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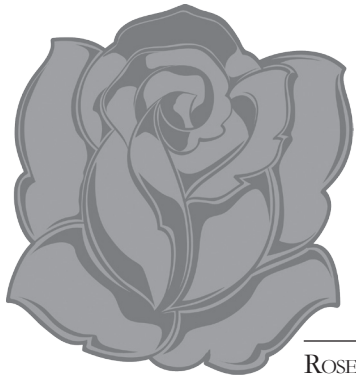
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ACQUITTED

Hobey Tam, Student Government Association president-elect, defeats impeachment attempt

Tim Ekl • editor-in-chief

Rose-Hulman's Student Government Association (SGA) voted 17-11 Thursday to acquit president-elect Hobey Tam, senior biomedical engineering major. Tam was facing impeachment; this was the first time SGA considered such a punishment in its history. The vote, which saw one senator abstain, failed to meet the two-thirds supermajority — 20 votes — required to impeach.

Instead, Tam faces a censure from involvement with libelous publications. Further misconduct will lead to disciplinary action.

The Rose Thorn followed Tam and SGA through the elections and impeachment process.

Election to office

Two weeks ago, SGA held their standard annual elections for a new president. Tam competed for the spot against Derek Archer and Debbie Davis-Brutchen, both junior biomedical engineering majors. The primary election, held via Banner Web, required a 50 percent majority for one of the three candidates to win the presidency. No candidate gained that much of the vote, so the two top candidates — Archer and Tam — competed in a runoff election.

The runoff, held last week on Banner Web, saw almost 500 students submit a vote — roughly a quarter of the Rose-Hulman student population. Tam won the election by 15 votes. While seemingly a small margin, SGA elections are typically decided by only a few votes. Past elections have drawn only a few hundred voters, and last year's elections in some cases came down to a

ten-vote difference.

Petition for impeachment

Alexander Huff, graduate electrical and computer engineering major, brought a petition to several SGA senators shortly after Tam's election. The petition raised allegations against Tam's conduct and character, and garnered support of three sitting senators: Gretchen Ward, junior civil engi-

neering major; Thomas Dykes, junior electrical engineering major; and Ross Schneider, junior computer engineering major. The senators supported the petition in the belief that Tam should not have the ability to govern SGA.

"I got the idea that if [Tam is] going to lead this insurgency against SGA as it currently functions, he should have the courage and honesty to stand up for what he believes in," Dykes said. "If

he can't or refuses to then he shouldn't be SGA president."

Once the petition had sufficient support, it came to the attention of Cody Barron, current SGA president and senior biomedical engineering major. Barron then faced a task that an SGA president has never before handled: an impeachment trial. He turned to the SGA Constitution and Robert's Rules of Order to determine how to handle the trial.

"There is documentation for how to remove the president. There's a rough outline and then it goes to Robert's Rules, and it's specifically outlined in there," Barron said.

After consultation with Pete Gustafson, SGA advisor, Barron made the controversial decision to close the trial to the public. Despite student backlash, Barron defended the decision as necessary to preserve a fair trial.

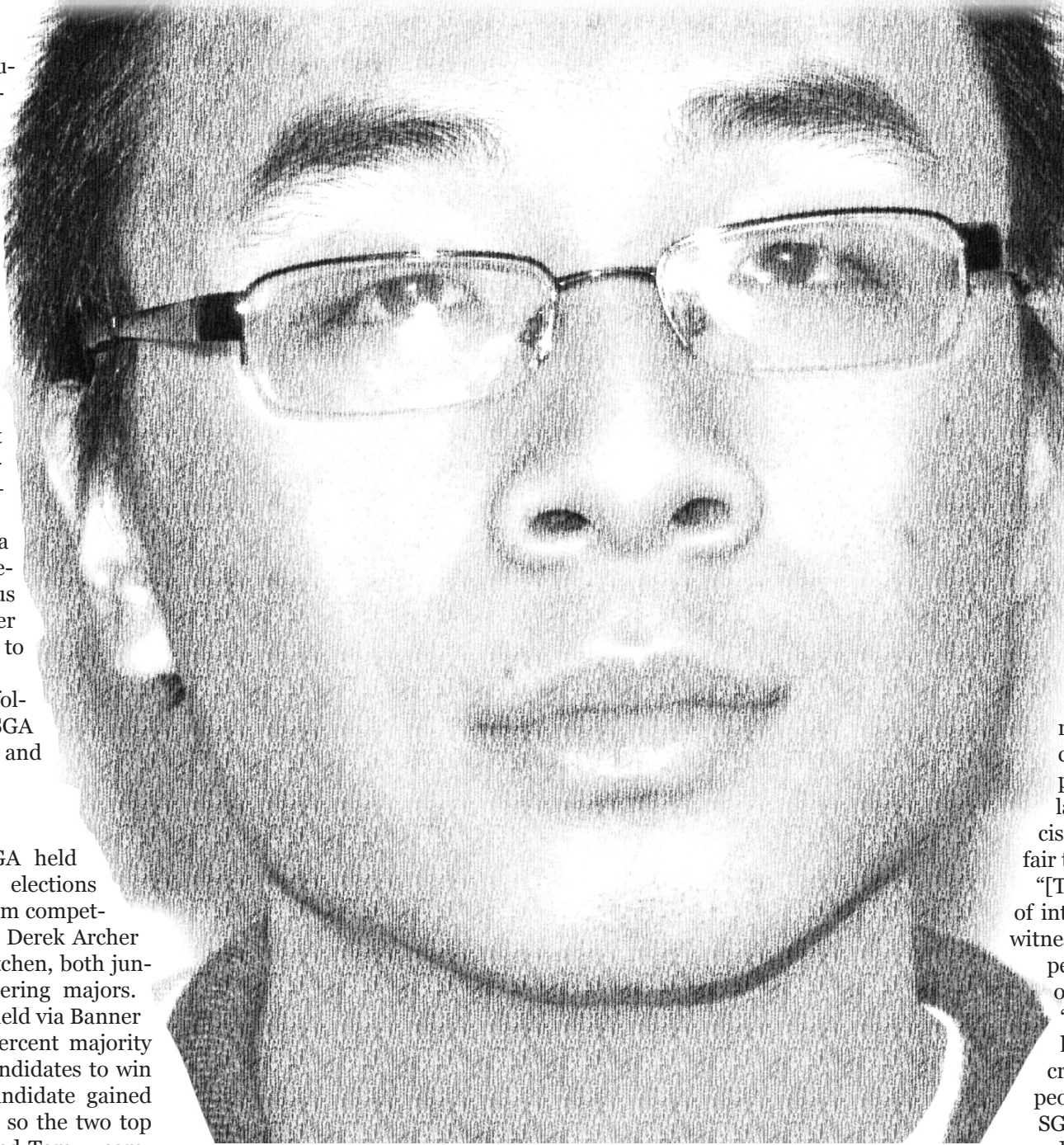
"[The trial is closed] out of fear of intimidation of the jury and the witnesses by the sheer number of people that are interested in this on both sides," Barron said. "I know it's going to attract a large crowd and having a large crowd in there will intimidate people."

SGA took minutes and a video recording of the trial, both of which will be available to students online Sunday.

"I feel that it's my rule as SGA president. I'm serving as the head judge," Barron said.

"In the real world, the judge has a right to close trial pending exactly what I'm closing the trial for."

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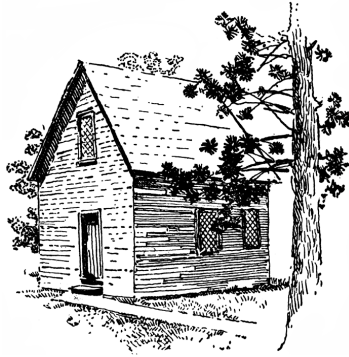
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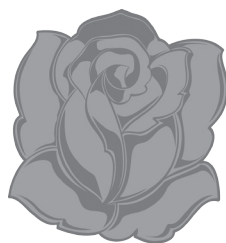
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TRIAL: Tam takes office

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On trial

The trial itself took place Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in Moench E104. 29 SGA Senators attended for a three-hour trial, followed by two hours of deliberations. As the first such proceeding in SGA history, the trial followed a relatively loose procedure.

Serving as the prosecution were Huff and Greg Frech, freshman civil engineering major. Frech acted as the Senate's representative in the prosecution, but took a backseat to Huff's role. Frech had a "rule to keep himself more on the jury than the prosecution," according to Barron, and was allowed to vote with the jury on Tam's impeachment. The only SGA members not to vote were Barron, who acted as judge in the trial, and Nick Addante, SGA Secretary and sophomore civil engineering major.

Tam was allowed to choose a single senator to aid in his defense, but passed on this right, choosing instead to defend himself.

"I don't feel like I should antagonize a senator. If the Senate truly feels one way about it, they'll support me or not support me," Tam said before the trial. "I'm assuming they don't support me and I have to convince them. That's the worst-case scenario. If I choose a senator and they're completely antagonized from the get-go, that hurts my argument."

As for keeping the trial closed, Tam accepted the decision as necessary to ensure a crowd of supporters didn't sway the jury.

"I understand his motivation [to close], I'm sympathetic towards it. He doesn't want a big crowd to influence the jury deliberation. He doesn't want a huge crowd to intimidate witness testimony," Tam said. "The way I see it, yeah, a big crowd would be in my favor, but I don't really

disagree or agree with it. It's just another rule of the game, just another constraint to force someone in my position to be more creative in my defense."

Gustafson supported Barron's decision as well.

"I think there's a possibility for a lot of intimidation," Gustafson said. "The people I've met who would like to testify against Hobey would be very intimidated if a lot of his supporters showed up."

Some Ugly evidence

A large part of Huff's accusations against Tam centered on the alleged publication of an unofficial newsletter called *The Ugly Rose*. Distributed via e-mail, *The Ugly Rose* reached over 100 students and released 11 issues over several weeks. Several of the included images and articles were highly vulgar or pornographic.

Tam's name appeared as the author in the file's metadata, a special part of *The Ugly Rose* computer files containing information about the file's creation and ownership. Tam claims that he was not the sole writer, and was merely responsible for compiling the newsletter.

"It was my idea, so I'm going to take responsibility for it. Know that I am by far not the only one who wrote it," Tam said. "All it was is a commentary on what was wrong with our everyday lives."

Huff and the prosecution disagreed with this interpretation of *The Ugly Rose*. In his initial e-mail, Huff described the publication as "incorrect, slanderous, and offensive," and claimed that the articles were "of a quality completely divorced from the values and ideals held by the Rose community and SGA in general." Huff refused to comment directly about the trial.

Due to the nature of the evidence brought against him, Tam char-

acterized the trial as a "Michael Moore film."

"If you want to defame somebody, you catch them sitting on the toilet running out of toilet paper, and that's *The Ugly Rose*," Tam said. "Everything and anything they can get their hands on will be exploited."

Senators opposing Tam disagree with this characterization, instead focusing on the lies they allege surrounded *The Ugly Rose*'s publication.

"I believe based on that evidence that he is the editor of *The Ugly Rose*," Dykes said. "The person who edited *The Ugly Rose* shouldn't be SGA president, because then people who read *The Ugly Rose* think that it's the opinions and thoughts of the president."

Moving forward

Now that Tam has been acquitted, he will take office as SGA president in the spring for a one-year term. Huff does not have the option of appeal.

As president, though, Tam has been placed under censure by the Senate. If he is found to have participated in any libelous publication, he will face further disciplinary measures. Tam must also issue an apology to the Rose-Hulman campus and community.

While some students expressed apathy or even frustration with SGA's trial process, Tam seemed to welcome the challenge to his fledgling presidency.

"There's no chance of it ever coming up again because I'm operating within my rights," Tam said. "I think it's good public relations for SGA. It's going to be the most unprecedented first day in office of any SGA president."

NEWS BRIEFS

By Alex Mullans

Mubarak to stay

Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak announced on Egyptian state television yesterday that he would not step down until the September presidential elections. He will "continue to shoulder" his responsibilities while working towards a peaceful transition of power. During the address, he said that "It's not about Hosni Mubarak. It's about Egypt," while acknowledging that "your demands are legitimate and just demands." Despite remaining in office, Mubarak will transfer his powers to Vice President Omar Suleiman. After the address, protestors in Tahrir Square started chants of "Leave, leave" and "Go, go."

Trump to run in 2012?

Billionaire Donald Trump made news on Thursday at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) when he hinted at a potential 2012 presidential candidacy. During his speech, Trump said that he would decide by June whether or not to run. In offering his rationale for a candidacy, Trump said that "the United States is becoming the laughingstock of the world." His anti-abortion stance and his support for the Second Amendment's protections for gun owners earned him applause from the audience. When talking about the current president, he said "Nobody knew who the hell he was; he's now our president."

"Guitar Hero" goes the way of record players

Activision Blizzard Inc. announced Wednesday that it is halting development on the "Guitar Hero" franchise which debuted in 2005. The news doesn't come as a surprise, as sales of the franchise had been steadily declining since "Guitar Hero III." The news comes less than two months after Viacom Inc. sold Harmonix, the studio behind "Rock Band." Industry insiders speculate that despite the changes, the music gaming genre is still popular. They point to games like the iPhone's "Tap Tap Revolution" and Harmonix' "Dance Central" as the next evolution of the genre.

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“Detective Comics” latest delights

Eli Baca • staff writer

Detective Comics is the longest continuously published comic book in the United States. This means that it's either just legendary and no one wants to stop it, or it's one of the best out there and is constantly changing and re-creating itself. With this latest arc, the latter is probably the truest.

Scott Snyder (director of “300,” “Watchmen,” and the upcoming “Superman” reboot) takes over writing duties on this arc, and his tale is dark in all the right places while maintaining the light tone of the new Batman, Dick Grayson. His story gets back to basics with Batman solving a mystery and facing a new foe that is a somewhat twisted mirror of Batman himself. Snyder has changed Gotham to show how the new Batman has changed



<http://www.dccomics.com>

Gotham, but he still captures the characters as they are.

The arc also gets help with the art by Jock and Francesco Francavilla who take the tones of the writing and go all out on the pages—getting the creepy “monsters” as twisted versions of real

people and using the shadows as effectively as any classic horror tale. The covers are also amazing in style and downright awesomeness and give Detective Comics a yesteryear feel to them.

The story is practically classic Batman, and the foes are as villainous as ever, but it's the simple writing that makes the comic feel authentic and new—how each character is trying to find a place for them-

selves in this new world. Detective Comics is a downright legendary comic series, and this new arc continues on that same path.

Review rating: 4 elephants



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MONKEY MUSIC REVIEWS

Kayte Johnston • monkey writer

“The Promise” is a compilation of Bruce Springsteen's unreleased material from 1978's “Darkness on the Edge of Town.” Its debut at #16 on the Billboard 200, Springsteen's lowest charting in 38 years, speaks more of today's audience rather than the album's material. The tracks were originally left off to maintain the concept of the album, but their addition would have surely strengthened it. “Fire” was subsequently recorded by the Pointer Sisters while “Because the Night” became a hit for Patti Smith, proof that being one of Springsteen's leftovers speaks nothing about its quality.

The years seem to have eased his disposition, substituting harmonica and saxophone for biting guitar

solos as on the Billy Joel-like “Racing in the Street.” These days there is not as much of a place for the piano-infused Heartland rock in America's hook-thirsty youth, but his voice is as undeniably strong as it was on “Born in the U.S.A.” Springsteen continues to be the sound of everyday American ambition. This collection may be more meaningful to those who were our age when these songs were written, but more than thirty years later his tales of ordinary life are as relatable as ever.

Suggested Tracks: “Ain't Good Enough For You,” “Fire,” “Racing In the Street,” “Because the Night”

Review rating: 3 elephants



“Batman, Inc” brings new look to series

Eli Baca • staff writer

Bruce Wayne “died,” fought his way through history, and came back to a Gotham with a new Batman. So what will he do next? Build a world-wide organization of Batmen funded by Wayne Enterprises. A new page for Batman has begun with “Batman, Inc.” The first two issues of the series show Batman and Selina Kyle trying to find Mr. Un-

known—and find him they do, only he's dead and Lord Dead Man is trying to take over Tokyo, just in time for Batman (and Catwoman) to save the day.

Grant Morrison, the ultimate Batman writer, has taken the reins and made this new series to show exactly what Bruce Wayne is doing, and he's still at the top of his game. The writing is fresh and new and taking the characters to new plac-

es while still having them deal with a resurrection and their own relationship woes. The artistry, done by Yanick Paquette and Michel Lacombe, is bright and colorful, reminiscent of Sunday Comic Strips and old Zorro cartoons—but it's exactly what the comic needs. The duo create Japan to really be Japan and not just some fake-looking buildings with Japanese all over them, it's really the city of Tokyo

with Batman and Catwoman gallivanting all over the place.

Overall, Batman, Inc. is a great new series to get into for the new fan, but still a great new step for the old fan. Bruce Wayne is back and this series is hopefully going to be around for a good long while.

Review rating: 4 elephants



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“Devil's Dream” makes a hero of the “devil”

Kurtis Zimmerman • staff writer

Though I'm not usually one for historical fiction, I picked up the novel “Devil's Dream” based on intrigue borne of the promises on the back cover. Proposed to be “a rough, fierce man with a life full of contradictions,” Nathan Bedford Forrest is the protagonist of the novel, but in many ways is a key antagonist of the main conflict which the storyline encircles.

“Devil's Dream” starts off deep in the mess of the Civil War, following the fearless brute of a leader, General Nathan Bedford Forrest, who led men fighting for the Confederacy. The story is narrated by Henri, a Haitian man looking to recruit help for their own revolution, caught in the windstorm of the South that became the American Civil War. Somewhat drafted, otherwise enslaved, Henri is taken along with Forrest in his own regiment and follows him throughout the story.

Through several time shifts that at times left me confused, Madison Smartt Bell successfully portrays Forrest as all

the things he was: unfaithful to his wife, a slave trader by day, but at the same time smooth charismatic force to be reckoned with. Able to charm his future wife, Mary Ann, the general settles down and raises a family despite his in-laws' disagreement with his choice of trade. But while the reader may be drawn in by his wit and charm, at the same time his cheating ways, taking up bed space with one of his own slaves, kept me at least from feeling sympathy for the innovative leader.

For those unfamiliar with Forrest, you are not alone. I didn't know much about the man before reading the book, and the only piece of knowledge I could associate with the Confederate general was that Forrest Gump was named after his ancestor, Nathan Bedford Forrest. Unfortunately, the stories are not similar; Forrest Gump was able to evoke sympathy in movie-goers, but Nathan is just the type of character that in my mind epitomizes the leaders of the Confederacy in the South. His own soldiers at one point referred to him

as the “devil,” and it was hard for me to find any character at all to latch on to and identify with. This made the reading a bit slow and stale for me, and I struggled to even finish it.

Additionally, if you do decide to pick up this book, be sure to pay attention to the dates listed at the start of each chapter, as the author, Madison Smartt Bell, frequently shifts the setting from years before the war to dates deep into the Confederacy's loss. Skipping past these dates can lead to confusion and a sense of disorientation with regard to the progress of the plot.

With that said, the story itself, nearly like an excerpt from a biography, is an interesting one from an era of strong, determined leaders, even if their values differed from ours today. To lovers of historical fiction, I recommend the novel wholeheartedly, but to those less interested in the genre, “Devil's Dream” isn't even worth picking up.

Review rating: 3 elephants



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Brownies made from scratch

Melissa Schwenk • living editor

In today's world of boxed mixes and canned meals, it's easy to forget that once upon a time, people actually made things from all the ingredients in them. I can count the number of times I've made cookies from scratch on one hand and the only reason I can make dinner rolls is because my grandma taught me.

A girl in my Physikalische Chemie [Physical Chemistry] class asked me at the beginning of the year if I would be willing to cook something typically American for a church group, at no cost to myself. I set-

tled the day before on making an American breakfast of bacon, French toast, and scrambled eggs. The only problem was that I needed to make a dessert as well.

I remembered my roommate gushing about how much she loved the brownies her American friend used to make for her, so I decided to give it a try. Here is the recipe I used.

Heat the oven to 180°C. Melt the butter and 400g of chocolate together and stir until the mixture is smooth. While you wait for that mix to cool, cut the remaining chocolate into small chunks. Set these aside.

Mix the sugar, vanilla sugar, and eggs together, then add the chocolate/butter mix. Slowly add the flour, salt, and baking powder, but don't stir them too long. Lastly add the chocolate chunks.

Put the batter into a baking pan (I usually use a glass pan that's about 2 inches deep, 9x9 inches), into the oven on the middle rack. Bake for 20-25 minutes, or until a fork comes out clean when you stab the middle. Let the brownies cool before cutting. Enjoy!

In case you are wondering, all the Germans loved them. Recipe from <http://www.chefkoch.de>

Ingredients:

- 600g of bitter chocolate
- 250g Butter
- 420g sugar
- 6 eggs
- 1 packet of Vanilla Sugar
- 280g Flour
- 1/2 Tsp Salt
- 1/2 packet Baking Powder

Surviving the end of winter

Kurtis Zimmerman • webmaster

I hate winter; I really do. After almost two decades of living in Indiana, I've seen enough snow and ice and wintry mix that it just doesn't appeal to me at all anymore. I experienced years of snowball fights, sledding, snowmen, and all the fun festivities of growing up in a part of the country that experiences each of the seasons throughout the year. And now I'm over it.

But I didn't start this article like a Negative Nancy just for the sake of being a downer; rather, I see the light at the end of the tunnel. Winter, believe it or not, is winding down. Sure, we still have a few

weeks of snow and gray skies, but winter quarter is nearly over. Ninth week is coming to a close, and that means at most two weeks stand between you and quarter break, time away from classes and projects and most responsibility in general.

But, unless you're just plain lucky (or not, depending on your finals preferences) and are finished with finals early during the week, the truth is that the next couple of weeks can be even more difficult than the past six weeks have been. It's easy to burn out on studying, project work, homework, and work responsibilities, but if you keep your head up and your mind occupied with leisure activi-

ties, the next ten or so days can be a bit more bearable.

First off, don't give up your hobbies because of the pressures that tenth week and finals week may present. Picking up a good book after a long day of hard work helps me unwind and temporarily forget my to-do list, and a new movie or a fun game of racquetball down at the SRC may help you do the same. Also, taking time to do something you enjoy will break up the monotony of your Rose studies.

Next, stay organized and remember your goals. It's easy to just let go at the end of the quarter, but it's important to remain consistent and focused on fin-

ishing off winter quarter as strong as you started it. Nothing can make winter quarter worse than finishing it below your own standards.

Though I'm no survival expert, I have lived through years and years of winter, and unfortunately it doesn't get more bearable with experience. But the last tip I have for anyone looking for a way to make it through the end of winter, I simply suggest you stay occupied and keep moving. Winter is such a sedentary season, but if you stay active with floor activities and spending time with friends, the time will fly by much more quickly, and before you know it you'll be relaxing away a week of break.

Your country is being judged... hard

Melissa Schwenk • living editor

When I came to Germany, I knew I'd be faced with German stereotypes as well as what the Germans think of Americans. I wasn't expected to be faced with English stereotypes and prejudices as well though. These cultural differences came to a head when I visited Hamburg with two British teachers and another American student from Rose-Hulman.

The Brits kept saying that Americans focus too much on working and not enough on having fun. I don't know if this is really the case or that when they compared themselves to us, we get so much more done because we have fun in moderation.

The two teachers we were with did not seem to understand that there was more to the trip than the Red Light District and bars. They were out until 7 a.m. the night we arrived, after heading to the Red Light District around 5 p.m. While I have nothing against staying out late, I tend to do it when I have nothing to do the next day, not when I've paid for a train ticket to another city for some sight-seeing. Either that or I follow the "I've done more on less" rule.

By the time the other American and I met up with them at dinner, we had already seen the entire Art Museum as well as all the important churches. They instead slept most of the day and then had to recuperate once they woke up. They had even partied too hard to want to go out again on Saturday night, which would have been the optimal night to go out, since nothing is open

the next day and you can sleep in until check-out, then catch a train home.

Along with higher productivity comes better punctuality. Everyone associates punctuality with the Germans, but Americans are pretty good at being on time, too. Unfortunately, that wasn't the case with the Englishmen we were traveling with. On Sunday I went to mass while the others went on a walking tour. After their tour, the other American said they would meet me in thirty minutes at the main train station.

Fifty minutes after the first call, I got another call saying they had arrived on the opposite side of the station than we agreed on and were now waiting on me. He later told me that the Brits had meandered at their normal slow pace, then asked him why he appeared tense.

When he explained that he didn't think it was ok to keep me waiting and that I'd probably be upset, they said they'd been contemplating how the scroll bar for the tram worked and whether there was a way they could lean their head on the bench. Glad to see their consideration for me and my time. This is actually a common occurrence for the one, who is constantly late when we make plans together.

Continuing with the hard-working thread, Americans tend to measure their own success by accumulating things like houses large enough for their children to each have their own room, enough cars for each driver in the family, and vacations. In order to get what we want, we save

and invest our money, making donations to causes we support when we can. This attention to money also calls for us to not blow it all in one weekend.

Our British companions, who get a teaching salary, treated money like it grows on trees. While I'm not opposed to having a few drinks, I'm not ok with spending 50 €, or about \$70, in one night on beverages and multiple cover charges. I'm also not willing to eat at expensive restaurants when cheaper alternatives are available. The point of this trip wasn't to stay in a hostel so we could eat at five star restaurants; it was to use the money we saved to get into museums or other attractions.

Even worse, the Brits seemed to have no concept of money's role in the world's problems. The one seemed to think that all the technology in the world was

what made people in third world countries poor. She thought we should all just grow our own food and do away with money. Obviously she didn't realize that there isn't enough good farm land for everyone to do this. If everyone had a farm, someone would have to farm the desert or the dry prairies. Also, not everyone has a green thumb; I have a hard enough time

keeping my cactus from dying.

Along this line, since I've gotten to Germany, I've had many of the ERASMUS students tell me how ignorant Americans are. While I'll agree that many of us don't follow the international news religiously, most of us have a good idea of what is going on in the world. On top of this, most Americans have had a general, working knowledge of ancient and world history pounded into them at some point of their education.

While flipping through my pictures from Italy, one of the Brits asked me what one of the pictures was. I'll admit, it was an ambiguous picture when taken out of context, but when taken with the others it was obviously of the Coliseum. When I told her what it was, she asked me what the Coliseum was.

Ask any American middle-

schooler and they can tell you it's where the gladiators fought, even if they don't know which emperor commissioned it and when. This isn't some obscure site in some small Italian village; it's one of, if not the, best-known Italian landmarks.

While it's wrong to judge an entire country based on only a few samples, I'll have to admit that England was judged pretty harshly that weekend. I hope I can meet more people from England to widen my sample, but as for now, my pattern recognition is telling me that there is a reason England has lost its former glory. If I hadn't read so many British books and seen so many movies made there, I'd have lost all faith in the country. I'm now inspired to better represent my country because I'm sure there are people out there judging us as well.



Name that landmark. It's big, white, and was where lot of people died for sport.
Melissa Schwenk • living editor

Smith bill is a step backwards in abortion battle

Carly Baehr • opinions editor

Every year since 1976, Congress has passed the Hyde Amendment, a rider on various appropriations bills that bans the use of Federal funds (e.g. Medicaid) to pay for abortions. The amendment generally contains wording granting exceptions to cases involving rape, incest, or when the health of the mother is at risk. The cleverly named No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, a bill sponsored by Representative Chris Smith (R-NJ), would turn the customary amendment into law—with one change. Instead of making the same exceptions as the Hyde Amendment, the Smith bill would grant the exception only to cases of “forcible rape,” and incest only if the victim is a minor.

The seemingly small change in wording now leaves Medicaid free from funding all those frivolous “non-forcible rape” abortions. The intent of the new wording is to close the so-called loophole that would allow any teenager to get an abortion—since technically any pregnant teen is the victim of statutory rape. But besides stopping Medicaid funding for teenagers seeking abortions, the not-very-careful wording of the Smith bill allows interpretation of the bill to narrow the scope of the exception. Does “forcible” rape include women who were intoxicated or drugged, for example? What about women who were raped not with physical force, but with psychological force or with threats of violence? The last thing a rape victim needs is to be told that she wasn’t raped thoroughly enough to have earned an abortion.

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Not only does the bill greatly limit access to abortions for women on Medicaid and government employees with federally funded health insurance—anti-abortion advocates want to expand the interpretation of “federally funded” to include tax breaks and such on private health care plans—meaning that if your insurance covers abortion, you, and your employer if your health insurance comes from your job, suddenly lose tax benefits on your insurance plan. That’s a major disincentive for employers to offer plans that cover abortion, placing further hurdles between women and reproductive health services.

The “forcible rape” provision attracted enough criticism that GOP leaders promised to remove it, but as of Wednesday the language was still in the bill. The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act might be a far cry from outright banning abortion, and the bill hasn’t passed—yet—but it is the first step toward slowly chipping away at a woman’s right to choose. Another recent bill would allow hospitals to refuse to provide abortion services, even if the mother’s life is in danger, and yet another appropriations proposal threatens to pull all funding for Planned Parenthood and similar organizations—funding that also provides cancer screenings, birth control and other health services to lower-income families. These bills look to be the start of a long line of anti-abortion legislation that threatens to reverse the progress the pro-choice movement has made since *Roe v. Wade* 37 years ago, taking a step firmly in the wrong direction.

STAFF VIEW: Be careful about what you publish

Considering the recent allegations brought against Hobe Tam, the SGA president-elect, and their

CONCURRING: 13

DISSENTING: 2

ABSTENTIONS: 2

relation to *The Ugly Rose*, an underground publication he has been associated with, it seems appropriate to address the issue of personal image. Mr. Tam’s image is one for a separate debate, but it reminds all of us how important it is to be careful about how public we are with different aspects with our lives.

In an age in which technology allows us to share every thought and feeling and picture of our lives (e.g. Facebook),

Some types of posts can be detrimental to a candidate’s ability to land a job.

we have the power to control the image we create for ourselves online, and there comes a responsibility with this power. Many companies even screen job candidates using Facebook, so be careful if you’re in the market for a job — some types of posts can be detrimental to your ability to land a job.

But Facebook is only one example. It would be hard to believe that someone known

to be associated with *The Ugly Rose* could land a job, not for lack of ability technically or for not having a good personality, but because of the image that is projected by being associated with a newsletter like *The Ugly Rose*.

Perhaps the biggest lesson to take away is that all actions have consequences. While everyone has the inalienable right to express their beliefs and opinions, you must be ready to accept what may come from the image of yourself that the comments create.

Government needs to slash its spending down to size

Andrew Klusman • business manager

We’re all poor college students, and for the most part, we try to make every dollar go as far as we can. Some of us may pad the cushion of spending with a credit card, knowing that we’ll make a certain amount of money by the end of the month; others eke by with what they earn, and yet others find money from another source (savings, family members, etc.). One thing we have in common, though, is that we just don’t go out and spend it all, and then some.

So why is our federal government any different from the average college student (or citizen)? Even though tax collections have dropped, and they are projected to drop to their lowest levels since 1950, the government continues to spend, spend, spend. What’s the federal deficit level for 2011? \$1.5 trillion dollars.

You saw that right. \$1,500,000,000,000.00. To put that in perspective, say the cost of attending Rose is \$45,000. We could put 33,333,333 students through our school with that much money (remember, Rose only has 1,800 undergraduate students enrolled and there are only 17.5 million students in post-secondary education). And this is all money that the United States Government *does not have*. It doesn’t exist. We’re essentially putting it on our credit card bill.

I could have sworn that candidates for public

office repeatedly say we shouldn’t “mortgage our children’s future.” Well, what the heck are we doing right now? Why are we spending \$1.5 trillion more than we have? In 2007, there were approximately 138 million taxpayers in the United States. For easy math, let’s say we gained 12 million more (doubtful), and round it off to a nice 150 million taxpayers in the USA. You know how much *extra* per-person we are spending with this deficit? To overcome this deficit, we would need to tax these taxpayers \$10,000 to pay off the deficit. That’s about a quarter’s tuition at Rose. Shocking, isn’t it?

What should be done? Well, first, American society and the American electorate needs to start giving a darn about their country, their future, and their government. They need to stop watching “Keeping Up with the Kardashians” and start keeping up with the Congress. Second, the government needs to stop spending money like a drunken sailor on shore leave. And a third thing would be to stop having the federal government do things the states and cities can do (some people would call this subsidiarity—the principle that matters ought to be handled by the smallest or “more local” group).

What are the things that should be on the chopping block first? Social Security. Make people pay for their own retirement. Why the federal government feels the need to confiscate 12.4% (6.2% on the employee and 6.2% on the employer) to give

to old people and fund their “retirement” fund is beyond me. That’s what charities and churches and community groups are for. Next would be slashing unemployment and welfare, because again, the federal government’s business is not to provide welfare checks. Moving on, slashing the Department of Defense budget would be third on the list—it’s way too bloated as is, and there are reports of the DoD losing billions of dollars (just up and disappearing—tell me, how do you lose billions of dollars? If I lose \$5 I know about it!). Then, a slow reduction of budgets for the plethora of departments the US Federal Government has would be a great thing, and go a long way in reducing the size of the government. Things like the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Why does the Fed do this? States and cities can do this. The Department of Education has been a burden on the school system, and, last time I checked, school performance has gone down since we’ve had the DoE. Whoops? The Departments of Energy and Agriculture can probably be cut in half pretty easily, along with the Department of Commerce. The Department of Homeland Security can also take a big hit.

Overall, the key point here is the US Federal Government needs to start acting responsibly, and that goes particularly for spending. Reducing the size and scope of the Federal Government, especially in places it’s ineffective, useless, or over-reaching, would go a long way.

Conference rival Anderson falls to Engineers

Strong offense leads both teams to conference wins

Kurtis Zimmerman • staff writer

Both the men's and women's basketball teams outscored Anderson University Wednesday night in their conference matchups against the Ravens. The men took on Anderson at home in Hulbert Arena, while the women travelled to Anderson University for a win on the road.

Though the Lady Engineers suffered a loss at Manchester College this past weekend, senior biomedical engineering student Donna Marsh managed to pass the 1,000-point mark in her career, becoming just the eighth woman in school history to accomplish the feat. Unfortunately, the team's offensive effort wasn't enough as they came up short against Manchester, suffering a 49 - 43 loss.

Travelling to Anderson College Wednesday night, the Lady Engineers were looking to overcome their close league competitors, and strong offensive efforts from Marsh and junior mechanical engineering major Alisa Dickerson brought the win home for Rose-Hulman. Dickerson nearly secured a triple-double as she put up 26 points, nine rebounds, and nine assists, and Marsh followed closely behind with 19 points, eight rebounds, and four blocked shots.

Strong shooting in the second half - the Lady Engineers sank 59% from the field - secured the ten point victory for Rose-Hulman as the Ravens lost their halftime lead and left the court with a 67 - 57 loss. This victory brought the Lady Engineers to 8 - 14 overall and 6 - 8 in HCAC play.

The men suffered a similar loss

at Manchester in a heated second half, falling 67 - 59 to the Spartans. The frustration from what the Manchester announcers deemed a game of questionable officiating brought the Engineers' blood to a boil as they took their home court to challenge their league rivals. The Engineers again featured a strong offense, shooting 59% from the field as well, and put four players in double figures. All civil engineering majors, those players were led by sophomore Austin Weatherford with 20 points, followed by freshman Julian Strickland with 13 points, and junior Spencer Harlan and sophomore Brenton Balsbaugh with 10 points each.

Despite three ties and four lead changes in the second half, the Engineers managed to secure the 68 - 62 win, pushing them to 15 - 7 on the season and 9 - 6 in HCAC matchups.

Both teams will face Bluffton University at home this Saturday be-



Sophomore Austin Weatherford reached double figures against Anderson Wednesday night, putting up 20 points against the Ravens.

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ginning with the Lady Engineers at 1 p.m. Just three games remain for both teams before the HCAC Tournament begins on Friday, February 25.

SPORTS BRIEFS

By Kurtis Zimmerman

Packers reclaim Lombardi Trophy

Aaron Rodgers claimed the MVP award as the Green Bay Packers brought home the trophy named for their legendary coach that led the Packers to victories in the first two Super Bowl games. In a record TV moment that featured 111 million viewers, one last incomplete pass from Pittsburgh quarterback Ben Roethlisberger sealed the deal as the Packers clinched the 31 - 25 Super Bowl XLV win. Green Bay has now claimed four victories out of five total Super Bowl appearances, and despite the loss, the Steelers still hold the record with six Super Bowl wins. This win is Coach Mike McCarthy's first Super Bowl championship in his fourth year with Green Bay.

Cavaliers extend loss streak to 26

With a 103 - 94 loss to the Detroit Pistons Wednesday night, the Cleveland Cavaliers have extended their current losing streak to 26 games. This record-breaking losing streak ties them with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for the longest contiguous losing streak in major American sports. Prior to this season, the NBA record was held by none other than the 1984 Cleveland Cavaliers with 24 straight games of losing. The Cavs will finish out the month of February, attempting to pick up their first win since December 18, when they beat out the New York Knicks in overtime. First-year coach Byron Scott vented his frustration to the press, saying that he felt disenchanted with the lowered morale of his team, saying that it's "hard to deal with when guys don't come out ready to play."

Rose-Hulman Track and Field ranked No. 11 nationally and No. 1 regionally

Rose-Hulman News

The Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology men's track and field team stands No. 11 nationally and No. 1 in the Great Lakes Region in results released today by the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

The NCAA Division III Track and Field Team Dual Meetings Rankings list Rose-Hulman 11th overall with 131.16 points. The Engineers also passed three institutions this week to become No. 1 in the Great Lakes Region.

The USTFCCA uses a criteria that evaluates the top two performances in each event that is conducted at the NCAA Division III Track and Field Outdoor National Championships and assigns a numerical value based upon the quality of the mark.

Three Fightin' Engineers have auto-

matically or provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division III Indoor National Championships to be held in Columbus, Ohio in March. Sophomore Liz Evans (Bicknell/North Knox) recorded the nation's best women's high jump leap of 5' 7 3/4" at the Engineer Invitational in January to become an automatic qualifier.

Provisional qualification marks were earned by senior Derek Bischak (Angola) in both the mile and 800-meter runs, and junior Sutton Coleman (Lebanon, Va.) in the 55-meter high hurdles. Bischak ranks ninth nationally in the mile run with an effort of 4:13.84 and also stands No. 10 in the 800 meters at 1:54.56. Coleman holds the ninth-best time with his school record performance of 7.70 seconds in the 55 hurdles.

Rose-Hulman returns to action at the Grinnell College Invitational on Saturday.

ENGINEER SCOREBOARD

Men's Basketball 12 - 6 (6 - 5 HCAC)		Women's Basketball 6 - 12 (4 - 7 HCAC)	
Feb 5 - N. Manchester, Ind.		Feb 5 - N. Manchester, Ind.	
Manchester College	67	Manchester College	49
Rose-Hulman	59	Rose-Hulman	43
Feb 9		Feb 5 - Anderson, Ind.	
Anderson University	62	Anderson University	57
Rose-Hulman	68	Rose-Hulman	67
Track & Field			
Feb 5			
DePauw Invitational		M - 3rd	
Greencastle, Ind.		W - 5th	
Swimming & Diving			
Feb 4			
DePauw University		M - 2nd	
SRC Pool		W - 2nd	
Feb 5			
IUPUI and Butler University		M - 2nd	
SRC Pool		W - 3rd	
Men's Tennis		Rifle	
Feb 5 - Terre Haute, Ind.		Feb 5 - Columbus, Ohio	
Earlham College	4	Ohio State University	
Rose-Hulman	5	4408 points	



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Tobey Ham, Gstudent Government Association president-elect, takes one for the team

Dolin CeClue
trial recombinator

Hose-Rulman's Gstudent Government Association (GSA) voted Thursday, after 14 hours of deliberations (and poker games), to impeach president-elect Tobey Ham, senior biospiritual engineering major. Out of 29 senators, 52 voted for impeachment. This is the first time GSA has doled out such a punishment in its history, second only to the Mack Jidgely slapdown of 2008.

The Beautiful Rose followed Ham and the GSA through the impeachment process.

Petition for impeachment

Alexander Auff, graduate magic smoke engineering major, brought a petition to several GSA senators shortly after Ham's election. The petition raised allegations against Ham's conduct and character, including (but not limited to) his proposals to have HRA Zombie players shooting legal immigrants and to build a wall between Hose and St. Wary of the Hood's to keep out those who are abusing our health care system. "We must preserve the tea and Sudafed supplies," said Ham.

When asked about his connections to "The Prickly Thorn," Ham noted that

"If there ain't no name, you just can't blame."

At one point, the defense tried to

repair Tobey's reputation by showing him saving orphans from a burning building. It was later proven that while

and "The Prickly Thorn," police reports involving Tobey Ham asking a prostitute to watch his kids were uncovered.

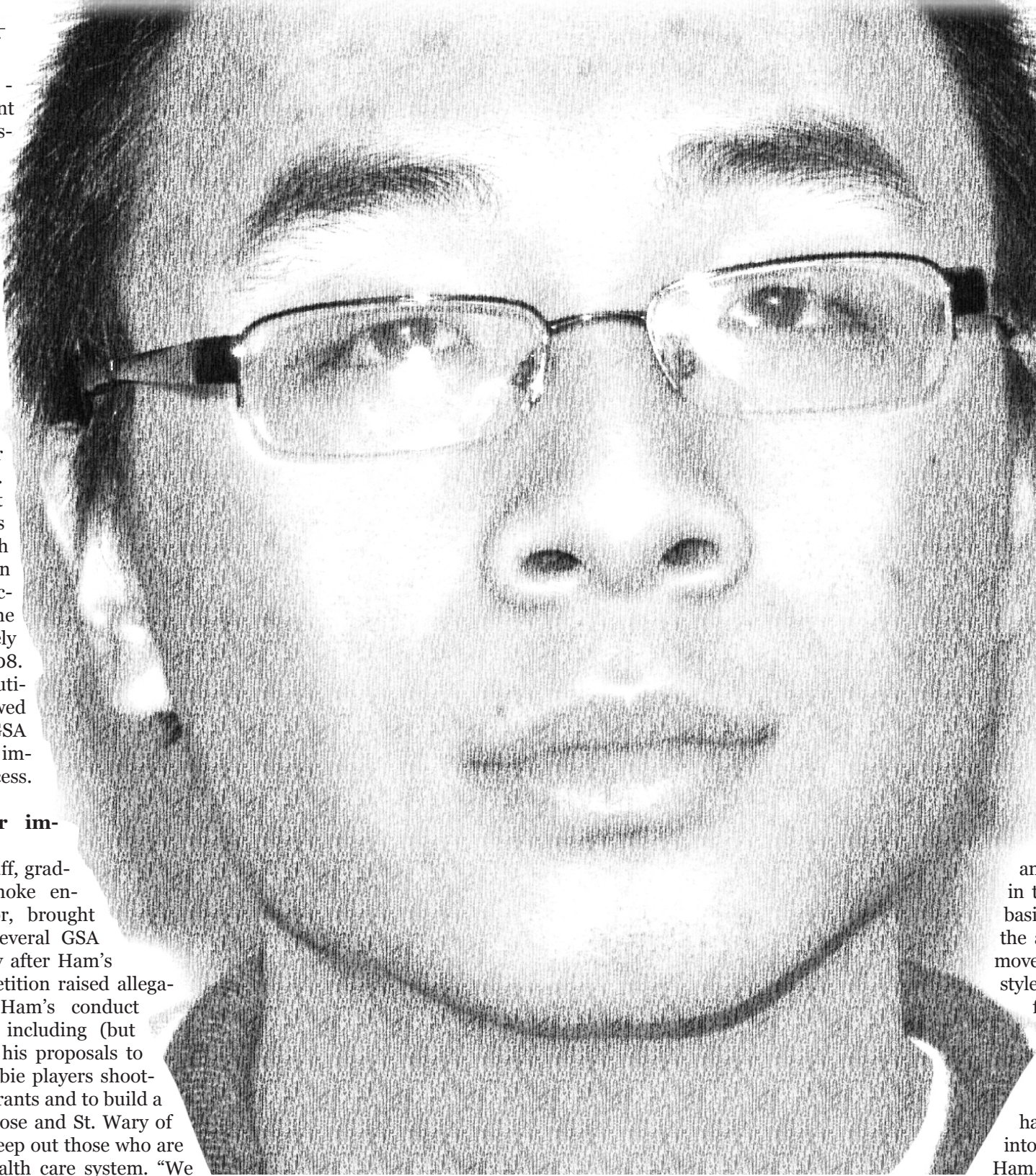
he did save the children, he did not save the British children.

A student who spoke on condition of anonymity said that "Tobey called me during the trial to offer me a senate seat for \$5 and a case of Busch Light."

Once the petition had sufficient support, it came to the attention of Body Carron, current GSA president and senior cryomedical engineering major. Carron then faced a task that a GSA president had never before handled: an impeachment trial. He turned to the GSA Constitution and Robby's Rules of Disorder to determine how to handle the mistrial.

"There is documentation for how to remove the president. There's a rough outline and then it goes to Robby's Rules, and it's specifically outlined in there," Carron said. "The basic procedure starts with the airing of grievances, and moves to American Gladiator-style physical contests. The final, and strongest factor, is the speed quilting competition. It's very straightforward."

The Beautiful Rose has done its own research into the claims made against Ham. While no connections could be made between Ham



INSIDE YOUR (WACKY) PROFESSOR (QUOTES)

"So, really, you could stick your cigarette in a vat of gasoline and nothing would happen." — Dr. Henthorn. This could be awesome... or it could be a Darwin Award, which would also be awesome.

DR. HENTHORN

"I live my life in fear of spontaneous human combustion." — Dr. Mr. DeVasher, who, according to Wikipedia, is justified. Apparently, there have been 200 such combustions in the past 300 years. Don't go to sleep.

DR. MR. DEVASHER

"I never actually carry out the wrong acts. I just talk about them in a way that makes someone else do them." — Dr. Clifton. I always carry out the wrong acts. I just blame them on Dr. Clifton... or Tobey Ham.

DR. CLIFTON

"All the people who wrote this lab manual are dead. I mean, recently dead, but we're not going to be talking to them anytime soon." — Dr. Weatherman. Just goes to show you: never write a lab manual.

DR. WEATHERMAN

"The Jedi apparently like hoodies, what can you say?" — Dr. Brandt. According to the Jedi Handbook, hoods can be used to conceal weapons. Take that, Second Amendment haterz.

DR. BRANDT

This is the Flipside disclaimer, which we the editors read while cringing and burying our heads in the sand. If you're lost, the actual coverage of the Hobe Tam trial is in News on page 1. This is page 8 (the Flipside), where all unattributed content (a.k.a. the prof quotes) is written by Noël Spurgeon, or it would've been had she not gone and gotten sick. This week, it's all Mullans (with serious help from Melton). For future reference, Noël, don't get sick. It's just not cool, because we all know I don't have a sense of humor. So... Hobe Tam. Congratulations man... you survived (or did you, Tobey?). We hear you got censured; don't mess it up. This page (^^^see the title??^^^) loves you. You should write for it the next time you feel like putting your words to a Rose.