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Frighteningly Good

RHA's Haunted Trails Proves to be a Resounding Success

MARC SCHMITT
NEWS EDITOR

Campus was alive with screams of terror on Saturday night as the Residence Hall Association (RHA) hosted its annual Haunted Trail event. Students, faculty, and staff were in for a day of thrills and chills as a group of committed students strived to create a unique atmosphere, that appealed to a variety of people.

The day of activities was organized principally by Graduate Assistant Cory Pardieck. He previously helped plan and execute RHA's three previous Haunted Trails, and is working on organizing next year's as well.

This year's Haunted Trail was different as it benefited the Barrett family, whereas previous years benefitted local charities.

"This was the first year where we wanted to keep it close to home and on campus," said Pardieck. "All the donations went to the Barrett family. I think that really got the campus excited, a little more personal, and little more connected. Haunted trail was a huge success."

The day of events included trunk or treat, a haunted trail, and a Halloween festival. Trunk or Treat was held in the afternoon on the perimeter road. Staff and Faculty brought their children who went from car to car, each decorated in a different theme, collecting candy. Students from various on campus organizations decorated their cars and participated in the event.

The haunted trail and Halloween festival were held in the evening under the cover of darkness. The haunted trail was set up in the forest behind the Lakeside residence hall, snaking through the wilderness with different themed displays dotted between the trees. Student actors were placed

throughout the trail with different jobs, jumping out and scaring people and interacting with other actors, such as pretending to cut another actor in half. The overall effect was a terrifying trail that elicited many screams and shrieks.

"The insane asylum was the scariest," said Jacob Chalmers, a senior mechanical engineering student, who volunteered as one of the student actors, when asked what the scariest part of the Haunted Trail was. "It was a tent with a strobe light and in it there was a guy sitting on a table and another guy pretending to cut him up with a circular saw. Everyone was screaming."

The Halloween festival was meant for those who did not want to be frightened. The festival included an interactive Halloween display, face painting, tarot card readings, cotton candy, and yard games, such as cornhole.

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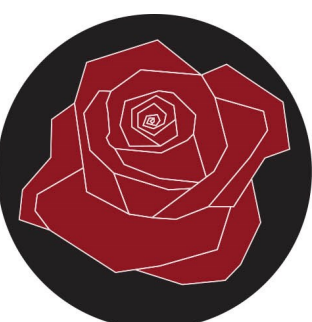
Excited students in line for the Haunted Trail. Groups of five braved the Haunted Trail together.

Photo By Cory Pardieck



Realistic props and student actors were placed throughout the haunted trail, giving students lots to be afraid of.

Photo By Cory Pardieck



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Fall is in the Air

Students Celebrate the Beginning of Fall with the Annual Fall Festival

LAUREN WISEMAN
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Leaves crunched underneath the feet of droves of students as they took a break from school Wednesday during the Fall Festival at the Hulman Memorial Union patio, organized by the Student Activities Office. To set the autumn atmosphere for the event,

the Student Activities Office encompassed everything fall, even using skeletons for Halloween and employing a bluegrass band from a local middle school. At the Fall Festival, students could grab a cup of hot cider, create a bag of popcorn the way they like it, enjoy a walking taco or a caramel apple, and then head over to roast marshmallows for s'mores. Af-

ter that, they could pull up a chair and decorate a mason chair, paint a canvas, or carve a pumpkin. They could also take a shot at the raffle drawing for the Holy Grail of candy-filled prize baskets.

The school's Resident Assistants also helped the Student Activities Office put together the Fall Festival. According to Director of Student Services Kristen Loyd, this is an annual event for Rose-Hulman. The Fall Festival was a refreshing change of pace from the regular school schedule, according to Loyd. She described it as a "stress reliever and a monotony breaker" for students, saying it was a great chance "for folks to come out... enjoy the weather." The event had a fantastic turnout, making the Fall Festival a resounding success.



Festive decorations at the Fall Festival.

Photo By Lauren Wiseman

For the next event from the Student Activities Office, Loyd said students can look forward to the 100 Nerds That Cook event winter quarter, where they will have the opportunity to cook and share recipes. The event will also serve as a fundraiser for a charity to be announced closer to the event date.



Students gathered, enjoying the atmosphere at the Fall Festival.

Photo By Lauren Wiseman

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News Briefs

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STAFF WRITERS

Vice President Joe Biden Declines Presidential Bid

Before his announcement Wednesday, Vice President Joe Biden was a favorite to lead the Democratic Party to another victory in the 2016 presidential election. However, after months of speculation, the Vice President announced his decision in the White House Rose Garden to not seek office.

Many factors contributed to Biden's decision. After losing their son, Beau, to cancer, Biden and his wife, Jill, are still grieving in a way that running a campaign would be unwise and potentially hazardous to their health. Some speculate that Hillary Clinton's performance at the Democratic debate played a role in convincing Biden not to run. Others add that trying to raise the millions to fund a campaign would have been difficult at this point in the race.

In his speech Wednesday, Biden said, "While I will not be a candidate, I will not be silent." He also recommended Democrats find a way to work with Republicans, saying, "I believe that we have to end the divisive partisan politics that is ripping this country apart, and I think we can."

Many Democrats voiced support for Biden, saying that it was best for him, and that was what mattered. By bowing out of the spotlight, Clinton has pushed ahead as the likely nominee for the Democratic Party.

Pet Pigs A Reality: Chinese Firm Produces "Micropigs"

Chinese biotech firm BGI has the answer to the "teacup pig" fad: a genetically modified swine that tops out at 33 pounds. The Shenzhen-based company is known for its work sequencing human, plant, and animal DNA.

The firm announced that it intends to start selling miniature pigs for \$1,600, which is cheap in comparison to other conventional breeders' pigs, which are at minimum 39 pounds when fully grown, and can range from \$2,500 to \$5,500 per pig. The "micropigs" may also have great scientific use.

"Their utility for research will depend on whether they are otherwise normal like a regular pig and unaffected by the edited gene other than their diminutive size," said Willard Eyestone, an associate professor of biotechnology at Virginia Tech.

The pigs were initially created as lab models for studying diseases in humans, since pigs' immune systems are similar to that of humans. Rather than splicing, scientists edit the swine's existing genetic material. In particular, they disabled a copy of the growth hormone receptor gene by using enzymes called TALENs (transcription activator-like effector nucleases) on male fetal cells, then bred the stunted males with normal female pigs. This method proved to be much more effective and less hazardous than cloning.

"We plan to take orders from customers now and see what the scale of the demand is," says Yong Li, technical director of BGI's animal science platform.

At Least Three Dead in Oklahoma State Homecoming Tragedy

During the Oklahoma State University homecoming parade, a suspected drunk driver collided with spectator stands. According to authorities responding to the scene, four people died and 47 people were injured. Upon inspecting the driver, police found the driver was intoxicated, and was arrested for driving under the influence and taken to the city jail. The driver was not a student at OSU.

This tragedy threw OSU's homecoming events into chaos hours before the football game against the Kansas University Jayhawks.

"We are shocked and heartbroken by this horrible tragedy," university President V. Burns Hargis said. "The Oklahoma State University homecoming parade is the most wholesome of events, and to have it marred in such a way is incomprehensible."

In spite of the disaster, the game proceeded as scheduled, though players knelt at the 25-yard line in a moment of silence. Their opponents for the day used social media to express support and condolence for OSU. Writing from their Twitter feed, they said, "Our thoughts are with Oklahoma State and those involved in the tragic accident this morning."

Paul Ryan Conquers House Freedom Caucus

On Sept. 25, Speaker of the House John Boehner (R-OH) announced his resignation before the end of October 2015. On Thursday, Representative Paul Ryan (R-WI) announced his candidacy to fill this vacancy.

"Instead of rising to the occasion, Washington is falling short, including the House of Representatives. We are not solving the country's problems; we are only adding to them... [It is time] to start with a clean slate and to rebuild what has been lost," Ryan wrote in a letter to the GOP.

Ryan was a reluctant candidate drug forth under GOP pressure after the party was unable to agree on any of the given candidates. Ryan acquiesced only on certain conditions, namely that he have support from all factions of the House Republicans. He succeeded in winning support from all factions, including the Freedom Caucus.

"[Ryan] is a man of action and a conservative that can unite our caucus... I also admire Paul's passion for advancing pro-growth policies to create economic opportunity for all Americans, especially at a time when the Republican Party needs to expand its appeal to a broader audience," said Representative Ed Royce (R-CA), Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

The task may not prove so simple over the next few days, with an impending debt limit approach. On Oct. 28, the Republican Conference will formally select a new speaker.

Frighteningly Good

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MARC SCHMITT

NEWS EDITOR

WMHD Student radio acted as master of ceremonies for the event and provided music. The disc jockeys hosted a "candy walk" event, where students would walk around a numbered circle while music played and then stopped after which a number was drawn and the student on that number would get free candy. WMHD also hosted a costume contest in which ten students competed for the best three costumes.

"I enjoyed watching people dance to the Halloween music," said Valerie Grafton, a sophomore physics student and general manager of WMHD, when asked what the highlight of the night was. "It was fun running the candy walk. WMHD would definitely like to be involved with the Haunted Trail next year."

Scary stories were also told at the Halloween festival. Morgan Cook, a junior software engineering student, told several frightening stories based on legends from the Terre Haute area.

The entire event could not be possible without the help of numerous student volunteers that signed up to help put on the event. 15 people participated in the planning of the event, and close to 80 students from 23 student organizations volunteered to set up and run the trail.

"We're planning on totally revamping things for next year. We feel we've hit a capacity point for how we run things," said Pardieck about plans for next year.

If you would like to get involved in next

year's Haunted Trail and Halloween Festival please contact Cory Pardieck or talk to your residence advisor.



Realistic props were placed throughout the haunted trail.

Photo By Cory Pardieck



Morgan Cook read scary stories. The waiting area was decorated with spooky props.

Photo By Cory Pardieck

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Article Retraction

MARC SCHMITT

NEWS EDITOR

An article published in last week's edition, Volume 51, Issue 6, did not accurately report the facts. The Rose Thorn would like to apologize and set several things straight.

The article concerned, "What's the Deal with the Ramps?", was written using a false narrative that incorrectly connected several events that occurred last year.

First, the Office of Public Safety had no involvement in the installation of the ramps located at stop signs on the front road. These were installed as part of the campus' plan for the creation of the campus road, and were not installed as a result of an accident that occurred last year.

The article goes on to say that Rose-Hulman President James Conwell sent an email at the be-

ginning of the Spring Quarter to inform the campus that a pedestrian was struck by a vehicle on campus, and that the newly installed stop signs were a cause in that incident. This email was never sent out.

An email was, however, sent out at the end of the Spring Quarter to inform the campus of an accident in which a vehicle had crashed and overturned onto parked cars in the Myers parking lot. In the email, President Conwell did not take the opportunity to share his opinion on the stop signs, but instead to inform the campus of a tragedy involving Rose-Hulman students.

The editorial staff would like to apologize to our readers, the Rose-Hulman community, and those who were misrepresented in the article.

Back to the Future Part II
Where Did We Go Wrong?

Mark Rodgers
Opinions Editor

October 21, 2015, the day that Marty McFly and Doctor Emmet L. Brown visit in the far off future, has come and gone. So now we have to look at ourselves and wonder: where have we gone wrong? Let’s look at some of the big “predictions” that were made in this movie: flying cars and hover boards. I’ll also talk about some of the other small things that weren’t even thought of in the 80s.

First off, we have been slacking off like none other; we have no flying cars yet. Though technically there are one or two prototypes around currently, none are practical at all, and we certainly don’t have the capability to set up \$39,999.99 hover-conversion dealerships anytime soon. But what is the problem? We have had the capability to fly to the moon since the 60s, so why can’t my Mustang just fly away when I’m in a traffic jam? The two main reasons are physics and money. The physics of having a flying car are ridiculous, let alone converting older cars, such as a DeLorean, into a flying vehicle. The aerodynamics are a nightmare: the amount of lift and thrust that the car would need to provide without any kind of wings or tail rudder are crazy. We just haven’t been able to create engines capable of such power that can fit into a reasonable space. One company named Terrafugia is developing the TF-X,

which looks closer to what we want, but that is still another decade away at least before it will be ready.

Of all the “chase” scenes in the trilogy, the one in this movie is my favorite, mainly due to one thing: the hover boards. For 30 years, every kid who has watched these movies has wanted a hover board to ride on. Who needs a skateboard when you can float in style? Again the big downer on everyone having personal hover boards is physics. First off, I will say that hover boards are indeed a reality – Tony Hawk has even ridden one – but the biggest issue is location. For hover boards as we have them now, in order for the hovering to happen there

needs to be a large surface of copper to repel against the magnets in the board itself (Note from the editor, the board uses electric currents to generate a changing magnetic field, which then causes the copper affected by the magnetic field to generate an opposing electric field, creating opposing forces between the two surfaces). There is no way that the world could be covered in copper just for hover boards to be real.

If there is one thing that the makers of “Back to the Future Part II” couldn’t ever have seen coming, it was the Internet. They thought that fax machines were the way of the future, and that there would be a fax machine in

every room and every briefcase. The reality couldn’t be farther from this prediction. Now with the Internet there is no need for faxes anymore, and it even takes care of the TV calling with Skype communications. The prevalence of smart phones has also taken many of the things that the movie thought would be commonplace and replaced them, like those weird TV/phone glasses, and, sadly enough, traditional newspapers.

They did correctly predict the prevalence of robotics in modern society though, which is good news for a robotics minor like myself. Robotics are found more and more in new areas of society, and not just in assembly lines (and even in those assembly lines the robots are getting better and better). We are getting self-driving robotic cars in the relatively close future, which is a whole ethical dilemma for another day, and the newfound popularity of drones is changing how society has to think and interact.

I don’t think that we have necessarily created a “future” that is worse than the one depicted in “Back to the Future Part II.” It is just very different from what anyone could have thought of at that time. We may end up closer to the alternate version of 1985 if a certain candidate is elected, though. One of the writers of the movie admitted in an interview that Biff Tannen was based on a current real life presidential candidate, so we may be in trouble here.

Ad Infinitum



TELEKINESIS
AD INFINITUM

Morgan Escalera
Staff Writer

This album and the philosophy behind it are one of the main reasons music is eternally interesting. The title of both the album and the band are Latin derivatives, and the content of the piece in understandably cerebral.

The opening song “Falling” begins with a synthesized progression that sounds almost like a child playing with his very first instrument, only for the lyrics to implore the listener to keep hold of themselves before they “fall” apart. Telekinesis feels like the band you have never heard of, but your friends are really into.

Originally hailing from Seattle, Telekinesis is the brainchild of Michael Benjamin Lerner and a few others, and boasts a Wikipedia page that is about a paragraph long. Stylistically, they sound somewhere between Jamie XX and the Mountain Goats. For those who don’t know who those bands are, don’t worry.

The album would definitely be classified as electronica, but it is a very approachable kind of electronic music, much more melody-based than the deeper EDM and house genres that dominate the electronic music scene. The album mixes a blend of electro-pop with extremely emotive indie rock to generally good effect. The synthesizer that Michael Lerner started with is present in every song, sometimes interspersed with more conventional rock instruments, but always center stage.

Looking backward in Telekinesis’ catalog, this newest album seems to be a great departure from some of the other LPs he released. The fact that the synthesizer is new to him as an artist makes the artistic accomplishments in album more impressive.

The purpose of the album isn’t as clear as it is with some other more driven works from different artists, but perhaps that is the point. The whole experience seems to want the listener to just chill, hang out with Telekinesis as a creator and, to enjoy listening to what he enjoyed making. The song “Sleep In” is the best example of this, and if there is time for only one song from the album, choose that one.

3.5/5 Rosies

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BACK TO THE FUTURE PART III

David Huang
Entertainment Editor

Last Wednesday was the week that Marty McFly (Michael J. Fox) and Doc Brown (Christopher Lloyd) spent in the future in the previous movie, “Back to the Future Part II”. As such, Opinions Editor and Back to the Future fan Mark Rodgers and I spent some time in between homework and sleep deprivation watching the Back to the Future trilogy, and it’s my turn to review “Back to the Future Part III”.

In this last installment of Back to the Future, Marty travels back in time to the year 1885 in order to save Doc from being murdered. However, Marty’s arrival in a classic western setting, lack of roads and all, leads quickly to a torn fuel line that prevents them from making a quick escape from the time.

This sets them up for spending two hours of screen time in the Wild West setting that is 1885 Hill Valley, California. Here they see the origins of the town they call home, and Marty makes good use of his anachronistic pop culture references and life experiences to prove that video games can teach kids skills.

Part of the humor in the Back to the Future series has always stemmed from seeing the culture interactions between the past, present, and future. While the ‘future’ is now last week, enough of the 80’s culture prevalent in the films is still popular enough for the jokes to make sense to a modern watcher. Whether they will continue to scale for children born after the day Marty spent in the future is

more worrying, but the Back to the Future franchise has managed to age well for such a dated movie.

“Back to the Future 3” sees some real character growth from Marty and Doc. Doc Brown manages to find true love, bonding with his partner over Jules Verne. It is the first time he really shows any attention to anything outside of his friend Marty, his science, and the time continuum in the whole series; it helps makes the awkward scientist at least a little more human of a character.

In between near death experiences and moonwalking his way to victory, Marty also finally begins to address his confrontation problem. Marty’s always been easy to goad into confrontation, and while he is good at getting out ahead of his opponent he does end up in many difficult predicaments solely because of this trait. In his time in the nineteenth century, Marty finally matures enough raise himself above unnecessary confrontation. By the end of his journeys in time, Marty’s maturation as a character lets him avoid the accident that was going to ruin his life in the future.

Overall, I found “Back to the Future Part II” to be a good ending to Back to the Future franchise. We saw Marty mature as a character over his travels, and now he gets his happy ending with his girl. The series as a whole was funny and rewarding to watch, and the rating reflects my opinion of this movie and the series as a whole.

5/5 Rosies



Back to the Future Part II

Photo from imdb.com



Back to the Future Part III

Photo from imdb.com



Ask the Staff

What are you going as for Halloween?

Amaryllis Biduaka

Lifestyle Editor

Miriam Remmers, Editor-in-Chief

I'm going as a German lad and wearing lederhosen.

Bethany Martin, Editor-in-Chief

I am dressing up as Mary Poppins.

Jason Latimer, Copy Editor

I'm going as a security guard because I have to work the Pike party...

Lauren Santichen, Flipside Editor

Does a sleep-deprived college student count? I don't have enough money for a costume otherwise emphasis on "college student."



Halloween is one of the many fun holidays of fall.

Photo by bookwalterbinge.com

David Huang, Entertainment Editor

I'm not really going as anything for Halloween this year. Please reference the flipside for possible corrections to this decision. If I could start over and wanted to make a costume this year, I'd have made a costume in the summer when free time existed.

Amaryllis Biduaka, Lifestyle Editor

I am going as a sailor or a cat.

Mark Rodgers, Opinions Editor

Cyclops. It only requires Sunglasses that look like Cyclops' and a t-shirt with the X-men logo on it.

Ask the Staff

If you could start over, what would you do differently?

Amaryllis Biduaka

Lifestyle Editor

Bethany Martin, Editor and Chief

I would be more confident and I would skip some of the more awkward memories that like to come up every once in a while, but other than that I wouldn't change a thing. I am who I am because of what I've done and the choices I've made.

Lauren Santichen, Flipside Editor

If I could start over what? My life? Assuming that I remembered everything up to this point that I had done, I would change two things. The first, I'd make sure that all of my "embarrassing moments" never happened. Ever. Second, I would probably major in something in literature. I like writing a lot, sometimes more than math and science, even

though I'm good at those. So anything where I could end up being an author would be awesome, if I'm not already on that path as it is.

Jason Latimer, Copy Editor

Choose an easier difficulty.

Amaryllis Biduaka, Lifestyle Editor

If I could start over, I would go through life not caring about what others think of me. Life's more fun when you can dance to the beat of your own drum instead of someone else's. I'd try to take more advanced math courses earlier so I could discover my love of math earlier.

Mark Rodgers, Opinion Editor

I would have taken more AP tests and tried harder on them to avoid taking freshman calculus and physics.

Bloody Broken Glass Cupcakes

Amaryllis Biduaka

Lifestyle Editor

If you're looking for a way to spice up your Halloween party, look no further than this recipe for blood and glass cupcakes. These cupcakes are sure to be a hit, and they only require a bit more time than making plain cupcakes.

Ingredients:

For the cupcakes:

- 1 box of your favorite cupcake mix and its necessary ingredients (I recommend red velvet)
- 1 can of white frosting

For the glass:

- 2 cups water
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 3 1/2 cups white sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar

Cooking thermometer

Metal baking pan

Edible blood:

- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1/4 cup water, or more if needed
- 15 drops of red food coloring
- 3 drops of blue food coloring

- Follow the package's instructions to make the cupcakes. Wait until the cupcakes are cool before frosting them. If you frost the cupcakes too early, the frosting will melt.
- To make the sugar glass, mix the water, light corn syrup, sugar, and cream of tartar in a large skillet and bring to a boil. Continue to stir the liquid until it reaches 300 degrees.
- Pour the mixture onto the metal baking pan and allow it to cool until it has completely hardened. Once the mixture has hardened, use a meat mallet to break the sheet into shards.
- In a separate bowl, mix the corn syrup and cornstarch. Slowly stir in the water until the corn syrup mixture has thickened to the consistency of blood. Add the red and blue food coloring
- Place a few shards in each cupcake and drizzle drops of blood to create the illusion of bloody glass on top of a cupcake.



These cupcakes are sure to liven any Halloween Party.

Photo by Allrecipes.com

Cinnamon Pumpkin Seeds

Amaryllis Biduaka

Lifestyle Editor

Pumpkin seeds are a great, light snack to enjoy in the fall. Typically, I only see salty pumpkin seeds, so I thought that cinnamon ones would be great to try.

Ingredients:

4 cups of pumpkin seeds, rinsed and dried

1/2 cup of melted margarine

2 tablespoons of brown sugar

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 cup white sugar

Wax paper



Pumpkin seeds are a great fall snack.

Photo by Allrecipes.com

- Pre-heat the oven to 350 degrees
- Combine the pumpkin seeds, margarine, brown sugar, cinnamon, and salt in a large bowl. Stir the mixture until the seeds are evenly coated.
- Place the wax paper over the tray and spread the seeds over the wax paper.
- Bake the seeds for 7 minutes and stir the seeds before returning them into the oven for another 7 minutes.
- Sprinkle two tablespoons of sugar over the seeds and stir before returning to the oven for another seven minutes.

Are Shorter Attention Spans...
Oh Look a Squirrel!

Is the Short Attention Span of Younger Generations a Bad Thing?

Marc Schmitt
News Editor

Influential writers, public figures, and just about anyone who grew up before the internet age are quick to comment that young people have miniscule attention spans. That millennials and following generations have short attention spans as a result of an upbringing of instant gratification is a mischaracterization of how we have developed to consume information.

Yes, attention spans have shortened, but it has been facilitated and incentivized by the onslaught of information that has been a constant factor in most children’s development. Previous generations have not had to deal with the sheer amount of background noise that is the constant stream of content fed our way. To deal with this new development we are taught to pick the most relevant and important pieces of information, to filter the noise such that we can find what we are searching for.

New media and modern platforms recognize this, the most successful of which have come to prominence by creating news ways of consuming information that filter out excess information that we don’t need. Attention spans are shrinking, but for reasons that stand to benefit the content rich future we are creating for ourselves.

Mediums that become saturated with content naturally gravitate towards the indexing and filtering of content to reveal the best that the medium has to offer. Since humans invented writing there have been efforts to showcase the best on of-

fer. Assortments and collections were ways of getting rid of excess books to allow the consumer of knowledge to focus on what they thought was relevant. Libraries indexed pieces and created collections of the most important works, filtering out the books that were unimportant or irrelevant.

what to make of that data, especially in the field of engineering.

Much like data, content is also in no shortage, and it no longer has to be produced by humans. The Associate Press now employs software to write financial reports for earnings calls. The ability to ef-

The ability to effectively choose which content to pay attention to is now a skill in high demand...

Since the dawn of the internet, the amount of information available has skyrocketed and the medium has naturally moved to begin to filter the information users receive. Google began as a way of indexing and ranking all this new content that was being published on the internet. It acted as a librarian for the internet, showing users the most relevant and important content.

As the medium has developed, efforts to filter content have dramatically improved and grown with the amount of information published. Google’s ranking algorithms have become extremely complex and add new websites within hours of going online. Services, such as Twitter or Facebook, have come to see that users do not care about 99 percent of the content that comes their way and focuses in on that one percent.

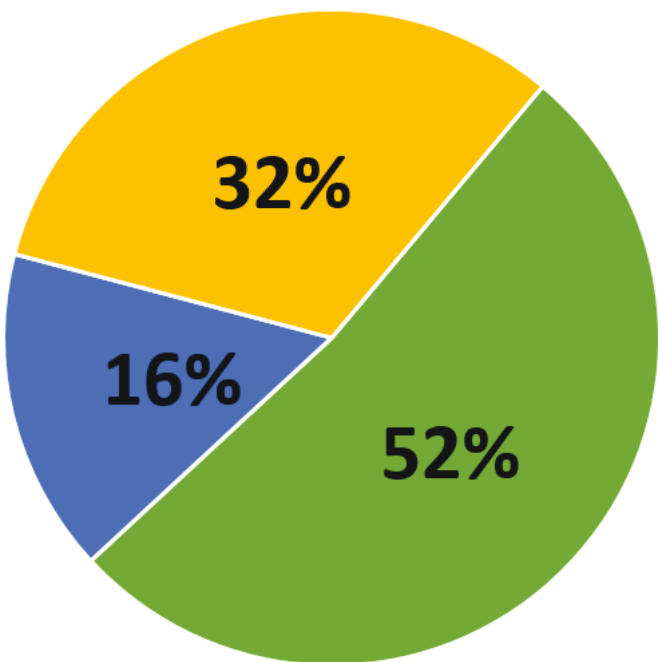
Modern content consumption drives the development of important analytical skills. We are entering an age where the availability of data is no longer the most pressing issue. Devices and services produce mountains of data and the most important task is deciding

fectively choose which content to pay attention to is now a skill in high demand, and the way we consume content develops this skill. Twitter is an example of a platform in which there is a huge amount of content, with millions of tweets sent every minute, and users develop skills that help them find the content that they are most interested in, otherwise they would not bother using the service.

Facebook operates in much the same way by letting users pick which content to subscribe to and filter the rest out. Users of different services develop different mechanisms through which they discover content that appeals to them, and doing so employs analytical skills that they have honed through their time on various services.

Shorter attention spans are not necessarily something to be frowned upon, and they are a result of the situation we find ourselves in. They allow us to make the most of all the information we have in front of us by forcing us to be more discerning. Analytical skills are something to be sought after and stand to allow us to make more effective contributions to society. If the cost of these skills are shorter attention spans, then so be it.

Back to the Future Prediction



Response	Percentage
Yes	52%
No	16%
I want my Hoverboard	32%

Last week’s Poll Results

There was a slump in responses this week, which was to be expected, because the theme was sports, which traditionally Rose students tend not to be as excited about. But anyway, there were some interesting responses.

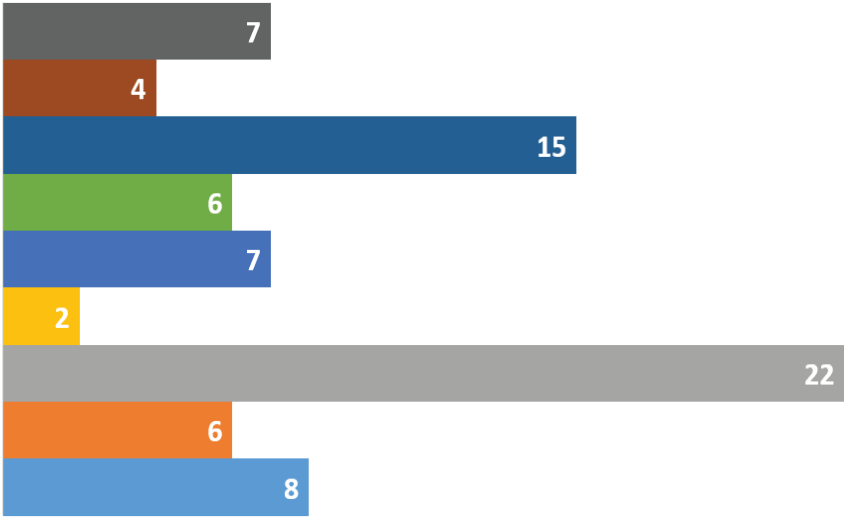
Sadly, there is now no way that the Cubs can win the World Series, which is disappointing since more than half of those who answered were rooting for the Cubbies. Another third want their own hover board, which is to be expected.

Back to the sports section of the poll, it seems that there actually a close race between the American taste in sports and the global taste, since watching American Football narrowly beat out Football (Soccer). Behind those were Baseball, Hockey, and Basketball. Most interesting response out of this question was Ice Skating.

For the more active Rose student, the clear winner was Soccer; the only thing that came close was the joke option: “Does Homework Count?”, which says a lot about how our campus operates. The next closest was Basketball, followed by Football, Tennis, and Ultimate Frisbee. There was a responder that I believe we can all sympathize with who answered with simply “sleep”.

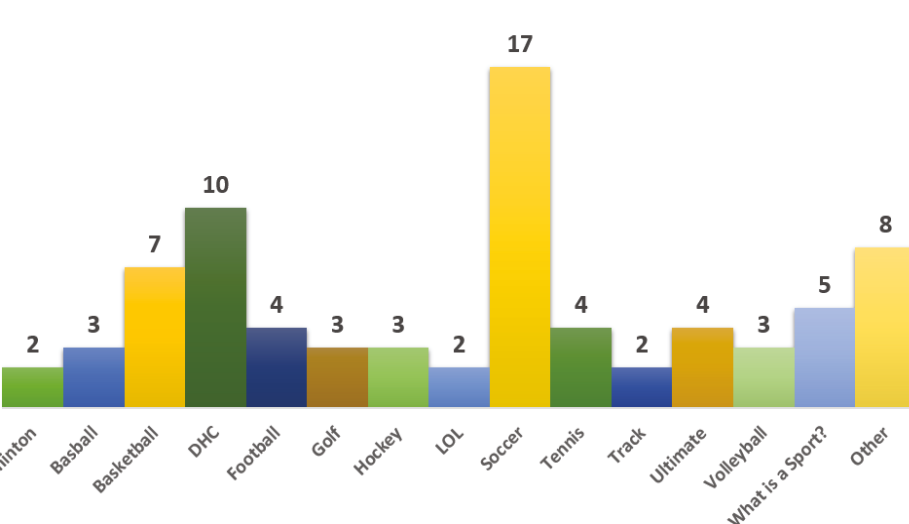
Keep those answers coming! This week I am using some of the questions suggested by readers, so keep giving me ideas and I may just use them.

Favorite Sport to watch




Sport	Count
Football	22
Soccer	15
Baseball	8
Hockey	7
No	6
Tennis	4
Golf	2
Other	7

Favorite Sport to Play



Sport	Count
Soccer	17
DHC	10
Other	8
Basketball	7
Football	4
What is a Sport?	5
Tennis	4
Ultimate	4
Volleyball	3
Golf	3
Hockey	3
LOL	2
Track	2
Badminton	2

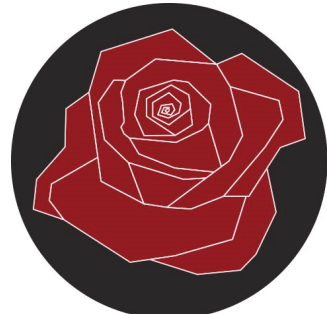


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OPINIONS POLL!!

This week’s theme is:
Rose Life!

Poll can be found here:
<http://goo.gl/forms/tEjRhZL6oC>



FOOTBALL NO LONGER UNDEFEATED

Lauren Wiseman

Staff Writer

Saturday the Rose-Hulman football team put the “fight” in “Fightin’ Engineers” when they clashed with the Franklin College Grizzlies. After three grueling hours and pushing even through a wicked downpour, Rose-Hulman lost by a single touchdown: a hard loss for the Fightin’ Engineers,

lin answered the touchdowns. Sophomore quarterback Chase Burton completed a pass to sophomore wingback Lee Wroblewski, and sophomore Stephen Colligan’s kick was good, bringing their score to seven. Shortly thereafter, Burton threw to Wroblewski again, earning another touchdown for Franklin College. Colligan completed a kick, narrowing the gap. The tie came three minutes later, with another throw from Burton to Wroblewski. Colligan’s kick

fourth quarter when Burton rushed for a touchdown. Colligan earned the extra point. Neck-and-neck as the fourth quarter progressed, the final blow came with a pass from Burton to junior running back Kole Stogner and an extra point from Colligan.

Rose-Hulman played a game to be proud of with impressive performances all around. Swenson had a passing game of 329 yards and



Sophomore Kevin Dufauchard running the ball in Saturday’s game against the Franklin Grizzlies.

Rose-Hulman Athletics

but only after a tremendous struggle.

Halfway through the first quarter, junior quarterback Austin Swenson passed to senior wide receiver Jacob Dye for Rose’s first touchdown. Senior kicker Craig Larew scored the extra point. Three minutes later, senior wide receiver Aaron Abbott rushed for Rose’s second touchdown; with an extra point by Larew, Rose’s score was at 14, Franklin’s at zero. The Fightin’ Engineers would score one more touchdown after a pass from Swenson to junior tight end Joe Moehrle. Larew’s kick was good.

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three touchdowns. Dufauchard had 80 rushing yards and a touchdown. Dye’s reception game was strong, with 115 yards and seven receptions in all. Moehrle and Fisher did well, with seven and six catches, respectively. Defensively, the Fightin’ Engineers played hard. Sophomore Kaelen Garner tackled 13 times, and sophomore wide receiver Alec Fisher had 11 tackles. Junior wide receiver Sterling Mitchell caught an interception and broke up four passes. Sophomore linebacker Mike Henry and sophomore defensive back Jon Poore also recovered fumbles.

The final score for the game was 35-42. Rose-Hulman drops to 6-1 in the season, and Franklin College now stands at 6-2. Head Coach Jeff Sokol said the loss hurt, but the team would be working hard next week in preparation for playing Manchester College.

All Tied Up

Kevin Trizna

Staff Writer

In a clash between the top two teams in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference

The tie keeps the conference standings very tight.

(HCAC), Rose stalemated the Hanover Panthers in a 2-2 draw on Saturday. It didn’t take long for Rose to get on the board with a goal at the 3:38 mark by junior Ben Lyon off of an Alex Jansen assist (the goal marks Lyon’s fifth of the season and Jensen’s fourth assist). Fifteen minutes later sophomore Austin Webb fired home his sixth goal of the season off of fellow sophomore Davis Ferriell’s assist.

Hanover battled back in the latter half of the game with a Walker Goodbub goal in the 45th minute. Enrico Franchini tied the match up at 2-2 with a goal at the 52:37 mark. The game remained scoreless from there as sophomore Carter Wright finished the game with

four saves on 13 shots (6 on goal). Rose honored their two seniors before the game, defend-

er Mike Smyser and midfielder Deiter Schultz.

The tie keeps the conference standings very tight between Rose and Hanover. The Panthers currently lead the conference with a 6-0-1 record for 19 points, and the engineers stand at 5-0-2 and 17 points. Both teams have two games remaining in the regular season – Rose will travel to Anderson on Wednesday and then Bluffton on Saturday October 31.

Closed Out

Kevin Trizna

Staff Writer

The Engineers fell 2-0 to the Panthers on Saturday’s Senior Day matchup with Hanover College at Rose on Saturday. The first period was largely quiet and saw senior Lucinda Combs make five of her six saves on the day. The first goal came from Hanover’s Elaine Simpson in the 54th minute of the game and was followed up with another goal at the 78:32 mark from Jessica Comorosky. Combs would finish with 6 saves on the day.

Rose took the time before the match to honor the seven seniors that have played for the program over their past four years. The seniors, Helena Bomber, Cassidy Cain, Combs, Kate DeMoss, Hayley Gilliam, Kate Maier, and Mallory McDevitt, have won 38 games in their four years at Rose, including 19 games in conference. The Engineers currently stand at 7-9 on the season (3-4 HCAC) and stand 8th in the conference. The final two games on the season are both away at Anderson University on Wednesday and at Bluffton University on Saturday.

Bumped up!

Kevin Trizna

Staff Writer

The Women’s Volleyball team took down the Defiance Yellow Jackets in a late-season push to keep themselves in the run for a ticket to the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) tournament with a 3-1 victory on Saturday at home. Rose jumped out to win the first two sets 25-21 and 25-22 behind the offensive duo of Julia Hammond and Bailey MacInnis. Hammond finished with 12 kills on the day and MacInnis added 10 of her own. After a hiccup and a 14-25 loss in the third set, Rose responded by taking the fourth set 25-22 and sealing the match. Sophomore Alison Rogozinski led the team in assists with 24 and added 14 digs of her own. Gabi Razma with 30 digs (team-high), Sarah Jensen with 21 and Kali Nordquist with 15 all rounded out the impressive defense.

The match marked the final home game for two Rose seniors, Sarah Jensen and Kali Nordquist. Jensen and Nordquist currently stand at 63-60 in their four seasons at Rose and are at 13-16 (2-5 in conference play) on the season. The team has two games remaining, both away at Anderson on Wednesday and Transylvania on Saturday. Rose can clinch the sixth seed required to punch its ticket to the conference tournament by winning and Mount St. Joseph losing by Saturday.



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