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Safe Zone Training

Rose-Hulman Moves Towards LGBTQ Inclusivity

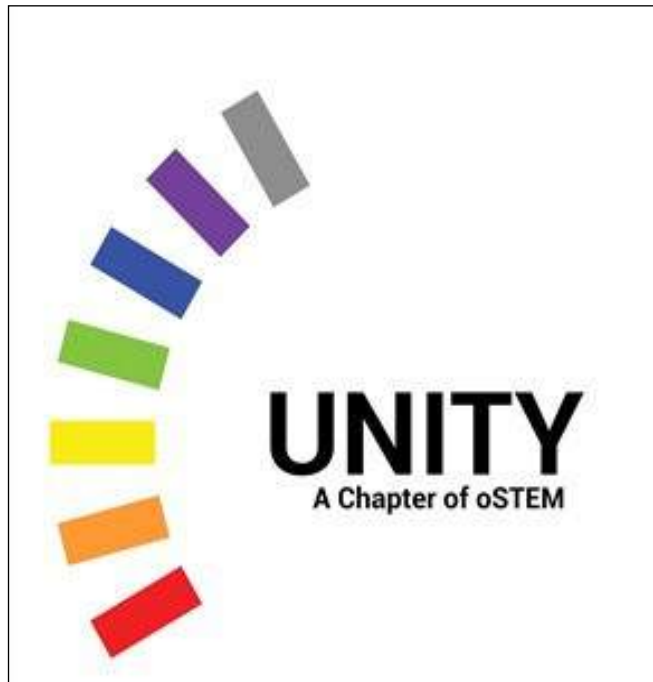
MARC SCHMITT
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Rose-Hulman Counselling Services held another Safe Zone training event this past Wednesday, April 13. The two-hour long session is meant “to create a visible network of informed, supportive, and safe allies to students of all sexual orientations, romantic orientations, and gender identities at Rose-Hulman...” It was attended by almost 20 people, including seven UNITY, Rose-Hulman’s gay straight alliance organization, members and two faculty members. Terminology, anonymous question and answer, a discussion of the role of a safe zone ally, examples of heterosexual and cisgender privileges, and various scenarios were all apart of the informative session.

For the uninitiated, the Safe Zone Program is meant for students, faculty, and staff who want to educate themselves and make Rose a more inclusive place. Residence life staff, including residence advisors and sophomore advisors have already participated in the training, and academic departments have been offered private sessions tailored to challenges they face. The Biomedical Engineering department has already gone through the training program.

The session begins with setting ground rules for participants. These are meant to improve the session and make sure everybody is comfortable talking in a frank and upfront manner. After ground rules are set, “The Genderbread Person” is introduced. This diagram is useful in discussing the different spectrums of sexuality and gender, and includes sliders for sexual and romantic attraction, gender identity and expression, and biological sex. The diagram was created by Sam Killermann, who runs the popular blog “It’s called metrosexual.”

An extensive discussion of terminology follows as there is an abundance of terms that most people do not readily encounter. The terminology section takes



UNITY is Rose-Hulman’s official LGBTQ organization on campus.

Photo Courtesy of Rose-Hulman

up almost ten pages in the provided packet, and is careful to note words that are offensive or may offend people when used in the wrong context or wrong grammatical setting. Educating attendees on terminology helps allies, a person who supports and respects the LGBTQ community, communicate in an informed and sensitive capacity. However, it is worth noting that these terms are constantly evolving, and those covered were only a snapshot of today’s terms. In addition, derogatory terms were also listed, and made attendees aware of language that is explicitly offensive to the LGBTQ community.

Following the brief summary of terminology, attendees were allowed to ask questions anonymously via note cards. Members of UNITY then answered each question in addition to several standard

questions. The members touched on their experiences at Rose, sharing their views on how members of the LGBTQ community are treated. Most notably, and reassuringly, was that professors, in general, are always very professional and that LGBTQ students feel comfortable with them. Students always felt that they could approach student affairs if there were any issues. However, LGBTQ students still face everyday challenges, such as double standards, being reduced to their sexual or gender identity, and the continuing battle for proper pronouns. Heterosexual and cisgender privileges, such as the ones above, and examples of homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia were also discussed.

Finally, the roles of Safe Zone allies were discussed. Allies are principally meant to offer support and knowledge to those who seek assistance. Simply being versed in issues specific to those in the LGBTQ community can make a meaningful contribution to Rose’s students and community. It was also stressed that allies are not expected to play the role of counsellor, in fact, allies are meant to encourage people to seek help from counselling services. In addition to counselling services, there is also UNITY, which is a community specifically for LGBTQ students.

The session ended on a positive note, that Rose was becoming more inclusive through programs such as Safe Zone and changes by Student Affairs. In the coming year, there is to be a gender neutral freshman floor, which Rose is the third college in Indiana to implement. The Student Recreation Center is also looking at revising their policies to be more inclusive. Stickers for the Safe Zone program have also been distributed and are popping up throughout campus. Students, faculty, and staff are determined to make Rose a safe and inclusive environment, regardless of ones sexual orientation, romantic orientation, or gender identity.



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Climbing to the Top

Rose-Hulman Competitive Climbing Club Wins Regional Championships

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The competitive climbing team is on a roll. Rose-Hulman’s competitive climbing team won the USA Climbing Great Lakes Regional Championship on April 2. This is the first year the team has competed in the regional championships, and the second competition for the team this year. It marks the end of an exciting first year for the team.

This year was not only a first for Rose’s team, but a first for the league. USA Climbing recently

reorganized the competition regions, reflecting the growing interest and participation in collegiate competitive rock climbing. To participate in this year’s Great Lakes Regional Championships teams had to compete in at least one other event.

Rose’s team had 11 people compete in this year’s regional championships, nine men and two women. The competition included only bouldering and speed climbing, and a total of 14 people competed. Two of the top four men were from Rose: Colin Potter, a senior mechanical engi-

neering student, who placed third, and Aaron McNely, a senior mechanical engineering student, who placed fourth.

In addition to winning the regional championships, 11 team members qualified for the National Championships. The championships are to be held in San Diego, California. Unfortunately, due to a lack of funding, the team will not be able to send any team members to Nationals. “Next year we are looking to do even better than we did this year,” says Guy Yager, a sophomore civil engineering student and Climbing Club secretary. “We want to actually send some competitors to Nationals.”

The team’s prospects are very high, and they are focused on developing their team and region to compete at a higher level in next



From left, Guy Yager and Aaron McNely pose after winning the USA Climbing Great Lakes Regional Championships.

Photo Courtesy of Guy Yager

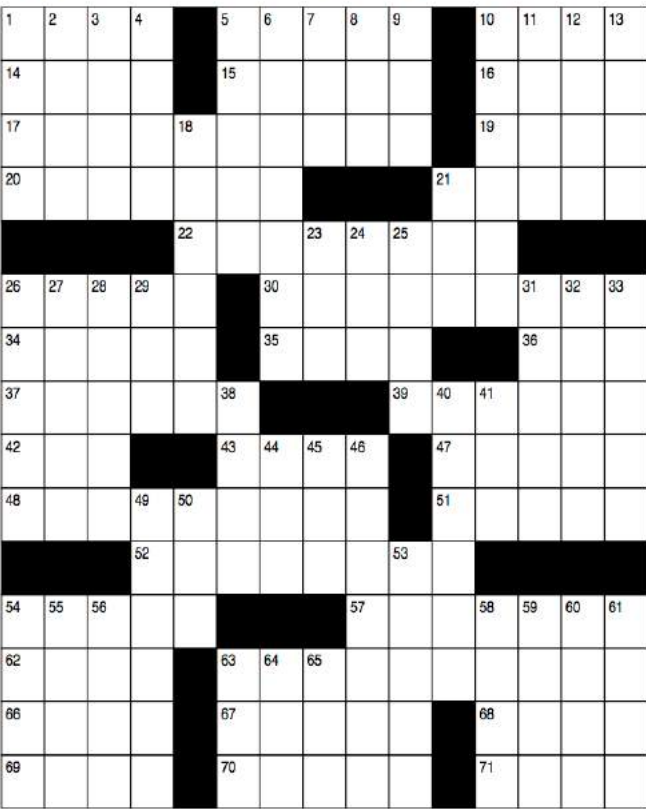
year’s competitions. “Our division is new and growing. As a club we want to help develop the region and get schools and clubs excited about competition climbing,” added Yager.



Rose-Hulman’s Competitive Climbing team has won two competitions in their first season competing.

Photo Courtesy of Guy Yager

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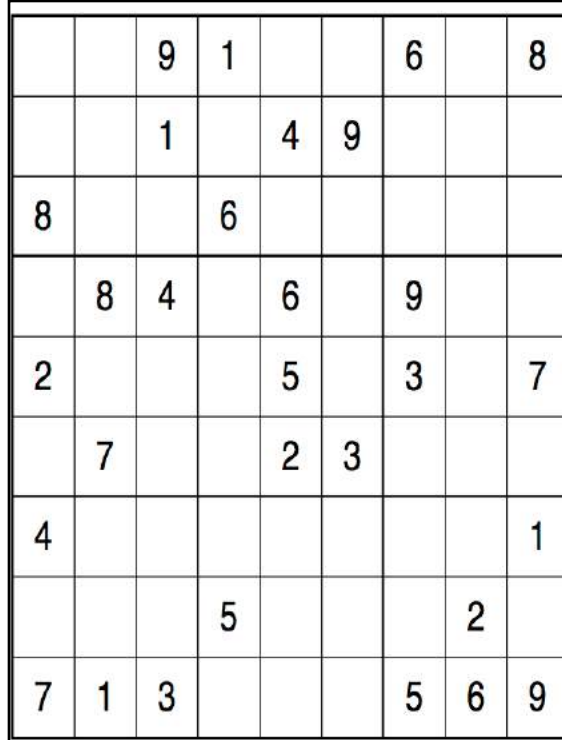
Down

1. Swiss watchmaker
2. Left
3. Tax
4. Sound of an angry exit
5. "District 9" visitor
6. Like Buster Keaton or Jack Benny
7. Spherical body
8. Washington pro, for short
9. Visually assess
10. Baltimore baseballer
11. Part of a bar mitzvah standard
12. Doctor-to-be's exam
13. Pines
18. Hooligan
21. Neighbor of Neb.
23. Blow away
24. Counterpart of "pls"
25. Cracker brand
26. Treat with derision
27. Misogynist, e.g.
28. Between, in Bordeaux
29. Lamb's mom
31. Taken for ___
32. Secure, as some communities
33. Some tango steps
38. Self-congratulatory
40. Gradually develop
41. Light bite
44. Coast Guard rank (abbr.)
45. Scottish "gee"
46. Had a litter
49. It's a trap!
50. Some HDTVs
53. Loafs about
54. Arabian demon
55. "If ___ be so bold..."
56. Cousin of a mandolin
58. Units with a mgr.
59. Danube color, in Cologne
60. Gentle creature
61. Ophthalmologist's concern
63. It equals three tsps.
64. Performer's practice (abbr.)
65. "Now ___ seen everything!"

Across

1. Hooters
5. "Rope-___" (Ali strategy)
10. 'Goodness!'
14. Movie holder
15. "Bad, bad ___ Brown..."
16. Ethnic group
17. Constant
19. Terrible one
20. Got in the way of
21. Lays it on thick
22. Checking one's territory
26. Cookie ___
30. Sometime in the past
34. Question from eager kids
35. Following
36. With "Chi," a French president
37. Zoo showoffs
39. Acme
42. ___-de-lance
43. Cat's comment
47. Band's showcase
48. Conference perk
51. Guest pieces in a newspaper
52. Shade of white
54. Actresses Ireland and St. John
57. Like kittens or babies, perhaps
62. "It's my turn!"
63. Baseball rarity
66. Pact since W.W. II
67. Instrument for drawing angles
68. Docile
69. Opposite of "da"
70. Lean-tos
71. Footlong sandwiches

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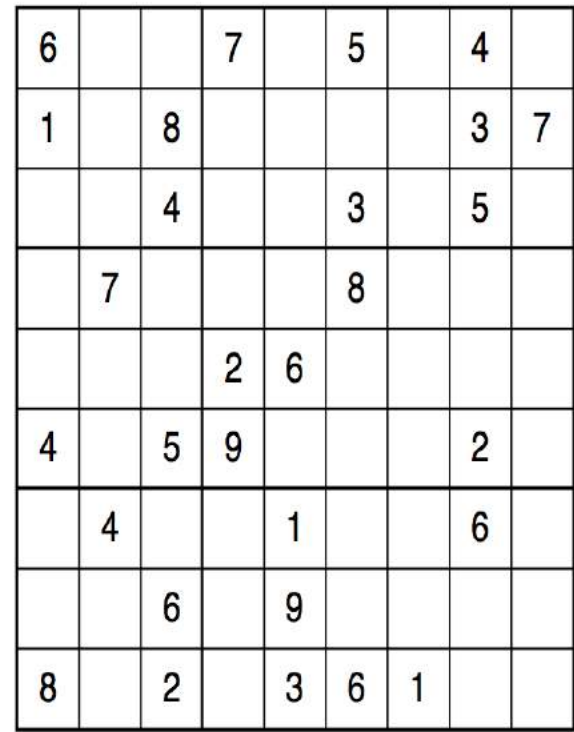
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| Amoeba | Discrimination | Opossums | Spare |
| Avenge | Epics | Plaids | Stubs |
| Baser | Eroded | Prods | Warpath |
| Basic | Fancying | Punishes | Wheel |
| Blade | Freak | Puppy | Wovens |
| Burbles | Gallons | Rallied | |
| Capes | Girls | Ranks | |
| Cheap | Hello | Refining | |
| Conceives | Injuring | Regain | |
| Crisp | Learn | Roofing | |
| Dairy | Loose | Scope | |

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News Briefs

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Microsoft vs. The U.S. Department of Justice

Software giant Microsoft filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Justice Thursday on the grounds of their unconstitutional invasion of Microsoft's customers' emails. The issue isn't that these searches are unwarranted; in fact there have been over 2,600 searches of customers' emails in the past 18 months, all of them approved by federal judges. The problem is that these mandated searches of customers' emails are done in secret, which Microsoft claims to be unlawful, as any search and seizure of one's property must come with a warrant and a notice of said search and seizure.

Microsoft's biggest problem with the searches is that they're forced to be quiet about them, even though the company specifically states in the privacy policy to their customers that they will disclose any and all reasons for having to search through their personal files. It looks like Microsoft might have to stay quiet, because over 2/3 of these warrants don't have an expiration date. The lawsuit states that these warrants are more akin to placing people on a terrorist watch list.

This lawsuit decision will be monumental for what privacy means in the information age, especially in the wake of the recent skirmish between the FBI and Microsoft's old rival, Apple.

DARPA Aiming to Make Satellite Launch Daily Occurrence

The U.S. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) has passed the first stage of its XS-1 program. The program aims to make satellite launch a daily occurrence.

"I can tell you officially now that we have been funded by the [Obama] Administration for the next phase of XS-1. What I can tell you right now is that we have \$146 million," DARPA's Jess Sporable said at the Space Access '16 Conference.

The XS-1 program was launched in 2014 to create a reusable launch system capable of flying 10 times over the span of 10 days. The system aims to have aircraft-like operation and a cost of only \$5 million per flight. Since then, DARPA has funded phase one studies by three company partnerships: Boeing and Blue Origin, Masten Space Systems and XCOR Aerospace, and Northrop Grumman and Virgin Galactic.

The next two phases of the program are to perform flight tests, and the solicitation is open to all companies. Phase two will start April 29. A single contractor will be selected early in fiscal year 2017, and flights of the vehicle would occur in 2019 or 2020.

The initial version must be capable of placing a 900-pound payload into low earth orbit, and the contractor will need to show the vehicle could potentially upgrade to a 3,000-pound payload with an expendable upper stage.

A low-cost and reusable launch vehicle opens up countless military and commercial applications. The military could disaggregate large satellites into smaller constellations and easily replace spacecraft taken out by enemy action. The commercial small-satellite market is growing and is projected to require hundreds of launches that the XS-1 could perform on a yearly basis.

"This is not new. We've been pursuing this low-cost, aircraft-like access to space literally since the 1960s, and seriously since the 1980s. And we've had failure after failure after failure," Sporable said.

Past efforts have been limited by immature tech and lofty goals, but now this goal may not be out of reach.

Earthquake Rocks Japan, Claims Nine Lives

Japan recently experienced another tragic earthquake Thursday afternoon. It was another bright sunny day on Japan's southwest island, Kyushu, when an earthquake of magnitude-6.2 began to violently shake the land. This marks Japan's fifth earthquake with a magnitude of 6.0 or above this year already.

However, this earthquake proved especially troubling and fatal for the people of Ueki, the city where the earthquake originated, where nearly 800 people were injured, 50 of whom suffered severe injuries. Estimates are uncertain on just how much damage was caused by this earthquake, with over 19 buildings collapsed and a train completely derailed. The wreckage is massive, and the Japan Self-Defense Forces are still helping dig people out from collapsed buildings.

Usually earthquakes of this magnitude don't cause this much damage. They typically only crack a few buildings and disrupt traffic. But this earthquake originated only 6.2 miles beneath the surface, causing massive tremors to shake the entire land for over 20 seconds. Kyushu is currently experiencing many aftershock quakes in the wake of this catastrophe, and geologists fear a quake or larger magnitude may be on the horizon. However, with the area being evacuated, no more lives should be lost.

Venezuela Rationing Utilities

Venezuela President Nicolas Maduro said Thursday that punitive electricity rationing would be imposed on 15 shopping malls and that the time zone offset would be adjusted to save power.

Many of the nation's 29 million people are suffering daily and unscheduled utility cuts as levels recede from the Guri hydroelectric dam complex, which provides nearly two-thirds of the nation's power needs. Maduro has blamed the El Nino weather pattern for the power and water problems.

Maduro's popularity has suffered amid a national economic crisis and after finicky public services said some major shopping centers had failed to supply their own generators in spite of being instructed to five years ago.

"The time has come to take a drastic rationing measure against a group of about 15 malls who did not obey the law and are consuming without conscience at a critical moment due to the 'El Nino' phenomenon," President Maduro said.

WATER WE GONNA DO?

Flint Water Crisis Discussion at Rose

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NEWS EDITOR

The National Academy of Engineering determined the Grand Challenges of Engineering. Two of these challenges have become especially pertinent given the mounting crisis in Flint, Michigan. As an engineering school, it would make sense to discuss the implications of this crisis and what can be done to solve the problem. To that end, students were invited to a panel discussion featuring four Rose-Hulman professors to ask questions regarding the technical, historical, social, and ethical aspects of Flint's water disaster.

For those who are unfamiliar with the circumstances surrounding situation in Flint, the problem actually goes back to 2013. The city met to discuss supply alternatives, and they decided to stop using the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) for water. DWSD disapproved, and gave the city until April 2014 to find an alternative. The alternative was using the water of Flint River. Between April 2014 and August 2015, the water seemed relatively safe, but in August, the first boil-water advisory was issued after e-coli bacteria was found in the water. Another advisory followed in September. A major warning

Michelle Marincel Payne, Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering, offered her technical view of the situation. She said this crisis "highlights vulnerabili-



Flint's water crisis is one example of the importance of engineering solutions to national problems.

Photo Courtesy of University of Iowa

ties... we don't see." By switching from ground water to surface water, the water is exposed to more particles. These particles contain more natural, organic material, which can cause problems for the drinking supply. The water, mixed with particles, travels through corrosive lead pipes to the water treatment facilities. Because the water moves through more lead pipes, however, what leaves the water treatment plants is not what comes out of household taps. This contributes to the orange color of Flint water.

The problem is not limited to the lead-ridden water, either. Issues arise with how the problem has been handled thus far. Philosophy professor Dr. Dan-

“Those associated with Flint’s crisis focused ‘narrowly on the problem’ and...needed to look at it in the context of a global perspective.”

sign came when the car company General Motors refused to use Flint River water, as it began to rust recently manufactured car parts. By January 2015, the total trihalomethanes (TTHMs) surpassed federally imposed limits. A rash pandemic, expensive Band-Aid solutions, and a call to the Environmental Protection Agency soon followed. Flint was in full crisis.

This is among the only crises of its kind, as it does not happen often that a city would have its water supply contaminated on that scale. History and Latin American studies professor Dr. Samuel Martland offered examples of other historical disasters on par with Flint, for instance when cholera invaded London's water supply in the 1850s and 1860s. This occurred at a time when the idea of a large city subjected to a mass disease was relatively unknown. This segued into the discussion of what can be done in this situation.

iel Hartner, as he delved into the ethical view, explained those associated with Flint's crisis focused "narrowly on the problem" and instead needed to look at it in the context of a global perspective. Professor Marincel Payne pointed out that St. Louis, in spite of taking water from the Mississippi River, has not encountered problems like Flint. She commented on the fact that a corrosion inhibitor would have made a huge difference, but this crucial device was neglected.

With limited time for the discussion, the solution was left for a later date. Flint is facing a long, arduous process, but Rose-Hulman students can contribute to the solution. Rose offers courses related to the Grand Challenges of Engineering. So whether they attempt to address the United States' urban infrastructure or enhancing virtual reality, Rose students are learning about real problems and finding ways to reach real



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Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice

Also Known As "How to Build a Justice League"

Mark Rodgers

Opinion Editor Emeritus

Another month, another big-budget comic-book movie, this time without a shameless cameo by an old guy. The time of Marvel's ham-fisted domination over the movie industry with its interconnected cinematic universe has ended... or at least that's what DC and Warner Brothers want you to think anyways. Yeah, not so much. "Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice" was exactly what fans had pegged it as early on: a two-and-a-half-hour-long trailer for Justice League (Parts one and two of course). They were forced to add in all these things that "set up" the universe that DC wants to use to compete with Marvel's. I had hoped they would have subtly hinted at the other members of the league instead of putting them all together in front of the viewer with their emblems front and center.

This movie comes to us from the mind of Zack Snyder, who has faithfully adapted graphic novels like "Watchmen" and "300" almost panel-to-frame from the source material. With this outing however, Snyder is supposed to do what Marvel did with an entire "phase" of movies to set up a universe with just one movie with a ludicrously long runtime. There are some definite nods to the inspiration for this story, which is Frank Miller's classic "The Dark Knight Returns," namely the look of Batman and a climactic battle between the eponymous heroes of the film.

The premise of this movie is that after the events of Snyder's Superman reboot, "Man of Steel," the world (and Batman) is left to wonder what would happen if Superman decided to turn against mankind. Also pondering that question is Lex Luthor, Superman's classic archrival, portrayed by Jesse Eisenberg. Unfortunately, it seems that Eisenberg was basically playing a crazier version of Mark Zuckerberg from his earlier role in "The Social Network;" he just did not seem like a good Lex Luthor to me. I did see a glimpse of his scheming ways throughout the film, but it wasn't enough to change my mind.

One thing that the movie handled surprisingly well was the character I honestly didn't think should've been there. I am talking about Wonder Woman. I groaned when I heard they were also trying to shoehorn her into this movie as well, but I



Well, At Least They Can Agree to Share Marketing.

Photo from hypable.com

knew that Batman and Superman would make up and team up with Wonder Woman to fight Doomsday. It was ruined by the trailers, but the way that their fight stopped was pitiful and lazy. It is such a tiny thing that makes the fight grind to a complete and utter halt that I just couldn't believe it. It could have been handled so much better and made more moving and entertaining.

This movie had a surprisingly low amount of entertaining things going on to keep you interested. When we were at the theater, a guy next to a friend of mine was browsing on his phone during the film, not paying attention at all, and just left after my friend told him off. It shows how dull and slow the movie was, dragging on and on, only doing something interesting or moving the plot forward at the absolute last minute after a lot of boring dialogue or something similar. One of the big reasons that the Marvel movies are doing so well right now is that they are meant to be fun and enjoyable for the audience, and DC seems to want to stick to the "gritty" tone for their big-screen movies, which gets old very quick. There were a few choice jokes in the movie, but not enough to lighten the mood at all.

I will close by saying that I did like this movie; it wasn't bad, but I wasn't good either. It sits very much in a grey area, I just hope that the future DC movies improve and learn from this one.

3/5 Rosies

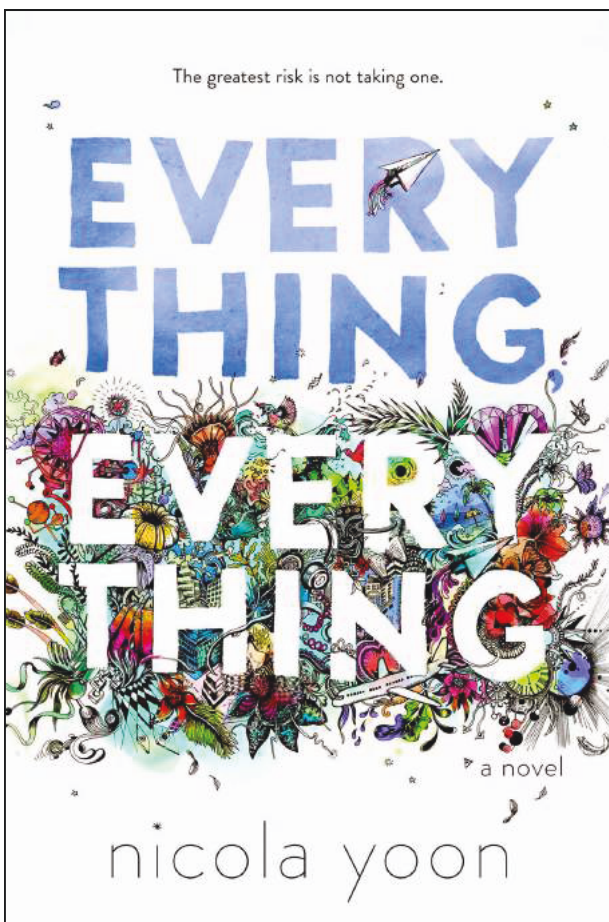


Everything, Everything

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Over the break I had time to pick up one of my favorite past times: reading. As a senior with a little over one month left to go, I figured now was the perfect time to give myself some much-needed escape from the stress of Rose. Per a friend's recommendation I picked up the book, or should I say audiobook, of "Everything, Everything" by Nicola Yoon. I do not regret this read as I've never hated to love a book more than this.



Behold, The Power of Bundt Cake.

Photo from yahighway.com

The book revolves around the life of an 18-year-old girl, Madeline Whittier, who suffers from bubble baby disease, which prevents her from leaving the house. She spends her time going to school online, reading classic literature, watching movies with her mother, and playing board games with her mother. The only person she's had contact with in her life, besides her mother, is her nurse Carla. Carla has her own teenage daughter, Rosa, who has an obsession with boys. Carla commends Madeline for continuing to be close with her mother, whereas her daughter is not. Though I love Carla, I particularly enjoyed the scenes with Madeline and her mother as they played a game of honor Pictionary and Scrabble with hilariously horrible spellings of words. When she's not with her mother, Madeline lives vicariously through the books she reads and runs a blog that reviews the books. She seems pretty content with her life until a family moves in next door. Though she can't go outside she adds watching the family next door into her daily routine. You think that all this book will be is people watching, but no, it gets better. The two children from next door try to deliver an incredible Bundt cake their mother made. Of course the Bundt cake never makes it past the front door, as exposure to the foreign pastry could prove detrimental for Madeline's health. However, when Olly inquires after her, it's the beginning of a whole new chapter in Madeline's life. Though her mother doesn't allow Olly to see her then, he uses his comedic genius to create a drama from his windowsill staring the infamous Bundt cake. It's Olly's escapades with the rejected Bundt cake that lead to them forming a friendship through email and secret in-person meetings orchestrated by Carla.

Olly is her first taste of the outside world, and once she tastes it, she can't return to a living through books anymore. As Madeline says in the book, "Wanting leads to more wanting. There's no end to desire." Eventually she realizes that her way of living was not living at all and decides to venture into the great unknown.

I won't give away just how the book ends or the secrets of the characters. As someone who hasn't picked up a leisure book during the academic year, this book reminded me the joys and emotional toll of reading. I forgot just how nerve-racking reading can be when you invest in characters who take risks that could be detrimental to their lives. I forgot how it feels to not put a book down and stay up to in the wee hours of the morning curled up hoping that the protagonists survive their self-induced danger. I remember being both happy and terrified for Madeline as she exposed herself to the germs of the outside world. However, I couldn't help but be proud that she was writing her own narrative instead of observing another's. Though "[she] was happy before [she] met him... [She's] alive now, and those [were] not the same thing." If you want to read this book, make sure you have the time to devote toward it, because in the end it is impossible to put it down. There is no branch to grab onto during the falling action; you have to endure the thrill of the plunge. This book is 320 pages, or in my case six hours and 45 minutes of listening pleasure. I would not pass this up as a thrilling spring read.

4.5/5 Rosies



The Legacy of Kobe Bryant

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Lifestyle Editor

Kobe Bryant was born on August 23, 1978 in Philadelphia, PA. He was born to Joe Bryant and Pamela Cox Bryant. Kobe moved to Italy at the age of six with his parents and quickly adopted the lifestyle, although he would constantly travel back to the US in order to play basketball in a league over the summer. Eventually Kobe attended Lower Merion High school in Ardmore, PA. He was the only freshman to start varsity in years and throughout his high school career he scored almost 3000 points averaging around 31 points a game and 12 rebounds a game. Kobe was awarded the honor to be a McDonalds All-American, Naismith player of the year, and a Gatorade Player of the year in his high school career Eventu-



Kobe Bryant in the 1996 NBA draft.

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Kobe in his final all-star game.

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ally Kobe would lead Lower Merion to win their first State Championship in half a century. With his success in high school he attracted attention from countless division one programs such as, UNC, Duke, and Villanova. Although he decided to declare for the draft and go to the NBA straight out of high school. In the 1996 NBA draft Kobe Bryant was taken as the 13th overall pick by the Charlotte Hornets although he was immediately traded in exchange for Vlade Divac on the Los Angeles Lakers. This bold move by Lakers manager Jerry West to draft a guard directly out of high school had never been done before. Years later we find ourselves looking at a dynasty created by Kobe and the Lakers with five championships, a most valuable player award, two time scoring champion, 11 time all-NBA first team, and scoring a mythical 81 points in one game. Kobe will go down in history as not only one to change the game of basketball, but one of the best players to ever grace its court.

Now I know why they call it In-n-Out

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During the break I had to opportunity to try the famous In-n-Out restaurant. As someone who watches plenty of Youtubers in California gush about In-n-Out, my expectations for the food were maxed out. When I arrived and saw the sheer volume of people there convinced me that this was the place for a burger. The menu had a limited number of options: cheeseburger, burger, fries, shakes, milk, and double. There was also the not so secret menu which just had variations of the number of patties on the burger, an option for replacing the buns with lettuce, and animal fries. All of the options were inexpensive ranging between two to four dollars. I selected a basic cheeseburger and fries and waited for my order to arrive. The first disappointment was the condiment table. I am used to limited options of condiments from the Texas franchise what-a-burger, but at least they offer spicy ketchup. In-n-Out only offered basic ketchup and tiny peppers. They didn't even have utensils to cut up the chili peppers so you could put them in the ketchup or your burger. Despite the lack of condiments burger was semi-decent, decked out in lettuce, onion, tomato, cheese, and secret sauce which remotely tasted like sweet relish. I couldn't help but wish for pickles and mustard on my burger to add that familiar salty taste I was accustomed to.

However, even if they had the additional condiments, the fries killed the experience. All the fries were cold despite having just arrived fresh from the fryer. Some fries were burnt and the ones that weren't were squishy. Half of my meal and my entire mood were ruined. I was saltier than the fries. Needless to say I wanted to walk to the What-a-Burger across the street and order something I loved and trusted. I never wanted to leave a restaurant so quickly because the longer I stayed the more disappointed I felt. How could people continue to come to a place that doesn't have their fries together or a substitution option for those fries? Needless to say I won't be back anytime soon unless I am

desperate for a burger and there are no other fast food restaurants in sight. But come on, what are the odds of that?



The infamous animal fries served alongside a cheeseburger at In-n-Out.

Photo from rollingstone.com

Peanut Butter No Bake Cookies



Example of the no bake cookies.

Photo from foodnetwork.com

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Makes About 60 cookies

Ingredients:

- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 stick (8 tablespoons) unsalted butter
- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 3 cups old-fashioned rolled oats
- 1 cup smooth peanut butter
- 1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract
- Large pinch kosher salt

Instructions:

1. Line a baking sheet with wax paper or parchment.
2. Bring the sugar, milk, butter and cocoa to a boil in a medium saucepan over medium heat, stirring occasionally, then let boil for 1 minute.
3. Remove from the heat. Add the oats, peanut butter, vanilla and salt, and stir to combine.
4. Drop teaspoonful's of the mixture onto the prepared baking sheet, and let sit at room temperature until cooled and hardened, about 30 minutes
5. Refrigerate in an airtight container for up to 3 days.
6. Remove from refrigerator when done and enjoy!

Broker or Bust!

Or Busting by Broker?

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Some of you may have heard news of a "cooked nomination," or more formally, a brokered convention, for the Republican presidential nomination. And there is cause for concern. The nomination is not a highest-winner-gets-nomination, but the nominee must have support of the party. Usually, this has been done by the nominee amassing most votes, but there has always been a cut-off number of votes in order to seal the deal. This year, this cutoff may very well take place, leading to a brokered convention. More on that later. Basically, this is



RNC Chairman Prince Riebus, who denounced the possibility of a brokered convention.

Photo by Win McNamee/Getty Images

a rare occurrence with some serious political repercussions. The last time this happened was with Democratic candidate Adlai Stevenson in 1952.

Let's go on to a quick rundown of the number of delegates each candidate has and would need. At time of writing, there are 852 delegates up for grabs, and 1237 are needed for the nomination. Trump has 744, meaning he needs 493 more, or 57% of remaining delegates. Based on current trends, this is possible, but not certain. Cruz has 545, meaning he needs 692, or 81% of remaining delegates. This is rather unlikely. And Kasich... well, Kasich's only shot is the brokered convention that has been all the buzz.

So let's say Trump doesn't get all the needed delegates. The brokered convention goes down like this: in an initial round, delegates from each state place their vote, usually for the candidate they pledged in the state's primary or caucus, but this varies by state. If no winner is found, another round is taken, and more delegates are allowed to vote as they please. Rinse and repeat until a winner is found.

So that's all the rules and mechanics... but what does this mean for the American public, particularly the Republican Party? Some say that once this happens, all three candidates – yes, Kasich included – would be fair game. Keep in mind, this process is not democratic (in the simple political sense of the word); it is republican.

With Trump as the forerunner, there will clearly be party backlash if any other nominee were to be selected. However, in light of some polling data, from

an electability standpoint, Kasich offers an electability advantage. In a RealClear Politics poll, out of all permutations of Democrat and Republican candidates, only one race showed a republican win: Kasich vs. Clinton. Amongst a wider voter base, Kasich's moderateness and (apparent and relative) nonattachment to large political bodies make him a much more palatable choice.

As someone on the bottom right with no real dog in this race, the situation is dreary any way you slice it. Let me give you my take, as I see it.

On the left side of the aisle, you have an authoritarian who prefers a mixed economy (Clinton) and an authoritarian who prefers a command economy (Sanders). Although who they (try) to market their policies towards differs, the core tenants are the same: upholding a complicated and penalizing tax code, maintaining interventionist foreign policy, and overall, the centralization of business and government. Neither of these candidates are willing to heed the Tenth amendment and give an inch of liberty back to the states or individuals that make up this country.

The "right-wing" aisle has Trump, Cruz, and Kasich. From the perspectives of consistency and prudence, Trump is the absolute worst of the lot. This is a man who ran (and in some cases, seems to be running) on a outwardly authoritarian platform only a few years ago and who seems to have little respect for procedure while at the same time demanding respect for the offices that he holds. From a pragmatic standpoint, Trump is a complete gamble. It's really hard to say that he could undo decades of hyper-regulation when his motives are for him to do the exact opposite. Too much risk for something you know will backfire.

As for Kasich? While some of you and the polls may be saying he's a right-winger's only shot, what is the price we're paying? As far as I can see, Kasich is just another Bush, likely to do the exact same things Sanders and Clinton would do, just slower and under a label which has lost its meaning: "conservatism." The talking points are all there, but I'm just not convinced they're going to translate into action and that we won't be swayed out by a Republican leadership focused on electability rather than the things which make conservative candidates electable. If the choice comes down to Kasich and Clinton, quite frankly, I don't see a lot of serious differences.

Cruz's economic policy, featuring a flat tax which does away with loopholes and taxes which hurt working-class Americans the most such as the payroll tax, is laudable. However, when looking at the big picture, his policy ignores critical points that would be necessary for lasting fiscal reform, such as taking steps to dismantle or at very minimum audit the Federal Reserve banking system. His social policy not only leans on the authoritarian, but has been made into a central part of his plan, while we have so many more pressing issues and a public that is not receptive. His social platform is repressive, unelectable, and distracting. That being said, from a stance of consistency and authenticity, he scores the most points in my book. You know what you're getting, you know the man has a spine, and he won't be bought off (easily) by the Republican establishment.

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Would I welcome an upset by a change in candidate? From a pragmatic standpoint, absolutely. From a principled standpoint? I'd love to say that "you dug yourself this hole, now sleep in it," that democracy should run its course and voters get burned from it. However, the last hundred or so years have shown this to not to be the case when a powerful spoils-based government is in play. I'm in the hole as well, and the next four years of policies could prove to be the tipping point for this country. Is Cruz worth the gamble of electability? To delegates at the brokered convention we may see, I say so.

Rose Going Mental

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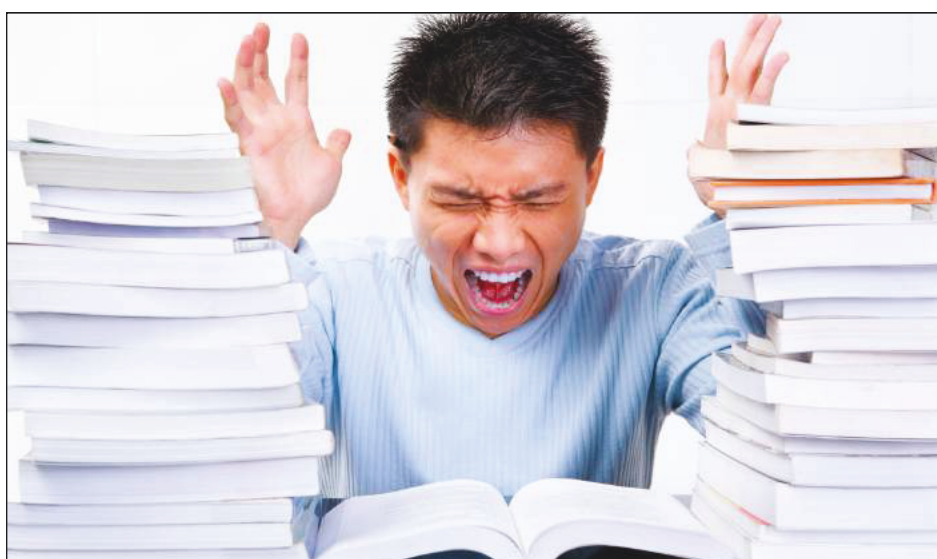
To say that students at Rose are stressed is an understatement. Classes, homework, and a litany of requirements for graduation is a formula honed in throughout the ages by academia to make these four years, if you don't make any mistakes along the way, the most stressful for students. We are here to learn, but not if it is detrimental to our own mental and physical well-being. And while Rose's administration has been working to make services available to students to help them through their time at Rose, the academic side of Rose has simply not kept up, if not needlessly exacerbated students' stressful situation.

Academics at Rose are painfully unorganized and often lead to conflicting deadlines and exams. It is well known among students that professors are ruthless in their setting of due dates and exam times. Students regularly have the misfortune of having multiple exams on the same day, on which a poor performance could lead a student to fail a class. Yet, when faced with complaints from students about multiple exams on the same day, professors are deaf and unmoving, giving a response along the lines of "deal with it." A simple solution, one that has been brought up before, is to have a universal calendar where professors put all their exams. Along with this calendar, a policy limiting the number of exams and quizzes should be implemented. Yes, professors should have full control over how they teach their courses, but they also have a duty to students to help them in whatever way possible, including ensuring an environment where students can succeed.

Even with better planning for exams and assignments, students still need a break from classes to take care of themselves. Mental health days, where a student who is feeling overwhelmed may take the day off to catch up on work and

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sleep, should be considered as an option for students. Many companies and workplaces have implemented



The average Rose student at any given time.

Photo from learn2balance.wordpress.com

these days for employees who simply need time away to recharge and are treated like sick days. There would be much benefit to giving students the option to take a day off. It is the relentless onslaught of work that exponentially increases the pressure on students, but giving the option of a mental health day would act as a pressure release instead of more serious consequences if left alone. Although there is the possibility for these days to be abused, there is room to work on implementing such a policy. This is an area that Counselling Services could be of great use, and their expertise should be leveraged.

It is critical that students' mental health continue to be an ongoing focus of Rose's administration. The number of students going to seek counselling at Rose is rising, and that is a sign that students are in need of better support when it comes to their mental well-being. Rose's academics can be reformed so that they continue to be of the highest quality and rigor, but also reduce the mental and physical toll they exact on students.

Track & Field Edged out in Great Effort

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With eight wins and four meet records at the Indiana Division 3 Track & Field Meet at DePauw University, both the Men's and Women's teams placed second in the event-getting edged out by the Wabash Men's team and the Manchester Women's team. Three individual meet record performances were highlights in Rose-Hulman's eight event victories. The Fightin' Engineers ran sweeps at the men's and women's triple jump titles with freshman Trey Sykes leaping 47' 10 1/2", and sophomore Gabi Razma hitting a mark of 36' 3 1/2". Both triple jump marks were meet records, and Sykes stands No. 2 in Rose-Hulman history after his efforts at the meet. In addition, Sykes mark sits at third overall in Division 3 Track & Field. Freshman Debie Gedeon won the women's 100-meter hurdles with a mark of 15.14 seconds, and the 4x100 relay team finished in 42.37 seconds during their go, finishing with a second place

time in school history. Other individual winners for Rose-Hulman included Nick Palmer in the men's pole vault with a leap of 15' 5" and Addie Johnson in the women's 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:05.96. Rose-Hulman won all of the men's and women's 4-x-400 meter hurdles championships; Brendan Smyth, Smith, Duffy and Hennig won in 3:20.40, while the women's squad of Razma, Victoria Heckenlively, Lindsey Fagerberg, and Johnson claimed top honors in a mark of 4:06.45 that stands No. 3 in school history.

The Engineers also had 11 runner-up performances, including three marks that rank third in school history. On the men's side, Andrew Okruch recorded a discus mark of 166' 6" (third in school history) and currently stands as the No. 2 mark in NCAA Division III this season. Jaelyn Setina cleared the second best high jump in RHIT history at 5' 4 1/4", while the women's 4-x-100 meter relay team of Lauren London, Gedeon, Fagerberg and Razma finished at

50.51 seconds. Other men's runner-up performances included Sykes in the long jump (22' 3 1/2"), Wilson in the 200-meter dash (22.58), Charles Spaeth in the shot put (50' 8 3/4") and Nic Keller in the hammer throw (154' 10").

On the women's side, runner-ups Fagerberg (triple jump, 34' 11 3/4"), Heckenlively in the 400-meter dash (1:00.47) and Razma in the long jump

(16' 11 1/2"). Kally Morozin with an 800-meter time of 2:25.81 that ranks third in school history. RHIT Track & Fields comes home for the Rose-Hulman Twilight Meet on Friday night at the William Welch Track and Field Complex.



Freshman Trey Sykes performing the Triple Jump.

Photo by Rose-Hulman Athletics



Senior Sanders Park showed out this past Sunday.

Photo by Rose-Hulman Athletics

Ballin' Out

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Crushing the opposition beneath their feet, RHIT Baseball swept Bluffton in a three game series, winning 10-5 in the last game. The Engineers sit in first place in the HCAC; at 19-7 (11-3 in conference play), they are looking to complete one of their best seasons in team history. Scoring three times in the second and fourth innings, RHIT Baseball secured an early lead, and used a five pitcher rotation to hold off Bluffton. Rose-Hulman scored three times in the second and fourth innings to gain an early advantage, then five pitchers combined to hold off the Bluffton offense to secure the victory. The Fightin' Engineers also remained in first place in the conference

standings after Sunday's win. Senior Josh Koutnik showed his finesse against the Beavers with nine hits and two singles- he also had 4 RBI's, the most of anyone in the competition. Zack Trusk decided to ball out too, scoring on three runs and getting three walks; Upperclassmen Caleb Kissel and Drew Kissel also scored twice each. Dominating on both sides of the ball, RHIT Baseball's Joey Callahan posted two scoreless innings to seal the W. However, coming up this Tuesday is a conference matchup against Franklin College which will put the Engineers to the test, and potentially help boost their lead in the HCAC.

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Softball Team Falters

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Dropping to 10-11 (2-4 in HCAC), RHIT softball faltered against the Bluffton Team this past Sunday. Despite efforts from Sophomores Michelle Korf and Gabbi Markison with a double each, the team as a whole did not perform strongly in 0-4 and 0-5 losses for the day. However, Rose Softball saw a bright spot from Markison and Jenny Miller, who each recorded two hits. Miller also pitched the entire game, allowing only three earned runs. Next Tuesday the Engineers will face Franklin College in a road conference game.

Golf

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The Men's Golf team at Rose Hulman competed at the Honeywell Golf Course during the Manchester University Men's Golf Invitational this past Sunday against 9 other teams, finishing sixth overall as a unit. On the par 71 course, Sam Pastoriza (junior) completed rounds of 73 (+2) and 74 (+3), while Senior Sanders Park finished in the top 20 of all golfers with rounds of 75 and 76 to finish at 19th. Warren Whithaus and Es Wit-

tayakom also competed, tying at 40th overall; Luke Peoples helped the team with efforts of 86 and 84 on the course. The next competition for the team is slated for April 23rd and 24th at Shadowood Golf Course, and then April 30th - May firstback at the Honeywell Golf Course for the HCAC conference championships.

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Tennis Team becomes RHIT GOAT

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The Men's Tennis team made school history this past week after a win over ITA Central Region 12th ranked Wabash College, winning 9-0. After rolling over the competition with a 9-0 win over Defiance College, RHIT Tennis beat Wabash and improved to 16-7 on the season, and an undefeated 5-0 in HCAC Conference games. Doubles teams Georges Adam and Brandon Benedict won 8-6, Cam Metzger and Andre Adam won 8-2, and Matt Conrad and Joe Kendall defeated Wabash 9-7 to gain an early 3-0 advantage. Singles players Georges and Andre Adam each won two-set matches to secure the victory. Brandon Benedict, Cam Metzger, Matt Conrad, and Andrew Schiffman also won their singles games to seal the victory. Against the Defiance Yellow Jackets, the top five singles tennis players took names and got wins with a sweep victory. Next Tuesday, the Tennis team will square off at home against DePauw to compete against their Nationally Ranked competitors.



Sophomore Cam Metzger GOATing around

Photo by Rose-Hulman Athletics

The Top 15 Things to Regret from Spring Break

1. I came back to Rose
2. Mixing Tequila with Tequila
3. Las Vegas
4. Not Sleeping enough
5. Sleeping through Break
6. That haircut
7. Getting detained in Mexico
8. Reconnecting with friends back home
9. Binge drinking when sick
10. Netflix binge
11. Not doing all that homework
12. Getting that terrible tattoo
13. Politics in General
14. Not moving to Canada
15. Keeping up with the Kardashians

WACKY PROF QUOTES

"There are lots of ways to make a person, I'm going to use bits."

-Dr. Stamm

Well, people bits do make some pretty good persons.

"You asked me what time it is and I gave you instructions on how to make a watch."

-Dr. Tarrant

But by the time its finished, I will have missed the show I was waiting on!

"2+2 is 5 for sufficiently large values of 2."

-Dr. Yoder

Tell my first grade teacher that.

"But you have to think of me as the sadistic, inhuman pig that I am..."

-Dr. Throne

I'm not sure whether to agree or feel offended on your behalf.

Did your prof say something hilarious or just great out of context? We want to here about it! Send your quotes with who said it to thorn-flipside@rose-hulman.edu.

THE HORROR-

SCOPES

We only use the realest of real horroscooping technology here on the SideFlip. We determine your future and past by throwing finals out the window and sobbing quietly into our pillows. We hope that you find our process to be accurate and scientific.

ARIES: You will be struck with the entrepreneurship oppor-

tunity of a life time. Invest all your money and run with it.

TAURUS: You will suddenly develop telepathy this week. Use it wisely.

GEMINI: It's okay to talk to yourself. Sometimes you are the best person to get advice from.

CANCER: This week would be a great week for a vacation. Tell the school it's an interview in another country and just relax.

LEO: Mars enters its retrograde phase at the end of this week, so it would be best not to have too many expectations.

VIRGO: Tuesday will be partic-

ularly windy for you and only you. Be careful with skirts.

LIBRA: Mars enters its retro-

grade at the end of this week, so don't worry if your friends lose interest in you.

SCORPIO: Mercury in your sector of relating makes some lovely aspects in the days ahead.

SAGITTARIUS: You might think you're too busy for love, buy you

you will suddenly give that a second thought.

CAPRICORN: You're moving through a phase in which the cosmos is actively encouraging you to live to your full potential.

AQUARIUS: Tuesday is the day to take a big step you the relationship closes to you.

DISCS: An opportunity will come early this week. Remember, opportunities are never lost, only taken by someone else.



Fact of the Week
Lionesses find lions with dark manes more attractive. (take that, Mufasa!)

Heard 'Round Campus
"All I'm saying is that, instead of Edward and Jacob, it's going to be Iron Man and Captain America."

Welcome back everyone! I'm Lauren Santichen, the Flipside Editor and here to tell you - only five weeks left! And I got a new drawing pad and drawing program and it's so much fun! It's been awhile since I did whole people instead of 'chibi'. It feels good to draw again. :) Anyway, if you have any comments or questions, feel free to send an email To: Thorn Flipside. Also, I've been thinking about starting a serialized comic. I've got some ideas, but what do you guys think? See you next week!