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Cinco de Mayo

SHPE Event Supports Boys & Girls Club of Terre Haute

DEREK HUFFERD
STAFF WRITER

May 5, 2016, or better known as Cinco de Mayo, is a Hispanic holiday that celebrates the victory of Mexican forces over the French during their occupation back in 1862. Nowadays it's a great holiday to get outside and enjoy the nice weather. And SHPE provided just that. Streamers of red, green, black, and white lined the union patio as the diversity club hosted their event to celebrate the holiday.

Tickets to this Mexican buffet were sold in advance, as well as at the welcom-

ing table. Tickets were five dollars, and all proceeds of the event were going to the Boys and Girls club of Terre Haute, which is a club that promotes the youth of Terre Haute to reach their full potential. According to a member of SHPE, they sold around 250 tickets to

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the event, and in total raised over \$700 for the club. Some members of the Boys and Girls club were in attendance as well, able to enjoy the food and music on our beautiful campus.

Brian O'Connor, Vice President of SHPE, said, “Cinco de Mayo went very well, we sold over 200 tickets, ran out of food twice, and raised about \$1000 for the local Boys and Girls Club.”

Even though the event didn't start until 5:00 pm, there were hungry students lined up as soon as 4:20 pm. But the wait was well worth it for some, as they were served two hard corn tortillas piled high with chicken, beans, rice, lettuce, salsa, and sour cream. Students were able to sit down and listen to Latin music as they ate their food. Around 6:30 pm, after a majority of students had eaten and gotten seconds, SHPE brought out everyone's favorite Hispanic party game: the piñata. A Dora the Explorer piñata was hung from a tree and smacked until the lucky recipients got their handfuls of candy. Raffle winners were also announced at this time. The event closed down at 7:00 pm, an overall successful, sold out event.



Cinco de Mayo is a celebration of Mexico's victory over the French at the Battle of Puebla in 1862.

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Admissions: Possible

New Admissions Standards to be Implemented in 2018

LAUREN WISEMAN
NEWS EDITOR

It is a pretty fair assumption that those who are Rose-Hulman students have already passed the institute's admissions standards. However, lots of Rose students have siblings to whom they feed tips and tricks about the school, the campus, and the lifestyle. For those students, the admissions changes might be worth reviewing, which include setting and updating minimum standardized test scores and requiring an essay on the application. The Rose Thorn talked with Lisa Norton, Dean of Admissions, to get more information on the revisions.

Norton explained the admissions standards are set by faculty, and monitored by the admissions office. For these recent changes, the Admissions and Standings Committee, chaired by Dr. Elton Graves, outlined a new set of standards to be implemented for the students enrolling for the 2018 school year. With decades separating the last set of standards from today, the faculty of Rose thought it would be a good idea to look into making some adjustments. The changes are generally minor, with some changes serving as mere formalities, as Norton said a lot of potential Rose students already meet the requirements.

Currently, Rose applicants are required to have four years of English and

math, two years of social studies, a year of chemistry, and a year of physics. In addition to that, students submit their SAT or ACT scores, which have a minimum of 500 critical reading and 550 mathematics, and a 21 English and 24 math score, respectively. For those who feel inclined, students can add an essay to their application. International students have slightly different standards, with requirements pertaining to scores for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). For TOEFL, the minimum score is 80, and for the IELTS, the minimum score is 6.5. With an understanding of the current admissions, here are the ways the Admissions and Standings Committee have tweaked the requirements.

As an institute of technology, science is an integral part of Rose-Hulman's coursework. Formerly, Rose applicants needed a year of chemistry and a year of physics in the fields of science. Now, students interested in going to Rose need a year of biology as well. For most high school students, biology is a requirement anyway, so not much changes for these applicants.

Rose admissions also looks at the ACT and SAT scores of potential students. When it comes to the SAT scores, it is set at 500 for critical reading and 550 for mathematics. An equivalent ACT score of 21 English and 24 math was set, but never ap-

“Admissions is not just about finding candidates who meet the standards.”

proved by faculty. Through the changes set by the Admissions and Standings Committee, these scores have been approved and made official.

Another change has been implemented which affects future foreign exchange students. When attending college abroad, foreign exchange students must demonstrate an understanding of English that meets the standards set by the TOEFL and IELTS. Altered to the new scores of a TOEFL 88, with a sectional minimum of 20, and an IELTS 6.5, with a sectional minimum of 6.0, the standards are tweaked from the earlier scores of a TOEFL minimum of 80 and an IELTS minimum of 6.5. The section-based scores are meant to provide some measure of leeway during the examination.

One potentially polarizing initiative is the required essay. Until 2018, the essay was optional, and students could use it as a personal statement, or ignore it and keep the application as is. By requiring it, potential applicants see how writing is still a critical part of the education process at Rose-

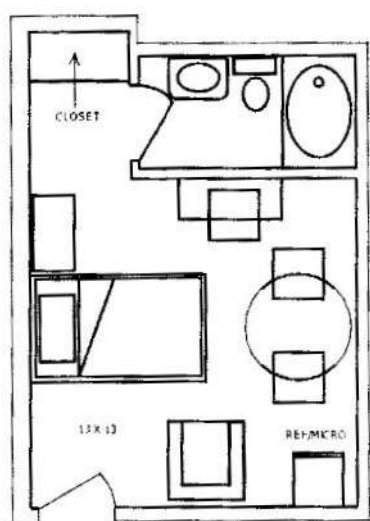
Hulman. Admissions now has the task of determining what the essay prompt will be. Potentially, it will be a personal statement, or a topical prompt, but it is also possible the essay will be left up to the individual writing it.

Regardless of the changes, Norton explained admissions is not just about finding candidates who meet the standards set by the Admissions and Standings Committee. Admissions takes those standards and uses them as a means to find students who exceed the expectations. Because of the faculty and admissions office, Rose-Hulman has been the #1 undergraduate engineering university for seventeen years, and by welcoming in some of the world's brightest minds, Rose-Hulman will definitely continue that trend.

These new standards will go into effect for the freshmen entering Rose in the fall of 2018. Rose-Hulman websites and publications will be updated to reflect these changes.

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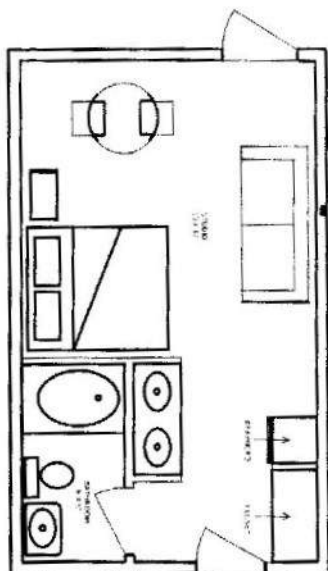
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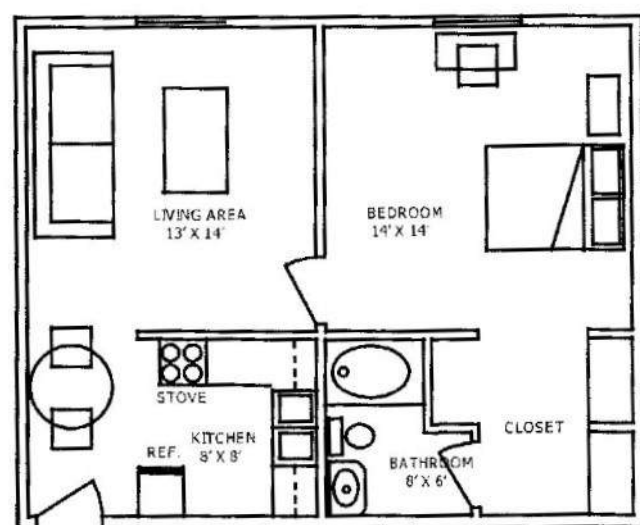


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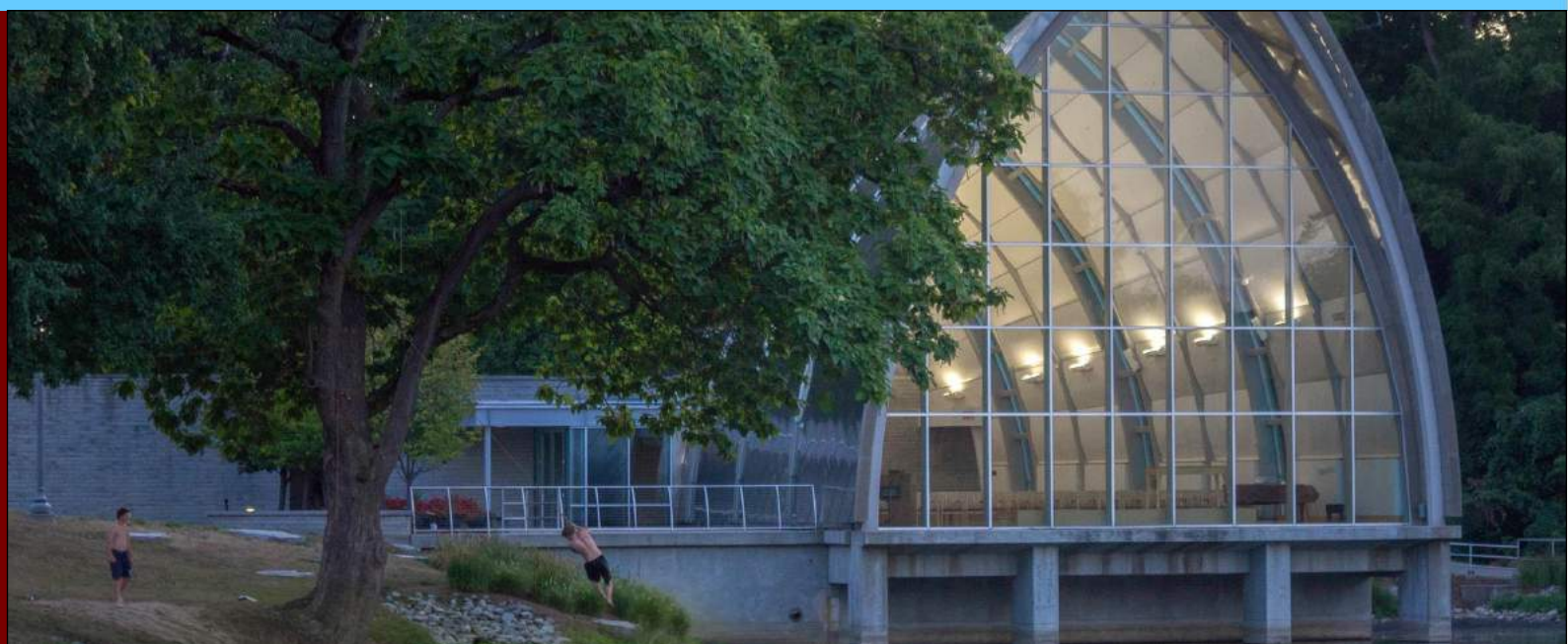
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News Briefs

DEREK HUFFERD

STAFF WRITER

Kim Sets Terms for Nuclear War

The leader of the Democratic People's Republic of North Korea, Kim Jong-un, made statements about his upcoming plans for the country on the second day of the 7th workers party congress this week. These statements were of weapons, and his plans for their use. Kim stated that North Korea would continue their efforts to obtain a nuclear weapon, but he set conditions for when they would deem it necessary to use them. He declared that North Korea would only use these weapons of mass destruction when the sovereignty of their nation is threatened.

Political analysts are both placated, and alarmed by Kim's statements. Analysts say that these statements are reassuring, as they step outside of his fathers' shoes, showing that he is capable of negotiations. But added that these words are open for interpretation, as Kim made no statements as to what 'infringing on their sovereignty' means.

These statements came in conjunction with Kim's new five-year economic plan. He announced that weapons will be mainly used as a deterrent, so that they can focus on developing economically. But economists say that this plan is vague, and more of a publicity stunt to try and please other nations.

Terror Strikes the Skies: Differential Equations

A flight out of Philadelphia headed for Syracuse was delayed for over two hours on a terrorist suspicion on Thursday. The plane was boarding when a woman on the plane started to feel very ill. She passed a note to one of the flight attendants commenting on a fellow passenger with very strange scribbles. That passenger's name was Guido Menzio, an Italian economist, who was doing some differential equations while waiting for takeoff.

Mr. Menzio reports that he was escorted by a flight marshal to the cockpit, where he was forced to explain to the pilots' what the strange scribbles were. However, not everyone has experience with differential equations, and Mr. Menzio states that he was forced to wait while the scribbles were taken off of the plane to be read by more knowledgeable staff inside the terminal.

He stated that after two hours, the suspicious math was returned, found to contain nothing dangerous. According to him the pilot seemed embarrassed that he didn't recognize the mathematics, and blamed it on his age. The lady who had made the allegations against his math was rebooked to a later flight.

Wildfire Burns Through Canada

A wildfire that started last weekend has been making its way through the province of Alberta, CA, and on Thursday it reached the town of Ft. McMurray. The devastation was massive, and according to the local military police (MP), it burned through over 20% of the city.

Local firefighters were able to slow the progress enough so that the entire city of over 100,000 people was evacuated safely. There were no injuries or deaths from the fire, but two died in a collision due to the evacuation.

Firefighters say the troubling news is that the wildfire doesn't seem to have an end in sight. They have tried directing the fire into what they call a fire trap, where the fire can no longer spread. However, they added that the winds blowing eastward have foiled all of their attempts, and the worry that the fire will soon spread into their neighboring province, Saskatchewan, CA.

Even if the fire dies now, it will still go down in history as the most expensive natural disaster in Canadian history, with the price of insurances alone at over two billion dollars.

Tons of Fish Dead in Chinese Lake

A foul stench now plagues the city of Haikou in China after a recent ecological disaster left the entire population of fish in Hongcheng Lake dead. Over 35 tons of fish began rising to the surface of the lake in the Hainan province over the course of the day on Wednesday.

Reports of the anomaly began flooding into the local authorities as citizens began expressing concerns of potentially lethal water pollution, Chinese state media reported. Citizens believed that the local companies in the area dumped harmful chemicals into the water supply. Environmental and pollution regulations in China are some of the lowest in the world.

However, local authorities claim that no pollution was involved in the incident. They state that the massive death can be attributed to a change in the lake's salinity. The lake was recently larger than average, and they report that a small tidal change could have easily picked up a large deposit of salt from the now closer shores, causing the fish to die.

Regional environmental authorities are looking into these claims, and trying to determine the actual cause. Regardless of the outcome, city cleanup crews spent hours trolling through the waters, cleaning up the stinking mess. According to the sanitation workers, some citizens were collecting some of the fish, trying to sell them at local fish markets.

PHYSICS ON A BUDGET

Student Raising Money for Particle Accelerator

LAUREN WISEMAN

NEWS EDITOR

A college student's summer is full of opportunities, whether it is an internship, a fulltime job, or building a particle accelerator. Maybe that last option only applies to one particular individual. Mechanical engineering student Carl Fremlin has decided he wants to replicate the research of a University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign professor. With the assistance of backers on his GoFundMe page and the support of Rose-Hulman professors, Fremlin will be spending his summer working on his particle accelerator.

“I wanted to do a specific branch of research, which I needed a particle accelerator for.”

For those unfamiliar with what a particle accelerator actually does, it uses electromagnetic waves to accelerate particles. Fremlin plans on building a linear accelerator, in which the waves push the particles on a straight path. Electromagnets are especially important for linear accelerators, as these electromagnets keep the particles in line. From this research, Fremlin saw several applications, and was primarily interested in using the accelerator for sharpening tools. For example, when obsidian scalpels are compared to steel scalpels, Fremlin said, “The molecular structure of obsidian is cleaner.” This means sharpening it leaves a much finer edge. However, obsidian is more brittle when compared to steel, and so it loses its edge much faster. Several industries, including surgery and fabrication, can benefit from sharper tools. Fremlin explained that, for these industries, “having sharp stuff is really advantageous.”

Initially, he was going to spend his spring quarter on the sharpening research, but the research evolved into “the design and creation of this unique linear accelerator.” He continued, “I wanted to do a specific branch of research, which I needed a particle accelerator for.” The design is turning out to be an integral part, because, according to Fremlin, “most linear accelerators cost several tens of thousands of dollars.” This did not stop Fremlin, and he was still driven to continue his research, especially given that Rose-Hulman does not currently have a machine which could “effectively execute the research.”

In the process of designing his linear accelerator, Fremlin described it as a “lofty research project,” even though the design is derived from existing, well-documented accelerators. That being

said, he hopes to have a prototype accelerator constructed by the end of the quarter. When he completes it, Fremlin says he will “keep the accelerator on campus” so future students can use the device as well. The accelerator will be “extremely versatile,” because he thought a single-use accelerator would defeat the purpose of helping other students with their own research. He explained that his current design has three modules, including an ion generator and accelerator, a beam focusing chamber, and a target chamber. The plasma chamber is the most integral part, and by changing it, the particle accelerator is fundamentally altered, but Fremlin's focusing and targeting chamber can be changed as the individual needs.

Fremlin's summer will give him the opportunity to finish constructing the linear accelerator and conduct his sharpening research. When he is finished, the device will be open to the campus for use in their own research. He is doing this in hopes more students can learn and understand particle physics and conduct their own research projects. “Particle acceleration is a... very active field,” Fremlin explained, “with significant demand, having use in multiple industries and potential application in many more.”

Fremlin's GoFundMe page is live for individuals to donate and support him in his endeavor. According to Fremlin, all of the theorization associated with the project “manifests itself in physical data.” If Fremlin can complete his project, he would become the engineer behind “one of the world's cheapest ion accelerators,” as well as the mastermind behind “a new method in manufacturing.” The benefits extend beyond physics, with benefits seen in surgery and industry. His primary need is purchasing components he cannot make from scratch, like the 5kV power supply. Anyone can donate, and any help is greatly appreciated. “I truly think this is something the world can benefit from,” Fremlin said, “and the only barrier is our experience with it.”



Fremlin is raising money for his linear particle accelerator. This will allow him to further his sharpening research.

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Elenor and Park

Unremarkable Rome and Juliet Rehash

Amaryllis Biduaka

Lifestyle Editor Emeritus

For the past two weeks I've been listening to Eleanor and Park. Normally, I'm all for a good Romeo and Juliet love story, but this one doesn't stand out. I need more than love to keep me reading. I need drama, plot twists, and betrayal. However, this book didn't have any of those. It was simply a classic, tragic teenage love story.

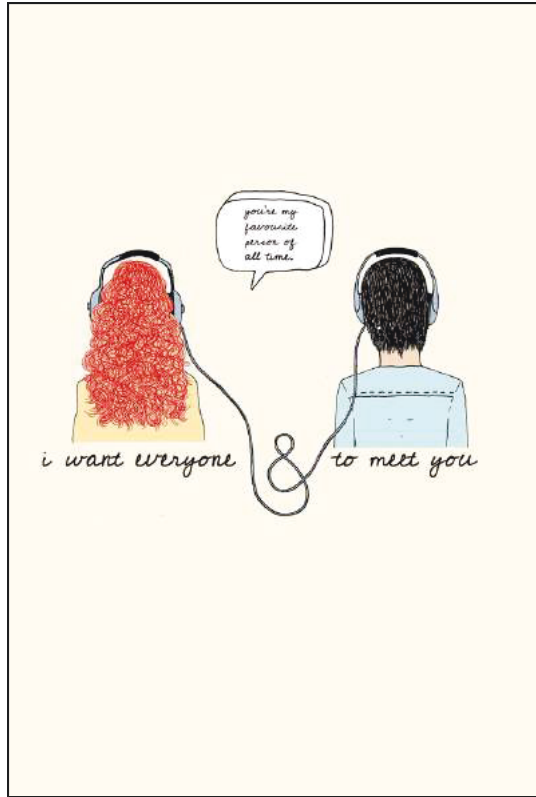
There are two main characters that are, you guessed it, Eleanor and Park. Eleanor lives with her mom, siblings, and her abusive step dad in their tiny home. She has recently returned after being sent away by her stepdad for her insubordinate behavior. She constantly fears for the life of her mother and younger siblings who can trigger her step dad's rage at any moment. Her fashion sense is unique as is her wild, red hair which is all people tend to notice about her. She is the odd one out and people at her high school want to keep her on the outside.

Park lives with his parents and brother. From a young age he has been forced to comply to the rules of his father by taking martial arts and learning how to drive stick. Park is

intimidated by his father and though he believes he can drive a manual; he never can start the car with his father's eyes watching him. Eleanor and Park's first encounter of each other is filled with loathing. He is forced to share a seat with her on the bus after no one offers her a spot. However, it is their mutual enjoyment of comic books that blossoms into friendship and eventually a forbidden romance.

I felt like I was listening to "Check Yes Juliet" by We Three Kings on repeat. Don't get me wrong, it's a good song I just don't want to listen to it for almost nine hours straight. This book was a decent spring read; it just didn't make me feel like I had to continue reading. I felt as if I could leave the book unfinished for a few weeks and pick it back up without being confused. The plot is flat until the bitter end which makes me believe that this book could have been read in an hour but the author felt the need to drag out the plot. This book is decent if you want to wade back into reading, but it's not something I for one will be referring to as more than a novel achievement, pun intended.

3/5 Rosies



Romeo? Juliet? Here We Go Again.

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BURNT

SUMPTUOUS SENSATIONALISM

Curtis Humm

Entertainment Editor

With the recent primaries elevating our simply glorious state to a new level of national attention, those of us who breach the rose bubble have been hearing a lot about what defines a true American. Stepping away from the epistemology of such a nebulous statement based upon political opinions, I would like to take a moment to discuss a movie based on two of America's truly universal hobbies; consuming copious amounts of overpriced foreign cuisine and unwarranted emotional outbursts.

Burnt is the tale of Adam Jones (Bradley Cooper), the rising star of the Parisian fine dining scene, working for the legendary Jean-Luc alongside some of the best culinary minds the world has to offer. Or at least, that was the Adam Jones of three years ago. Adam currently works a minimum wage job at an Oyster Bar in New Orleans, shucking shellfish in the godforsaken time that comes before 8am classes. This change in occupation, as it turns out, was the result of an unspecified incident caused by Adam in which he somehow managed to utterly destroy his career, the careers of the majority of his friends, and shut down

Jean-Luc's restaurant for good, which is actually kind of impressive in its own way. This banishment comes to an abrupt end one morning as he guts his millionth mollusk, wordlessly shucks his apron and returns to Europe, hell-bent on reclaiming his former glory and earning the highest culinary honor available, a third Michellen star.

Adam's quest for culinary supremacy hits quite a few stumbling blocks straight out of the gate, primarily the fact that if you manage to tank the careers of all your contemporaries, they generally will not want to work with you again. Imagine that. Fortunately, he still has a few friends on the other side of the pond, namely Tony (Daniel Brühl), an experienced Maître d'hôtel (which Wikipedia has helpfully informed me is essentially a waiter on steroids), who after some cajoling agrees to help in the endeavor, providing the venue and much needed snarky moral support. We are then treated to a rather artfully cut together fast paced montage recruitment sequence as Adam attempts to bring together a standard array of aspiring young talent and old "friends" who say hello with a haymaker to the jaw. Of course, we can forget the vast majority of them to focus on Helene (Sienna Miller) the cute blonde, goodness knows Adam

certainly did. Thus viewers have to suffer through a requisite romantic subplot that interrupts the vastly more entertaining shots of sizzling meats, flashing knives, stewing vegetables and other such fare one might expect in a movie about the world's finest chefs.

On that note, I would say the cinematography is definitely one of the film's strongest points. Delectable shots of food aside, the camera follows the preparation in such a way as to convey the intense stress and time constraints the chefs are under. Even the inevitable emotional tirades that all theatrical renditions of professional kitchens seem to insist are necessary were rendered with a careful eye to emotional intensity.

Burnt was a pleasant, and visually appealing foray into the intense world of expensive European eateries. While I found the plot to be rather one-dimensional, the characters had an intriguing amount of depth and the dialogue struck a difficult balance between refined verbal sparring and blunt summations. All in all, a welcome break from the explosion ridden sensationalism of modern action flicks.

3.5/5 Rosies



Thorn Throne Corner

Warning: Spoilers Abound

Seun Lapido

Lifestyle Editor

Starting this week I will be reviewing every weekly episode of game of thrones in order to give a summary of each episode. Although beware if you are wishing to avoid spoilers avert your eyes now.

Game of thrones season 6 premiered this April and as always we were greeted with where our favorite characters were left off at the end of the season. Jon Snow, recently dead after being brutally murdered by his own men, Sansa Stark and Theon Greyjoy, trying to escape from Winterfell, and Danyerys Targaryen, captured by a tribe of vicious Dothraki.

With the last season ending with a typical Game of Thrones cliffhanger, this season was bound to have some events to really shake up the story. Although it seems that way, sadly, the show is going nowhere fast. Danerys has been "learning to rule for the last five seasons" in Mereen, a slave city, that is nothing like King's landing her true goal. It's as if she's practicing playing a piano so she can play the guitar for



Remind Me, Who Is Still Alive?

Photo from gameofthrones.wikia.com

the Bolton's getting stronger and becoming more brutal every episode. I'll have to wait for the events to unfold before I give any more criticism on the recent events in the show.

3.5/5 Rosies



Album Review: A Good Night In the Ghetto

Peter Braun
Buisnuess Manager

Quick, name the biggest female rappers making music in 2016. Having trouble? Unfortunately, there aren't a lot of female rappers in the mainstream making great music. Sure, there are female pop-rap stars Nicki Minaj and Iggy Azelea, but they're known less for their hip-hop prowess and more for pop hits and big booties. Beyoncé may be known to drop a verse every once in a while, but rapping is hardly her main focus.

It's a shame too, because there have plenty of talented female hip-hop artists throughout the years – Lauryn Hill, Queen Latifah, M.I.A., Lil' Kim were all artists who upset a traditionally testosterone soaked genre with their unique beats, rhymes, and outlook on life.

Oakland based rapper Kamaiyah's debut mixtape A Good Night in the Ghetto breaks the mold. Don't let the "mixtape" designation fool you – it's a quality collection of tracks, made with the knowledge that these days, there's hardly a difference between an album and a mixtape – listeners aren't going to pay for your music anyway.

From the start, the tracks are catchy and upbeat. The tape opens up with I'm On, a lively track about the joy of rising through the ranks of hip-hop, and is followed up with Out the Bottle, a song documenting a night of heavy drinking with a hazy memory – college students shouldn't have any trouble relating here.

Kamaiyah raps about relationships with friends and significant others on a couple tracks, and it's interesting to hear her viewpoint as a woman, especially when she dives into somewhat raunchy tracks about her relationships with men. These tracks serve as a fresh change of pace from the misogyny-laced lyrics of many of Kamaiyah's male contemporaries, and it's refreshing to hear a female perspective.

Kamaiyah's most defining feature may be her swaggering confidence. She isn't the most technical rapper – don't expect fast, technical flows or complicated word-play – but she breezes over beats with the calm confidence of a rapper who's comfortable in her own skin and knows exactly what kind of music she wants to make.

On the production side, Kamaiyah has an ear for catchy, bass heavy, synth driven beats. They're upbeat and make you want to bob your head – especially the standout track and lead single How Does it Feel. On this track, Kamaiyah raps con-

fidently about her desire to be wealthy and successful in the hip-hop game, and the sharp contrast with her humble upbringing. If she keeps dropping projects like this, she shouldn't have any trouble making it to the top.



A picture of Kamaiyah's new album

Photo by [moresneakers.com](#)

Insider look: Indianapolis Comic Con

Amaryllis Biduaka
Lifestyle Editor Emeritus

Two weekends ago I had the opportunity to venture to Indianapolis' comic con. My friend and I planned on cosplaying during the weekend and scoping out the venue on Friday. When I arrived in a harry potter t-shirt, I felt out of place. The majority of individuals were already in elaborate cosplay attire and there I was walking around in a simple t-shirt. There were cosplays spanning all fandoms, from Deadpool and Harley Quinn to Sylveon and Chibi Robo. Some costumes were more elaborate than others but all of them expressed the same passion for their fandom. I made a mental note to myself that I wouldn't show up to a future con without cosplay attire. Con was three days of nerd-o-ween and I didn't want to miss out on opportunities to dress up. Since the vendor area was shut down by the time I arrived, my friend and I spent the rest of the evening playing vintage arcade games. The games reminded me of my childhood and as I played them I was glad for the improvement of graphics over the years. We closed the night off jamming to the band The Shake Ups in Ponyville and watching the nerd circus, a circus whose performers cosplayed popular characters across multiple genres. The belly dancing Chewbacca was definitely my favorite.

Saturday was by far my favorite day at con. My friend, her sister, and father cosplayed as 50's the Powerpuff girls and Professor Utonium. I was surprised by the sheer number of people that could recognize our cosplay even when we were apart from each other and the amount of people who wanted a photo. Someone even offered to cosplay as Mojo Jojo later on in the day but sadly we never saw them again during the day. My friend was interested in the Star Wars panel featuring the actors of Darth Maul and The Emperor, so I amused her by going to the panel. My personal favorite was going to two panels hosted by Puny Panels. The first of these panels discussed love stories that were better than Twi-

light which consisted of anime, book to movie adaptations, and childhood cartoons. I was laughing the entire time and expanding my list of new TV shows to watch when I went home. The second panel they hosted was about a show none of my friends watch: RWBY. I discovered the show last year after the original creator's death trended on Facebook. From the first episode I was hooked, and I longed to have friends that enjoyed the show as much as I had. It was wonderful being surrounded by individuals that were just as passionate about the show as I was. These two panels really taught me the true meaning of comic con: expressing your inner fangirl/boy. They encouraged you to scream and cheer when favorite story appeared and present your own theories.

Parts of Saturday and all of Sunday were spent shopping. The vendor area, or rather vender village, was jam packed full of a variety of gifts for every fan. There were comic books, independently published science fiction books, and fan art. There were nerdy t-shirts, handmade jewelry, wigs, and stuffed animals you wouldn't find anywhere else. After walking by several booths and finding similar style merch, I found the car buying strategy appropriate. If you see something you like, ask what the price is and walk away. Unless it is a custom piece, you can likely find it at another booth for a few dollars cheaper. Also its important not to impulse buy and think it through before purchasing. Unless you deliberately came to con with the intent to buy said item, it's best to wait. There is likely to be plenty of that item unless you are shopping on the last day.

Overall I had a wonderful time at Convention, and I hope to go to more. The best advice I can give for con is bring a friend with you and be sure you pack plenty of money so you can buy one of a kind items you won't find anywhere else. Going to con in cosplay alone can be a bit intimidating but if you bring a friend to cosplay with you, it makes it twice as fun and you feel more comfortable portraying your character.

Music Corner: Vulfpeck

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Vulfpeck is a small indie funk/jazz/alternative band based out of Los Angeles California. Their tone of music can only be described by taking the Motown funk of the 1970's and putting it in a blender with a bunch of west coast hipsters listening to oldies in a retro coffee shop, not Starbucks of course, that's way to mainstream.

Although this may sound weird, their music is some of the most pleasant sounds I have ever been fortunate to listen to. They use such simple beats along with at time amazingly complicated bass lines to create some music that hasn't been replicated in any band I have heard in a long time.

Even their vocalist, Antwan Stanley, doesn't need lyrics or a deep meaning to have create an impactful song. Two songs by Vulfpeck, 1612 and Funky Duck, have some of my favorite composition by this artist, despite both having little to no lyrical sense. The songs still have such an impact with the pure noises they make with their vocals and their instruments.

Honestly, I think you should just go listen to 1612 and take a listen for yourself. I could write a book analyzing Vulfpeck, and I would be more confused when I finished than when I started. Their music is like they are massaging your senses, but you will not know exactly what I mean until after you give them a listen.



Joe Dart and Jack Stratton in their homemade recoding studio.

Noisey.vice.com

Out of Sorts

An Examination of the Houses of Hogwarts

Curtiss Humm
Entertainment Editor

All right, it's been five years since the last of the Harry Potter movie came out, and by now we have heard the "Which House is the best/should you belong to/is tragically misunderstood" argument so many times. We have gone beyond beating a dead horse to the point where I think it looped into some form of inferius-necro-equestrian. Well, with the upcoming Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them film making it cool to talk about Harry Potter again, now is as good a time as any to mount said abomination. Plus, if there is one thing the current political climate has proven, there is apparently no party alignment argument too asinine for media attention. Without further ado, let's take a look at the options.

Gryffindor:

With arguably every major protagonist amongst its membership, Gryffindor is a natural starting point for examination. Going solely by how they are represented in the books, Gryffindor's are noble, heroic, and above all brave. They also can conveniently show the traits of every other house on the list, so long as we accept the fact that they showed a real promise for bravery when they were eleven. Bravery and nobility aside, Gryffindors, as the books focus on, present a general feel of kindness and altruism, or at least as much as a pack of adolescents are capable of. Taken all together, Gryffindor seems like a natural place to place anyone of protagonist material.

Which, in a way, makes a lot of sense.

Putting aside the fact that our hero and company needed to be in one of the houses, we have to remember that the semi-sentient object doing the vaunted sorting was the former possession of the patriarch of the lions, Godric Gryffindor himself. Let's face it, If I was given the opportunity to personally enchant the all-powerful decision making machine out of whatever I happened to be wearing on my head at the time, I wouldn't be above telling it "Hey while you're at it, after those other three kick it, put all the cool kids in my house. Legacy, assured."

Then again, for all the feel-good generic positive traits we see from the boys and girls in red, there are some rather unsettling exceptions. Enter the Weasley Twins and the Marauders of old; undoubtedly brave to a fault, funny beyond compare, and grade A bullies when you really think about it. While the fantastical nature of the pranks remove us from the consequences, the twins make a habit of pelting professors with enchanted self-guided snowballs, transforming fellow students into canaries, etc. From what little we see of the Marauder's in the book five memory, they were just as bad if not worse. Heck, our main trio break rules like they breathe, as much as we vaunt bravery as a character trait, fear of consequence is a rather useful tool in maintaining scholastic safety.

Slytherin:

Every hero needs a villain, and thus our heroic house was so generously provided with a clearly villainous counterpart. Filled to the brim with those of "ambition and cunning", any villain who doesn't hail from the halls of Salazar is treated as a shocking abnormality. Almost all interactions with this house have a distinctly hostile overtone, from the most brutal Quidditch bouts to casual classroom sadism. All in all, the house as a whole seems to simply serve as a villain repository to make enemy recognition that much easier on the readers.

Which also makes a lot of sense given the times.

It's only been a generation since Voldemort launched his war on the known wizarding world complete with hate crimes, terrorism, and assorted chaos. If his

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follower's began as his school friends, possibly from the house he belonged to, and he used the antiquated opinions of a man centuries dead to justify his actions (Slavery amongst the founding father's anyone?), then sure, at the moment the vast majority of the students will be the children of "reformed" (note the quote marks, they denote sarcasm) death eaters. The stigma of association will probably keep any of the normally ambitious from signing on, defaulting to any other option the hat will provide, case in point, Harry in book one.

Of course, this is all Slytherin according to the books, the popular culture view can vary quite widely. Aside from the dark allure of villainous characters the world around, cunning and ambition are, in it of themselves, rather admira-

ble qualities. Take the average Rose student for example. The vast majority of us fought tooth, nail, and claw to get into this institute, if we didn't have ambition we could have majored in liberal arts. Speaking of the average Rose Student...

Ravenclaw:

"Wit beyond measure is a man's greatest treasure," a catchy phrase that many of us can relate to. Of course, going by the books, Ravenclaw's aren't exactly as hyped as a Rose analogue clearly should be. Honestly? Their role is more along the lines of non-playable characters in video games to round out the cast. Generically brainy, not much for that whole socializing thing when they could just study, quietly in their dorms, away from the adventure. To add insult to injury, they can't even be cool for that because Hermione is the "brightest witch of her generation" and she's in Gryffindor so... not actually that much going for 'claws canon wise aside from Luna Lovegood, the house outlier.



The four Hogwarts Houses from the Harry Potter Universe.

Photo from wallpaper.zone

Despite this lack of literary presence, Ravenclaw is a strong contender in the whole "What house do you relate to" argument, possibly because the kinds of bookish and nerdy individuals who participate in these arguments are... well, bookish and nerdy individuals. Enough said. Not to mention the general lack of association, positive or negative, provided by the books allow prospective recruits to provide their own definition of an ideal Ravenclaw.

Hufflepuff:

Ah, dear Helga's house. Shown throughout the books to be... basically Ravenclaw without the brainy aspects. With the sole exception of Cedric Diggory, Hufflepuffs don't actually appear or do that much. As a result, I have encountered two mentalities when it comes to their house identity in the real world.

Option A) Loyal and Hardworking. Most of the folks I have spoken with associate Hufflepuffs with the honest, down to earth, types who roll up their sleeves, stick together, and get the job done. This often leads directly to Option B) The Losers who do Societies' Drudge Work. In the right/wrong situations, calling someone a Hufflepuff can lead to honor duels, you have been warned.

I am inclined to follow option B, but for different reasons. Mainly the fact that Option A angers me for being wrong. Just to clear the air on the pet peeve that was one of the main reasons I wrote this article, Hardworking and Loyal are traits that are associated colloquially with Hufflepuffs, but when the eponymous Sorting Hat bothers to explain how it performs the sorting in book five, the section on Hufflepuff reads "Said Hufflepuff, 'I'll teach the lot And treat them just the same.'"(Harry Potter and the Order of the Pheonix) By definition, a Hufflepuff is one whom none of the other houses wanted, and had to be ensured by their founder that she won't think less of them for it.

Which after eighteen year's I have realized is the house's main selling point. Hufflepuffs are the ones whose character is more complex than "smart, brave, or ambitious", a house where you will be surrounded by people different than you as there is no one character trait that defines your membership. As an occasionally proud- member of the self-proclaimed melting pot, I believe this is the most desirable aspect of the lot. I suppose now, all we need is a viable candidate and we have a party that could lock down the eighteen to twenty five year old demographic. Hufflepuff 2016!

Third Party's the Charm

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Opinions Editor

The stage is set. Trump looks to be the nominee from the Republican side of the aisle (discounting Republican National Committee (RNC) shenanigans with Kasich which we'll get to in a bit), Hillary on the other. Two candidates which have polled very, very poorly in the general election. Two candidates which both sides of the aisle prefer not for principled reasons, but for political expediency. Two candidates whose policies, quite frankly, aren't that different: increase the involvement of the U.S. government in international affairs, do what's politically expedient for domestic policy, amass more power in the central government, and, above all, justify their job.

There is an enormous campaign which does not back a specific candidate, but seeks to eliminate one: #NeverTrump.

Has there really been this much disgust with U.S. politics than now with these two candidates? Have the Republican or Democratic parties ever seen this much division and polarization? What better political climate could exist for a third party? I'm not going to point fingers at all here. Who it ought to be, I

do not know. But here's what I think they'd need to do to win.

Avoid labels. "Conservative" is a label easily slapped on (see: Trump), and a label easily mocked (see: Cruz). Progressive and socialist fare similar routes. What this candidate is about must be made clear from policy.

Avoid social issues. People nowadays do not fit easily into both economic and social conservative or liberal orientations. And when both candidates look like a compromise, the worst thing is to bring in issues that are not as pressing but will make you look much worse.

Avoid brashness. If you want to be an alternative, you have to be an alternative to Trump.

Avoid bureaucracy, oligarchy, and holier-than-thou-ness. Also, don't be a criminal. Don't be Hillary.

Now... Kasich. Regardless of what you think: brokered convention is probably a bad idea. Support is necessary from both sides of the aisle, and for a candidate to be endorsed by the RNC is probably a bad idea. People from the Democratic side of the aisle aren't only looking for someone to oppose Trump, they are looking for someone to oppose Hillary, too.

Baseball Team Wins HCAC:

A Victory on Senior Night Clinched Regular Season For the Engineers

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Your 2016 Rose-Hulman Baseball team are regular season champions! The team’s senior day on which it honored the largest senior class in the history of the school saw a 10-2 thumping of Mount St. Joseph to clinch the regular season championship and the opportunity to host the HCAC Baseball Tournament later this week. Fourteen seniors were honored for their contributions towards top 25 national rankings, tournament championships, and regular season championships over the past four years.

Despite the resounding final margin of victory, it took the Engineers a few innings to settle into their

groove against the Lions. Manchester struck first in the first inning and then once again in the third, both on RBI singles, to take an early 2-0 advantage. The two runs would be the last of the opposing offense as it would be all Rose from there on out. A Zach Hull RBI would put Rose-Hulman on the board in the bottom of the fourth inning, and back-to-back RBIs from Hazen Hamather and Evan Witsken would erase the deficit and put the Engineers up 3-2. The Engineers followed the strong inning with an even more impressive fifth inning in which David Burnside knocked in two RBIs on a double and Hull and Hamather each drove in a run apiece on single RBIs to increase the lead to 7-2. The scoring resumed in the 7th inning when Patrick Klima scored a run and Zach Trusk drove in two RBIs on a

single to bring home the final margin of victory.

Daniel Sutherland pitched a vast majority of the game, throwing 7.1 innings and allowing just two earned runs with three strikeouts. Ian Grant made a brief stint for .2 innings, and Gunnar Hutchison closed out the day. The Engineers played their last regular season game Sunday against Webster and will kick off the conference tournament against Manchester on Thursday, May 12th. Be sure to come cheer your Engineers on as they seek a regional tournament bid starting this Thursday!

Draft Recap:

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The 2016 NFL Draft is over, the joy, drama, and mystique that players and their families experience has passed. Moving past the drama, the NFL is a business and the draft is a tool for each business to gain a competitive edge. A lot of teams were able to potentially fill glaring needs that could help them hoist that sweet Lombardi, however, some went above and beyond in the pursuit of football glory. Below is a list of players who’s addition to their respective teams not only adds to the roster in a big way, but sets each team up to compete during the playoffs.

Ezekiel Elliot- Fourth Overall. RB, Dallas Cowboys

Ezekiel Elliot had a fantastic career at Ohio State, and will be able to take advantage of a stout offensive line, as well as talent already in place at quarterback and wide receiver. This is the most impressive pick in the draft because it gives a team on the bubble the chance to culminate all of the talent built over the last five years into a scary team that can be a legitimate title contender. If not for Romo’s injury last season, the Cowboys could have returned to the playoffs for a deep run. With Elliot in the backfield, the Cowboys complete a solid roster with an outstanding player at running back.

Jaelen Ramsey– Fifth Overall. CB, Jacksonville Jaguars

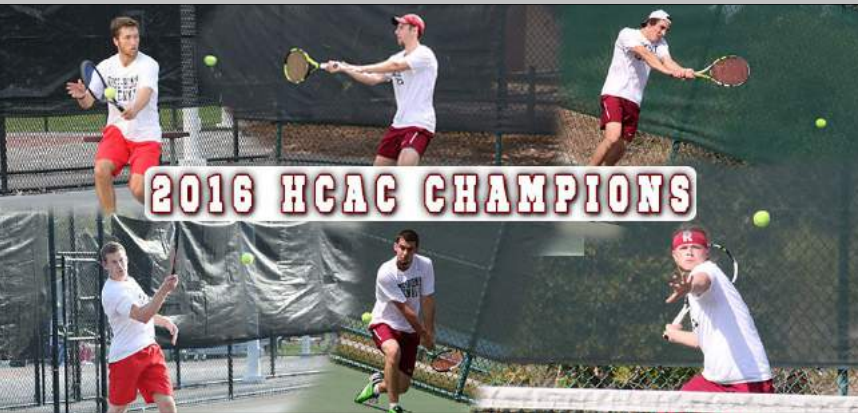
Ramsey was widely regarded as a top five talent coming into the draft, and his induction into the NFL by the Jaguars gives him the opportunity to prove his worth in a defense in dire need of pass coverage. The Jaguars have made excellent moves to help build a team with a nasty defense and a proven offense. I would love to see Malik Jackson, Dante Fowler Jr., Myles Jack, and Ramsey complete a defense rated 24th in the league in defense last season. Ramsey is the finishing touch on a team ready to make a push for the playoffs after almost a decade of struggle.

Myles Jack– 36th Overall. OLB, Jacksonville Jaguars

An outstanding talent at linebacker, and projected future pro, Jack fell to the second round after questions about his health kept him out of the first round. Withdrawing from UCLA to rehab a torn anterior meniscus, Jack already appears healthy enough to play; if he can live up to his potential, the Jaguars have found a steal of a pick in a top five talent who is athletic enough to play both at Linebacker and at Safety. His addition to a hurting defense combined with the talents acquired by Gus Bradley elevates the Jaguars to a team that is ready to see the postseason.

Laremy Tunsil– 13th Overall. OT, Miami Dolphins

Seen as the best overall prospect heading into the draft, Tunsil had a fall from grace when his twitter account was hacked and a video of him hitting a bong was released during the draft. Although his addition to the Dolphins may not set the team up for the playoffs, Tunsil fills a huge need for a team who’s QB has never had the opportunity to flourish because of a lack of available talent at Offensive Line. With the addition of Laramy Tunsil and new coach Adam Gase (seen as a proven offensive mastermind after making Peyton Manning and Jay Cutler elevate their play), the Dolphins have a chance to surprise everybody this season.



RHIT Tennis named 2016 Conference Champs.

Photo by Rose-Hulman Athletics



Myles Jack, UCLA LB and potential NFL Superstar.

Photo by NFL.com

Tennis Continues Historic Season

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The Men’s Tennis team went undefeated in every match in the HCAC tournament to repeat as conference champions and become the second Rose-Hulman athletic squad to win its conference this weekend.

Nobody expected any difficulty for the Engineers in getting past the semifinals of the HCAC Tournament against Hanover, and the Engineers lived up to the hype so fast the final four matches were called off to save time. Rose repeated their regular season success against the Wildcats in a 5-0 victory that put them in the championship against a third-seeded Transylvania team.

The wins mostly came through the doubles matches, which were played first. Georges Adam and Brandon Benedict took down Hanover’s first doubles duo in an 8-0 victory, and Andre Adam and Cam Metzger won second doubles 8-3. Joe Kendall and Matt Conrad repeated the 8-3 victory in third doubles, which meant all the Engineers needed to lock up the W was two singles victories - Georges and Benedict didn’t

need any further motivation. Georges won first singles in a 6-0, 6-1 decision and Benedict blanked his second singles opponent 6-0, 6-0 to finish off the Wildcats.

On Sunday, in the championship round, Rose took down Transylvania in an equally dominant performance to secure their bid to the national championship. Georges and Benedict won first doubles 8-0 again, and Metzger and Andre teamed up for an 8-3 second doubles win. Third doubles proved to be the toughest win of the weekend but Conrad and Kendall pulled out a 9-8 (7-4) victory to continue the sweep. The only finished matches in the singles round were Benedict’s 6-0, 6-0 shutout and Metzger’s 6-0, 6-1 victory in second and third singles respectively. The Engineers now have won 20 straight conference matches and finish the regular season 20-8, good for the most wins ever in the school history. Rose will find out where and who it plays in the national tournament on Monday at noon.

TRACK & FIELD FINISHES TOP 10 AGAINST D1, D2, & D3 IN REGION

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When you beat the competition as soundly as you do at Rose-Hulman, you get a few special privileges. One of these privileges is sending your athletes to compete against some of the top track and field competition in the nation, which Rose did at the Indiana University Billy Hayes Invitational on Friday night. Seven of the eleven present Rose athletes finished in the top 10 among Division I, II, and III athletes from across the region.

The best finish on the day went to freshman Trey Sykes, fresh off being named HCAC Men’s Freshman of the Year, who had a 47’ 6 ¼” hop in the triple jump to take third place overall, and then 12th overall in the long jump. Sykes was followed up by Jaclyn Setina and Ben Wewe, who both finished sixth in the high jump and the

javelin throw respectively. Debie Gedeon placed eighth in the 100-meter hurdles. A blazing sub-four minute mile time of 3:58.46 from Brendon Mattiuz gave him a 9th place finish. Freshman Nick Palmer and junior Andrew Okruch rounded out the top-10 performances with a 9th place mark in the pole vault and a 10th place discus toss.

Other notable performances included Victoria Heckenlively (400-meter dash), Isaiah Smith (400-meter hurdles), and Josh Himes and Charles Spaeth (discus).

Rose athletes will next compete at the All-Great Lakes Elite Meet at Ohio Wesleyan on May 19th.

The Top 20 Expectations for Bon Appetite

1. Trays
2. French Accents
3. Unburnt Eggs
4. Real Eggs
5. A better name than “ARA”
6. Surf and Turf
7. Open Bar
8. Fewer visits to Nurse
9. Hibachi Grill
10. Good Rice (that isn't grits)
11. Functioning juice machines
12. Trays (Seriously...)
13. Sluttier Cups
14. Pimp Cups
15. Keep all the Employees
16. Better hours
17. Non-cardboard Pizza
18. Non-rubber chicken
19. Nuggets every day
20. Expensive cereal

Heard 'Round Campus

"I'm going to get some lemonade."

"To wash it down?"

"To forget it."

"That's what the alcohol is for!"

Fact of the Week
The Vice Presidency of the U.S. has been vacant due to resignation or death a total of 37 years and 290 days, about a fifth of the time since the U.S. became a country.

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Looking for a Match?

Odd Man Out



Hey, did you know that 4,153,237 people got married last year?



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Don't get me wrong, but shouldn't that be an even number?

WACKY PROF QUOTES

-Dr. Yoder
Wait, that might actually raise my overall score!
"I know I'm crazy and an old fart, but..."
-Dr. Throne
But...? Now I'm curious
"What if I offered to poke you in the eye with an umbrella?"
-Dr. Tarrant
Oh well, when you put it that way...
Did your prof say something hilarious or just great out of context? We want to hear about it! Send your quotes with who said it to thorn-flipside@rose-hulman.edu.

-Dr. Kershaw
Where does one go to train to be a ninja?
"Yes, I'm a jerk, I know it. It hasn't bothered me for 41 years and it won't bother me now."
-Dr. Tarrant
Well, as long as you know, I guess that's okay.
"I could give imaginary grades...Take the complex envelope."