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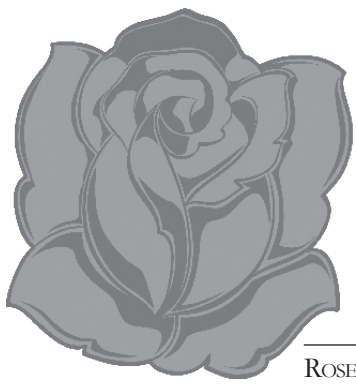
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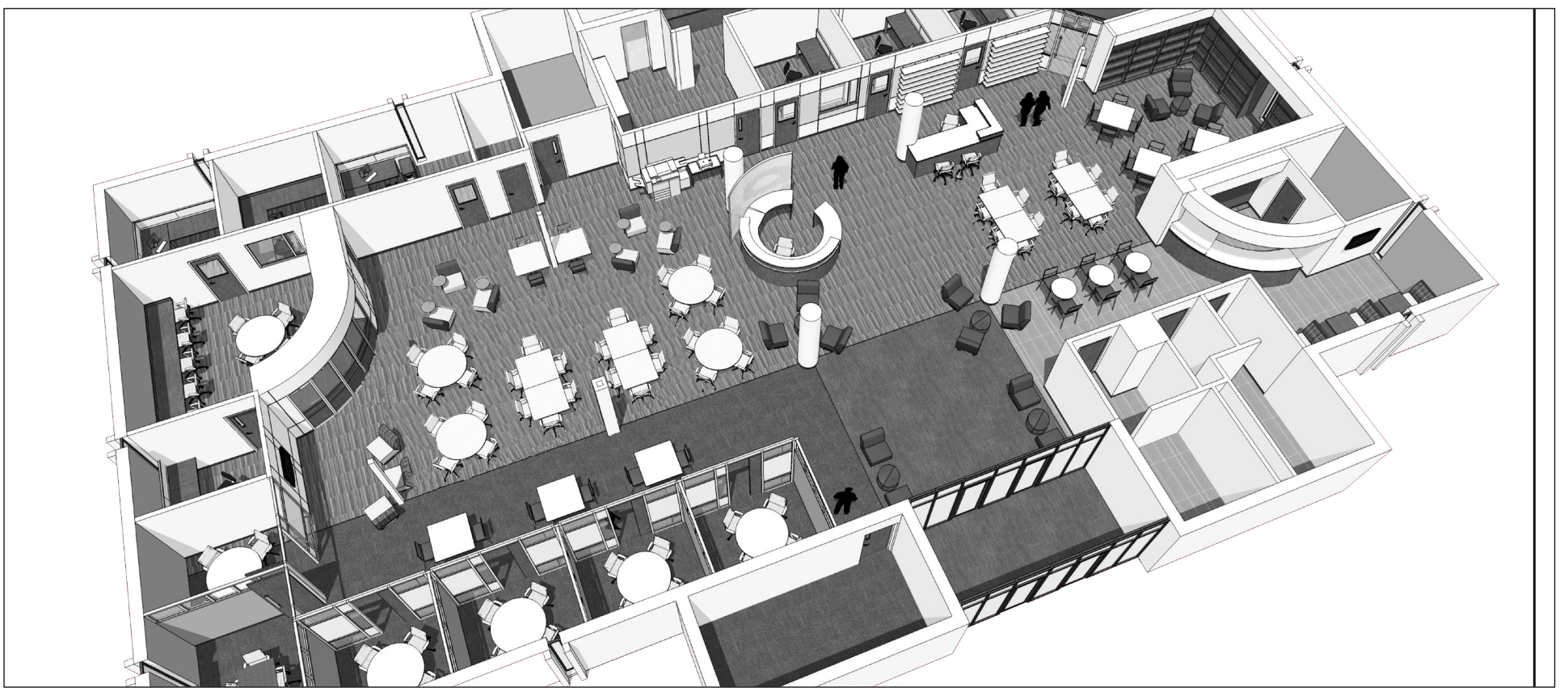
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Rose renovates Logan Library



Top, secured zone around Logan Library during construction work. Bottom, proposed floor plan of the first floor of the newly renovated Logan Library.

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Tim Ekl • editor-in-chief

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The renovation of Logan Library stretched into the first weeks of the 2010-2011 academic year as work crews rushed to complete the rebuild. Though originally slated to be complete by the start of the school year,

work on the main and upper floors of the library is now scheduled to last through September 20, according to Jan Jerrell, circulation coordinator.

While the entire book collection is being held in storage, library staff will attempt to retrieve books on request. In addition, inter-library loans are still available.

"We feel confident that these minor inconveniences will be worth the effort and that students, faculty and staff will be very pleased with

this significantly enhanced and functional space," Jerrell said in a campus-wide email.

The renovation project began in June and lasted the summer. New features to the reconstructed library are to include a café, additional individual and group workspaces, and extra seating for students.

"There are several reasons [why the library is being renovated]. The main one is to provide more learning space for students and the other

is to update the aesthetics of the library," said Rachel Crowley, Director of the Logan Library. She notes that "the Reference area and the [Digital Resource Center] will still be available for use, but in a more inviting atmosphere."

During the renovation, several student employees worked to place books in storage and, along with library staff, evaluate the existing collection and discard materials as necessary to make room for newer items.

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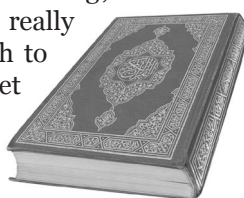
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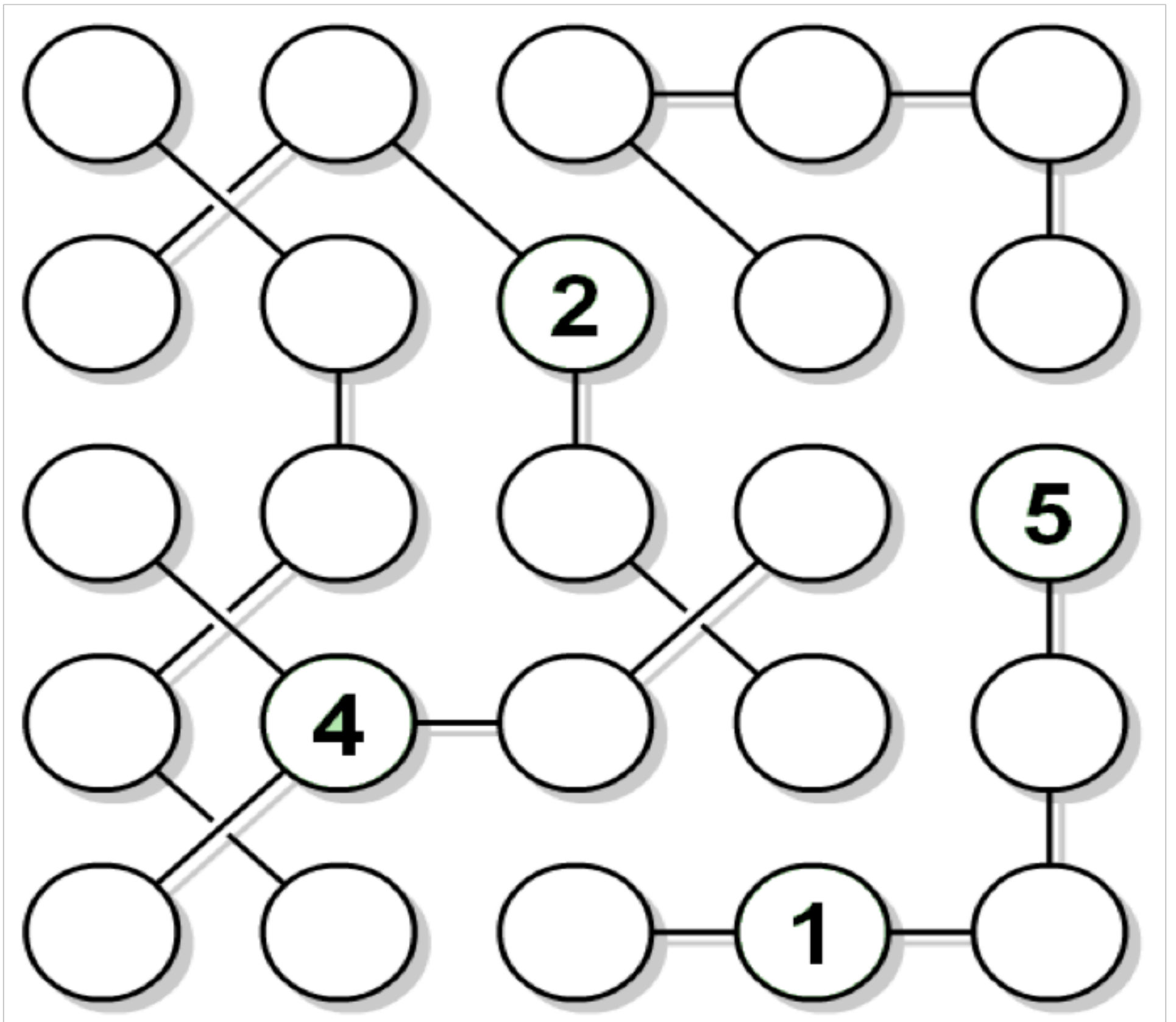
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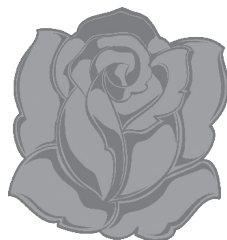
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News Briefs

BY ALEX MULLANS

Koran burning plans on hold

After a week's worth of heated debate, Florida pastor Terry Jones has cancelled plans to burn copies of the Islamic holy book on the ninth anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks. Criticism for the pastor's plan came from ranking politicians including President Obama, who warned that the attacks could provoke more suicide bombings from al-Qaeda and possibly put US forces in Afghanistan and Iraq at risk of retaliation. However, in his press conference, Jones linked his decision to a rumored agreement by Muslim leaders in New York City to relocate the proposed Islamic cultural center near Ground Zero. Those leaders have denied any such agreement.

Antivirus-on-a-chip?

Last Thursday, chip behemoth Intel purchased security software maker McAfee for more than \$7.5bn. Intel touts the purchase as the next step in computer security, suggesting that it wants to move antivirus protection from software to hardware. The long-term implications are still somewhat vague, but Intel president Paul Otellini says, "Everywhere we sell a microprocessor, there's an opportunity for a security suite." In addition to McAfee's strengths in antivirus software, Intel gained technologies like encryption and data loss prevention from the acquisition. Some in the industry have predicted that a string of industry acquisitions may be on the way.

Iran to free detained American citizen

The Iranian government has announced that they are releasing Sarah Shourd, an American hiker who has been in the government's custody since July 2009 after being detained with two others while hiking near the Iraq-Iran border. The release is scheduled to occur on Saturday. While White House spokesman Robert Gibbs has said that all three Americans had "committed no crime," Iranian Intelligence Minister Haidar Moslehi claimed that the three had links to American intelligence services and that a full investigation would be finished soon. Some pundits have speculated that the announcement is a show of clemency to mark Eid ul-Fitr - the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

IAIT implements new bandwidth and wireless policies

Alex Mullans • editor-in-chief

Returning upperclassmen were greeted with a pleasant surprise the first time the laptops kicked back to life. RHIT-1X, aka the 'official' campus wireless network, now extends to all ten residence halls on campus. For the first time last year, a campus survey found that more than 50% of students surveyed wanted institute-provided wireless in the residence halls.

Installation of the system cost around \$200,000.

Along with the new system came new restrictions for student-owned wireless routers. Students are no longer allowed to run their own wireless networks. IAIT's website notes that "Personal wireless routers interfere with the campus wireless infrastructure in the academic and administrative buildings [and] can allow unauthorized access to individuals sitting in a parking lot." Personal routers

are still allowed for students who wish to hard-wire multiple devices into the campus network. However, the wireless component of the router must be turned off or the port connecting the router to the campus network will be disabled by IAIT.

The second major change to campus computing policy lies in bandwidth restrictions. After an attempt several years ago to completely remove bandwidth restrictions (which resulted in an im-

mense slowdown of the campus network), this academic year a middle ground was bridged between the restrictions of years past and complete freedom. IAIT sums up the policy as follows: "There are no email notifications, the transfer limits are higher, and bandwidth rates will recover over time if Internet usage is reduced." In addition, heavy users get a 'discount' of sorts by downloading large files late at night or during the weekend.

A device registered to you, [REDACTED], is broadcasting the wireless network "dd-wrt". Since IAIT provides wireless networking in the residence halls, and in order to limit interference and improve security, IAIT has implemented a Wireless Router Policy which is available at:

http://www.rose-hulman.edu/TSC/policies/wireless_router/

The wireless device described above is out of compliance with the policy and must have its wireless functionality disabled, or the port connecting it to the campus network may be disabled.

Above, an example of an email students across campus with wireless routers have been receiving.

Alex Mullans • editor-in-chief

In Photos: Freshman Orientation



Left, freshman prepare to catch fellow students in trust fall activities. Top right, freshman assist each other through orientation team building exercises as part of orientation week. Bottom right, freshman attended major related seminars to prepare for the year.

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Plenty of action this summer with comics

Eli Baca • staff writer

The comic world was abuzz this summer with new and old faces, publishing faux pas, and teams being assembled. Let's do a recap of what may have missed and what's still brewing.

For Marvel, this summer was more about movies than it was about comics, though the comics were still breathtaking. The major news was the naming of The Avengers team and cult classic Joss Whedon being named the director. Even though we'll have to wait a couple summers, this was the biggest part of San Diego Comic-Con and is still being talked about all over the net. Comic-wise, the "Heroic Age" saw new series created and old ones cancelled as well as some of the Avengers coming together as team-mates. Major plot twists abounded for everyone, but Spider-Man and the X-Men are still deal-

ing with their "Gauntlet" and "Second Coming" storylines, respectively.

DC let loose some movie news with Batman 3 getting a date and Superman 2 getting a production team, but the major comic arc, possibly of the summer, was (and still is) the Return of Bruce Wayne. Batman's back, and look to October to see some MAJOR movement from the Batman guys. And if that wasn't enough Batman, DC finally FINALLY gave Batman Beyond a comic run. DC's trinity (Batman, Superman, and Wonder Woman) also celebrated major series milestones with Batman and Superman getting to #700 and Wonder Woman getting jumped to #600—and having a complete extreme makeover. Love it or hate it but Wonder Woman finally has some pants on! In other news, people came back to life and those Black Rings stopped killing everyone in

the "Brightest Day" crossover event.

Independent comic publishers saw TV shows, and some musicians, getting the comic light—True Blood got a mini-series and Charmed got an ongoing series. American Vampire from Vertigo released to major thumbs up, and Star Wars: Legacy ended with a bang (only to be coming back for more). Serenity fans got a little heart beat with the lovely Float Out story about fan fav Wash (just wait, the Shepherd Book graphic novel is on its way!), and vampire fans got something to sink their teeth into with 30 Days of Night/X-Files crossover. Felicia Day also took her witty writing into the comic world penning her first comic (and subsequently two more) about the back story of her web series, The Guild.

There was also a major publishing flub when Scott Allie, senior managing editor

of Dark Horse Comics, accidentally leaked the return of a comic series to Dark Horse on the back cover of a comic—instead of letting the other publisher, IDW, make the announcement when they were ready to. Oops. Leaked in the Buffy the Vampire Slayer one-shot "Riley", it said that Angel was coming back to Dark Horse, therefore bringing the Buffyverse finally all back together under the same publishing roof. "Season Eight" of BtVS wraps up within the year, as does IDW's Angel (and Spike) series.

For other movies, Mark Millar's Nemesis got picked up to be made into a movie, and Kick Ass 2 is already ready to go. Thor looks amazing. Captain America is ready to start. Jonah Hex needs to be swept under the



<http://bleedingcool.com>

rug. Conan's getting a movie. X-Men's getting a movie re-tooling. Spider-Man got a new man. The Walking Dead is getting a TV show. Green Lantern's suit is CGI. And there's still so many comic movies coming out in theaters. Look for more comic wackiness and movie awesomeness coming in the fall and winter!

Scott Pilgrim rocks the world

Bennie Waters • guest writer

It has been well-established that Edgar Wright knows how to make an excellent movie, as he's proven with "Shaun of the Dead" and "Hot Fuzz." Once again, he exceeds expectations and delivers a great film in the form of Scott Pilgrim vs the World.

Scott Pilgrim, while being based off a series of graphic novels, is more easily described as a video game movie, due to the sheer level of ridiculousness of everything in it. Throughout the film, characters level up, collect extra lives, and get in ridiculous "boss battles" that result in people bursting into coins. On paper, it may seem like a strange thing for a movie to be so deeply engrained in video game culture, but Scott Pilgrim em-

braces its 8-bit roots, and is all the better for it.

This film tells the tale of Scott Pilgrim (Michael Cera from "Juno"), the twenty-two year old bass player for the band Sex Bob-omb. He has no direction in his life, shares a bed with his gay roommate, Wallace (Kieran Culkin), and is dating a seventeen year old named Knives Chau "because it's just simple." Simply put, he's not the kind of hero we've come to expect in movies these days, and he's certainly not the type of guy anyone would peg for an action hero.

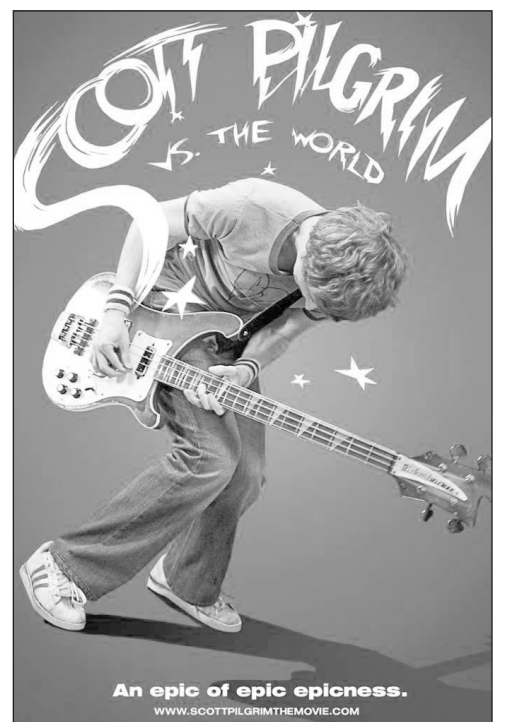
While Scott is "dating" his seventeen year old fling, he happens to meet Ramona Flowers (Mary Elizabeth Winstead from "Live Free or Die Hard"), a mysterious delivery girl for Amazon.com. After reluctantly breaking

up with Knives, he and Ramona begin openly dating, under one small condition: Scott must fight and defeat Ramona's evil exes, her seven jilted former lovers who have joined forces to forever control the future of Ramona's love life. These exes' attacks on Scott are the main driving force of the film, and each of them is, in a word, epic.

Each of these encounters is visually breathtaking and exhilarating, from the Bollywood-inspired fight against the first ex-boyfriend and his demon hipster chicks, to the Guitar Hero-esque "bass battle" between Scott and the vegan, psychic, bass-playing mega-douche Todd Ingram (played by the always delightful Brandon Routh).

As a lifelong gamer, this film felt like a visual master-

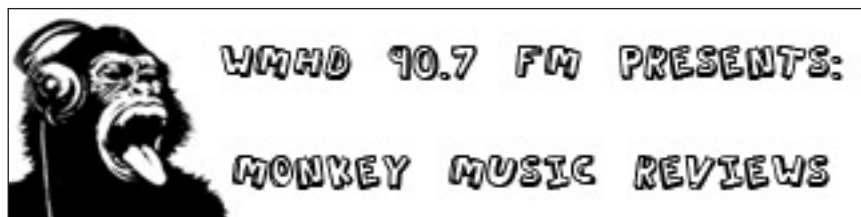
piece, with each of the special effects feeling like something out of an old school video game. The cast did a perfect job portraying their counterparts from the comic books, and the soundtrack by Beck was superb. There were times, however that the film felt pretty rushed. This is largely due to the fact that the film is based off of a six-book series, and there was simply too much story to try to cram into a two-hour movie. Despite the feeling that the end was slightly rushed, this was still an excellent flick that may live on to be a true cult classic.



An epic of epic epics.
WWW.SCOTTPILGRIMTHEMOVIE.COM

<http://moviebase.net>

Review rating: 4.5 elephants



Zander Huff • monkey writer

Things which get their start on the internet usually don't last much longer than the initial obsession. This being said, the fact that OK Go is still pulling out hits after their famous treadmill-filled video for "Here It Goes Again" back in 2006 is impressive. Rather than immediately pushing on their tidal wave of popularity, they decided to wait for a few years, to the less than ideal result of Of the Blue Color of the Sky. Straying away from their previous Weezer-esque sound they've

instead channeled Prince here. Ironically, their opening track is aptly titled "WTF." The best analogy I can make is like when Beck made his Sea Change album, looking inward rather than beaming poppy goodness like with OK Go's first two albums. Sadly, the two hookiest tracks "This Too Shall Pass" and "All is Not Lost," with a special mention for "White Knuckles," are mostly obscured by the meandering of the rest of the album. This album just doesn't go anywhere, and, despite a few shining moments, is disappointing.



<http://clevescene.com>

Suggested Tracks: This Too Shall Pass, All Is Not Lost, White Knuckles
Review rating: 3 elephants



NEW RELEASES

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Scott Pilgrim vs. The World
Machete
Resident Evil: After-Life
I'm Still Here
The Romantics

Music:

The Thermals
Personal Life

Interpol
Interpol

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NHL 11
(PS3, 360)

Haute Food: Market Bella Rossa

Melissa Schwenk • living editor

Having spent two full years in Terre Haute, I've had plenty of meals to explore the fine Hautian cuisine. Unfortunately, I haven't taken advantage of that as much as I should, which seems to be the case with most Rose-Hulman students. Downtown Terre Haute has more to offer than streets full of bars, and this series will hopefully open up new eatery options besides Buffalo Wild Wings and Steak 'n Shake.

Market Bella Rossa is a locally owned café located downtown on Wabash Ave between Sixth and Seventh Streets. Its owners were inspired by a trip they took to Italy; their sandwich offerings exhibit this Italian influence with the use of mozzarella cheese, olive oil, and

Italian deli meats. These sandwiches come in large portions, even if you only order the half. In fact, most people only order half of a sandwich so they can get a bag of chips as well.

While most sandwich shops tend to be vegetarian unfriendly and Italians aren't known for their meatless dishes, Market Bella Rossa offers several vegetarian options. Everything on the menu is labeled as containing meat, nuts, or as a vegetarian option. Having been introduced to the café by a vegetarian, I can assure you that Market Bella Rossa's vegetarian options are not your everyday offerings; they are tasty without being higher priced than the other options.

Besides sandwiches, Market Bella Rossa has the usual

offerings of a café. They offer a different soup every day, as well as pasta salads and fruit salads. The fruit is fresh, not from a can, just like everything else in the café. To wash down your meal, there is a large selection of beverages. You can enjoy a Nantucket Nectar, San Pellegrino water, or many other options not found in your average restaurant.

Market Bella Rossa is only open for lunch, so most Rose students will have to wait for their weekend Wednesday before trying this sandwich shop. Believe me, though, this restaurant is well worth the wait. Get out there and enjoy some Haute Food.

If you want to review a restaurant for Haute Food, send me an e-mail at thornliving@rose-hulman.edu.



Visit the Market Bella Rossa for a tasty Italian lunch. Indoor and outside seating is available for your dining pleasure.

Tim Ekl • editor-in-chief

How to: Become instantly known at Rose-Hulman

Melissa Schwenk • living editor

With a campus as small as ours, it's pretty easy to know most people by name and almost every one by face. It's also pretty easy to become well-known in your department for your class work and on campus for a given

number of things. Admittedly, it feels good to have people say hi to you as you walk from class to class, but there are definitely a few ways to become notorious rather than well-known.

If this week's SharePoint war has taught us anything, it's that lady creeping has gone to a whole

new level. While my freshman year boys were banned from the girl floors for simply walking around endlessly past our rooms, now we are sought out by Personal Ad Kid. The poor freshman obviously did not realize the caliber of boredom he was dealing with and he will now

forever be known by that nickname.

Personal Ad Kid isn't the only notorious kid on campus and I'm not saying there is anything wrong with being eccentric. However, don't be offended when you become your own Internet meme.

Remember kids, it's a long four years at Rose-Hulman. Your reputation is your most important possession, right after your laptop, of course. Before you do anything stupid, don't ask "Is it illegal?" Ask, "Is this the Internet meme I want to have for the rest of my life?"



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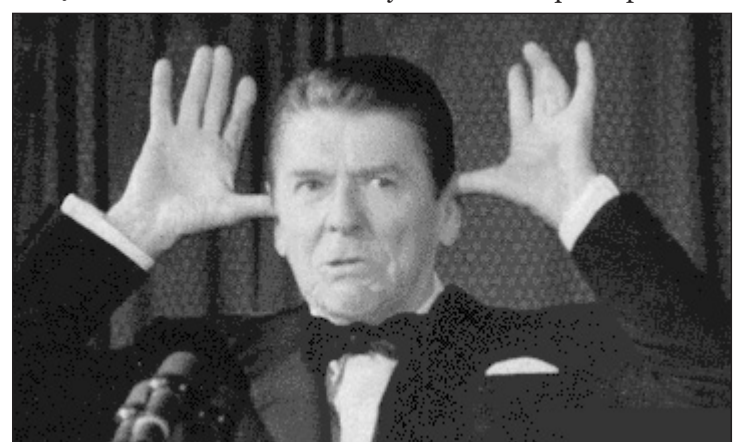
Kurtis Zimmerman
staff writer

“So what do you guys do around here for fun?”
“MATH!”

If you went to see the comedian, J.T. Thomas, at Hatfield Hall last Friday night, you surely heard this exchange. It was a running gag throughout the show and caused laughter among the crowd. But, as is usually true, the hilarity came not from any degree of ridiculousness but rather from the truth of the answer. We do, in fact, do a lot of math, among other disciplines, here at Rose-Hulman, and it takes a lot of hard work and studying to succeed and go on to do well.

So it comes as no surprise that some of the most important—and most frequented—rooms on campus are the study rooms and common

areas where students can be found morning and night working on their latest assignment or confirming the details of their project with a professor that happens to be passing through. Even when you wait in line at the Subway on campus, over half the students waiting are typically reading something assigned or working on their laptops while constantly shifting seats.



President Reagan would appreciate a return to the previous style of interior decoration.
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The study lounges are a fantastic place to work between classes. Having a break between my seventh and ninth hour class, I find it handy and comfortable to drag my books and materials down to the study room just outside the Financial Aid Of-

ice and get some sort of work finished (where work may at times include Facebook stalking and writing articles for the Thorn). The tables are evenly spaced to provide a great open feel, the chairs provide comfortable seating, and plenty of it, and the brass elephant in the middle works both as art and a source of inspiration some days. Also, I—along with hundreds of others—use this room and its twin just upstairs to pass through the academic buildings, to and from Moench, during the school day. Especially in the winter or one of Indiana’s sudden downpours, these rooms provide shelter while moving to my next class.

So what would happen if these study rooms were to suddenly change, if one day you were to be shuffling to your favorite quiet spot to sit

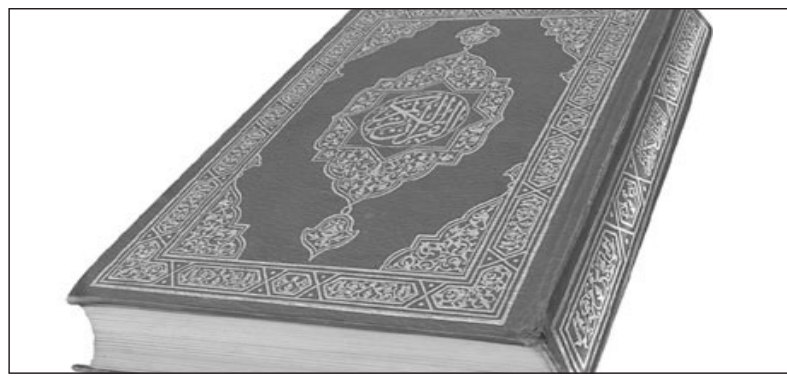
and read or work on homework? Well I’ll tell you all about it, because that happened to me just yesterday. I was walking down to my usual spot and found students not only confused but a little turned off. The green matches the unattractive stripe on the wall and several of the tables have a definite lack of seating. I found myself looking upon several students standing at the taller workspace crammed together trying to finish their homework before jaunting off to class, and the whole situation just looked uncomfortable. On top of all of that, these short divider walls were erected to separate the four tables with what look like dry erase boards,

but I didn’t dare move close enough to be sure. What I do know is that putting up walls can only destroy the sense of community that Rose has, the openness and freedom to feel together and trust one another. Now it feels as if we are being separated and thrust into privacy when it was never really desired.

And that very thought encompasses the bulk of the problem: are the changes really desirable? So many people use that space already and I have never heard a bad word about any of the study areas. Then why the change? My only thought (one a friend mentioned to me) was that the school was trying to make the space look more trendy. But functionality should come first. We are a school of the twenty-first century, employing technology a lot of other schools lack and being the first to try out new gadgets and technical equipment, but this doesn’t mean our style has to reflect that. One thing I loved about Rose-Hulman when visiting was its visual appeal. A lot of the buildings are over a hundred years old, and in many ways this makes it feel more lived-in and comfortable. Stylizing the areas we’ve all come to love in ways can make a favorite place feel new and uncomfortable, stiff and off-putting, and that’s how I felt walking into the study room.

I don’t want to seem ungrateful, like I don’t appreciate the changes the school makes. I’m sure the renovations to the library will bring a cold building to life, and the new study lounge in the math department only makes sense. But the aesthetic renovations in the study rooms seem unnecessary and degrading to the character of those rooms.

So I ask, much like Reagan did during the harsh times of the Cold War, that you tear down those walls, that we bring back the sense of community and openness to the study rooms, and that for once, can a good thing just remain a good thing?



A Florida pastor has come under fire for planning a Koran-burning event for September 11.
watchman.typepad.com

Burn the Quran Day? So?

Andrew Klusman
business manager

The International Burn a Quran Day is an event planned for September 11, 2010 (the nine-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States of America), and is organized to protest militant Islamic aggression. Pastor Terry Jones, leader of a non-denominational Christian assembly and author of the book “Islam is of the Devil,” announced the event. He has come under fire from politicians and religious groups but has also received some support, as well as two hundred copies of the Quran. My biggest question about the whole event is, “Why is this a bigger deal than anything else right now?”

First, in all practicality, book burning is nothing more than a symbolic waste of time. Did it go over really well in the 1500s with Martin Luther’s writings? Sadly, no. Why? Well, for one the Catholic Church clearly failed to burn all the texts, and besides, the invention of the printing press made it a whole lot easier to print books, as opposed to the old way of printing them by hand. So, pre-printing press, book burnings made sense. When you burned a book, it was no longer around, and it couldn’t be re-created easily. Nowadays, if you burn a book, it can be burned, and someone can just get an e-book or buy it online. So, really, all this fellow in Florida is doing is wasting time, doing something pointlessly symbolic (at best), and putting a lot more paper ash into the air (for those readers

who are environmentalists).

Another question about the whole event is why does the media get into a frenzy about this certain type of desecration? Yes, Muslims believe the Quran is a holy object. However, there are numerous YouTube videos showcasing (proudly, might I add) the desecration of the Most Holy Eucharist, the bread that is transfigured into the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ by the Catholic priest at Mass. This is Our Lord being desecrated! Yet, no one from the media bats an eyelash at this (with a Google News search at print time for “desecration of Eucharist” there was one related story about a priest slapping a young man for desecrating the Eucharist from the National Catholic Register, and “desecration of Quran” returned 310 results, not to mention the other coverage it’s been given). Why is it that Quran desecration yields so much media spotlight and attention, while the desecration of the Eucharist yields none? Would the situation be different if Catholics blew up buildings or murdered people who blasphemed against the Catholic Faith?

As the “International Burn a Quran Day” comes and goes, if people are truly “outraged” at a desecration of the Quran, maybe they can also look at why they don’t have such a large and emotional reaction to any other desecration of other religious items, especially when the desecration of the Most Holy Eucharist, truly God present among man, garners merely one story in a Catholic publication.

Why people should still care about campaign finance

Carly Baehr • opinions editor

Money is not the same thing as free speech.

One person, one vote; not one dollar, one vote.

Does money buy elections? It has been shown that the candidate who spends more on their campaign usually wins—but it has also been shown that this isn’t necessarily a causal relationship. Usually the candidate who is obviously going to lose will at some point bail out and quit buying ads that won’t matter. And usually a candidate who has enough support to actually raise a winning amount of money has enough support to win the election anyway.

Okay, so if money doesn’t buy elections, we don’t need campaign finance reform, because the best candidate will win no matter how much the candidates spend. Giant corporations should be able to throw

their money away on donations as much as they like, since it won’t make a difference. Right?

Well, no. Here’s the problem: when a corporation donates a huge amount of money to a candidate’s campaign, it isn’t trying to buy the election. It’s buying the politician.

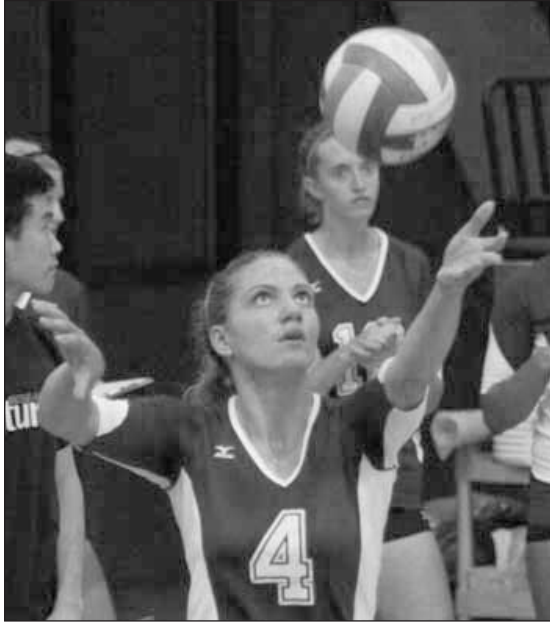
Congressmen represent their home districts, their individual supporters, their parties, their voting base, and the country at large. But they also represent the people and organizations to which they are indebted—not just their voters, but their donors, too. If a member of Congress receives a massive donation from, say, the petroleum industry, he will have a fairly compelling motivation to support policies that favor petroleum—if he makes the oil companies mad, he’ll lose a lot of campaign money, and possibly his

job (if his donors were the only thing keeping him in office).

Politicians should be accountable to the people, not beholden solely to their donors, and should look out for their constituents’ interests, not those of corporations. The interests of large corporations are too often in conflict with the interests of the country. Do you want your congressmen to be in favor of pollution? Monopolies? Irresponsible business practices? Treating employees poorly? Falsified documentation? Rejecting valid insurance claims? Overcharging for services?

I know that not all corporations are giant evil hippie killers, but I still don’t want my Congressmen to put their corporate donors’ interests above those of their constituents.

Volleyball's best start ever



Women's volleyball holds a perfect 5-0 record.
Rose-Hulman News

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The Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology volleyball team has recorded its best start to a season in program history with a 5-0 record after earning two three-set victories on Sunday.

Rose-Hulman defeated Stephens College 25-11, 25-12, 25-12 in the opener, then topped Robert Morris-Springfield 25-23, 25-15, 25-17 in the nightcap.

Against Stephens, sophomore Anna Lewer led a balanced Rose-Hulman attack with seven kills, 10 digs and three service aces. Lewer was also chosen to the all-tournament team for her efforts.

Junior Karah Hickman also had seven kills, with freshman Casey Levitt contributing six kills and seven

digs.

Junior Leah Pelzel and freshman Kira Boswell provided passing support with 17 and 12 assists, respectively. Pelzel also tallied seven digs and two aces.

Freshman Kate Dangel led the defensive effort with 15 digs.

In the Robert Morris-Springfield victory, junior Morgan Williams led the offensive effort with 10 kills. Pelzel recorded 17 assists and eight digs, with Dangel providing eight digs and a team-high four service aces.

The Engineers improved to 5-0 on the season and will host the Rose-Hulman Invitational at Hulbert Arena on Friday night and Saturday. Matchups include Rose-Hulman hosting Wilmington and Eureka tonight, then battling DePauw and Principia tomorrow.

The Engineers vs. the Sycamores... again!

Rose-Hulman News

For the second consecutive year, the men's basketball teams from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and Indiana State University will square off in an exhibition contest.

The two squads will square off on Tuesday Nov. 2 at 7:05 p.m. at Hulman Center in downtown Terre Haute. Information regarding ticket availability will be released when available.

The matchup will be the 55th in series history, with Indiana State holding a slight 31-23 series edge. The Sycamores defeated Rose-Hulman in last year's exhibition matchup.

Rose-Hulman finished 7-18 last season and placed eighth in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference. Juniors Jason Haslag and junior Blake Knotts tied for team-high scoring honors at 9.0 points per game last season, and Rose-Hulman returns four starters from last season's squad.

Indiana State compiled a 17-15 mark for its first winning season since 2001 last winter, highlighted by a 9-9 mark in Missouri Valley Conference play to earn the No. 6 seed for the league tournament. The Sycamores return two starters from last season's squad.

90th minute goal lifts men's soccer

Rose-Hulman News

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology snapped a scoreless tie with the game winning goal in the final minute to earn a 1-0 men's soccer victory over Wabash College on Wednesday night.

Senior Paul Bouagnon battled through a contested play that feature a touch from junior Clint Vatterrodt. The scoring chance began with a half-field pass from junior Tim Hollingshead.

Bouagnon won the contested ball in the box and scored with 32 seconds left in regulation time to lift the Fightin'

Engineers to their first victory of the season.

Junior Eric Davenport recorded his third career shut-out to earn the win. Davenport tallied four saves in the match.

Rose-Hulman outshot Wabash 12-8 in the evenly contested matchup and also earned an 8-4 edge on corner kicks. Sophomore Zane Englert led the Engineers with three shots.

For Wabash, Dylan Andrew led the offensive performance with four shots.

Rose-Hulman improved to 1-3 on the season, while Wabash fell to 3-1.



Austin Weatherford, sophomore civil engineering major, will play Indiana State University in November in an exhibition game.
Rose-Hulman News

Morgan Williams named HCAC volleyball player of the week

Rose-Hulman News

The Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology junior Morgan Williams has been named Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Volleyball Player of the Week for her efforts in helping the Engineers finish unbeaten last week.

Rose-Hulman stands 5-0 on the season after sweeping four matches at the Eureka College Invitational on Saturday. The start marks the best opening to a season in Rose-Hulman volleyball history.

For the week, Williams smashed 39 kills with just three errors for a .419 hitting percentage. She also added a team-high 12 solo blocks among 20 total blocks along with seven digs.

The honor marks the first conference Player of the Week award for Williams and the third for Rose-Hulman volleyball since joining the HCAC.

The Fightin' Engineers host the Rose-Hulman Volleyball Invitational this Friday and Saturday at Hulbert Arena.



Morgan Williams, junior biomedical engineering major, jumps for a spike. Williams was recently named HCAC Player of the Week.
Rose-Hulman News

SPORTS BRIEFS

By Kurtis Zimmerman

NFL begins regular season

The Minnesota Vikings traveled to the home of the reigning Super Bowl champs to face the New Orleans Saints last night, and the regular NFL season has officially begun. This Sunday, several games will be played across the country as fans of the pigskin go crazy rooting for their favorite team. The Indianapolis Colts will be taking on the Houston Texans, a team they've had consistent success against in the past, Sunday afternoon, and the Cowboys at Redskins game will officially kick off Sunday Night Football. The following night the Baltimore Ravens kick off regular season Monday Night Football when they travel a short distance to challenge the New York Jets. For football fans, the road to Cowboy Stadium is underway.

Clemens trial date set

Seven-time Cy Young award winner Roger Clemens returned to the U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C. with just four words to say this time: "Not guilty, your honor." Charged with six counts of making false statements, perjury, and obstruction of Congress by the government which claims it has "voluminous" evidence against the man. Statements from his former trainer, Brian McNamee, and former teammate Andy Pettitte conflict with his testimony. His trial date has been set for April 5, 2011, near the very spot where Clemens originally testified that he had never used performance-enhancing drugs before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. Conviction for Clemens would mean a term of 15 to 21 months in federal prison.

American loss at U.S. Open

Sam Querrey, the last American man remaining in the U.S. Open after No. 19-seeded Mardy Fish lost to third-seeded Novak Djokovic fell to No. 25 Stanislas Wawrinka to lose his spot in the semifinals. Djokovic has reached his third straight U.S. Open semifinal and will face Roger Federer in the semifinal match. Meanwhile, Querrey remains the only hope to break the seven-year stretch without an American U.S. Open winner. Meanwhile, the women played late into the night as No. 5 Sam Stosur overtook No. 12 Elena Dementieva at 1:35 a.m., the latest finish in the history of women's U.S. Open matches. Also moving on to their semifinals are Venus Williams, Caroline Wozniacki, Vera Zvonareva, and Kim Clijsters, the reigning champ. Play will wrap up this weekend with the women's final on Saturday and the men's final on Sunday.



Rose-Hulman brought home a last-minute 1-0 victory Wednesday.
Rose-Hulman News

Top "10" Ten Top Ten moments of 'SharePointGate'

Matt Melton • super-duper senior

10. The immediate adaptation of every image style ever seen on the internet to Bruce. Makes you wonder how much Rose-Hulman is responsible for Internet humor...

9. The Facebook Effect. Hilarious posts, threats of laking, even more images and videos, the entire e-mail onslaught being compiled into an easy-to-read note (check Tim Boyer's profile page for it)...SharePoint apparently has not died yet, but in an interesting side note, Rose did max out its Internet usage right around SharePointGate...

8. Bruce's writing. Grammar aside (try Word and hitting F7 next time), the writing was actually quite good, although I don't think it's possible for humans to spread rabies. Bruce needs a column on the Flipside, or to replace "The Ladies' Man" column at the least.

7. The novel use of graphs to portray information. Next time though, try using Excel and exporting to PDF instead of paint. That's what kindergarten was for.

6. Sharepoint will (hopefully) get fixed now! If you think about it, it's somewhat surprising this didn't happen last year. And for those of you who are curious, it's not IAIT's fault. SGA never got around to fixing SharePoint policy all of last year, so make sure to harass your local SGA representative if you have a problem.

5. Pete Gustafson laying down the law. One e-mail to rule them all...

4. The YouTube videos. The fact that a video mocking the situation was pumped out in under an hour is impressive, and the "Leave Bruce Alone" remake was perfect. Well done.

3. The greatest rickrolling ever. Seriously, rickrolling your friends back home is one thing, but rickrolling a thousand nerds? Epic.

2. Bruce got laked, and scores of students surrounded the lake to cheer it on. It was the most celebrated laking since Hayes went swimming in February. Rose-Hulman always did take very good care of itself...

1. The new Internet meme known as Bruce. It's on /b/ and urban dictionary already. A free shout out next week to whoever gets it on Wikipedia.



Wacky prof quotes

"I never understood [the marginal utility of sex]; not enough data points."
— Dr. Bremmer. This is a problem that seems to be shared by most of the CS's around campus...

"You can screw up here, and nothing happens. You screw up there, and it blows up in your face"
—Dr. Rostamkolai on the differences between college and that time after where you might get paid.

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

Bruce

Bruce broos

-noun

1. The ultimate troll, specifically in the fields of manliness or womanizing

-verb

2. To exceptionally fail at an attempt, especially one involving womanizing

3. To climb tree or ride bike

1. My roommate stole all my Mountain dew. What a Bruce!

2. If you keep using Math pickup lines, you're going to Bruce every time you ask a girl out.

3. I haven't gone exercising in a while, so I'm going to do some Brucing tonight.

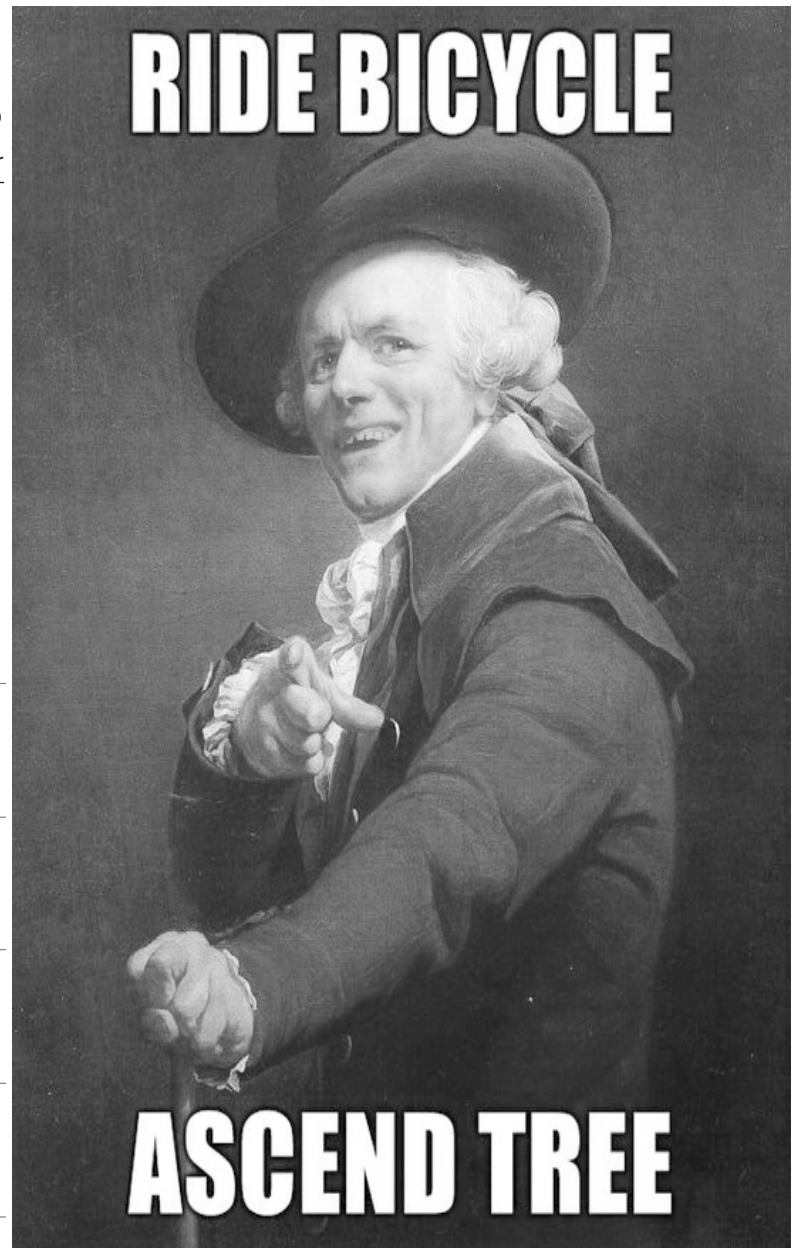
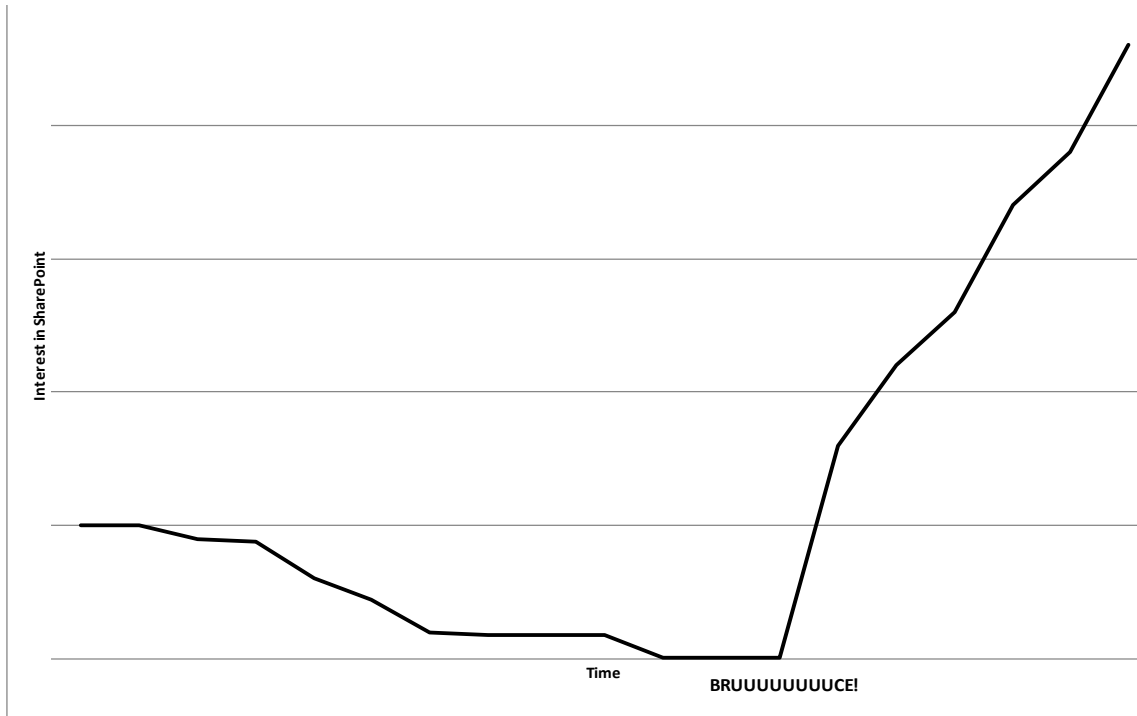


ROSE MEN OF GENIUS

Celebrating the unsung heroes of Rose-Hulman

Noël Spurgeon • humor editor

Today we salute you, Mr. SharePoint Over-Sharer. Not satisfied with the quality of male-female interaction on Rose's campus, you decided to take things into your own hands. In your attempt to reach out to all the groovy ladies of RHIT over a nice cuppa tea, you unleashed a torrent of SharePoint announcements that is the most exciting thing since the Great Logo War of 2009. Now, every time we climb tree, ride bike, or decide that pursuing a romantic relationship is economically infeasible, we will think of you, Bruce. We may never raise our travelin', dancin', and rockin' skills to your level, but you will serve as our eternal inspiration in manliness. We will venerate your image forever: your Jimi Hendrix hair stirring in the warm breeze off the lake, stunna shades catching the last rays of the setting sun, as you are launched into Speed Lake... and Rose-Hulman history.



Evan Kirsch • meme overlord

This is the Flipside disclaimer, where I systematically deny everything. All unattributed content was written by Noël Spurgeon, and if that makes you sad or angry, deal with it. So... SharePoint? Props to the person who RickRolled the entire campus... I think it may have beaten the speakers on top of Speed. Also... if there's laking of a certain someone, there will be cookies. I'm serious. I make good cookies. Pics or it didn't happen. And now, this week's office quotes: "Thanks for the boobs!" "Hey you! Come back here! Let me assault your eyes!"