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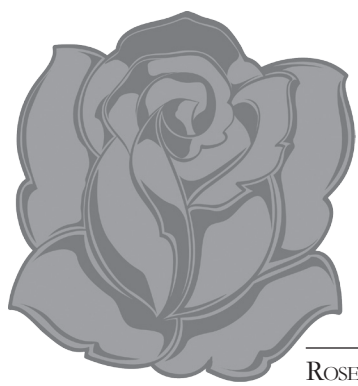
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Q&A with Dr. Michio Kaku

Katie Dial • staff writer

The Thorn had a chance to sit down with Dr. Michio Kaku, theoretical physicist, futurist, and professor for a personal interview.

Thorn: What impression have you gotten of Rose-Hulman while being here?

Dr. Kaku: I've had a chance to tour other institutes of technology, and I find the atmosphere here refreshing, invigorating, innovative. At other universities, they are like factories, which unfortunately sometimes crush the individuality of the students. And they become like mills, factories, where each student is anonymous. You're nothing but a name on a computer card. And they have gigantic classes; not much interaction with the faculty. Here, I see the opposite. [There's a] very intense focus on the undergraduate. I see a lot of potential for role models here. You have access to your teachers, and peer pressure works in a good direction, that is, people feel a camaraderie. So I think that there is a lot of energy that is constructive, and I think there's intense interaction with the faculty, and I think people overall feel excited. This is their future they're building. They don't feel anonymous, they don't feel like they're alienated from the system, which I do find at the other institutes of technology.

It's unique, in the fact that the focus here is on the students. At other institutes of technology, the focus is on the graduate program, and some superstars, and grant money is going to certain super projects. They tend to be the focus, the center of gravity, of the campus. Here, it's you. You are the focus.

Thorn: Who were your role models growing up?

Dr. Kaku: In a young person's life, role models play a pivotal role. Young people

are clueless about the career path necessary to propel you to become an engineer, scientist, actor, sports figure, and if you have a specific role model, that helps to clear away the mystery. There's no mystery anymore. You can do it. If that person did it, why can't you? So for me, when I was a kid, my role model was Albert Einstein. My parents were poor, in fact, they were incarcerated in World War II, but I was very early on exposed to Einstein because he had just died, and it was front page news in all the newspapers. I wondered "Who is this man that created so much science, but could not finish his dream of a final theory?" So I wanted to know "What was this final theory? What was this theory that Einstein could not finish?" The more I learned about him, the more I realized that he was a role model. I could figure out his entire career path; it was no mystery to me. And now, I think with students here, you have role models and your mentors, your professors, so it's no mystery; the steps necessary to fulfill your dream.

Thorn: Have you been a role model to anyone?

Dr. Kaku: Well, I get a lot of emails from kids who want to know "How do I become a physicist?" So on my website, I have a little article "How to Become a Physicist," so that they don't have to go through all the dead ends that I had to go through. For example, when I was young, I learned about Einstein's unified field theory—that he couldn't finish it. The theory of everything. He wanted an equation one inch long that would allow him to "read the mind of God." One equation, one inch long, that would summarize all physics, all physical knowledge. Summarized into an equation that big. That was the goal. But everywhere I went, I couldn't find



Dr. Michio Kaku, famous technologist, futurist, and physicist, spoke to Rose-Hulman students last Friday.

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anything on it, there were no books, no articles, no programs about the unified field theory. So I said to myself "When I grow up, I'm going to make sure that I write books for people like me, puzzling about "Why are we here? What is the meaning of reality? What is nature?"

So now that I'm a theoretical physicist, I can actually write books now about the cutting edge, because I work at the cutting edge, people who work at the cutting edge are my friends, and I can tell people exactly what is known and what is not known about time travel, about parallel universes, about hyper spatial warp drive. About the things that you see in science fiction movies, but are clueless as to whether or not they're

physically possible. That's what I do for a living. So I said to myself "When I grow up and become a theoretical physicist, I want to write books for people like me." Young people, who want to know about the mysteries of the universe, but can't talk to anybody, because there's nobody to talk to.

The other role model I had was, on Saturday mornings, I would watch TV, which featured Flash Gordon. And for the first time in my life, I was introduced to starships, introduced to aliens from outer space, ray guns, invisibility shield, cities in the sky. I was hooked. Later, I began to realize a few things. First, I began to realize that to understand the future, you really have to understand physics. Flying cars, starships, invi-

bility shields, cities in the sky; it's all physics. Unless you understand physics, you're never going to understand any aspect of the future. So I began to realize that the two role models I had were really the same. That to understand the future, you have to understand the most advanced physics possible. Because we physicists, we're the ones that invented the laser, we're the ones who invented the transistor, we invented the electronic computer, we wrote the worldwide web, we helped to create the internet. We created television, radio, radar, microwaves, MRI machines, all of that was done by physicists. So if you understand physics, you understand the future.

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houses, graduates from 1996 celebrated their fifteen year reunions. Their connection to their houses makes them invested in the direct future of the fraternities here on campus. Homecoming in the Greek system is an entirely different and amazing experience that every person should have the opportunity to experience. Don't forget first formals this weekend! If you missed the signups simply email the respective rush chair.

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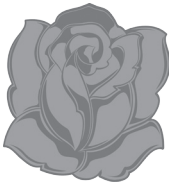
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Au revoir, tank

Ranjana Chandramouli
staff writer

A favorite of some, unnoticed by others, the army tank that used to sit just north of the Myers academic building has disappeared from campus. Due to the recent renovations on the facilities building next to where the tank used to be situated, the tank had to be moved to a different location off

of the Rose campus. While often a staple of scavenger hunts or a nice place to stop by on the way to the IM fields, most students have barely noticed its absence due to the grandeur of the Student Innovation Center that has taken its place. The tank is now situated at J&N Metal Products, in Brazil, IN. While it is gone from our campus, its memory will always take place in some of the students' hearts.



Dr. Michio Kaku cuts the ribbon for the Launch of the Innovation Center
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Thorn: Do you think all of your predictions that you made at your speech yesterday are going to happen?

Dr. Kaku: I wrote a previous book called *Visions*, where I took the reader 25 years into the future. My book is right on schedule. It's amazing, you read that book and you'll think "Oh my God, he predicted the last 25 years." And the reason my predictions work is because I cheat. I interview all the top scientists who are building the future in their laboratory. I am not a science fiction writer. I'm a physicist. I know the people building all the things that I mention in my book. I've interviewed over 300 of the world's top scientists. So, I cheat. I get

a chance to pick the brains of the world's top scientists who are inventing the future in their laboratory. Now, will I make mistakes? Sure, I'll make mistakes. All I say is that my book represents the best projection of our life, your life, in the next twenty, thirty, fifty, hundred years, that is possible today. Because everything I write, everything I've filmed, there's a prototype already in existence.

Thorn: What do you think the advancing technology is going to do to individual interaction between people? Will people lose touch with reality?

Dr. Kaku: Well, when the telephone first appeared over a hundred years ago, there were editorials denouncing the telephone. They denounced it, because

it's cold; mechanical. You're talking to a wire. You're listening to voices from the ether. And you won't talk to your kids and your family at the dinner table so much; you'll be yapping on a wire. Well, the critics were absolutely right. We don't spend that much time talking to the neighbors, we don't spend that much time talking to the kids, we do spend all our time talking to a disembodied voice in the ether, and we love it. It expanded our reach. Because throughout human history, most of the people you talked to were your family. That's it. Most of the people you talked to were your neighbors or your family. That was it. With the telephone, you could reach a few thousand people. Then, with the Internet, you could

reach a few billion people. And when electricity came in, there were many voices denouncing Thomas Edison. Many editorials saying that first, this dangerous thing called electricity will be in our living rooms, next to our children, houses will burn down. People will get electrocuted and die horribly, because of electricity. The critics were absolutely right. Every day, somebody is electrocuted. Every day, a house burns down. And you know something? We love it. Because electricity has changed our culture. And if you get electrocuted, it's your own fault. It's your own fault you didn't do the wiring correctly. So the same thing with the Internet. Are there going to be people who spend all their time on the internet?

Yeah. However, the reach of the internet is now global. Kids think nothing of playing a video game with somebody in Russia, Afghanistan, Alaska. They think nothing of setting up a game with people around the world. If so, it's much harder to war with them. Because in the early days, the king and the queen could whip up war fever, because you didn't know who the French were, who the Germans were. In your whole life, you knew basically your family and your neighbors. So I think there is a downside to the Internet, but it's a small price to pay for widening your circle, getting access to infinite knowledge, spreading the word of democracy. I think that the benefits greatly outweigh the negatives.

News BRIEFS

Sean Finney • guest writer

Satellite falls back to Earth

NASA's Upper Atmosphere Research Satellite, launched in 1991 and decommissioned in 2005, fell on Friday night. The satellite fell back to Earth at 12 am EDT. It landed somewhere in the Pacific Ocean, in the form of 26 pieces, the largest of which weighed 330 pounds. Despite the remote landing zone, NASA was intentionally vague about where and when the satellite would land. There was speculation that NASA was not divulging everything it knew about when and where the landing would hit because of fears that people would go to the impact site for suicidal purposes. Despite being the size of a bus, the Upper Atmosphere Research Satellite was not the largest satellite to crash land on the Earth. In July 1979, the Skylab space station, roughly the size of a house, fell in Western Australia. NASA was fined \$400 for littering as a result of that crash landing, but who knows what fine NASA will get for this one?

Palestine Statehood bid moved into Committee by UN Security Council

On Wednesday, the UN Security Council moved the issue of Palestine's bid for statehood to the UN Committee on New Admissions. The committee is made up of 15 members of the Security Council and will meet on Friday morning to decide whether to vote on the Palestinian request for statehood immediately or to study the issue further. The move came after a rash announcement by Israel which stated their intention to build over 1,000 new homes in the Gilo settlement—land which was not within the municipal boundaries of Jerusalem after the 1967 war. The Palestinians have cited the new controversial move by Israel as evidence of Israel's disinterest in negotiating with Palestine. The Israelis have maintained that they have been pushing for negotiations and that the Palestinian objections are an excuse for not negotiating. Whatever the case may be, Palestine's statehood is ultimately something that must be negotiated between Israel and Palestine regardless of UN actions.

Amazon's New Tablet – The Kindle Fire

Amazon.com announced on Wednesday that they plan to begin selling a new color touch-screen tablet. Named the Kindle Fire, the device has a 7-inch touch screen, weighs 14.6 ounces, and has a dual-core processor. But Kindle Fire's most important feature has to be its price. At \$199 the Fire is less than half the price of the Apple's \$499 iPad. This drastic undercutting of iPad's price means that the Kindle Fire can receive data only over Wi-Fi and not cellular networks and it only has half of the iPad's features. The Kindle will be available for preorder Wednesday and will start shipping November 21st. The newest versions of the Kindle Fire will have access to a library of 18 million e-books, songs, movies, and television shows and will be able to run any Android applications approved by Amazon.



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Jay-Z and Kanye pull off a joint album... somewhat

Garrett Broadnax • guest writer

To make a long story short, each party brought something noteworthy to the table, but the album was less than the sum of its tracks.

Musically, the production is at the standard level for the two, featuring some of the biggest names in the production industry: Swizz Beatz, Pete Rock, The Neptunes, etc. But, pinpoint mixing, instrumentation arrangement like you've never heard, and killer samples bring it back home. One thing to note is Kanye's production presence, which is almost reminiscent of Late Registration with the big band/sample loop combination. As a result of this, Kanye gets a distinct advantage in timing, which is rudimentary for the wordsmith, Jay-Z. It's sort of a role reversal: usually if Kanye can't fit a word into a slot he'll force it in, whereas Jay will reorder. Because of West's upper hand, Jay-Z is forced into some beats designed for someone with a little more aggression, and you can hear the difference. The two superstars have the skill set, but it seems like it's been a while since they've had to play a team sport. *Recommended: "Murder to Excellence", "HAM"

Lyrically, the analysis is quite simple: jokes, entendres, heartfelt emotion, and bold commentary make this album par for the course, which is a good thing when your course is 12 #1 albums. *Recommended: "New Day", "No Church in The Wild"

Originality: Almost every song on the standard version has a new sound and therefore gets 5 stars in the category – it's predictably original. One caveat: The Deluxe Version, featuring an extra 4 not-so-original tracks. One of these, "The Joy" (which is still freely available on Kanye's site), was released as a part of GOOD Fridays last year, and HAM was the first single to be released. While these 4 "Deluxe" songs are good, they probably aren't worth the 4 "Deluxe" dollars it'll cost to upgrade. All in all, the standard version is high quality from an originality standpoint. *Recommended: "Otis"

With all this considered, the reason the album 4 stars instead of 5 is the same reason I highly recommend it. The inconsistent theme keeps your tape deck filled with music for any occasion and any mood. Watch the Throne features everything from operatic monologues to Blades of Glory skits to McDonald's-worthy date references. I'm not advocating mainstream rap's crass demeanor, but this and this album is a seller. Ima finish, but he had one of the greatest verses of all time – "Luxury rap, the Hermes of verses / sophisticated ignorance, write my curses in cursive."

What's the moral of the story? Establishing dominance. What's the catcher? Self-awareness.

Review rating: 3 elephants



Super 8 lacks originality

Chris Gewirtz • guest writer

Regardless of the director or the producer, it was the trailer for this movie that had me expecting a blockbuster. A quiet small-town atmosphere, a group of child stars and every other shot being either a colorful scene or an explosion; this looked different. I went in believing that it was going to be special, probably because the trailer didn't lend itself to the semi-run-of-the-mill summer movie tribute that it turned out to be.

The movie never really picked up, and I left disappointed. The one or two things you might find interesting aren't really worth waiting for, because everything else seemed like it had been done before. The dynamic between all the child actors felt like it was trying and failing to live up to the kids in "The Goonies." Maybe this is a kid's movie

and I'm just too old and pessimistic, but it seemed like the story was halfheartedly made to be about something other than the monster. None of the characters were interesting enough for me to get emotionally involved. The actual monster was cool, in the sense that he was interesting and unique (even though his story really wasn't), but you don't see enough of him. The exciting parts with him in it might make this movie worth watching for some people, but not for me. I got some enjoyment out of one of the characters who looked like my high-school chemistry teacher, a really good vomit joke, and acceptable action-y scenes. Besides that, this movie felt too much like other, better movies for it to be memorable.

When you get far enough in, you'll probably know where this movie is going and realize that this is

J.J. Abrams paying homage to all of the movies that it resembles. I felt like this wasn't my first time watching. There's no big reveal, you've basically heard this monster's story before in other movies, and the ending was pretty bad—if at least good looking. The trailer was the best thing that came out of "Super 8." Again, it wasn't a bad movie by itself, but knowing that there are movies out there that do its job better, watching this movie seems like a waste of time. You should see "Close Encounters of The Third Kind" or "E.T." if you're looking for the small town sci-fi thing, and you should come by my high school if you want to see my chemistry teacher.

Review rating: 2 elephants



Indie game of the week: Proun

Peter Sakovich • staff writer

Welcome to Indie Game of the Week! This week the Thorn reviews Proun, a racing game by Joost van Dongen that's quite a bit more abstract than is par for the course in the genre.

Unlike most racing games that have you jumping into a souped-up version of your favorite car and putting the pedal to the metal through dense cityscapes, Proun puts you in control of what could very well be a mote of dust zooming along huge cords that sweep across the sky, through vast swaths of space populated by giant shapes and structures that seem like they could have been taken from Picasso's subconscious.

Pitted against 5 opponents, you guide your sphere along the cords, dodging around various obstacles to your path and generally admiring the scenery as it blurs around you. The game sports four levels of difficulty that can be unlocked as you play: Fast, Sonic, Supersonic, and Light. Each brings increasingly difficult opponent intelligence and requires increasingly insane reaction times.

Despite the fact that the difficulty curve essentially necessitates memorization of each of the courses – if you want to rank on the worldwide scoreboards – one of the biggest points in the game's favor is its playability. The local multiplayer makes it easy for one or two friends to join in, and the game's controls are intuitive enough that just about anyone can pick it up and be playing like a pro in minutes. Luckily, there's no 'battle' system in the races like you might see in Mario Kart with its infamous rage-inducing blue shells; in fact, players cannot even run into each other's motes during a race; instead, a sound ef-

fect reminiscent of race cars zooming by on a track plays and you simply pass through your opponents.

Proun's bright and almost casual take on the racing game is something of a breath of air in what can often be a genre rooted in broken and bleak landscapes. Everything



from the popping visuals to the stellar jazz soundtrack to the intuitive gameplay makes Proun a real stand-out and a must-try game. Its creators have made it available for download on www.proun-game.com on a pay-what-you-want basis similar to the Humble Indie Bundle. There is no obligation to pay anything, but buying the game for \$2 or more unlocks a bonus track for play. This is a welcome addition as the game only comes with three tracks initially (with an unlockable fourth), but there are free user-made levels for download on their website as well.

As usual, you can also find Proun (and all the other games reviewed here) in \\rose-hulman.edu\dfs\Users\S\savkovpj\Shared.

Review rating: 3 elephants



How to: decorate your apartment with class

Melissa Schwenk • living editor

For about one fourth of the school, this is the last year of living in dorms. Some are planning weddings and registering for gifts. Others are preparing for the single life in a new town. No matter the situation, at the end of May, we'll be handed out "Certificate of Adulthood" and move away into new homes or apartments. We'll officially be grown up and it's time our décor reflects that. Here are a few tips on decorating with class.

First of all, pick a theme and a color scheme. These don't have to be fast and hard rules, but they will help when buying furnishings. If you need help, design magazines are a good place to start. They can give you ideas and help you see what works and what doesn't.

Next, it's time for some grown up furniture – get rid of your egg crate table, your peanut butter jar tooth brush holder, and your cereal box filing system. Whether you get your new furniture at Wal-Mart or IKEA doesn't matter; what matters is that you fill your apartment with real furniture. This involves replacing the futon if you living room with a real seating set, complete with matching end tables and lamps. You don't have to throw the futon away – keep it in a guest room until you de-



This is not what the living editor had in mind when she ordered a couch full of pillows.
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cide to completely furnish that room as well.

On top of furniture, you'll want some decorations. Try to keep these to a minimum – you don't want end tables so crowded that there's no room for a coaster. The following are some necessary accessories you should look into. Throw pillows are great for napping, especially when your couch has hard arm rests. Coffee table books

quickly tell your guests about your interests. Rugs will help save your floors, especially if you are renting your home. Lastly, scent diffusers are a great way to tie a room together, making the house smell more like a home.

Now that the furniture is in place, it's time to decorate your walls. While posters of your favorite bands were acceptable in college, your living room's wall hangings should

be centered around pictures and artwork. Given the wide variety of things labeled art, there is bound to be something out there that fits your taste and theme. When hanging posters or photos, put them in frames. This automatically adds +10 class to the room.

A few tips for decorating your walls: Make sure you plan out the pattern on the wall and use a level when you hang things. Nothing is worse

that crooked pictures and ten thousand empty nail holes. Also, make sure your wall hangings are appropriate. You never know when your mom or boss will show up, and having pictures of boobs or booze is probably sending a message you don't want sent.

Best of luck with job searches and house hunting. Hopefully these tips will help make you look and feel more grown up in your new home.

Career Fair Checklist

- Does your suit fit?
- Is your suit clean?
- Are your shoes polished?
- Have you researched your companies?
- Have you created personalized resumes for each company?
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- Have you practiced your spiel?
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Stop the labels

Viktor Goben • guest writer

We Americans love our labels. Did you see the one I just used? I know we are still of independent nations and what not, but our delight in hanging labels and anyone and everyone so we can quickly get back to ignoring the world around us, defying the breaking of stereotypes all around us.

Perhaps a good place to start is with politicians. Politicians love labels. They use them against their opponents, against issues that they are "firmly" against, and against anyone who threatens their power. They often use labels like "terrorist," "un-American," and any term that they think will sound bad to the poorly educated American public. That's why we still have remnants of 9/11/01 hanging around. Letting the so-called "Patriot Act" lapse without renewing might decrease the government's ability to tell you how to think, and the government doesn't want people who can think for themselves and know they are getting screwed. And yet the rhetoric continues.

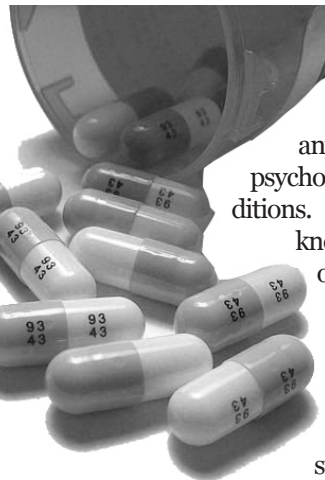
But this rhetoric is nothing new. Senator J. McCarthy loved using whatever he could to hang his scarlet C's for Communist on everyone from Edward R. Murrow (a very famous TV reporter) to nobody cleaning ladies.

But we don't just put labels on people. We Americans still like to paint countries, items, and anything else we find out of our comfort zone with some kind of label. To America, Russia is still Soviet Russia, Japan is still rife with horrid translations and poor pronunciations, video games incite violence, and Hollywood provides the perfect excuse to qualify yourself for a Darwin award.

Getting back to politicians, Michelle Bachmann recently declared - although interestingly she has no listed medical degree - that the HPV vaccine had strong potential to turn girls "retarded." So now we get to hang a nice black armband on the HPV vaccine on a very misinformed politician's whim. Why? Because the media loves everything politicians have to say and treat it all as the gospel truth, while the CDC and other actual medical organizations (with trained doctors and everything) have categorically stated that no such results have EVER been reported. And yet, this small vaccine which may in

the long term be a step toward a cancer-free future just got set back a minimum of 5 years. Sadly, Bachmann has also set back not only the national but also international view of women with almost every speech she gives, showing how poorly she has prepared and how far she is from reality.

However, this is not just about politicians who love to hang labels since we as Americans like to take our labels on the go. And since I've already touched on the medical industry, let's check back.



<http://wikipedia.org>

"epidemic" of Autism to be pure bull. Am I a doctor? No, but I don't claim to be. I think it is just another label to try and excuse kids' behavior without them having to pay for the consequences, a convenient excuse for parents to dope their children into obedience, the same way it was not long ago with the whole ADD/ADHD "epidemic."

So whether you are a ginger, ADD, black, gay, lesbian, a pot-smoker, blonde, white, redneck, German, Christian, or any of the other labels that you're busy hanging on people or hiding behind to avoid responsibilities, consequences, and reality in general, here's a word: STOP.

Let's stop with the labels. Let's just start being us instead of hiding behind all of our imaginary conditions that supposedly hamper our daily lives. Make it work for you instead of being a slave to it. Who knows? You might just become a better person, with a greater self-esteem and more self-sufficiency. Might come in handy when you don't have all those medications to hide the world from your true self during the Zombie Apocalypse.

In the medical industry, the USA is suffering any number of psychosomatic conditions. Yes, I'll acknowledge that once diagnosed, many of these conditions need real treatment. But I still find the relatively recently declared

The other side of the desk



Dr. Sudipa Kirtley • faculty writer

Humility makes us honorable

words, the more knowledge you acquire, the more you realize that there is so much more to know. This is - or should be - the wellspring of humility. The same could be true for monetary affluence: Whatever money you have, it is never enough; the richer you get, the more you want, and there will always be someone who is richer than you. The same unsatisfied thirst for money could - or should - leave you feeling humble in the sense that what you have is not that much after all.

The reality, however, is usually far from what I just stated above. We see arrogance in every sphere of life. There is arrogance because of wealth, acquired academic degrees, and acquired higher positions. We see people refusing to acknowledge friends, colleagues, even family members because of this acquired vanity. Perhaps success puts fear in their minds that being kind and humble will somehow threaten the fame that has, after all, set them apart from the rest. We all probably have this problem; whether we are aware of this or not, some arrogance creeps into our behavior for miniscule reasons. Perhaps it takes a concerted effort for those of us who are less than great to act humbly. It is different with the true scholar or person with a great mind. They are so very secure within themselves that humility needs no extra effort.

One may ask whether a person should be allowed to have some amount of pride if he or she has gained significant success in some area of his/her life. For example, take a well-known scientist or a celebrated film star who has climbed the ladder of success with hard work and persistence. Could he or she not look down occasionally upon others who are still struggling at the bottom rungs of the ladder? My answer would be that I am okay with taking pleasure in your accomplishments, or satisfaction from your hard work. Rejoicing at the ensuing success is expected. But I am not okay with the second part, when the pride turns into arrogance, and there is a fine line between the two.

I think that we "modern" humans, immersed in a sea of technological advances, can do much better than exhibit haughtiness. This is contrary to the lesson within: the more you learn, the more you want to know. Eventually it dawns upon you how little you really do know. In other

Going back to Tagore's quote, I strongly believe that being humble does make us honorable as individuals; it is a pillar of our humanity. Arrogance will rob us of our humanity, but humility is the antidote to arrogance.

In closing, success should be sought after, but when arrogance comes with it, it is time to pause and reconsider. Especially when we consider the great expanse of the universe, we are, but transient, infinitesimal objects. What on earth do we have to boast about?

Extended to include areas with dense student populations. ISU students don't even take advantage of the bus service because the operation hours do not line up with their schedules. We would have a similar problem.

Another solution would be to allow commuters to park in the Hatfield lot during the day as a temporary fix. In the long term, we really need another parking lot for campus residents by the Apartments and a larger lot for commuters within reasonable walking distance of the academic buildings. In the mean-time, perhaps we should pursue some of those alternative options.



Empty spots are hard to come by with all the construction happening on campus. <http://blogs.browardpalmbeach.com>

Where is our parking?

Jessica Reames • guest writer

The construction of the Student Innovation Center (SIC) and the new residence hall have cut into the parking available on campus. There are more students than ever at Rose-Hulman and the number of parking spaces is decreasing. Students have been parking in the visitor/staff lot when commuter parking is full only to find that public safety has left them a ticket at the end of the day. Students who live in Apartments West have to park in the large lot beside the SRC because of reduced capacity due to construction traffic and the space required for the new residence hall.

I'm grateful for all the growth on campus, but at some point we should get more parking spaces. I know that parking lots are not very aesthetically pleasing, but they are a necessity when there are so many students with cars. It would be absolutely ridiculous to implement a policy like the one at IU where freshmen cannot bring cars to campus because Rose-Hulman is not in downtown. Being located outside of town makes it very difficult to bike and walk here. There is only one pedestrian-cyclist path that runs near to Rose-Hulman and it is not a very convenient way to come to school with a bag full of textbooks.

Talking to the Terre Haute bus service about expanding their service to include Rose-Hulman and the living communities with the most students would be a great way to alleviate the parking problem, if the bus service also extended their hours later into the evening. We stay here late into the evening and sometimes night working on projects, labs, and homework. The bus service would only be an effective solution if their service hours and routes were

Fightin' Engineers top Panthers

Balanced team effort secures Homecoming win

Kurtis Zimmerman • sports editor

Returning home to Cook Stadium for their Homecoming game, the Engineer football team took to the field looking to avenge their 31 - 52 loss to the Hanover College Panthers last season. A goal line stand led the Engineers over Manchester for a Homecoming win last fall, and the defense showed the same strength this year to balance out the strong offensive start. At the end of four quarters, Rose-Hulman secured the 31 - 20 win to a crowd of cheering students, faculty, and alumni.

Coming off his career-best rushing game last week at Kalamazoo, junior Kyle Kovach took the field for another impressive game of 124 yards and started off the offensive effort with the first touchdown of the game. Junior quarterback Mitch Snyder had a successful afternoon, finishing with a 12 - 25 effort including 112 yards and two touchdown passes. Rose-Hulman managed to score 24 points in the first quarter to quickly push the momentum their way; the defense and special teams units were just as key in the victory.

The special teams unit put the second touchdown on the board when junior Alex Sonneberger returned the ball seven yards after freshman Grant DePalma blocked a Hanover

punt. Tying school records, junior Eric Schaible punted 11 times for a total 424 yards with a school record six punts inside the opponent's 20-yard line. Averaging 39.6 yards per kick, Schaible earned the honor of Special Teams Player of the Week in the HCAC for a second consecutive week.

ing followed with seven tackles and a fumble recovery, and senior Ben Parker also picked up a couple sacks. Sophomores T.J. Chin and Josh Yoder each had a fumble recovery, and senior Bobby Short and sophomore Cody Rivers each had interceptions during the game.

Despite strong defensive play, the

for head coach Jeff Sokol who also picked up his first victory at Cook Stadium in his first year here at Rose-Hulman. His enthusiasm was visible several times during the second half as he raised his arms in an effort to bring the noise out of a spirited crowd of Engineer supporters ranging from students to alumni.

Soon after being showered in Gatorade by his players following the game, he told the press: "It feels great. It feels great. We worked really hard for this. The coaching staff prepared all week... We were hungry for this win and we were going to do anything we could to get it."

Rose-Hulman improved to 1 - 2 overall and kicked off the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference season at 1 - 0. Hanover dropped to 1 - 3 overall

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Panthers brought in two touchdowns and a field goal in the second quarter to close out the first half with a 24 - 17 Engineer lead. Storming back onto the field, the Engineers increased the margin to 31 - 17 after a crucial tipped pass caught by Paris Gray which was carried into the endzone. Hanover could only add another field goal to their score, but strong defensive play and a strategic delay of game would run the clock out for a Rose-Hulman victory.

The Homecoming win also marked the first career NCAA coaching win

and 1 - 1 in conference play after defeating Defiance College during its Homecoming last week. The Fightin' Engineers will travel to Manchester College to take on their conference rivals Saturday afternoon beginning at 1:30 p.m. Manchester currently stands at 2-1 overall and 1-0 in conference play after defeating Earlham College two weeks ago. Live statistics will be available on the Rose-Hulman Athletics website as well as live audio coverage for those who want to keep up with the football team's action.



Homecoming sports recap

Matt Dierksmeier • staff writer

The Fightin' Engineers also competed in soccer, volleyball, and tennis games this past weekend to round out the Homecoming events.

Volleyball

Preceding the Homecoming pep rally and bonfire, the Rose-Hulman volleyball team opened up conference play against Franklin College. The Lady Engineers came out on top with a 3-0 victory. They picked up another 3-0 win against Anderson University earlier this week to extend their record to 12-4, matching their stellar record from last year. Their upcoming match has them going to Transylvania University to take on the Pioneers this Saturday afternoon.

Men's soccer

In the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference opener last Saturday, the men's soccer team hosted Transylvania University, but lost in a 3-1 effort. They picked up another loss to Greenville College earlier this week, dropping the team to 5-5 on the season; their next action is this Saturday when they travel to Mount St. Joseph.

Women's soccer

This past Saturday, the women's soccer team played at home against the defending HCAC champion, Transylvania University. Freshman Nicky Wheeler scored for Rose-Hulman, but Transylvania managed to win 2-1 in a narrow game. Losing to Greenville College on Tuesday, the Engineers' record is now at 3-6 and they will join the men's team at Mount St. Joseph this Saturday.

Women's tennis

The women's tennis team matched up against HCAC conference rivals, Transylvania University and Mount St. Joseph, this past Saturday and Sunday, respectively. Rose-Hulman improves their conference record after winning 5-4 over Transylvania and 8-1 over Mount St. Joseph. The team travels to Hanover College this Saturday to try to improve their 6-2 record.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

Men's golf at Manchester Invite	
Women's tennis at Hanover College	9 a.m.
Men's cross country at Earlham Invitational	11 a.m.
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Men's soccer at Mount St. Joseph	1 p.m.
Volleyball at Transylvania University	1 p.m.
Football at Manchester College	1:30 p.m.
Women's soccer at Mount St. Joseph	3 p.m.
Volleyball vs Asbury University	3 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

Women's golf at Franklin Invitational	11 a.m.
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Men's soccer vs Illinois Wesleyan	7 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

Women's soccer at St. Mary-of-the-Woods	4:30 p.m.
Women's tennis vs Earlham College	6 p.m.

"What I always say is, if the command line can't do it, it ain't worth doing."

Stephen Mayhew • Little-known sayings of the Lone Ranger



Stephen Mayhew • Acronym SMART

Top “10” Ten

Ways to fail at getting a job at the Career Fair

Thorn Staff • may not be getting jobs

10. Under the ‘Previous Experience’ section, you include “Level 45 Warlock.” “Guild Master” is also another good choice.
9. Offer bribes in the form of Amazon gift card codes on the back of the resume.
8. Sneeze into your palm and then immediately go for an introductory handshake.
7. Dress like a CS while applying for an ME job. Or, dress like an ME while applying for a CS job. If you’re coding in a suit, you’re kind of... well, *weird*.
6. Accidentally hand out old failed tests instead of resumes. It proves that you’ve survived a number of ‘character-building’ experiences in your time at Rose.
5. Transition into another language. Bonus points if you can talk in German without them knowing.
4. Explain how your long-term goal is to replace the interviewer. And then automate his job.
3. Ask if the company would make you liable for any “accidents.”
2. Play “Interview Bingo”—and let the interviewers see your bingo card.
1. Slowly but surely turn the interview on the company rep. Bonus points for turning psychological: “And how does that make you feel?”



ROSE MEN

OF GENIUS

Celebrating the unsung heroes of Rose-Hulman

Noël Spurgeon • humor editor

Today, we salute you, Mr. One-Up Guy. No matter how magical the lives of those around you are, yours is always better. Someone answer a question correctly in class? You’ve derived that equation from scratch in your free time between Advanced Molecular Interpretive Dance and Saving Small Villages 101. Is your roommate excited about his brand-new copy of Gears 3? You got it three weeks before it was released, and it was meh. Oh, and that B+ that he got on his first Meatballs exam? You got a perfect score when you took it in middle school seven years ago. In France. When you’re not busy squashing hopes and dreams on your way to the top of the awesomeness heap, you spend your time talking about how wonderful home was, and how blessed we all are to make your acquaintance. Terre Haute is nothing compared to your 6-bedroom mansion complete with chocolate fountain and built-in ball pit. And your poor supermodel/chef girlfriend misses you terribly, which is why you post pictures of her all over Facebook. So here’s to you, oh titan of the trump card... where would we social peons be without you and your exceptionally attractive lady friend (...who you totally found on Google).

Wacky prof quotes

- “Somehow between the closet and my covers is no man’s land.”
— Dr. Mellor, on fear of the dark. Fortunately, blankets give +10 defense against bogeymen.
- “Too many cooks in the kitchen burn the soup, or stew, or whatever it is you burn.”
—Dr. Schumacher. The sad part is that you’ll probably eat it anyway.
- “Now it’s time to talk about part e.) ... and I’m not talking about what you did last weekend.”
—Dr. Mech, who homecoming shenanigans have ceased to suprise.
- “So, if you had a pandemonium but just filled with sort of hipster-type dudes, it would be a BROmonium!”
— Dr. Weatherman on the newest element. You’ve probably never heard of it before. It’s really underground.
- “I’ve never been in a Wal-Mart in Terre Haute where I’m the fattest person...and that is AWESOME!”
— Dr. Casey, on finding a place where you’ll never be judged.

Rose Profs say crazy things. E-mail them to the Flipside at thorn-flipside@rose-hulman.edu

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