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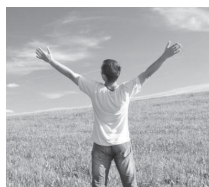
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This is How You Pie a Professor

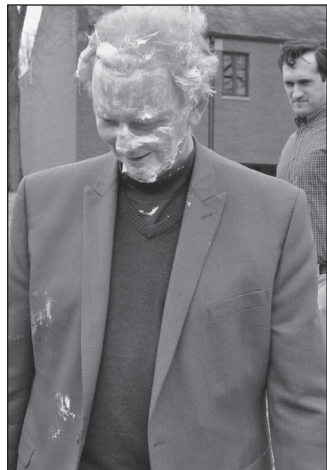


Christopher Kodama • staff writer

Last week Friday was Pi Day, named as such because the numbers in the month and date make up the first three digits of pi (3/14). Pi Day was first celebrated in 1988 by physicist Larry Shaw in the San Francisco Exploratorium, where the staff and passersby enjoyed marching around in circles and enjoying fruit pies. To celebrate Pi Day at Rose-Hulman, the engineering honor society Tau Beta Pi (TBP) held a charity pie event with the funds going to help support the Terre Haute Children's Museum.

In the week before Pi Day, students and faculty donated money into jars that were placed in Moench Commons and the Union, each jar with a RHIT department head's picture on it. A donation of one dollar earned a donor one raffle ticket, which held the chance of throwing one of 50 pies at the department heads' faces on Pi Day later that week. The fraction of the 50 pies thrown at each professor depended on the amount of money donated in each department heads' jar. At the end of the week, there was more than \$450 in the jars, with the following department heads receiving the most pies: Dr. Boutell with 16 pies, Dr. Throne with nine pies, Dr. Nolte with seven pies, and Dr. Brandt with five pies.

On the morning of Pi Day, members of TBP wrote out over 5,000 digits of pi all over the quad sidewalk in colorful chalk. At 3:14 PM, free slices of a wide variety of pies, including banana, apple, pecan, coconut, apricot, and chocolate, were handed out to people walking by the Quad. Later, at 4 PM, the department heads (and a few alternate professors) congregated at the Quad to receive their pies. The professors were given safety glasses and ponchos to help protect their eyes and clothing while they were being pied. For pies, the students used pie trays filled with cream filling (donated by Aramark) to throw at the professors. Pie throwers and onlookers alike were entertained by the pieing, and the head professors took their pies with grace and humor, knowing that they were being pied for a good cause.



Professors who participated in the Pie a Professor event include: Dr. Boutell, CSSE dept.; Dr. Throne, ECE dept.; Dr. Sutterer, Civil dept.; Dr. Casey, Humanities dept.; Dr. Joenathan, Physics dept; Dr. Brandt, Chemistry; Dr. Nolte, Chemical E. dept; Dr. Bryan and Dr. McSweeney, Math dept.; Dr. Jameel Ahmed, ABBE dept.

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events

SPARK 2014

Local high school students will showcase their problem solving skills.
SRC, March 22, 10:00 a.m.

Intramural Swim Meet

Come watch Rose students compete in the intramural swim meet.
SRC, March 25, 6:00 p.m.



Pike Fire Truck Pull

Help the men of Pi Kappa Alpha to raise support for Special Olympics Indiana.
8th Street, March 29, 12 p.m.

FIJI 5k Walk/Run

Register to help Phi Delta Gamma raise money for the American Cancer Society.
Hawthorn Park, March 29, 1 p.m.

sports

Baseball vs. Bluffton

March 22 - 12:00 p.m.

Track & Field Invitational

March 22 - 12:30 p.m.

Baseball vs. Hanover

March 28 - 6:00 p.m.

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Help Reduce Poverty by Raising Awareness

Miriam Remmers • news editor

Last Thursday Jen Fraser, Manager for College Organizing at the ONE Campaign headquarters in Washington D.C. visited Rose-Hulman. Ms. Fraser spoke several times to groups of students throughout the day, explaining to them what ONE is all about and how they could help get it started here at Rose-Hulman.

The ONE Campaign, cofounded ten years ago by Bono, is an entirely nonpartisan organization which seeks to raise public awareness and works with political leaders to put an end to extreme poverty and preventable disease around the world. At around 3.5 million members strong, the grassroots campaign does not solicit funding from either the public or the government.

Ms. Fraser opened her presentation quoting Nelson Mandela, stating that like slavery and apartheid, poverty is not natural. She explained that ONE was a group of volunteers around the world, a group of activists, and a group of ‘pragmatic idealists,’ who were taking action. This, she said, was a new kind of entrepreneurial action, one which provides no direct service and asks no one for money. Last year’s campaign, called “Agitate,” featured famous musicians such as Macklemore performing covers of iconic protests songs. The target audience of the campaign is both the “grassroots,” or everyday people, and the “grasstops,” or members of Congress and other prominent policymakers.

Continuing on, she elaborated on the goals that ONE had already accomplished in tandem with other organizations working to end extreme poverty. These included a 99% reduction in polio in Africa, and well as the eradication of smallpox. The number of children born with HIV has been reduced and 46 million more children are able to attend school. While these milestones appear huge, Ms. Fraser was firm in her conviction that there were many more miles left

to go. She told a rapt audience that more than 1.3 billion people are still living in extreme poverty and that 12,000 people die every day from preventable diseases such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. Other statistics included that seven out of ten people in Sub Saharan Africa live without access to electricity, and that 30,000 children have recently died in Somalia as the result of a famine.

One of the most striking facts reported in the presentation was that less than 1% of the United States’ federal budget is devoted to foreign aid: a percentage which is frequently at risk of being reduced. Ms. Fraser included a video in which average Americans were asked by ONE what percentage of the budget they thought was devoted to foreign aid. The disparity between what people perceived was being allotted to aid the extreme poor and the small percentage that actually does go to the poverty stricken was startling, with some individuals giving estimates that up to 40% of the federal budget was being given to those in need around the world.

The message Ms. Fraser wanted the audience to take away from the presentation, and the reason that ONE comes to campuses, was that college students are not helpless in the face of these issues. She explained that advocacy, or the act of raising public awareness through speaking up, was an especially effective method for college students to make a change, both on campus and in the government through writing to their local member of Congress. Each ONE chapter is founded by students aided by the ONE campus staff, which helps the founding students to get set up and to begin to raise awareness on their campus. She urged that those students who were passionate about helping others and making a difference apply to be ONE campus leaders and attempt to give Rose-Hulman a voice against extreme poverty. After reminding all those attending that college students can be a powerful and impactful voice Ms. Fraser concluded her presentation and handed out flyers and business cards to those students interested in taking the next step towards getting Rose-Hulman involved in the ONE Campaign.

News Briefs

Morgan Escalera • business manager

Missing Malaysian Flight Found?

13 days ago, a Malaysian Airlines Plane disappeared off the face of the earth, and rescue teams have been scrambling ever since to find it. One of the most mysterious aspects of the crash is that no certain wreckage from Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370 has been found since it disappeared on March 8, sparking one of the largest search efforts in aviation history and raising questions about what happened to the plane carrying 239 people. An unprecedented multinational search for the plane has focused on two vast corridors: one arcing north overland from Laos towards the Caspian Sea and the other curving south across the Indian Ocean from west of Indonesia’s Sumatra island to west of Australia. Now Australian authorities have found some possible debris from the downed flight in the Indian Ocean, via satellite. The largest of this debris is known to be about 24 meters long, meaning that the plane must have broken apart when it fell off course. The next course of action for the search teams will to get to the debris they know is there and assess whether or not it is the downed aircraft. Due to cloud cover and inclement weather, the pictures that the public has access to are extremely blurry and distorted. Details are still unknown about the fate of the passengers, though the rescue teams are working around the clock.

Classic Movies becoming New Favorites

Two of the most beloved movie franchises are being revamped for modern day sequels. Ghostbusters and Star Wars dominated the minds of many children in the 80’s and remain to this day classics of cinema. Now two independent projects, one by Universal and one by Disney, are bringing them back. The Ghostbusters sequel, entitled Ghostbusters III, has been in development since the lukewarm Ghostbuster II hit the theatres in 1988, but became more of a reality when a shooting schedule was planned just a few weeks ago, planning to begin in early 2015 for a release mid-summer 2016. Two of the three main characters from the famous movies, Bill Murray and Harold Ramis, will not be appearing in large roles due to Murray’s busy work life and Ramis’ untimely death. Still Dan Akroyd plans to push forward with the movie with the help of the original director and a new, younger cast of Ghostbusters. However the biggest news of developing new movies is certainly the projected seventh installment in the classic Star Wars franchise. The deal between Disney and Lucas in 2013 made headlines, with fans speculating about how Disney could do the Star Wars legacy justice. Now more details from the sequel have emerged, as well as a tentative release date. The movie is planned to take place 30 years after Episode VI, and will feature at least some of Return of the Jedi’s stars in cameo roles. Open auditions have been held for two lead roles in the movie, which is scheduled to be released on December 18, 2015.

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Pentatonix

Adam Janeira • guest writer

A cappella has been around as a style of music since about when humans learned they could make noises. Ever since the movie “Pitch Perfect” and television shows like “Sing-Off” came to the limelight, a cappella has become much more mainstream. Pentatonix, who won the “Sing-Off” competition, has amassed a large fan base over the past few years.

This group of five, which continues to release singles to YouTube on a regular basis, is currently touring the United States, and I was fortunate enough to catch them in Indianapolis. The show which took place in the small Egyptian Room on February 9th was a hit. The reasonably-priced tickets were sold out within a month; third party websites offered the tickets for upwards of 4 times the original price.

Being familiar with Egyptian Room concerts, I was excited to enjoy the much more personal atmosphere the venue had to offer, especially for a band of this nature. I was significantly worried that their a capella music style would not translate well live, as technical issues with monitors and gen-

eral “off days” can sometimes make the most seasoned performers a little flat while performing live.

The group opened with their medley cover of Daft Punk songs, a personal favorite, to a roaring audience. As I had expected, the group was phenomenal, but the quality just wasn’t quite as good as it was in my quiet apartment with my generic earbuds. To make things worse, the decorative PTX curtain that hid the stage layout from the audience prior to the start of the show had some technical issues and did not release properly from the left corner. This essentially shielded the bass singer Avi Kaplan for the first portion of the song, an issue most bass musicians are used to as we are often underappreciated.

The second song, however, completely changed my impression of the group as they were able to warm up completely and set the pace for the rest of the evening with an impeccable performance. From then on, the quality of the music and notes were spot on and my measly earbuds were put to shame. The group put on a real show and made sure to keep the energy high by incorporating choreography and

decent lighting effects to the show.

Between songs the group would often make jokes with the audience and even brought up a young lady up on the stage to serenade her with their ver-

for the small technical issue in the beginning of the show by making himself heard. Having one of the most impressive bass voices I have ever heard, Bass Cannon Kaplan rattled the chest cavities of the audi-

Great Big World’s “Say Something.”

As a frequent audience member of concerts of all genres and a performer, I can say that Pentatonix was one of my top three concerts I have attended.



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sion of Marvin Gaye’s “Let’s Get It On.” Recognizing that the typical audience member was at one point a member of a choir, they split the audience into three sections and taught each group a different harmony to sing along with one of their songs. Avi made sure to make up

ence members with ease simply by dropping the bass with his voicebox. Most impressively, however, was Kevin, the beatboxer, and his remarkable cello named Beyoncé. Kevin performed a small solo number which was followed up by a previously unreleased single of the group’s cover of A

I highly recommend checking out their music if you appreciate having your mind blown and/or music that leaves you in tears or addicted.

Rating: 5/5 elephants



“One Finger Death Punch”

Morgan Escalera • staff writer

This game is awesome, pure and simple. “One Finger Death Punch” is a new 2D brawling game that hit the Steam market-

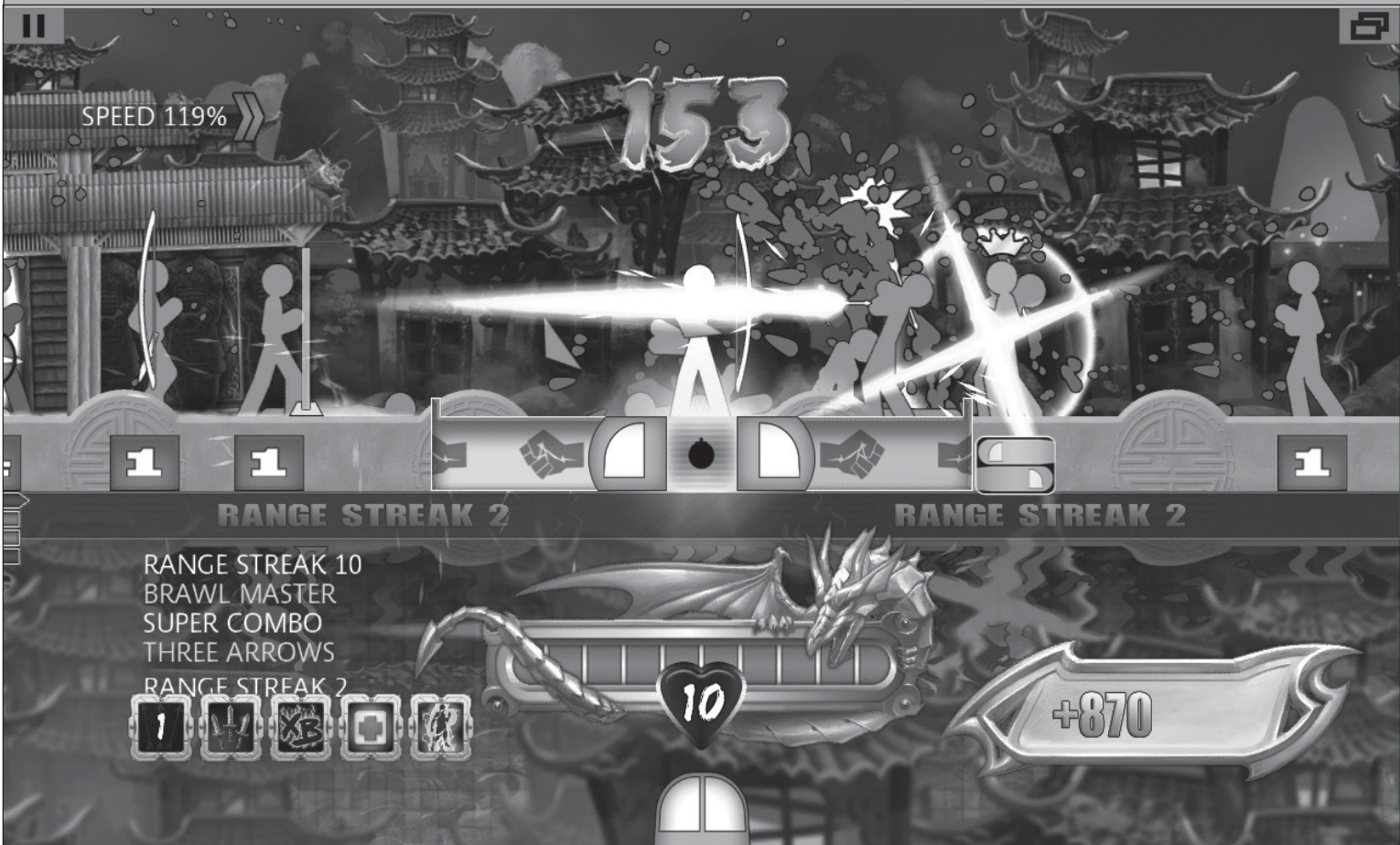
rently on Steam, and it is one of the most affordable titles I have seen there in a while, considering what you get out of the deal. The game is set with the player in the center of a 2D battleground

becomes hectic mayhem, controlled entirely by the player. The game champions its one-to-one response times, and for the most part it accomplishes this due mostly to the brevity in con-

based almost entirely around the visual impacts of each correct button press. These visual explosions vary in size but always leave the player with a real feeling of accomplishment when killing an enemy. There are a couple different types of enemies which come at you, ranging from single hit gray, multi hit colored, or mini-boss brawlers which carry a crown on their heads. Each level also has a gimmick to it which keeps the gameplay fresh. This can be as simple as a mob round, or a light-sword round, or a grayscale round.

After each victory the speed increases, and after each defeat the speed decreases drastically. This is truly a game which focuses exclusively on the feeling of the combat, keeping the inputs simple and employing a high skill ceiling to get through some of the later levels, even on the “easy” difficulty. It feels great to play, and I would highly recommend it for someone who wants a game with a break-neck pace, either for a few minutes or days.

Rating: 5/5 elephants



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place last week. It is a bare bones beat-em-up, with only 2 buttons employed to decimate the opposition. It costs only five dollars cur-

with waves of enemies attacking him. Enemies can be dispatched with either a left or right mouse click, and from there the game

trols. Essentially, every time you press a button you attack and kill someone in a glorious way. The art style of the game is



Spring Personal Renewal

Dr. Sudipa Kirtley • Faculty Writer

Dr. Robert Joss, Professor of Finance and Dean Emeritus of Stanford University Graduate School of Business, gave his last lecture series to the graduating class in 2010. Needless to say, I learned a lot from it. Dr. Ross divided his talk into 10 life lessons. 10. He started off from the 10th lesson, which states that life is like an important game, somewhat like cricket. The rules are an important part of life, and one needs to play the game with determination and drive to come to an honorable end. Just like cricket, life is also a long game, and one needs a fair dose of patience for its entire course. In addition, just as in cricket, often a lull phase of no-action elapses before suddenly everything changes rather quickly. We come across that one opportunity or that one challenge in life which has the potential to change its course completely and quite suddenly; when the good opportunity presents itself, we should take it and make a difference. 9. The next lesson says that we need to stay away from those people who have very bad behavior. In order to make our own lives more meaningful, we need to stay away from those who are abusive, or mean, as these unpleasant characters often bring defaming situations along with them. 8. “Run it like you own it”, he says. An ownership mindset makes all the difference in successfully carrying out life’s responsibilities. Unlike a casual worker in an establishment, an owner uses care while carrying out tasks. In life we should carry out our errands as if our own skin is in the game, paying attention to the little details of the groups we are associated with. 7. Arrogance diminishes a leader; while the good leaders have followers, they have a certain humility that does

not give way to self-proclamation and chest beating. Humility is an honorable quality that we should all possess. 6. Good leaders do not take their own lives too seriously; instead they take their groups and jobs seriously; a shift in focus from me to others is a good practice in life. 5. Dr. Joss points out the positive face of fear. We need not let fear paralyze us, but fear should push us into having the courage to take on intelligent risks. We need to face the causes and the consequences of fear, as just by doing that we will get the courage to face our worries more readily. While doing this, he adds, asking for help is a good idea. 4. We should all reflect from our experiences and grow from them. Character building experiences come by especially when we step out of our comfort zone. Just having the experience is not enough, but learning from that, and using that in your life is more fulfilling. 3. We need to connect with other people by having honest conversations with them, as this can be a rewarding process in our lives. 2. Often asking the right questions takes us forward. We should listen to others, need to be analytical and think critically, and then ask great questions. Often a leader only needs one great question to start his mission. After a drum roll came the last lesson: 1. This is

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the process of personal renewal. Don’t let your “clock” stop, he says; he suggests we always move forward by constantly learning, no matter what our age is. People like interesting people, and by letting ourselves be in a constant state of self-discovery, we can enrich our lives.

The above are lessons that can improve our future lives immensely. The key is not to only read these, but to actually practice them consciously and consistently till they become habits. Take, for instance, #1. Learning has no end, and pushing yourself out of a beaten path to move yourself forward is not restricted to a certain age. It is, after all, a good habit to go to sleep every night 1% smarter.

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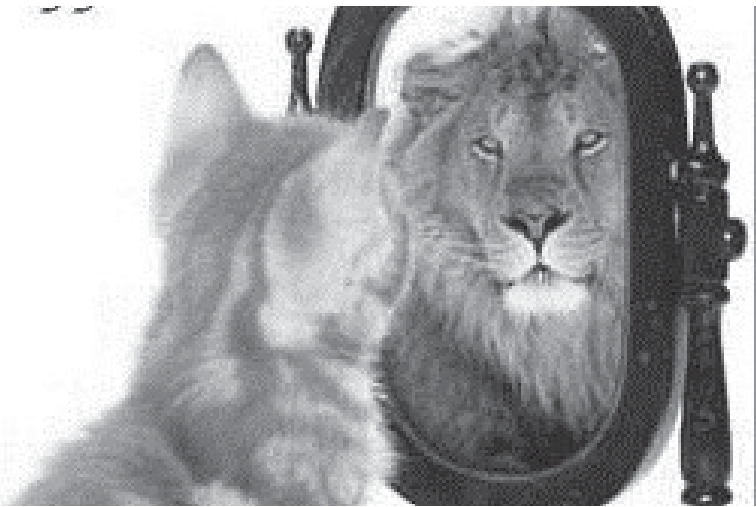
Confidence, Pass it On

Amaryllis Biduaka • Living Editor

You are at your new job and know absolutely no one. You look around the room and notice that everyone else is silent aside from two people. They, like you, are new interns but one of them had the nerve to strike up a conversation with a complete stranger. How did he do it? Next scenario: you are have continually noticed this girl around campus and want to start a conversation. She has been in some of your classes before and she looks friendly but your tongue gets tied when you try to get the nerve to say hello. How will you get over your initial introduction stage fright? Finally, how about the times when a massive amount of people intimidated you away from your top employer. As time carries on, you begin you grow nervous to the extent that you back away from the crowd and go to another employer on your list. You refuse to put yourself under that much pressure again. How can the individuals in these situations gain confidence?

One of the way to increase yourself confidence is following these steps: prepare yourself, #yolo, and let go of uncertainty. First you have to understand that this is not going to happen over night. The val-

ue of confidence will need to be pounded into you by pushing yourself to go beyond your comfort zone. Sure, the first time you talk to someone new it will be



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awkward, but you can make it less so by preparing for the initial conversation. Each new encounter with people is trying to get to the diamond mines on minecraft; you have to break through layers of grass and dirt before you can reach the treasure underneath. Think of the three ways the conversation

could go: they could say nothing, they could be enthusiastic, or they could walk away. Start by preparing an initial conversation starter that is not about the weather; maybe something about classes. In regards to talking to employers, start by discussing what interests you have in the company and go into detail. By having a known starting point you can calm yourself down and ease into the uncertainty of the conversation.

Once you have successfully started a conversation, it is time to let it go. You do not know where this new encounter is going to lead to and try not to let the the fear of the unknown stop you from giving this new relationship your all. Tell your employer everything that interests you and brag about your skills, do not hold yourself back. Allow yourself to shine. In regards to non professional relationships, be attentive and do not stress. Work on making your first impression a memorable one and if you want to continue to be friends, try to end the conversation by letting the person know you will talk to them again. If the person does not give you a chance and is not interested in being friends, at least you had the effort to be daring and branch out of your comfort zone. Every encounter is a new experience, and if you keep taking initiatives to achieve confidence, eventually you will gain it.

Whatever Gets the Job Done

Sidharth Ramesh • editor

It's been only one and a half weeks since the spring quarter started. The optimism in the name of this quarter is refreshing. Seeing the trees come back to life will be magical. With the quarter beginning students can look at what went wrong in the previous quarter and think about how they could do things differently this time. It sounds pretty much like a New Year resolution, but one in favour of improving one's grade. New quarter resolutions could be very useful. But trying to correctly say what went wrong is the big challenge. It's like trying to notice a cashew nut in caramel ice cream, you can take the cashew out if you notice it, but you have to notice it first.

As Rose students, we know how important assignments are for a final grade; some courses even have assignments weighted higher than the final exam. With four to five subjects every quarter, it can get to a hair tearing situation when the due dates for the assignments fall on the same or even on consecutive days. Nobody likes to

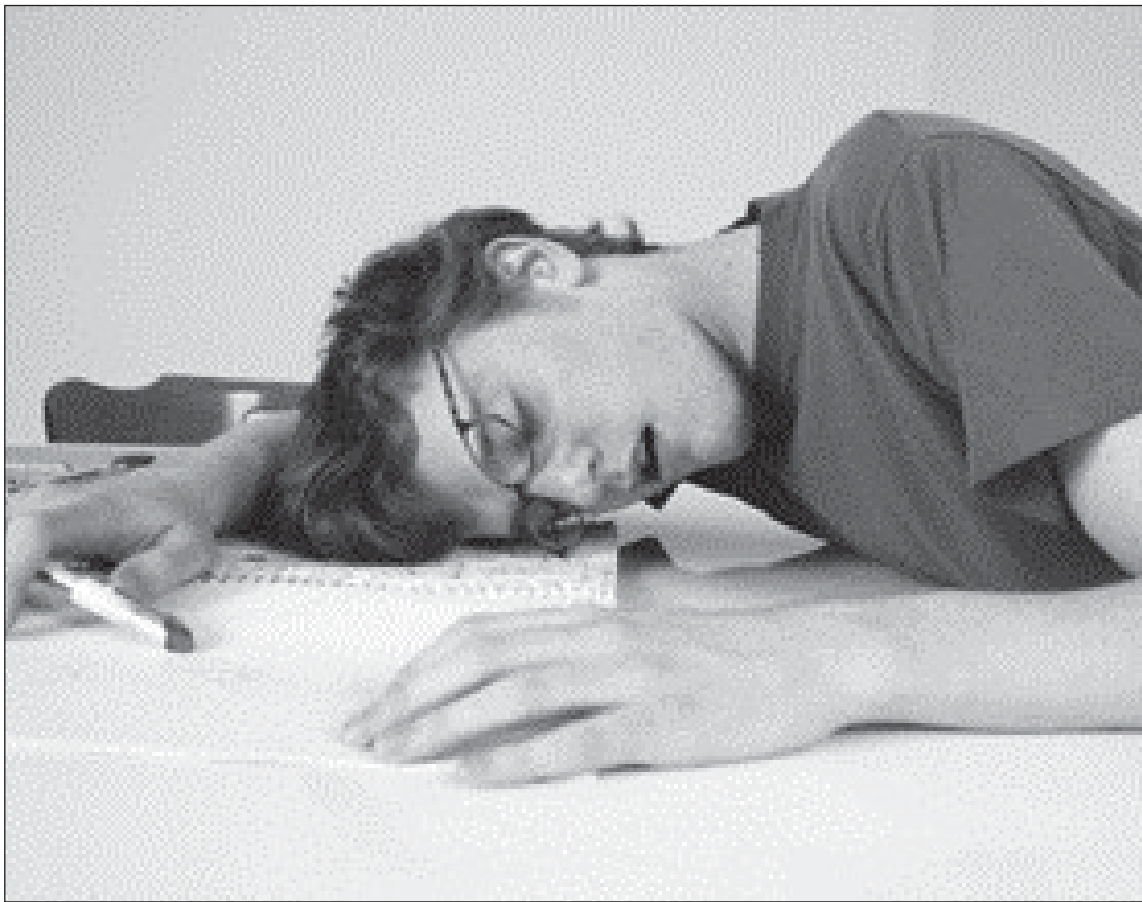
miss out on submitting on the due date, let alone a late submission. Most of students focus on just completing assignments for the present week without trying to see how the concept taught this week fits with the concepts taught previously. This behaviour could very accurately be called the "whatever gets the job done" syndrome. Be-

cause of this students miss out on having a holistic appreciation of the subject. When it is week nine or ten students try to remember the first and the following week's assignments and concepts to prepare for the exam. They end up drinking a lot more coffee than usual without much effect from the learning point of view.

Part of growing up requires us to make decisions and sometimes tough ones. It is not enough to simply make a decision of doing the assignment correctly and on time. It is important to not forget the previous assignments and the lesson learned from them. Answering the "What's the right thing to do?" question first and then

proceeding to answer "How to do it right?" could help sorting out the To-do list. Not being vigilant enough throughout the quarter does have its effect on the total take away from the course. Most of the courses have a group or individual project, which after the mid terms especially start to appear with even more importance. Consolidating the material taught in lecture takes a back seat.

In the debate between the precedence of long term goals over short term goals, one is much more important. Being mindful about the long term goal, which is to clearly understand all that there is in the subject, is more important than the short term goal of finishing an assignment on time. Making a conscious decision of reviewing and revisiting the topics and methods taught before goes a long way into making you not just a winner at the end of the quarter at Rose, but also in interviews and the workplace. After all, being successful in life is why each one of us is here.



Better review during the course of the quarter can reduce burnout from exams.

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An "Opunion"

Morgan Escalera • copy editor

I have found an excellent topic to talk about. It is one that affects me greatly since I am a big brother whose little brother has no concept of a good joke. He falls into a group of people that tell bad jokes. We are talking the "good jokes are the puns" people.

One must understand that, at face value, jokes are entirely subjective. However, it is my personal opinion that some jokes have no place in this world. Now that does raise an interesting conundrum. If jokes are subjective and some should never be said, how can one determine what jokes are out of bounds? Well, I propose that everyone just pick those that are not funny and collectively not say them. That way, no one will have to endure a joke that is in bad taste. No longer will you have to sit through a terrible attempt at humor and be rebuffed from responding because, "they are just trying to be

funny". Since jokes are subjective, who are you to say he or she can't tell them?

If you simply say a genre of joke that utterly does not appeal to you before-hand, you can chastise someone for saying them. I think everyone can agree that that is a good idea. There are sure to be people who disagree with this method of logic. They may call it a damper of free speech. Those people can look at the top of this article and see that it is purely an opinion. This article is designed for nothing more than to fill up a piece of the page with a crazy man's ramblings. It is not intended to be taken as fact, just a proposal that personally appeals to me.

I find racist jokes to be in bad taste. In fact, this article was spurred by someone who told me an insanely racist joke. The person played it off that it was fine because he was partially of that race. It is in moments like that when I wish that my opinion on this matter was pure law. Alas

life is not fantasy, and I said nothing back to him. Instead, I gave him a

devilish stare. I didn't feel good about it.



Don't let bad jokes spread any further.

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Solid pitching propels Rose-Hulman baseball

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During the second game of last Friday’s double header, junior RJ Carroll pitched a winning three-hit shutout. Rose-Hulman would only need a score from sophomore Patrick Klima in the bottom of the fifth inning to earn a 1 – 0 victory over Illinois Wesleyan. Klima would score on a steal of home after hitting a double and advancing to third on a sacrifice fly.

Carroll would be named HCAC Pitcher of the Week for his shutout performance against Illinois Wesleyan, during which he struck out eight batters from a team which came in ranked No. 27 nationally. Carroll currently has a 2.12 ERA in 17 innings of play.

In the opening game of the doubleheader, Rose-Hulman would fall to Concordia Chicago 0 – 7. Concordia would score three runs in the second inning to open the game. Both teams were held scoreless until Corcordia sealed the game, adding four runs during the top of

the ninth. Sophomore Andrew Stull would pitch seven innings, striking out eight batters and allowing just five hits. Sophomore Caleb Kissel led the Rose-Hulman offense with a pair of singles on the day.

In a quick turn around, the Fightin’ Engineers then faced Alma College on Saturday. Senior Hank Akard would finish 4-4 with three stolen bases to helping Rose-Hulman to a narrow 5 – 4 win.

Although down 3 – 1 after the top of the third inning, the Fightin’ Engineers

would retaliate with three in the bottom of the third and added another in the seventh inning.

Sophomore Caleb Kissel tallied two hits with a two-RBI single in the third. Kissel would later score in the third with the RBI credited

to senior Andrew Benitez. Sophomore Kody Alayon would also contribute two hits, a single and a double. Alayon scored twice as well.

A 2 – 1 weekend record moves Rose-Hulman to 5 – 4 overall. They will play in

their first HCAC matchups of the season as they host Bluffton University for a single game on Friday and a doubleheader on Saturday. The coming weekend’s play kicks off a a streak of eight home games for the Fightin’ Engineers.



RJ Carroll was named HCAC Pitcher of the Week for his exceptional performance against the Fightin’ Engineers game against Illinois Wesleyan, where he struck out eight batters.

Rose-Hulman Athletics

Pair of swimmers bound for Division III National Championship

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Two swimmers, sophomore Orion Martin and freshman Ellie Hong, will represent Rose-Hulman in this year’s NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving National Championships which began this Wednesday and will conclude on Saturday.

Both swimmers will compete in three events. Martin will be featured in the 50-freestyle, 100-butterfly, and 100-freestyle events. Hong will also compete in the 50-freestyle, along with the 100-backstroke and the 200-backstroke.

To qualify for the championships, both swimmers had to meet certain times. Martin qualified with a 100-butterfly time of 48.92 seconds, while Hong qualified with a 200-backstroke time of 2:01.39 and a 100-backstroke time of 56.79 seconds.

This will be the second trip to nationals for Martin, while Hong will be the first Rose-Hulman women’s swimmer to compete in the national championships. All events will be held in the IUPUI Natatorium in Indianapolis. Both swimmers are coming off all-conference championships at the 2014 CCIW Swimming Champi-

onships held previously on Feb. 13-15.

On Wednesday, the opening day of competition, both Hong and Martin competed in the 50-yard freestyle event. Hong would finish 39th overall in the preliminaries with a time of 24.65 seconds. Martin, with a time of 21.47 seconds, came home 49th overall.

They each have more work to do, as Martin will compete in the 100-butterfly on Thursday and the 100-freestyle on Saturday and Hong will swim in the 100-backstroke on Friday and the 200-backstroke on Saturday.



Orion Martin and Ellie Hong will compete in the NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving National Championships at IUPUI in Indianapolis.

Rose-Hulman Athletics

Season not yet over for Julian Strickland

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Helping to lead Rose-Hulman to a HCAC Tournament Championship and a berth in the Division III Tournament, senior Julian Strickland will now represent Rose-Hulman in this weekend’s National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Division III All-Star Game.

Strickland was one of 18 Division III players and one of three from the Midwest region chosen for the all-star game. He will travel to Salem, Virginia, the site of this year’s NCAA Division III championship game. The all-star game will begin at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, just prior to the championship game.

Strickland is the first player from Rose-Hulman selected to participate in NABC Division III All-Star Game. The civil

engineering major will play under coach Bill Leatherman from Bridgewater College for the West All-Star Team. This squad is comprised of nine players coming from the Midwest, South, Mid-Atlantic, and East regions.

In his four years playing at Rose-Hulman, Strickland has tallied 1,747 points, fifth best in program history. This season alone Strickland amassed 648 points, the third most by a Fightin’ Engineer in a sole season.

The graduating seniors of the men’s basketball program have been a part of the winningest four-year span in program history, going 82 – 29 overall. Along the way they have won three HCAC Tournaments, a pair of HCAC regular season championships, and have played in three separate Division III Tournaments.



Julian Strickland will represent Rose-Hulman in the NABC Division III game.

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Happy weird holidays!

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It's time to propose to your special someone before aliens come to take you away! You heard right! Today is "Proposal Day and Festival Of Extraterrestrial Abductions Day!" It's a day that will mark the start of a new life with a loved one or that could mean the end of life as we know it.

Do not waste this day doing homework and other boring things! Instead, go out and celebrate all those happy couples and those who have sworn to be abducted by aliens. Go star-gazing or UFO watching tonight and see just how lucky you are.

Tomorrow, plan to wear as much perfume and cologne as possible for "Fragrance Day" and plan to do absolutely nothing on Saturday for "National Goof-off Day!" Then start the new week with a bit of spring cleaning and festive chips for "National Organize Your Home Office Day" and "National Chips and Dip Day." Really, how could this week get any better?

The Clueless Wonder

Boy: Hey Babe, want to go to my house tonight?
Girl: Sure, what are we going to do?
Boy: I'll give you a hint. It involves you, me, and some pillows and blankets.
Girl: Oh my gosh! WE'RE GOING TO BUILD A FORT?!



wacky professor quotes

"You can't swing a dead cat in Achem lab without hitting a bottle of KHP."

"Wikipedia is like Fight Club. You use it, but don't talk about it."

"I love bribes, but they need to be worth getting fired."

Dr. Rostamkhalai, so professor, about that test coming up...?

"Occasionally cheating's okay".

Dr. Finn, and which times are those?

"Sometimes the cool kids of Rose-Hulman forget they are the cool kids of the not cool kids."

Dr. Lovell, so what does that make the not cool kids of the not cool kids?

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

That time when you realize you walked into the wrong bathroom.

Horoscope

All the things you didn't want to know.

Arries: Overindulgence last night could have left you feeling a little woozy today. Don't push yourself, don't socialize. Just sleep.

Taurus: That party you were planning tonight? Might not happen. It seems a lot of people are going to be busy this weekend. That's okay, you didn't need the anyway.

Gemini: You're going to feel sluggish and grumpy today. Just try to get the minimum done before you decide to head into the weekend break.

Cancer: You are suffering from separation anxiety. It is okay to call home or to call your boy/girlfriend in another state. No one will judge you! Well, maybe a little.

Leo: Dreams will give you messages today. Make sure to pay attention to them. They may give you a clue about the future.

Virgo: If you enjoy risk and challenge, then you will certainly appreciate today's astral configuration. Someone special comes your way!

Libra: No matter how much you try, your creativity just isn't going to work today. Just put your project aside before you give up on it completely.

Scorpio: Upsetting news might have you wondering about the future, but don't dwell on it too long. go to an exciting movie to distract yourself instead.

Sagittarius: Today is a great day to make some valuable contacts with well known people. However, don't stay out too late tonight. Tomorrow has plans for you.

Capricorn: You will receive a surprise phone call today that may keep you talking for hours. Don't worry about time. You have lots of it left to-morrow.

Aquarius: Money could be a source of worry today, but don't let it spoil your day. It's only temporary, not permanent.

Pisces: Stress is making you grumpy and snappy today. Take a few minutes to yourself to let yourself unwind before you go back. You will have a much better day with family and friends if you do that now.