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COVID-19 and Campus: Quick Updates

Remember to continue following campus guidelines and performing self-checks. Nearly all information on new campus policies and changes can be found in the Rose Ready document.

Most up-to-date version here —

[Rose Ready Guide, Version 16.0 \(January 14, 2020\)](#)

Additional information can be found on Rose-Hulman websites.

As of Tuesday, February 2nd, 2021...

(Data from [Rose-Hulman COVID-19 Dashboard](#))

New Positive Cases from Past 7 Days

3 Students

0 Employees

0 Contractor/Affiliate

Surveillance in Total...

Total Tests Performed
Since May 2020 — 36,337

Total Positive Cases
Since May 2020 — 169

Upcoming Academic Building

Modern and Expensive

Matthew Supp
Flipside Editor

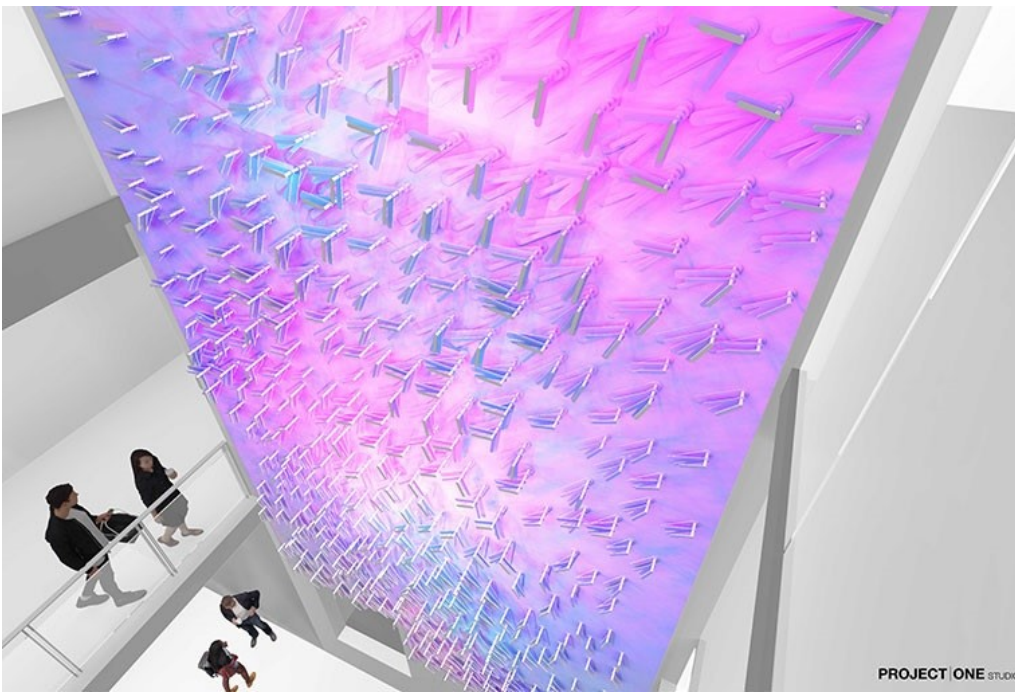
There is a new academic building on campus, the first in about two and a half decades. It sits between Moench and Myers Halls and will be home to new Chemistry labs and worker spaces. This new building was made with student health and safety in mind, following strict criterion and protocol during COVID-19. The as-of-now unnamed building will have a rather open concept, with a courtyard sitting between it and Myers. The interior of the building has a common work space, featuring large open, collaboration areas reminiscent of the union.

This area's main attraction will be an interactive art display that students will be able to code and design in the future. The building's exterior

or is lined with windows that offer not only natural light, but also a small look into Rose's academics. The academic focal point of this

building resides in the chemistry labs and makerspaces. With this in mind, it is easy to understand that this building will house state of the art Chemistry instruction, as well as the ever expanding Engineering Design Program.

The 70,000 square foot, \$29 million addition to our campus was mostly financed by an anonymous \$15 million donation, and is part of Rose-Hulman's larger Mission Driven Campaign. There is very little information available for students regarding the goals of Mission Driven, but it is nice to see this money in action, and will be interesting to see where the rest of it goes.



Artist's rendering of the new academic building's art installation.
Image Courtesy of My Rose-Hulman



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Presidency Postmortem

Aidan Moulder
Editor-in-Chief

To say Donald Trump's presidency was tumultuous would be an understatement. However, whether you liked him or not, Trump did enact policies, some of which were relatively successful (emphasis on relative!)

Successes:

Trump signed a \$738 billion defense bill that established the US Space Force, a branch of the armed forces designed to protect US military assets in space. This sixth branch is the first new branch since the US Air Force was created in 1947. The most important detail about the new service is that space-related operations will be un-

der the jurisdiction of one centralized, body.

The nation's tax code was significantly overhauled with a Trump-backed Republican tax bill. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act decreased the corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%, but critics contest that the bill was meant only to benefit the rich at the corporate level at the expense of the middle class. The bill so far has not achieved the goals the GOP has for it.

The First Step Act worked towards criminal justice reform. The bill modified a number of federal sentencing laws related to drug felonies and made changes to reduce recidivism.

Failures:

White supremacy. From the violent neo-Nazi rally in Charlottesville to the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Trump did not only react poorly, but seemed to endorse white supremacists. He went so far as to tear gas peaceful protestors for a surreal (not to mention lazy) photo op with a Bible at a Washington, DC church.

The United States' global image is in shambles following Trump's tenure. His isolationist policies, like pulling the US out of the Paris Climate Accords, have decreased the country's global clout and have embarrassed it as a whole.

Of course, it's impossible to forget Trump's record with

impeachment. He is one of three presidents to face impeachment (the others being Andrew Johnson and Bill Clinton), and the only president to be impeached twice (and of course, his second impeachment trial was conducted as a result of inciting a violent riot at the US Capitol!).

Trump's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic was also a big-time failure. On his final day in office, COVID-19 had claimed the lives of over 400,000 Americans, with over 24 million confirmed cases since the original outbreak.

The only thing Americans can hope for now is that Joe Biden can do better.



Bloons is back!

Aidan Moulder
Editor-in-Chief

This month, the world lost one of its best: Adobe Flash, a nearly ubiquitous multimedia platform that stood the test of time. Flash is perhaps best known by my generation as a source of simple childhood entertainment. Anybody on the internet could make animations or interactive activities using the software, and many did, but what really impressed bored 2nd graders stuck in computer labs for an hour every once in a while were Flash-based games. The breadth and variety of these simple units of entertainment was amazing, but most games were one-offs, and as time dragged on some of the huge repositories of these games disappeared. One particular series has survived beyond Flash, however, and has even evolved into something better: Bloons Tower Defense.

Bloons TD is a bit silly upon first inspection. In fact, it's

perhaps even laughable to imagine monkeys throwing darts, slinging boomerangs, or launching mortars at regular old balloons as they malevo-

your in-game bank account. Or maybe it's the super monkey, clad in tights, that shoots balls of plasma from his eyes at passing bloons. Whatever it



An example of a typical game of Bloons Tower Defense 6

Image courtesy of gameplay.tips

lently float down a track. But there's some sort of unique charm to each entry in the series. Maybe it's the absurd thought of a cartoon monkey commanding a nuclear submarine simply to shoot darts at bloons at long range. Maybe it's the ridiculous hacker monkey that feeds money into

is, Bloons TD has stood the test of time and still interests people like me just as much as it did way back in elementary school.

Now, I suppose the game at least looks quirky, but as a tower defense, it's actually surprisingly deep. You actually have to plan for different

types of bloons, like camo-patterned ones that evade detection by most towers without upgrades, or MOABs (short for Mother of All Bloons) which spawn several dangerous bloons upon destruction, and have high damage resistance. It's a legitimate challenge in high rounds, and even a seasoned player will struggle at some point. Very few modern tower defense games hold my interest like Bloons does, and in fact, Bloons holds my interest more than some of my favorite games on occasion. If you've never played a Bloons Tower Defense game, BTDD6 is a good place to start for beginners, but I know some die-hard BTDD5 players who refuse to give it up, and go so far as to say that the sixth entry in the series makes them sick. Who can blame them for sticking to tradition (uh, I can, actually, because 6 is an across-the-board improvement upon 5!).

Realistic Racing Games are Realistic

Aidan Moulder
Editor-in-Chief

Please enjoy this screenshot I took a very long time ago in DiRT Rally. I do not know how it happened, I just know that it did.





New Blue Deal

Caleigh Kintner

Sports Editor

Chelsea FC, nicknamed the Blues, is a football club based in London, England. They play in the top flight of English football, the English Premier League, or EPL. Chelsea has been one of the top teams in the league for the better part of the last century; one of the group of teams dubbed: "The Big Six". This group includes well known and dominant clubs such as Manchester City, Manchester United, Arsenal, Liverpool, Tottenham, and Chelsea. These teams have long held control over the league, with 36 of the last 40 titles going to one of these.

With the impact of Covid-19, football leagues around the world are seeing a power shift. Lionel Messi and his Barcelona are seeing uncommon challengers in Sevilla FC. The German league is seeing a new powerhouse in VfL Wolfsburg. And the EPL is seeing a resurgence of West Ham FC. Chelsea is one of many clubs facing challenging circumstances.

The year before last, Chelsea was hit with a transfer ban from the league. Essentially, they were not able to bring in new players or sell existing players to other teams. What they could do was promote players from their youth academy or bring players back from loan. This meant that Chelsea remained somewhat stagnated as the rest of the league bolstered their lineups. Not only had Chelsea begun to feel the toll of this ban, they had also brought in a new manager, Frank Lampard, to pull the team out of this 'stagnation'.

Given little time to implement a viable system, Frank toyed with the lineups and formations for the whole of the 2019-2020 season, never really being consistent. What was consistent, however, was his desire to

play through the midfield. This makes sense given Lampard's play style from his playing days. This type of game plan would work perfectly well in the premier league of ten years ago. Then, the game was more possessive, and midfield players controlled the ball. Now, teams like Leicester City and Liverpool have introduced the notion that speed kills, and the rest of the league has adapted to take a more attacking focus. Long balls and cutting runs are what wins games.

This dichotomy between the current trend of league teams and what Frank Lampard tried to implement led to Chelsea starting strong in the



Credit: <https://www.football.london/chelsea-fc/news/>

20-21 season but plateauing rather quickly while the other teams kept climbing the table. Fans, players, and the club expected better, and Frank Lampard was outed as manager a week or so ago with Chelsea sitting at 9th in the league. The club decided it was due for a change of pace, literally. They brought in Thomas Tuchel, a German tactician, to try and turn things around.

Tuchel is known for his technical knowledge of the game, often challenging his players to practice in abnormal drills or train outside their comfort zone. He has had two games as head coach since being appointed, and already the differences are huge. Tuchel has rid Chelsea of the usual 4-3-3 formation in favor of a more attack minded 3-4-3. While watching these games, it is clear that he intends to add pressure to other teams, forcing them to withstand shot after shot, attack after attack.

It is still unclear how the Tuchel era will end, but what is clear is that this era of Chelsea FC will be defined by high intensity attacking play. It will combine the potential of the younger players with the bright mind of a good coach and hopefully bring the Blues back to the top of the table.

Men's Basketball

Caleigh Kintner

Sports Editor

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology completed a regular-season sweep of the Mount St. Joseph Lions on their home floor in men's basketball action with a 58-50 win on Saturday afternoon. The Fightin' Engineers won their fourth straight game overall, improving to 5-1 on the season.



The afternoon's win was highlighted by senior captain Craig McGee breaking the Rose-Hulman men's basketball all-time career assist record. He surpassed Mark Givan (1976-80), who held the record for more than four decades with 484 assists. McGee's fourth assist of the game marked career assist 485, giving him sole possession of first place.

In addition, head coach Rusty Loyd became just the 4th Fightin' Engineer head coach in men's basketball program history to win 100 games at RHIT. Loyd joins John Mutchner (340), Jim Shaw (303) and Jim Carr (114) in Rose-Hulman's 100 career win club in men's basketball.

The Fightin' Engineers held the Lions to only 16 first-half points and secured a 6-point lead at the break 22-16. Rose-Hulman led by as many as 11 points in the first half, but the Lions cut the lead to just two points in the final minute of the opening frame. With just under a minute left in the half, McGee knocked down a pair of free throws and *Samvit Ram* added a layup right before the buzzer to push the lead to six points.

For the second game in a row they dominated the paint both offensively and defensively - scoring 36 points to MSJ's 18, and winning the rebound battle 35-22.

McGee led the team this afternoon with 14 points, followed closely by freshman Dillon Duff with 13. McGee tacked on 6 rebounds and 5 assists, and Duff added 8 points and 4 steals. Sophomore Terry Hicks chipped in 9 points.

The Lions were led in scoring by Devin Young with 20 points.

The men's team is scheduled to return to the SRC hardwood on Thursday, February 4 to battle the Ravens of Anderson University. Tipoff is scheduled for 7:30 pm.

Swimming

Caleigh Kintner

Sports Editor

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology swept all 16 event wins in a 207-45 men's swimming Senior Day victory over Hanover College on Saturday at the Sports and Recreation Center. Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology won 11 events to capture a women's swimming and diving Senior Day win over Hanover College at the Sports and Recreation Center on Saturday.

Prior to the meet, Rose-Hulman honored its five seniors that have contributed to top-two finishes in conference competition during every year of their Fightin' Engineer careers. Seniors honored included Colby Horne, Dutch Kipp, Ethan Park, Zach Tate, Jimmy Zhang, Hailey Heidecker and Samantha Stevens.

Five Fightin' Engineers won two individual events each to lead the team performance. Logan McLaughlin swept the 100-backstroke (54.13) and 200-backstroke (2:00.44). Derick Miller swept the 100-butterfly (52.71) and 200-butterfly (2:00.05). Michael Nixon swept one-meter diving for five dives (120.75) and six dives (157.95). Park won both the 100-breaststroke (1:01.99) and 200-breaststroke (2:17.83). Evan Sellers added victories in the 200-freestyle (1:47.12) and the 500-freestyle (4:50.15).

Other individual winners for Rose-Hulman included Jared Brown in the 50-freestyle (21.99); Zach Eckstrom in the 1,000-freestyle (10:28.90), Tyler Sommer in the 100-freestyle (48.82) and Lane Wagner in the 200-individual medley (2:05.25).

Rose-Hulman also swept both relay event wins. The 200-medley team of Ryan Nikolic, Miller, Brown and Kipp won in 1:38.31. The 200-freestyle relay team of Kipp, Brendan King, Sommer and Brown won in 1:29.00.

Tori Kinnamon and Lauren Meyer led Rose-Hulman with three event wins each. Kinnamon won the 200-butterfly (2:30.76) and completed a distance freestyle sweep by winning both the 500 (5:51.03) and 1000 (12:10.32). Meyer won in three different disciplines, claiming victories in the 100-butterfly (1:03.21), 100-breaststroke (1:11.72) and 200-individual medley (2:25.02).

Stevens added a sweep of the two 1-meter diving events to bolster the team score. She claimed the 5-dive victory with 152.25 points and won the 6-dive competition with 243.95 points.

Other individual winners included Therese Jaeger in the 200-freestyle (2:17.99) and Natalija Pumpurs in the 200-backstroke (2:26.50).

The 200-medley relay team opened the day by capturing a win. Pumpurs, Meyer, Kinnamon and Jaeger won with a combined time of 2:00.56.

The Rose-Hulman women's squad is scheduled to return to action next Saturday Feb. 6 at home against DePauw at 6 pm.



Wacky Quotes

“Always assume the user is lying or making a mistake.”

-Dr. Wilkin

“Lets compute the god-damn linearization...sorry.”

-Dr. Bryan

“2020, if anything, has allowed me to come to terms with my own mortality.”

-Percopo 2 RA Jackson Hansel

“You miss 100% of the shots your don't take.”

-Wayne Gretzky

-Michael Scott

If you or a loved one has ever experienced a funny quote or something that sounds weird out of context, please let us know by filling out the small intuitive form [here](#), and we will try our hardest to set that quote down the path of righteousness.

Rose Hulman to Open Re-naming Contest

Anderson Cooper

The Fighting Engineers have long instilled fear and fright in their enemies hearts. There is no replacing the emotional response to hearing the name “The Fighting Engineers”, or at least there was no replacing it.

Recently, Rob Coons, President of the Institute, was taking a stroll in the park. He kept thinking to himself about what would bolster school spirit. President Coons turned on his favorite podcast, “Raccoon Robbing Robs” or Triple-R, to sooth his worries. On that day's episode, Rob, Robby, and Robert were discussing which animals they're afraid of.

“Snakes”, said Rob. “Bears”, said Robby. “Spiders”, said Robert. They discussed their animal phobias, then Robby tried to change the mood by bringing up the opposite discussion. “You know what I think isn't scary at all? Fighting Engineers. What are they gonna do? Calculate Newton's fourth law of the Force?”

Upon hearing this, President Coons stopped in his tracks. He was distraught, but at the same time, a light bulb has exploded in his mind. He knew exactly what was needed for his Institute: a nickname change. *Triple-R was right*, he thought to himself, *the Fighting Engineers aren't scary. That doesn't send a shiver down my spine.* And so began the search for a new name.

At first, the search was kept under the rug. He thought that it'd be best to have a replacement name ready before going public with the decision. This proved fruitless. The best he could come up with were things like the Speed Geese, the Deming Dogs, the Percopo Porcupines. All of which he knew were no good. So he moved on to plan B: ask the provost, Rick Stamper, for help.

This went a little smoother. The pair started coming up with better and better names, or at least better than before. Favorites among them: Terre Haute Terriers, Rose Hulman Rockets, and Engineering Egrets. Convinced they had found suitable choices, they took these ideas to the Board. Rick and Robby were incredibly wrong. The Board ate these ideas for breakfast and gave them a room full of laughter as gratitude.

The Board members all agreed that a name change was necessary, but decided that none of them were ‘qualified’ to choose the new nickname. In an unprecedented move, they made the decision to ask the students for help regarding the students institute. Overjoyed with the chance to participate in campus decision making, students rallied behind this opportunity the second it was announced.

And so began the excruciating task of organizing a campus-wide event. The process goes like this:

- 1) Student will submit two names each
- 2) Students vote on best name out of each submitted pair
- 3) Bracket-like tournament for remaining names
- 4) Winning student/name gets full scholarship
- 5) Nickname permanently changed

It is worth noting that the only way to submit your unique nickname recommendation is to email rosieelephant@rose-hulman.edu before the end of Tenth Week.

I have heard some good ones swirling around the air as I jaunt around campus. Some of my personal favorites include Engineery McEngine Man, Calculus Clyde, and Tuition Tigers. As the most exciting thing to happen to Rose Hulman Institute of Technology since the invention of coed student bodies, you bet your sweet tookus that I will continue covering this story as it develops. For more information regarding this story, DM me on Twitter [@andersoncooper](#)

TOP TEN

Seasons not containing the letter “S”

1. Winter
2. Autumn
3. Seasons 1-7 of Game of Thrones

Meme of the Week!!

How it started:

Legendary figure skater Chuck McDuck seen practicing on the slippery streets of Rose-Hulman campus.



How its going:

Terre Haute to be renamed New Salt Lake City for the amount of salt on sidewalks at Rose-Hulman.



If you are reading this and want to earn a prize, find the hidden meme/s within this page and email me. FYI there are many issues with undiscovered hidden memes

The State of the RHIT

Rose Hulman has gotten more snow than expected. To some, this is a blessing. An omen of good things to come, a welcomed tranquility. For others, the snow marks the beginning of another bad year. The chilling cold freezing you to the core, a hushed reminder of mortality.

Whatever you view on winter weather and snow, its clear that it is a frozen form of water. And with this realization is also the realization that we too, are water. When things get exciting and face paced, we tend to float around and do whatever seems correct, similar to vapor filling a container. When things get stagnated and ideas seem to hit a roadblock, we tend to sit still and wait for a spark, similar to ice. It is in Winter when people's true nature is shown, especially at Rose. With the everchanging weather, stressful academics, and the need to stay sane, it is easy to become aloof. As this quarter slowly rolls on, it becomes easier and easier to lose sight of the one thing that really matters: The 73-9 Golden State Warriors lost a 3-1 lead in the 2016 NBA Finals to the Cleveland Cavaliers.