The Rose Parking Hall of Shame

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.

New Course Added: Mixology

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 bartende-er, she instructed participants on how to mix five common drinks.

The drinks demonstrated were the Shirley Temple (Dirtily 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 Commit-tee (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 combina- tion 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-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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 Coronaviruses Update

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 from democrowd.com—have picked the Democratic nominee every time since 1972. In other words, the Demo- cratic Caucus is usually the final decision point, typically wins the Democratic nomination. It gives the top candidates momentum. After Iowa, the field of ca-
candids is usually pared down; it be-
comes evident who are the real can-
tenders 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 emerged as a clear winner. Last Monday, Iowans from all over the state met in their precincts to de-
decide how many delegates each candidate will receive. 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 cauc-
us, “caucus guests” are asked to specify their preferred candidate in what is called “first alignment” votes. These votes are called and precinct leaders who fail to gain 1% or more of the votes, lose the chance to win any delegates from that precinct. Then, the voters whose first alignment vote was for a candidate below this threshold are given a chance to vote again; but this time it must be for candidates with more than 1% of the total votes. This is called the “final alignment.” Notably, candidates with more than 1% of the total votes cannot lose voters in this

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reporting issues are inevitable in any election, and while some of the mis-

takes made in the 2020 Iowa Democratic Caucuses can be easily corrected, others

Figure courtesy of nytimes.com

The New York Times shows Buttigieg leading in the most countries outside of any candidate, but he lost in many areas is not that large, resulting in a close race between Sanders and himself. Figure courtesy of nytimes.com

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. Image courtesy of nytimes.com

You decide what’s newsworthy.
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 unpatriotic resurrection in Hollywood. After starting out as a shot hedge fund Early in Netflix, the actor decided to produce 4 films with a shot budget of $50,000 each. These films made Sandler the fourth biggest actor in Hollywood, with a total of 13 comedies and exaggerating and promoting it until it's success and promoted it until it became the biggest actor in Hollywood.

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One of the most unexpected things about this film is how good the performances are. The cast is full of big names, including Kevin James, Adam Sandler, and a few cameos from The Office cast. The chemistry between the characters is amazing, and the humor is really well executed. It's a charming film that is sure to be a hit with audiences of all ages.

However, one of the biggest criticisms of the film is its length. At 130 minutes, it feels quite long, and some scenes feel dragged out. But overall, Grown Ups 2 is a fun and enjoyable film that is worth watching.
In the kitchen:

- when grocery shopping, make sure you buy loose fruits and vegetables. Many stores store single use plastic wraps for their produce that is not recyclable, instead use your reusable produce bags if needed.
- 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!

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 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 fairly well homogenized.
4. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes, or until a toothpick comes out clean.

Storage

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

5. Instead of frosting, sprinkle a little powdered sugar on top before serving.

Some Helpful Tips and Ideas

- Invest in a menstrual period cup. They are a one time investment that eliminates your need for peri- od 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.
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Unpopular Opinions, pt 2

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 their 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 is not 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 Kawashii
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 very good and deserving of praise. Fast food is something that can 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—Health is more than just 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.

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? Unless you really sell, that’s just not true. Say you’re editing a photo, and you’re a high-level professional, so you’re definitely using a Mac. And then when you get 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 software is likely undefined 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. People always look on the difference will likely be negligible, so anyone that says that a Mac is the best option for productivity software is simply undefined by the influence of illusory 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 module component design, but that doesn’t mean that we should automatically believe that the computer performs better than a Windows machine. A Mac is simply 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 from you. Share your unpopular opinions, and even some of your popular ones, too! The Thorn meets at 5pm on Tuesdays in O259, and we put out a whole bunch of people to write some spicy Opinion pieces. The other editors and I hope to see you there!
Later in the day against NCAA Division III opponent, and singles matches. Ian Landrieu picked up three match wins and host the hosts pulled away for a 65-55 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 Hulman Institute of Technology within two points at 30-48, and the Engineers maintained their four point deficit at 54-50 with 4:23 remaining after a basket from Jordan Barkow.

Transylvania relied on its defense to place four players in double figures and shot 55% from the field and hit seven three pointers. Transylvania shot 53% from the field and 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 stood 10-4 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.
**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

“No we are going to commit mild heresy...and take the limit outside the integral”
- Dr. Koizai

“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 it 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 suppmpg@rose-hulman.edu or fill out this nifty google form: https://goo.gl/forms/bB339sx6G0H0b9gY1t

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 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 32 seconds to allow them to run. While this may not seem like a huge issue, some people expressed concern 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 stand, 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 $10 RCA HDMM 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 SGAOffice@rose-hulman.edu or email “no comment” to takagip@rose-hulman.edu. Thank you for reading!

**TOP TEN**

**Election Processes**

1. Iowa Caucus
2. RHT SGA

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**TOP TEN**

**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