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Repurpose and Recycle

ESW's End of the Year Event to Help Terre Haute Charities

Lauren Wiseman
News Editor

As the school year draws to a close, students find themselves sorting through a year's worth of clothes, books, papers, and other miscellaneous materials. Many students try to sell them through Share-Point with varying success, and when that fails, students can end up just throwing these items out. In an attempt to cut down on the potential waste, the Engineers for a Sustainable World (ESW) are sponsoring a campus-wide Recycle and Repurpose event.

“This is the biggest ESW event of the year.”

The ESW President, Joshua Spalding, explained how the event was going to unfold. There will be bins in each of the residence halls for small items, like non-perishable foods or clothes. On Speed

Lawn, there will be a much larger bin for bigger items, such as furniture. This will be especially useful for those throwing out the lumber used for their lofts.

The event will last from Tuesday to Friday of this week, with one more collection day on Saturday. From the residence halls, the bins will be collected and taken to Speed Lawn every night from 5-7 p.m. On Saturday, that time will be from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The donations will be sorted and itemized to make it easier to determine which items go where. With four charities receiving items, it will be important to have this list.

This is the biggest ESW event of the year. All of the unwanted

items collected over the course of the week will go to one of four charities. Habitat for Humanity, a charity devoted to building “homes, community, and hope,” will receive



ESW will be donating the items received during the week to one of four local charities.

Photo Courtesy of Rose-Hulman ESW



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Blue Key STEM Fair

Vigo County Students Peruse Rose-Hulman Club Projects

Lauren Wiseman
News Editor

Last Tuesday, Rose-Hulman's clubs and organizations gave local students the opportunity to enjoy an evening in Moench Hall, perusing the science projects of the Blue Key STEM Fair. The event was put together by Blue Key, an on-campus honor society that does service activities “both for the school and for the wider community.” It is an annual event, drawing projects and participants from approximately 20 Rose clubs and organizations.

According to Gregory Nathan, a Blue Key leader and one of the STEM Fair organizers, the event

gave Rose clubs a chance to show off “a cool science project they think will help local students get encouraged in science.” Middle school and high school students from Vigo County schools were invited to register, then browse the science experiments and science projects put together by Rose clubs.

Upwards of 20 Rose organizations participated, and the experiments were wide and varied. Nathan said the groups were asked to find projects that would give students something entertaining and engaging in the field of science. Rose-Hulman's clubs delivered. For example, the American Institute of Chemical Engineering

(AIChE) gave students a chance to extract DNA from fruit, and Unity demonstrated the color changing milk experiment. In addition to these projects, students also got a chance to learn how airplanes fly and how a concrete boat can still float.

The STEM Fair is a part of Rose-Hulman's Explore Engineering program, which shows younger students just how interesting projects within the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics can be. With more attention focused on promoting STEM education, supporting STEM teachers, and creating STEM jobs, getting mid-



SHPE members present their projects to Vigo County schoolkids at the Rose-Hulman STEM Fair.

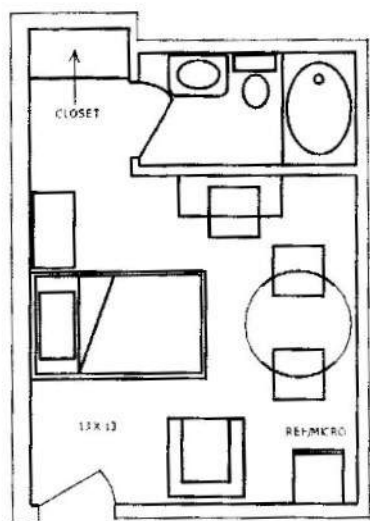
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“Thanks to the help of Blue Key and the Explore Engineering program, Rose is contributing to a brighter future.”

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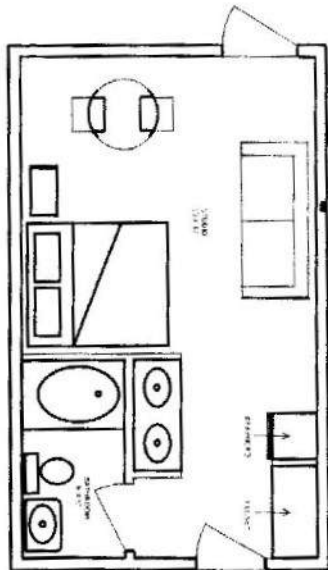
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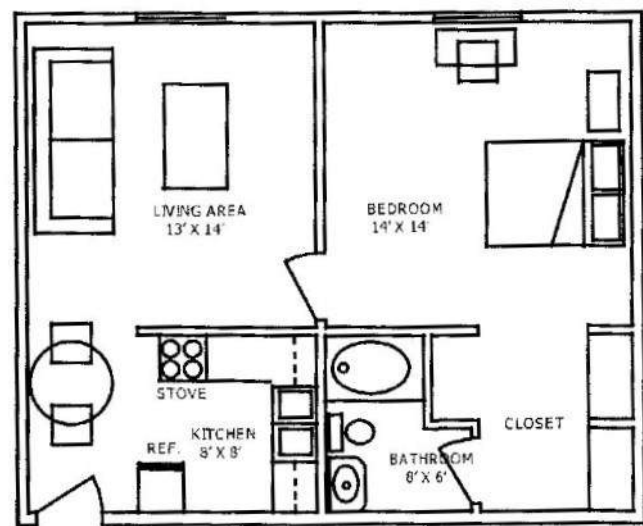


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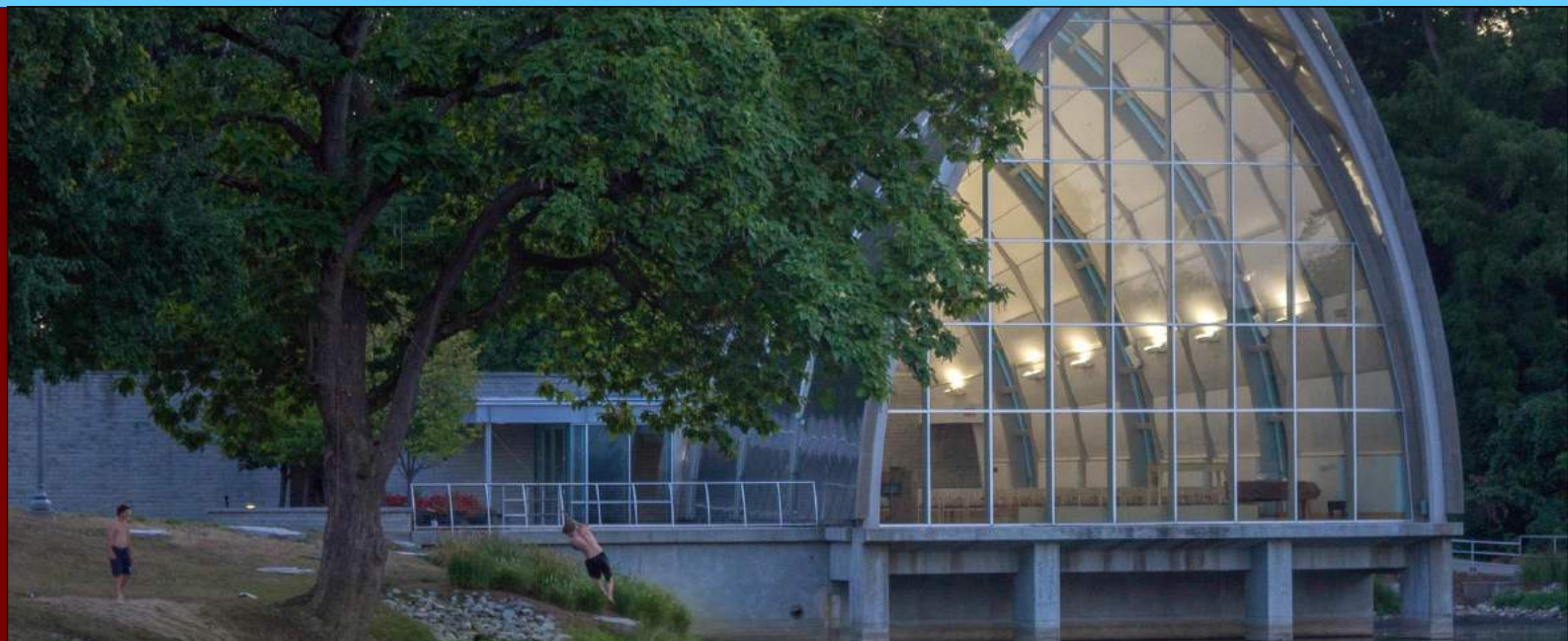
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News Briefs

Derek Hufferd

Staff Writer

Donald Trump Branded Heroin Seized

Two drug dealers were arrested in Springfield, Illinois on Wednesday for possession and sale of heroin. But it was not the drug that has police talking about the arrest of 55-year-old Mark Hunter and 39-year-old Seneca Johnson.

According to Sgt. John Delaney, the police force seized 193 bags of heroin that the culprits were delivering. All of the bags were addressed to current Republican Party presidential nominee, Donald Trump.

Sgt. Delaney states that they had obtained a warrant to search the suspects' house earlier that week, when they saw them trying to sneak out of the house with large objects stuffed inside of their pants. Delaney stated after catching and questioning the suspects, it was found that they were holding packages of heroin with Trump's face printed on the plastic.

After searching the house, Delaney claims that they found much more heroin, as well as packages of cocaine and other drug paraphernalia, also all having the Trump picture and name stamped onto them. Narcotics detectives claim that they have been on record as known dealers, but are surprised to see this odd homage to a presidential candidate.

MIT Reveals High Speed Vehicle

A team of 30 engineers at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) have recently made a large unveiling of their new high speed pods.

The design consists of large rails with high powered magnets on the bottom of a long pod, that will be accelerated along inside of a tube with metal rails until the force from the magnetic fields will lift the pod off of the rails, completely negating all friction.

Christopher Merian, the chief engineer of the MIT Hyperloop project, stated that only a small portion of the pods travel and acceleration will rely on any mechanical objects, and after liftoff, will rely entirely on the magnetic forces to accelerate and decelerate the pod from there.

Christopher also stated that this project was largely inspired by the CEO of SpaceX and Tesla, Elon Musk. Elon proposed an idea of an airtight tube system in which people were jettisoned through pods at high speeds underground across the nation, stating that the journey from Los Angeles to San Francisco would only take 30 minutes.

The MIT team took this concept and began developing a method to achieve this Musk inspired idea. SpaceX has agreed to fund this team, and according to Christopher, will begin testing these concepts late this August.

Brexit Leader Compares EU to Hitler

A leader of the Brexit movement, Boris Johnson, has recently made large accusations against the motives and actions of the European Union, comparing their aims to that of the leader of the Third Reich, Adolf Hitler.

The Brexit movement is dedicated to convincing the people of Britain that they should vote for their country to exit the European Union in an upcoming referendum.

Johnson's biggest claim is that both parties aimed to unify Europe under a single, all dictating power of authority. Boris believes that this desire to unify Europe is an attempt to reach what he refers to as the Golden Age, in which the Romans had total control over Europe.

He stated that Napoleon, Hitler, and the EU all try to accomplish this same thing, just using different methods, and that all have failed tragically to the point of damaging all countries involved.

The leader of the United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP), Nigel Farage, has publicly endorsed Boris Johnson following his statements. Nigel believes that Boris should be appointed Prime Minister if current Prime Minister David Cameron decides to step down following the referendum. The referendum will take place on June 23.

Putin Warns US over Missile Base

Putin has warned that the United States' newest missile base in Romania directly breaks their nuclear INF treaty, and is a direct threat to the Russian federation.

This claim came on Friday, along with statements that this new base is a threat that the Russian military must eliminate if the prosperity of its nation is to continue. Political analysts state that these statements are an attempt to justify Russia's latest aggressive military behavior, and that it is an effort by Putin to continue to sour US-Russian relations.

Barack Obama stated at a conference at the White House with leaders of Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Norway and Iceland that the United States will continue to discuss with Russia their concerns, but that they must be ready if Putin decides to do anything rash.

Obama also claims that this new missile base is necessary for NATO's missile defense network, and is just another piece in the puzzle to cover the globe.

NATO is thankful that the military base will soon be opening, as it will provide a larger region, from Poland to Iran, that missiles can be intercepted before reaching their target destinations, reducing the potential for future conflicts.

THE ORDER OF THE ENGINEER

Eligible Seniors to be Inducted Wednesday

Lauren Wiseman

News Editor

As Rose-Hulman moves ever onward to commencement, many Rose-Hulman seniors will be inducted into the prestigious Order of the Engineer. Only ABET-accredited schools afford their graduates this opportunity. For Rose-Hulman, this means the seniors who have spent a good part of four years participating in nine engineering fields are eligible for an invitation. To the underclassmen preparing for the future of their engineering careers, "The Rose Thorn" has an inside look at The Order of the Engineer.

The Order dates back to 1970, originating at Cleveland State University. What sets the Order apart from other organizations is its lack of dues and meetings. Rather, the Order is dedicated to inspiring a sense of purpose in its members, as well as instilling commitment to their members' calling.

This ceremony is meant to convey the gravity of the engineer's professional career as well as reflect upon the en-

Electrical, Mechanical, Optical, and Software Engineering, as well as Engineering Physics.

Professional engineers are held to an immensely high standard, and that standard shows in the process for join-



Eligible Rose-Hulman seniors will be inducted into the 46-year-old organization this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Photo Courtesy of The Order of the Engineer

ing The Order of the Engineer. Before induction, engineers participate in an Engineer's Ring Ceremony, as well as take the oath of the "Obligation of an Engineer." A comparable situation would be a medical professional taking the Hippocratic Oath.

“Professional engineers are held to an immensely high standard, and that standard shows in the process for joining The Order of the Engineer.”

gineer's academic career. The majority of Rose-Hulman students satisfy the nine fields eligible for the Order: Bio-medical, Chemical, Civil, Computer,

If an engineer qualifies and is interested, there is a one-time \$10 fee. Once registration and payment is complete, the future Order members will congregate in Rose's Hatfield Hall this Wednesday at 7:30. The hour long ceremony is pensive, serving as the last segue from academia into the world before commencement. Should third year or even second year engineering students here at Rose find themselves interested in the Order and other professional engineering organizations, they can contact Angela Tanner in the Civil Engineering office or browse the [Order of the Engineer](#) website.



An example of the simple steel band given to members of The Order of the Engineer.

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Civil War Captain America or Avengers?

Lauren Santichen

Flipside Editor

Last week, the newest Marvel film hit the theaters. It featured the familiar Civil War Saga from the comics –the arc that eventually led to the death of Captain America. This feature length film has been highly anticipated since last year and the release of Captain America: Winter Soldier. Expectations rose with the first trailer featuring Sebastian Stan as Bucky Barnes and again with the second trailer featuring Spiderman, played by Tom Holland.

When it was first discussed, Civil War was planned as a two-part movie, keeping with the trend of movies that were broken up in order to better explore plot and character development. However, along the line, this plan was dropped and one movie was created, having a total run length of over two hours, longer than most contemporary blockbusters.

As such, the plot in the beginning of the movie was slow, trying to build up suspense before rushing into action towards the end. To some, this would be a bad move by Marvel Studios, but to others, seeing more character development and feeling the tensions rise is exactly what they needed, especially if they were not familiar with the Marvel Comic-verse.

However, those who were expecting a pure Captain America film will be at a loss. Though his name is in the title, Steve Rogers –played by Chris Evans –is only half the story and, quite frankly,



Red vs. Blue Anyone?

Photo from comicbook.com

missing at times as Robert Downey Jr. takes the screen as Iron Man. This seems to be a play in a line of contracts that has Robert Downey Jr. making him –and Tony Stark –the face of the Avengers.

Speaking of faces, we see yet another Spiderman take to the screen, though this actor is far younger than previous Peter Parkers and only 19 years old. Tom Holland is the third Spiderman and first to be seen in the Marvel/Disney Universe. He certainly brought the character to life with quirky banter and social ineptitude expected of a teenager fighting an adult’s battle.

Physical battles are not the only ones depicted in Civil War. With Bucky Barnes being the oldest living POW in the Marvel Universe, it’s to be ex-

pected that he would have some PTSD. Unfortunately, unlike other movies like the Hunger Games that showed this explicitly, the symptoms and aftermath of his torture seem to be glossed over. We see a resurface of the Winter Soldier over Bucky Barnes, but this is not delved into. It merely moves the plot forward where it is convenient for the plot.

Over all, the newest Avengers movie (yes, Avengers) was a good attempt at character development and action for the main characters of Tony Stark and Steve Rogers, but is sorely lacking in characters like Bucky Barnes, Peter Parker, and Scott Lang (played by Paul Rudd), who wouldn’t even be recognized if the audience hadn’t also seen Ant Man. This can be expected for Rogers as it is called Captain America: Civil War but this can’t explain the reason for Tony Stark other than what was stated above.

In the end, I really enjoyed this movie, though there were some plot holes and some places that I wish the script had branched into more. I give this movie a 4/5 and hope for just as interesting a sequel when Marvel gets around to it. Currently, the next Avengers movie is Infinity War, part 1 scheduled for a debut in May 4, 2018 with titles such as Doctor Strange, Black Panther, and another Guardians of the Galaxy scheduled in the meantime.

4/5 Rosies



Fire Emblem Fates

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Entertainment Editor

Ah, the turn based strategy game. The classic test of tactical acumen as you ruthlessly send innumerable pixelated soldiers into the meat grinder of the battlefield, gaining victory on a throne of corpses. Or at least that’s how it was in the old days, then Fire Emblem, a popular strategy game by Nintendo, came along, and suddenly all of your soldiers have unique features, personalities, families, dreams and everything possible to make you feel guilty when they croak. Now when you send your mage in for a sacrificial play, you have to hear his dying gasps of regret at a cruel world. (And if you’re not a complete heel, you have to immediately restart the chapter to keep casualties at zero)

Nintendo has decided to take this model to its logical conclusion in the fourteenth installment of the eponymous series. Now you get to feel guilty



Déjà Vu, Red vs. Blue Round Two.

Photo from gonintendo.com

when your enemies die as the crux of the game revolves around picking a side in a brewing conflict between the kingdoms of Nohr and Hoshido, bonus points, no matter which side you choose, the enemy commanders will be one of your eight siblings. (Not counting the ninth one who always picks your side and the unspecified amount of half/adopted siblings you never met as they were killed off in political power plays and assassinations before the game begins... it’s complicated) Ladies and gentlemen, I present to you Fire Emblem Fates.

The first aspects one should be aware of when considering Fates, is how it is actually three distinct games, Conquest, Birthright, and Revelations, released in a similar manner to the Pokémon franchise; Conquest and Birthright released at the same time and Revelations a month or two later. While I can’t yet speak for Revelations, I can say that Conquest and Birthright provide distinct experiences from one another in terms of gameplay and story.

Birthright resembles Fire Emblem’s previous title, Awakening, in that players will have a steady access to gold, training, and weapons in between story driven fights, as well as the opportunity to delve into maximizing their armies destructive potential. The fights themselves are rather straightforward in a “We’re over here, they’re over there, let’s get ‘em” format. The story is also far more idealistic, with a clear “We’re the good guys” vibe and a classic feel-good David vs. Goliath subtext to the smaller in number forces of light facing the black clad armies of the conquerors.

Conquest on the other hand, has a darker tone, in which characters have to embrace a cold “The ends justify the means” outlook

as they strive to build a better future through wholesale slaughter. The gameplay reflects these more complex and darker tones, access to gold and experience is extremely limited and every level is designed to mess with your head in one way or another. Challenges range from time limits (you have X rounds before character Y succumbs to their wounds/ the escape route opens etc) to environmental hazards. (urns of poison, hurricane force winds, tunnels full of traps)

Looking at the games as a whole, Fates main strengths would be the entertainingly strategic combat system, character driven focus, and well-designed ambiance (music, graphics, etc.) The game’s primary weakness however, would have to be execution of story in my opinion.

While the overall concept and chain of events are quite novel and entertaining, I can’t help but feel that Nintendo spent too much time trying to make the game relatable to a younger audience. Dialogue can be rather simplistic at times, horribly clichéd at others, and then there is the primary villains. While I mentioned at the beginning that the individual commanders can be rather complex and compelling characters, the enemy higher ups are so over the top mustache twirling, puppy kicking walking evil stereotypes, I had to constantly remind myself this wasn’t some 80’s cartoon parody. Not enough to seriously detriment the game, but at the same time, if you are going to market a game towards making the hard moral decisions, a little subtly would have gone a long way.

4/5 Rosies



THORN THRONE CORNER

Seun Lapido

Lifestyle Editor

This week on Game of Thrones we finally got to reap the benefits of two underwhelming build up episodes from the first two weeks of the show. This season has indeed started off slower than previous seasons due to the direction no longer being steered by George R.R. Martin’s genius writing but rather by the director’s visions on where the show should go.

Although this isn’t necessarily a bad thing as Martin has told them about where he wants to go with the story. Still with that being said a lot has changed from the book to the TV show, so whether they decide to use this guidance or not is up to the Directors, all we as watchers of the show is hope for the best.

So with the episode we see Danyerys is taken to the Khalasar, the central meeting place of the Dothraki Tribe, so she can meet with the other widows of the fallen Khals. Essentially she is once again put into a boring state of limbo in which no one really cares about.

This portion of the show has gone from the one where we most hoped for justice, to a mess of plotlines and stagnant characters doing the wrong thing for even worse reasons. I do not think that many people have much sympathy for Danyerys anymore, and unless another plot device comes in to not only save her, she not only will rot away in this forgotten land but her plot will also suffer the same fate.

On the other hand, we have the girl with no name, “Ayra Stark,” who is truly developing into a great character. We have seen her fighting skills develop over

the course of this episode along with her discipline as she has been put through the trials of the many faced god. She has also earned her eyes back in an exciting yet predictable turn of events. With Arya’s mindset she might just yet be some to watch out for as this season progresses. I believe her times of being in the backstory are coming to an end as she will take a much larger role on the plot quite soon.

Three other events we have are the resurrection and revenge if the great Jon Snow. Honestly, this was one of my favorite scenes once again showing the pure ruthlessness of Jon Snow. His actions in hanging his assailants have proven that he is definitely not a character to mess around with. Another note is now that he died and was resurrected he has completed his oath with the knight’s watch and no longer has to reside at the wall.

Additionally, Bran continues his Warg adventures with man in the tree, and witnessed his father Ned in battle revealing a mysterious tower. In true Game of Thrones fashion, the meaning of this tower will linger with the audience.

Lastly, we have the long awaited return of Rikkon Stark and the Wildling girl. He was brought to Ramsay Snow/Bolton by Lord Umber as a token in exchange for their help to defend themselves from what the winter is bringing to the land. With that we have the sad death of another Direwolf, Shaggydog. All in All I really enjoyed this episode as it returned to the roots of what Game of Thrones was founded upon.

4.5/5 Rosies



Senior Spotlight: Bethany Martin

Seun Ladipo
Lifestyle Editor

This week for our senior corner I talked to senior civil engineering student, Bethany Martin. Throughout her years at Rose, Martin has dedicated herself to the Thorn, growing it into the great community it is today. She emphasized delegation of activities along with time management as the keys to surviving Rose. I sat down with her to find how a bit some more about her trip through Rose-Hulman

To begin I asked Bethany about how did you find rose and what made you come to Rose-Hulman. “I am a third generation (engineer), so my grandfather went here and her majored in electrical engineering and then my father majored in mechanical engineering and then I came here! I originally didn’t want to be an engineer I wanted to do anything else because both my parents wanted to be engineers and my grandfather was an engineer. So my parents were dedicated to making me be an engineer so then sent me to catapult. After catapult I found out I loved but it kind of Backfired because I ended up coming to Rose-Hulman, which they didn’t really want to pay for. So Rose is kind of kind of seemed like it was meant for me. I like the small school atmosphere.”

I continued the conversation by asking what extra-curricular activities has she done at Rose. “So I was planning on playing basketball although a few injuries prevented me from doing so. I also tried out for the rifle time and I got to the second round and they decided that they didn’t want me and they also closed down last year and I covered it for the thorn and won an award for my article about it so that was pretty cool. So really my only extra-curricular at Rose-Hulman has been the Thorn. I kind of fell into it and I was the only freshman my yeas so they really relied heavily on me to be and editor and eventually editor-in-chief so really it became my responsibility!”

Through her involvement with the Thorn, Martin has had her own deal of problems, as we all do, at Rose. I asked Martin, with all of his involvement on campus, how have you successfully made your way through school? “Td have to say juggling the paper and academics. Junior year is the hardest year for civils and also my hardest year as editor-in-chief. So juggling 18 credit hours and spending about 20 hours a week on the paper was a huge amount of time and effort that went into academics and the (Thorn). I learned time management skills and I also learned to rely on the people around me to help me even though I was learning a new position that other people could help me fill that position and maybe give me some pointers. Learning how to delegate was huge for me.”

I asked Martin if she has any advice for students still going Rose-Hulman needing some perspective advice. “Td say join a club, it’ll change your life. I know there a couple clubs that you go once a week and you hang out and it’s good to meet people outside your residence hall and meet new friends. You learn different parts of yourself and you cultivate those parts and you become a better-rounded person. My communication skills, my writing skills, and my leadership skills have all been improved by being a part of the Thorn.”

To finish up I asked her what has Rose-Hulman had become to her. “Well it’ll soon be my alma mater and it represents family and made really great friends that ill have forever. That sounds really cheesy, it’s been a lot to me I’m glad it’s going to be over, but I know in a couple months I’ll miss it. I’ll romanticize it and I’ll look back and wish I was back there, but I really need to start paying off these loans.”



A picture of Bethany Martin and her fiancé Josh Himes.

Photo cred goes to Bryan Cantwell.

The Sneaker Exchange: A look in to high end sneakers

Seun Ladipo
Lifestyle Editor

Cars, retail, stocks are things we invest out time into in hopes of making a significant return. For some these work and will continue to work but with these staying stagnant and being regulated by government decisions, many have turned to other solutions to double their money.

Many have begun investing in an unorthodox product: shoes. Now we are not talking about your everyday Roshe runs, Birkenstocks, Converse, or Sketchers, instead we are focusing on high end shoes. These include certain shoes by Nike, Adidas, Louis Vutton, Asics, and none other than the notorious Jordan.

Personally as a self-proclaimed sneaker head I have spent quite a pretty penny on the sneakers I own, ranging from \$100 to \$250 dollars a pair. To the sneaker world this is quite frankly nothing, with pairs of shoes that cost as much as \$30,000.

People always say to me and others like myself, “Its so stupid to spend money on shoes like that,” or “They’re Just shoes.” I don’t think that that’s a fair accusation to make. Everyone has their own vices, and what they do with their money is their choice. Some people like cars and some people like shoes. It is all relative.

That being said you’re probably still wondering why or even how these cost so much. This goes along with the grade school concept of supply and demand.

Let us take a very common sneaker in pop culture right now, for example, the Yeezy Boost 350 by Adidas and Kanye West. This sneaker retails from Adidas.com at about \$200 but can be found on eBay for as much as \$1000 sometimes even more, and people often will pay the \$800+ it takes to don these sneakers.

What attributes to the price are a few common variables. First is the company and collaborator, in this situation Kanye west and Adidas. They are both extremely popular so people will immediately want the shoes that comes from their collaboration. People profit off of shoes that cost \$200, with people millions of people entering raffles, waiting days, and having multiple tabs open on their computers in order win and chance or be lucky enough to pay \$200 for these shoes.

Although, this rarely happens with sites commonly crashing and the shoes selling out in mere seconds. You may be wondering why these shoes are still re-selling for up to \$1000 online and that goes along with our first variable, supply. When these sales happen the reason they sell out so quickly is because there is

such a small supply to start out with in the first place.

Collaborations often put out just 10,000 pairs out at a time, with millions of people scrounging for their own pair, especially in their size, allowing people to sell shoes at four times retail. Given these factors, it is even easier to see how one makes money off of such shoes.

All you have to do is master the art of buying at retail and resell online, it is as simple as that. Imagine you buy two pairs of Yeezys and sell them both online, that’s 1600 in your pocket. Then you buy 8 more pairs of Yeezys with that money and do the same thing, that’s another 6400 in your pocket and boom your rich as long as you continue.

Although this does eventually hit a wall with its effectiveness, it is still a job that many have dedicated their lives to and made a living off of. Definitely consider this the next time you are buying a pair of shoes.



A pair of the Kanye West x Adidas Yeezy 350 Boost “Moonrock” selling for up to \$1000 on eBay

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Music Corner: Skepta

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This week in the music Corner we are taking a look at the British Rapper, Skepta and his new album, Konichiwa. Skepta, born Joseph Junior Adenuga is a rapper of Nigerian descent residing in England. His music is primarily hip hop but is more specifically defined as Grime.

Grime is best defined as gritty British rapping mixed along with a really fast tempo to create a tongue twisting sound that is quite hard to follow along to the untrained ear, but with time can prove to be very appealing to the listener.

Konichiwa has taken classic UK Grime and mixed it with trap music of which is very popular today and made a fusion that has a really clean sound. The most popular song on this album “Ladies hit Squad” is so simple yet is so appealing at the same time. I would describe it as if a British Childish Gambino was rapping over a Drake-esque beat. That being said every song this album really does offer a new sound.

Grime music has never really been popular in the Americas so I can guarantee that this sound will be different from what you have heard before although you just make like it. I think you should definitely give this album a chance if you are a big fan of rap music especially if you are into old school or underground rappers. I really think Konichiwa is a great album and perfect for fans of rap music looking for something different.



A picture of Skepta posing for a portrait.

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Shoe Flipping: Flop or Not?

Showcasing Value

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The phenomenon of significant value in shoes has come under fire from many people. People are commonly confused or even angry on why people will spend so much money on something that has such little use to them. In this day in age many people spend hundreds and even thousands on shoes and to what avail? Will they run faster, will they jump higher, will they be cooler? The answer to all of these questions are no.

First off everyone has something that they value more than the so called average person would. For example, lots of kids at Rose love their custom built PCs and they do indeed have their perks when it comes to streaming and playing games with high end graphics.

To the common person it may seem like going through all this trouble and spending all of this money provides no benefit and is essentially a waste of resources, but many could argue the opposite. This is the same concept with many other things including in this specific situation sneakers. What someone spends

their money on is their own choice as value is always in the eye of the beholder.

We also have many companies such as Y-3, New balance, Louis Vuitton, and various others selling shoes at seemingly ludicrous prices. We can validate the merit of these price by examining all of the factors that go into these processes.

For example, New Balance sells their shoes at prices ranging from \$150-200 in their highest class of shoes. They can validate these because the materials used to make these shoes often treated and made to stand the test of time rather than made to be purely aesthetically pleasing along with the fact that they aren't outsourced to another country to be created, but instead they are made right here in America.

These factors along with many others let these companies charge higher prices and along with the factors of supply and demand these prices truly can and will fluctuate among the sneaker community.



NBA star Nick Young in Nike x Supreme Foamposites.

Photo through [niketalk.com](#)

Wasteful and Vain



Kanye West wearing the Yeezy Boost 350.

Photo through [mtv.com](#)

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Reselling boils down to one thing – the hype machine. The prices of resold items in no way reflect real value and are instead based entirely on the “exclusivity” of releases.

For example, let's look at two recent “hyped” releases that re-sold far and above their retail prices – the Nike x Supreme Foamposite and the Yeezy Boost 350. In the secondary market, the Nike x Supreme shoes currently sell for \$600+ and the Yeezy's for \$800+.

Both of these shoes released at a similar price point of \$250 and \$200 for the Foamposite and Yeezy boost respectively. Even at retail price, these shoes are of dubious value. They are made with low quality rubber, foam, fabric, and a glued construction. These are not shoes that are made to last. They are made in the same factories in East Asia that crank out millions of shoes for Nike and Adidas (the Yeezy's are manufactured by Adidas).

Hype is the real reason these shoes sell for such exorbitant prices. I've resold shoes in the past, and in my experience the majority of people buying are not doing so for any sort of collecting or as a reflection of their own personal style, but are doing so because the shoes represent a status symbol. Scarcity is the

name of the game, and many pine after rare releases only because they are rare. Being seen with the shoes is a way to show off to others.

The huge decreases in price a mere few days after release further illustrate this point. At release and for a few days after, the Nike x Supreme shoes were selling for \$800-1000, and the Yeezy's for upwards of \$1200. The hype was at its zenith. Everyone wanted the shoes, yet few could get them. But after images of the shoes started saturating the internet – celebrities, musicians, Instagram bloggers – the value began to drop.

If the shoes are no longer the “it” item, and their value plummets. If there was any real value to collectors, we would expect the value to increase over time as fewer pairs enter the secondary market.

Nike, Adidas, and many other brands play into the hype. They have the infrastructure to crank out millions of these shoes. But do they? Of course not. Limited quantities ensure each release is a highly publicized event, serving to generate more free advertising for the brand than a general release could.

If you can afford to throw money away on exorbitantly priced shoes and clothing, go for it. But take a moment and think – perhaps there's a better way to spend your hard-earned dollars.

Engineered Elitism

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As engineers, we tend to hang around people who make tech, not just those who proficiently use it. And of course, this tends to breed an “I'm better than you” mindset because, in our fields, we are. From a sociopolitical perspective, it breeds two camps: the technocrats and those who recognize all value. Rose, being a bit secluded from society at large, certainly doesn't help this phenomenon.

The technocrats oftentimes haven't figured out that they have weaknesses where others have strengths and that those strengths are

still needed. They believe in taking the higher level persons (usually of their own trade) and putting them in charge, demeaning and disregarding others who did not pursue the same skillset.

On the other hand, you have people who are just relaxed about it; the ones who realize that all trades are valuable in some form.

In high school, I found it interesting to see younger robotics students go from one to the other. As a First Lego League mentor, I found that a lot of my robotics students, engineering-minded, came in like “science is for losers” and “English is for the feeble minded”, only to realize that “science isn't my strong suit; engineering is. But I benefit from scientific re-

search,” and “English is for idiots and I need to be able to interact with idiots. So I should learn English even if I dislike it.”

The technocrats tend to not be as fun to interact with, even as an engineer. It's not pleasant to interact with someone with a holier-than-thou mindset.

So when you're going home over the summer, be mindful. Don't be rude and elitist, even if you think someone else's major is easier and they do not have it as terrible as you. You never know when you will need them for something you're not capable of doing yourself.

BEAST MODE

How Marshawn Lynch Stays True to his Values

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Marshawn Lynch was an electric player for the Seattle Seahawks- after his historic ‘Beast Quake’ run in the 2011 NFC Wildcard Playoff Game, Lynch exploded onto the NFL scene with years of incredible running and tackle breaking ability. Originally drafted to the Buffalo Bills after an impressive college career with Cal, Marshawn Lynch struggled to focus on football

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early with off the field issues. However, after coming to Seattle, he emerged as an all-time great who may even get his jersey retired in Seattle. Despite his short career, Lynch had incredible success at the running back position, racking up 9,112 yards and 74 TDs- stats impressive enough to be considered a potential future Hall of Famer.

Beast Mode’s penchant for running over defenders was overshadowed by his introverted personality. Although the media was able to capture flashes of his more jovial temperament, Lynch refused to speak openly with Sports Reporters about his life outside of football and many times even things that happened on the field throughout his career. His attitude towards the media sparked tons of controversy- some believed that he did it for attention, some believed Lynch wanted to be different, and some felt that he just didn’t care. While we couldn’t know which if any of these would be true without sitting down with Beast Mode himself, we do know that he does a lot of good for his hometown of Oakland, California while staying true to his values.

Like most successful NFL players, Marshawn Lynch holds football clinics for young

kids in his hometown to give them a chance to showcase their skills and develop as athletes. However, Lynch also does a lot of cool stuff. For instance, while walking through a High School in Oakland talking to young kids about the dedication and work ethic necessary to be successful in something you’re passionate about, a young kid commented that he liked Lynch’s shoes. Beast Mode checked their shoe sizes, and when he realized they were the same Lynch gave the kid the shoes off of his feet. And continued to walk around in socks for the rest of the day.

That is a rare form of human kindness. He gave another random young kid at McDonald’s \$1000 to help kick start his passion for design into a reality after talking about his new clothing line ‘Beast Mode’ and the Beast Mode shop. As if he couldn’t be any better, Lynch drove another high school kid and his date to prom because the kid told him he wanted to take a girl but didn’t have a car. Despite his eccentric personality, he has genuine kindness for the people from his hometown. But he refuses to mention any of these things in mainstream interviews because he feels like it would make him fake.

This man refuses to change himself despite having commercial success and professional success. Throughout his career, he never spent a penny of his NFL earnings and lived strictly off of advertising and endorsements. He kept chicken legs in his sock one time as a snack at a football camp. What a champion. In his last season, he helped teammates Tyler Lockett and Thomas Rawls set up their 401k accounts for retirement after the NFL. Despite his appearance as a dumb NFL RB from Oakland, Lynch has been masterful in setting himself up to be successful when his career as a pro player ended. Loved by his teammates and the people who were lucky enough to interact with him in person, Beast Mode is a great human being who simply does not care for media attention. He does not care what others think of him as long as he is true to himself, advice he took from his mother in College which stuck with him for the rest of his life.

Whether or not you are a fan of Lynch’s unorthodox way of living, you have to respect all the good that he has done for the people in his life. Good people are hard to find, and while it is disappointing that we don’t get to see more of the joy that Lynch brings to others, the fact that he chooses to do so regardless of how others view him is something worth more than media love.



Marshawn Lynch being about that action.

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BASEBALL TEAM HEADED TO NCAA TOURNAMENT

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Just one week after earning the regular season crown, the Rose-Hulman baseball team won the HCAC tournament title in spectacular fashion with a 7-6 win over the Earlham Quakers on Saturday afternoon. The tournament was in double-elimination fashion, meaning that three straight wins would mean the crown among the four-team pool. After managing routine wins against Manchester and Earlham on Thursday and Friday, Rose found itself on Saturday with two wins, needing just one more against the Quakers to clinch it all.

The game featured a pitching battle between Earlham’s Matt Mathies and Andrew Stull, each of which pitched 5 innings and allowed three earned runs before being relieved. Joey Callahan, Jonathan Banks, and Cody Sunderhaus each saw action on the mound as well. The Quakers drew first blood in the top of the third inning with a single to center field, but Rose responded in the bottom of the same inning with a Drew Schnitz single RBI. The offense for both teams would continue to heat up in the fifth as Earlham scored two runs, but Rose would again match the effort in the bottom of the inning. A Caleb Kissel RBI brought in the first run of the inning and a Zach Trusk double brought Kissel home and knotted the score at 3-3.

The tie would remain for two innings until Rose’s offense took charge in the bottom of the sev-

enth. Kissel knocked in his second RBI of the day to go up 4-3, and after an intentional walk Schnitz added his second RBI of the game to bring the score to 5-3. The very next at bat saw Donnie Waters single through the left side, and the Engineers found themselves looking at a 6-3 lead in the HCAC championship game. Earlham wouldn’t go down without a fight, however, and put up three straight runs in the ninth to grab a final hope and send the game down to the wire. In the final inning, it would be Kissel who started off the Engineer’s hopes at a walk-off after reaching second on a throwing error. Zach Trusk was intentionally walked, and a Drew Schnitz fly-out gave Rose a two-out, bottom of the ninth situation with two runners on base. It would be Donnie Waters, one of the team’s senior leaders that stepped up to the plate and shot a bouncing grounder right over the pitcher’s head to bring Kissel home and give Rose the victory, 7-6.

The championship victory marks Rose’s fourth HCAC Tournament crown and sends the Engineers on their way to the NCAA Division III Tournament for the seventh time under head coach Jeff Jenkins. The Engineers are currently 29-11 on the season entering the next stage, and will find out who and where they play on Monday morning.

Tennis Continues Historic Season

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The season has come to a close for the Men’s Tennis team, who lost in the first round of the national tournament to nationally-ranked Wisconsin-Whitewater in a 6-1 decision. The score doesn’t do justice to how close the match was: the Engineers ended the doubles matches down 1-2 after Andre Adam and Cam Metzger won second doubles 8-3. After Georges Adam lost first singles 6-3, 3-2, Metzger dropped third singles 6-2,6-2, and Andre Adam lost fourth singles 6-3, 6-2 to give UWW a 5-1 advantage. The final finished match of the day would be sixth singles in which Brendan Goldacker lost 6-3, 6-2 to give UWW their final point of the day. Brandon

Benedict’s second singles and Matt Conrad’s fifth singles, although tightly contested matches, would not end up being finished.

The Engineers have no reason to hang their head, however, as they put up in this spring one arguably the greatest season the team has ever seen. They took home twenty victories, a school record, and earned their second straight HCAC Tournament championship as well as its second straight year of going undefeated in conference play. The team set records for single-season singles *and* doubles victories, with 109 and 64 on the year respectively.



Cam Metzger competing hard.

Photo by [Rose-Hulman Athletics](#)

The Top 10 Things to do before leaving Rose

- 1. Experience the ARA one last time
- 2. Drunkenly harass freshman on way to Physics final
- 3. Yell at Geese
- 4. Steal a Gosling (and live to tell the tale)
- 5. Photo Op with Naked Lady

- 6. Finish the Self-Made Man Riding a Fish
- 7. Swim in Scum Pond one last time...
- 8. Visit fourth floor of Percopo (and live to tell the tale)
- 9. Campus-wide Naked Lap
- 10. Get a smoothie

- 11. Throw Laptop in the Lake
- 12. PSA: Update your password
- 13. Spend all your DB on cookie dough
- 14. Hug a goose (they just want to love us.
- 15. Learn to count to 10...

WACKY PROF QUOTES

"FIR Filters are like coffee filters, but for frequencies."

-Dr. Padgett

So they get stuck with all the grounds that people don't want? "You can deduce a lot about people by hitting them too, but that's anti-social."

-Dr. Bryan

Also some what painful. It definitely hurts my knuckles.

"Trust me, I need to see more eye candy up there... trust me, you got to be pretty."

-Dr. Tarrant

Wow, way to be prejudiced against the hideous. Ugly people are people too!

"You say that $(a+b)^2 = a^2 + b^2$

at Rose-Hulman? I come up an SMACK you!"

-Dr. Padgett

Honestly, at that point, I deserve it. Unless it's after a 300 test. Then I think it's justified to lose my mind.

"I am a pathological liar, but you believe it anyway."

-Dr. Throne

Of course I do... have I mentioned that I, too, am a pathological liar?

"A few of you need to die by hanging, strangulation, or suffocations so that I can get more grant money."

-Dr. Tarrant

Wow, way to bias the statistics, Professor.

"I am not an isotropic radiator."

-Dr. Padgett

Please present two valid forms of identification for clarification.

"...Oops, which stands for 'Object Oriented, Programming System'?"

-Dr. Song

Something tells me that some engineer at some point was just trying to cover up a mistake.

"I have no favorites, I hate everybody."

-Dr. Moore

Good to see that someone's honest here.

"Look out at two hills and you'll think, 'Wow, that looks like a Double Sideband Suppressed Carrier'."

-Dr. Yoder

Or... I'll think, 'Hey, look, hills! Race you to the top!'"

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.



Fact of the Week
In Malaysia, it is illegal to divorce your partner via text message (but apparently it is legal in all other countries.)

Engineering Jokes

"When an engineer says 'I cleaned my room', they mean that they made a path from the door to their bed."