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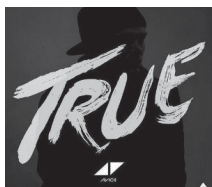
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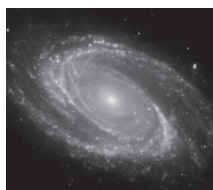
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Grace Kelly Quintet at Hatfield Hall

Christopher Kodama
staff writer

Last week, Grace Kelly performed at Hatfield Hall. The 21-year-old saxophone player and composer from Massachusetts has won numerous awards over the years, including the ASCAP Young Jazz Composers Award four times and the "Jazz Artist of the Year" at the Boston Music Awards in both 2008 and 2010. She was accompanied on stage by guitarist Pete McCann, bassist Evan Gregor, pianist David Cook, and drummer Ross Pederson.

Kelly began playing saxophone when she was in fourth grade. She didn't initially have ambitions to become a musician, but that immediately changed after her first stage performance: "as soon as I walked on stage, I realized that performing was my favorite thing to do." She released her first CD when she was 12 and was invited to perform with the Boston Pops when she was 14 after winning her first ASCAP Foundation award. When Kelly was 16, she entered the prestigious Berklee College of Music with a full scholarship and gradu-

ated three years later. Throughout her career, she has performed and recorded with many other talented artists, including Frank Morgan, Lee Konitz, Ann Hampton Callaway, James Cotton, and Adam Rogers.

On the afternoon before the

performance, Kelly led a workshop with the Rose-Hulman Jazz Band. The Jazz Band greatly appreciated the frank but constructive advice that she offered them. Guitarist Kevin Dorn said, "I think she said exactly what our jazz ensemble needed to hear:

We need to listen better, which will result in better time and an overall tighter sound and lead to more interaction between the rhythm section and soloists, ultimately making it more fun for the band and more interesting for the listener/audience..." She is a very accomplished saxophonist and vocalist with a great and fun personality, and it was awesome that she could come down and give us this master clinic."

Saxophonist Ian Fong was similarly inspired by Kelly: "Her critique was to listen and make music like a conversation rather than just focusing on your own

part. After thinking about that, I'd say that we played 10 times better. Grace was also willing to play alongside, and she sure played what she preached. As a saxophonist who has been playing jazz for seven years, it was refreshing to hear Grace play. Her sound, style, and technical abilities are things that I personally strive for having as a musician."

The audience was similarly awed at Kelly's vibrant performance later that evening. She played many original compositions, and many audience members were impressed by the breadth of her musical talent. "I thought it was awesome that she sang as well," remarked Emma Fitzpatrick. Jordan Aders commented that "Grace plays with enough passion and energy to make the performance entertaining on a visual as well as auditory level. She makes everything seem so easy!" The audience replied to Kelly's performance with a resounding standing ovation.

After performing here, Kelly went on to continue touring on the West Coast. For more information, her website can be found at gracekellymusic.com.



Grace Kelly with the Rose-Hulman Jazz Band
Courtesy of Bob Kelly, Grace Kelly's Manager

Dakota Huckaby Crowned Mr. Rose 2014

LingTao Ge • guest writer

The annual Mr. Rose pageant hosted by Alpha Omicron Pi took place in Hatfield Hall this past Friday. This year's Mr. Rose pageant raised over \$2126.02 for the arthritis foundation. Twelve contestants representing fraternities, sororities, and others organizations such as The Rose Thorn competed for the crown. In order to deserve the big prize, each contestant has to go over three rounds -- costume round, talent round, and question round. After the first two rounds, only three contestants -- Jack Tift

nominated by Delta Delta Delta, Ethan Hixon by Lambda Chi Alpha, and Dakota Huckaby by Alpha Chi Sigma -- survived for the final question and answer finale. "Come for the engineering, stay for the puns," said the event's master of ceremonies (M.C.), Dr. House. The event could not have been as successful without this excellent M.C. The moment of truth came right after each finalist explained his own reason for why he deserved the title of Mr. Rose when Dr. House announced the tough decision by the judges. Mr. Huckaby would be crowned Mr. Rose 2014, followed by Ethan

Hixon as runner up and Jack Tift in third. In the interview with Mr. Huckaby, he reflects on his performance throughout the competition and what it feels like to finally become the champion: "Mr. Rose was a great experience, and I couldn't have won without the help of my brothers in Alpha Chi Sigma. So a big thank you to them and the ladies of AOPi for organizing the event. It was great to just act like an idiot on stage for a few hours, but the fact that it benefitted a good cause made it that much better."



Dakota Huckaby has been crowned Mr. Rose 2014
Courtesy of Alpha Omicron Pi Fraternity

events

Chili Cook-Off

Come compete or enjoy chili made by members of the Rose community.
HMU, January 28, 4:30 p.m.

Sherlock Holmes

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Hatfield, Thursday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m.



Winter Parents Night

Winter Parents Weekend begins tonight with a Euchre tournament.
HMU, January 31, 7:00 p.m.

Winter Family Day

Activities include information sessions, athletic events, and a comedian.
All Campus, February 1, All Day

sports

M. Basketball vs. Anderson

January 29 - 7:30 p.m.

W. Basketball vs. Defiance

February 1 - 1:00 p.m.

M. Basketball vs. Defiance

February 1 - 1:00 p.m.

W. Basketball vs. Earlham

February 5 - 7:30 p.m.

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Third-Party Comment on Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
The Higher Learning Commission
230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500
Chicago, IL 60604-1411

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Students Learn Exotic Languages

Christopher Kodama • staff writer

Although English is not the most commonly spoken language in the world, tens of millions of students from around the world study it as their second language. Rose-Hulman has a surprisingly diverse set of foreign-language speakers, a fact which provides an opportunity for English-speaking students to learn about foreign languages and cultures. Last week, the RHIT Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (SASE) hosted a learn-a-language event in O169, complete with soft drinks and snacks from Royal Mandarin.

The languages being taught at the event included Mandarin, Cantonese, Japanese, Polish, Arabic, Portuguese, Farsi, Malay, Korean, and Thai. Some people were there simply to learn more about foreign languages, and others were planning on going to foreign countries in the future and wanted some helpful initial language tips. SASE member Christopher Lui commented that “Attending SASE’s annual Learn-A-Language is a great experience to learn a little more about other cultures. While we call it “Learn-A-Language” sometimes learning words isn’t enough – you have to understand the culture and the people to truly understand a language. What I think is fun about the event is that you inadvertently teach others about your culture by teaching

them your language. To be honest, that’s the point of the event and the organization. This year’s event specifically was great since there were a few new languages at the event, including Arabic, Polish, and Malay. I can only hope that the next year’s event will be better.”

SASE is a national organization dedicated to the advancement of Asian heritage. The SASE RHIT chapter meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in O169, and anyone is eligible to join.



Many students volunteered to teach their native language to others who were interested in learning a new one.

Photos by Christopher Kodama

The Super Smash Bros Tournament

Morgan Escalera
business manager

The massive Kahn Room in the Union was the stage for last Tuesday’s Super Smash Bros tourney. Players arrived by the dozen 30 minutes before the action was set to start, partaking in the mozzarella sticks and bite size sausages provided by the evening’s benefactor, X by 2, which is a technology company who specializes in a range of engineering positions from architecture to software development. X by 2 has held a similar competition for two years now, and in this year’s contest the grand prize was a brand new Xbox 360 with other top places receiving more minor rewards such as sweatshirts and t-shirts. The contest began with the unveiling of two massive brackets, which showed where each brawler would be placed. While not all 288 places on the brackets were full at the time of the unveiling, many walk-in contestants filled out the tables before the competition got fully under way. For those of you who are unfamiliar with competitive Super Smash Bros, it is a highly addictive game which consistently attracts large crowds to see their favorite Nintendo

characters in non-stop brawling action. The Kahn Room was arranged so that each dueling pair had a corner to themselves with crowd space allowed in the remaining space to watch any of the games they chose. Crowds did form at many of the games in the tournament, interested in the different play styles and characters, weighing odds or victory against the players, or just there for the spectacle. The contest began sluggishly as the administrators had a minor problem with the systems, which blocked some players from playing their personal favorite characters. Before too long proper consoles were found and brought to the Kahn room, and the competition was under way. Throughout the competition many accusations of foul play were called, despite there being rules in place against such play before the competition had begun, as is normal for a gaming tournament. As the competition progressed beyond the first few rounds, more and more of the competitors were weaned off of the table. Soon enough the competition reached its natural conclusion with the finals being fought between a Marth and a Diddy Kong. One of the most infatuating characteristics of the Super Smash Bros series and also why it is such a great spectator game is the massive differences between the characters as which you are allowed to fight. Marth is a very fast character with unreal reach and excellent horizontal and aerial offensive capabilities while Diddy Kong is an ultra-light character who has been known for his surprising power and agility. Ultimately the team mastheaded by the Marth came out victorious. A lucky individual was awarded the coveted Xbox 360, and a fine time was had by all who participated. The company who sponsored the event, X by 2, got some free press and networking with over 200 Rose-Hulman students, just before the Winter Career Fair.



Students participating in the Super Smash Bros Tournament last week.

Photo by Alla Lefullina

Career Fair going green

Lingtao Ge • guest writer

Job placement rate has always been a focus of Rose-Hulman, and the annual career fair is just one of the reasons for Rose-Hulman’s near one hundred percent placement rate. The cold weather and thick layer of snow can’t stop the companies from attracting fellow Rose-Hulman graduates to the company. This year, nearly 130 companies registered to attend the Career Fair. Unlike any ones before, Rose-Hulman is going green in this years’ career fair. Only a small amount of company information booklets are available in the student registration area, which means the students need to do their study beforehand in order to get ready. Usually 750 booklets are printed at each Career Fair. This year only 40 were printed and they have to stay in the registration area. The assistant director of Career Service and Employment Relationship, Ali Fell, told the

Thorn, “This is a cost-saving effort, and since we cannot really reuse any of the booklet, we can save approximately 3000 dollars by going green.” While at the same time, Career Services also sends out reminder emails to students so that they pay attention to which companies are coming.

“I think what attracts so many companies to Rose-Hulman is not just our name but also the quality of our students. They are well prepared by the rigorous curriculum, and they presented themselves well to the employers, said Ms. Fell, “Also, early planning helps many students to find themselves placed.”

The Office of Career Services estimates that nearly 40 percent of seniors have already accepted jobs to start their post-RHIT careers while another 10% to 15% are deciding on solid job offers. It looks like it is going to be another strong job placement year for RHIT seniors.

NEWS BRIEFS

Miriam Remmers • news editor

Politician’s Wife Causes a Scandal

A 43-page federal indictment of Virginia’s Governor and his wife was recently released, condemning the couple for aiding a Virginia businessman in exchange for designer goods and money. While it is typically the politician themselves who destroys their own career through desire for personal gain, in this case it was Bob McDonnell’s wife, Maureen, who sought out favors from an outside source. The couple first met Jonnie R. Williams Sr., the business man whose gifts the McDonnell’s are accused of illegally soliciting, when they were on the gubernatorial campaign trail in 2009, at which time he offered them use of his private jet. Since then, Maureen McDonnell is accused of accepting an expensive shopping spree, a Rolex watch to give as a Christmas gift to Mr. McDonnell, and travel by Ferrari in exchange for promoting Mr. Williams’ dietary supplement business. When she was initially told to turn down an expensive dress from a political patron for the Inaugural of her husband, Mrs. McDonnell angrily emailed, saying that the couple was broke and had immeasurable amounts of credit card debt. At other points, money was also given to finance the couple’s daughter’s wedding at the Executive Mansion and to help pay down credit card debit. The indictment against the couple features 14 counts of fraud, conspiracy, and lying to banks as well as promoting Mr. Williams supplement business, Star Scientific. The McDonnell’s continue to steadfastly proclaim their innocence.

Gay Marriage Ban Declared Unconstitutional

Mark R. Herring, Virginia’s new Attorney General, declared on Thursday that the state’s ban of same-sex marriage is unconstitutional and that he will not be supporting it. Mr. Herring took office last month after a close race in November which he won by a narrow margin over Republican candidate Mark Obenshain. Previous officials have held much more conservative stances on this issue. Since 2006, when a constitutional amendment stating that marriage was between a man and a woman was approved, there have been legal challenges to the ban, but Mr. Herring’s views still mark a drastic change for the government. Mr. Herring stated at a news conference in Richmond that the ban violated the rights to due process and equal protection outlined in the 14th Amendment. He indicated that Virginia had been on the wrong side of history in cases regarding desegregation, interracial marriage, and women’s admission to military college, and that he did not wish for them to be equally as antiquated regarding the current issue. As a lawsuit against the ban is currently being heard in federal court in Norfolk; the attorney general’s office plans to send over a brief indicating their change in position to the court. The plaintiffs in the case are an Old Dominion University professor and his partner.

“Brothers: A Tale of Two Sons”

Peter Samyn • guest writer

“Brothers” is a masterpiece. I dare you to name ten games from 2013 that are better than Brothers. It’s a bold claim, but one I am fully prepared to back up. “Brothers” melds emotional storytelling, inventive game-play, and breathtaking images to create an experience like no other.

Developed by Starbreeze Studios, “Brothers” follows the story of two brothers as they seek out medicine for their ailing father. During the journey, the player controls each brother with one of the dual joysticks. The older brother is mapped to the left with the younger to the right. This unique control scheme takes time to get used to, but communicates the bond between the two brothers. “Brothers” excels in little details like this. Without a single word of dialogue, the game communicates the connection that two brothers, or siblings in general, can have just through the control scheme. Little things, like the younger brother depending on the older brother to swim across rivers or pull large levers

communicate their roles. “Brothers” communicates through interactions - the brothers acquire a broom and the developers use it to communicate their character. The older brother takes the broom and dutifully sweeps up a mess, showing his responsibilities and leadership role as an older brother. The younger brother takes the broom and balances it playfully on his hand, nearly dropping it in the process and showing the playful nature of a younger sibling. The contrast between the older brother and younger brother is a major theme of the game, and you see the younger brother develop as the story plays out.

“Brothers” is all about the subtle moments. The player is often presented with the option to just sit back and enjoy the scenery. There are several benches to take a seat on and view the lush landscapes. A handful of wells, into which the brothers both gaze and spit, are in the environment. The game allows you to build character with these interactions.

Devoid of voice acting, “Brothers” uses character pantomiming, facial expres-

sions, and music to communicate the story, to incredibly effective. Well-placed music tells the player when the brothers are happy, scared, angry, or sad. “Brothers”

points pull you down due to the bond you have built with the characters through the controls, character interaction, and emotional music. The developers have craft-

reason - this game is about a journey, not a battle. I’d say you definitely need to play this game, especially if you have a sibling; it really hits home. “Brothers”



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uses these methods to take the player on an emotional rollercoaster ride. The player gets connected to the characters in a deeper way, learning about them through action rather than voice. With “Brothers,” the highs are incredibly high, and the low

ed a new and inventive control scheme, allowing for new types of gameplay that just wouldn’t work with traditional controls. Interesting traversal puzzles are where “Brothers” shines. There is little in the way of combat encounters. This is for good

is about three hours long; a little longer than a feature length movie. This works in its favor because “Brothers” is best ingested as a whole. It’s \$15 on PS3, Xbox 360, and Steam, and it’s free for the rest of January on PlayStation Plus.

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“True” Music

David Harvey • staff writer

Avicii’s newest electronic dance album, “True,” is all over the place, unconventional, and brilliant. This album mixes several styles that often are thought to clash. From the folky “Wake Me Up” and “Hey Brother” to the soulful “Shame on Me,” this album never stops being interesting.

mix. It maintains a strong beat without overpowering the subtle variations that give each of the songs character. There are a few songs that seem to linger, but it is never long enough that the songs seem awkward. Perhaps the only criticism for this album is that it does not know what it is trying to do. It is wildly inconsistent between songs. Every song

“This album never stops being interesting.”

While it could be argued that there is very little continuity throughout the album, the steady kick of the dance beat keeps this album pushing forward. “True” features vocals from Adam Lambert, Aloe Blacc, and many others to give the album not only a variety of musical styles in construction but also in vocal styles. The buildup and flow within each song is executed masterfully as well as the

on this album sounds very different from all of the others, but that is where it has its genius. In a musical climate that is full of albums that sound like the same track played over and over, Avicii’s album “True” is not only original but refreshing. While definitely not for everyone, it is a great album for the open-minded. Rating: 5/5 elephants



The Other Side of the Desk: Cosmos and Consciousness



Dr. Sudipa Kirtley • faculty writer

Consciousness is an amazingly hard word to comprehend. Human beings have conscious states of mind. That is to say that we feel pleasure, anger, ecstasy, and gratitude to name just a few of the

responsible for certain neurons firing do not explain why and how the neurons fire in our brain. Experience is the other feature of the conscious state and is hard to explain from our understanding of the physical world. When I feel pain, I can explain the neurological processes that lead to that happening, but feeling that pain, experiencing it, is quite different. Scientists are trying to understand this latter part of consciousness. Christof Koch at the Allen Institute of Brain Science is one of the pioneers in the area of neurological basis of consciousness and in the near future hopes to discover more about the neurological processes that are responsible for such behavior. One question that often surfaces is whether or not computers have consciousness in the way it is defined in the above paragraph. Koch points out that the internet, when all the users are taken into account, has about 10,000 times

Does the universe as a whole have a consciousness?

ramifications of a conscious mind. Higher-order living beings such as us have more and fancier forms of these ramifications than simpler forms. An elephant, for instance, is said to have feelings of grief whereas an insect most probably does not. That part is easy to understand. However, I have a hard time when I try to look for consciousness in any physical object in the cosmos, or when I try to understand the experience that comes with it. We now understand some of what goes on in complex, developed brains. We now know what chemicals and processes are involved when we feel certain emotions. The picture that emerges, although not complete, gives us a glimpse of how the brain works. When we break down the processes, we see that simple constituents such as atoms and molecules are now part of a bigger and more intricate system. These constituents interact with each other depending on their properties, and an overall behavioral pattern emerges. When we look at the simple miniscule components individually, however, the emergent phenomena disappear. We are then left with entities which may have totally different characteristics. Individual characteristics of an isolated molecule of the chemical that is

more transistors than synapses in the human brain. However, the internet is not connected all the time, and the interaction with the different components is not perpetual. This makes that system very different from the human brain. Could computers achieve consciousness? I believe so, and we are getting closer to that point with new improvements and greater understanding of the topic. This discussion leads to another, bigger question: Does the universe as a whole have consciousness? Did the big bang happen in a conscious state? I personally have a hard time wrapping my head around it. Nevertheless, I also believe that our understanding of the physical world, even though it has come light years ahead from the past century, is still evolving. I am excited to live in an age where the age of our universe is known more precisely, quantum entanglement is understood more clearly, and quantum computers are about to shatter the boundaries of existing computing power. I hope to see the day when the mystery of conscious state will be a mystery no more, and we will have a better understanding of the why's and how's of such experiences.

Experience is the other feature of the conscious state.

MAKE A DECISION

Sidharth Ramesh • staff writer

Did you ever get stymied by the predicament of requiring choosing one out of many? Ever gotten angry and anxious over the choice you made? The ability to make decisions is so integral to our lives that we are required to make multiple decisions every day. Part of growing up is learning that we have to stick to the decision that we have made. For most of us deciding between two equally lovable toys at the age of three because “you can’t have both” would probably be the first experience where our own decisions started to affect us. Opportunity cost, as the economists put it, is something to consider every time we make a choice, but for the most part the decision is rigged with biases and preset heuristics. Have you ever made a decision because an acquaintance you know made the same decision, because it worked for them and because you also wanted to do the same thing? This is called the availability bias. There are a number of biases and a whole science that studies the flaws in human decision making called behavioral economics. The scientists in this field are often called irrational by economists.

Decisions are made better when the choices are observed from different points of view and the options are critically analyzed to make sure that biases and prejudices don’t have an effect on the decision. Small decisions like which cereal to buy or which movie to watch might not

The five why’s is a method is also called the root cause analysis. Anytime you feel like you have made the final decision, ask yourself five cascaded why’s and if you like your answer at the end of the fifth why then proceed. If not, you would do better to rethink your choices while you still have time. For example: When saying yes for a job, try thinking of why would this be the correct job for you. When you get an answer, ask why is that the case. Proceed until you reach the fifth

What would need to be true to do this?

level, and at the end you may find some new clarity. Chip and Dan Heath in their book “Decisive” talk about the three-tens rule which stands for ten minutes, ten months, and ten years. If you were ever to find yourself in a dilemma, you can use this rule to get yourself out by simply imagining what would have happened had you gone ahead with the choice that was bogging you down ten minutes, ten months, and/or ten years after that point. If you are satisfied with the answers that you get, then you should probably go ahead and make the choice. The authors are of the opinion that this method is particularly helpful to pull yourself off the relationship cliff if you were to find yourself there. What would need to be true to do this? This is a fine technique that is also from the book “Decisive”. Students can learn this strategy while working

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require heavy duty thinking, but there are times when we have to make decisions involving life. Very rarely does life give a second chance, so here are some techniques which can help you make better decisions. Most often we ask some questions but not all the questions that need be asked, and we forget to ask all of the important details like who, what, when, where, how, and why. This is something that can give some extra clarity and is a very useful way to differentiating between options in the primary stages of decision making.

on some projects. Usually engineers and managers are required to submit with proposals for new jobs, and they are required to defend their own proposal inside a boardroom in front of senior staff and in normally tense conditions. But by simply changing the point of view from “I am going to defend my proposal” to “what would need to be true for my proposal to be accepted” the outlook is more positive and reduces a lot of tension and unnecessary annoyance. These methods are simple to implement and are powerful when used. All it requires is to be able to ask questions in ways that could lead to a new light.

Career Fair Blues in a White Winter

Ethan Hixon
opinions editor

So much excitement fills the air around the time for the Career Fair. Of course, the air is frigid, dry, and makes you wonder if frostbite will set in while walking to or from the event. This dark and dismal time of year, however, eats away the enthusiasm of those early in their engineering curriculum.

Many downright refuse to go talk to prospective companies in a belief that their grades, personality, or a plethora of other trivial reasons will prevent any chance of gaining access to a summer internship, co-op, or a job in the field they chose.

This is a very sad viewpoint that I hope can be cured. Winter is known to cause depression in many parts due to the lack of sunshine for you to absorb and use to make the vitamin D3. Do not let this hold you back on your future though. Regardless of the temperature outside, which was at a bonechilling negative one degree Fahrenheit this morning, keep your chin up and do not let your dreams be crushed or stifled. Whether you are a freshman or a junior, everyone should go and talk to those companies, who took time out of busy schedules in order to talk to students just like yourself. Grades can be raised before a semester is over or replaced later on if your schedule has room. Reviewing companies and studying their interests can help remove question anxiety later when discussing topics with said company.

The day of the Career Fair is one of my favorite times of the school year. This is a day to meet with new people, create contacts, and gain direction toward your life goals in whatever degree you desire to obtain. Sitting in your room alone will not help your situation later on in life. Instead, take your life by the reins and make sure that you give yourself the biggest boost possible for your future career.

Others believe that as a freshman and a sophomore, you are unlikely to get an internship unless you have a spotless grade point average. This is a fallacy spread by those staying in their rooms instead of speaking to those at such events. In fact, the statement that public skills are not necessary goes hand-in-hand with the former. Good speaking skills are paramount in a field where your work will need detailed explanation to clients and everyday consumers. As many professors have pointed out, a single mistake in engineering can cost a life, which is priceless. This ability to communicate can then be used with potential employers to decide whether your skills are a good fit for the company in question. Without that, no amount of skill at school will carry you through into the real world with real life stakes.

Take a chance by stepping outside of your comfort zone. You never know what you may find by just talking to a new person, whether at the Career Fair or in a local area. You might find your future career.



Rose-Hulman students speaking with a company during the Winter Career Fair this past Wednesday
photographer Alla Letfullin

Meditations on Purdue Tragedy

Bethany Martin • living editor

The unspeakable happened at Purdue University this past week. Another life was taken at the hand of gun violence this past Tuesday around noon. Andrew Boldt of West Bend, Wisconsin, was fatally wounded in the shooting. According to reports, the gunman walked into a classroom and shot and stabbed Boldt. He appeared to be targeted by the lone gunman and was the only one injured. After finishing he walked outside with his hands behind his head waiting for the police to arrest him. He knew he would get the job done and accepted the consequences.

This tragedy is the sixth school shooting in the United States so far in the year 2014 according to a list on Wikipedia. This needs to stop, right now. It is common for one shooting to set off a stream of others. The media is partially to blame

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ed States so far in the year 2014 according to a list on Wikipedia. This needs to stop, right now. It is common for one shooting to set off a stream of others. The media is partially to blame for this, but obviously something is wrong, and we need to change the precedent and fix the problem. In order to do this we have to reimagine the American outlook on firearms and write stricter gun laws. I don't care what you feel about guns, but you have to acknowledge that people dying in places of education that are supposed to feel safe is not acceptable. I instinctively shun the

idea of metal detectors outside school doors. Schools already have a prison feel, and that really is not conducive to the bookish atmosphere they should have. However, if those are the measures that need to be taken to keep elementary school students safe, then I say yes.

The scary thing about the Purdue shooting was the response of the professors. Some refused to stop lecturing to turn off the lights and lock the doors while others made jokes about the tragedy. I agree that the jokes may have been made in shock, but these educators were not prepared. And it's sad that they have to be prepared for this, but in this time in this country, you have to be ready for anything. These is-

“People dying in places of education that are supposed to feel safe is not acceptable”

sues aren't going to go away quickly, and leaders need to be trained to keep their students safe and calm.

The event at Purdue caused students at Rose-Hulman to pose the question, “What would we do if this happens at Rose?” This is terrifying. I have al-

ways felt solace in our small size, but things happen. we need to have a plan and practice it. In a world where shootings are almost as common as if not more common than fires, there need to be safety measures in place. Students may think that the safety drills are dumb and a waste of time, but they will understand the necessity of them.

How long will government red tape keep us from reaching a better educational experience? When will students feel that shooting their classmates is not the answer to their problems? How many more lives will be lost or put in danger? I don't have the answers, but something needs to be done and needs to be done right now.

Why join the Rose Thorn?

You don't know it yet, but you want to crack jokes. You want to draw comics. You want to know all of the latest events. You want to stand up for something. You want to give advice. You want to write. Also, you want free pizza.

Thorn Meetings

Starting Winter Quarter
Free pizza
Wednesdays @ 5:15PM
Olin 257
Free pizza

INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD SEASON COMMENCES

Strong showing in first two events

Matt Dierksmeier • sports editor

The 2014 indoor track and field season kicked off their season this past week-



Five of fourteen events were won by the women's track and field team at the Terre Haute Double Dual Meet.

Rose-Hulman Athletics

end with two events in as many days. The men's team is coming off three consecutive seasons as HCAC Indoor Championships. With good reason, they are heavily favored to repeat and were unanimously selected by the HCAC to win this year's

championship. On Friday evening, the Rose-Hulman teams competed in the Terre Haute Double Dual Meet in the

Sports and Recreation Center. In the Division III matchup the Fightin' Engineers faced Manchester University while Indiana State University competed against Illinois State University in Division I.

The men's track and field

team would win 13 of 14 events on way to a 102 - 31 victory over Manchester. The women's team took 5 first-place finishes but fell to Manchester 69 - 44 overall.

Showing top form early in the season, two senior distance runners for Rose-Hulman set school records at the dual meet. Ryann-Rebecca Montgomery completed the mile in a time of 5:05.80 to best her competitors. Andrew Thompson would win the 3,000-meter run in a school best time of 8:35.33. Both Montgomery and Thompson would earn HCAC Athlete of the Week recognitions for their performances. Senior Andy Hunkeler would join them with an HCAC Men's Field Athlete of the Week honor for winning weight throw mark which ranked him No. 18 nationally.

The men's track and field team then traveled to Illinois Wesleyan University on Saturday for their sec-

ond event of the weekend. Rose-Hulman would go on to win three events as they competed against a field which included nationally ranked Washington University and Greenville along with Illinois Wesleyan. Junior Blake Schulthies won in the 60 meter hurdles event. Other first-place finishers included freshman Charles Spaeth in the shot put and sophomore Dimitrios Valioulis in the triple jump. As a team the Fightin' Engineers

would finish second overall. Rose-Hulman will be host of the Friday Night Invitational this weekend as they face eight teams from around the Midwest. The event will begin at 6 p.m. in the SRC with representatives from Carroll College, Franklin College, Hanover College, Earlham College, Brescia University, Mount St. Joseph, Kentucky Wesleyan University, and Wabash College all in attendance.



The men's track and field team was unanimously picked by the HCAC to claim a fourth straight indoor championship title.

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Eighth-annual Pink Game

Matt Dierksmeier • sports editor

To support breast cancer awareness the women's basketball team will host the Pink Game for the eighth consecutive season. All proceeds raised from the event will benefit the Wabash Valley Breast Cancer Survivors organization.

Local breast cancer survivors will take part in a pre-game ceremony. In total, this event has helped to raise close to \$8,000 for breast cancer awareness with \$1,200 raised at last year's event alone. Women's basketball is not the only Rose-Hulman team which works to support breast cancer awareness. The volleyball team had their Pink Day on Oct. 12 of last year.

Tipoff will begin at 1 p.m. with Rose-Hulman facing conference opponent Transylvania University. Transylvania comes into the game as the conference leader and is 14 - 2 on the season.

The Fightin' Engineers will be coming off a week which included a win over Mount St. Joseph on Saturday and a close loss to Hanover College on Wednesday.

Rose-Hulman cruised to a 64 - 48 win over Mount St. Joseph behind 14 points

from senior Kelsey Ploof and a career-high 11 points from freshman Jamie Loving.

With a 10 - 2 run to end the first half the Engineers led 27 - 16 at the break. The momentum carried into the second half with a well-rounded team effort. Rose-Hulman would end up shooting 46.2 percent from the field and were 11 - 14 from the free throw line.

The Rose-Hulman crowd was in for a high scoring contest as Hanover came prepared to play. The two teams combined for 157 points with Hanover coming out on top 80 - 77.

Rose-Hulman would close to within four with 3:12 left to play. Hanover would then capitalize on all six free throw attempts to keep the Engineers at bay.

Ploof and junior Sheree Williams each had 16 points in the game. Also scoring in double digits were freshmen Kristen Belyea and Abbie Marshall with 12 and 10, respectively.

While the Fightin' Engineers shot 58 percent from the floor, a total of 25 turnovers adversely affected the outcome of the game for Rose-Hulman.

The loss dropped Rose-Hulman to 7-9 overall and 5 - 4 in the HCAC.

Matt Dierksmeier • sports editor

A battle of two top teams ensued on Saturday afternoon as Rose-Hulman hosted Mount St. Joseph. Both teams were locked in a tie for first place in the conference coming into the contest.

Mount St. Joseph jumped out to the lead early, but Rose-Hulman would close out the first half on a 12 - 3 run to tie the score at 33 all. The lead would switch hands several times in the remaining period with Rose-Hulman holding onto a 56 - 52 lead with 6:57 remaining.

Mount St. Joseph took the lead again by a score of 59 - 58 on a pair of made free throws. Senior Julian Strickland would then capitalize on two free throws to send the game to 60 - 59. Strickland would then hit a crucial three-point shot on the next possession and would add two more free throws to clinch the game for the Fightin' Engineers.

With the 65 - 60 win over Mount St. Joseph Rose-Hulman moved into sole possession of first place in the HCAC.

Strickland finished the game with 33 points on 11 - 17 from the field, including a 7 - 11 three-point perfor-

mance. Sophomore Jimmy Miller contributed 11 points and, coming off the bench, junior Michael Hallstein tallied nine points.

On Wednesday night, the Fightin' Engineers were on the road against Hanover College. A valiant second half effort from Rose-Hulman would fall short with Hanover winning 67 - 62. Down by 16 at the break, Rose-Hulman battled to within three points with 32 seconds remaining. Hanover though would close out the game with two free throws to secure the victory. Strickland finished with 27 points to lead the way offensively. Miller added 12 points and a team-high six rebounds.

Rose-Hulman stands 12-4

overall with a 7-2 conference record. The fight at the top of the conference continues as four teams are currently at 7 - 2.

The next competition for the Fightin' Engineers will be this Saturday as they host Transylvania University. Tipoff is scheduled for 3 p.m. The matchup will be part of the annual Alumni Day events.

Roughly two dozen former players will be in attendance and will take part in an alumni game that will follow the men's game. Rose-Hulman won a tight defensive contest against Transylvania last season 52 - 49.

On Wednesday, they will face Anderson University starting at 7:30 pm in the Hulbert Arena.



Rose-Hulman looks to return to their winning ways with the Alumni Day game at 3 p.m. Saturday against Transylvania University.

Rose-Hulman Athletics

Men's basketball bests Mount St. Joseph

THE CHAUNCEY'S G.C.

Marcus Decimus Willerschmidt & Man Daglnot • Former Chauncey's G.C. Bouncers

Recent events have called back the exotic his-

tory of our school's most loved playpen. Select members of SGA have proposed legislation to

return Chauncey's game room to its former in-

famy. I'm speaking of course of the Chauncey's

G.C., which was the original name of our lovable

gaming room.

Opened in 1948, Chauncey's employed an im-

pressive number of some of Saint Mary of the

Woods and Indiana State University's finest

women to "entertain and serve" the honorable

men of Rose-Hulman. Being a "duty" campus

originally, this was as close to "wet" as any male

student in the near vicinity of Rose-Hulman

ever got. The notorious G.C. came close to shut-

ting down once in 1969 when one of the girls,

Goner Barage, began having relations with sev-

eral esteemed students. The location of her stu-

dent enrollment shall not be disclosed to protect

her privacy. However, I will tell you that her

institute started with an "I"... and ended with a

"ndiana State University." This scandal caused

increased tension on campus, but before any cli-

matic explosions Barage went her way, result-

ing in several students pulling out of Rose.

Into a game room, shortly after women were ad-

mitted to this institute of learning. There was an

attempt to please both sides, for there was a year

in which a future Rose student and then young

buck named Cod tried to entertain the few fe-

male students of this campus. He was more than

effective. However, the Board found his catch

phrase, "kneel before Cod," to be sacrilegious

and although this institute does not officially

the Hulman Memorial Union. The issue has returned as of now with the female trial period soon coming to an end. Some parts of the student body are excited for Chauncey's to regain the whole of its glory. One student, F. Ore Veralone, remarked, "I don't care if the women come or go. I just want the girl; Big O, formally known as Blow Torch, to start working at Chauncey's so that I can pay for her with D.B. instead of cash." No one has men-

tioned whether or not Chauncey's would accept declining balance, but there is a plan to bring back the Chauncey's tap.

The theory for this new dive is that while Chauncey's may not be clean fun, it will be safe

fun. This will no doubt give students another

reason to stay on campus when under the influ-

ence. Regardless of the outcome, this reporter

waits with bated breath. SGA will soon post a

banner web survey collecting student opinions

on this revised implementation. Student males

will be given the option to select up to five votes

for recording their viewpoint. Regardless of the

outcome of the survey, SGA is voting to pass the

budget to revamp the layout of Chauncey's game

room. If all goes according to plan, we may see

a larger population of classy ladies among our

Top "10" Ten

Disney Princesses

1. Kim Kardashian's

BOOTY

2. Oprah Winfrey

3. Tyga/Dr. Dre/Nelly/

FLAVA FLAV/SIR MIXALOT

4. Mel Gibson/Brooks

5. Dakota HUCKABY

6. Betty Edward Cullen

7. Richard Sherman

8. Donald Trump's Tou-

PEE

9. Richard SIMMONS

10. Jessica Simpson's

GAG REFLEX

THE GREATEST FLOOR COMPETITION

Man Daglnot • Greatest Floor Victor

This historic competition began as a series of man-hood achieving events back in the 70's during the heart of this school's all-male roots. The exact date of conception has been buried in time (very much like your own date of conception).

Events of the greatest floor included diving to the bottom of the frozen lake, chugging diesel fuel, getting a girlfriend, and holding live jumper cables in addition to a plethora of other testosterone-building accom-

plishments. This competition has always been held in the dead of winter and solely holds responsibility for the transition of the young freshmen adolescence of

old into refined men.

When women were introduced to this campus in the fall of 1995, the competition was slightly altered

to facilitate the growth of the juvenile freshmen girls into respectable women. At which point the institution

added many events which would complement the skills of the newly arrived women. These events included

crying, applying make-up, sandwich design, flower

arranging, backhanded complimenting, hairdressing,

and a myriad of other unisex activities.

The games have continued through Rose-Hulman

history to become the great money-maker they are

THE GREATEST FLOOR COMPETITION

today. The grand prize of a check equivalent to the combined tuition of every floor member is given to the entire floor of students who wins the games. In years

past, students have been overwhelmed by the sheer

volume of funds to which their floor budget has risen.

Some brighter students in the past have decided to

open a Swiss bank account or invest in a few stocks.

However, these winnings will come at a great cost

for this year's main event. At a time unknown until

the opening event tonight, a representative from each

floor will be summoned to the union patio to witness the

drawing of names. They will find a hard hat which rep-

resents their respective floor/hall sitting in a line with

all of the others on a long table in front of the lower

union doors. Kyle Rhodes will randomly select a single

name from each hard hat, and the representative is to

summon that person for further instruction. When all

of the names have been chosen, the 25 chosen students

will be assembled in Hawthorn Park for the adventure

of their lives. These students will spend the rest of this

competition involved in a feat of survival in which there

is only one victor. The entire Greatest Floor Competi-

tion is weighted by this event. It's basically like catch-

ing a snitch in a Quidditch match. So make sure you

get a good tribute... or have a better volunteer ready.

WACKY PROF Q NOTES

"I ran out of board; I'm too lazy to wipe it. So, I'm just gonna say it."

— Dr. Grigg

Get your pencils ready because you won't have time to catch up after you finish reading that face-book post.

"All you're doing is just covering it with some sticky stuff."

— Dr. Onyachua

Where did that adhesive component come from?

"Apparently you can buy manhood in a can now. Ladies, don't try this, it could lead to strange results."

— Dr. Schumacher

What about lady-hood in a can?

"Normal people sleep at this time... I said normal people, I am not referring to you."

— Dr. Rader

Wait... The recommended amount of sleep per night isn't 30 minutes?

"Besides have one less crazy person to deal with, why might you want a three way?"

— Dr. Onyachua

As opposed to a four way?... Just put that one on the exam.

Rose professors say crazy things. E-mail them to the Flipside@rose-hulman.edu

Horoscopes

All the things you never wanted to know

ARIES:

Start wearing a clock around your neck. You will look classy and be

consistently punctual. Win win.

TAURUS:

Buy some disposable clothes from Walmart so you never have to do

laundry again.

GEMINI:

Install a fireman's pole in your room... in case the fire alarm goes

off for a quick escape.

LEO:

Definitely pre-order some tickets for the 50 Shades of Grey movie

coming out... those things will be

LIBRA:

Practice your signature and hand

it out to people so they can sell it

later when you are exceptionally

rich and famous. Just think of it as

an investment in your future.

SCORPIO:

Count the number of steps from

your room to class so you can make

it there in case you suddenly be-

come blind.

SAGITTARIUS:

Missed your period? It's probably

getting a pregnancy test. Save your

money.

CAPRICORN:

You know, that tingly feeling you've

been feeling in the tip of your toes

isn't frostbite. It's actually a super-

power. Try going to your next class

naked... they probably won't see

AQUARIUS:

Disappointed about your midterm

grades? Just transfer to Ivy Tech,

and all of your worries will be re-

lieved.

PISCES:

Don't worry about that burning

feeling... It's probably just herpes.

Heard 'Round Campus

"YOU MUST

HAVE GOT-

TEN ONE OF

THE LESS

HARD, LESS

STIFF ONES."

JUST THE TIP... OF THE WEEK

CORRECT YOUR PROFESSORS AT EVERY

CHANCE YOU GET. THEY'LL APPRECIATE

A SECOND OPINION AND YOU'LL LOOK

LIKE A GENIUS.

Yes. That was a hunger games reference. And if you are one of those who only read the disclaimer... you don't even know what I'm talking about so the joke's on you. This is Dan Daglnot and Marcus Willerschmidt (Man Daglnot & Marcus Willerschmidt (Man Daglnot & Marcus Willerschmidt (respectively)) reporting to you from the international space station, reassuring you that the earth looks great from here. So no worries... the apocalypse isn't quite here yet. But seriously, if you find an issue with my issue, I'd suggest a tissue... and an email address where you can reach me and tell me about it. You can always reach me at thorn-flipside@rose-hulman.edu on days/nights/weekends/holidays... and even February 31. And next time you look in the mirror, look yourself in the eye(s), wink, point and ask: "Who's awesome?" and respond "You're awesome."