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## The Terre Haute Blues

### When you can't beat the blues, join them

MARC SCHMITT  
NEWS EDITOR

The blues are coming to Terre Haute, and that's not just because classes are starting again. The 15<sup>th</sup> annual Blues at the Crossroads, a music festival featuring great music and even better food, is taking place in downtown Terre Haute Friday September, 11 and Saturday September 12.

**“The festival has attracted rising stars and returning acts.”**

The festival will feature 19 acts on two stages over two days. Gates open at 6 p.m. on Friday and 3 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are ten dollars for daily passes.

The festival has attracted rising stars as well as returning acts. Samantha Fish, a blues singer, songwriter, and musician from Kansas City, Missouri, is returning this year. Fish won the Best New Artist Debut at the 2012 Blues Music Awards in Memphis. She recently released a new album, “Wild Heart”, on Ruf label.

Another rising star at this year's festival is Freekbass, a talented bassist and musician. He recently released his new album, “Everybody's Feelin' Real”, and is touring with his funk group “Freekbass & The Bump

Assembly”.

This year the festival is being supported by numerous organizations in the local Terre Haute community, including Indiana State University Community School of the Arts, myFox10, and Rick's Smoke House. The Verve, a local night club located on Wabash Avenue in downtown Terre Haute, will have a dedicated 21 and over stage featuring eight bands over the two day festival.

The festival also boasts, for the first time in its history, a Silent Disco; where attendees will be given a pair of wireless headphones.

The Silent Disco is a unique event experimenting with a new type of festival atmosphere.

Disc jockeys will be playing their sets directly into the ears of hundreds of people, simultaneously isolated and connected, and those without headphones will hear nothing but see people dancing together.

Silent Discos have been growing in popularity as a different way of experiencing musical acts. Advocates say that the new format allows people to hear music as it was meant to be heard, while reducing noise pollution and issues with noise curfews.

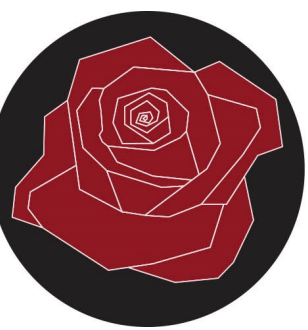
The Silent Disco will feature Gabby Love, DJ Gigante, DJ Ellipses, and Evolutionary Enlightenment. Children will be allowed to participate from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on September 12, and adults from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.



**A poster for the Blues at the Crossroads festival.**

**Photo from Blues at the Crossroads**

**“Also featured ... is a Silent Disco”**



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## Starting off the Season Strong Fightin' Engineers Football Wins First Game of Season

MIRIAM REMMERS  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Rose-Hulman Fightin' Engineers kicked off the 2015 football season with a resounding 29-14 victory over Kalamazoo College on Saturday, September 5. It was the season opener for both teams.

Two quick touchdowns in the first quarter let Kalamazoo jump out to a 14-0 lead early on in the contest. These were the last points

Kalamazoo would score as Rose-Hulman was able to shut out the Hornets for the rest of the game. The Fightin' Engineers narrowed the gap to 14-7 before the end of the first quarter, when senior Aaron Abbott scored a three-yard touchdown run. By halftime the score was 14-9.

The third quarter remained scoreless until, with two minutes left in the period, sophomore Kevin Dufauchard made a 43-yard run to the 2-yard line. Rose-Hulman took the lead

for the first time when Dufauchard made a two-yard touchdown run, bringing the score to 15-14.

The Fightin' Engineers scored two more touchdown passes in the fourth quarter, handily winning 29-14 over the Hornets. Juniors Austin Swenson and Alec Fisher connected on a 45-yard pass to bring the score to 22-14 with just over nine minutes left to play. Swenson then connected with junior Joe Moehrle on a 54-yard touchdown pass to secure Rose its final margin of victory of 15 points.

Swenson led the offensive effort of the first game of the season, finishing 28-44 through the air, earning 294 yards, two touchdowns, and no interceptions. Dufauchard totaled 98 rushing yards and a single touchdown, while Moehrle achieved a team-high six catches, 106 yards and one touchdown. Fisher added 93 yards and one touchdown reception, and Abbott totaled five catches for 29 yards.

Rose-Hulman's defense held Kalamazoo quarterback Alex White to 11-46 through the air for only 99 yards. The Engineer defense also broke up eight passes and recorded three sacks. Junior Kevin Nowak and sophomore Kaelen Garner achieved a team-high five tackles and one interception, while freshman Matt Michalak forced one fumble. Special teams was led by senior Craig Larew, who went three for three on extra points.

The team now stands at 1-0 on the season, and is playing away at Illinois College on Saturday, September 12. The team will return to action at Rose-Hulman for what is both their first conference event and our homecoming game on Saturday, September 19. They will take on Hanover College.



**Quarterback Justin Swenson, a junior biomedical engineering student, runs the ball.**

**Photo from Rose-Hulman Athletics**

# The Arrival of Meijer

## A shopping giant has finds its way to Terre Haute

David Huang

Entertainment Editor

This summer saw the completion and opening of Meijer on Route 46., which opened on July 30 after starting construction last year. It has its own gas station and is opposite Walmart, Sonic, and Taco Bell.

Meijer offers a meaningful expansion to the supermarket options in Terre Haute. From my personal experience, Meijer has a good produce and houseware selection. It combines the home goods of Walmart with the produce quality of Kroger. No longer do you need to make two trips. Meijer is your one-stop shop for most of the things you need.

Aside from the normal brands available everywhere, Meijer also features an extensive wine section with many options I have not seen in any of the other Terre Haute grocery stores.

### Meijer is your one-stop shop for most of the things you need.

There are also new craft beer selections available in the next aisle, and they have some new liquor selections available as well.

Meijer genuinely has good quality food. The food aisles bring some new selections I have not seen in any of our other grocery stores. Their bakery has fresh baked bread, cookies, a large donut case, and a great deli counter.

Meijer's brand deli meats have been of good quality so far, and the deli counter workers are very friendly and helpful. They also have an excellent chocolate section, with chocolate stored in refrigerators.

The meat selection at Meijer is a good counterpart to those at existing grocery stores. It also has a full meat counter, which has been a sparse commodity in Terre Haute until now. None of the meat that I have purchased from Meijer has been green on the back yet, which is good compared to some of my previous experiences.



The new Meijer is only a ten minute drive from campus.

Photo by The Tribune Star

Navigating the food

section of Meijer is simple, with clearly labeled large aisles making it easy to find what you want. The meat and produce areas require a bit of adjusting from the layouts that are seen in the other Terre Haute grocery stores, but large ceiling signs help you find your way around. The meat section in particular is a bit hard to understand, but that is partially since it is larger than our other stores' meat sections.

Meijer's checkout experience is also excellent. Even during the more crowded times I visited, I never waited to get for a checkout. There are multiple self-checkouts available, including some item amount-limited express ones. They also take smart chip credit cards, being the latest store in Terre Haute to use them after Walmart and Sam's Club.

All in all there are a lot of great options available at Meijer, and it's nice to have a new store option besides Walmart, Kroger, and Baesler's for our food and day-to-day needs in Terre Haute. The variety is on par with (if not slightly larger than) Walmart's, the prices seem comparable, and the quality is good.

# Crockpot Living

Amaryllis Biduaka

Lifestyle Editor

This year I decided that I would make an investment in a crockpot to reduce the average amount of time I spent cooking. Since my purchase I can honestly say that buying this crockpot was one of the best decisions I've made. All I do is sit back, do homework, and let the pot take care of the rest.

If you're cooking for one, the meal can easily last three to five days depending on your portion size. One of the recipes that I have tried is crockpot chicken and stuffing. I know it is a bit early for fall cooking, but this recipe is a taste of home that you'll crave in the upcoming months.

For this recipe you will need four defrosted chicken breasts, one large can or two small cans of cream of chicken soup, two boxes of stuffing mix, one cup of sour cream, one package of frozen green beans, and non-stick cooking spray. If your crockpot is not large enough to fit four breasts, just use two and halve the ingredients for the recipe.

First, spray the crockpot with non-stick cooking spray. Place the defrosted chicken breasts on the bottom of the crockpot. Next, place the dry stuffing on top of the chicken breasts.

In a separate bowl, mix together the sour cream and cream of chicken. Once this is mixed, pour the mixture on top of stuffing. To finish the recipe, add the frozen green beans and a cup of water. If you prefer a dry stuffing, add less water, otherwise add more water to make the stuffing moist.

Cook the mixture for four hours on high or seven to eight hours on low. Halfway through the cooking time, use a fork to fluff the stuffing mix. By fluffing the stuffing mix, you will allow the water to sink down to the bottom of the pot and steam the stuffing.

I hope this recipe gives you a taste of home while you are away and frees up the time you would spend cooking.



A delicious hearty meal can be yours with little effort.

Photo by iSaveA2Z.com

## *The Other Side of The Desk*

### A Letter From the President of Rose-Hulman



James Conwell

**President of Rose-Hulman**

Dear Class of 2019,

It is my distinct pleasure to be among the first to welcome you to your freshman year at Rose-Hulman.

You came here to study engineering, mathematics, or science, but one of the first things you'll do is add a couple of words to your vocabulary. The first one is "laking." It's a verb that means "being involuntarily pitched into Speed Lake by your friends, generally to celebrate an event such as your birthday." Generations of students have experienced this, and chances are you will, too. It's all in good fun, and you can take heart that you are following in the footsteps of some of our most notable alumni as you slog back to your dorm room.

The second word is "railroaded." Forget any previous definition of this word that you may know. Here in Terre Haute, it means waiting for a train to pass—and it happens quite often, thanks to the many railroad tracks crisscrossing town. Getting railroaded can be annoying, but remember that the institute's founder, Chauncey Rose, was a railroad man. So, were it not for these tracks, there may never have been a Rose-Hulman. Learn to add a few extra minutes to your trip, and you'll be just fine.

Now as the first academic quarter begins in earnest, you are likely to find yourself facing challenges unlike anything you have experienced in your education to this point. Embrace these challenges! You will learn from, and work with, the best faculty in undergraduate engineering education. You will work hard and wonder where the hours of the day have gone. But in the end, you will find that you have the tools to overcome just about any challenge that you choose to tackle.

Take what you learn and run with it. Get your hands dirty with real-life applications of your classroom lessons. Our Branam Innovation Center is a hub of activity for competition teams doing all kinds of cool stuff, from underwater robotics to Formula-style racing. Or take your talents into the community, or even the world, with groups such as Habitat for Humanity and Engineers Without Borders. Engineers, scientists, and mathematicians are working at solving some of the world's biggest problems every day. Here, you will learn that the potential to do so lies within you, as well.

As high-achieving students, you are likely no stranger to working hard to achieve your own goals. A Rose-Hulman education is a rigorous one, and make no mistake, you will face challenges and even setbacks. The best in our professions are those who not only adapt and overcome, but find better solutions by turning struggles into opportunities for learning.

You are joining the Rose-Hulman community at a truly exciting time. You and your classmates are poised to start a journey that will impact the way our world works in the future. Our faculty and staff are here to see that you have the best foundation with which to begin that journey.

So, welcome to your home for the next four years, and welcome to the Rose-Hulman family.

Sincerely,

Jim Conwell  
President  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

## Preserving our Traditions

Mark Rodgers

**Opinions Editor**

As I enter my senior year at Rose-Hulman, I am starting to realize that I am almost done and that now I can reflect on some of the things about this place that stood out to me and how things have changed since I moved in almost four years ago. There are many things that makes Rose a great place to go to school, like the small size and helpful professors, but I think the best thing we have going for us is the rich culture we have adopted at Rose.

We have an entire event during the Freshman Orientation devoted to our History and Traditions, which exposes freshmen to the astounding variety of traditions that have persisted throughout the years. From the freshmen beanies to the upperclassmen pipes and our hilariously bad football performances against big schools, there is a lot to learn about, and the best part is that our unique culture is constantly evolving and adapting as time goes on.

Constantly evolving and changing to suit the times is generally a good thing, but sometimes we need to try and keep that past alive. We need to preserve our traditions, which is what sets us apart from other colleges and helped set us up as one of the top undergraduate engineering colleges in the country.

The thing that shocked me the most when I first came here was the Open Door Policy, which is arguably the cornerstone of our whole culture and atmosphere at Rose: the idea that you can walk through a residence hall and talk to any of your fellow students about anything from a new game to that really tough Con Apps problem.

This policy even applies to the professors as well; they welcome any student into their offices to talk about anything you want, not just schoolwork. This policy sets us apart from most other colleges in the country, where everything is locked and needs a keycard and a retinal scan to enter. This helps everyone grow closer as a community and makes the campus a better place.

I had to learn the hard way, however, that it only takes a few bad eggs to ruin the basket: my calculus textbook and calculator were stolen my freshman year. I was lucky, as everything that was mine was found and returned to me, but some students weren't as lucky. We should strive to be better and keep this policy alive for our sakes and the sakes of future Rose students.

The other tradition that is paramount that needs to be preserved at all costs is the infamous Homecoming Bonfire, the highlight of the entire school year and the event that showed me I was defi-

nately in the right place for college. I was blown away by the sheer size of the structure we built, and that I had the chance to help build it, which made it all the better. All the history and superstitions built right into it along with the railroad ties and outdoor make it an awesome community experience.

College is the place where you truly find yourself and become the your own person, so help everyone by remembering the traditions that make Rose what it is while finding new traditions to keep our spirit alive for the years to come.



The 2013 Homecoming bonfire; boy, was it hot!

Photo by Mark Rodgers

# 4 The Flipside

## Campus-Wide Survival Guide

# Going Trayless in the ARA

Nerual Nechitnas

### Flipside Extraordinaire

As every Freshman has heard, the ARA used to be a paradise of bowls, plates, and glasses galore! However, this year and this year only, we have received a special bonus –no trays! That’s right! Instead of trying to fit plates and bowls all into one rectangle, the student populace has been freed to think outside the tray! Here are a few ways on how to exercise our new freedom!

**The Double Trip:** Feel like you haven’t got enough food in your



first round through the lines? Go back for seconds! You friends won’t think you’re a glutton at all. They will think you understand your rights to more food as a cafeteria goer! So go for that other trip! Just remember, “the cold food will last, the hot will not!”

**The Tom Sawyer Act:** Instead of waiting to make a second trip, why not make one right now? Grab a friend from one of the lines and hand your plate off to them. Then go right back up and get another plate of food. This way, you get two plates of hot and ready food. Just make sure to reclaim your food before your friend takes a bite. After all, you waited in a long line for that food!



**The Waiter:** Speaking of friends, instead of having them help carry



your food, you should just have them wait on you hand and foot. Place an order and have them wait through the lines for you. When they get through, you’ll already be waiting for them at the table, fork and knife ready and waiting. If not a friend, pick a random freshman from the crowd and talk them into helping an upperclassman like yourself. You’re a freshman? Try it on one of your SAs, they’re always up for helping you out, right?

Whatever you decide, always remember to tip the waiter. The ARA is 5 dollars, so 75 cents should work just fine.

**The Mexican Waiter:** If you can’t hassle anyone into carrying



your food out for you, do it yourself, but with finesse! Get as many plates as you can and load them up. Acting like a waiter in a Mexican restaurant will make you the envy of all of your friends.

Plus, since you are your own waiter, you can pocket that 75 cents for yourself. Well, for Rose. We all know where those quarters are going.

**The Tower:** It might not be as fancy as the Mexican waiter hold, but it will impress quite a few Civil Engineers if you manage to make it around the cafeteria and to your seat without having the tower fall. Make sure that for every trip you make to the ARA you add an item, be it a plate, bowl, or cup. The one with the tallest tower at the end of the year is the King (and receives bragging rights for the next year). Can you beat three cups, a large and small plate, one large bowl and three small bowls? I think not. Just try and beat me.



**The Handful:** The simplest of all carrying methods, but also the most dangerous. This method requires an enormous amount of grace and finger strength so as not to drop anything and cause a mess on the floor. Think of it like a game of Operation. If you drop something, your patient will die.

As you have seen, there are a variety of ways to circumvent the trays that were “so last year”. The ARA knew this when they got rid of the trays and now you know this too. So get out there and show off your skills in plate juggling –literally. We want to see those plates up in the air and bouncing from hand to hand. The ARA gave us the freedom, now it’s your turn to decide what you do with it. Whether it’s manipulating your friends, constructing towers, or being the envy of your posse with your grace and powerful thumbs, we know you’ll make the right choice. Now go out there and give it your all!

## Top 10 Ways to Carry Your Food Without a Tray

1. Hire a butler (or a freshman, they’re cheaper)
2. You have pockets, use them (especially for small things like cheese)
3. Use your laptop or textbook for something useful for a change (just remember to put a lid on your glass)
4. Throw your plate to your table like a Frisbee (just make sure your dog doesn’t jump for it first, or a hungry freshman)
5. Balance your cup on your head (it’s the latest fashion style)
6. Got to Subway, at least they give you a bag (or Noble-Roman’s will give you a box that you can later use as a make-shift tray)
7. Starve (fight the Freshman Fifteen! And Sophomore/Senior Sixteen! And Junior Jen-teen!)
8. Hook up a trailer to a goose and have it haul your food (it’s basically like a horse and carriage, right?)
9. Learn to grocery shop (A new Meijer’s just opened!)
10. You’re an engineer, figure it out (Anything is possible with enough engineering!)

### Fact of the Week

Hundreds of pirate attacks occur each year and go undocumented. (Not even a tweet! Oh the humanity!)

### Heard ‘Round Campus

“On a scale of one to dumbass, why am I a dumbass?”

## WACKY PROF QUOTES

“You don’t have to worry about gravity and all that because  $10^{42}$  trumps all that!”

-Dr. Wheeler

Yes! 42! The answer to life and the universe as we know it!

“The grading for the labs are totally and completely the “S” word... Yes, I suppose “scary” would work...”

-Dr. Moore

Sobering? Stressful? Another “S” word that may not be newspaper worthy?

**Rose professors say some pretty wacky things. If you happen to catch your professor in the act, send in their quote to thorn-flipside@mailman.rose-hulman.edu.**

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