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Welcome Class of 2024!

Dear Student Body,

Welcome to our beautiful campus either physically, or virtually! I hope all of you have had a great summer and are ready to start the year off right!

To the first year students, as SGA president, I want to extend the warmest welcome to each and every one of you on behalf of the entire Rose-Hulman family. I sincerely hope that, as you settle in, you are taking the time to participate in the virtual and in-person events with your residence halls and have found a community where you feel you belong. The friends you meet in these halls will be with you through the joys as well as the challenges of Rose-Hulman and beyond. Cherish every single moment with them.

Things are going to look a little different than when I was a freshman. Rest assured, the faculty, the professional staff, and the many student leaders are here to make sure your experience is as exciting and wacky as ever. We are here to make sure you feel at home within the Rose-Hulman family. Don’t hesitate to get to know the upper-class students around campus. We have learned a few things from our time here and are willing to share that knowledge with you.

To my fellow upper-class members, this academic year is going to challenge us more than ever. Being so close to each other but at the same time feeling so far apart is going to present a new set of obstacles we must face. Our typical traditions are going to have to take new forms; this does not mean they can’t be enjoyable. Our hallways, known for being a place of collaboration, will be quieter but new virtual hangouts will take its place. Additionally, as public spaces like the Union follow new guidelines and policies, I believe we can still enjoy the same old conversations with our masks on, socially distant. I believe we can take on these obstacles and succeed because it’s not the campus that makes Rose so great; it’s the people.

I want to assure you all that, now more than ever, the Student Government Association is fully committed to being a bridge between the administration and the student body, thus ensuring a fulfilling experience for all. We look forward to making sure that the student body’s voice is heard, either from campus or from your home.

We will get through this together.

Sincerely,

The Student Government Association
Welcome From The Thorn!

A Letter from the Editor

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2020 has been a roller-coaster of non-stop problems and uncertainty, and entering college during all of this is just one more thing to throw on the pile. I commend all of you. I’m sure this was not the “college dream” you all were looking forward to, but I encourage everyone to look for the light.

You will here several times that Rose-Hulman is a family and that the bonds made here are unbreakable. From my experience, this is very true. Rose will push your limits to the breaking point and expect you to get right back up the next day. The only way to fully enjoy Rose is to enjoy the people who are in it with you. There is no better word for the people you’ll meet and struggle with other than family.

To me the Thorn staff is my family. I would do just about anything for the fine people on this page. On behalf of the Thorn, I welcome each and every one of you with open arms to join our family.

We meet every Tuesday at 5 pm, now through Microsoft Teams. If you would like to join the Thorn family or have any questions please contact me at kempwc@rose-hulman.edu.

Sincerely, 
William Kemp

Meet The Thorn Staff

William Kemp
Editor-in-Chief
Business Manager
ME—2021
I am the Editor-in-Chief and Business Manager of the Thorn, former member of the Swim Team and Rose student. I will be finishing up my senior year at the University of Louisville in my hometown.

Colin Beach
Rose News Editor
Biochemistry—2022
Hello, I am Colin Beach! I am the Rose News Editor for the Rose Thorn, as well as a member of the Rose Hulman Swim Team. I love the labs, projects, and research that comes with being a biochem major. I am excited for my third year and all that Rose has to offer, no matter what the world brings.

Jonathan Kawauci
World News Editor
ChemE—2021
I’m Jonathan Kawauci, World News Editor for the Rose Thorn. I am aiming to work in pharmaceuticals or genetic engineering. I tend to complain about everything, which is why I’ll usually be writing movie reviews or world news. Side hobbies would be reading, gaming, and cooking. I hope you enjoy the freshman edition of the Rose Thorn.

Alyssa Russell
Lifestyle Editor
CS—2023
Hello! My name is Alyssa Russell and I am the Lifestyle Editor for the Rose Thorn. I am majoring in Computer Science and will be a sophomore this 2020-21 school year. My hobbies comprise of drawing digitally and traditionally, cooking, reading, and writing. I also work at the Rose-Hulman bookstore, so if you happen to see me, feel free to stop by and say hello!

Caleigh Kintner
Sports Editor
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Hey! I am the Sports Editor. I am Caleigh Kintner and I am a senior studying biochemistry. I enjoy watching almost every sport, especially if they are played outside.

Matthew Supp
Flipside Editor
EngDesign—2023
Hey there, I’m Matthew Supp and I am the Flipside Editor for the Rose Thorn. I plan on majoring in Engineering Design and will be a sophomore in the 2020-21 school year. Favorite pastimes include eating erasers, selling liquid butter by the gallon, cancelling celebs, and pretending I am good enough at writing to be an editor.

Jonathan Kawauchi
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Thom Adams (AKA Dr. Thom) is the Herman A. Moench Distinguished Professor of Mechanical Engineering. When he is not teaching or engaged in highly creative yet underappreciated research projects, he enjoys eating sushi with his wife, lifting heavy objects for no apparent reason, instructing people on the attainment of Alman through body contortion, running in the woods with his dog, folding animals out of paper, and playing, composing, and arranging music for solo guitar, often in tuning so silly for anyone else to use.

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Aidan Moulder
Opinions Editor
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What’s up, I’m Aidan, and I am an avid PC hardware enthusiast, soccer fan, and (maybe) aspiring YouTuber. I enjoy reviewing games, shows, and movies, and I am probably the most opinionated person writing for the Thorn. I hope to fully enjoy Rose for the Entertainment and Opinions pages.

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Finding the right activity to devote your time to can be more stress than it’s worth. Here is a list of clubs curated by the Thorn staff that may just be right for you:

**Clubs We Love**

**Rose Drama Club**

Trying to study engineering and participate in the practical predictions of each academic quarter. The Student Activities Board plans and organizes free events for students on campus from concerts to sporting events and even petting zoos. Every student who comes to the meeting has a say in what they want to see happen on campus.

**Improv**

In your career-oriented classes, you’ll hear all the time about that 30-second elevator pitch. Nothing will help with your sponginess more than Improv. A terrific place to unwind and hang out as well as learn to make jokes.

**Tips from People Who’ve Been There**

**Do’s and Don’ts**

**Do ask questions. If there is a topic you don’t understand, reach out to your professors and peers. And if you’re unsure on what a professor is expecting, ask for clarification. There is nothing bad about wanting to learn more.**

**Don’t spend all of your time working. Only studying and doing homework can make you burn out real quick. Give yourself breaks and find extracurriculars you would enjoy being a part of. Campus life may be different now, but there are still plenty of exciting opportunities to give a balance of work and fun.**

**Do get to know your roommate. The only thing you absolutely do not want freshman year is to not get along with your roommate. The last thing you want is to live in a place you don’t like. Talk to them, ask them about classes, study together, get food together. Especially now, spending time with your roommate is a great way to get comfortable on campus.**

**Don’t forget that you are human. Yeah, I know that 65% on a Physics test is not the best. I know that classes sometimes won’t make any sense. Don’t beat yourself up trying to solve one problem. Setbacks will happen at Rose, that’s almost inevitable. Do your best to learn from them, and to not be afraid of failing.**

**Do call your parents. Most of you call home in a land far, far away. That can either be Indianapolis or the other side of the world. In either case, your parents will miss the crap out of you. Even if it’s just a weekly “am I still alive” check-up, no call goes under appreciated. Sometimes, their advice can be more helpful than anyone you can find on campus.**

**Don’t use Chegg or similar sites. It’s easy to lie to yourself saying, “it’s just teaching me the process.” Ask for help instead, you’ll remember it A LOT more. There are no Chegg solutions after graduation.**

**Our Mission Statement:**

We are Rose-Hulman’s independent student newspaper. We keep the Rose-Hulman community informed by providing an accurate and dependable source for news and information.
WACKY PROF QUOTES

“I drove a half hour to IKEA to purchase a futon for my son. After going through the whole store, they didn’t have one in the checkout. I ope the EU crushes IKEA.”
- Dr. Terrence Casey

“I’m used to being an ass.”
- Dr. Tarrant

“We will sacrifice chickens to achieve this performance! Actually, goats.”
- Dr. Estrada

“I joined CommunistMatch.com”
*Seven days later*

“I’ve been receiving emails from Russian...people.”
- Dr. Hermiter

“If you’re going to die, go do it Dr. Chang’s room.”
- Dr. Throne

“This is my last class of the year. Only 30 or 40 more years to go.”
- Dr. Eichholz

“If you’re ignorant about American geography, move to Russia or something. You’d be more comfortable there.”
- Dr. Wollowski

TOP TEN
New Rules Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic

1. There is now a closed door policy enforced by Rob Coons’s angry racoons
2. Masks must be worn while inside of, around, above, or below the pool
   - Lifeguards are exempt as they need to use their cute’ilil whistles
3. Must use every other parking spot
4. Don’t go to Deming, don’t go to Scharp, don’t go to Mees, don’t go to Bloom, don’t go to ISB, don’t go to Speed
5. Fraternities are cancelled
   - Underage drinking charges unrelated, probably
6. Sororities are okay
   - Gender not related
7. Resident Halls to be called Resident-Halls Dorms
8. Due to social distancing, walking on grass is okay
9. When greeting a friend, shout “Hey!” and do an obnoxious air high five to avoid touching them
10. Home sporting event attendance is now at 25% capacity
   - No noticeable changes here
11. Freshmen must leave cars in the empty plot of land across US 40
12. Bon French Fries will now be cooked in Hand Sanitizer instead of oil
13. Pubsafe has enlisted new ultraviolet light, auto-sanitizing robots to help patrol campus
14. Speed Lake will be drained during Week 2 to make room for a 100 ft tall statue of our lord and savior, Rob Coons
   - Mandatory Offerings and Worship begin Week 5
15. Those not following the rules and guidelines listed here will be subject to the full force and punishment of Rose Hulman’s EGS, Elite Goose Squad

BREACKING NEWS:
One man’s brave investigation breathes new truths about COVID-19

The following letter was submitted to the Rose Thorn by Mr. Issacmec Ario on the 15th of August. The information revealed, if believed to be true, could be shocking to some readers. A large Spoiler Alert for Anyone Curious About Covid Proceed with caution.

Two months ago, after lifting my rock roof, I heard about this small, little known virus, Covid 19. Apparently, it started in a place called Wuhan, China, and has spread to most countries across the world. Being the incredible investigative reporter I am, I decided to get to bottom of this mysterious virus, and figure out for myself what was really going on here.

I used the new Yellow Omnitrak with Super Heated Interior, or Y.O.S.H.I, to travel to China and learn me the truth. Once there, I met up with a very brave epidemiologist friend of mine, Dr. Lue E. Grie, and was able to schedule an interview in his lab.

His lab’s building had a spooky vibe to it. Sometimes I swear I could hear voices behind me, but whenever I turned around, no one was there. His labroom/office was the complete opposite: clean, bright, spacious, and comfy.

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Hey You!! Yea You, The Person Reading This Ad

Looking Green Thing.

You think you have a funny joke or meme? Some real hahaha type sh*t?

Then email it to me (look at the bottom of the page). I will pick what I think is the best one each week and feature it in the next issue. Winners, chosen solely at my discretion, will receive incentive prizes!!!!!

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Received a tip that someone had built a machine to make a 100 ft tall statue of our savior, Rob Coons, out of glass.

Took a break from reading to eat a bite of cheese.

Finished reading, took a look at the bottom of the page, and picked what I think is the best one each week and feature it in the next issue. Winners, chosen solely at my discretion, will receive incentive prizes!!!!!

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