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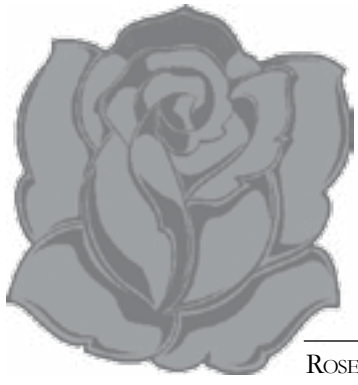
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Logan Library leaks despite renovations

Richard Thai • copy editor

Spring showers. Relentless rain. Leaky library.

Last fall brought the opening of the renovated Logan Library with a high focus on student practicality and sustainability. The renovation project was lauded as a shining example of collaboration between the student body and the institute. However, the recent weeks have brought frequent downpours,

giving rise to a recurring problem thought to have already been solved: drenched carpeting.

“Prior to the renovation of Logan Library, it was understood that there was water infiltration getting through to the Learning Center,” said Michael Taylor, Senior Director of Facilities Operations. “A perimeter was installed to rectify the problem. The Learning Center has stayed dry from last September all

the way through the end of March. With no water infiltration, we thought the problem was rectified.” Prior to the recent erection of the perimeter drain, cracks in the concrete basement floor, which contributed to the saturation, have been addressed with epoxy injections for the past five years.

“We assumed that since it is now April, the problem was solved. However, by mid-April we noticed two spots

in the center of the Logan Library that were getting wet,” said Taylor who also noted that the perimeter of the Learning Center remained dry—a considerable improvement over the sporadic drench spots. Nevertheless, the water currently infiltrating the Learning Center was verified to be clean and not fostering microbial growth due to the water infiltration.

Taylor currently specu-

lates that the cause of the water infiltration is the water table which has risen considerably in the recent rainy weather. Further investigation into the issue has been planned for this summer when activity calms down. “The Learning Center is a very important part of Rose-Hulman. We’re not going to let this [issue] go, but we’re not going to interrupt [its operation] right now,” stated Taylor.



Tim Ekl • editor-in-chief emeritus



Even with extensive renovations this year, the lower level of the Logan Library still experienced some groundwater leaking during the heavy April showers.

Susan Smith • Learning Center

ATO chapters team up for charity \$18,000 goal set for Educator's Corner

Katie Dial • staff writer

The chapters of Alpha Tau Omega at Rose-Hulman and Indiana State University are teaming up to raise \$18,000 over the course of three years for the “Educator’s Corner” at the Terre Haute Children’s Museum. “Educator’s Corner

is sponsored by the Alpha Tau Omega chapters of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and Indiana State University. This section is designated to honor educators of the Wabash Valley as recognized by those whose lives they have positively impacted.” are the words that

will be engraved on a pillar at the Museum to commemorate the efforts of the ATO chapters. To start things off, they are sponsoring a limestone brick to honor the late ATO and former principal of Woodrow Wilson Middle School, Jake Maehling, promoting the sales of bricks

until they reach their \$18,000 goal. The executive director of the Museum, Lynn Hughes, said to both chapters of ATO “The museum is very fortunate to have a number of great partners in the community, and we’re happy to count you among them.”

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- The vacationer who left on October 20 is Christopher.
- The 5 people were the vacationer who left on October 20, Isabel, Mr. Ackerman's student, the person who secretly enjoys reality tv, and the vacationer who left on October 28.
- The person who secretly enjoys chocolate was one of Mr. Finklestein's students.
- The person who secretly enjoys shopping is not Isabel or Holden.
- The person who secretly enjoys soap operas went on vacation after the person who secretly enjoys smoking.
- Mr. Reinsford's student went on vacation before the person who secretly enjoys reality tv.
- Of Mrs. Smith's student and Christopher, one left for vacation on May 23 and the other tries to hide their love of soap operas.
- Mrs. Smith's student is not Holden.
- Either Mrs. Smith's student or Mr. Finklestein's student is Skye.

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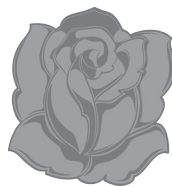
In the issue 24 advertisement for SGA Class President elections, senior candidate Trenton Tabor's hometown should have been listed as Las Vegas, Nevada.

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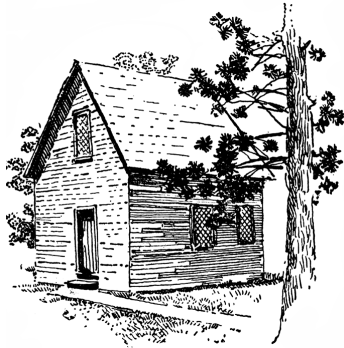
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NEWS BRIEFS

By Alex Mullans

Crude oil drops below \$100 a barrel

Analysts claim that gas prices may have peaked for the season on Thursday, as oil fell below the crucial \$100 a barrel price on U.S. commodities markets. Energy specialists speculated that a strengthening dollar also had an effect on the price. Experts say that gas prices should begin falling in time for the Memorial Day weekend at the end of the month. A survey by MasterCard found that gasoline consumption has declined for the past six weeks straight, as compared to last year. An analyst at Oil Price Information Service said that drivers in rural areas of the West and Southeast were most likely to cut back on gas spending.

Osama Bin Laden killed by U.S. forces

Navy SEALs killed one of the FBI's most wanted terrorists, Osama bin Laden, on Sunday. The 40-man, CIA-led squad raided bin Laden's compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan; after bin Laden was asked to surrender and refused, he was killed in a firefight by a bullet to the head. No Americans were hurt or killed in the raid. Three other men were killed during the raid, one of whom is believed to be bin Laden's son. In a memo to employees, CIA Director Leon Panetta said that "we have rid the world of the most infamous terrorist of our time."

Sony accuses Anonymous of attacks, Anonymous denies relation

In the aftermath of the attack that brought down Sony's PlayStation Network for more than a week, a letter from the company to members of Congress claimed that Anonymous was responsible for the attack. The letter said that Sony found a file named "Anonymous" on its server that contained the tag "We Are Legion." In a response on the AnonOps blog, Anonymous said "Let's be clear, we are legion, but it wasn't us. You are incompetent Sony." Other components of Anonymous have also issued denials of connections to the Sony attack, with one member noting that "Anonymous is an ironically transparent movement that allows reporters in to our operating channels to observe us at work."

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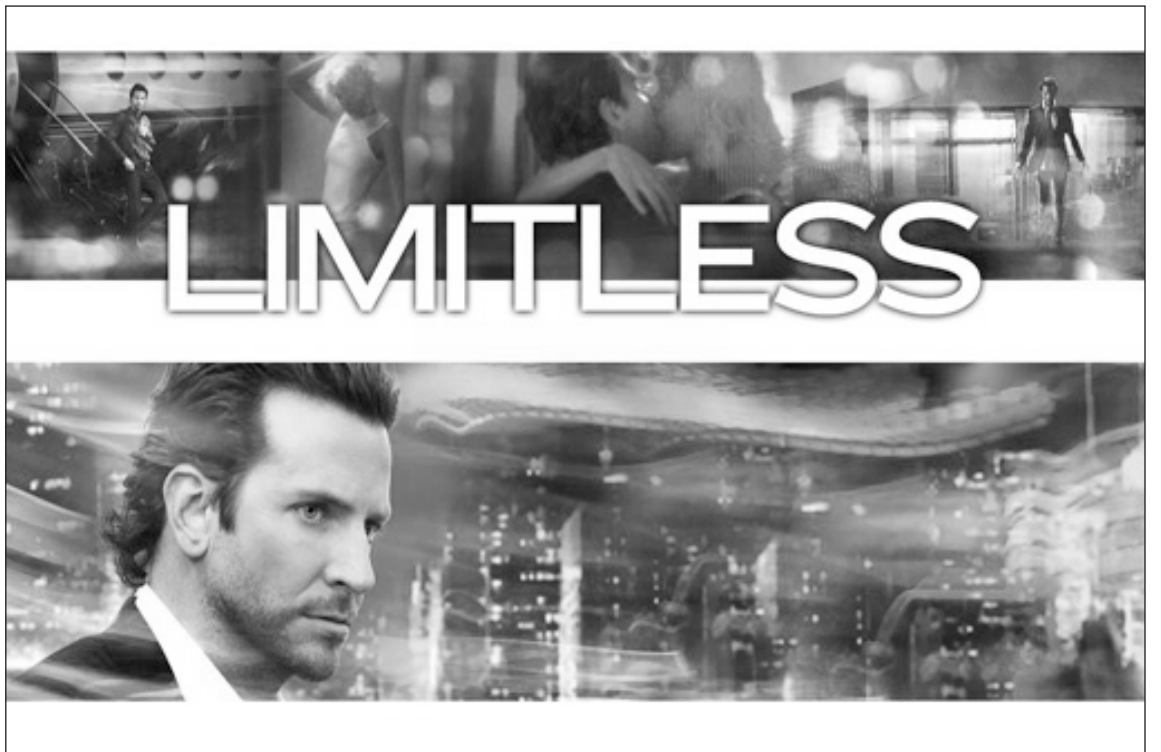
Morgan Lopez • staff writer

It is a common notion that there lies a distinction between knowledge and wisdom, but where is this line drawn? To answer this question, one must define wisdom, but a working definition for one of the most cherished yet elusive of human virtues is not easy to come by. In his book *Wisdom: From Philosophy to Neuroscience*, Hall takes his readers along on an intellectual quest for an answer. Not only does he interview and reference works by leaders in the fields of philosophy and neuroscience, but he also consults economists, psychologists, and religious leaders. From this wide-ranging scope, Hall acts as an entertaining tour guide through a world that is unlike science as we know it. Hall also discusses the importance of wisdom and the significance of wisdom in our daily and future lives.

For a nonfiction book, it has a very moving exposition. It pertains to the importance of making wise decisions in the face of great uncertainty, in this case, when the author was a witness to the 9/11 tragedy in New York. The remainder of the book isn't particularly shocking or exhilarating, but is nonetheless exceptionally interesting throughout. Hall's analytical yet reasonably colloquial descriptions of complex theories are clear and even humorous at times. Hall alludes to adages, religious texts, and

classic stories all readers would be familiar with as jumping-off points for illustrating premises. The chapters are laid out in a predictable, repeating pattern where the author starts off with an interesting anecdote or case study, introduces an expert in the field, describes their views of how wisdom fits into their research, then presents an experiment or other empirical data supporting its application to wisdom. While this is effective, it can make reading predictably slow at times. For anyone delving into a nonfiction book knowing what it usually entails, it makes for a pretty good leisure read. Hall never actually pins down one definition to wisdom but summarizes it in the first chapter as "the ability to exercise good judgment in the face of imperfect knowledge." He also asserts that by questioning and examining the essence of wisdom we become wiser and by that logic, reading this book may, in the uncertain points in life, aid in good decision making. More likely, it's a good read for those interested in exploring the scientific mechanisms behind what's conventionally considered too abstract to study: the qualities of those whom society aspires to be like.

Review rating: 4 elephants



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Limitless leaves audiences full of thought and discussion

Hobey Tam • staff writer

Though nowhere near the depth plot-wise as *Inception*, this *Inception*-esque movie does share one thing in common that captivates an intellectual audience – the deep capacities of the human mind. Starring Bradley Cooper (*The Hangover*, *The A-Team*, *Yes Man*), director Neil Burger extrapolates what would happen if we could access all of our brain at once.

Eddie Morra (Bradley Cooper) is a struggling writer that has hit rock bottom. When an old acquaintance with a history of dealing drugs offers him an experimental drug, NZT – what does he have to lose? Though the outline of the plot is somewhat predictable, Eddie never fails to surprise the audience during his NZT highs.

Nowadays, with action thriller blockbusters dominating the cinematic industry by feeding the mainstream, we seldom see unique ideas being portrayed on the big screen. Intellectual movies are far too scarce; when one comes along, it's a breath of fresh air. *Limitless* is this rejuvenating inspiration and is a thriller in itself. Any moviegoer will not be disappointed by this picture – in fact, it is catered more towards the engineer liking as it delves into the depths of the human mind. What could you accomplish if your senses were heightened, if all the filters shut off? Some would argue that it would be heinous trying to make sense of all the chaos by turning off all the filters your mind has set up – BUT – what if the computational power of your brain also heightened to compensate for all that information influx? What if you could be put in any situation and see all the possibilities all at once – analyze every outcome, angle, and decision, be able to think your way out of any problem? No need for special gadgets or obscene amounts of advanced weaponry

– simply your mind. The possibilities are endless, and that is exactly what *Limitless* explores: the benefits, the repercussions, the ethics, and the unlimited power behind completely opening mankind's most powerful asset – the brain.

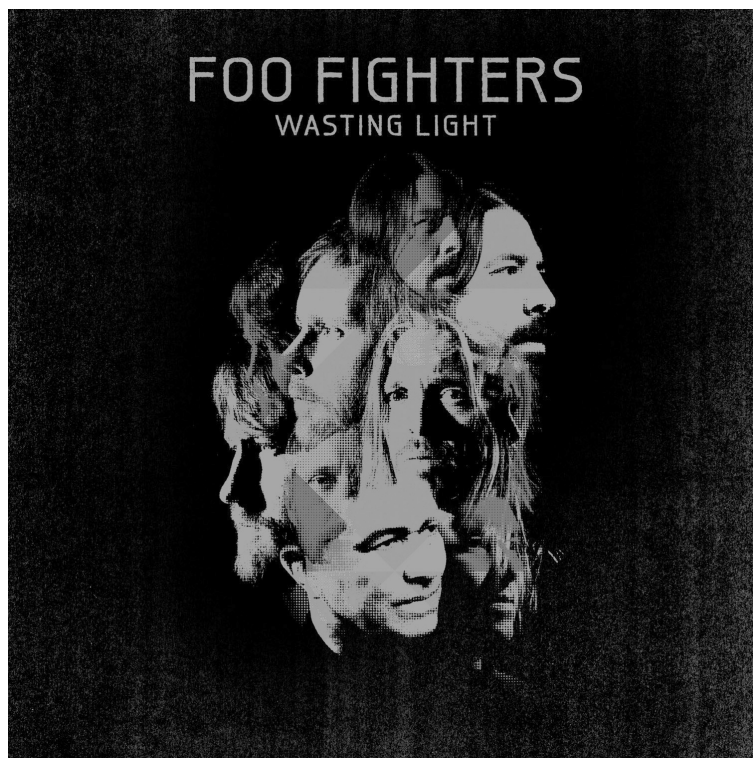
The way the movie was shot was perfectly tailored to the concept of the movie. Being in the theater seat, you feel the heightened

Eddie never fails to surprise the audience during his NZT highs.

senses, especially when characters start to feel the tingly high after taking an NZT pill.

I would recommend this movie for any occasion, be it date or an evening out with friends. However, I would go so far as to say that it would be perfectly normal for someone to go to a viewing of this film alone. It's one of those thinking movies that gives you food for thought and discussion afterwards. After watching the movie, you start to think. Completely turning on the human brain, albeit momentary, could potentially be limitless. Perhaps one day when this miracle drug comes out, Rose students may actually sleep.

Review rating: 4 elephants



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Wasting Light • Foo Fighters

Xander Huff • monkey writer

Rarely has any musician switched between bands and instruments with such a roaring success as Dave Grohl, front-man of worldwide success Foo Fighters. Coming from the drumming background of Nirvana (and recently returning to it with Them Crooked Vultures), he has consistently demonstrated his music-making abilities. This isn't to say he's foolproof, and for nearly the last 6 years the Foo Fighters' releases have been mediocre at best

with Grohl's (ill-advised) dabbling into the acoustic. Finally, as if they've awoken from a long sleep, the Foo Fighters' latest release, *Wasting Light*, comes exploding onto the scene right off with the driving hard rock of "Bridge Burning." This album doesn't just sound like everything fans have been hoping for years to hear; it also sounds like a reinvention, taking full advantage of guitarist Josh Homme's Queens of the Stone Age experience. It helps make this the fiercest album they've ever made. This release also has the added

production of Butch Vig, Nirvana's Nevermind producer, to help bring out the rawer side of the Foo Fighters that fans had come to love over a decade ago. That being said, their 'lead' single "White Limo" is sadly out of place with Grohl screaming all over the place. Additionally, the guitar riff in their otherwise excellent "Dear Rosemary" is a carbon copy of The Raconteurs' "Steady, As She Goes" which cheapens the enjoyment a bit, even if featuring backup vocals from Husker Du's Bob Mould. Aside from these issues keeping *Wasting Light* from

being an otherwise perfect album, it certainly is their best since their '90s release of *The Colour and the Shape* and quite possibly their best ever.

Check out: "Rope", "Bridge Burning", "Dear Rosemary"

Review rating: 4.5 elephants



No stain, no pain

Morgan Lopez • staff writer

Ugh, not again! Maybe you slopped ARA nacho cheese on your best presentation shirt, or maybe you spilled coffee on your upholstered car seat. Perhaps you're wondering if your apartment will charge you for a new carpet on account of all the oily footprints from your shop shoes. Stains come in all shapes, sizes and colors. Some may be impossible to remove, while others just take a little finesse. Treating stains appropriately can greatly

improve results, saving you time, money, and embarrassment. There are some great stain-removers on the market which usually work pretty well, but they can damage some materials, be costly, or simply not work on difficult stains. Additionally, they may not always be on hand, and with stains, time is of the essence.

Fresh stains are always easier to remove than old stains that have had time to set into the fabric. Always treat a stain as soon as possible. At the very least, pre-treat a new stain by wet-

ting it with cool water and rubbing in some kind of laundry detergent or soap, then finish treating the stain when you can get around to it. Heat can set stains and make them harder to remove, so if a stain doesn't come out of a article of clothing the first time, don't put it into the dryer until the stain is gone or you've given it your best shot. The best stain remover out there is Clorox bleach: it gets out just about anything, including many fabric and upholstery dyes, so use discretion! Test bleach in an

inconspicuous spot, if you're not sure.

To "spot treat" clothing, apply water and the detergent to the stain and rub the fabric together vigorously. To spot treat upholstery or carpeting, apply the solvent to a wet cloth and rub stain briskly.

Additionally, bonfires, bars, and barbecues can leave your clothes smelling like smoke, even after the first wash. To get your clothes back to smelling non-combusted, wash them in the hottest water the care in-

structions will allow, and air dry them outside in an area where they can catch a slight breeze. This helps tremendously.

There are plenty of unusual methods of stain removal out there, such as soaking juice-stained garments in milk or removing red wine with white wine, neither of which I have tried or would necessarily recommend. Desperate times call for desperate measures, and if treatments above don't help, you can find plenty of unconventional ideas online.

Stain	Clothing
Blood	Rinse clothing in cold water, for set-in stains, soak in cold salt water. Spot treat remaining stain with laundry detergent, then wash normally. For carpet or upholstery, remove as much as possible with cloth soaked in cold water. Tough stains can be removed with unseasoned meat tenderizer applied to dampened stain and rubbed in. Vacuum when dry.
Pen/Ink/Marker	Pour rubbing alcohol on stain and use a cloth or towel to blot out ink, rotating the cloth as it picks up ink. If stain persists, soak article in rubbing alcohol and seal in a plastic bag for several hours. Launder clothing in hottest water care instructions will allow after treatment. Do not use alcohol on silk or wool.
Motor oil/Shop grease	Rinse well with hot water. Unless it's something that can't be rinsed in the sink or tub. Apply dish soap, shampoo, or WD-40 to the stain and scrub well with a toothbrush or terry cloth for several minutes. Rinse again and repeat.
Grass and/or mud	Spot treat with a mixture of 2 parts rubbing alcohol to 1 part water. If stain is still prominent, spot treat with laundry detergent. After spot treating, wash normally. If stain persists, rub Karo (corn) syrup on stain and let soak for several minutes, then wash normally.
Coffee	For clothing, place the outside of the fabric on a clean absorbent cloth or paper towel. Dab a wet sponge or cloth on the inside of the fabric. For upholstery, simply dampen a cloth and blot. If stain is stubborn or set-in, a solution of vinegar and water may be used instead of just water.
Vomit	Use meat tenderizer as described for blood stains. If stain persists, blame on cat.
Perspiration and/or deodorant	Spot treat or soak article in ammonia for fresh stains, or vinegar on old stains. Bleach works well for this, but don't use bleach on articles treated with ammonia.

How to: friend a parent on Facebook

Richard Thai • staff writer

Well it finally happened, my mom is on Facebook. My hat goes off to SNL for their Nos-tradamic skit last October.

Anticlimactically though, I wasn't particularly compelled to contemplate the possible implications and embarrassment when I clicked to accept the friendship request. Though after doing the deed, I couldn't help but feel like it was a little too easy, so I tried reassuring myself that I didn't make a mistake.

My status updates are pretty lackluster in terms of scandalousness. I don't pervert the use of emoticons or Internet slang. And I've no incriminating photos that can't be plausibly denied so far.

That isn't to say that I'm an angel (pronounced, 'carefully wording my last claim'), but I've actually set myself up to easily

friend my mom.

I've friended younger kids on swim teams (and their parents too), high school teachers, and even Rose-Hulman professors. And every friend I add to the list doesn't make me feel like another person that I need to watch myself around, but more like another audience member interested in my life that I can cater to.

Now don't let me goad you into fearless friending without considering the implications to your circumstance. Personally, I have reservations about who I friend on Facebook and—not being one to endorse nepotism or double standards—I stick to them fairly well. My mom seems to have corresponding opinions as well. And given the hypothetical situation that my dad decides to try out Facebook, I defer to my mom: "I hope not." Happy Mother's Day, mom.

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Meet your Greeks

Andrew Eslinger (Phi Gamma Delta)

Year: 2013

Major: Mechanical engineer

Hometown: Centerville, Ohio

Future: Andrew will serve as an Officer in the US Army upon graduation, after which he aspires to be a high school teacher and track coach.

Accomplishments while at Rose: In the Army ROTC: Highest "Order of Merit List"

point total in Wabash Battalion, and most outstanding MS Level 1 (Freshman) cadet. At Rose, a 3.91 GPA and the varsity Track and Field (2009-2010) in 800 meters and 4x400 relay. In Fiji, the most outstanding new member of Phi Gamma Delta in Indiana 2010-2011, served on Planning and Execution Committee for the Fiji Football Run which raised \$18,000 in its first year, and was Service Committee Co-Chair.

When asked "What was the biggest benefit you received from going Greek here at Rose-Hulman?": The biggest benefit I received from going Greek was the unique leadership and service opportunities offered to me.




Darius Samz (Lambda Chi Alpha)

Year: 2012

Major: Biomedical engineer

Hometown: Rhinelander, Wisconsin

Future: I plan to work in the surgical tools/ tissue engineering industry after I graduate. A few years after that I want to obtain my MBA and move into management and finance.

Accomplishments while

at Rose: Chosen as Greek of the Year, member of Blue Key, president of Paintball Club, treasurer of Lambda Chi Alpha.

When asked "What was the biggest benefit you received from going Greek here at Rose-Hulman?": I would have to say my greatest benefit is meeting and getting to know all of the people involved in the Greek community. The network of people is very extensive from the students themselves to the alumni and national fraternity leaders and they all have great experiences to share.



The other side of the desk

Know your belief system



Dr. Thomas Adams • faculty writer

I graduated from Rose, most likely before many of the people reading this were born. (Am I really that old?) Despite the time that has passed, many of my old professors still teach here, such as Jerry Fine, who impressed me with his great breadth of knowledge and his utter joy in teaching it, and Don Richards, whose personal guidance inspired me to continue my studies at the graduate level. I am grateful to both of these men, as I am to all of the amazing educators whom I wish I could list here but cannot due to lack of space.

However, when I reflect on my Rose education one prof does stand out: Heinz Luegenbiehl, Professor of Philosophy.

I received a minor in Philosophy and Religion at RHIT in addition to a BS in Mechanical Engineering. I thus took six courses from Luegenbiehl, twice as many as from any other professor. Part of his impact was therefore simply due to the fact that I took one of his classes every other term. But Luegenbiehl's influence goes much deeper than that, resting in his having guided my young mind towards the path of critical thinking.

Anyone who has talked to Luegenbiehl for more than five minutes knows that he has a low tolerance for BS. He won't let you get away with it. Ever. If he senses you are trying to pull one over on him, he will call you on it. It's nothing personal, mind you; he's just calling it as he sees it. If he also believes that you fooling yourself, however, well now you've really ticked him off. In that case Luegenbiehl views it as a moral imperative for him to set you straight. Your opinions themselves are largely irrelevant. Your incoherent thought process, however, is unforgivable.

It took only one poor grade on a freshmen philosophy paper for me to learn that lesson. The topic of the paper was whether or not God could be known rationally; that is, whether it was possible

to form an argument for God's existence based on reason alone. Oh how erudite my ideas were! How esoteric! And how poorly argued! Luegenbiehl didn't care much about the profundity of my ideas, or even what those ideas were. Rather, he cared about how I arrived at those ideas, and my paper read like the stream of consciousness ramblings of a schizophrenic. If I was going to believe something, I had better have a coherent and well thought-out argument for believing them. I didn't. It took a great deal of effort to salvage my grade in that course, but the life lesson has endured to this day.

This is where we find Luegenbiehl's greatest strength. He serves as an exemplar of professor as educator versus indoctrinator. In fact, despite my numerous courses with him on topics spanning ethics, epistemology, aesthetics, world religions, and mysticism, I never quite figured out what his personal philosophical views were. He speaks with equal reverence about Thomas Aquinas' theology as he does about the works of atheist and absurdist Albert Camus. He is a master at playing devil's advocate, able to raise well-argued objections to your most deeply held convictions, leaving you scratching your head in bewilderment. Even getting to know Luegenbiehl personally over the past decade as a fellow faculty member has done little to shed light on his personal views. Any guess I may have at his inner workings remains largely conjecture.

Heinz Luegenbiehl will be retiring at the end of this year. If you never had the chance to take one of his classes, you missed out. The study of philosophy and the critical thinking process that goes with it form the backbone of higher education. (Plato founded the Academy, the first university in history, with philosophy as the sole field of study.) Without it we are simply spinning our wheels. Though we certainly need the study of thermodynamics to help us through the global energy crunch, for example, only a philosophical perspective can inform us as to what criteria we should pick in order to assess our options. Higher education would be sorely lacking without master teachers of philosophy like Heinz Luegenbiehl. He has set the bar almost impossibly high for s/he who will take over the philosophy reins at Rose. Indeed he will be missed.

In short, I guess what I'm really trying to say is, "Thanks, Heinz."

Protecting the unborn

Dr. Mark Minster • guest faculty writer

My wife is nearly eight months along with our first child, and already I wake at night with worries. While she sleeps, I palm her belly: the baby's spine rolls, its feet kick my fingers, its pulse flutters and thrums. We don't know if this subcutaneous creature is a boy or a girl, so when people ask, "Do you know what you're having?" we say, "human, we hope." We want to be surprised. And whoever this is who enters this world in the next little while, we will be. And I will wake with not fear but joy. And fatigue.

I admit that I have loved this child with my entire heart since the exact moment I heard he, or she, was coming, seven months ago—already five weeks along. My wife told me and I literally jumped for joy, bouncing on the bed in glee. Honestly, I've loved this child since before the pregnancy, ever since I met Candace in a bookstore, slid poems onto her table, romanced her, imagining our life forward.

All throughout this pregnancy, my love has manifested as giddiness and worry. What if something goes wrong? Are papayas okay for her to eat? Should she be lifting that bag? That's the heartbeat? Is 137 a good heart rate? On the ultrasound monitor, is that the baby's brain? Is that my chin? So the tests are really okay, really? Our child will be born in Mitch Daniels's Indiana, and a great portion of my worry is about this world our baby will be born to. I am no fan of abortion—I never think "fetus"—and I pledge to teach my son or daughter to respect elected officials, if only for the sake of our neighbors who cast votes, however misguided I believe those neighbors or votes or officials may be. But I worry.

I worry that while Candace and I love this one and want it beyond all reason, and (thank goodness) have health and income enough, there are others unwanted, unloved, there are women who are sick and women who are poor. There are women with cancers who need pap smears. And while a conservative neighbor might laud what seems like fiscal sense, or moral high ground, this recent abortion bill punishes the wrong people for the wrong reasons. Taking money from Planned Parenthood because they abort pregnancies lacks foresight, lacks plain sight, and imposes big-government certainty where certainty doesn't exist. Government money was already withheld from abortions, which makes the abortion bill decidedly not an abortion bill. Now money will be withheld from pap smears and birth control, particularly for women who are sick and women who are poor. What will these women do for their reproductive health? Who will care for their unwanted, unloved children? Who will bear the costs of more sickness? We all will. This bill is the worst kind of cruelty, shellacking its hard and foolhardy heart with a urethane morality. It stinks of Daniels's pandering for political gain.

Pandarus, you may remember from Shakespeare's *Troilus and Cressida*, ends the play disgraced, promising to "bequeath" the audience "all my diseases."

Part of being on the cusp on the parenthood means fearing the diseases the world bequeaths; it always has and always will. It's not all disease. I want our daughter or son to know the birds, to sing songs, to go with me to the batting cages, to make ice cream, and blow soap bubbles, and learn polynomials and read the Nicomachean Ethics and the book of Amos. But when some of the same people who preach "Life" cheer and chant in the streets when a man is killed, no matter how brutal and loathsome he may have been, the urethane chips and flecks off, and I want to cover my unborn child's ears and eyes. Someday I won't be able to do that anymore, I won't want to: this loved child, this wanted one, this unnamed surprise and joy, will vote mind and conscience and will, Lord willing, cry out against the cruel hypocrisies of hard-hearted officials whenever he, or she, sees them.

America, keep it classy

Andrew Klusman • business manager

On Sunday, a team of United States Navy SEALs raided a compound in Pakistan; the intended target was Osama bin Laden, the founder of al-Qaeda, responsible for a number of attacks on civilian and military targets. Shortly after the news had trickled out about the raid, the American media (and the Rose campus) experienced something that I thought was reserved to a lower class — people actually rejoiced in the killing of another.

To celebrate the death of another, be it a mass murderer or a random passerby, is not only below the standards of decent people, but should also be especially below the conduct of Rose-Hulman students. What does one gain from rejoicing in the death of another? A feeling of superiority? That "we got our man?" Or maybe the feeling of "oh good, that bad man is dead?"

I can understand being happy someone is dead. He is no longer a threat to the world (or at least to the USA), he cannot continue to hurt others, and other reasons like that. But to actively rejoice? I remember thinking in disgust at the Palestinians who celebrated the 9/11 attacks, and how wrong that was. Why are they happy people died? How twisted was their thinking? And yet I'm confronted with it again, except now it's my classmates celebrating. What have we come to in this world that it is a GOOD thing someone died—something praiseworthy and cause for celebration? Life is not a video game; we don't get points or achievements for a kill. They don't start over; we don't get to brag about the cool last kill we got. Someone ends another person's life, causes mayhem and destruction for their family and friends, and sends someone to their eternal reward, whatever that may be. To know fellow



When Palestinians celebrate the death of Americans, it's an atrocity. When Americans celebrate the death of a terrorist, it's a party, complete with beer, camaraderie, and joy. news.bbc.co.uk

students celebrated the death of someone, even someone as reprehensible as Osama bin Laden, is saddening, not to mention classless.

Men's track and field claims fourth straight HCAC title

Women's squad clinches fifth place with key finishes

Kurtis Zimmerman • sports editor

For the first time since their run from 1986 to 1989, Rose-Hulman's men's track and field team claimed its fourth consecutive conference title after an impressive performance at Hanover College last weekend. Outscoring their closest competitors, Franklin College, by 103.5 points for a total of 226.5 points, the Fightin' Engineers also earned a fifth-place finish for the women's squad.

Crediting the complete team effort, head coach Larry Cole attributed the team's success to the strong leadership of the senior class that has proven to be a great model for the rest of the squad.

"We scored in every individual event and every relay, with multiple scorers in several events. This is a credit to our team depth and

the leadership of a talented senior class that graduates with conference championships during every year of their career," he told the press, and the event results demonstrate the hard work of the entire team.

Junior Sutton Coleman led the team with conference titles in the 110-hurdles and the 400-hurdles; he also finished runner-up in the triple jump. Senior Paul Bouagnon recorded a victory with a conference record finish in the 400-meter dash which provisionally qualified him for the NCAA Division III National Championships, and he finished second in the 200-meter dash as well.

The 4-x-100 relay team of Bouagnon, junior Jeremiah Edwards, sophomore Michael Johnson, and graduate student Calvin Bueltel

grabbed first place with a season best time of 42.93 seconds, and Coleman, Bouagnon, and sophomores Tyler Hannan and Brent Austgen finished off the meet with a first-place time of 3:21.51 in the 4-x-400 meter event.

Adding a win in the 3,000-steeplechase, junior Micah Aldrich bested the school record by eight seconds with a time of 9:31.23 that reached NCAA Division III Outdoor National Championship qualification. Senior Derek Bischak ran a career best time in the 1,500-meter run, ranking second in school history and setting a conference record to pick up his own win, and sophomore Greg Larmore clinched the final

victory for the team with a hammer throw that marked the fifth-best toss in school history.

Leading the women's fifth-place finish, sophomore Liz Evans finished first in the

high jump, long jump, and triple jump. Evans set a school record in the long jump and her triple jump ranked second in school history. Once again her high jump reached the NCAA Division III automatic qualification standard. Evans also joined the 4-x-100 meter relay team of freshman Erin Cox and sophomores Gloria Boxell and Abby Sowers to earn a victory and a school record finish.

The team rounds out the season beginning with selected individuals from the team competing at Indiana University on Friday in the Billy Hayes Invitational; at the end of the month qualifying members of the team will travel to Delaware, Ohio for the NCAA Division III Outdoor Nationals to finish out the season.



The men's track and field squad earned eight first-place finishes at Hanover College to claim its fourth consecutive HCAC title.

Rose-Hulman News

The players' thoughts

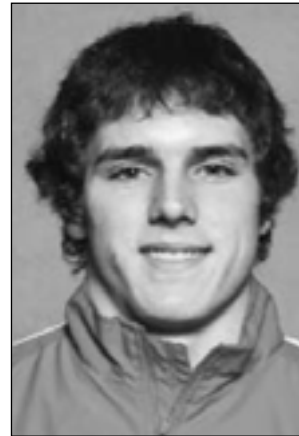
Paul Bouagnon

"I am proud to have seen how much our program has developed due to great leadership from our coaches and hard work from our athletes since our first title my freshman year. Thanks to the coaches... as well as all my teammates for a great season, and keep the titles coming!"



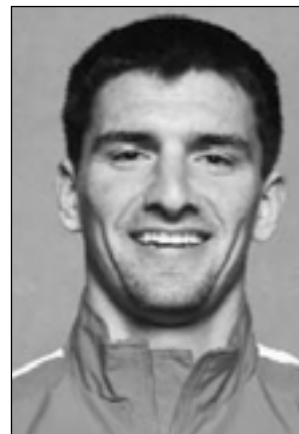
Sutton Coleman

"It's a huge momentum booster to finish out the season. If you don't perform well at conference it's really easy for another team to sneak in and make it tough to win. For as long as I have been running here Rose-Hulman has had a great reputation to uphold... and it's really a welcome challenge because it's a great feeling competing for such a successful program."



Micah Aldrich

"What is most special to me is to know that not only did I put in the work needed to be competitive, but the whole team did as well. We all have a mutual respect for what the others on the team are doing. There truly is no way our team could have accomplished four consecutive HCAC titles without a close, supportive team that challenges one another to get better."



ENGINEER SCOREBOARD

Baseball

(23 - 14) (13 - 9 HCAC)

Apr 29 — Terre Haute, Ind.	12
Manchester College	14
Rose-Hulman	
Apr 30 — Terre Haute, Ind.	6
Manchester College	1
Rose-Hulman	
Manchester College	2
Rose-Hulman	4
May 4 — Franklin, Ind.	15
Franklin College	4
Rose-Hulman	

Softball

(13 - 21) (6 - 10 HCAC)

Apr 30 — Terre Haute, Ind.	8
Defiance College	0
Rose-Hulman	
Defiance College	9
Rose-Hulman	2

Men's Tennis

Apr 30 — Terre Haute, Ind.	1
College of Mount St. Joseph	5
Rose-Hulman	
Earlham College	5
Rose-Hulman	2

Men's Golf

Apr 30 - May 1 — Anderson, Ind.	
HCAC Tournament	7th place

Men's tennis falls in HCAC semifinals

Rose-Hulman News

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology reached the semifinal round of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Men's Tennis Tournament before falling 5-2 to Earlham on Saturday.

Rose-Hulman previously defeated Mount St. Joseph 5-1 in the quarterfinal round earlier in the day.

The historic season featured Rose-Hulman's first regular season conference championship in men's tennis and the team's 14th consecutive

season with a .500 or above record at 10-8. Against Mount St. Joseph, singles winners for the Engineers included senior David Becerra at the No. 2 spot, senior Seth Hendrickson at the No. 4 position, and senior Brent Frizzell at No. 6.

The doubles tandem of Becerra and

Hendrickson contributed a No. 2 doubles victory by an 8-0 margin. The No. 3 doubles team of Fritz and senior Alex Gumz added an 8-2 victory.

In the Earlham match, Becerra and Hendrickson capped their careers with a 9-8 victory at No. 2 doubles.

Hendrickson added his 54th career win, ranking second on the college's all-time list, by earning a 6-2, 6-1 win at No. 4 singles.

Six members of the Rose-Hulman regular season Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference championship men's tennis team received

all-league recognition, in results released by the conference office.

Becerra and Gumz joined sophomore Ben Paras on the first-team all-conference squad.

Honorable mention all-conference award winners included senior Dallas Burton, sophomore Devon Fritz and Hendrickson.



Rose-Hulman earned their first regular season HCAC championship in men's tennis this year.

Rose-Hulman News

Someone forgot to take out the unicorn.

Again.



Stephen Mayhew • Don't ask him about the dragon incident



ROSE MEN OF GENIUS

Celebrating the unsung heroes of Rose-Hulman Noël Spurgeon • humor editor

Today, we salute you, Mr. Tilted Baseball Cap Guy. Carefully positioned with the sticker still intact, your hat is a point of pride and a symbol of identification. Other cultures have their clan tattoos, their coats of arms, and their family crests, but you choose your brightly colored chapeau to proclaim your affiliations. You are not only a man of fashion, but practicality: as long as you keep your faithful cap upon your brow, you have neither rain nor snow nor hail to fear, nor will you ever have to comb the top two thirds of your hair. Your guard your hat vector jealously, with all the hard-fought honor of a feudal lord, dedicated to preserving the exact tilt and swivel of your cap at all costs. So here's to you, oh Titan of the Twisted Bill... may the tilt of your hat always shield the sun... at exactly 4:19 p.m.

Top "10" Ten

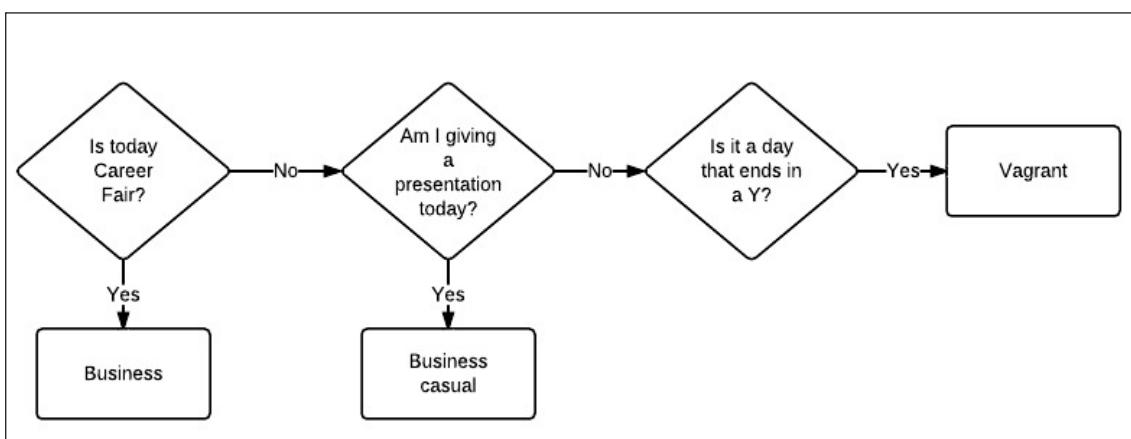
Things I've learned from six years of the Flipside

Matt Melton • almost an alumnus

10. Top Tens about girls are typically hilarious and a great way to maintain bachelor status.
9. There's only so many references you can make to Halo, WoW, Mountain Dew, Monster, girls, lack of girls, CS's (lack of) hygiene habits, Woodsies, Purdue, DePauw, Civils, I Screwed Up, too much school work...and still get away with.
8. I actually repeated a Top Ten – "Top Ten Top Ten's We Shouldn't Do" was also written a few years before I came here.
7. Things the Flipside gets away with include photoshopped pictures, certain swear words, accidental implicit advertising, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th person points of view, never referencing or citing anything except Wikipedia, and disregarding the AP Style Guide entirely.
6. By the end of their terms, Flipside Editors can tell what professor said a wacky quote by the item it references.
5. On average, there's at least one Top Ten per week that is rejected due to censorship/inappropriateness/bad timing. Most of them

- are alcohol references.
4. Nothing I wrote ever got me laked, but something incorrectly attributed to me resulted in 6 separate laking attempts. Only Deming 1 was successful.
3. Professors started to pick up on me writing down their wacky quotes and started refusing to say things unless I promised I wouldn't write them down. With this in mind, my Top Ten Professors for Wacky Prof quotes are, in order from 10 to 1: McClellan, Carlson, Morris, House, Bryan, Sexton, Stienstra, Clark, Butske, and the DeVashers.
2. "My Free Time During Winter Quarter" and "The Dating Skill Tree" both won awards at the Indiana Collegiate Press Conference for Best Informational Graph. We just like doing graphs because they're easy to make and take up lots of space. At The Rose Thron, we're all about minimizing entropy.
1. Biggest scandal during my six years on the Flipside? Accidentally meatspinning a professor's wife. She was not happy. Neither was he. Other than that, misquoting wacky prof quotes gets professors upset more than anything else upsets anyone.

How to dress: A flowchart



Wacky prof quotes

"By the way, what's wrong with comparing apples and oranges? They're both wonderful fruits!"—Dr. Wollowski. *It's not really fair to the apples, though... oranges come in their own wrapper. Like bananas.*

"So I *need* these people, I *utilize* them, but that doesn't mean I have to *respect* them. I say that to Grimaldi's face every once in a while, and I think the only reason I'm still alive is that he likes my wife."—Dr. Leader, *on the importance of surrounding yourself with likeable people.*

"It should be clear that this comes from something to differentiate this, and then this is also in the problem. Then if we differentiate this, this will give us this and then we have to figure out what to do to get rid of this to find this. Now if we can figure out what we did to figure out this we get w prime for free."—Dr. Holden. *I don't understand any of that, but it had free at the end. I like free.*

"Can you think of an example? I can't right now. My brain is old and affected by many years of heavy drinking. Whereas yours are young and not so affected."—Dr. McInerney. *But are the acute effects worse than the chronic ones?*

Rose Profs say crazy things.
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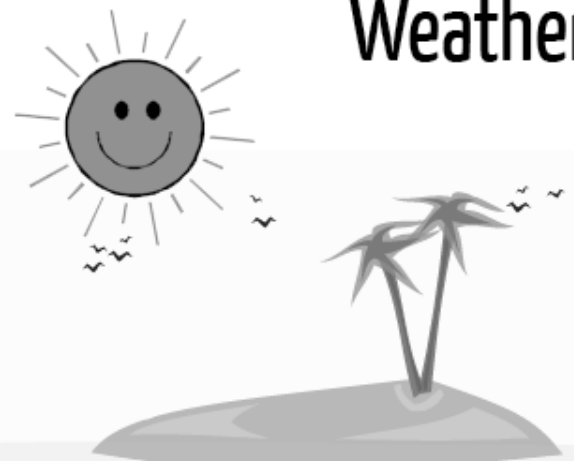
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This is the Flipside disclaimer, where I put everything I want to sneak past my editor(s). All unattributed content is probably Noël Spurgeon's, and all attributed content is probably not. About time for this sun nonsense to show back up... I was getting a little depressed that we'd moved to Seattle or something. Time for wacky office quotes! "I don't like all this modern rap fusion music. It's like 'I'm Katy Parry, and I'm singing!' followed by 'I'm Kanye West and I'm rapping like this, sit down shut up 'cos Imma let you finish.'"