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Help Wanted

Fall Career Fair Continues to Break Attendance Records

MARC SCHMITT
NEWS EDITOR

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology's Fall Career Fair is this Wednesday, Sept 16 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hosted by the Office of Career Services and Employer Relations, this year's Fall Career Fair, our largest yet, will see 264 companies come to campus in search of the future employees that Rose-Hulman has to offer.

The week will be filled with information sessions, meet-and-greets, and hundreds of interviews with prospective employers. To prepare, Career Services has been offering students opportunities to improve their resumes and communication skills, as well as pertinent advice for students.

Career Services will be hosting a career fair boot camp for all students on Monday, Sept. 14 in the Khan Room in the Hulman Memorial Union. The boot camp will help students revise and improve their resumes with the help of experienced staff and peer advisors.

Students will also have the opportunity to practice their 30-second elevator speech, aimed at quickly highlighting their strengths to employers. Company recruiters will also be available to give feedback on students' resumes.

Scott Tieken, Associate Director of Career Services, also sent out an email to all students reminding them of tips for the career fair. Among those tips were reminders to shower, brush your teeth, and to wear deodorant.

Students will have the chance to talk to a wide variety of companies, including giants such as Amazon.com, Caterpillar, Cummins, General Electric, and SpaceX. The majors that are in most demand are mechanical engineering and computer science.

A club and activities expo will be held before the career fair from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Companies will have the chance to talk to members and leaders of clubs, who will demonstrate their contributions to campus and their members.

After the career fair, the Student Recreation Center Field House will be transformed into "Interview City," nicknamed this by Career Services. Companies sift through the mountain of



The Student Recreation Center prepared for the Career Fair.

Photo by Albert Kaltenthaler

resumes from students and call students for on campus interviews.

Helping coordinate this massive effort are a group of student volunteers that help set up companies' booths, pass out water and food for recruiters, and help the Career Services team put on the career fair.

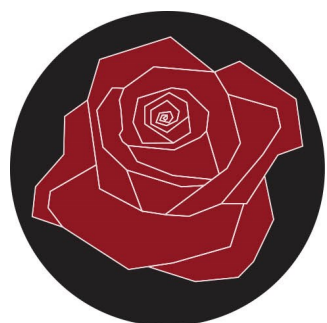
This year over 200 students signed up to volunteer for the career fair. The organizers had to limit volunteer shifts for juniors and seniors due to the sheer amount of student volunteers. One reason for the outpouring of support is that volunteers get their resumes sent to companies.

The career fair also has an unofficial app for android and iOS, which has a map of companies' booths and a list of companies attending. The app was developed by Benedict Wong, a junior computer science major. A mobile web version of the app is located at rhcareerfair.cf.



Students meet with company recruiters.

Photo by WTHI-TV



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Watermelon or Bust

Students have a blast at Lambda Chi Alpha's Watermelon Bust

MIRIAM REMMERS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On Saturday, Sept. 12, Rose-Hulman and Indiana State students participated in Rose-Hulman Lambda Chi Alpha's first annual Watermelon Bust. The event, which benefitted Catholic Charities, the local affiliate of Feeding America, was kicked off at 1 p.m. by chapter president and senior mechanical engineer-

ing major Jacob Rigelman, who introduced junior software engineering major Steven Doolan, the organizer of the event. After explaining how the event would proceed, Doolan invited Rose-Hulman President Dr. James Conwell to open the event by saying a few words and smashing the first watermelon.

Dr. Conwell took the hammer, shook his head, and simply said "No words," before proceeding to

pulverize the inaugural melon. As the crowd cheered and bits of pink fruit flew everywhere, Doolan shepherded all the teams to the first event, the Watermelon

to a third member to army crawl under two tarps. After this a fourth member would take the watermelon, run and spin around with their forehead on a baseball

The crowd cheered and bits of pink fruit flew everywhere

Obstacle Course. A Lambda Chi brother, who was charged with keeping events running smoothly and quickly, captained each team. In addition to Rose-Hulman Lambda Chis, many members of ISU Lambda Chi gathered to help with the event, cheer participants on, lead teams, and on occasion even participate in an event or two. All affiliated men wore t-shirts with Lambda Chi's traditional Cross & Crescent, printed with a watermelon pattern for the event.

First up on the obstacle course was the team Rose-Hulman Alpha Omicron Pi. The course required two participants to carry a watermelon between them without using their hands or arms, then hand off the melon

bat ten times, then carry the watermelon to a tarp where they would attempt to smash it with a huge hammer, stopping the timer for their team. Some team demonstrated creative strategies for carrying the watermelon without hands, including the strongest member of the team picking up the lightest member and carrying them while they cradled the melon against their stomach. Top Speed, the team from the third floor of Speed Hall, took the lead after this event, followed by Tri Delta's Delta Domination and the team from Mees, Mees with a Cripple.



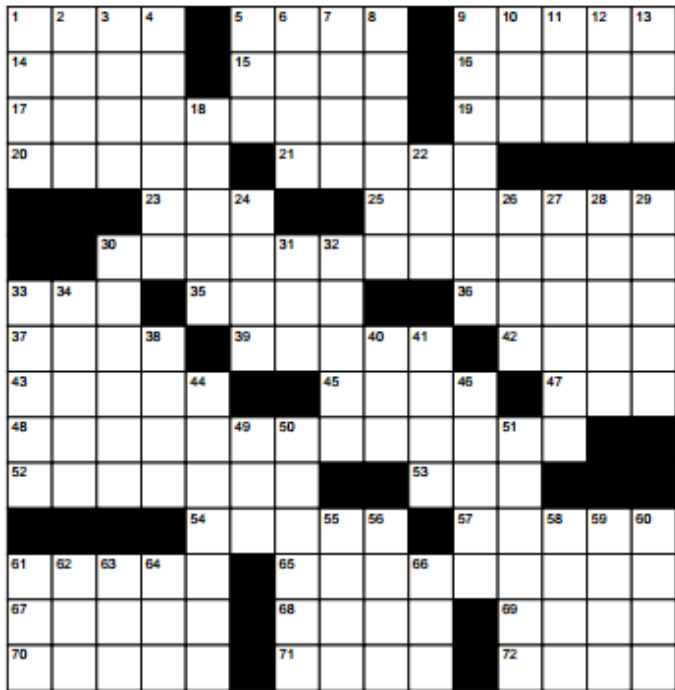
Student teams gathered to compete in the watermelon bust.

Photo by Miriam Remmers

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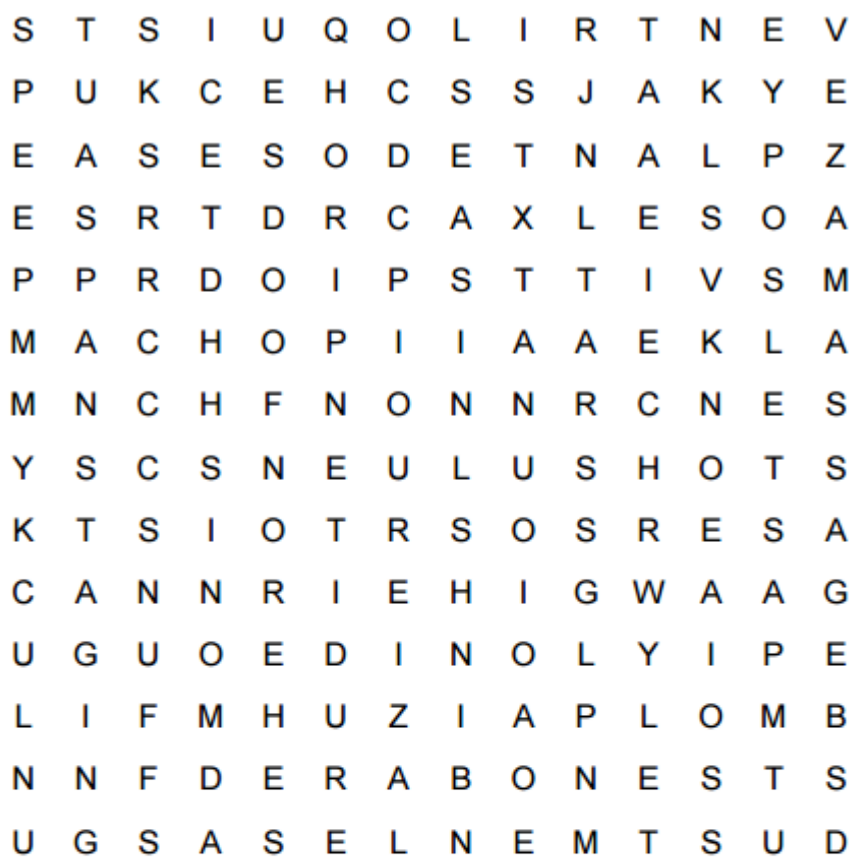
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- Across**
1. German chief
5. Fruity drinks
9. Linguistic quirk
14. Sixth and seventh of eight
15. NATO, for one
16. Capital of Bulgaria
17. Thrill
19. Down ____ fours
20. Bullet casing
21. Split apart
23. Faucet
25. Of a historic interval
30. Mollusk-made substance
33. Three in Italy
35. Trail trek
36. "Is there no ____ this?"
37. "Old MacDonald ____ farm..."
39. Crowbar, e.g.
42. Parker of "South Park"
43. Manifesto
45. Not new
47. Antediluvian
48. Characterized by deceit
52. Ethiopia neighbor
53. Wagering venue, in brief
54. Vice President who resigned in 1973
57. Whole-grain cereal brand
61. Like most ears
65. Worked up
67. Ludicrous
68. Wound protector
69. Letters before O in a refrain
70. Witty ones
71. Laughter syllables
72. Moms' mates

- Down**
1. Bullfight bravos
2. Word on a Vietnamese menu
3. To be, in Tours
4. Bridge over Venice's Grand Canal
5. Befitting
6. Smear, like paint
7. Earth tone
8. Hi-fi successor
9. Carbon 13 or cobalt 60
10. Singer McLean
11. "...____ woodchuck could chuck wood?"
12. Tanker's cargo
13. Grand ____ seizure
18. Poet once married to Ted Hughes
22. Block letters?
24. Yankees great Rizzuto
26. Not worth a red ____
27. Certain subatomic particle
28. Soviet collective
29. Composer Andrew ____ Webber
30. Florence family
31. Scrape together, with "out"
32. Theater skits
33. Underlying idea
34. Speed checker
38. Eight, in Aachen
40. Subj. for immigrants
41. Move, in real estate slang
44. Angry speeches
46. Winning coach of Super Bowl XX
49. Part of the Mediterranean Sea (abbr.)
50. Disappear
51. Declined
55. Confer suffix
56. Cry from the crib
58. Islamic sect
59. Obey
60. Pupil's locale
61. Driver's req.
62. ____ roll (hot)
63. Watering hole
64. Stop
66. Units of wt.

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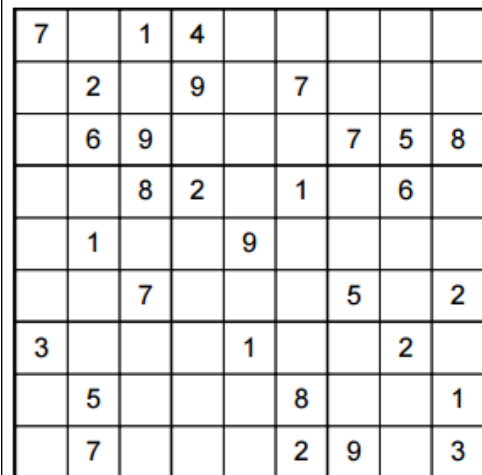
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— Walter Lippmann
Puzzle #N332IY

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— Elizabeth II
Puzzle #O895ZE

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— Lord Byron
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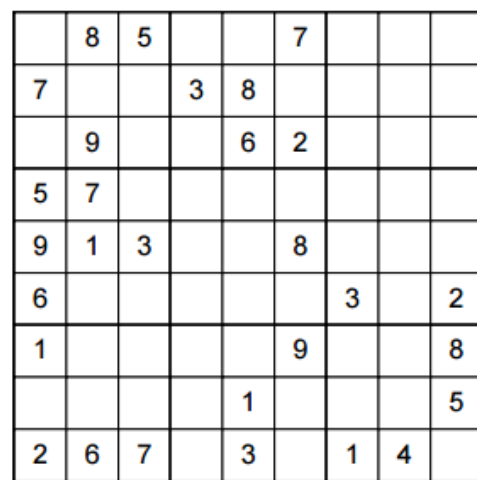
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— William Butler Yeats
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News Briefs

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GUEST WRITER

Regulators Accept “Chip in Pill” Application

The Department of Agriculture has accepted the application for a “digital pill” developed by California-based Proteus Digital Health. The pill contains an electronic chip, enclosed in a schizophrenia medicine. The chip contains a sensor which detects the presence of a particular drug and relays this information back to a wearable patch on the patient’s skin, which transmits the information to a mobile device.

This technology can be used to more reliably combat the issue of double-dosage or skipping dosages in patients with impaired memories, such as those with Alzheimer’s disease. Complications related to this have been estimated at \$300 billion in unnecessary costs.

The approval of such technology could open the door to other applications, allowing closer monitoring of bodily systems. The acceptance of the application does not necessitate approval, but getting it in the door is an important step for the technology going forward.

“This is the opening of a new regulatory pathway that allows the pharmaceuticals industry to combine its medical innovation with innovation in software,” Proteus chief executive Andrew Thompson said.

“Phoenix Sniper” Makes 11th Strike

Since August 29, incidents of a bullet hitting a vehicle on major Arizona highways have occurred 11 times. Authorities are referring to the attacks, a majority of which have occurred on I-10, as domestic terrorism.

The only injury that has occurred so far is the slicing of a young girl’s ear from glass shards after a bullet struck the windshield of the SUV she was riding in.

“It is just a matter of time, if this behavior continues, that we will have tragedy on our roadways,” Col. Frank Milstead of Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) said.

The strikes do not seem to follow a pattern, with bullets striking anything from armored cars to semis to small cars. Even the projectiles are different, with some not classified as bullets, meaning they could be anything from small lobbed rocks to BBs. “We have a number of officers... both uniformed, non-uniformed, plainclothes... looking for the suspect, looking for leads” DPS spokesman Bart Graves said.

Senate Fails to Block Iranian Nuclear Deal

The U.S. Senate failed to pass a measure Sept. 10 to block the Iran nuclear deal by a vote of 58-42, with the measure requiring 60 votes. This marked the last chance for opponents to block the agreement from becoming law. All 54 Senate Republicans voted to block the deal, along with the support of 4 Democrats. The remaining 40 Democrats and 2 Independents all voted to allow the measure.

“There’s bipartisan opposition to this deal. Only Democratic support.” Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) said.

The agreement, produced by the United Nations, outlines Iran’s nuclear enrichment capacity, level, and stockpile limitations and removes many limitations to research and development. Spent fuel will be exported, preventing reprocessing. After verification of Iran’s implementation of key commitments, the European Union and U.S. plan to lift nuclear-related sanctions to the Middle Eastern power.

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MIRIAM REMMERS

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The next event was the Watermelon Throw, where teams had three tries each to toss a watermelon as far as possible. In addition to the traditional approaches, teams also tried discus, shot put, and hammer throw strategies to see which would send the giant fruit hurtling farther through the air. Near the completion of this event, a light rain began to fall, leading the organizers to decide to move the Slippery Cup Slip N’ Slide up in the event schedule, as participants would be getting wet anyway. For this relay event, four members of each team slid down a giant slip n’ slide to a table, where they would drink all of the Kool-Aid in a cup and then flip a cup until it landed upside down. Several ISU Lambda Chis, including their chapter president, gamely agreed to step in and slip n’ slide for those teams which didn’t have enough participants who were willing to get wet.

In the interest of time, the teams each split into two groups to simultaneously compete in Giant Pong and Melon Toss. Melon Toss, essentially a giant version of an egg toss, saw some teams



President Conwell smashing the inaugural watermelon.

Photo by Miriam Remmers

Top Speed had won the day, followed by Team Steaksauce in second and Hautian’s Eleven in third



Team Top Speed attempting a daring strategy in the obstacle course.

Photo by Miriam Remmers

successfully catching watermelons from opposite sides of a large tarp, while others dropped the melon on their first throw after sliding on the watermelon guts underfoot. Everyone reconvened

for the final event, the Tug of War. This traditional competition was made more difficult than usual with the purposeful addition of smashed watermelons on the ground. After several enthusiastic heats, Doolan and several other brothers retreated to tally the point totals.

Participants enjoyed smashing or

I am excited to see what my brothers do to build upon this success in future Watermelon Busts

eating the remaining watermelons while they waited to hear the results. When Doolan returned, he revealed the news: Top Speed had won the day, followed by Team Steaksauce in second and Hautian’s Eleven in third. As attendees slowly filtered out, covered in watermelon bits, Rose-Hulman Lambda Chi and senior computer science major Isaac Sanders said, “Everyone had a lot of fun competing, [and for] a good cause, too. I am excited to see what my brothers do to build upon this success in future Watermelon Busts.”



Lambda Chi Alpha team leaders plan for the next event in the Watermelon Bust.

Photo by Miriam Remmers

Mission Implausible

Lauren Santichen
Flipside Editor

Over the summer, “Mission Impossible 5” debuted in theaters across America. Starring Tom Cruise, the typical hot woman, and Hawkeye from “The Avengers,” this sequel was much different from others in its series. While still being full of action and



Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation
Photo from Youtube.com

car/foot chases, this movie was more comedic than previous ones, with quotable phrases like “I can neither confirm nor deny the contents of mission reports without the approval of the Secretary.”

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However, despite the good comedic element, the plot of the movie could use some work. It’s less like “Mission Impossible” and more like “Mission Implausible.” The plot doesn’t even care to keep consistency throughout the movie. The first instance of this is when the main character, Ethan Hunt, and his friend meet up with hot woman Ilsa Faust at her house in Casablanca. There, she is training to hold her breath for the three minutes required to break into Secure Location A’s un-

derwater turbine tank. Instead of doing the logical thing and letting the woman be the one to go into the tank, the plot decides that Hunt will be doing it for no other reason than “he is Ethan Hunt.” Faust ends up going in after him anyway to save the hero from drowning. Why not just let her go in the first place? She was training specifically for that moment.

Another instance is toward the end where Evil Villain #5, Solomon Lane, wants some codes that Ethan supposedly memorized. Lane hands over a hostage for a few codes to make sure they are correct and legitimate and then tries to take Ethan for the rest of the codes. However, a short chase scene later and Lane has completely forgotten about the codes and just wants to

kill Ethan and get it over with. What was the point of letting the hostage go in the first place? There is no reason! While the addition of comedy to the already dramatic movie was a great idea, the plot detracts from itself by being inconsistent and illogical at several points. Hopefully the next sequel will be more thought out than this one. 3/5 Rosies



Rapid Fire Summer Movies

Mark Rodgers
Opinions Editor
“Jurassic World”

I went into this movie cautiously optimistic. I really liked the original movies, but I really wanted this follow-up to live up to the hype. “Chris Pratt with Dinosaurs” lives up to the hype, which is a welcome change. The whole movie was a love letter to the original, with Easter eggs galore for eagle-eyed fans to spot. Plot-wise it follows the same line as the originals: the humans got too cocky and it screws them over in the end. Except now it takes them ten years to screw up, and we get to see a functioning dinosaur theme park, which was a sense of majesty that the first movie captured well. There were some things that were a little too heavily foreshadowed, but the action scenes make you not care. 5/5 Rosies



“Ant-Man” Another summer, another “who the heck is that?” superhero movie, this time focusing on the miniscule Avenger: Ant-Man. Unfortunately this film falls short of last summer’s “Guardians of the Galaxy” phenomenon. That is a really high goal to meet though, and it is unrealistic to expect that. “Ant-Man” was very self-aware of its status of an outlier in the Marvel universe, and at one point, Paul Rudd’s character, Scott Lang, even says that they should call the Avengers instead of taking care of it himself. The movie is set up like a heist comedy movie with a superhero thrown in, and it succeeds in that respect. It was a lot of fun to watch and enjoy. 4/5 Rosies



Minions I went to see this movie with my family because they are a big fan of the Despicable Me franchise, and I am as well; it’s some wholesome family fun for everyone watching. “Minions” does that very well, tossing in slapstick kid-friendly humor with a few well-placed jokes for older audiences and a killer 60’s soundtrack to boot. The only problem I had was that I heard too much Spanish in the minions’ supposedly “gibberish” language. 3/5 Rosies



In Your Eyes

Bethany Martin
Editor in Chief

When I heard about a romantic science-fiction film written by Joss Whedon, I immediately jumped on that bandwagon. In my mind, it was going to be Dr. Horrible-Firefly-Avengers off-the-wall craziness and fantastic plot points. “In Your Eyes” was pretty tame in comparison. Rebecca Porter (Zoe Kazan, “What If”) is a rich and neglected New England housewife. She drives a Range Rover that her doctor husband bought for her. She lives a comfortable life, except for rare moments in her life when she suddenly feels as if there is another person in her head. Enter Dylan Kershaw (Michael Stahl-David). Dylan is an ex-convict on parole in New Mexico. He was caught stealing, and he covered for his friends. His first night in prison, he was terrified. But he felt as though there was someone there with him, and he was comforted. As it turns out, that other person in their heads

was each other. One day their link went all the way through. They can see, hear, feel, smell, and sometimes taste what the other can. Their telepathic link sometimes shares their emotions, but it stops there. Their thoughts are private. As they figure out their new connection, they

makes them look crazy to the other people. The audience starts to think that they should just put in Bluetooth earpieces and look inconsiderate. The characters are compatible. The dynamic between them is excellent, especially since they are never actually in the same scene as one another. There are times during the film that you question the sanity of the main characters. What if the other person is actually in their head? What if Joss Whedon is just going to break my heart again? As the movie goes through the generic plot devices that are the norm in romantic films, you start to worry about how things could possibly turn out well for our heroes. The ending was strangely unsatisfying for me. That is probably indicative of my movie watching habits though, as I expect a neatly tied bow at the end. This movie is tied up with a slightly sloppy bow. However, I still enjoyed the premise and the character development and would recommend this movie to any die-hard romantic. 3/5 Rosies



In Your Eyes
Photo from Engadget.com

realize it isn’t actually new. They have been influencing each other’s lives for their whole lives. They start having conversations everywhere, which



What's up with traffic jams

Is there a way to reduce the amount of traffic jams?

Morgan Escalera

Staff Writer

Regardless of race or creed, everyone has experienced at one point or another the dreaded traffic jam. There is nothing quite so disheartening on a long journey down a highway as seeing hundreds upon hundreds of cars in densely packed stagnation, crawling along the road at five mph in a 65 mph zone. While it is most common in urban sprawls and on highways, everyone can and will be affected by it (yes, even Rose-Hulman students).

So why do these traffic jams occur? There are several reasonable explanations, from road construction to simple problematic rush hour congestion. From a statistical standpoint, the most prevalent cause of traffic jams (per Texas Transportation Institute) is car crashes, which is also a reasonable claim.

In addition to often being tragedies, car crashes are still some of the most inexplicable phenomena in modern life, despite several attempts at modeling them. However, it is still a problem evidencing itself in almost every instance of a traffic jam. The congestion caused by the initial incident persists for minutes, sometimes even hours after the problem is cleaned up, whether it is a car crash, roadside repair, or debris spill-over.

Car crashes are still some of the most inexplicable phenomena in modern life

This is easiest exemplified by traffic heat maps that are commonly used by applications such as Google Maps and MapQuest. Within minutes of the offending incident, their soft-

ware will calculate effective response time and resulting complications from the accident and usually come up with estimates in urban areas that can amount to 30-45 minutes of extra travel time per mile.

Let's look at the classic case of the traffic jam: simple rush hour traffic. It happens daily in many cities worldwide. Nothing is wrong with the roads, the cars travelling the roads, or with the environment. Yet, as hundreds of thousands of people finish their nine-to-five jobs and head to the various suburb areas to spend the night, the lanes slow to a crawl. Not everyone has been in a traffic jam, but the colloquial definition of them as "stop and start" is perhaps most accurate.

Imagine sitting in one of the three or four lanes of the highway leading out of the city, and picture a car in the left-most lane. Each lane sputters and starts before stopping again to wait. The lanes go on like this for some time, until the car, crafty as it is, notices that the lane to their immediate right is going slightly faster than the current one, so much so that the car that was level with it is now out of sight ahead. Seizing the opportunity, it moves into the next lane. That simple decision causes major problems.



Traffic jams are an annoying every day occurrence.

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While that itself is not a surprise, the percentage of lost time in traffic jams due to individual decisions like that arbitrary one is astounding. This accounts for 35-45 percent of total time lost to traffic jams nationwide. A three-month study on Illinois State Route four estimated that ten minutes of time was lost per lane shift by a single car. Even the car making that decision barely breaks even on time.

On an individual scale, it is much like predicting stocks. There simply isn't a good way to predict which lane in that situation is going to go faster than any other. Compounding the issue, if dozens of cars make that exact decision, a second smaller traffic jam often occurs just after the first, provoking more delays. The final thought is this: stay in your lane, please.

Twenty Tap

Amaryllis Biduaka

Lifestyle Editor

This Friday my friend invited me out to celebrate her birthday at a small restaurant in Indianapolis called Twenty Tap. The main reason she selected this restaurant was its excellent burgers, as well as its expansive list of local beers. When we arrived at the restaurant late in the evening, the place was packed full of people, which resulted in our group waiting an hour to be seated.

As we waited our hour, the place was continuously packed to the brim with people. Not once during our hour of waiting time did the amount of customers waver. When we were seated, we started off with two appetizers: cheese curds and pretzels.

The cheese curds were crispy and paired well with their provided chipotle and garlic sauces. The pretzels were a bit saltier than I would've liked, but the cheese sauce helped alleviate that. The most interesting detail about the pretzels was they were served with a side of homemade pickled vegetables. They were salty with just a hint of spicy, which was a combination I hadn't had before.

For my main course I had the Tuscan burger. This burger was covered in homemade bruschetta, goat cheese, arugula, and was served on garlic buttered Brioche. It didn't take long for the burger to arrive with



The cheese curds were an amazing side before the main dish.

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The wait for the burgers was definitely worth it.

Photo by [Ourdailydishblog.wordpress.com](#)

its side of signature seasoned fries and pickles. The fries were my idea of an ideal fry, crispy on the outside and soft on the inside. The pickles were a new flavor that I hadn't experienced before. They had a hint of cinnamon mixed in with the vinegar taste, which was a confusing yet delicious combination.

The burger itself was tender and piled high with cheeses. The cheeses were not the best combination with the burger; they were soggy and heavily outweighed the taste of the burger. But overall the burger and fry combination was a delight.

I did not order a beer when I was there, but a friend of mine did. He ordered the People's Mr. Brown, which is a brown ale nitro brew. The beer was dark, full-bodied, and semi-heavy on the toasted grain flavor. The hops were noticeable, but not overwhelming, and the drink had a hint of char flavor to it. If the menu were not filled with over 20 types of beer, he would love to have that beer again.

Overall this restaurant was a great experience food-wise. Had it not been packed and we were seated quickly, I would give this restaurant rave reviews. The burgers range from \$10 to \$11 while appetizers range from \$5 \$8, making the restaurant relatively affordable. If you're looking for a great place for beer and burgers in Indianapolis, give this restaurant a try. You will be glad you did.

Looking Back on Orientation

A Freshman’s Perspective on Orientation and the Residence Life Staff

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Guest Writer

To all you freshman, welcome to Rose-Hulman, and to all you upper-classmen, welcome back. For a freshman like me, it has officially been one week since I set foot on campus as a new student and a future graduate. Rose-Hulman had a host of phenomenal people working at the school during orientation, people who were dedicated to making our college experience great.

But “overwhelming” cannot even begin to describe the feeling of starting a new life at a university completely alone. As an introvert, as someone who hates small talk, and as someone who would rather stay in than go out, I was staring down the barrel of a week-long orientation overflowing with meeting new people. As if starting college isn’t terrifying enough.

Enter my resident assistants and sophomore assistants. In Scharpenberg hall, it became a regular occurrence to hear “*Hall dinner!*” bellowed in the evenings. Our RAs and SAs trumpeted each and every event as it approached.

There was no getting out of these ordeals, either: they would push and shoo us out the door. It was a parade of nervous freshmen in matching t-shirts. Then once we got there, they would motivate us, like we were supposed to have “school spirit” or something.

Of course, their over-the-top enthusiasm made things that much more enjoyable, and knowing there was someone with a plan was immensely reassuring. It made the transition easier, like we were building a new family. The attention of the RAs and SAs did not end when the day was over, either.

All through that first week, the orientations crew would regularly caution us against not getting enough sleep. So

I assumed that we would wind down after an exhausting day of wall-to-wall activities and try to get adequate sleep for the next day.

I quickly learned life at Scharpenberg was quite different. The RAs and SAs came alive at night. Midnight dance party? Naturally. Watch “Pitch Perfect” at 10:30? What, you mean you don’t? I mean, good grief, it was 11:30 — that meant bedtime, right? There was always something, and my RAs and SAs made sure to invite me. Maybe I opted out in the end, but they extended the offer nonetheless.

The feeling of having ice cold water surge down your back is about what it felt like to start school at Rose-Hulman. There were freshmen already in Calculus III? Some guy built his own computer? These people weren’t anything like me, and that was one of the most disorienting aspects of the freshmen experience.

In the small gestures, though, the RAs and SAs made sure we were okay. Physical and mental

health were pivotal, and the admissions crew made sure we knew getting good grades should not mean having a mental breakdown, which meant RAs and SAs were on

So when my RAs and SAs started crafting bribes, encouraging us to wear short athletic shorts, button-down shirts, flat bill hats, and coming up with wacky cheers, some questions were

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top of things, as usual. When we walked from teambuilding event to orientation session, there would be a nudge and a, “Hey, are you all right?” Or maybe they would poke their head into our rooms at the end of the day and ask, “What are you up to?”

That would brighten my day just a bit, just enough to know there were people to talk to right there in the residence hall.

Then there was their unbridled excitement for the events sprinkled throughout our schedule. I don’t know about you, but when I first heard about Rose trivia night, my mind went to a dry event where only the *really* enthusiastic freshmen knew the answers.

raised—and not questions for trivia night.

Their enthusiasm was palpable, and it boggled my mind. Nothing was boring to them: everything about orientation—and college in general—was an adventure, and they were taking us along for the ride. That gentle diversion was exactly what a terrified freshman needed.

Maybe it doesn’t take a village to raise a child, but it certainly takes a village to create a smooth orientation experience. The Rose admissions crew did a fantastic job of crafting an enormous week of continuous administrative paperwork and campus activities. Rose’s faculty gives so much, and the staff is out of this world.

I could write a letter every day thanking someone who helps at Rose, and I would probably still be writing come graduation. But at this moment, would like to thank my RAs and SAs for all their work, for carrying my suitcases up all those stairs, for hollering at us in the evenings, and for throwing the crazy dance parties at midnight.

Thanks for getting us involved, getting us excited, and getting us started at Rose is an enormous gesture. So Cassidy, Jake, Vibha, Alessandro, Joe, and Maria, thanks for being Scharpenberg’s RAs and SAs. For all you reading out there, thank your friendly neighborhood RAs and SAs for all they do.



Rose welcomes students of all kinds.

Photo from Rose-Hulman Admissions Facebook

Information Technology

David Huang

Entertainment Editor

Information Technology workers have a pretty interesting lot in life. As I write this, I’m trying to work with everyone and try to set up the Rose Thorn storage server. It’s a pretty frustrating experience all around so far, which is typical, since we don’t have all the resources we need, which is also typical. Everyone here’s actually being surprisingly understanding about that. I’ll admit, this is probably one of the best IT work experiences I’ve had because of that alone.

Being understanding doesn’t mean that everyone isn’t upset to some extent though. Everybody expects things to work, but the people who expect things to work typically don’t have much of an idea of what is needed to make things work. That leads back to not having the resources we need, which leads to more frustration.

A lot of IT work in general actually is surprisingly people-oriented, especially if you’re doing remote support. When you have to call someone and tell them instructions, you have to convince them that you know better than them on a topic that they’re paying you to know better than them (or in my current case, not so paid), all while not letting them realize that you think they’re illiterate. Technologically illiterate.

There’s a large amount of trust that’s simultaneously necessary and necessarily nonexistent in between the two parties on either end of a technical support call. You need trust on both ends so the caller can trust their technical support to tell them what to do, and so that the technical support can trust the caller to actually do what they’re told.

On the other side of that though, a lot of technical support calls take you to some call center with some technologically illiterate technical support, so the caller can’t trust the support 100 percent. At the same time, the technician really can’t trust the caller to do anything right at all. Ever. Especially since a lot of people who call for technical support on personal computers these days are the same people who don’t know how to use Google and YouTube to solve their problems without a middleman. Remember, most of your problems, be it with your computer or your car or your paper airplane, can be solved via Google now.

Another people skill point that a lot of people don’t realize about technical support is that a lot of times their job is to call other technical support. There’s a lot of things that can’t be fixed locally without special call-in support, especially if you’re dealing with corporate

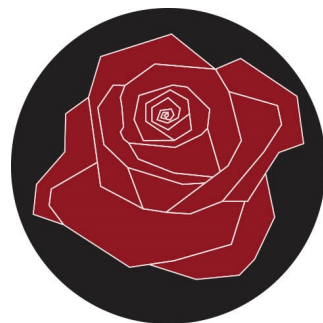


What many IT experiences devolve into

Photo from the Small Business Blog

technologies. This multiplies the remote technical support trust issue or adds it back in if you’re lucky enough to have a technician on site with you. Sometimes, you just can’t install something for someone without calling some guy in India and asking them to register your computer using this registration code and getting back another registration code on your end that you then have to enter manually all because that piece of software was designed to make life frustrating. And to keep information safe sometimes, but it’s easy to forget about that.

All in all, the frustrations of working in IT really boils down to the basic frustrations of trying to speak to people in a language that everybody mostly knows, except everyone has a different understanding of what every other word means. If it’s not proprietary software, you’re really better off just typing the problem or error prompt word for word into Google.



Volleyball Falls at RHIT Invitational

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The Lady Fightin' Engineers fared poorly at this year's RHIT invitational. They lost to Centre College of Danville, Kentucky and Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio on Sunday in the last two games of the tournament. Their previous six

downhill from there. Senior right side hitter and setter Sarah Jensen led the Lady Engineers with nine kills. Junior middle hitter Emily McLendon completed four blocks and sophomore libero and defensive specialist Gabi Razma had 25 digs while freshman outside hitter Julia Hammond performed three service aces and eight kills in the match. Freshmen were making a difference on the floor as

the Lady Engineers winning the second set by a close margin. Freshman outside hitter and right side hitter Bailey MacInnis, again showing off the freshman line up, led the team with 12 kills and four service aces. Hammond performed another nine kills against the Wesleyan defense. Sophomore outside hitter and middle hitter Becca Poppel logged 14 digs.



Sophomore Gabi Razma dives for the ball during this year's RHIT Invitational.

Photo by Rose-Hulman Athletics

game winning streak coming to a grinding halt.

The Lady Engineers started out strong against Centre, winning the first set. Centre tied it up in the second and Rose took the lead in the third. It was all

Hammond was joined by setter and right side hitter Marissa Gollnick who ended up with an incredible 19 assists and six kills.

The second match of the day was shorter than the first, only going to four set instead of five with

The women's volleyball team finished the Sunday with eight wins and three losses. They will have a chance at redemption this weekend at the Millikin University Tournament in Decatur, Illinois.

Men's Soccer Bests an Undefeated Millikin

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The Fightin' Engineers men's soccer team beat the Big Blue Millikin University with one goal to zero. Sophomore forward Austin Webb scored the game winning point in the first half of the game. He was assisted by junior forward Ben Lyon.

Sophomore goalie Carter Wright ended the game with three saves, denying the other team the opportunity to score any points. The game ended up being a goalie-oriented one as each team shot on the goal three times, but the Millikin goalie allowed one to slip through.

Rose-Hulman outshot Millikin 13-8 during the game with Webb leading the effort, totaling eight shots.

With this victory, the Rose-Hulman men's soccer team improves to 4-1 on their season, ruining Millikin's previously undefeated record. The team's next contest is Wednesday at 5 p.m. at Wabash College. This will be the first away game of their season.



Sophomore Turner Perkins outmaneuvers Millikin.

Photo by Rose-Hulman Athletics

Women's Soccer Falls to Milliken

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The Lady Engineers women's soccer team lost to the Big Blues of Millikin University in a close game. The first half of the game saw no points scored. The Millikin goalkeeper, Anna Benvenuto, was the chife reason for no goals being scored by the Engineers. Rose-Hulman shot on the goal eight times and Benvenuto had seven saves. The lone additional save came from the other Millikin goalie.

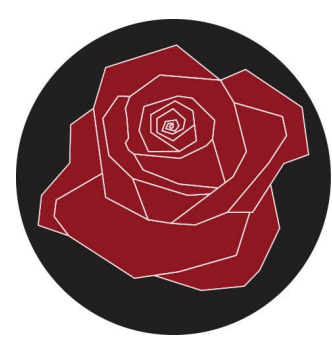
Although Rose-Hulman outshot Big Blue 13-6 in the match, it was Millikin player Taylor Hartman who scored at the 50:00 minute mark to earn the team the only score of the match. Rose sophomore Madeline Romeo fired a team-high four shots, while senior Cassidy Cain and freshman Corle Ewoldt each contributed two shots.

The Lady Engineers now stand 2-3 on the season, while Millikin rises to 2-2. The Engineers will have a chance at redemption at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio next Saturday.



Senior Katie Maier jumps to head the ball.

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Pedestrian Target Game

The game where your friends are the points.

Objective: The objective of this game is to gain the highest amount of points in your vehicle of choice, without being jailed for vehicular homicide.

Vehicles: Car, truck, bike, shopping cart, Hummer, Prius, tank, commercial plane, fighter jet, land-bound boat, UFO

Off Campus Point System:

Side-walkers facing away: 5 points
(They can't dodge, where's the fun?)

Side-walkers facing towards you: 10 points
(Now there's a challenge!)

On Campus Point System:

Seniors: 15 points
(they're so close to finishing, we need to knock 'em down a peg)

Sophomores/Juniors: 10 points
(Something tells me they won't even try to dodge)

Freshmen: 25 points
(because they still have their hopes and dreams)

Bonus: Group Combo: +5/person

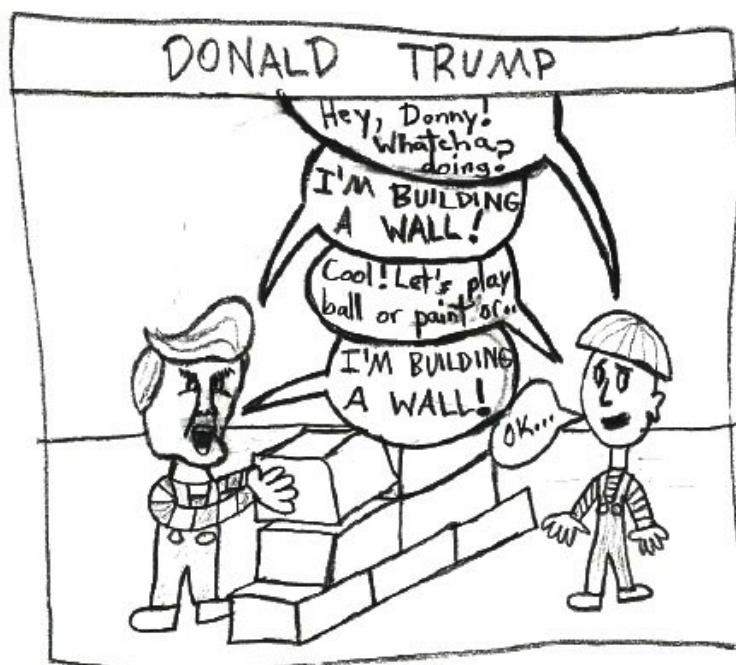
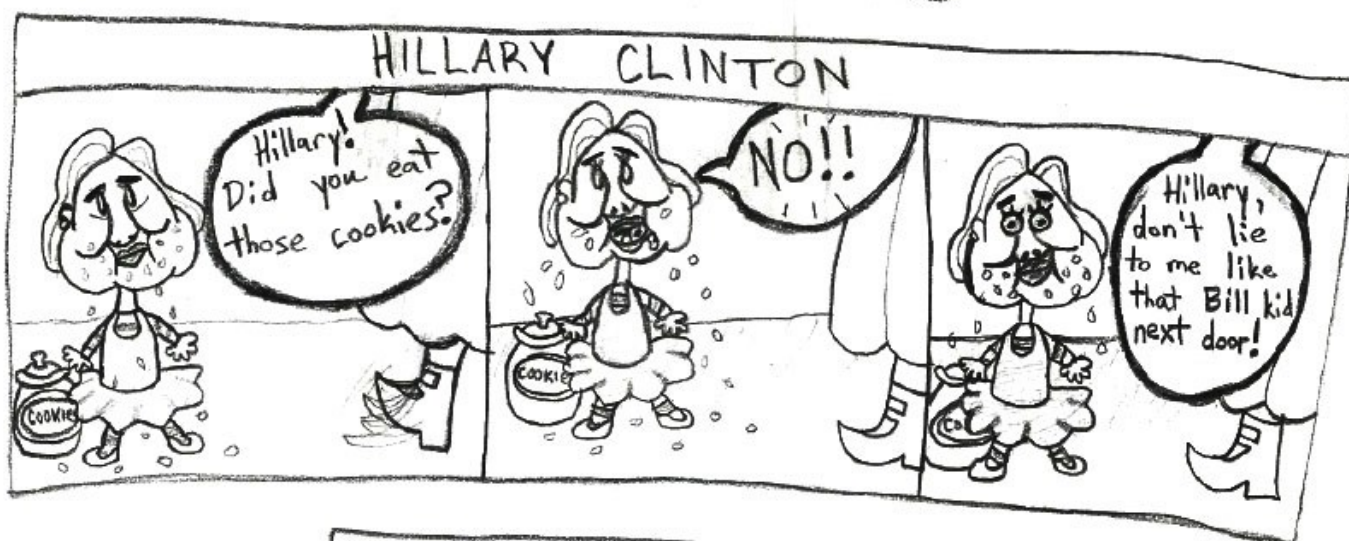
The Top "Ten" Alternative uses for the Rose Thorn after you finish reading it

1. Gift wrapping
2. Confetti
3. Sleep inducer
4. Paper Mache
5. Make a hat/boat
6. Toilet paper (budgeting trade for trays)
7. Parental distraction
8. Snowball fights in August... Er, September
9. Spy disguise
10. Pretty fire (we're back in color!)
11. Secret lethal weapon
12. Stop sign cover
13. Throw it away (no paper cut is a safe paper cut)
14. Counting reference (10 really means 14)

Heard 'Round Campus

"I don't know if I want to know what's at the bottom of Speed Lake; mattresses, cake pans, dead bodies..."

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WACKY PROF QUOTES

"You would fall apart... or explode. I think explode is a better word for it."

-Dr. Wheeler

Why is it always explode? Why can't we ever implode?

"We are doing a process of successive estimation... that means we are guessing and seeing what works."

-Dr. Moore

No need to guess, Professor. The answer will always be 42.

"My concentration is really delicate. Something like that just bugs me. I shouldn't be this delicate, but I am."

-Dr. Wheeler

I know a song that gets on everybody's nerves...

"Do I go left? Do I go right? Do I become schizophrenic and go both ways? I don't know!"

-Dr. Moore

D) all of the above!

"The other one is hot neon high bounce balls... That sounds kind of dirty, doesn't it?"

-Dr. Brackin

Of course not, Professor. Where would you get that idea?

"How do you do field work while looking goooood?"

-Dr. Sutterer

Please, teach me your ways, Wise Professor!

Rose prof say some pretty wacky things. If you catch your professor saying something wacky, send your quote to Thorn Flipside and have it appear in the next issue of the Thorn.