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News Briefs By Andrew Klusman

Oil falls below \$44 a barrel

Crude oil prices fell below \$44 a barrel on Thursday, hitting a four year low, causing nationwide average gasoline prices to fall under \$1.80 a gallon. Four months ago, crude oil stood at nearly \$150 per barrel, with the average price of a gallon of gas running at around \$4. A slowdown in construction, combined with the lower output of manufacturing in recent weeks, in addition to the financial crisis, has helped to send crude oil prices falling from their highs in the summer. In addition to this news, earlier this week it was reported by the National Bureau of Economic Research that the economy entered a recession in December 2007.

Teen's life saved by text messaging

British surgeon David Nott was able to successfully amputate the arm of a teenager in Congo, Africa. Nott was in Africa through the Doctors with Borders group, an humanitarian organization. He recognized the teenager's life was in danger, because his arms had been ripped off and were gangrenous, giving him only a few days to live. To perform the operation, Nott texted his surgical colleague Meirion Thomas for advice on how to perform the operation, because Thomas is one of the few surgeons familiar with the procedure of removing the collar bone and shoulder blade. Thomas then texted back ten steps Nott should follow, and ended the text with "Easy! Good luck." The three-hour operation was completed with only one pint of donated blood. Nott stayed with the teenager to keep an eye on the wounds.

US missile shield supported by NATO

NATO foreign ministers meeting in Brussels this week reaffirmed their support for a United States missile shield in the Czech Republic and Poland, despite strong Russian opposition. The foreign ministers said the planned deployments of interceptor missiles and an advanced radar station will help to protect allies from long-range ballistic missiles. In response to the missile shield, Russia has deployed short-range missiles in Kaliningrad, which borders Poland, and is the western-most region of Russia. All 26 NATO allies signed the statement backing the deployment. In addition to the statement, NATO ministers agreed to gradually resume talks with Moscow, talks which were frozen after Russian troops entered Georgia in August.

Tragedy strikes yet again

Tim Boyer
Copy Editor

This past August, Fatih Ilhan came to the United States for the first time in his life. This past Monday, his life was taken in an icy car accident close to school on U.S. 40.

Ilhan was an exchange student from Istanbul, Turkey who came to America with fellow Yeditepe University student Leyla Ozgur this past summer. Ilhan was 21 and was studying chemical engineering at about the junior or senior level, according to Karen DeGrange, Director of International Student Services and Special Programs.

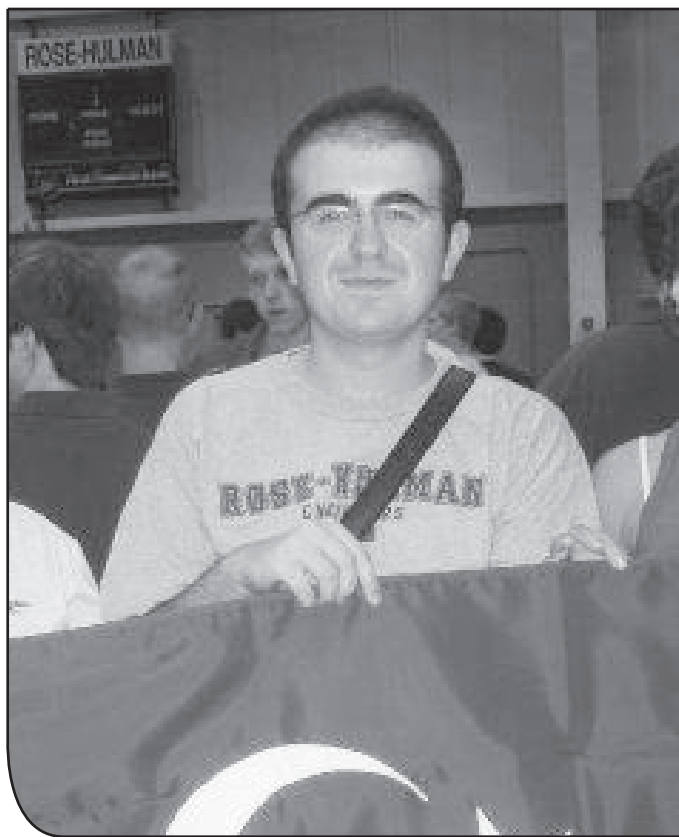
On Monday, December 1 at about 6pm, Ilhan, Ozgur and senior electrical engineering major Orcun Tekarslan, who was driving, were on their way back from Walmart and had turned on to eastbound U.S. 40 from Indiana State Route 46. Due to the icy roads, the car ended up sliding into westbound lanes, in the way of opposing traffic.

A car driven by Candres McCord collided into Tekarslan's car, ejecting Ilhan from the backseat and land-

ed on the side of the road. Mark and Patricia LaGrange, the parents of McCord were also seriously injured in the crash; Mark LaGrange died at Methodist Hospital later that night. Tekarslan and Ozgur were not seriously injured.

In the short time that Ilhan had been at Rose, he had already made an impact on some people. Senior chemical engineering major Nick Easter recalled that "Fatih was a good humored guy with an infectious smile and a quick laugh."

Ilhan's death marks the fourth Rose student in the 2008 calendar year, all of which have been vehicular accidents. Earlier this school year, Cory Salem was killed in a motorcycle accident. Last April, Nick Lee and Brandon Couch were killed in separate, unrelated accidents only three days apart. Before this, according to Pete Gustafson, the last time Rose has dealt with a death in the community was all the way back during the 1994-1995 school year when there were three deaths that year, including a car accident and a drowning in Speed Lake.



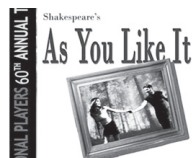
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Fatih Ilhan, Turkish exchange student studying chemical engineering, passed away Monday December 1, 2008, in a dual-fatality accident in front of Rose-Hulman. Fatih was ejected from the rear seat of the car and killed on impact. Services were held Wednesday December 3, 2008, in Indianapolis at Al-Fajr Masjid Mosque.

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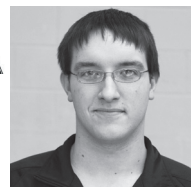
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Sudoku Times Two!
By Melissa Brumbaugh

Instructions:

Use the letters: W I N T E R Q U A to fill in the missing spaces. Be sure not to repeat any letter in each row, column, or 3x3 square.

Crypto-Quote of the Week

By Melissa Brumbaugh

Instructions:

Solve the puzzle by deciphering the following quote and figure out from which movie the quote is. Each letter represents a different letter in the alphabet.

Key: A=X, B=V, C=F

XOJ SLXS ZW KLM, YGGYFSZUY ZBBYJZXSYIM, Z XB

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A week of break, hours of stories

Noel Spurgeon

Staff Writer

Although an enormous Thanksgiving dinner is the most common highlight of the quarter break, not all students spend their days in a tryptophan-induced coma. Break is a time for many things: reuniting with old friends, participating in sports, recovering from exam week, or simply basking in the glory of ten days without homework. Below are just a few of their stories.



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From left to right: Evan Cornell, freshman electrical engineering student; Christine Price, junior software engineering student; Mike Rooney, sophomore mechanical engineering student; and Samantha Ellerman, freshman chemical engineering student.

As You Like It for Rose students and staff

Carly Baehr

Copy Editor

On Wednesday evening, the National Players came to Hatfield for their 60th anniversary tour. They performed Shakespeare's comedy *As You Like It*, exclusively for Rose-Hulman students, faculty and staff. The National Players have performed in 35 states and 10 countries since the group was founded in 1949, and they are a program of the Olney Theater Center for the Arts in Maryland. As many may remember, they performed Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* in Hatfield Hall last year and Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* in 2007.

As You Like It is a story of humor and romance set in the Forest of Arden, to which a Duke has been exiled by his usurping younger brother. His daughter, Rosalind, is banished as well soon after the start of the play, and flees with her cousin Celia (daughter of the usurping brother) and the fool Touchstone. The three of them, with Rosalind dressed as a man called Ganymede and Celia under the name Aliena, turn up in the forest where Rosalind's father lives. There they meet Orlando, who had fallen in love with Rosalind before her banishment, and "Ganymede" offers to instruct him in the art of wooing, in the absence of Rosalind.

The set for Wednesday's performance was simple, with a circular wooden backdrop and wood and paper pillars onto which were projected leaf shapes during forest scenes. The costuming was updated to give a more modern feel to the play; in the scenes set in the forest, especially, the clothes were colorful and fit the personalities of the characters well.

The National Players continue their 08-09 tour with *As You Like It* and an adaptation of Orwell's 1984.

Evan Cornell

For Evan, break was a time to relax. After leaving Rose-Hulman a little after midnight, he arrived in Milan, Ohio, just as his parents were leaving for work, and proceeded to sleep until 2:30 in the afternoon. The adjustment from Rose to home was something of a shock for Evan, who, upon waking up "staggered around confused, because there was no pressing need to complete any calculus or physics homework." He used his time off before Thanksgiving to meet up with old friends, and Thanksgiving to get together with nearly thirty members of his family. Although his house was busy, Evan managed to sleep most of Thanksgiving Day, as well as after dinner. He enjoyed having the time to rest and relax, something that he has not experienced since starting at Rose. After Thanksgiving, though, Evan began to miss Rose-Hulman and his friends here. He was overjoyed to be back until his first calculus class on Monday, at which point the love-hate relationship with school resumed.

Christine Price

For her break, Christine visited Helen, Georgia, with her father's side of the family. Helen, which "attempts to resemble a small Bavarian town ... with more knickknack shops and American tourists" is home to the Black Forest Bear Reserve. For a small fee, she was able to both "marvel at the majesty of seven or eight different types of bears ... [and] ... observe man's superiority to beasts and ... our ability to enslave [them] in smallish concrete enclosures." She purchased a tray of cut-up apples and bagels, and had a simply splendid time throwing the food down to the bears. Some bears "would stand on two feet to get your attention, while others climbed on the provided climbing objects to shorten the distance between themselves and the food, which was, to their disappointment, never human flesh." To Christine, her memorable experience feeding the bears is proof that Georgia is "somehow capable of hosting more than funny accents."

Mike Rooney

Over the quarter break, Mike participated in an event known as the "South Jersey Bike Polo Thanksgiving Extravaganza." Bike polo is an little-known sport played all over the United States with fixed-gear or free-wheel bicycles and polo sticks made from ski poles and PVC pipe. Teams consist of three people, and injuries are "fairly common." However, time-outs cannot be called and an injured person cannot be helped until a goal is scored, "which makes bike polo more of an extreme sport than you'd think." While playing, Mike was hit in the face with the polo ball at "about fifty miles an hour, after my brother decided to backhand it. It was one of those little round plastic hockey balls, so it hurt a lot." In addition to the main event, there was also a cookout at the Extravaganza, where Mike and his friends and family "got to eat a lot of delicious food, which was good." Despite his facial pain, Mike thoroughly enjoyed himself.

Samantha Ellerman

Family drama happens at every Thanksgiving celebration, but it is the rare Thanksgiving in which law enforcement needs to become involved. However, this is exactly what happened to Sam. Before dinner, her cousin accidentally locked her keys in the car along with her one-year-old daughter. She had an extra set of keys, but she had locked those in the car as well. "I live in a little town," says Sam, "so there were no cops on duty. We called the sheriff's office and no one wanted to leave their families. So we called 911, and then the state trooper showed up at the house to get the screaming child out of the car. Instead of going inside to eat delicious food, there were forty of us standing out in the cold waiting for the cops to show up." Fortunately, her cousin's daughter was retrieved safe and sound, and no one else was locked in the car over the course of the Ellermann Family Thanksgiving.

Princeton chemists: Proteins may guide evolution

Aaron Hosios

The Daily Princetonian

Princeton researchers have discovered a molecular mechanism that may play a determining role in an organism's evolution, according to a recent study that examined the evolution of proteins in the electron transport chain (ETC).

"What we have found is that certain kinds of biological structures exist that are able to steer the process of evolution toward improved fitness," chemistry professor Herschel Rabitz said in a university statement. "The data just jumps off the page and implies we all have this wonderful piece of machinery inside that's responding optimally to evolutionary pressure."

Rabitz and university researchers Raj Chakrabarti, Stacey Springs and George McLendon focused their efforts on ETC proteins, which are responsible for producing adenosine triphosphate (ATP), the energy currency used by cells.

The ETC uses electrons to alter the concentrations of ions on either side of the mitochondrial

membranes, and the resulting potential-energy gradient is used to produce ATP. What is remarkable is that the strength of the gradient has a direct relationship to an organism's fitness, and a stronger gradient allows more ATP to be produced, according to the study.

The ETC's ability to take electrons—its redox potential—has no direct relationship to fitness, but it exhibited evolutionary trends as if it did. The researchers studied this effect by inducing mutations in the ETC proteins that altered their redox potential, and they found that, over time, proteins were able to correct these mutations such that they were operating functionally again.

The researchers mathematically analyzed the behavior of proteins in which mutations had been induced and found trends that indicated that proteins could control their own evolution by preventing errors from accumulating and becoming lethal.

This observation has implications for the entire field of evolutionary biology, Chakrabarti explained in a university state-

ment.

"The discovery answers an age-old question that has puzzled biologists since the time of Darwin," Chakrabarti said. "How can organisms be so exquisitely complex, if evolution is completely random, operating like a 'blind watchmaker'?"

Darwin, who published "On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection" in 1859, hypothesized that species evolve as a result of external pressures through natural selection. He posits that organisms with more advantageous traits are more likely to survive and contribute their genes to subsequent generations.

One of the major criticisms of evolutionary theory, however, is that the development of intricate structures, such as eyes, cannot be the result of a gradual accumulation of random mutations.

The group's research suggests that even at the protein level, intrinsic characteristics can help steer the evolution of an organism, "creat[ing] order out of randomness," Chakrabarti said.

Though Darwin's theory of evolution did not predict this internal monitoring ability, a related theory, proposed by fellow

British biologist Alfred Wallace, did.

Wallace, a contemporary of Darwin, independently reached similar conclusions about evolution, but Darwin ultimately is better remembered throughout history because, following collaboration between the two men, it was the work of Darwin that was published.

Wallace proposed the possibility that systems within organisms had developed the ability to monitor themselves and keep their development in check, drawing comparisons to the centrifugal governor that keeps steam engines functioning properly through what is now known as feedback control.

What remains for future research to determine is the actual mechanism by which the proteins are able to counter mutations to their structure, according to the study. Nevertheless, a significant discovery has already been made. While natural selection acts from the outside and guides the evolution of species, internal factors may play an equally important role.

Proteins, it turns out, can steer their own evolution.

A soul legend returns to the top: Al Green's "Lay It Down"

Ben Collins

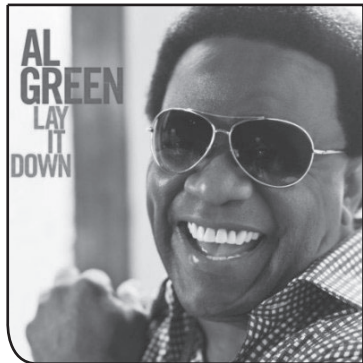
Entertainment
Editor

There has always been a fine line in R&B, a line that distinguishes good, if not timeless, music, from the cliché music. This isn't uncommon in other genres but R&B has seen so many great artists that there is seemingly little new ground to cover. It is especially hard for returning megastars, like Al Green, to really show off something new without sounding out of fashion.

Over the last decade, many of his releases have been straddling the line between good and bland if not falling directly into bland. In fact, Al Green hasn't had a truly good album since his greatest hits in the late seventies. With this latest release, however, he has made a major change as he has reached out to producer and contributing artist Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson and apparently it has brought Al Green back from the line.

In a word, the music is good.

It isn't the same Al Green style from years before, but it's a similar quality. Al Green's vocals haven't died but have become richer with age and show the same fiery emotion as he had in



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the seventies. The lyrics are also more mature, still about love and affection, but they contain almost a sense of satisfaction and reflection on the love he has. It's a cherished love, not young rebellious love that his previous works have proclaimed. It's actually a look at the man that Al Green is now, and it shows a more natural feel that he must

have lost along the way.

The album as a whole flows well with this more natural style. It almost goes by too fast considering the album is over forty minutes long. It may not be meant to be background music, but it easily fills the position with mellow vocals and music.

The accompanying music contains some of the greatest talent in the industry but they don't outshine the star. With simple driving beats from "Questlove," seasoned guitar work from Chalmers Alford, and Adam Blackstone's fun bass riffs, the backing music is some of the best I've ever heard on an Al Green album and it gives the music a younger, more current feel.

This was a definite winning formula for Al Green, and it is one of his better albums. With this new step late in his career, it shows there is still something great left in this R&B legend.

Reviewer rating: 4 elephants



The End League: an experiment into the cliché and overused

Eli Baca

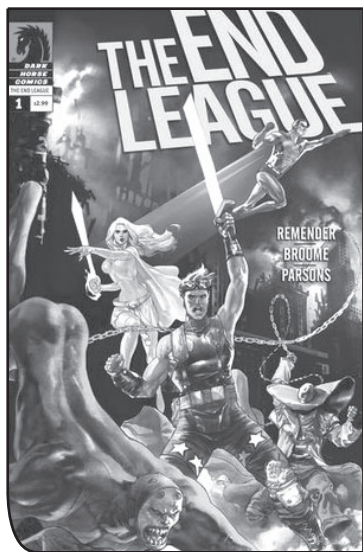
Staff Writer

In a time when Evil has prevailed and enslaved all mankind, only one group of heroes stands between them and complete world domination—The End League. Good usually triumphs over evil, but this time, the League's members are dropping like flies as one of the most powerful villains plans to take control of the universe, and it seems only a miracle will be able to save humanity.

Created by Rick Remender and Mat Broome, The End League can be viewed as a new-age team of heroes that have dealt with so much pain, death, and betrayal that it's really no surprise the villains of the world are about to obliterate them. The world as we know it has become one where the most powerful villains control their own areas, much like gangs, and rule with an iron fist—controlling what gets in, and out—and seek to create the "perfect world" for themselves. Packed with tyrannical psychopaths and overly-noble superheroes, The End League takes the best of other hero stories and creates a new universe that is oddly enjoyable.

The series started with Mat Broome as the artist, but in the middle of The End League #4, Eric Canete took over the art duties, as Broome went to Marvel Comics. The contrast between the two artists serves to provide a break in the story line—our heroes have managed to stay alive, at least for now, and there is still hope, especially with the many inspirational speeches—but with the change in the artist come many more villains plotting to destroy the League.

Broome's art brings the characters into reality—keeping



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The last hurrah of the superheroes left in the world. Sweet, there are only a few left!

them tight and not over sizing them. The detail of the comic gives a real feel to it, and gives Canete a nice place to take the characters. Canete's style is much more pencil-y and takes the emotions of the characters to the extremes. The reality of Broome's art is swiftly gone as the dark cartoons of Canete try to kill each other—leaving the reader pleasantly surprised with the change of pace.

The story is choppy at best, but flows well as a bigger picture—the many stories created by Remender all have multiple layers that have yet to unfold, and the writing is appropriate for each character. From the old-time Western Prairie Ghost to the villainous Dead Lexington to the ultimate noble hero, Soldier American, each person in the story is a very stereotypical genre character. Remender gets the lunatic villain together with the dark and brooding anti-hero in a story that has so many clichés it's almost over-the-top,

but manages to bring a new creativity and new ideas to the epic good vs. evil battle.

However well the comic works together, it's still not enough to keep up with other superhero league stories, and is really too scattered at this point to get good enough press. Entering a story at a random point in time seems like the cool thing to do nowadays, but The End League is struggling to make everything come together in a way that keeps readers interested—lines from the comic like "you complete me" and heroes like Soldier American are an almost sad attempt to take the best from other comics and put them together in a cool new story.

The End League has a good story, and strong artists, but with overused icons the series just isn't A-List material, and, much like the League themselves, needs a little help.

Reviewer rating: 2 elephants



Twilight: an exercise in not screaming "Boo!"

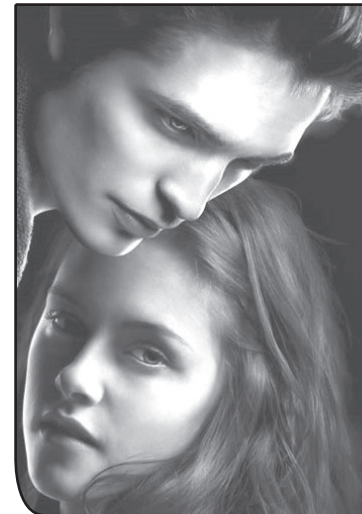
Eli Baca

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Adapted from the popular book by Stephenie Meyer, Twilight serves up a nice book-to-movie transition and manages to satisfy most of the series' loyal fans—for now. Paramount Pictures' MTV Films originally picked up the production rights for Twilight, but due to a poor screenplay and subsequent turnaround, the newly risen Summit Entertainment picked up the rights and started the film adaptation anew.

In the summer of 2007, Catherine Hardwicke (Lords of Dogtown, Thirteen) was hired to direct and Melissa Rosenberg (Dexter, Step Up) to write a script.

The story of Twilight is a classic romance with a twist—Isabella Swan, or Bella, falls in love with a tall, dark, and handsome boy, Edward



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Edward and Bella hold one another lustfully. Later, the movie still went downhill.

Cullen. The twist? Edward is a vampire whose thirst for Bella's blood is only slightly less than his love for her. Twilight, the novel, is told from Bella's perspective and portrays Edward as the ultimate Adonis, while Bella is just your average, no-personality klutz. Kristen Stewart (Panic Room, Into the Wild) plays Bella opposite Robert Pattinson (Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire) who plays the vampire, Edward.

The movie, for all intents and purposes, was bad. For the die-hard "Edward Cullen can bite me anytime" fans, Twilight the movie was a good adaptation of the book—because fans could fill in the blanks and awkward silences that the movie was bursting with. The movie is fast paced at the wrong times and tries to portray a romance with a twisted movie montage that might leave some movie-goers sick. Trying to adapt a first-person book into a third person movie is tough, but the movie barely even tried.

Kristen Stewart's voice-overs can be heard maybe five times—only letting us into Bella's thoughts a very few times, and then suddenly Bella is "uncondi-

tionally and irrevocably" in love with Edward Cullen. The lines adapted from the book feel bland and forced, and while some of the chemistry between the two leads is good, most of the movie is an awkward mess.

With a budget of only \$37 million dollars, and an extensive use of hand-held cinematography, Twilight the movie is out of place in today's movie world. The computer generated graphics (CGI) used in Twilight makes the vampires blurry and over-the-top, and the action sequences seem

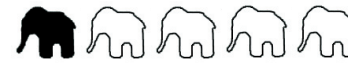
better suited for a direct-to-DVD movie than a "pop culture phenomenon" like Twilight.

A classic scene from the book where fans fell in love with Edward was in the forest where Bella sees him for the first time in direct sunlight, and he sparkles as if made from billions of diamonds. This scene ends up destroyed by Hardwicke and

the group—giving Robert Pattinson some shimmer lotion for a bit of shine and leaving fans with creepy camera angles making the scene less romantic and more awkward. The sexual tension between the two is fierce at times—especially during the first kiss where, holy crap, Bella's just got a t-shirt and boy shorts on and Edward's trying not to literally devour her—but also leaving the audience cringing at times—like the rest of the movie.

Despite several flaws and flying bad opinions, Summit Entertainment has stated they will be making the following book in the series, New Moon, and Rosenberg has reportedly been already working on the adaptation. For those hardcore to Twilight, or "Twi-hards," the movies mean something to look forward to in the future and a hope that all four books in the series will get adapted. For those that haven't read the books, hope for a better production company to pick it up and a better director to take control.

Reviewer rating: 1 elephants



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Self-Destruct

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Cari Harper

Layout Manager

It's winter quarter, and the social isolation from cold and homework have finally seeped into your bones. You're a Rose-Hulman student so the dating pool is woefully small (for guys at least), but how else can you get companionship for the cold winter nights filled with ConApps? Low-maintenance pets are one possible solution.

One of the most obvious choices is a hamster. There are several species of hamsters (all of which qualify as flushable) each with unique properties as pets. The larger fancy hamster can be a docile pet with proper handling, and may be let out and handled without a running ball under close supervision. Siberian dwarf hamsters are approximately half the size of the fancy hamster, and tend to have a slightly less agreeable disposition, "boxing" your fingers if you bother

them. Robovski (or Robrovski) hamsters are small enough to be dropped down a BSB shower drain, and are extremely quick. Hamsters live two to three years with proper care, which is as simple as fresh water, a chewing block, exercise wheel, a properly balanced diet, and a clean cage. This is about an hour and a half of care weekly. Some of the disadvantages of hamsters are their smell, their nocturnal habits (though if you are an SE or CPE that might be an advantage), and their escape-artist escapades. If their cage is not completely secure you'll have your room torn apart trying to catch them.

Gerbils and mice are similar to hamsters in terms of care and longevity, though they are not as prone to seeking freedom. A gerbil that has recently gained popularity is the fat-tailed gerbil, also known as the Duprasi gerbil. One thing to be cautious of is getting these

small pets in pairs. It is difficult to determine the gender of gerbils, hamsters and mice, and it is better to take the extra expense of a second cage for your roommate's pet than to risk a plethora of unwanted babies, or injuries due to fighting.

If small furry rodents are not your thing, there are a variety of reptiles, fish, and amphibians for the choosing. Betta fish are excellent low-maintenance pets which only require a bowl of water (covered to prevent their "jumping" out) and daily feeding. Their water does require changing on a weekly basis, to be changed out for either distilled water, or tap water that has been let to "set" for a few days. They are not extremely active pets, unless another betta is placed in another tank nearby. The males (usually the only gender sold in stores) will flare at each other in aggression, or even your finger if you put it close to the tank. You can tell if your betta fish is happy under your care by the amount of bubbles they produce at the top of the tank, this construction is a nest intended for mating. Betta fish have a life-span of about two to three years.

Another colorful option is the poison dart frog. These creatures come in a wide variety of colors and patterns, and if raised in captivity lack the toxicity that gives them their name. These frogs require daily feeding of insects and grubs your roommate might object to being in the fridge, but a properly constructed vivarium (not neces-



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sarily an elaborate one) can go several weeks without cleaning. For engineers such as us the puzzle of constructing such a structure with proper foliage, humidity, temperature, and lighting should be half the enjoyment of this pet. Frogs are more long-lived than betta fish or hamsters, so make sure you're willing to take care of them for several years after college.

Small snakes like ball pythons are reasonably easy to care for, though that difficulty increases over their several decade lifespan along with their size and appetite. Small snakes are not as environmentally sensitive as frogs, and can be more readily handled. They

require feeding of mice or rats (depending on the size of the snake) once a week, preferably not the one belonging to your roommate. Like other reptiles, a snake's enclosure requires virtually no maintenance.

If you simply cannot care for a pet, plants can help you work to overcome your black thumb. Pets are not for everyone, remember to take into consideration the rigor of your studies, extra-curricular activities, and roommate when deciding on if a pet is right for you. A small pet can prove an invaluable source of entertainment and companionship for your remaining years at Rose, and even longer.

New week: Pizza reviews!

Clint Thompson

Staff Writer

It's time to greet the winter quarter. Some of us feel a sense of dread as we embark on new and uncertain academic adventures, while others face the first weeks with excitement, anticipating the break and the company of their families. Some may not even feel ready for the new season; but like it or not, winter is coming. With it comes cold weather, classes before the seasonal dawn, and the enduring dark sky. Sometimes, it's enough to drive a student mad.

Yes, winter quarter is difficult. What is a student to do, you ask? In response, dear reader, I ask you the following two questions: what

better way is there to pierce the imperial gloom of the icy skies than sharing a good meal with good friends? And what better college comfort food is there than a piping hot pizza? That's why the Rose Thorn will be reviewing local pizzerias over the next few weeks—so you can know what to expect next time you dash out with your comrades for a Siberian winter evening meal. The current list includes restaurants such as La Familia de Jeshua, Giovanni's, Maurizio's, Ambrosini's, and Asani's. If you know of a little place for a great pizza pie, send your suggestions to entertainment@rose-hulman.edu and you just might see your suggestions in the paper. Happy eating!

The importance of exercise

Daniel Fass

Staff Counselor

After experiencing the benefits of your student recreation center first hand, we here at the counseling center wanted to remind the student body about the importance of exercise and its effect on your mental health. Researchers, scientists, nutritionists, and gym rats all agree that exercise can reduce a variety of mental health related problems. Specifically, and probably most relevant to Rose students, exercise has a profound effect on reducing levels of anxiety and depression. Researchers at Duke University demonstrated that exercising three times a week for thirty minutes over a period of four months is as effective as taking antidepressant medication. Research has also shown that exercise has its biggest impact on reducing anxiety and depression when it is aerobic (running), done regularly, vigorously, and several times a week. Relevant to the night owls and late night studiers, exercise has also been shown to promote more restful sleep.

Many scientists believe that

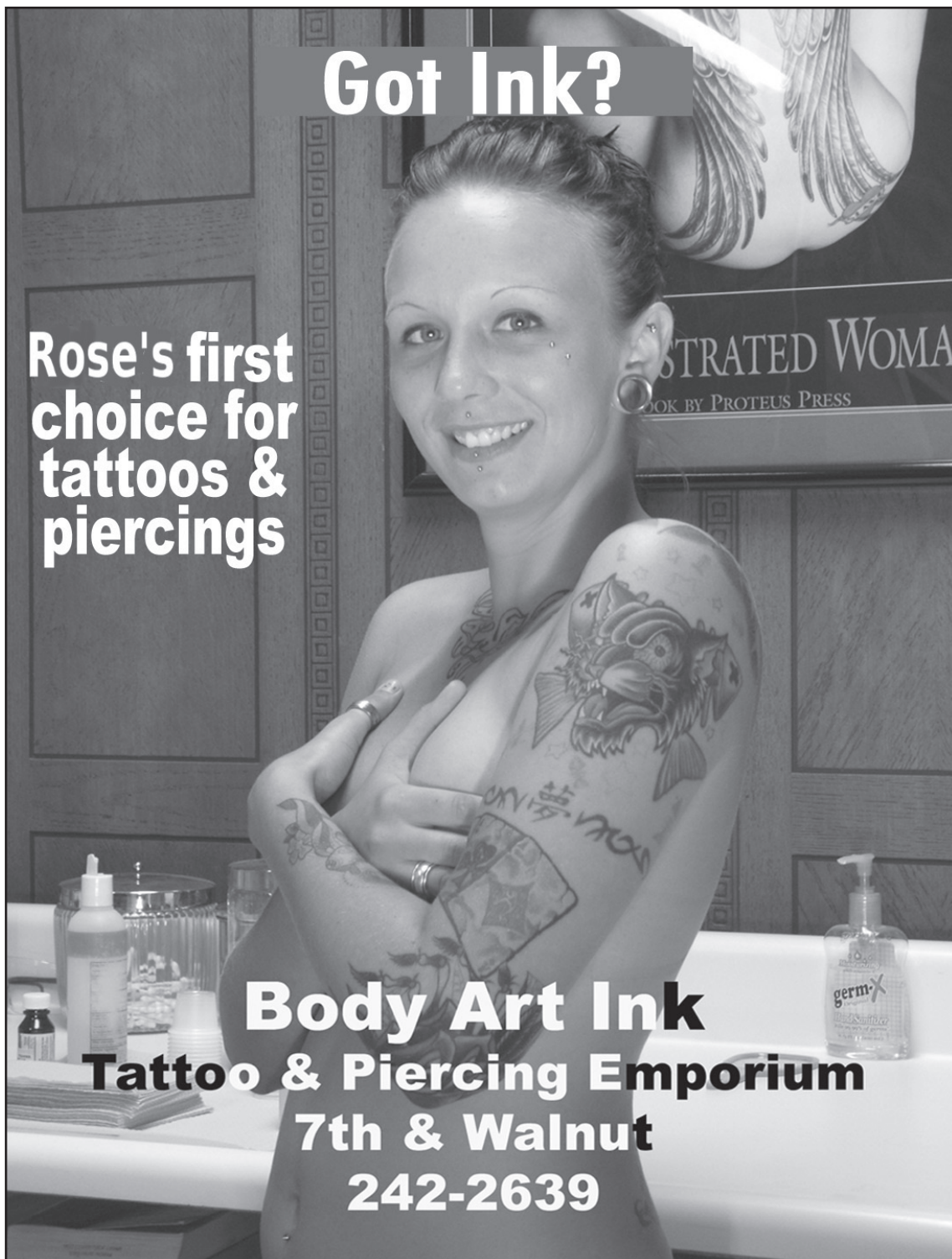
exercise increases serotonin, dopamine, and norepinephrine, which in turn improves your mood. Similarly, antidepressant medications like Prozac increase levels of serotonin and norepinephrine. According to the Mayo Clinic, exercise can also help improve confidence and attention and is a healthy coping activity that can be easily added to your busy schedule. However, exercise also helps combat and prevent illness and disease, strengthens your heart and lungs, helps you manage your weight, and can be fun. So hit the gym, the pool, grab an elliptical machine, participate in intramural sports, lift weights, or just try to walk more often. Take the time to do something for yourself and your health. Exercise is a great tool for dealing with anxiety, depression, stress, anger, and other common mental and physical health problems.

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A better Thanksgiving

Christine Price

Opinions Editor

Many people agree that Rose-Hulman is like a family. But I can't help but wonder, will I see many of my family members after I graduate? This break, I had a nice time with my father's side of the family at my grandmother's house in Georgia. During many holiday breaks, we at least stop by a relative's house, and I suspect we are not unique in this respect. And this, I believe, needs to change.

Don't get me wrong, family is great. They share my genes, and thus have an intrinsic interest in my well being, because if I survive and procreate, then their genetic material is spread, and they succeed at life, in a way. On the other hand, friends just plain rock. During a day trip to Helen, some family members stayed at a restaurant to wait for the town to turn on its Christmas lights, while the rest of us retired to grandma's house. One relative commented, "Could you imagine sitting

there for two hours?" Well... yes, I could. With the right company. My "206" friends, or certain friends from high school, or some of my AOII sisters, or some of the random wonderful people that inhabit this school.



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Does the teen boy on the left look evil to you?

We could talk about spider guns, reasons we are unfit to have children, and the mythical bacon-

shrimp. But with my extended family? I love them, but it just wouldn't be the same.

And this, I believe, is the problem. Once I'm working, I'll have few holidays. And there's a good chance that many of those holidays will be spent seeing family. True, I may visit a friend every once in a while. But while it is easy to plan a family reunion at, say, Thanksgiving or Christmas, when does one plan a friend reunion, once we are scattered to the winds? True, there is always Homecoming, but it has a few distinct disadvantages: it's in Terre Haute, and it doesn't last very long.

So, I think there should be a new rule. Instead of having every Thanksgiving with the folks, we as a nation should decide to have Thanksgivings on odd numbered years be for friends, and Thanksgivings on even numbered years be for family. Or Thanksgivings on years divisible by three be for family, and years that are not be for family. Because it makes perfect sense.

Logo fail

Hobey Tam

Staff Writer

Since the good old days in preschool and all through grade school, we were told not to judge a book by its cover. We were repeatedly told to get to know someone before we passed judgment on them. This is yet again another childhood lie to make our lives easier. A company only judges on first impressions. If your resume is flawed in any way, they automatically dismiss you. They pick up on everything. Our answers only account for so much—the presentation, framing, and mannerisms we exhibit ultimately make or break us. Keeping this in mind, let us move onto the issue of debate.

Our institution is a place of solid learning, ingenuity, innovation and creativity; a benchmark in the engineering, math, and science industry. As Dr. Jakubowski said, "[We] are the cream of the crop." Thus, the logo that symbolizes our school must exhibit these traits. The new logo, a sad attempt at contemporary design, is an epic fail to say the least. There is nothing wrong with the new marketing package to put Rose-Hulman on the map—it's just that the seal and the logo are weak.

A weak Winsor knot on the tie,

scuffs on the shoes, unpressed dress clothes, ink on the hands, bad breath, bad posture, etc., in the interviewers' eyes all convey a weak individual that does not deserve their time. The new abomination on the banners all over campus metaphorically represents all these traits. It is thin, wavy, and uncreative. It is weak,

“The old logo was broad, bold, and bared the the traditional colors—it had the retro look with a modern twist.”

not bold. The pictorial rhetoric and symbolism is the direct opposite of what this place represents. I would have expected DePauw or Purdue to come up with such a logo.

The old logo was broad, bold, and bared the traditional colors—it had the retro look with a modern twist. It was representative of how Rose-Hulman stood the test of time and is still a leader in the field of engineering. The hidden "h" lends itself to the creativ-

ity running rampant on this campus and the elephant popping through the whole makes viewers truly fear the engineer. Looking at other prestigious institutions such as Harvard, Stanford, Johns Hopkins, West Point, Cal Tech, and others, all exhibit bold faced lettering. Italics and sine waves are nonexistent.

However, the new logo is only a symptom of an age old problem—communication and compromise between a governing body and the masses. Administration paid a professional designer to design a logo (1st mistake: they could have easily had a competition with the student body and received dozens of better designs). Over the summer, they took student input, but the horrible sample size was far too small, and there was still majority opposition. Yet we still see our banners bearing the new symbol of our school. Even now, despite overwhelming student, alumni and even staff disapproval, it still endures all over campus.

The administration has gone against one of the oldest engineering laws of time—"if it's not broken, it doesn't need to be fixed." If you are going to change it, at least have consent from the majority, or at least make it better. In all respects, the new logo is an epic fail.

SERIOUSLY. *Mark Minster*

Imagine a small, selective college in the Midwest of America. It's not a college, exactly, but a highly specialized institution of higher learning that excels at what it specializes in, winning awards, attracting a certain kind of exceptional mind.

Locate this institution in context. It's on the edge of an old river town that got punched in the face by Prohibition four score and eight years ago, and is still reeling from the blow: more people lived in this town in 1920 than do in 2008. One in five residents lives below the poverty line. One in five.

The poverty and stagnation of the town don't take away from the excellence of the college, but they do lend its excellence a poignancy, and imbue many of its graduates, colleagues, and employees with a sense of responsibility for those less fortunate (if it's fortune that impoverishes people). And that responsibility is a good thing, one of the school's great virtues.

It shouldn't be too hard to imagine, now, that this college also wants to avoid being afflicted with poverty and stagnation itself. To keep winning awards, to keep attracting exceptional people, it needs to ensure that its own population doesn't go down, and that valued employers keep hiring its graduates.

Here's where it gets a little tricky. Historically, most of the members of the college's community have been straight, white, relatively affluent Christian males from the Midwest.

Nothing wrong with any of these traits, mind you, nor has this demographic always resulted from intentional selection. But unless the school willingly, gratefully, actively, and joyfully opens itself in each of these categories, poverty and stagnation await. The world is wide, as employers know. Members of a community that reflect that wideness are more valued prospects than graduates who do not, who cannot.

What's tricky about this? The college has to decide, for its own best interest, to become a little different than it has been, to become a little more than it has been. The pursuit of excellence demands the pursuit of diversity. There's nothing p.c. or namby-pamby about saying so. The only alternative is poverty and stagnation, for which cautionary tales are close at hand.

Have opinions?

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Poor McCain

Sid Ulrich

Guest Writer

I feel bad for John McCain. Not because he lost, after all, I spent much of the past year working to ensure his loss. Instead, I feel bad for him because of the people he had to surround himself with in order to even put up a fight. When Sen. McCain stepped up to the podium on election night in November, he was prepared to give an incredibly elegant concession speech. He was prepared to return to the theme he had continually focused on throughout his campaign and his career. His speech focused on his core values of respect and honor, and he had nothing but positive attitudes towards his opponent, and encouraged his loyal supporters to join him in congratulating his opponent. Sadly, Sen. McCain was not fortunate enough to be able to give this graceful speech to an audience of fellow respectable and intelligent conservatives. He instead was forced to address a crowd that was representative of the type of people the GOP has been overtaken by. Each and every respectful comment that was made towards his Democratic opponent was met with an orchestra of derogatory slurs, hissing and booing. I disagree strongly with Sen. McCain on almost every major issue, but he is a respectable politician and should be able to run

a respectable campaign.

In recent years, the GOP has lost sight of its respectable conservative-minded base, and re-focused on a Larry-the-Cable-Guy type constituency. Don't mistake my words, I don't intend to insinuate that holding conservative values is synonymous with being ignorant or being a redneck. In fact, I have many intelligent friends and co-workers who prescribe to conservative values. The fact is, I have nothing but respect for anyone who arrives at political ideals, so long as they arrive at them through an intelligent self examination of their beliefs and ideals. The problem is that the GOP is no longer centered around these intelligent conservative values, but is instead centered around closed mindedness and religious extremism.

The GOP needs to take a good long look in the mirror and ask themselves where they want to take their party. You can throw away any common sense and continue down the road led by extremist morons like Sarah Palin and Fred Thompson, or you can hold onto the intelligent approach to equally conservative values with respectable conservatives like Michael Bloomberg and Bobby Jindal.

I probably won't vote for you either way, but you still deserve to have a political party where you can express your irrational and flawed ideas respectfully.

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

With regards to Ms. Christine Price's opinion article, "Marriage is Love," South Carolina removed its ban on inter-racial marriage a decade ago and had not enforced it since the US Supreme Court established it, and other similar bans across the South, as unconstitutional over 40 years ago.

I would ask that in an otherwise wonderful article about senseless prejudice, please do not resort to misinformed stereotypes, even in jest, to bolster your argument. It does not, it undermines it.

Respectfully, (Charles) Rick Stroud, class of '91

Athlete of the week

Steven Vande Lune



Tim Boyer
Copy Editor

Senior mechanical engineering major Steven Vande Lune has been making his mark as a quality swimmer his past three years at Rose and has emerged as one of the Midwest's top distance swimmers. He has earned three all-league awards, including a 2006 title in the 1,650-yard freestyle and is a school record holder in the 500, 1,000 and 1,650-yard freestyle events. Vande Lune is poised to continue to make his mark at Rose. Vande Lune took some time from his busy schedule to answer some question for the The Rose Thorn.

you?
SVL: Longer events are really a balance between physical ability and mental determination, and when both of these traits work together to form a successful swim it creates a real sense of accomplishment, more so than when a shorter event goes well. I also like how there is a strategy to how longer events can be swum, and how that strategy can be used against the competition.

(this) year of swimming.

RT: What's the most meaningful award or recognition that you've received?

SVL: My most meaningful recognition was receiving All-Conference honors my freshman year. Being able to come in as a freshman and perform so well at conference provided me with a sense of optimism towards my ability to contribute to the team in the coming years.

RT: Your name appears many times in the Rose-Hulman record books. How does it feel to have made such an impact on the program?

SVL: It's really a great feeling to not only be a part of the team, but also to know what a positive impact I've had over the years.

RT: How has participating in a varsity sport had an effect on your experience at Rose?

SVL: Participating in swimming has given me a sense of purpose outside of the classroom. It has provided me with friendships I otherwise wouldn't have had, as well as a chance to escape from the rigors of school for a few hours each night at practice.

RT: Also, in the record book, your name appears in many of the same events as Nick Lee and Adam Effinger. Were you close to them last year? How did you react to the accident?

SVL: I think everyone on the team felt a sense of shock and loss last year when we learned about the accident. My reaction was to commit to myself that I would do my best to help keep the team strong as we approached the next

Rose Thorn: How long have you been swimming?

Steven Vande Lune: I have been swimming competitively since I was 6 years old. I started off swimming in USS age-group swimming, and then swam through middle school and high school, until progressing to swimming here at Rose.

RT: Some people consider long distance swimming either boring or tiring. What is it about the longer evens that appeals to

Engineer Scoreboard

Men's Basketball 2-3 (0-1)

November 20
Rose-Hulman 59
at Blackburn College 50

November 22
Rose-Hulman 43
vs. Mass. Inst. of Tech. 69

November 23
Rose-Hulman 67
vs. Rensselaer Poly. 63

November 30
Millikin University 49
at Rose-Hulman 45

December 3
Rose-Hulman 57
at Franklin College 67

Wrestling

November 14
Wabash College 39
vs Rose-Hulman 9

Women's Basketball 2-2 (1-0)

November 21
Rose-Hulman 41
vs Baruch College 54

November 22
Rose-Hulman 58
vs North Carolina Wesleyan 41

November 25
Rose-Hulman 68
at Webster University 72

December 3
Rose-Hulman 67
at Franklin College 55

Men's Soccer 2-3 (0-1)

November 8
Transylvania 0
at. Rose-Hulman 1

November 14
Rose-Hulman 1
vs. Dominican 3

Swimming and Diving

November 8
Millikin University
Terre Haute, IN M-1st W-1st

November 15
Monmouth College Invitational
Monmouth, IL M-2nd W-4th

November 21-22
Wabash College Invitationals
Crawfordsville, IN M-5th W-4th

Hardcourt HCAC openers

Men fall despite late-game rally

Rose-Hulman News

The Rose men rallied from a 24-point second-half deficit to close within 10 in the latter stages before falling 67-57 at Franklin College on Wednesday.

Sophomore Daniel Lowers led the Rose-Hulman offense with 20 points and six rebounds. Freshman Spencer Harlan also reached double figures with 10 points on 4-6 from the field.

Jace Redman led three Franklin players in double figures with 20 points. Dustin Marshall added 14 points and Jared Catron pitched in with 11 for the Grizzlies.

Franklin jumped out to a 21-8 lead midway through the first half, before a jumper by Harlan and five straight Lowers points brought the Engineers within 21-15.

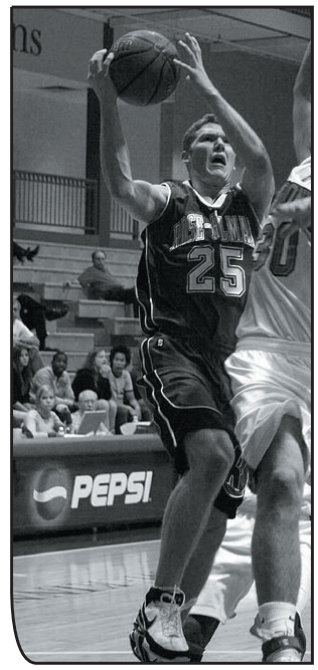
Rose-Hulman cut the deficit to six at 29-23 before trailing 33-23 at

the intermission.

In the second half, Franklin pushed its lead to 45-29 on two free throws by Catron and increased the lead to 58-34 midway through the half. A steady Rose-Hulman rally brought the Engineers within 10 on four straight points and a free throw by senior Lorenzo Rice in the final minute.

Other key contributors for the Engineers included Rice with five points and four rebounds; freshman Terrae Hall with five points and one rebound; freshman Blake Knotts with five points; and freshman Jason Haslag with four points and three rebounds.

Franklin improved to 3-4 overall and 1-0 in conference play with the win, while Rose-Hulman dropped to 2-3 and 0-1 in league games. The Engineers host HCAC rival Bluffton University tomorrow afternoon.



Rose-Hulman News

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The women's basketball team placed five players in double figures and a sixth player added nine points to lead the Engineers past Franklin College 67-55 on Wednesday night.

Sophomore Donna Marsh led the Engineers attack with 13 points, 11 rebounds and three blocked shots.

Junior Shayna Banet and sophomore Eli Baca each added 12 points for the Engineers. Banet finished 5-10 from the floor with one steal and Baca added seven rebounds, seven assists and three steals in a well rounded effort.

Senior Liz Ridgway contributed 11 points off the bench on 5-8 from the field. Sophomore Rebecca Bowermaster added career highs of 10 points and eight rebounds.

The Engineers trailed 28-23 at

halftime and Franklin increased its lead to 11 in the second half of the conference opener for both teams. Rose-Hulman chipped away at the deficit until closing within 47-45 with 8:33 left on a shot by Ridgway.

Rose-Hulman tied the score at 49-49 on two straight baskets by freshman Alisa Dickerson, who finished the evening with nine points, eight rebounds and five assists. The Engineers quickly increased their lead to six points at 59-53 on a conventional three-point play by Marsh at the 3:22 mark.

Monica Planalp buried two free throws with 2:55 left to bring Franklin within 59-55, but the Engineers answered with eight straight points and solid defense to earn the final 67-55 margin of victory.

Heather Harper, Brittney Wilson and Planalp paced Franklin with 10 points each. The Engi-

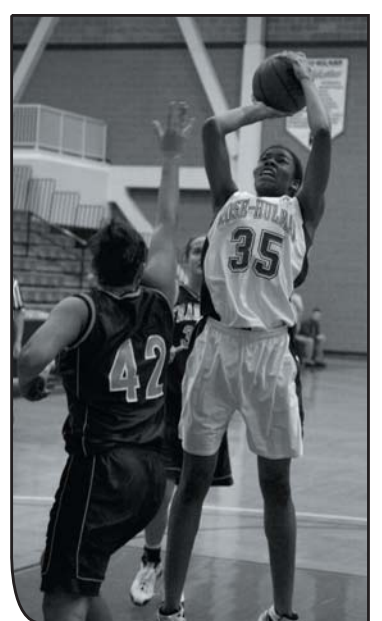
neers took advantage of a 46-31 rebounding edge and shot 46% from the field in the win.

Rose-Hulman improved to 2-2 overall and 1-0 in league play, while Franklin dropped to 2-3 overall and 0-1 in the HCAC. The Engineers host Bluffton University tomorrow at 1 p.m. in another league matchup.



Rose-Hulman News

Sophomore Nicole Klass waits for the offense to set.



Rose-Hulman News

Sophomore Donna Marsh had 13 points with 11 rebounds and three blocks on the night.

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Alcoholics demand bailout

James Zhou

Aqua Vitae, Life of the Party

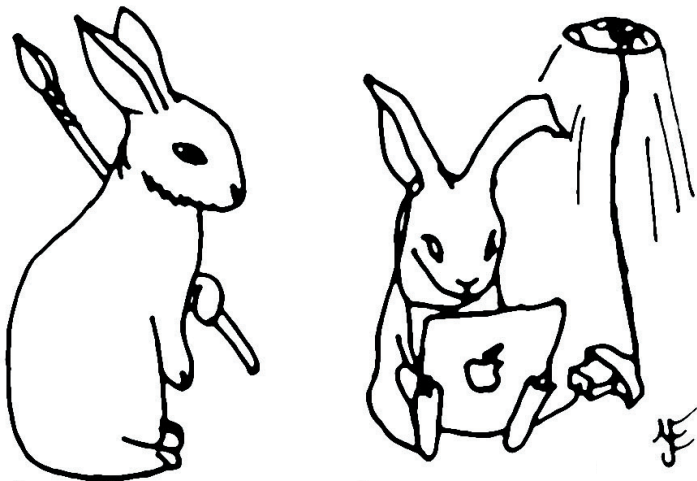
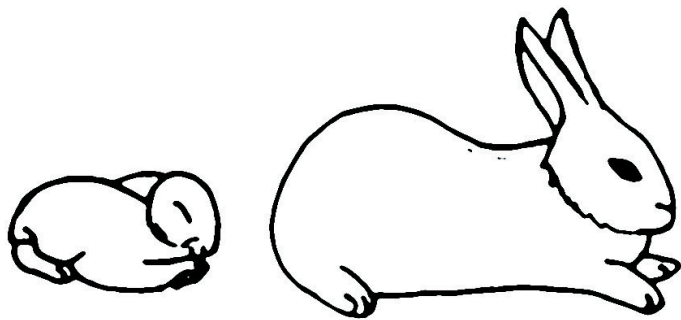
Although many sectors of American life have been hit hard in the recent recession, none stands to suffer as much as the average American drunkard, or Homo inebrius. Although these people were once at the forefront of American culture, with such notable popular icons as Samuel L. Jackson, Homer Simpson, and Dick Cheney, they have fallen from the limelight. These days, those famous alcoholics must contend with snakes on a plane, stupid Flanders, and international scrutiny. What's worse in their present fates is that they can not even turn to alcohol to temporarily alleviate their many problems, as the recession has caused many liquor producers to drink their entire stockpiles in despair and die of liver failure (also in despair).

In response to their predicament, alcoholic lobbyists appealed Congress to distribute 700 billion bottles of beer, warning that without the alcohol, the entire country would suffer as 10% of Americans go into withdrawal. Local Allota Alcoholics Chapter President and street corner bum, Ryan C. believes that if the government does not start handing out alcohol to alcoholics, the very fabric of American society could be torn apart. "Look, the American culture is based on people who are addicted to alcohol. The entire thing is structured so that most people can only function with massive amounts of alcohol in their systems. If the government does not help us, a lot of people are going to get hurt by their alcohol dependence. I mean, sure some people might be forced to overcome their dependence by this alcohol shortage, but I do not even want to try to live without something I have grown so accustomed to. We [alcoholics] deserve to be bailed out just as much as financial institutions and homeowners."

In related news, drunk driving accidents have dropped by 44 percent, regrettable one night stands have dropped by 23 percent, and sales of Taco Bell after midnight have dropped by 78 percent. Oddly though, the amount of single "Woodsies" have increased by nearly 170 percent.

Nick Easter — *The Charles Darwin of Bunnies?*

Apple, Evolve Different



Top Ten reasons to embrace the cold weather

Matt Melton

Meh, I'm From Chicago, This is Warm

11. Window sills are now an extension of your freezer. Ergo, more pizza rolls!
10. Playing DDR in your room is now a viable method of temperature control.
9. Too busy thawing to sleep in class.
8. Winter activities! Snowball fights, sledding, building a snowman in your RA's room...
7. Air conditioning is not guaranteed, but heating always is.
6. Locking someone outside or shutting them out for a naked run just got ten times better.
5. It's just another reason to play video games. Or study. Or party.
4. You have no choice.
3. The colder it is now, the better spring quarter will be.
2. The Speed Lake Passage to Subway saves about 10 minutes a trip.
1. You can't sweat in this cold. Now you can wear the same pair of jeans for two whole weeks!

The Engineer's Guide to Surviving Holiday Shopping

Noel Spurgeon

We Know Why She Wrote This...

1. Tempting though it may be, turning your buying voyage into a remake of American Gladiator is not a good idea. Your fellow shoppers may look like complacent middle-aged women, but when presented with a ten-pack of ankle socks for under five dollars, they bear a striking resemblance to Attila the Hun. Just stay out of the way.

2. When shopping for someone of the opposite sex, take a friend along for a second opinion. No matter how cool you think the 1:12 scale model of Optimus Prime with light-up eyes and transforming action is, your girlfriend probably won't like it nearly as much as you do.

3. Gift certificates are your friend, especially for that family member that you don't particularly like. Nothing says "I appreciate your existence and want to avoid looking like I don't care enough to know what you want for Christmas, even though I do" than a hunk of plastic taken for cash value at your local department store. Gift cards for food, books, and coffee are exceptions to this rule. Give those to people whose company you actually enjoy.

4. Label your gifts carefully. Although rare, improperly labeled gifts have caused injuries in the past. It's doubtful that your elderly aunt's heart could survive the shock of accidentally receiving a pair of fuzzy handcuffs for the holidays.

5. Tinfoil is not acceptable as wrapping paper. In fact, it's not acceptable for wrapping anything but food. Tinfoil hamburger wrappers are acceptable. That Ironman costume you were planning to make out of Reynolds Wrap? Not so much.

6. If all else fails, remember that it's the thought that counts. You took time out of your busy, hectic schedule to think about them sometime before 11:59 December 24th, and purchase a gift accordingly. They should feel privileged. And if they don't? It's fruitcake next year.

Wacky prof quotes

"You're out of the game like a fat kid in dodgeball."
— *Dr. Morris, repressing his childhood memories.*

"We now know enough Laplace transforms to be dangerous."
— *Dr. Holder, Professor 007.*

"I need a lazy Susan, inflatable clown, and racquetball bat."
— *Dr. Nicholson, planning to take over the world...*

"I don't feel like doing it, and I am God. So, I am not going to."
— *Dr. Butske, praise the Butske!*

"This machine produces midgets with a mean diameter of 30 mm."
— *Dr. Bryan, confusing midgets with widgets... I think...*

"I have nothing against having a black president. I just wish it was Morgan Freeman. He's had experience."
— *Dr. Sanders. Personally, I'd go with Samuel L. Jackson.*

"That's an interesting question. The short answer is, no. The real answer is, yes."
— *Dr. Mr. Carlson. I'll take the short answer.*

"Model as a batch reactor (if you would model your body as a continuous reactor then please don't ever drink around me.)"
— *Dr. Anklam with the best homework help ever.*

"See, I know how to deal with students when they complain to me, 'why did you only give me a C??' I look them straight in the eye and say, 'Because I don't like you. I haven't liked you since the first day of class.'"
— *Dr. Mason, Rose-Hulman philanthropist.*

"Both cheese whiz and n-a-palm are sticky, but they kill you in different ways."
— *Dr. Martland with the point of the week.*

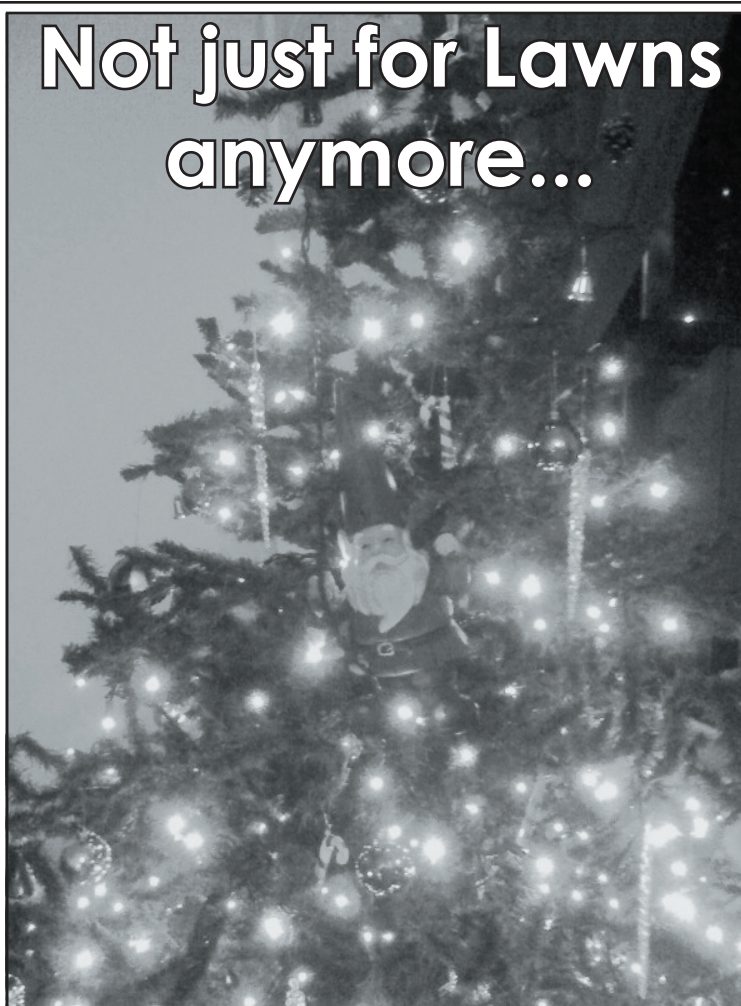
"My Barney color is almost out."
— *Dr. Robinson, concrete and children shows expert.*

"I always wanted an electron gun. 'Freeze or I'll ionize your head off!'"
— *Dr. Morris, decaf perhaps?*

"If for some reason you don't have Maple anymore, you can still do this by hand. Say you uninstalled Maple for ... uhh ... Far Cry 2 ... which by the way is an excellent decision ... If you have a disk space problem and it comes down to Maple or Far Cry 2, go with Far Cry 2."
— *Dr. Bryan, who will be teaching "Dimensional Analysis of Far Cry 2" next quarter. Sign-up early.*

"Beakers and ice will be provided. You'll have to supply the vodka."

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