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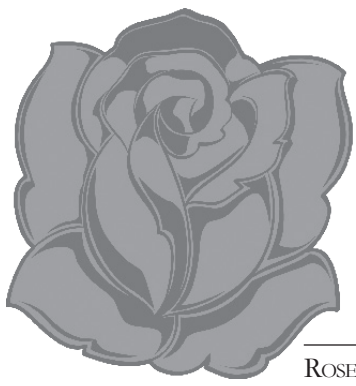
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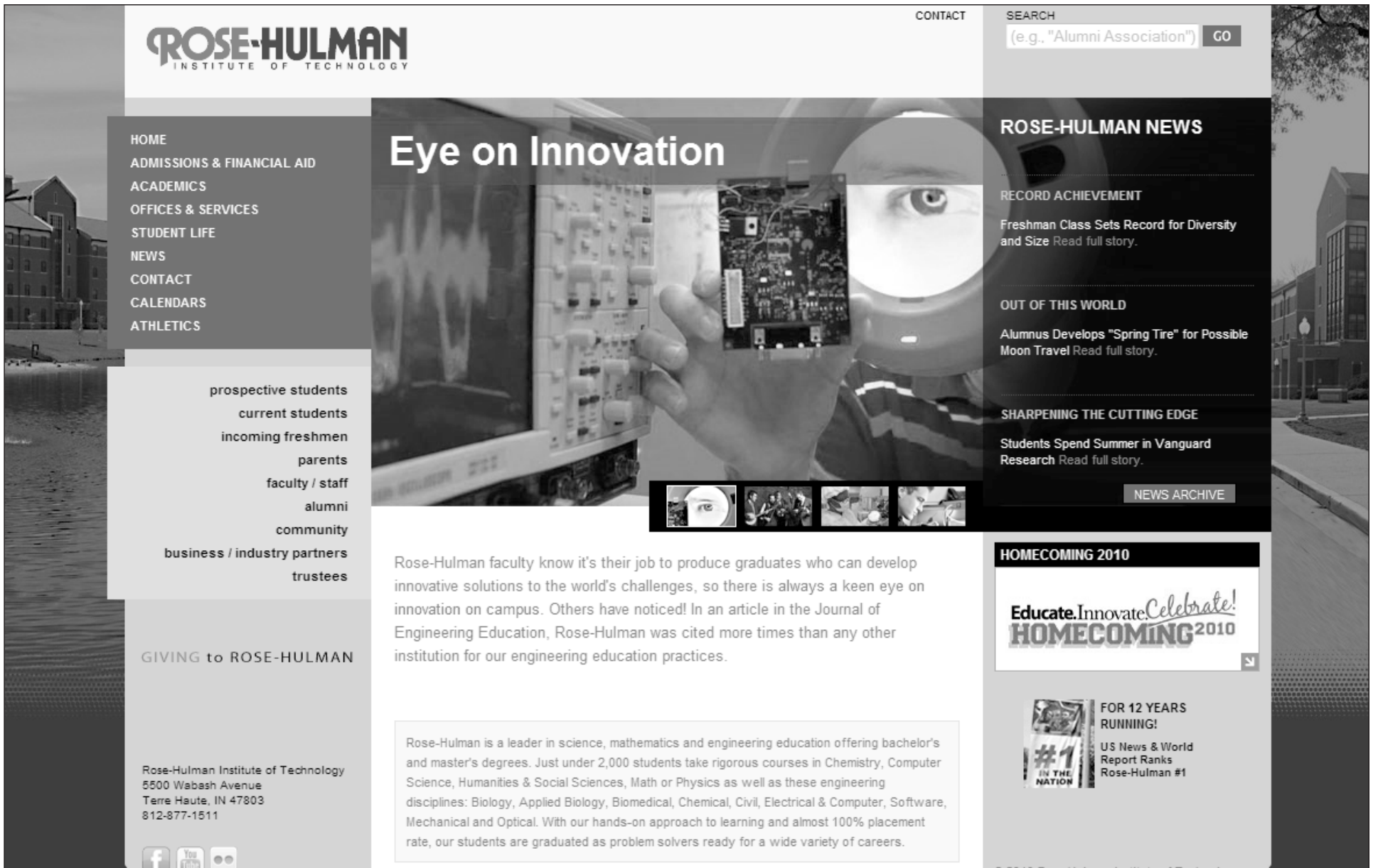
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Rose enters modern era with new website



Above, the website that all users see when first accessing rose-hulman.edu. The site was released Wednesday, September 23 at noon.

Alex Mullans • editor-in-chief

As of 2 p.m. Wednesday, visitors to www.rose-hulman.edu were greeted by a familiar, but modernized, website. That modernized look and feel was designed by Williams Randall Marketing – a web design firm with offices in Terre Haute and Indianapolis – with the intent of bringing the site into compliance with modern standards and improving users’ experiences with the site.

“We started with an open slate: our research found that we have a lot of information on our site, but it was hard to get through as an outsider,” said Bryan Taylor, Executive Director of Communications and Marketing. The site modifies previous iterations’ navigation scheme: now, users can find what they’re looking for either by who they are (e.g. prospective students, current students) or by who they’re looking for (e.g. admissions, student life). Perhaps

the most relevant change for many users will be the omission of a ‘Quick Links’ menu. “For external people, quicklinks were a bother,” Taylor said. However, he noted that the new ‘current students’ page contains many of the same links.

“Work on the redesign was not done in a vacuum,” said Taylor. “Input was taken from all campus constituencies... The site was vetted with representative groups throughout the process.” Those representative groups included SGA members, focus groups, and other individuals across campus: “we felt confident that we had good input [about the new design.]” In addition to on-campus groups, Taylor’s office also conducted an online survey to collect feedback from people outside the Rose community.

On a more technical note, the new website is no longer a collection static files hosted through the Andrew File System (AFS); rather, it is powered by

an ASP.NET-based content management system (Umbraco). This change allows authorized users to make changes to the website much in the way they would edit a Word document, rather than having to work in an HTML editor like Adobe’s Dreamweaver or a plain-text editor. Within the CMS, users creating pages on the site will also have the ability to select from several look-and-feel templates that fit within the master redesign.

When asked how the new design and software would affect existing user, group, and department sites, Taylor said that “We’re not looking to ram [the new design] down people’s throats,” but that options would be available to integrate existing sites into the new look-and-feel. Academic departments with their own websites will not be required to switch to the Umbraco software framework, but will be encouraged to adopt their existing websites to the

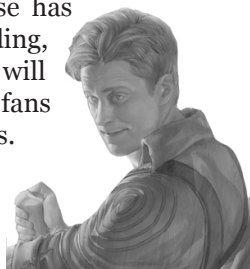
new templates. Groups and clubs will also be offered templates but will also be permitted to maintain their existing designs. Taylor noted that even small changes like matching color and font schemes could link existing group sites into the overall Rose-Hulman brand.

Wednesday’s changes do not represent the final result of the new website; rather, those changes affected mainly the top-level components of the site, as well as an overhaul of the Admissions & Financial Aid section of the site. “Work will continue to develop our top communication port as we strive to move Rose-Hulman from being the best to being great,” Taylor said. The full site is scheduled to be complete in February.

Community members with feedback (positive and negative) concerning the new site are encouraged to contact Brian Taylor at brian.taylor@rose-hulman.edu or extension 8258.

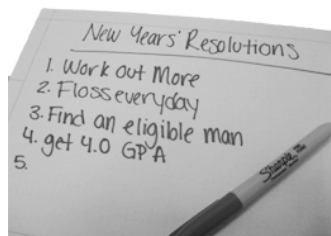
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The new addition to the *Serenity* ‘verse has a big ending, but overall will disappoint fans of the series.



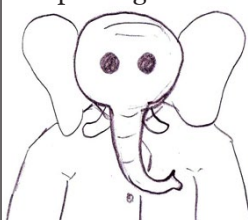
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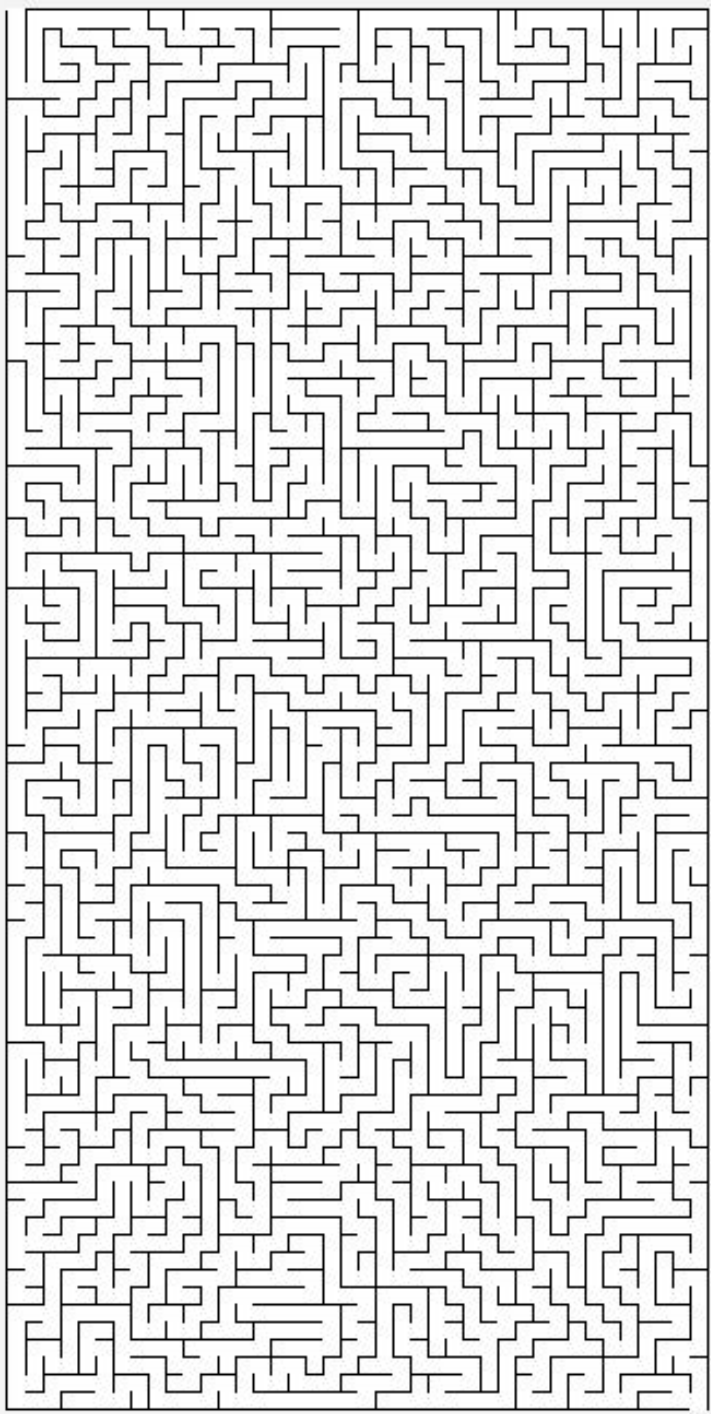
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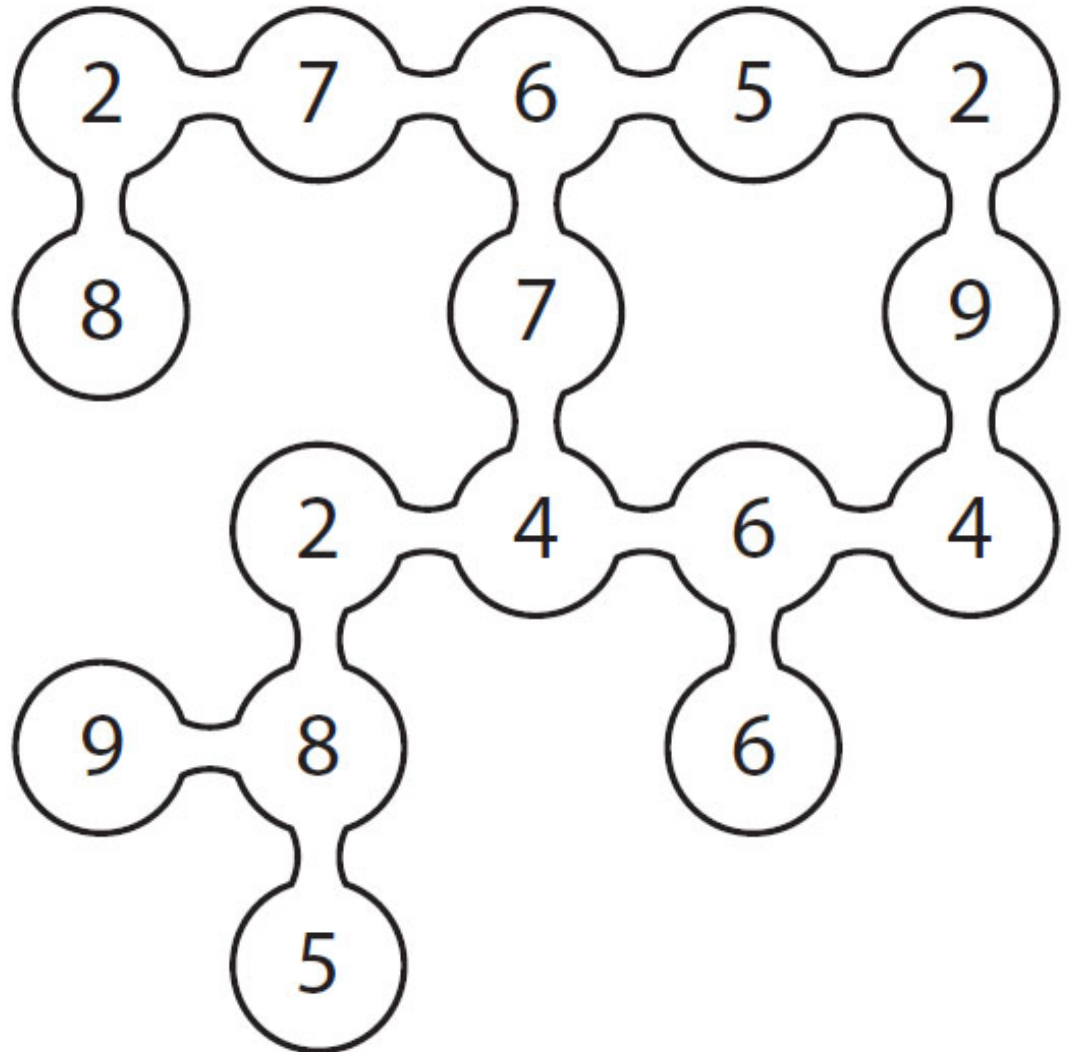
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Klump

Rose Brewer • staff puzzler

To solve this puzzle you must link numbers into groups of one, two, or three so there is one group that corresponds to a number at the bottom. No two groups will correspond to the same number at the bottom of the puzzle. Groups are to be separated by shading in a number that doesn't correspond to a group. No two shaded spaces may touch each other.



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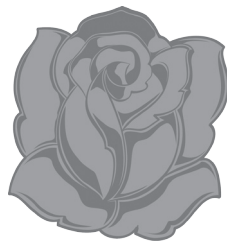
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Campaigning for change

Al Morrison runs for state senate

Tim Ekl • editor-in-chief

Tensions are running high this election season, and even months before Election Day, politicians are fighting hard for seats in national and state government. For Rose students, nowhere is that more apparent than in local District 43, where Rose-Hulman employee Al Morrison is campaigning for a seat in the Indiana House of Representatives.

Morrison, SRC Assistant Facility Director, is a first-time candidate sponsored by the Republican Party. Morrison kicked off his candidacy July 3, and is so far enjoying a surge of local support for his party and campaign.

"It's been a true grassroots campaign," Morrison said. "I've knocked on over 6,000 doors myself. From my house, we do phone banking once a week, and we've made over 8,000 calls so far."

Morrison has received great support from the Rose-Hulman community as well.

"The campus has been very good. I have a lot of friends on campus and they've been very supportive," Morrison said. "A handful of people have helped out with [stuffing] envelopes or going door

to door."

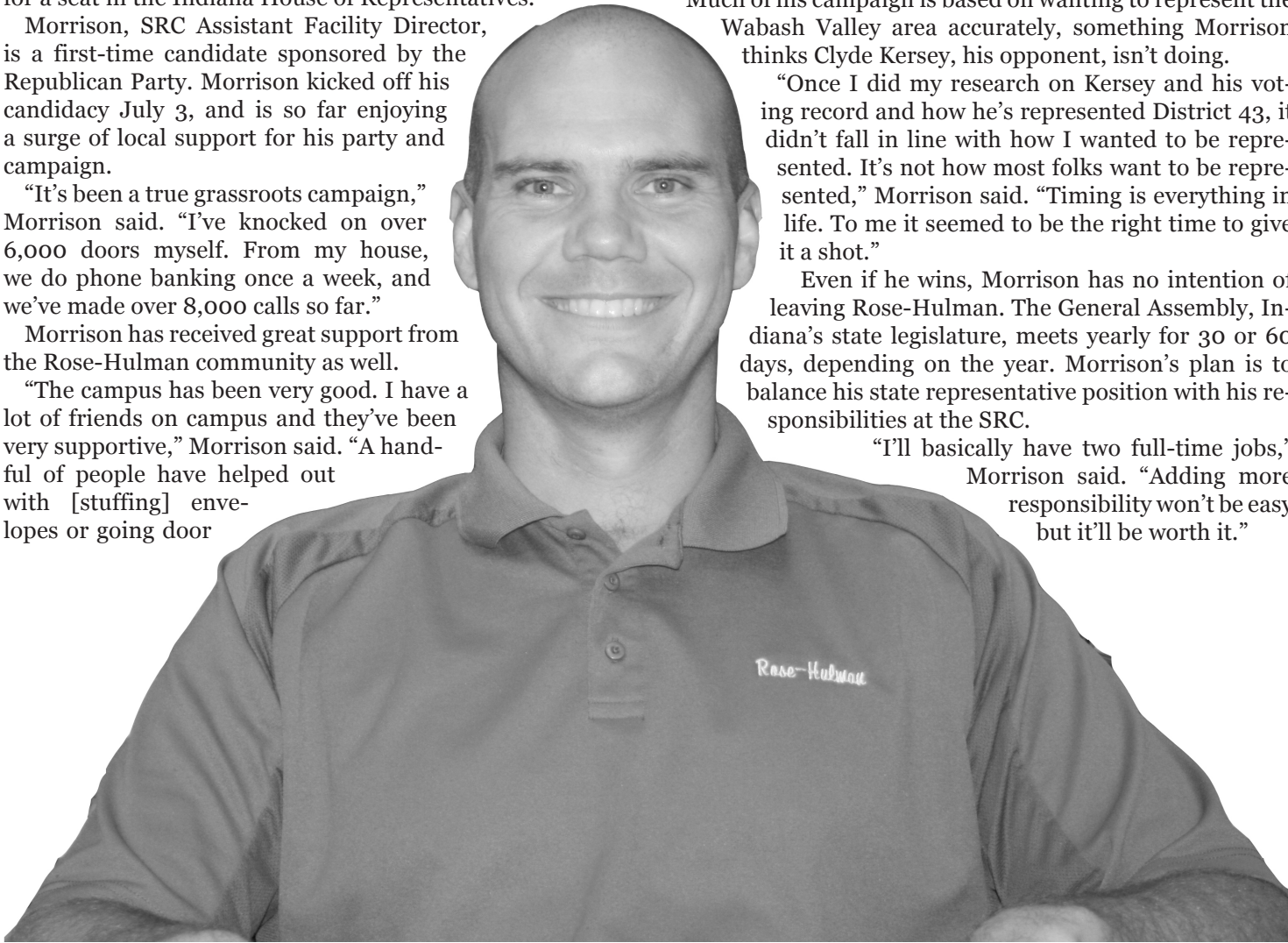
Politically, Morrison has an edge – numerous polls are predicting the Republican party to make a comeback this election, riding on widespread dissatisfaction over health care and the economy, as well as momentum generated by the Tea Party movement.

Morrison's motivations aren't completely political, though. Much of his campaign is based on wanting to represent the Wabash Valley area accurately, something Morrison thinks Clyde Kersey, his opponent, isn't doing.

"Once I did my research on Kersey and his voting record and how he's represented District 43, it didn't fall in line with how I wanted to be represented. It's not how most folks want to be represented," Morrison said. "Timing is everything in life. To me it seemed to be the right time to give it a shot."

Even if he wins, Morrison has no intention of leaving Rose-Hulman. The General Assembly, Indiana's state legislature, meets yearly for 30 or 60 days, depending on the year. Morrison's plan is to balance his state representative position with his responsibilities at the SRC.

"I'll basically have two full-time jobs," Morrison said. "Adding more responsibility won't be easy but it'll be worth it."



Al Morrison, Assistant Facility Director at the SRC, launched a bid in July for a seat in the Indiana General Assembly. He faces Clyde Kersey, a 14-year Democratic incumbent, for the District 43 seat that covers most of the Wabash Valley.

Tim Ekl • editor-in-chief

On the Issues

The Rose Thorn spoke with both Republican challenger Al Morrison and Democratic incumbent Clyde Kersey to find some differences in their platforms. Here are the highlights:

Education

Kersey's primary concern for education is the budget; according to him, last year saw a \$300 million reduction in education funding and the loss of 5,000 teaching jobs. He is committed to "fully funding" public education over the next year.

Morrison is focused on the family aspect of schooling. He supports continuing the 180-day school year and would explore in-home tutoring for students identified as "at-risk."

Taxes

Morrison is in support of small business and is looking for tax relief for Indiana citizens and businesses. He supports capping the property tax and eliminating the so-called "death tax."

Kersey believes that in light of the

current recession, "raising taxes is out of the question." Instead, he supports cutting funding to certain programs and balancing a budget with minimal new tax cuts. Kersey has a mixed voting record on recent measures to implement the property tax cap.

Civil

Morrison is pro-life and supports traditional marriage. Kersey has no recent record on gay marriage or abortion, but has been given high ratings by the Indiana Civil Liberties Union.

NEWS BRIEFS

By Alex Mullans

A Successor to Kim Jong-Il

Kim Jong-Il has announced a conference of the ruling Worker's Party planned for next week, during which a 'supreme leadership body' will be elected. It is believed that the conference may set the stage for a transfer of power from Kim to his son, Kim Jong-un. The highly secretive leader of North Korea has been planning his succession for months, with rumors circulating of several secure train trips to China over the past several months; experts think that Kim Jong-il desires approval from Chinese leaders, as China is his country's only ally. Plans were hastened after Kim suffered a stroke in 2008 that brought his continued ability to lead into question.

"Don't Ask, Don't Tell" delayed again

Senate Democrats attempted this week to repeal the U.S. military's policy on gay servicemen and women through a change in the annual defense budget authorization bill. In response, Republicans unanimously filibustered debate on the bill, essentially preventing the bill from moving forward. The current policy allows gay men and women to serve as long as their orientation is not revealed. The issue sparked debate about the merits of including the change within the authorization bill while a Pentagon review of the policy is pending. That review was agreed upon by the White House and military commanders but is not scheduled to occur until after the upcoming midterm elections.

iPhone users lacking carrier loyalty

Almost half the respondents to a recent Deloitte study claimed that they would be "very interested" in switching providers from AT&T to Verizon if the latter were to offer an iPhone compatible with its network. AT&T downplayed the number, noting that many of its customers were currently in long-term contracts or family plans where it's difficult to drop without paying early termination fees. The study also found that while 55% of respondents were not very interested in purchasing Apple's iPad, those consumers that had done so were increasingly using the device to replace a laptop or smartphone while on the go.

Sweden, meet CSSE department

Scott Gallmeier • news editor

Ed. note: This article is a correction to last issue's article on the CSSE department's trip to Sweden.

What do the Nobel Prize Committee, the Vasa warship, and Uppsala University all have in common? They are all in Sweden and Uppsala was the home to the Computer Science and Software Engineering Department's Computing in

a Global Society Class. The four members of the class went to Sweden to work on a medical records project with students at Uppsala.

The student project is designed to develop a system for Swedish medical records. Currently, the Swedish government allows all people to access their medical records via the internet. As a result of this, security is a concern and the Swedish gov-

ernment has an oversight committee to audit the access of these files. Currently, they randomly select a small population to audit the system's security. The goal of the project is to develop an automatic auditing system. A final report and potentially a prototype program will be presented in December when the students return to Sweden. This is the seventh year of collaboration

between Rose-Hulman and Uppsala.

The trip was not just work: the students also spent time becoming familiar with the nation they were visiting, a course objective. While in Sweden, the students visited museums and tourist sites in Stockholm, ate at a nation - a meeting place for people of a given region including restaurants and pubs, and relaxed with the locals.

Float Out tantalizes, but ultimately feels empty

Eli Baca • staff writer

"I'm a leaf on the wind, watch how I"... Hoban "Wash" Washburne uttered those famous last words as he brought his ship through a war zone to give his crew the opportunity to take down the Alliance. Browncoats everywhere watched still as one of the most beloved characters in fictional history was taken from his world, never to make another witty remark or wear another Hawaiian shirt. Years after that fateful departure, actor Patton Oswalt decided to tell some stories about his favorite pilot, and give fans something to hold on to during those long winter nights.

This one-shot published by Dark Horse follows three new characters in the universe as they christen a new ship by telling stories about Wash—the hero, the pilot, the really cool dude. Then there's a reveal at the end. No spoilers on this one, but it's...

ZOMG! Fans just need to see the final pages of the comic because, well, they're the only good parts of the comic. Yup, the comic is pretty lame, nothing new until the end when Oswalt throws a zinger to top all zingers.

The writing is fine, but the story is a bit rushed. Maybe no one told Oswalt that this was a one-shot, because it consists of three independent stories shoved into 24 pages, and there's nothing new about Wash that gets revealed. The strangers don't get much credit, or personality for that matter, and the stories only serve to bring some three-dimensionality to the Serenity 'verse. Oswalt had hinted that it could've been the beginning of a new adventure, but he did nothing (minus the end) to build a story; all he did was insert some fan-fiction into a universe filled with better writers.

The art keeps the tone somber and reminiscent throughout the

story—artist Patric Reynolds and colorist Dave Stewart do well with the characters and emotions portrayed. Reynolds captures the real-life essence of the men, and the minute details of the faces really bring out the feelings of the comic. The only sad part of the art is that it doesn't capture how epic some of the scenes could be if they were seen on the big screen, or even the small one. The comic medium does wonders for some stories, but this time it greatly limits what could've been a great one-shot episode of Firefly.

Overall, the comic tried to do too much in too little time. It was a letdown—plain and simple. The reveal at the end kept fans talking. It's still a pretty huge deal, but without continuing the story the comic is just a good way to kill 15 minutes of one's time. It was a nice glimpse into the coulda, woulda, shoulda's of Serenity, but it left fans wanting more. If Dark Horse is going to continue



The cover art, by Jo Chen, is the best part of the comic <http://darkhose.com>

to taunt fans with almost stories, then fans should turn around and start publishing their own stories—oh wait, that's exactly what this was, a fan's turn to take the reins of the story and he drove it into a wall. Hey thanks Oswalt, I'll just go back to waiting for Shephard's Tale to come out in the winter, because, really, that's all anyone has been waiting for.

Review rating: 2 elephants



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Scott Pilgrim utilizes nostalgia to great effect

Andrew Foltz • guest writer

To listen to many gamers talk today, they "just don't make 'em like they used to." Video games have become massive blockbuster productions costing hundreds of millions of dollars and

have state of the art technology and hours upon hours of movies of the heroes discussing the fate of the world. Games were better back when all that mattered was a princess that needs saving, they say. Run right, jump over pits, save princess, end of story. For

those gamers, Ubisoft has created "Scott Pilgrim vs. the World: the Game."

For those who still are unaware of the Scott Pilgrim phenomenon, it began as a series of indie comic books by Bryan Lee O'Malley about the title character

and the sudden upheaval of his life after he meets the mysterious Ramona Flowers and immediately falls in love with her. The comics and the movie based on them are all about Scott's attempt to win her heart and defeat her League of Evil Exes—the group of Ramona's former flames that have made it their mission to prevent Ramona from ever dating again. Scott has to defeat them all to win the girl.

If that sounds like the setup for a video game to you, you're not alone. Ubisoft released Scott Pilgrim to coincide with the movie's release, and the plot remains more or less the same. You can play as Scott or Ramona, along with Stills and Kim, the other two members of Scott's band, *Sex Bob-Omb*.

As for the game itself, it's clear that the developers share the same love of old gaming as Scott and his creator. The game is full of little references to classics from the 8-bit era. The biggest influence is clearly "River City Ransom," so much so in fact that Scott Pilgrim might as well be "RCR2." In true old-school beat-em-up style, characters punch, kick, and body slam countless enemies into submission. Plenty of random objects can be picked up and used as weapons, including the enemies themselves. The random goons drop pocket change after being defeated, and the characters can spend their ill-gotten goods in stores throughout the stages. The food and equip-

ment purchased are used to raise character stats, making them stronger, faster, and tougher. Each character has a slightly different move set, and new moves are learned by leveling up from defeating enemies.

There are other nostalgic references as well. The character selection screen is ripped straight from "Super Mario Bros. 2," and the graphics are all done using fantastic sprite work by Paul Robertson, famous for his "Pirate Baby Cabana Battle" animation online. The sprites are large and expressive, and they manage to evoke a feeling of nostalgia for 8-bit days while still being far better than anything actually from that era.

The game is plenty of fun alone, but like most, it's even better when you play with friends. It supports up to 4-player co-op, although only locally. In fact, the lack of PSN/X-Box Live support is probably my only complaint about the game. Although, playing with friends locally is just like it used to be; maybe that's the only way it should be done with an intentionally nostalgic game like this one.

In the end, Scott Pilgrim vs. the World: The Game is a fantastic time and even better considering the bargain price it's being sold for. Everyone who misses old-school games even a little should give it a try immediately.

Review rating: 4 elephants



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Learning to learn at Rose

Kurtis Zimmerman
webmaster

When applying for college, so much of the focus is based on your academic transcript and GPA. Certain schools weed out applicants based on less-than-impressive grades throughout high school, so if you plan on going to a highly-accredited school, the pressure mounts come junior and senior year.

So when you make it to college and start adapting to university life, the issue presents itself: how do I learn here? For the past few years you've been focusing on earning exceptional grades and sometimes putting "getting the grade" before actual comprehension and understanding. I want to say first and foremost that that is the wrong way to approach learning at Rose-Hulman. If you're in it for the grade, you won't make it very far.

So how do I focus my academic life at Rose? The most important idea is to have a desire to learn. Pick a major you have a genuine interest in and start taking classes. At this point, of course, you already are, but the second

key is to not feel locked in. Especially early on in the game so many of the classes are similar across majors that you can easily switch departments should you find you hate what you're studying or just had a sudden change of heart. In fact, switching majors or at least keeping your studies generic for a quarter or two is common. Many people know they love and are good at math and science, but exactly where they want to take their lives is uncertain. Don't be afraid to explore for a little while.

At some point you will find your place among the engineers, scientists, and mathematicians here on campus. Once you find that cozy spot, remember why you are here. The official mission statement of Rose-Hulman says that the faculty and staff are here "to provide our students with the world's best undergraduate education in engineering, mathematics and science in an environment of individual attention and support." That's right. There isn't a word in there about producing 4.0's, and in fact, your grade has so little to do with your success after Rose anyway. Most, if

not all, employers have no interest in your grade but care instead about what you know and what skills you can offer their company.

So if you come out with a steep GPA and a limited skill set, what good was four years of hard work and preparation? When a teacher gives three quizzes in a row or collects homework every day, don't think of it as a hit to your grade but rather a test of your ability. Practicing what you learn is the best way to expand your skills and also point out what you really don't know. Ten-point quizzes aren't meant to be a constant burden but a constant opportunity to improve.

I used to trudge through some miscellaneous high school classes with no great-

er goal than to get by with a high grade. Comprehension was not a priority and being able to apply what I learned didn't matter to me; after studying and working hard at Rose for over a year,

I know for sure that this is the place to become a great scientist and mathematician. Not because the grade distribution points toward A or because the average GPA trumps that of school across the state. It's because the students

here truly learn and go on to produce incredible results that change the world, because learning matters and you won't get by without learning exactly what learning means at Rose.

As we take on the dreaded third and fourth weeks (aka First Exam Weeks), your

ability to learn will truly be tested. You will be tested not only based on how many days you showed up to class and how much of the homework you looked at but also on how many days you really paid attention and how much time you took to solidify your understanding. So approach your exams with a ferocious confidence in your ability because if you aren't sure about your competence, it will show. And if your first test doesn't go so well, don't get caught up in the grade. Note your mistakes and practice fixing what you did wrong. Talk to your professors or fellow classmates if something simply doesn't make sense, and correct your misunderstandings.

When weeks six and seven roll around, you will certainly be more ready for exams and if you truly learn to learn, there is no reason to fret. You can plow through problems like a beast and leave the room knowing you truly applied what you learned over the past few weeks. That's the way of life at Rose, and simply understanding that is a major first step on the path to success.

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Here's what your Greek community has been up to:

Rush is officially upon us! Freshmen get out there and rush as many fraternities as you can. First Formals will be held on Friday, September 24 and Sunday, September 26. If you weren't able to get on Angel and schedule for formals contact any of the rush chairs to schedule one with them independently.

Brush Up for Homecoming is Saturday, September 25 so the entire Greek community will be out making our campus look good for Homecoming. Rush will be closed for the

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weekend of Homecoming.

Some up and coming Rush Events:

Alpha Tau Omega is having a cookout on Saturday, September 25 and then a Moon Bounce and Cookout on Wednesday, September 29.

Lambda Chi Alpha is doing Go-Karts and Golf on Saturday, September 25 and Movie Night with wings on Tuesday, September 28.

Delta Sigma Phi is hosting Car Smash and Soberfest on Saturday, September 25.

Theta Xi will be cooking out on Speed Lawn on Tuesday, September 28.

Phi Gamma Delta is hosting an Ice Cream Social at Speed Hall on Wednesday, September 29.

Pi Kappa Alpha is playing Frisbee Golf at Deming Park on Monday, September 27, has Golf Lessons on Tuesday, September 28, and is playing at Marks Par 3 on Wednesday, September 29.

Triangle is hosting a BBQ and Bonfire on Saturday, September 25.

Meet your Greeks

Name: Tyler Kimbrell
Fraternity: Alpha Tau Omega
Year: Senior
Major: Mechanical engineering major
Hometown: Seymour, IN
Future: Will work for Cummins, Inc. in Seymour.
Accomplishments while at Rose: ATO President, ATO House Manager, Secretary for Materials Advantage Club, Member of Academic and Standings Committee
When asked "What was

the biggest benefit you received from going Greek here at Rose-Hulman?": I have benefited from going Greek in a lot of ways, but if I had to pick one thing I would have to say leadership capabilities. Greek life here at Rose has taught me how to be a true leader. I will take all the leadership skills I have learned as a Greek on campus and apply it at my job. It will help me greatly when making decisions and showing leadership in industry.



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STAFF VIEW: Quality and quantity of student input

From time to time, changes are needed. Updates are required. Tools need to be modified to adjust to changing technology. The Rose-Hulman website was many years old, out of date and it was time for an update.

However, for those who remember the debacle that was the Office of Communication and Marketing's attempt to change the very logo of Rose-Hulman in the fall of 2008,

there were two key issues: the change was unnecessary and the process was done in a vacuum. The former has already been conceded as a non-issue in the case of the new website. The latter is a recurring nightmare.

For the logo change attempt, a panel of 40 students was polled along with various other panels representing other constituencies. Outside of those 40 people and anyone they

mentioned it to, no one knew this was going on. It was a process that occurred behind closed doors. Only when it was reported by The Rose Thorn on 3 October 2008 did the majority of the student population find out that the idea

of changing the logo was being considered, let alone in the final stages of design.

Once again, change has been sprung upon the students of

Rose-Hulman; only earlier this week did a countdown to the change appear on the main page of the website. Less than 24 hours before the launch Executive Director of Communications and Marketing Bryan Taylor sent out an email explaining what was going on. Considering his involvement with the logo controversy, it almost seemed purposeful that he included the sentence "Work on the redesign was

CONCURRING: 12

DISSENTING: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

not done in a vacuum." Mr. Taylor, if this work was truly not done in a vacuum, would you have needed to write that sentence?

Not every decision needs to be run by students. We, as a student body, need not be consulted on landscaping changes or artwork put on the walls. But there are situations when it's warranted. For example, when the civil engineering department was looking for a new faculty member last year, a key part of the process was the candidate meeting with the students. Because that decision directly affects the students and their experience at Rose-Hulman.

The website is a tool that is widely used by the student body; we are easily the largest percentage of users of the site. Polling a smattering of students is not enough for the quantity and quality of information needed to redesign such an important tool for the Rose-Hulman community.

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Katy Perry on Sesame Street?

Andrew Klusman
business manager

Katy Perry and Elmo were slated to broadcast a duet on Sesame Street's 41st season premiere on September 27 with a more child-friendly version of Perry's hit single "Hot n' Cold" from 2008.

However, in the past few days the clip of the song hit video sharing website YouTube and caused quite a stir. On the show, Perry is wearing a thinly-strapped yellow gown with a sheer top. While pop stars will routinely show up on the famous children-oriented street, Perry brought along something else—a large amount of cleavage.

This, however, shouldn't be a big surprise, as a cursory glance through the first couple pages of a Google search (moderate SafeSearch setting, too!) shows that Perry isn't exactly the one to conceal her bosoms. Perry's appearance on the Street raises a few questions (if not a few eyebrows).

First, what is a contemporary Christian singer turned pop tart doing singing any song on Sesame Street? This singer has made popular songs like "I Kissed a Girl," "Hot n' Cold," and

"Ur So Gay," not to mention the recent song "California Gurls." So, really, what made the producers of Sesame Street think that Perry would be a good fit for the show, and that it would be even remotely-appropriate (by the way, the lyrics for the re-done "Hot n' Cold" are worse than the original, surprise surprise!). Next, how did the producers agree to letting Perry wear the costume she had on for the entirety of the clip in the first place? Surely she went through make-up and dressing, and no one noticed? I'm no prude myself, but if I had children, I'd rather not have them be watching a show where some lady's cleavage is just ... hanging there.

Yes, people can make arguments that there is an over-reaction, that children wouldn't have noticed the cleavage (Perry wants to play dress-up, that's all!), and that Americans are too prudish (well, they are, but still...); however, there should be some concept of limits on some things. A blouse or something that isn't sheer would work equally well (had the top been not-sheer, there would likely have been no issue with the dress of Perry or the subsequent explo-

sion of controversy around the clip).

So, while yes, the producers should have exercised some actual thought over what Perry was wearing, people all across the board should have been asking themselves, why are we having Perry on this show? What happened to it being educational?

Boring research might still yield interesting results

Carly Baehr • opinions editor

So I was wasting time on CNN reading an article about a study that showed that sleeping more than eight hours on weekends can help you recover from "sleep debt" incurred by sleeping for only four hours a night during the week. When I was done I made the mistake of scrolling down and reading the comments. A lot of comments were along these lines: "Ha! I could have told you that, without wasting some arbitrarily large amount of taxpayer money to research this junk."

As someone who will probably end up with some kind of career in research, I suppose that I am biased in favor of wasting taxpayer money to fund scientific research, but that doesn't invalidate my belief that research, all research, is important—even if the results are mundane and turn out to be ultimately almost worthless.

As the cliché goes, hindsight is always 20/20. It may seem obvious now that if you're sleep deprived, sleep will make you feel better, but psychologists have been saying for years that lost sleep is really "lost," and there's no way to recover from lost sleep in a single night. And what if the results hadn't been so (ap-

parently) obvious? What if the study had found that sleeping in on the weekends cures tapeworms? Or that it causes your eyeballs to spontaneously combust? Or improves your love life? Or gives you Ebola?

I hope the researchers involved didn't expect any of those to happen ("I know! Let's give a bunch of people Ebola and then make them go to sleep, that should be a good thesis project!"), but you don't really know the results of a study until you do it. Unexpected things happen in science all the time, and even when the results are exactly what you would expect, that doesn't make them meaningless or useless.

As another cliché goes, the thing you're searching for is always in the last place you look. I'm not saying that I think we should feed rats dandelions to see if it can cure their hearing loss and give them super-speed. But don't discount the possibility that a dumb-sounding project might yield some interesting results. Even if it turns out to yield no useful results whatsoever, that doesn't mean a study should not have been conducted: you don't know it's not going to work unless you try it. A negative result is still a result.

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Carly Baehr • The Rose Thorn

A win and fallen record for football

Kurtis Zimmerman
staff writer

The first home football game of the season for the Fightin' Engineers ended with a much-desired win for the Rose-Hulman football team. A 41-17 victory over the Kalamazoo Hornets brought the team's record up to 1-1 after suffering a loss on the road to DePauw University in their season opener.

The Engineers came out fighting with a touchdown just three possessions into the game. A quick 75-yard drive ended in a 57-yard touchdown off an exciting double reverse, flea-flicker pass play that ended in a six point gain from junior Sutton Coleman's shuffle into the end zone. Kalamazoo retaliated with an 80 yard drive to take a 7-6 lead.

But the men in red wouldn't let them keep the lead for long.

Twenty-one straight points for Rose-Hulman brought them to a 27-7 lead as half-time approached. Reed Eason, Terrae Hall, and Calvin Bueltel were responsible for bringing the pigskin into the end zone for six points. Nick Schneider brought in three points for Rose-Hulman with three successful extra point attempts.

Kalamazoo's Sam Landry and Cory McCain connected for a second touchdown pass to bring Kalamazoo seven points closer, and a

kick through the uprights brought them within ten points and ended their scoring for the second half. Rose-Hulman continued to fight on to extend their lead to 34-17 and then 41-17 to secure a victory that would be the first for interim head coach Jayson Martin's first game in Cook Stadium.

The defense was also responsible for several key plays that set the offense up for scoring opportunities. Junior linebacker Matt Green recorded two interceptions, and Rose-Hulman forced a total of five turnovers. Senior Robby Alumbaugh forced one fumble out of his eleven tackles and brought down one interception to stop the defense in the red zone. Senior Scott Eaton was responsible for 10 tackles, and senior Patrick Duncan and sophomore Jordan Martin had eight stops each.

Senior Reed Eason brought down seven receptions to



Reed Eason, senior mechanical engineering major, holds the football that was used for his school record-setting 170th career reception.

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bring his total to 170, topping the record of Athletic Hall of Fame inductee Ed Huonder. In his second career start, sophomore Mitch Snyder completed three touchdown passes with a total of 253 yards.

Rose-Hulman will travel to Hanover College this weekend to open their Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference schedule before returning to Rose to take on Manchester College at the Homecoming game on October 2.

ENGINEER SCOREBOARD

Women's Tennis 7 - 1 (6 - 0 HCAC)

Sep 18
Transylvania Univ. 3
Rose-Hulman 6

Sep 18
Mt. St. Joseph 3
Rose-Hulman 6

Sep 21
Oakland City Univ. 1
Rose-Hulman 8

Football 1 - 1 (0 - 0 HCAC)

Sep 11
Rose-Hulman 41
Kalamazoo Univ. 17

Men's Soccer 2 - 5 - 2 (0 - 0 - 0 HCAC)

Sep 18
Rose-Hulman 2
Denison Univ. 3

Sep 22 • overtime
Rose-Hulman 2
Illinois Wesleyan U. 1

Women's Soccer 2 - 5 - 0 (0 - 0 - 0 HCAC)

Sept 18
Rose-Hulman 0
Webster Univ. 1

Sept 18 • overtime
Rose-Hulman 2
Marian Univ. 1

Volleyball 10 - 3 (0 - 0 HCAC)

Sep 17
(2) **Juniata College 25 25 25**
Rose-Hulman 17 12 12

Sep 17
(1) **Washinton Univ. 25 25 25**
Rose-Hulman 23 17 12

Sep 18
Haverford College 25 25 25
Rose-Hulman 19 15 16

Sep 18
Marietta College 18 19 10
Rose-Hulman 25 25 25

Women's Golf

Sep 18-19
Illinois Wesleyan Invitational 19th
Normal, Ill. of 20

Men's Cross Country

Sep 17
Indiana Intercollegiate Meet 7th
West Lafayette, Ind. of 15

Women's Cross Country

Sep 17
Indiana Intercollegiate Meet
West Lafayette, Ind. Creasy Clauser
7th overall

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SPORTS BRIEFS

By Kurtis Zimmerman

Colts clinch Manning Bowl II

Peyton Manning is 2-0 in the appropriately named "Manning Bowl" series that showcased Manning brothers Peyton and Eli in a Sunday night rematch for the two. Four years ago the Indianapolis Colts took on the New York Giants, Peyton coming out on top just months before becoming a Super Bowl champion. This past Sunday the 1 - 1 Colts brought the Giants to a 1 - 1 record with a 38 - 14 win at Lucas Oil Stadium.

Peyton spoke to the press after the game, claiming it was the run game and a focus on solid defense that brought the Indy team a win. Dwight Freeney and Robert Mathis each claimed two sacks. The Colts were looking for a big win just a week after suffering a lopsided loss to the Houston Texans in their regular season opener. This Sunday they are hoping for another win as they take on Denver on their home turf.

'Petitte' hopes for Yankees

The Yankees were looking as if they didn't have a chance this season. Then Andy Pettitte returned from a two-month ride on the disabled list and their hopes skyrocketed toward a World Series title. The oldest starting pitcher in baseball has led the Yankees to a 40 - 16 record when he starts. The Yankees and fans alike felt little certainty about the possible starting rotation; strong pitcher CC Sabathia is indisputably an excellent

choice, but the following lineup left little to rave about. Phil Hughes, A.J. Burnett, and Javier Vazquez round out a less-than-impressive rotation that left many fans to believe the Yankees had no chance in the postseason. With their win over the Rays, the Yankees take 2 1/2-game lead in AL East; since the Rays are lacking an impressive starting rotation as the "wear and tear of the season," takes it toll. Rays' pitcher Matt Garza told the press.

The Dorm Room Dispatch

Bruce Coston
Arboretum ascender

Woo-Hoo! Finally I can write a response without having to go talk to some higher-up afterwards! Let me just start off by saying that these first three weeks here at Rose have been... interesting. I think we can all agree that things got a bit out of hand a couple weeks ago, through no fault of my own. I don't think anyone could have foreseen the shenanigans that ensued.

Reports of my creepiness have been greatly exaggerated. Sure I've got all the equipment: wire taps, night vision goggles, binoculars, x-ray glasses (there's a surprisingly large number of Rose students that lack undergarments), face-paint, assorted camouflage clothing, and Ida C. Reeper's Guide to Bird Watching in the Haute, which I keep on me at all times just

in case someone catches me hunting for that illusive rainbow-winged Groovictamis Lacyantus, but that's beside the point. Y'all took a simple, humorous email with a flattering picture attachment and blew it out of proportion, which resulted in a half-laking (I'm still emphasizing the fact that my head never went under) of poor ol', innocent me.

Now, in reference to Miss Schwenk's ever so eloquent penmanship in her article following the incident, I must commend her bold but futile attempt to give me a nickname. In return, she shall from henceforth be known as Sergeant Stinky Pants. We're all young adults here at Rose, and there should be no name calling. So I think I can speak for the majority of the fresh meat when I say that her numerous referrals to us funky freshman as "kids" was just a smidge belittling. I must ask that the big, strong, all-

knowing upperclassman so full of that brown, stinky stuff known as wisdom, treat us weak, widdle, naive freshman with some respect. Heck! I'm 20! I'm GROWN!

If my SharePoint message is considered creepy, then, following that same detrimental path of judgment paved out by the Schwenkster and applying it to others' actions and persona on campus, a number of the people here should be arrested. You know who they are. They know who they are.

There's also been a shockingly large amount of assumptions that I was looking for romance. Did any of you actually read the message? I was specifically opposing romance. This may or may not be because the only romance I've experienced I had to pay for. And there was an occasional lawsuit with court fees and hearings and what not. Therefore, I find it expen-

sive.

What's with the snickering? I mean, I can understand it from the ladies. Their emotions run high and manifest themselves as joyous guffaws of endless happiness and adoration in my presence, but the reaction from the dudes? You guys crumble into fits of giggles, shy glances, and whippers like a bunch of 10-year-old school girls. Men, pull yourselves together!

Now I'm hoping we can all laugh at ourselves and put this whole thing behind us. This will be the last time I emphasize the incident, for I think the whole thing has gotten its justifiable amount of attention. But alas, it's over, so it's time to focus back on our studies and let Rose resume its roughing up of our rear-ends with its gratuitous quantities of work.

Stay in school, brush your teeth, don't do drugs, no pushing, but most importantly,

climb tree ride bike

Wacky prof quotes

"AH! A-hah! You're both right and wrong."

— *Dr. Allen Holder, master of the definitively hazy.*

"There are a couple of things you just have to poke in there."

— *Dr. Weatherman. Whatever these things are, the end result sounds painful.*

"Feels like make-up sex with Papa John's."

— *Dr. House. No word on how Domino's or Pizza Hut felt about this.*

"There's a lot of funky stuff going on under the covers."

— *Dr. Clifton. Unfortunately, it's too funky for us to talk about on the Flipside, but...*

"Dammit, who ate all the carbons?"

— *Dr. Mottel. This is why we can't have nice things.*

"Quit twittering away your lives. We used to just say that, but now it means something."

— *Dr. Luegenbiehl, concerned that we've become a nation of tweeting... twits.*

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

A retraction

In Shakespearean sonnet form

Matt Melton • Penitent poet

It was a fortnight ago when I went for a walk
Circling the res halls as I came upon Speed
Where upon the ground there layeth some chalk
And some ten item list for which I could not read
As I slipped inside for a cool, cool drink
I felt a light breeze come upon my back
There was no time for me to move or to think
For I was about to be the victim of a terrible ransack
"Matthew Melton!" he screamed, as he pointed his sword
"You have failed me greatly in your page last week!"
Shaking in my shoes whilst my fear soared,
I asked him my failure, sounding quite meek.
What's wrong with you man? Were you born yesterday?
Yes my name is Ronan, but it's spelled with an "a!"

Top "10" Ten

Ways to forget about third week

Matt Melton • enough said

10. Drink.

9. Drink

8. Drink

7. Sleep

6. Drink

5. Drink

4. Drink

3. Drink

2. Drink

1. Wait for it... wait for it...
drink.



ROSE MEN OF GENIUS

Celebrating the unsung heroes of Rose-Hulman

Noël Spurgeon • humor editor

Today, we salute you, Mr. Rolly Backpack Backpack-Roller. Not content with the titanic Targis supplied by Rose, you take your book-carrying to a higher plane. Unable to support the massive weight of your belongings, you tow them behind you like a tugboat maneuvering an oil barge into port. Do you really need to take your binders, your textbooks, your laptop, your iPad, a four-course dinner, and your roommate around campus? Is the fifteen minute journey from your dorm to your classes so fraught with peril that your only chance of survival is by packing for a three-month journey across the Sahara desert? We may never know, but you and your behemoth backpack are a fixture of campus life. Pulling your ponderous pack, you plow over squirrels, road signs, and unfortunate freshmen in your quest to be in your seat at least three minutes early, bouncing along the hallways like an exceptionally destructive super ball on amphetamines. So here's to you, Mr. Rolly Backpack Backpack-Roller. May your devotion to punctuality remain boundless... just like the contents of your backpack.

Fail of the week

New Web Design Coming...

0-1:NaN:NaN:NaN

days hours mins secs

Apparently the new website was so exciting that the old one forgot how to count.

ROSE-HULMAN EXAM FAILURE ADVISORY SCALE

SEVERE

Pick a deity and commence fervent prayer

HIGH

Cram-pack your crib sheet and bring \$20 to staple to the back

ELEVATED

Clear your schedule for the next three days to study

GUARDED

Reread the material twice, and sleep with the book under your pillow

LOW

Pretend you go to Purdue