Spring is right around the frigid corner, and with spring comes the rush of new opportunities. One of those opportunities is studying abroad, a chance to experience a culture with a twist towards a degree. The Global Expos are set up for the Global Expo, but with a twist. "Last year was some day, and it was for people to learn about global opportunities, more faculty-led," explained Director of Study Abroad and International Exchanges, Maria del mar Aponte. "We had some people who couldn't attend the talk, there is a room. One of Hulman Memorial Union PA room.

If students are unable to attend the talk, there is a room. One of Hulman Memorial Union PA room. from 6-8 p.m. Students can mingle with engineering graduates and survivors of congenital heart defects, and with it comes warmer weather, students can learn to dance, enjoy some international food, and students who participate have a chance to win an Xbox One or Apple TV.

On the docket are four events, spanning March 28-30. The first night is a poster session and panel discussion. For the poster session, taking place from 4:30-5:30 p.m., students who have studied abroad made posters, explaining their experiences, motivations for going, how it fits in their schedule, what they learned while abroad, and how their trip surprised them.

On Wednesday, the Attitude of Gratitude Timeline is up, and students can stop by the Union lobby for the Attitude of Gratitude Acknowledge for Knowledge event. Students can stop by the commons area between 4th and 7th hour to write Thank You notes to the donors, who have studied abroad made posters, explaining their experiences, motivations for going, how it fits in their schedule, what they learned while abroad, and how their trip surprised them.

The grand prize this year is a brand new Nintendo Switch. The grand prize this year is a brand new Nintendo Switch. The grand prize this year is a brand new Nintendo Switch.

If students are unable to attend the poster session, there will be a panel session in the MJR room from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Return study abroad students will continue to discuss their experiences and answer any questions students might have.

Night two is a little more informal, with "Hijin and Salsa," cosponsored by the Society for Hispanic Professional Engineers. In the SEC Multipurpose room from 6-8 p.m. students can mingle with engineering graduates and survivors of congenital heart defects, and with it comes warmer weather, students can learn to dance, enjoy some international food, and students who participate have a chance to win an Xbox One or Apple TV.
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On Tuesday, February 7, Dr. David Crandall came to Rose-Hulman to dis-

Dr. David Crandall, an associate professor of informatics and computing at Indiana University, delivered the talk to a packed audience in the Rose Thorn building. He gave two stated goals of explaining what has changed in deep learning and hoping to attract students to Indiana University’s graduate program in computer science.

The talk was part of a series hosted by the Computer Science and Software Engineering department, with Dr. Matthew Bontell, an associate professor in the CSSE department, giving an introduction.

Crandall gave a similar talk in 2011, but five years on the subject is now com-
pletely different. So what exactly has changed? Well, they are still trying to solve the same problem: how can we help people organize their pictures?

Another big change in Crandall’s field was a breakthrough with an old tech-

But how do neural networks relate to deep learning? The question is simplified by examples of deep learning algorithms that can be manipulated by feeding altered data. Crandall put forth an example where two identical pictures yielded starkly different conclusions from the same algorithm.

Crandall took care to emphasize leaps in computing power and quantified by deep learning while still not answering questions about a relatively new technology. Deep learning algorithms do not lend itself easy explanations, and its black box like functionality means there is still much to be discovered about how they work.\n
Students who are interested in studying deep learning and conducting undergraduate research or pursuing graduate school are encouraged to check out Indiana University’s School of Informatics and Computing.

Photo courtesy of Indiana University

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Black Mirror: Reflecting our Darkest Self

Thaddeus Hughes

Opinion Editor

Shoot the Twilight Zone with the cinematic wonder of the 21st century, add in a dash of Stanley Kubrick, George Orwell, and Aldous Huxley, and boom: you have Black Mirror. The anthology format is much like the Twilight Zone, but even less restrictive since the series airs on Netflix, free of time slots. Episodes range anywhere from 45 minutes to over an hour, usually taking the number of times I would stop and stare at the world rolling out in front of me, they succeeded in creating a world that was beautiful, computationally feasible, and immersive.

This immersion extends into your relationship with Dellah, as your choice in responses directly impacts the type of reaction you have with her. Alone in the forest, you quickly grow close to her and learn more about what brought you both to summers of solitude. It adds an extra touch of humanity to the game, and keeps you sane as you struggle to figure out what is going on.

Naturally, all good things come to an end, but rarely will a game leave me with such an intense sense of loss as the end of Firewatch did. Like The Last of Us, a Naughty Dog game released in 2013, the story stayed with me throughout the week. Throughout the game you learn about the lookouts that came before you and the forest’s history, which all weaps together into a shocking, but satisfying final stretch of gameplay.

In a game where it seems as though nothing takes the backseat, the story stands out as the true driving force, and is one I will remember forever. Firewatch has raised the bar on games, and I look forward to seeing what Campo Santo puts out in the future.
As we all know, Rose-Hulman has a prolific past. Its history is well known and celebrated by its students, with events like Chauncey day and traditions such as the homecoming bonfire signifying the long standing history that generations of students have upheld throughout the years. However, even with all of the aspects of the school we do know about, there are many others that have been forgotten, lost in time, or known to only a select group of people. This week we want to take the time to enlighten the readers of the Thorn about one of the most interesting clubs at this school: The Rose Radio Club, call sign W9NAA.

If you look atop of Moench Hall, you will see a large pronged antenna. This antenna belongs to the Amateur Radio club or ham radio club. I recently learned from one of its very prominent members, freshman George Main, about one of the oldest clubs on campus.

For anyone unfamiliar with Amateur Radio, it is an extremely popular hobby where groups of people use radio setups and rigs to contact each other. These contacts range from a leisurely talk between two stations at any time of the day to heated radio contests, in which there are thousands of people competing to contact each other the most times in a short period of time. The members of our club have been working hard through generations of students to uphold these traditions and push the limits of their capabilities.

This club has an extremely large collection of different hardware and equipment. The large pronged antenna on top of Moench is actually a high frequency directional Yagi antenna, which is used to send and receive different transmissions around the world. The cable that connects the smokestack and water tower also belongs to the radio club and is for high frequency communications around the world. The club also owns VHF (Very High Frequency) and UHF (Ultra High Frequency) antennas that are atop Moench.

The ham radio club is one of the most historic clubs on campus. Existing for over 100 years, they have remained through some of the darkest times of the United States. In the records of the ham radio club there is a note in which Herman Moench himself wrote “All operation suspended in accordance with the order of the Federal Communications Commission effective this date.” This note was taken on December 7th 1941, or the day that pearl harbor was attacked. There are countless logs such as these dating back over 100 years showing evidence of world events and other moments that previous Rose students had lived through.

Another popular aspect of amateur radio is sending QSL cards, a postcard of sorts, to the places that you have contacted. Over the years, the club has received these personalized cards from countless different places around the world ranging from other ham radio clubs in Japan to people with their own setups in their own homes. These cards range in complexity, some garnering pictures of people in groups around the world, and others hand-written notes on small pieces of paper. The Radio club has a collection of these notes with some dating back to the 1930s.

For anyone interested, the ham radio club is open to anyone on campus looking to get involved, and they offer tests for anyone looking to get a license in amateur radio. In the future, they’ll try to talk to the international space station and other satellites orbiting the earth.

A Special thanks to George Main for all of the information and a peek inside the office.
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This controversy over Restricted Mode is not the first concerning YouTube, but one in a long line of controversies spurred on by progressive outlets like Wired, Gizmodo and Vice. Yet, the Wall Street Journal still attacked Pewdiepie and pushed YouTube to cancel his YouTube Red show. They also published an op-ed by Instinctive Studios to drop Pewdiepie from their contract with him. This was a large controversy for YouTube, and had many YouTubers take sides.

Later in the same month, YouTuber JonTron got in trouble for some statements he made in a debate on immigration with the streamer Destaiy. Many called him a white nationalist, but most of JonTron’s statements were less racially motivated, and more angered by the hypocrisy brewing in the political left over the past few decades.

Both of these fiascos involved the same news outlets who wrote articles detailing why YouTube’s new restricted mode is bad. The issue is that this filtering system seems to do exactly what the news outlets wanted it to do, as many of JonTron’s and Pewdiepie’s videos have been hidden by Restricted Mode. This contradiction, as well as these incidents as whole, serves as a reminder that censoring free speech is not viable. As a society, we need to accept that people may express ideas we deem unacceptable, and respect their right to do so.

The principle of free speech, which has a place not just in our governance but in our day to day lives, is an important principle in protecting people. When sites like the Wall Street Journal, Gizmodo, and Wired call for censorship because they don’t like someone’s ideas, they create and solidify systems for censoring the ideas of common, innocent citizens. Allowing any form of censorship sets up systems to censor all voices, including the ones you want to protect. Restriction Mode started with progressive outlets calling for the censorship of some voices, and ended with voices they agreed with also censored.

Censoring people to protect others allows any voice to be censored as long as it’s not the voice the company views as bad PR for the site. What makes the whole situation even more hypocritical is that in many of the same articles attacking YouTube for their new restricted mode, they call for even more restrictions of voices they call alt-right, far-right or non-progressive. As a society we must learn from incidents like this that all voices must be protected, no matter how hateful you may view them. It is the civic duty of any member of a democratic nation to protect the rights of fellow citizens, even if they may disagree with those citizens.
Sports Editor

As expected, there isn’t a single perfect bracket this year. The last “perfect bracket” was destroyed when Wisconsin beat Iowa State in the first 39 games correct which is now the longest streak recorded for a bracket.

Before this year, the highest streak was 36 games. This means that no one has ever had a perfect bracket and moved into the Sweet Sixteen. The SEC has shown their dominance as a conference as they had three teams in the Elite Eight: South Carolina, Florida, and Kentucky. The other teams in the Elite Eight were North Carolina, Xavier, Gonzaga, Oregon, and Kansas.

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March Madness Updates

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Lucinda Combs also finished fourth in the javelin and Debie Gedeon finished fourth in the shot put. Hennig finished fourth in the 200 and Matt Hill in the javelin and Debie Gedeon finished fourth in the shot put.

Andrew Okruch skipping rocks.

Photo by Rose-Hulman Athletics

RHT Track

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Since I have become Flipside Editor, there has been a total of zero emails to the Thorn Flipside. It's great. I don't need funny and fresh content from people other than myself. (I'm so desperate). Please send an email to the Thorn Flipside Editor <thorn-flipside@mailman.rose-hulman.edu>. Disclaimer: The Flipside is purely for fun!

Any uncredited work above can be attributed to me, Emma Oswood.

WACKY PROF QUOTES

"Let me make sure the people who haven’t had the misfortune of having me as a teacher know who I am."
- Dr. Laxer

"I hope this helps."
- Dr. Wollowski

A more accurate name for this prestigious institute.
"If you could put a zipper on your neck and unzip it and listen to your vocal chords..."
- Dr. Doering

Morbid.

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.

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National Joe Day - A Day to celebrate all the Joes in the world. If your name is not Joe, then feel ashamed. Very ashamed.

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National Black Forest Cake Day

29
National American Diabetes Association Alert Day - Get pumped for this day.

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National Something on a Stick Day - Get out there and shove something onto a stick.

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National Word Appreciation Day - It's not about the word you think it is.

April Fools' Day

01
National One Cent Day - Be sure to check the ground for your free penny.

02
National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day

National Reconciliation Day - Find it in your heart to forgive others. Or bag on your knees for others to forgive you. Whatever is easiest.

Top 10
Things on a Stick

1. (Uptight) People
2. Corn dog
3. Wheat cat
4. Dog Poop
5. Stick
6. Protest Signs That Were Funny When You Wrote Them But Now Are Kind of Lame
7. Selfies
8. Planking
9. Witches (on Fire)
10. Senior Laptop

11. Fire
12. T-bow from iCarly
13. My GPA
14. Chum
15. Possum
16. Leaves
17. Vuvuzela
18. Puppets

Wacky Joe of the Week

“Great Prof. Speaks in a monotone voice most of the time, but lectures are clear, concise, and exactly what is needed to complete the homework assignments.” - Rate My Prof

Fact of the Week

The word “email” is only two syllables. Commonly known, not realized until haikus are criticized.

"We have what I like to call a distant relationship. I keep my distance out of fear of rejection and you don’t know that I exist."
- Student

"Is that cheating or not?"

"It's a grey area."
- Professor

Decent Joe of the Week

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