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A New Approach to Classic Traditions

Colin Beach
Rose News Editor

By now, students and faculty alike are familiar with the changes put in place on campus, but as with all work, continuing to make sure that our achievements remain the best they can be is crucial. This year, it was Homecoming Week that faced several hurdles and changes. However, the virtual homecoming that came from it still captured the excitement and honor of Rose-Hulman traditions, just now from the safety of home.

The primary event was a video address to alumni from President Rob Coons, which included thoughts from several faculty and staff, and even a few alumni themselves. President Coons should be deepest thanks to the donors who have made new additions to campus and more academic assistance possible, as well as highlighted changes Rose has made to continue an outstanding education during the pandemic. Included in his remarks were updates on developments of the new academic building and theiddy across the street from campus. When the time comes, exploring these spaces in person is sure to be exceptional.

Additionally, Provost and VP Rich Stamper expanded on the academic progress made for students and faculty during the pandemic. In hybrid classes are much different than what alumni experienced. Associate Athletics Director Karen Leslie showed the new turf field for variety and IM sports and reflected on what the great fall sports season would have provided. Finally, Dean of Students Erik Hayes looked back on the timeless traditions of Rose, and that while we could not be together this year, the great spirit of students and alumni would remain.

Frenemies, campus communities, and the like also held virtual hangouts and discussions, looking to make the best of the times we live in. All came to a close with celebrations from the main “Build Your Own Bonfire” competition. The true bonfire, pop tallies, Tent City, football games, and all else that Homecoming Week has to offer will be back before we know it. For now though, the flame of Rose spirit and traditions burns bright through our hearts and our cameras.

As a whole, we look forward to the future of Dear Old Rose. Best of luck to all.

Homecoming 2020 BYOB Winner: the Florida Alumni Association
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Week 5 Updates

Almost to Fall Break, Everyone!

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Rose News Editor

With Fall Break upon us at the end of this academic week, there are several updates and events to be following. Here are some of the major ones:

Fall Break Guidance

Fall Break will give students this Thursday and Friday (the 8th and 9th) off from classes. While students are allowed to go home for the duration of the four day weekend, staying on campus is still encouraged to maintain the best level of health and safety. Those that do leave campus are asked to submit weekly COVID testing early and then submit another test immediately upon arrival back. Additional guidance can be found through contacting Health Services or Student Affairs.

For students staying on campus during Fall Break, food options will be limited to the Vonderschmitt Café, but it will be open for the standard breakfast, lunch, and dinner. As for activities, a Field Day will be held on Friday the 9th with several exciting opportunities across campus.

Graduate School Fair

This Monday, October 5th, from 6-8pm is the virtual Graduate School Fair for Rose students. Like the Career Fair last week, this event will be held through Handshake. Both 1-on-1 and group sessions will be offered, depending on the school of interest. Over one hundred programs will be involved in the fair, covering nearly all STEM, research, and business interests.

Later in the week on Wednesday (the 7th) are information sessions from Rochester Institute of Technology members. Also available for those interested are questions on graduate programs. See Career Services for questions on either event.

Flu Shot Clinics

With the pandemic taking up much of our attention, it is important to remember to take proper care of other health issues as well. Heading into flu season (another key virus to watch out for), Health Services will be dedicating time for flu shots to students this week. Appointments with them can be made for Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. Additionally, the Indiana Immunization mobile clinic is offering the vaccine on campus both this and next Monday. Stay safe!
President Trump Tests Positive for COVID-19

Along with Numerous Other Republican Figures Testing Positive for Coronavirus

Jonathan Kavarnos
World News

Past midnight on October 2, President Donald Trump announced via Twitter that he and First Lady Melania Trump have tested positive for COVID-19. The announcement comes only a few days after the first 2020 presidential debates where Trump criticized Democratic nominee Joe Biden for wearing a mask more than needed.

"Tonight, @FLOTUS and I tested positive for COVID-19. It is as sad to see our country's greatest fighter down with this disease as it is to see our country come together in support.

"The passing of this virus has changed so many lives for the worse. It is a serious thing. My First Lady and I are in good spirits and I will be back in action and full duty within 2 weeks. Everyone be careful, no more sick days for me."

The three senators alone are enough to potentially jeopardize the push to confirm Judge Barrett to the Supreme Court. In the current state of things, the Republicans have 51 votes and could proceed to the confirmation. Several schemes are being studied by Democrats to prevent the Senate from voting.

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Phasmophobia Review

Aidan Moulder
Editor-in-Chief

Paramortal investigation shows were a big thing in the early to mid 2000s. They were so completely fake, without a doubt, but it was an interesting form of entertainment nonetheless. They could be great background noise, or they could really make the hair on the back of your neck stand up. Phasmophobia has brought that feeling forward into 2020, and it feels better than ever.

A quick summary of the movie from IMDB: 

“A sinistral spirit is granted the opportunity to prove worthiness for rebirth, inhabiting the body of a student who killed himself.”

A movie directed by Keiichi Hara, “Colorful” is an animated film that talks about death, rebirth, and life’s struggles through the eyes of a 14-year-old boy, Makoto Kobayashi, and a nameless sinistral spirit that has been reborn within him. While the animation was both simple and down to earth, the ideas and outlook upon family and life both gave interesting perspectives on how life is not as “perfect” as it seems. Even though the characters are imperfect, they make mistakes, and we must remember that everyone makes mistakes. The film itself was a fantastic reminder of this fact and was thoroughly touched by Makoto and his family and friends.

The movie expanded upon the idea that everyone is not just black and white, inside and out. But that we all have different shades of colors that make us who we are. In the end, the nameless spirit is left to find out what sinful deed he committed while living the life of Makoto. Though the spirit hits a few bumps in the road, interacting with Makoto’s family, classmates, and newly found friends, he grows to understand the idea that people are only human. Unlike Makoto in his previous life, the spirit is left with information about how his mother had an affair, the older was self-centered, and his father was a person Makoto despised. Through the eyes of this child and the change that is brought about through the event of Makoto’s overdose, the family and the spirit both begin to understand how important it is to cherish family, friends, and their newfound knowledge.

The story left me very teary-eyed, but with a warm heart. I mean, those old ghost hunting shows, so I can help you narrow down what kind of creature you’re dealing with. They were a big thing in the early to mid 2000s. They were so completely fake, without a doubt, but it was an interesting form of entertainment nonetheless. They could be great background noise, or they could really make the hair on the back of your neck stand up. Phasmophobia has brought that feeling forward into 2020, and it feels better than ever.

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At this point, most people have probably heard of Machine Gun Kelly, the white rapper from Cleveland (not to be confused with another white rapper from Missouri). But has everyone heard of Machine Gun Kelly, the punk rockstar from Cleveland?

A distinct departure from MGK’s usual hip-hop style, Tickets To My Downfall is, in a single word, incredible. I’m the kind of guy who typically doesn’t listen to songs all the way through, but I have been listening to TTMD on repeat for the week that it’s been out (at the time of writing). It’s so rare to find an album like this that has no definitive best or worst song because it’s all so consistently good. I want to say the last album I can think of like that is probably Green Day’s American Idiot.

MGK introduces his album with a gentle acoustic guitar riff and clear vocals…and then Travis Barker starts drumming. The rest of “Title Track” is a fun bop reminiscent of turn-of-the-century pop punk. It sounds a lot like Blink-182, which shouldn’t be a big surprise if Travis Barker is involved. The next track, “Drunk Face”, opens up with a much more typical rap beat, but the drums and a steady electric guitar soon start playing along with it. This song isn’t as loud and aggressive as the opening of the album, and it finds a good middle ground between what we usually expect from MGK and his new-found punk jam. I would probably describe “Drunk Face” overall as a song written to be rapped but then performed as a rock song. The instruments drop out at the end and leave several layered vocal tracks to close out the song. “Kiss Kiss” returns to the first song’s steady drums and guitar. The whole thing just sounds like a typical rock song, and it’s great.

Now, we get to the first single, “Bloody Valentine”, which is why I’ve had high hopes for this album since May 1st. It was the first time I really took a great interest in MGK’s work because it seemed like an unusual shift. I can’t think of too many rappers who have moved into making rock music, and even fewer that have done so successfully. “Bloody Valentine” really shows me how versatile Machine Gun Kelly is as an artist and how with a little help (Travis Barker) he can do just about anything pretty well. Overall, this track is probably one of my favorites on the album. It boasts an infectious rhythm and is just another very fun song. Next is “Forget Me Too”, the first feature on the album. The song overall is more of the same, and Halsey sounds absolutely great (which I suppose isn’t a huge surprise) without totally drowning out MGK. I think she might be the best guest on the album.

Most of the rest of the record is similar to everything I’ve already described. I don’t mean it sounds the same because it absolutely does not, but it’s all very clearly a 2000s pop punk-themed venture. Other notable features include Trippie Redd on “All I Know”, Blackbear on “My Ex’s Best Friend”, Iann Dior on “Nothing Inside”, and Bert McCracken on “Body Bag”. Most of the collab tracks are pretty solid, the weakest probably being Trippie Redd’s performance.

I think the most important song for this album and what does most of the work making it into a true pop punk album is “Concert For Aliens”. Every time I hear it, I forget I’m not listening to Blink-182. It has the right instruments, the right structure, and the right tempo. It’s quick, it’s fun, it’s punk, it’s an absolute banger, as is the entirety of Tickets To My Downfall. If you want to give it a listen, you can probably find every song on YouTube or Spotify by now. I highly recommend you check it out.

A masterful hip-hop & punk rock hybrid

Janine Dias  
Staff Writer

Puzzle Of The Week

Guess and fill in the translations of the funny sounding German words.

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**Opinions**

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### Sportification of US Politics

Matthew Supp
Flipside Editor

A common thing to see at a tailgate of a football game would be the flag for one of the teams competing; it’s a sign of your support and fervor. You and your neighbor may get along perfectly, but come Sunday, you hate each other, simply because of the teams you choose to support. In the crazy realm that is modern US politics, this type of rival attitude is becoming more and more commonplace. Before the 2016 election, I would never see a truck proudly waving a political flag in the same way it would wave a Colts flag. No, more than I have seen before, politics has become almost spatiful. Where people think a certain way or vote a certain party just because they don’t want to associate with the other side. The somewhat blind devotion to a political party, on either side of the aisle, is so reminiscent of people liking a sports team because of where they’re from. I fear that this type of political climate will lead to a dangerous split in party ideals. I know that Trump’s rise to the Oval Office is the catalyst to this new age of politics, but I also know that it is not just Trump’s party that has the sort of “sportification.” It will be interesting to see how this car ries over past November, with both sides preparing for a bitter election.

Where To Next? Nowhere.

Colin Beach
Rose News Editor

If I had the time and money, travelling would become a hobby of mine. I’m sure numerous other people would say the same thing. But certain coincidences with the pandemic raging on, those dreams are on hold for a while. At least, for myself, some people are continuing to travel across state and country lines, fearless against the crisis they may face. Which is the better choice, then; to stay or to go? Well, if you look at all things health and safety, the obvious choice would be to not travel. Yet, to other continents, not to other countries, probably not even to other states. Some exceptions are valid, like family emergencies or necessary work travel. But overall, to leave home or school otherwise is risky and more so reckless. Young adults now make up a large portion of active COVID-19 cases, and specifically with colleges they usually come from either off-campus housing or students leaving and returning. This travel is the unnes-
sesary that is taking place, and which in times of pandemic puts both the traveler and other-
s at risk of infection. No-\n
days, when you go out into the community – even one you’re familiar with and have been in your whole life – you can never know what you are exposed to. Best precaution is to follow all social distancing and mask rules, as well as keeping proper hygiene like showering or changing clothes after every time you go out. But even easier is to minimize your time spent away from home.

For the first three months I was home for the pandemic, I only ever left the house for a few doctor appointments. Of my favorite memories are from vacations and exploring cities I had never been before. But I am fine to trade that in if it almost guarantees the safety of myself and those I care for. We live in a pandemic now, and our normal lifestlye will not return for some time. Those who act like nothing ever happened – gathering in cross-country to beaches or door-to-door to crowded bars and parties – do not see the gravity of the situation we face. If, for example, you are in the “bubble” of a well-monitored campus population, leaving can break the bubble so easily. Even worse is those outside trying to come in, the exposure of other people other than yourself is never far certain other options to continue liv-
ing the best life you can that do not involve going out. That’s why stay-at-home orders are in place, not for restriction but for protection. Why put others at risk of detriment health effects for your own simple satisfaction? Staying put and staying away is not major sacrifice, there are usual ways to enjoy your time. Wherever you may be, please take care.
Caleigh Kintner
Sports Editor

Remember when all there was to watch was South Korean base- ball and cherry pit spitting?

Those times appear to be over. Nearly every sport has returned, creating a schedule unlikely any other time before. Multiple leagues are attempting to close out virus- interrupted seasons, while other leagues try to start new ones safely.

For sports fans who were hungry for action for months, this feast may never come again.

The past month has been packed, but the week just completed might have tipped it all for quality and quantity.

Lost Sunday

Paris in the springtime? Not exactly. The French Open got underway in the unfamiliar weather of late September, drizzle and a chilly wind on opening day. Also new were a retractable roof and lights, a short turnaround from the United States Open, and a short turnaround from the United States Open.

On Week 3 of the N.F.L., the Atlanta Falcons blew a 15-point lead to the Chicago Bears, who improved to an improbable 3-0. The Buffalo Bills blew a 25-point lead to the Los Angeles Rams, but then rallied to win and improved to 3-0 as well.

In European soccer, Bayern Munich, which lost only four times in each of the last three seasons, lost in its second game of the new one, by the improbable score of 4-1 to Hoffenheim. And Smeri- set, waiting since 1893 for its first English Fourth- day championship, lost to Essex in this year’s final.

Plus, Mark Selby beat Martin Gould to win the Eu- ropean Masters snooker tournament in Milton Keynes, England.

You keeping up here?

Monday

The Tampa Bay Lightning lifted the Stanley Cup three months later after a 2-0 victory over the Dallas Stars, which gave them a 4-2 series win. With 10 postseason goals, Lightning defenseman Victor Hedman was named the playoffs’ most valuable player.

“Monday Night Football” put up one of the best matchups of the season as the Super Bowl favor- ites, the Kansas City Chiefs and the Baltimore Ra- vens, and their star quarterbacks, Patrick Ma- homes and Lamar Jackson, faced off. The Chiefs took a step toward a potential Super Bowl repeat

with a comfortable 34-20 win.

Plus in cricket, Bangalore needed an extra over to beat Mumbai after the game finished with the highest ever tied score in Indian Premier League history.

Tuesday

The baseball playoffs — expanded to 16 teams — started with four games. The action was topped by the Yankees crushing the best pitcher in base- ball this season, Shane Bieber of the Cleveland Indi- ans, 12-3, and the Minnesota Twins falling to the Houston Astros and extending their postseason losing streak to a mind boggling 17 games.

Plus: Dynamo Moscow beat SK Zdrilica in the Champions League... the Volleyball Champions League.

Wednesday

On Monday, Serena Williams beat Kristie Ahn, 7-6 (2), 6-0, at the French Open. On Wednesday, Wil- liams continued because of an Achilles tendon inju- ry. How the matches continued.

A quadruple header of playoff games not enough? How about an outdated epic? This baseball bacchanalia resulted in three teams being eliminated from the unfolding hotbed of: three- format: the Toronto (Buffalo) Blue Jays, the Indians and, yes, the Twins, who tallied consecutive playoff losses. The battle continued.

The Los Angeles Lakers hit a rash of 3- pointers to defeat the injury plagued Miami Heat in Game 1 of the N.B.A. finals, 116-98. Anthony Davis had 34 points, and LeBron James added 25 points, 13 re- bounds and 9 assists.


Thursday

Liverpool played Arsenal for the second time in a week after defeating it, 3-1, on Monday in the Premier League. The rematch, in the League Cup, ended in a 0-0 draw, but Arsenal advanced on penalties.

Just four playoff baseball games, but all of them were potential elimination games. We said Boston vs. Tampa Bay vs. Atlanta vs. the Milwaukee Brewers.

Plus: Zaragoza beat Tenerife in the semifinals of the Champions League... the Basketball Champions League.

Friday

The W.N.B.A. finals began with the Seattle Storm beating the top-seeded Las Vegas Aces and their transcendent star A’ja Wilson, 93-80. Sue Bird had 16 assists, a finals record. The Lak- ers took a 2-0 lead over the Heat in the N.B.A. Bi- nals entering Game 3 on Sunday night. James had 31 and Davis 12.


Still with us?

Saturday

In this topsy-turvy horse racing year, the Preak- ness was run last of the three Triple Crown races: a litty, Swiss Skydiver beat the Kentucky Derby win- ner Authentic.

The college football season heated up especially in the Southeastern Conference, as No. 2 Alabama beat No. 13 Texas A&M, 52-24, while No. 4 Georgia beat No. 7 Auburn, 27-6.

Major League Soccer threw out 12 games, starting in the afternoon and extending past midnight on the East Coast. In the marquee game, between Cup con- tenders, Toronto F.C. rallied from a goal down to beat the Philadelphia Union, 2-1.

Postponed from May was the Giro d’Italia, held af- ter the Tour de France for a change. Filippo Ganna won the first stage.

Plus: Juveleal Carlos Barbosa, 4-0, in Brazilian fusil (indoor soccer).

Sunday

The action didn’t slow down. Manager Jose Mor- ientes of Spors, who got revenge on his former team in the previous Tuesday, sought more on Sunday, and beat another former team, Manchester United, 6-1, in the Premier League.

Tom Brady, in his unfamiliar Buccaneers uniform, helped beat the Los Angeles Chargers, 38-31, in the N.F.L. N.S.C.C.B. raced at Talladega. The N.B.A. finals moved to Game 3.


The Craziest Sports Calendar Ever

Picture Source: The New York Times

Virtual Cross Country Race

The Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology's cross country team placed third in round two of the 2020 Virtual Cross Country Series, featuring Heartland Col- lege Athletic Conference programs, held last week.

The Rose-Hulman Sport Editor

The Virtual Racing Series allows each institution to compete times on individual races. Meanwhile, results, move the meet based on those virtual even.

Manchester won the 5,000-meter competition with 12 points. Hanover came in second with 59 points, followed narrowly by Rose-Hulman in third with 62 points.

The top seven also included Abigail Roche of the Wolf Pack in 21st (21:13) and Sara Baker in 24th (21:25).

The next event in the Virtual Series Round 16-18 at the end of October on the weekend of Oct. 9-11.
**WACKY QUOTES**

“Until a week or so ago in Terre Haute everyone should have been naked. There was no need for pants. HR made us though.”
- Dr. McCormack

“These [females dogs] ain’t [expletive for poop] but hoes and tricks”
- Dr. Dre

“Bus size doesn’t really matter, it’s how you use it.”
- Dr. Sid Stamm

“Don’t be Hitler. Wear a hat.”
- Dr. Jensen

“I like some of the GaGa songs...what the F*ck does she know about cameras.”
- Kanye West

Did your prof say something hilarious or just great out of context? Did you hear something confusing or funny on your joint 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/bB319s6xGHobg9Yt

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**Did You Know…**

That firetrucks are red because they have eight wheels and four people on them, and four plus eight is twelve, and there are twelve inches in a foot, one foot in a ruler, and Queen Elizabeth was a ruler, and Queen Elizabeth was also a ship, and the ship sailed the seas, and in the seas are fish, and fish have fins, and the Finns fought the Russians, and Russians are red, and firetrucks are always “Russian” around.

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**TOP TEN**

**Ways to land a Job After Realizing You Missed Yet Another Career Fair**

1. Handshake
2. Google search “Jobs”
3. Run away to the circus
4. Cry, just cry
5. Ask God for about tree fiddy
6. Marry into money
7. Sell your soul to Satan for like 20 bucks
8. Ask Rob Coons for a job as his house maid
9. See if the orphanage will accept legal adults
10. Stand on a street corner with a “will work for —” sign
11. Ask the cashier at McDonald’s for their job
12. Ask your mommies new boyfriend if you can work at his hardware store
13. If you’re truly desperate, ask Safety Jim
14. Cry a lil more
15. Wait until the next career fair and then completely forget about it just like you did this time you worthless poop
16. Accept you new life as a homeless person
17. Wear your name tag on the right side of your body so that when you shake hands they’ll see your name tag and remember you then next time you shake hands
18. Cry a s**t-ton more

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**Meme of the Week…**

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**BREAKING NEWS!!**

**Nintendo Announces New Adventure: Pokémon Do!**

Last Wednesday, I (virtually) sat down with Shuntaro Furukawa, CEO of Nintendo, for one of our weekly video calls. I told him that I recently got back into Pokémon Go after taking a hiatus. After thoroughly scolding me for ever stopping play, he told me to lean in for a secret.

I got as close as I could to the laptops speakers, and he whispered two words: Pokémon Do. I had no clue what he was talking about. Shuntaro explained that Nintendo purchased a large island in the 1960’s, planning to use it for a movie and promos. After the movie idea fell through, Furukawa suggested another purpose: a place where gamers can live out their Pokémon trainer dreams.

The island, named Lig Manob, houses 20 experimental species of Pokémon for people to try and tame for themselves. There have been initial complications with the Poke Balls, resulting in the serious mauling of a 12 year old by a Charizard.

Anti-park sentiment is fronted by a group known as PETR, or Pokemon Exist for Team Rocket. Only time will tell if this park takes after Disney or Jurassic.

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