number of state delegate equivalents (S.D.E.’s) based on the number of votes they have received. The first alignment votes, final alignment votes, and number of S.D.E.’s awarded are reported by each precinct’s chair to the Iowa Democratic Party (IDP). The number of S.D.E.’s that each candidate has determines the number of actual delegates they receive.

This year, the reporting process was supposed to be facilitated by a smartphone app, something that was done during the 2016 Iowa Caucuses. According to vox.com, however, the developers of the 2020 app lacked three important resources that the 2016 developers had: time, experience, and funds. As a result, the company in charge of the application’s development, Shadow, released a poorly tested app that many precinct chairs found hard to even download. Not only was the app not released to Apple and Google’s app stores, which forced the precinct chairpersons to “sideload” it through an alternative source, but the company also did not train precinct chairs in how to use the application. For these reasons, many found issues with using the app, struggling to report the votes accurately.

When chairpersons resorted to calling in the final results, they struggled to get through due to the low number of operators receiving calls. Adding to the confusion, errors in reporting prevented the IDP from releasing accurate results. In some cases, the IDP reported results that did not match with the precinct’s reports about their own caucus. In other cases, the reports by precincts showed obvious inconsistencies. For example, the number of final alignment votes were greater than that of the first alignment votes, suggesting that more voters entered the caucus after the first alignment votes were recorded, which is prohibited by the rules of the Iowa Caucus. In some precincts, the number of delegates awarded exceeded the amount of delegates that the precinct was capable of allocating. Sometimes candidates received more S.D.E.’s than their opponents, despite receiving less votes.

Reporting issues are inevitable in any election, and while some of the mistakes made in the 2020 Iowa Democratic Caucus can be easily corrected, others

are more complicated. Considering the close race between the top two candidates, we may never know who officially won Iowa. By the time the IDP reported 100% of the precinct results last Saturday (February 8), Pete Buttigieg led the candidates with 26.2% of the state delegate equivalents, while Bernie Sanders had 26.1%, amounting to a tie when errors are taken into account. Next, was Elizabeth Warren with 18% and Joe Biden with 15.8%.

Although the results of the Iowa Caucus are controversial, they do seem to have a downsizing effect on the field. During the New Hampshire Democratic debate last Friday, the candidates with the most speaking time were Bernie Sanders (20 minutes), Joe Biden (19.5 minutes), and Pete Buttigieg (18 minutes). The next candidates with the most speaking time were Elizabeth Warren 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.

Candidate	Total S.D.E.s*	Pct.	Pledged delegates
Pete Buttigieg	564	26.2%	13
Bernie Sanders	562	26.1	12
Elizabeth Warren	387	18.0	8
Joseph R. Biden Jr.	341	15.8	6
Amy Klobuchar	264	12.3	1
Others	34	1.6	0

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99% reporting (1,764 of 1,765 precincts)

*Candidate totals are state delegate equivalents, which are derived from caucus vote tallies and determine the number of pledged delegates each candidate receives.

The New York Times shows results of 99% of Iowa precincts. Pete Buttigieg and Bernie Sanders tie, while Elizabeth Warren and Joe Biden come in third and fourth.

Image courtesy of nytimes.com

Coronavirus Update

Colin Beach
Rose News Editor

Following the World Health Organization’s (WHO) declaration of a global health emergency, the coronavirus threat continues to be a top focus for numerous countries. Originating in Wuhan, China, the virus has not stopped spreading despite restrictive actions, with the number of people infected worldwide almost at 40,000. As of February 9th, this coronavirus (labelled 2019nCoV) has been responsible for 814 deaths and with more likely to come, surpassing the SARS virus outbreak of 2002. The coronavirus may soon reach pandemic levels, and containment strategies are still uncertain. However, as new cases are discovered, so are updates leading to developments in treatment and awareness.

Though the exact origin of the

virus is still unknown, analysis 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 are a possible intermediate and can transfer the virus as well. Pangolins are protected by law and trade bans, but illegal poaching continues, and their meat and scales are still widely used. Some scientists believe that, since the virus looks to have started in an animal “wet market,” pangolins could have aided in spreading the infection. Highly visited markets in Wuhan have since been shut down.

As patients continue to recover and be released from hospitals, advancements in treatment have been made as well. The antiviral drug remdesivir has shown promising results against the coronavirus in laboratory cultured cells. The drug is now progressing into clinical trials

to determine its true effectiveness. Vaccine development is also underway, and though it is too early to tell how helpful these treatments will be, the right steps are being taken to contain and prevent this disease.

Of course, updates on coronavirus are not all good news. Dr. Li Wenliang, one of the first Chinese doctors to warn about the virus, recently died from infection. Wenliang’s concerns were initially silenced back in December, angering many citizens who believe that such awareness early on would have greatly helped the process. Additionally, an American citizen staying in Wuhan has also died. The few cases here in the United States remain under control, but this unfortunate passing will surely add to the tension of the situation.

The coronavirus continues to be a serious threat to much of the modern world. It is unsure how long it



Medical workers transferring a patient to one of the temporary hospitals in Wuhan, China.

Courtesy of northcountrypublicradio.org

will take for full containment and recovery, but there is clear progress being made. China has already set up two temporary hospitals specifically for those infected, and the WHO hopes to soon send additional aid. As more information comes to light, so does more hope that the dangers of this virus will fade.

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The Resurrection of Adam Sandler

A Story of How the Famous Actor has come Full-Circle

Graham Hepworth
Guest Writer

Adam Sandler has sculpted himself an unprecedented resurrection in Hollywood over the past five years. Starting with a legendary Netflix deal to produce 4 films with practically unlimited creative control, something unprecedented for the post-Marvel world, where producers of large-scale franchises and ones assigned by distribution companies have more and more control over the finished product (see: *Rogue One* and *Solo*).

Netflix, while offering more creative control, had signed a contract with a modern Hollywood Huey Long, a mini benevolent dictator who had so much control over his movies that he managed to overpower the notoriously unshakable Genndy Tartakovsky for the two sequels to the *Hotel Transylvania* films, for better or for worse.

Sandler, in the past, had started using his unbreakable star power to churn out profitable vacations such as *Grown-Ups*, *Grown-Ups 2*, *Blended*, *Jack and Jill*, and *Just Go With It*. These films served a unique and innovative purpose: to use every writing and directing trick in the book to engineer a successful film which allowed Sandler to write off and profit off of the vacations he was taking in destinations like Hawaii, South Africa, a Royal Caribbean Cruise Line, and my home, Essex County, Massachusetts. (Go Sox!!!)

Sandler's deal with Netflix represented an incredible amount of good faith into the man's then waning popularity, as they were essentially committing to funding Sandler's ridiculous vacations in the hope that the crap he makes on the side will be profitable.

These films made Sandler the fourth-highest paid man in Hollywood in 2017, behind Vin Diesel, and surprisingly involved much less vacationing than he had done in the past, with *The Ridiculous 6*'s primary filming location being Santa Fe, New Mexico, rather than say, the Moon, a feat most likely accomplishable with Netflix's infinite money pit.

Beyond the general cheap nature of Sandler's productions due to not renting entire ocean liners for these films. Netflix's contract also allowed him to turn one of his best performances in the Noah Baumbach film *The Meyerowitz Stories (New and Selected)*, giving it the star power needed to be the closest thing to an objectively good Adam Sandler film that didn't flop. He also turned an award-winning performance in 2019's *Uncut Gems*, in which he showcases an absolutely brutal and beautiful hero's journey in a moderately criminal underbelly of New York.

Now, if you've been paying attention, you might notice a pattern with the films described: PG-13 comedies in which he films around a vacation, which make approximately 40 times F*** You Money dollars, and incredibly well-done art films that manage to deconstruct his characters in all his other films that make no money and give critics big throbbing awards that they try to give to Adam Sandler.

Sandler has, outside of some revival standup work, not really gone back to the horrifically juvenile schtick that originally got him famous on SNL. He's found such success in the fledgling family gross out comedy business that he can effectively act in any indie film he wants, why would he try?

In 2012, he did, and he failed. He failed incredibly badly. He managed to lose at least 13 million with a film that starred some of the biggest names in Hollywood at the time, along with some nationally beloved favorites: Andy Samberg, Leighton Meester, Susan Sarandon, Peggy Stewart, Tony Orlando, James Caan, Blake Clark, my personal hero Will Forte, and even Koji Kataoka (who is better than this). He got all these acclaimed actors and comedians and storytellers together for a film called *That's My Boy*, which promised to take Adam Sandler's juvenile humor and use it as a satirical mirror to society.

That's My Boy establishes itself by having Adam Sandler's character, Donny, get raped on screen as a child by Eva Amuri, and everybody thinks its f***ing awesome. Why? Cause she's hot, of course!

I want those two sentences to meld in your mind. I want you to spend the next minute thinking about those two sentences and their consequences, and what it was like to read them. Are you done? Alright.

Along with child sex abuse, the movie draws its jokes from incest, obese strippers, alcoholism, violent religious figures, gay panic, lowest form of slapstick, and a wom-

anager lifestyle.

Hilarity ensues, and by hilarity, I mean the most mean-spirited, low brow, crowd-pleasing, anti-culture, anti-rich, moderately anti-gay, sexist, surprisingly not racist, stupidest s*** I've ever seen.

Who's Donny's old friend that he reconnects with in one of the movie's subplots? Vanilla Ice.

What does Donny say when he comes into a room? "WAZZZUUUUPPPP!"

How do we have a military man be kind of the bad guy? Turns out he's an interpretive dancer. He didn't even initiate his own sexual abuse either, it was Todd Peterson's fiancée, Jamie, who molested her own younger brother, which makes him the p****!

This movie thinks the funniest thing on earth is a man getting hit on the head with a bottle, it happens three times and each one is callback to the last one.

All the rich people and their friends are assholes, and each and every one turns out to be some kind of villain. Even Todd Peterson's boss, who treats him and loves him like a son, ends up only treating him that way and promoting him because he was Han-Solo's fiancée.

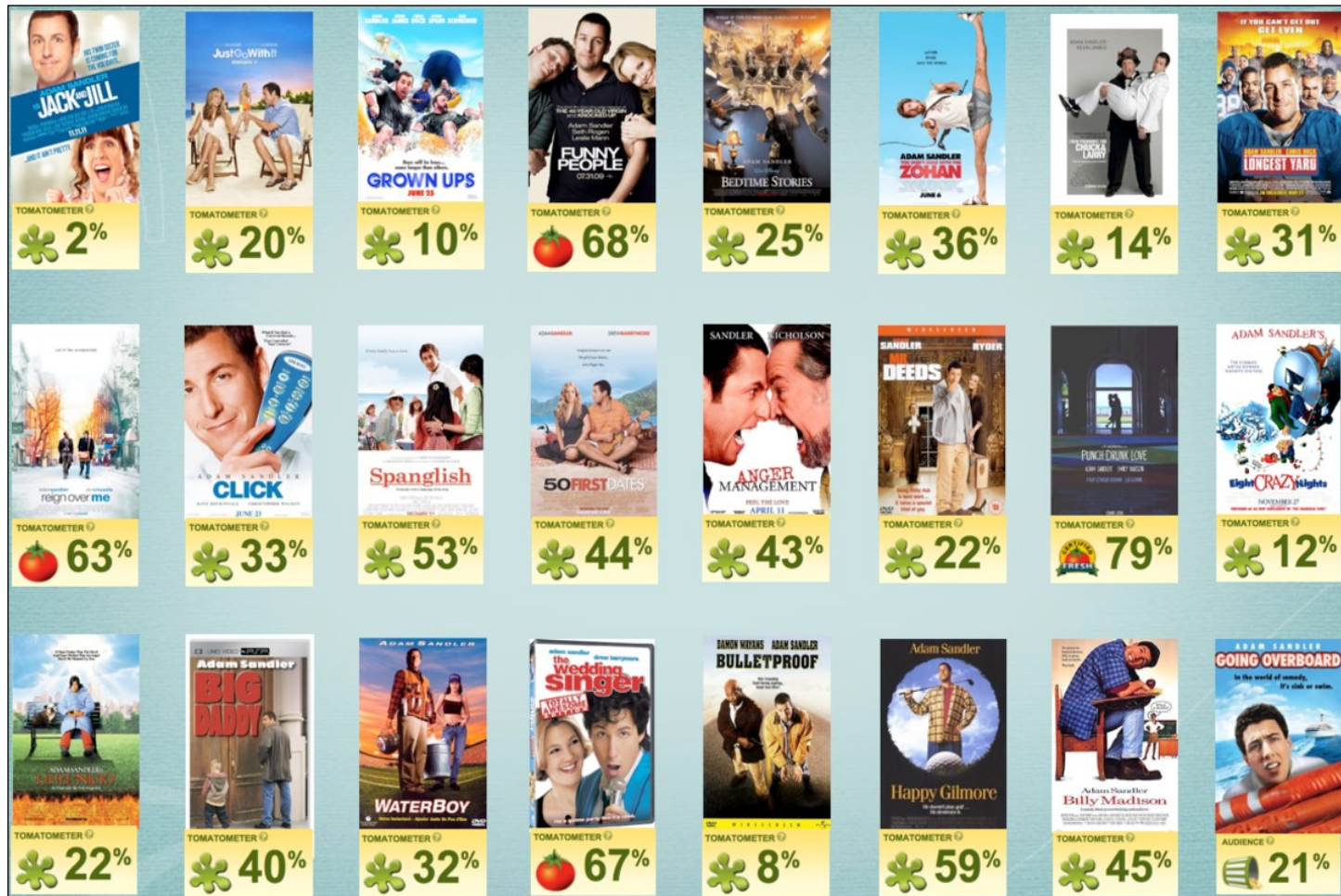
I think by the end of this movie, he was sick of it.

The only person who seems concerned that Donny was raped is an ugly woman, who is made even uglier by makeup, and the movie uses every emotional marker in cinema to make her look like one of the bad guys.

All of the rich people become one-dimensional forces of evil, all the others become one-dimensional forces of Beavis and Butthead humor. Susan Sarandon plays an older version of her daughter.

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 movies to be successful. He made this movie right after his passion project, *Funny People*, bombed, and his disappointment at *Funny People*'s 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 for years in his PG-13 comedies and exaggerates and exploits it until it's sick and twisted, just to see if America ate it all up.



An incomplete list of Adam Sandler movies and their ranking on Rotten Tomatoes

Image courtesy of BossHunting.com

an with a back brace giving Will Forte a blowjob. Her name is Amber Paul. She's a very good actor. I'm both very happy and very unhappy to see her here.

Anyway, after Donny becomes a national celebrity, the son he conceived from getting molested is born and he has to take care of the child, because his dad keeps beating him, of course.

He raises this kid in every wrong way possible and so Andy Samberg, in this movie, has a New Kids on the Block tattoo and Type 2 Diabetes by the time he's 13. He must drive when he's 12 because his dad is too drunk to do so. He ends this relationship by telling current friends and employers that his parents died in an explosion.

Point is, Donny Berger f***ed up when raising Han-Solo Berger, Andy Samberg's character. And now Han-Solo, new name Todd Peterson (it just comes out that way), doesn't want his father in his life. But if Donny doesn't get \$50,000 cash to the IRS by Tuesday, he's going to prison! So, Donny needs to reconnect with his son so he can mooch off him and his big-shot hedge fund

The traditional Madonna whore complex depictions are used even though the Madonna works at a strip club, and the whore is so thoroughly debased as a degenerate through the script that one ends up cheering the use of the dichotomy in the end.

All of these narrative tricks designed to turn the audience for or against characters work so well because the writing is so purposefully terrible at characterization in any other way.

Sandler manages to create a movie that's so wretchedly lowbrow not just in its crudeness, but also in its expert exploitation of the sensibilities of the audiences that made him rich as hell. Adam Sandler does this so well I do not believe this was accidentally a bad movie.

Throughout his life, Sandler has used the stereotypes and prejudices Middle America had against certain groups and people, even using multiple storylines in his movies to have the prejudices and concerns of all races and backgrounds covered (see *Grown Ups 2* and *Bumpty*). He knows this, and

They didn't.

And even though this was his first movie to lose money in years, I can't help but believe that he was happy that a project this aggressively manufactured to play into every stereotype Middle America has on their brain failed miserably. I'd hope that he's better than that. We know now that he's better than that as an artist, at least.

That's My Boy is one of the worst movies ever made. It plays into every preconceived notion one could assume the average American to have at the turn of the 2010s, makes no jokes anyone over the age of 5 would conceivably tell their friends, might advocate for woman-on-man child rape, and might be the most effective treatise ever created criticizing the last excesses of the pre-streaming world.

I recommend you take psychotropic substances and watch it immediately. Get drunk or high or take coke or whatever. Just screw your brain up into a lower income bracket and watch this.



A Starter Guide to Sustainable Living

Some Helpful Tips and Ideas

Dalal Bima
Staff Writer

I started researching sustainable living after watching multiple documentaries on Netflix about the state of our planet, such as Plastic Ocean, Our Planet, and Chasing Coral. These documentaries helped me realize the impact of some of our convenient, yet harmful, habits that we have developed over the years as humans. For instance, when we throw away something in the trash, we are not fully aware of its destination nor its final state on earth, which developed a sense of detachment from the issue. We do not see the trash filling landfills around the world, nor the effect of plastic on our health, oceans, and animals. However, with the help of documentaries like the ones mentioned above and the glorious internet, we can educate ourselves and come up with alternatives that reduce our general waste and hopefully improve our health overall.

The following list includes simple ways to introduce sustainable living into our daily lives. I have incorporated some of these in my life for the past year, and they did not just help me reduce how much waste I produce, but also saved me a good amount of money in the long run!

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 reusable produce bags if needed.

“...they did not just help me reduce how much waste I produce, but also saved me a good amount of money in the long run!”

- 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 machine.
- Invest in a reusable beeswax wrap to replace foil or saran (cling) wrap that can only be used once.
- If you use Keurig to make your coffee,

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 paper. They are very durable and will stay with you for a long time.
- Swap your sponge for natural biodegradable 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 materials.
- Invest in a reusable safety razor for your shaving needs. The blades are recyclable and are much cheaper than plastic razors.
- On the topic of shaving, a bar of shaving cream would reduce how many plastic bottles you accumulate in your bathroom.

- Invest in a menstrual period cup. They are a one time investment that eliminates your need for period pads and liners.
- Swap your toothbrush with a bamboo one. Bamboo is compostable and biodegradable, so whenever it is time to change your toothbrush you will be throwing away something that won't stay on our planet forever.

I would suggest starting your swap to a more sustainable living by focusing on one area at a time. This way you would not feel overwhelmed in the process and ensure that you do everything with intention. Note down areas where you produce a lot of waste, especially plastic waste, and try to find a more sustainable choice to swap it. Perfection is never the idea, instead aim for an imperfect yet continuous practice. I wish you all a happy sustainable living!

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Vegan Chocolate Cake Recipe

An Adventure Into Delectability

Matthew Supp
Flipside Editor

Makes one 8-inch square cake, or 8 to 12 servings.

This cake couldn't be easier! Don't be intimidated by the number of ingredients. If you've baked before, you have some of this stuff in your pantry. If not, then here's your chance to get some of the staples. It's all mixed in the pan, no bowl needed. This is a no-fail recipe. Enjoy!

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups (7 ounces) bleached all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup (0.75 ounce) unsweetened cocoa powder (Hershey's)
- 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

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 into the baking pan, then add the sugar. With your finger, poke 2 small holes and 1 large one in the dry ingredients. Into 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 35 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 from 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.



Sometimes you just need some cake.

Image courtesy of <http://www.hotchocolatehits.com/2019/01/best-vegan-chocolate-cake-ii.html>



Unpopular Opinions, pt 2

Electric Boogaloo

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!



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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 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 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.

William Kemp
Editor-in-Chief

I have no idea why 6ix9ine- and Lil Pump-type rappers are popular. What sane person intentionally listens to the mumbled words, endless profanities, and "hate speech"? While it is fun to listen to angry songs, I prefer to listen to something comprehensible at the very least. Also, whose bright idea was it to idolize these types of people? They lead extremely destructive lifestyles and should in no shape or form be considered a role model.

Colin Beach
Rose News Editor

Though most people tend to hate on them, Crocs are actually very good shoes. In my life, I've owned two pairs of Crocs: one light green pair, and now one red pair. The look of them is always made fun of, especially if the strap is in "action mode", a.k.a. so your foot doesn't slide out easily. But personally, I enjoy the bright colors and style, especially since my current ones are Rose-Hulman colors. As a swimmer, Crocs are convenient to slip on and off, and I can wear them around the pool without worrying about them getting wet. Yes, some people go overboard decorating them with Jibbitz, but I still believe they are handy, stylish, and overall fun to have.

Jonathan Kawauchi
World News Editor

There's nothing wrong with McDonalds 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 vilified and some 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 labelled 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 micronutrients. 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 particularly dishonest about it, at least in comparison to many things found in grocery stores, non-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.

Aidan Moulder
Opinions Editor

Yes, I'm back to give you yet another one of my unpopular opinions before I wrap up this edition of the Opinions page. You know how lots of people usually say that a Mac is better than a PC for editing photos and videos? Um, yeah, well, that's just not true. Say you're editing a photo, and you're a high-level professional, so you're definitely using Adobe Photoshop for the raw editing portion of your project. If we use the lowest-end version of the 2019 Mac Pro, we end up with an 8-core Intel Xeon W processor, 32 gigabytes of RAM, 256 gigabytes of

storage, and an AMD Radeon Pro 580X graphics processor. If I had the time, money, and need to do so, I could literally go build a Windows PC with the exact same specifications as the Mac Pro. So, all it boils down to is a different operating system, which really only means that the hardware and accompanying drivers will be handled differently, which could result in slightly different performance metrics in different situations. However, I guarantee that the difference will likely be negligible, so anyone that says that a Mac is the best option for productivity software is likely ~~under the influence of illicit substances~~ operating under assumptions and a lack of research. Wake up people, stop giving Apple your hard-earned dollars just because everyone seems to believe that Apple products are flawless and deserving of worship! I will give Apple credit for the overall build quality of their products, especially the new Mac Pro with its intriguing all-aluminum case and surprisingly modular component design, but that doesn't mean that we should automatically assume that the computer performs better than a Windows or Linux system built to the same specifications by an enthusiast in his or her garage workshop.

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 *your* unpopular opinions, and even some of your popular ones, too! The Thorn meets at 5pm on Tuesdays in O259, and we're always looking for more people to write some spicy Opinion pieces. The other editors and I hope to see you there!



Men's Tennis

Caleigh Kintner
Sports Editor

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology picked up three match victories against strong competition to open the 2020 season in Michigan 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 Conrad battled to a 2-6, 7-6, 1-0 (10-7) victory in the No. 3 singles match.

Later in the day against NCAA Division II Ferris State, the No. 3 doubles team of Andrew Schiffman and Mark Slaninka picked up a 7-5 win at No. 3 doubles. Two sin-



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gles matches were close against the Division II opponent, with Landwehr narrowly falling 6-4, 7-6 at No. 1 singles and Josh Giambattista going to a third-set tiebreaker before falling 10-5 at the No. 6 singles flight.

Rose-Hulman stands 0-2 on the season and faces Augustana and Coe next Saturday in Rock Island, Illinois.

Track & Field

Caleigh Kintner
Sports Editor

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology recorded two event wins and one school record, along with seven top-five finishes, at the Illinois Wesleyan Keck Select 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.

Runner-up performers for Rose-Hulman included Kristian Zadlo in the pole vault and Nathan Schrader in the shot put with a personal best mark.

Third-place finishers included Mikey Holtz in the pole vault and Tim



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Youndt in the triple jump.

Other top-five performers were Aaron Lannoy with a fourth-place in the men's 800; Schrader 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 action at the DePauw Invitational next Saturday.

Women's Basketball

Caleigh Kintner
Sports Editor

The Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology women's basketball team battled No. 6 ranked Transylvania 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 Conference action on Saturday afternoon.

Rose-Hulman rallied from a nearly double-figure deficit to tie the score at 46-46 on a free throw by Rose Burnham with 9:04 left in the fourth quarter. A layup by Hannah Woody at the 7:13 mark kept Rose-Hulman within two points at 50-48, and the Engineers maintained just a four-point deficit at 54-50 with 4:23 remaining after a basket from Jordan Barlow.

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



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Other key contributors for the Fightin' Engineers included Nosa Igiehon with eight points, four rebounds and three steals; Barlow with eight points; and Kahlan Jester with six points and a team-high seven rebounds. Desirae Webster added four points, three rebounds and two steals.

Transylvania won its 17th consecutive game and improved to 20-1 overall and 14-0 in HCAC play. The Fightin' Engineers stand 5-16 and 4-10 in league games heading into a road game at Franklin College on Wednesday.

Men's Basketball

Caleigh Kintner
Sports Editor

Transylvania University placed four players in double figures and shot 55% from the field to earn an 88-67 men's basketball victory over Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology on Saturday afternoon.

Brandon Cromwell led the Transylvania offense with 18 points. Spencer McKinney added 17 points, Gavin Root scored 12, and Zach Larimore had 10 points for the host Pioneers.

Craig McGee paced the Rose-Hulman offense with 11 points and five rebounds. Taylor Heil 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 55% from the



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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 winning streak snapped with Saturday's loss. The Fightin' Engineers stand 11-10 on the season and 8-6 in HCAC play, and host conference co-leader Franklin College (14-7, 10-4 HCAC) on Wednesday at 7:30 pm.

Men's Basketball

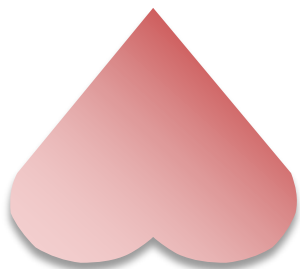
February 12: vs. Franklin
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February 19: @ Earlham
February 22: @ Hanover

Women's Basketball

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Swimming & Diving

February 13: HCAC Championship
February 14: HCAC Championship
February 15: HCAC Championship



WACKY PROF QUOTES

“It makes me feel good, I was addicted to mud”

-Dr. Sutterer

“I know I’m supposed to be a professor, but I’m not very smart”

- Dr. Danesh

“Kids are remarkably good at hurting themselves. My first design got rejected because it would have killed a kid”

-Dr. Stamper

“Now we are going to commit mild heresy...and take the limit outside the integral”

- Dr. Kozai

“You can buy a hotel with cocaine, but that doesn’t make it currency.”

- Dr. Estrada

“It’s like weed in California; you’re going to get it eventually, you just have to go through some regulations first”

- Dr. Chapman

“If you’re going to ask to turn homework in late, do in private not in front of the entire class. That way I don’t look soft.”

-Dr. Herniter

Did your prof say something hilarious or just great out of context? Did you hear something confusing or funny on your jaunt about the fine halls of this institution? We want to hear about it! Send your quotes with who said it to suppmg@rose-hulman.edu or fill out this nifty google form: <https://goo.gl/forms/bB339sx6GHohggYt1>

SGA blocks witnesses during Presidential trial

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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 electoral 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 52 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.

The case was brought to the judicial council for review, where inside sources claim that discourse unlike anything politics has seen took place inside the room. For four hours, the judicial council did anything from calm collected discussion and debate to informed decision making over the topic. When asked for a comment, judicial clerk Seiji Takagi responded with “no comment”.

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”.

A full trial was planned for last Friday, which took approximately one hour, nine minutes and 37 seconds. However, controversy was raised when it was decided that no witnesses would be allowed during the trial to present evidence, due to the abundant number of witnesses lining up outside the Music Room (Shack Lounge) in the Union. Rob “Danger” Coons was quoted stating that “If we go down in the witness path, we’re going to want the whistleblower. We’re going to want former deputy treasurer Seiji Takagi”. Students were disappointed that they would not be allowed to present their evidence to the senate.

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 anime on VHS”. 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 and forced another judicial review. Treasurer Seiji Takagi at the time was quoted saying “no comment” when asked about the decision to keep the election results from last year. It’s unsure what the results for this election will be, but there’s no doubt that SGA exec will spend another \$3000 discussing the results during their all-expenses paid transition dinner at stables.

For more information, send a message to SGAofficers@rose-hulman.edu, or email “no comment” to takagistr@rose-hulman.edu.

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TOP TEN

Election Processes

1. Iowa Caucus

2. RHIT SGA

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Pickup Lines to use this Valentines Day

1. Are you helicase, because I want you to unzip my jeans

2. Are you a trashcan, because I’d like to put my junk inside of you

3. I like you like I like my glasses, sitting on the bridge of my nose

4. Are you freshmen floor dinner, because I never want to miss you.

5. Are you a baker, because you make my banana cream

6. Girl, you thicker than the racial divide in this country.

7. Are you quiet hours, because I’m gonna violate you all night long.

8. Hey I think there’s something wrong with my phone, it doesn’t have you number.

9. Do you wanna go to my place and watch some porn on my flat-screen mirror?

10. You want...sum fuk?

11. Are you a cat, because I’m feline a connection.

12. Are you a Middle Eastern country, because this American wants to quickly come in and seize your assets.

Heard ‘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

Joke of the Week:

Your sex life