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News Briefs By Andrew Klusman

Irish to hold EU vote

The Irish Republic will hold a second referendum on the Lisbon Treaty, if it is given certain legal guarantees within the European Union not presently in the Lisbon Treaty. The guarantees will be addressed by EU leaders at a summit in Brussels, Belgium. The three main areas of concern to Irish voters are abortion, Irish neutrality, and taxation. The Lisbon Treaty has been "on hold" since the Irish rejected the treaty on June 12, due to the treaty requirement that all 27 EU nations must ratify it for it to come into effect. The treaty modifies a handful of EU institutions, and is the successor to the failed European Constitution, which failed to gain approval from French and Dutch voters in the summer of 2005.

New Boeing plane delayed again

Boeing is delaying the launch of the new 787 Dreamliner line of airplanes due to a strike by machinists, in addition to production problems. Boeing still aims to deliver the first plane by 2010, but has delayed the first test flight to the second quarter of 2009, a few months later than planned. This is the fourth major delay on the Dreamliner, making it two years behind schedule. The plane utilizes new technology, with a large amount of the plane being made from composites, rather than aluminum, which makes it lighter, which in turn requires less fuel. In addition to that, the plane has a greater range than other planes its size, which Boeing hopes will spur the creation of longer direct-flight routes. There are over 800 orders for the plane, with the first aircraft going to All Nippon Airways, a Japanese airline carrier. It is the first completely new Boeing aircraft since 1995.

Oil consumption drops, first time since 1983

Due to shockwaves sent through the economies of the West from the financial crisis, coupled with slower growth in China, global oil consumption will drop this year, marking the first time it has done so since 1983. Worldwide demand is projected to fall by 200,000 barrels a day to 85.8 million barrels a day, according to the International Energy Agency. The United States Energy Department, however, said that they expect global consumption to drop by 450,000 barrels a day in 2009, which would mark the first time in over 30 years that demand for oil would decline for two consecutive years. The price of oil surged to around \$48 a barrel after the Saudi oil minister announced oil production is at 8.5 million barrels a day, down more than 1.2 million barrels a day from their August production peak.

Pianist legend to visit Rose

Noel Spurgeon
Staff Writer

The second he heard the first Doors album in 1967, George Winston knew he had to play the organ. His choice to play the organ evolved into a desire to play piano, the instrument which would form the backbone of his musical career. Since 1972, Winston has produced over nine albums, founded his own production company, and picked up the slack-key guitar and harmonica in addition to piano and organ. In anticipation of his performance this coming Sunday, the Rose Thorn managed to contact Mr. Winston to ask him a few questions about his music.

2006. It was when all the pieces of the puzzle finally came together. It took until I was 58. I always knew it would take that long. Until then, I had to keep messing with it, and keep moving ahead. What's important is to know what you're not, as well as what you are.

RT: What is your most memorable musical experience?

GW: There are so many--I could say hearing the Doors, hearing Professor Longhair for the first time, hearing Fats Wallace for the first time, James Butler for the first time. These things made me say I'm studying that, that's the way to play the piano. I've never had any bad musical experience—I've only played what I really wanted to. Every musical experience I've had is great.

Rose Thorn: What do you like most about the piano?

George Winston: I like that it's a one-man band, very powerful and percussive. I like it like I would a string section, but better. I like the overtones for the folk piano and the power that it has for rhythm and blues.

RT: Did you always want to be a musician?

GW: I didn't really know [I wanted to be a musician] until

RT: Do you think that starting piano/organ in earnest later in life has shaped your style as a musician?

GW: Yeah—because I have to work on it all the time. It never did come naturally. All the influences I had were ones that I directly picked. Nobody said "this is good music" or "this is not good music"—I just did it all myself.



http://www.georgewinston.com/press_kit.php

George Winston, 36-year legend on the piano, is scheduled to visit Rose-Hulman's campus to perform a charity concert to raise funds for local Catholic charities, Sunday, December 14.

RT: What made you decide to play North-American style music as opposed to European Classical?

GW: It's probably because it's what I grew up with. It's just who I am. I think it's that I grew up with it, and also that I liked it. I think it just fits. The European sensibility is another sensibility: Americans took a percussive approach rather than an orchestral.

On Sunday, Mr. Winston will be playing his winter show, which includes music associated with the seasons of autumn and winter. Also, part of the proceeds from the recording sales Sunday will go to benefit the Catholic Charities of Terre Haute. Audience members are encouraged to bring a canned food item for donation to the food bank run by the same charity. There will be collection bins outside the entrance.

Economic crisis creeps towards Rose

Tim Boyer
Copy Editor

As we continue through this troubled economic time, Rose-Hulman is taking into consideration the effect the recession has on the finances of the Institute. Recently, Dr. Jakubowski released a memo to the faculty and staff addressing the issue, sharing some insight into the discussions that have taken place among the Cabinet and the Board of Trustees.

In the memo, Dr. Jakubowski states early that, "Rose-Hulman is fortunate to be a financially stable institution." At the present time, Rose-Hulman is not the position where it needs to make immediate changes in order to maintain its stability, but the administration is in the process of taking precautionary measures. "Rose-Hulman's reaction to these circumstances will be careful and deliberate, balanced with input from the

campus community as a part of the process," Dr. Jakubowski added.

He continued by outlining the three major sources of financial support which include tuition income, endowment income and private gifts, all of which can or already have been impacted by the current economic conditions.

The net tuition income at Rose accounts for 55 percent of the operating revenues here at Rose-Hulman and with families possibly facing more challenging circumstances as they look to finance a college education, the state of economy can have a significant effect on the Institute. "We are exploring every alternative to ensure that sufficient funds are available for our students, from traditional lending sources as well as new ones," the president added. "At the same time we continue to strive to maximize the effectiveness of our limited financial aid resources to the best uses possible."

As many in the Rose community know, the endowment of Rose-Hulman adds significantly to the Institute income, adding approximately 15 percent of the budget. The financial advisors of Rose-Hulman estimate the endowment has lost about 23 percent of its value, taking its value of \$196 million on June 30 down to approximately \$150 million on October 31. "This is by no means as great a loss as some institutions have suffered, but it is obviously significant to Rose-Hulman," Dr. Jakubowski mentioned. He also added the reminder that this is an estimate and that there is a lack of consensus as to which direction it might go from here. His intention of sharing the estimate with the community is convey the magnitude of the situation, while also stating again that Rose-Hulman is in a strong financial position.

In the area of development and fundraising, those who

are sources are equally challenged. "The basis for many of our traditional donor's year end gifts has been appreciated stock and this appreciation has dwindled significantly in the current market," said Dr. Jakubowski. He mentioned that the fundraising goals put forth in February 2008 will be challenging to meet; however, Rose-Hulman has made significant progress in a long-term fundraising campaign. As a response to the delicate situation, the administration is "working diligently to find funding sources for our students, to recruit a high quality freshman class and to achieve our fundraising goals." In addition to simply informing the community of the current situation, Dr. Jakubowski intends to reinforce the two primary guiding principles that they will follow through whatever situation may be presented to the Institute.

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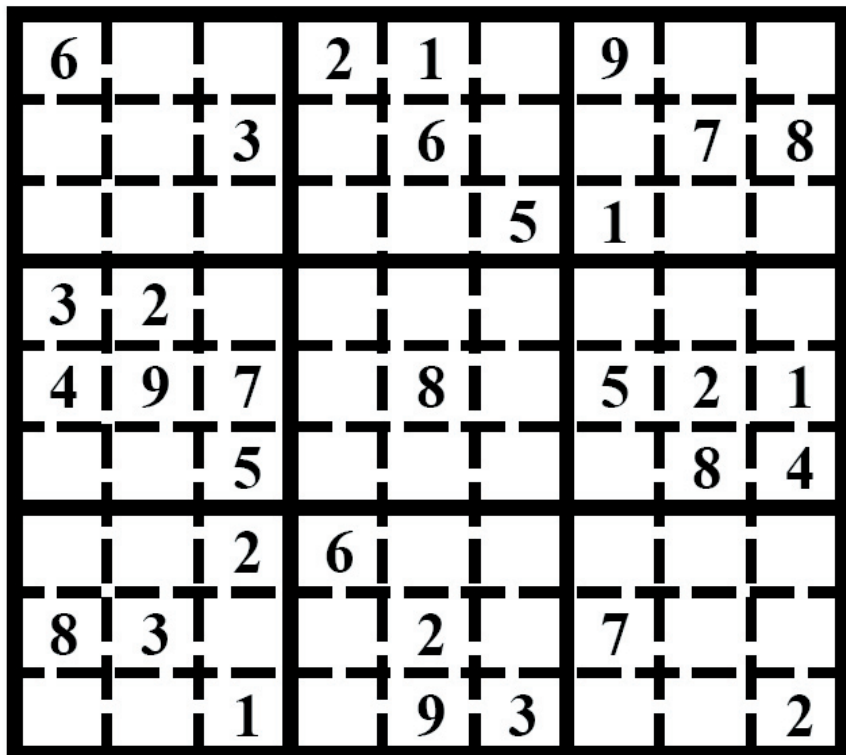
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Sudoku Time!

By Melissa Brumbaugh

**Instructions:**

Use the numbers: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 to fill in the missing spaces. Be sure not to repeat any number in each row, column, or 3x3 square.

Find the answers to all Rose Thorn puzzles at:

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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 = D, B = Q, C = I

PDQNOANR XDYCZ. ZAN STAB, E UDMGT'C

RGGT CUER JNIU OAMG ET D YAAJ RETIG

TDYIERRNR KERIAMGYGK UEJRGOP.

The Magic Number

By Melissa Brumbaugh

Instructions:

Using addition (+), subtraction (-), multiplication (x), and division (/), solve the puzzle by using all the given numbers only once to equal the Magic Number.

6 13 27 50 99

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Firstly, he mentions that “we must recognize that for us to continue to be Rose-Hulman, we must continue to strive for excellence in our students, faculty and staff. We cannot sacrifice that excellence today and carry ourselves successfully into the future.” Secondly, he adds, “The human resources that make Rose-Hulman work—students, faculty and staff—are and will continue to be our number one priority and every effort will be made to preserve those precious resources first and foremost.”

Dr. Jakubowski, in an effort to set the tone of the challenging times of the Institute, has initiated some measures to “begin developing a mindset of conservatism and frugality wherever possible, while at the same time not detracting from the quality of the education we deliver to our students.” These include: reviewing and reauthorizing new and/or vacant positions currently budgeted in this fiscal year before proceeding, a 20 percent mid-year reduction in all travel and professional de-

velopment adopted budgets, the postponement of the roll-out of the new Institute logo, a “voluntary” program to reduce the cost of all campus events by 10-15 percent, promoting energy savings through the efforts of the sustainability group, and looking for additional ways to reduce operating costs and/or enhance revenues without negatively impacting the quality of the educational programs. “I also believe that the collective creative minds at Rose-Hulman can identify additional savings not yet thought of and would encourage you to send those to my office for consideration/review by myself and the Cabinet,” he added.

Dr. Jakubowski concluded by saying: “This is, now more than ever, the time for the spirit of collegiality and a reliance on the family of Rose-Hulman. This is the time to renew our dedication to our guiding principles and to maintain Rose-Hulman’s tradition of student-first and excellence in engineering, mathematics and science education. I look forward to hearing your ideas and thoughts as we move forward.”

Librarian candidates vie for position

Clint Thompson
Staff Writer

With the retirement of the Director of the Logan Library and Information Center and Institute Librarian John Robson, we are desperately in need of a new chief Librarian. Over the last few weeks, we have had applicants for the position come up for public review. Don’t care? You should, librarians are our greatest friends as academics and researchers. They are our most valuable assets, since they help us to find the articles and papers we so desperately need, and it is paramount that we select a candidate who is more than capable in searching and understanding technical papers. We have four such candidates at the moment: Mr. Douglas Bates, Dr. Lisa Beinhoff, Mr. Richard Bernier, and Ms. Rachel Crowley.

Bates is the University Librarian for Brigham Young University in Hawaii. His résumé includes a number of library-related administrative positions, several of which were at the Hale Library of Kansas State University (1988–2002) and one at Texas Tech University (1987–1988). He has helped the library at BYU in Hawaii to spend its \$2,000,000 budget wisely, and he has been widely involved in the day-to-day running of the library itself, so it appears that one of his strongest gifts will be for administration and involved management.

Beinhoff is currently the Director of the Learning Resources Center for Sauk Valley Community College in Dixon, IL. She holds a M.L.S. in Library and Information Science from University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and a Ph.D. in Communications from Syracuse University. She has served as the Head Librarian for Penn State’s

DuBois Campus Library, and has experience as a professor, a research librarian for the Energy and Power Systems Team of the US Army Corp. of Engineers Research Laboratory, and has some knowledge of Latin, Spanish, and Mandarin Chinese. As a result of her wide range of professional experiences, she may offer the most well-rounded option, as well as being one of the best choices for finding technical documents.

Another well-rounded choice, Bernier, has served as the Reference and Electronic Services Librarian here at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology for the last eight years. This alone may give him a considerable advantage, because of his experience with the finding and interpretation of technical papers and with the Rose-Hulman electronic system. Since he also has managed aspects of the Logan Library’s budget, we could reasonably expect a very smooth transition if he is chosen as our newest Institute Librarian.

Ms. Rachel Crowley is the Director of Library and Information Services at Briar Cliff University in Sioux City, IA. She has worked with the ANGEL system as part of her experience at BCU, as well as administering the budget and beginning an information literacy education program for the faculty there. Her previous experience is largely as both an electronic and technical services librarian and an instructor, and she serves as a community volunteer for the United Way Allocations Committee. Since most of her previous experience involved electronic resources and instruction as well as library administration, she would likely be the best choice to see expansion in the electronic and web resources of our library.

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(At right) Students found themselves in Chauncey’s last Tuesday night for the Launch Event of Gears of War 2.



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Student Alumni Association’s Gingerbread House Party took place in Hatfield Hall’s Alumni Center (top) yesterday evening. Terre Haute children found plenty of candy and frosting to make their own gingerbread houses (above).



Fable II: A tale that comes up short

Andrew Ernster
Staff Writer

The original Fable was a game that promised more than it delivered, yet remained a solid rpg experience. It gave a fun, interactive romp through Albion, a unique fantasy world in which whole towns could be slaughtered, multiple wives (or husbands, if you swing that way) could be had, and vulgar expressions such as hip thrusts and middle fingers could be used on anyone, no matter how important.

The sequel, Fable II, also promised much, but still failed to grasp the heights to which it aspired. The game kept close to the original, providing new features such as a dog, the option of being female, expansive environments, locales that change according to the player's actions, and co-op play.

Of these new features, none really add much to the experience as a whole. The dog was supposed to be loveable, but ended up being a flawed tool used to dig up apple pies and condoms. He'd often stand right on top of a dig spot for a few minutes before finally pawing the ground, which allows the player to dig up whatever useless item he's sniffed out. The female character option is also a bit awkward. While having character options is never a bad thing, I'm not sure how many people want to play a game in which your avatar is a lumbering she-hulk, or perhaps a beer-guzzling, bear-wrestling Viking goddess. Either description is quite accurate.

Then there's the "expansive" environments. Sure they're bigger, but they maintain linearity with choke points that allow the player to pass from one area to the next. There's no Oblivion-esque world in which the environments exist without inscalable fences. When the player needs to travel from point A to point B, there's really only one way to get there. Finally, the changing environments thing would have been a really good idea if it wasn't limited to scripted events.

Through the player's actions or inactions, two cities could either prosper or sink into destitution and one of Albion's two religions will destroy the other. If the player decides to flush money into a town, the economy will go up and shops will make their items more expensive, but the town itself won't change. Similarly, if the player decides to commit mass-genocide on a poor, unsuspecting town, the town will magically repopulate in a few days with no change other than the names of its citizens.

Co-op play was the biggest let-down of the bunch. While one character plays through his adventure, another can join him as a selectable henchman, otherwise known as a sidekick, or possibly "Robin." Now, no one wants to play as Robin. His job is simply to warn Batman when he might be

punched, and his costume is incredibly lame. And yet when people play Fable II with their friends, they cannot bring their highly customized character of awesomeness to the fray, no... They have to be Robin.

Also, there are many online issues associated with being Robin or inviting Robin to come over and play. Mainly, if the other player is more than 50 miles away from the host, game-lag creeps in and silently grows larger until it shoves the poor invited player outside of his friend's house, or simply forces him against the walls, unable to move.

Random other glitches permeate the game, including one that keeps the character from moving until he teleports to a city, plugs in an extra controller, attacks the town populace with the henchman, and then gets arrested. However, the game itself is fun enough when playing by one's lonesome self that the glitches can be overlooked. The combat system is intuitive and enjoyable. Cleanly shooting off

"Murderer!" echo from the brave souls who dare look him in the eye, wondering if this misstep will cost them their head. Okay, I may have gotten a bit dramatic there, but the way that people react toward the player's deeds is still pretty neat.

The greatest single achievement of Fable II is the British humor that's sprinkled throughout. Buried condoms, hilarious item descriptions, and ridiculous conversions all add to the flavor of the game. The opening cinematic even includes a bird defecating on the protagonists' head while epic music plays in the background. In less prosperous areas, whores line the street, offering to sell their plump, mostly-naked bodies for a paltry 10 gold. And as the player looks at these prostitutes, he can't help but grin.

Some of these men-of-the-night are dirty, overweight, slack-jawed beauties with harnesses and buttless chaps that proudly display moles no man or woman should ever have to know existed. The women are as equally charming with a pointy hat and revealing attire accentuating all of her finest assets. These are characters who people wouldn't even touch with a stick, lest they be forced to amputate an arm before the infection spreads to more valuable areas.

All of the appropriate humorous expressions are present. The player can fart, belch, flip off, worship, and even perform a sock-puppet show for Albion's denizens. It's incredibly hard not to find some charm in the world of Fable II when even the somber task of reading gravestones can result in a worthwhile pun.

All in all, Fable II is an enjoyable experience. While its glitches and new-but-poorly-incorporated features keep it from greatness, the game's fun combat and engrossing world yield an experience that can be enjoyed by many people.

Reviewer rating: 4 elephants



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While the game does have some flaws, some greater than others, and the co-op feature is less than good, Fable II is still one of the most fun titles of this year.

people's heads, magically throwing their bodies off of cliffs, and brutally hacking their friends into bits is incredibly satisfying.

Money is incredibly easy to obtain through both honest and mischievous means. While there are jobs available, the fastest way for the player to put some bulge in his pockets is to sell those pies and condoms his dog unearthed and use that money to buy sale items and resell them to other merchants who are low on stock. This enables the player to customize his character early on into the badass or fool of his choosing.

Even though the player's actions may not have much effect on the environment, the non-player characters (NPCs) in the game react to the good or heinous acts the player has committed lately. If he chooses to spend his days hunting monsters and saving villages from bandits, the player will quickly become a welcome member of society. He will be praised, even become a role-model for the kids that run around. Everywhere he goes, children will follow, asking for his autograph and wanting him to show them some of his pet's tricks. If this annoys the player, as it can get quite bothersome, he always has the option of silencing the people who pester him (except children. That would be unethical). Suddenly the surviving townsfolk run away upon catching sight of him. Children scream when the now anti-hero's name is whispered in their ears. Shouts of

Neil Gaiman's latest

Annie Bullock
Staff Writer

From Neil Gaiman, author of the popular book and now movie "Stardust", comes a new novel, "The Graveyard Book". This story begins with the murder of a family and the subsequent escape of the youngest child. He toddles into a cemetery up the road from his house where he is adopted by a kindly couple of ghosts, the Owens.

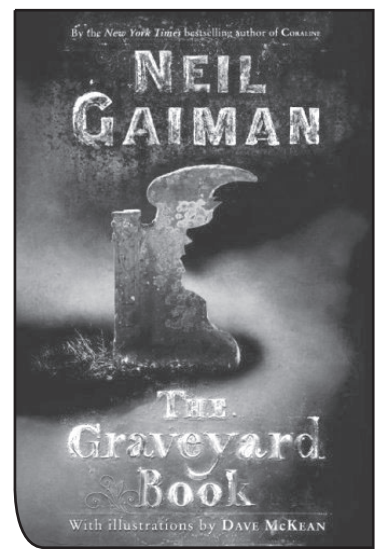
The boy is given the name Nobody Owens, Bod, and the Freedom of the Graveyard, which means he can fade so others won't see him, open any locked crypt or chapel, visit the ghosts in their tombstones, and of course see all of the graveyard's ghostly inhabitants. However, in exchange, he is not supposed to leave because the killer is still waiting to find him.

Each chapter in this book is a short story. The first is the story of his adoption, and after that, they detail his experiences in and out of the graveyard. In one story, he is kidnapped by ghouls and taken to Hell to become one of them. In another he leaves the graveyard to pawn a piece of jewelry he found underground so he can buy one of his friends a tombstone; however, he is captured by the greedy pawnshop owner and the killer after Bod is alerted that he is still there and alive.

This book is targeted towards a younger group of people than Rose students; however, it is still a very interesting book. The plot is well thought out and defined.

All of the short stories are interconnected, but not so much that you could not pick up the book and, after reading the first chapter for the background, read any of the short stories within. I do feel that Gaiman was trying to make philosophical points, but not ones I think that a 10 year old could grasp.

For example, in one chapter there is a big celebration where the living dance with the dead but no one talks about it before or after the event. He could have just been trying to make an interesting story, but I feel that there was an underlying point he was trying to get across, something along the lines of people who are alive are constantly shadowed by death. This book leaves the end open for a sequel, if Gaiman should



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want to write one.

"The Graveyard Book" is a well written young adults fiction story. It has been on the New York Best Sellers List for Children's Chapter books for 9 weeks. There was an adult version of this book released in the UK by a different publisher (Bloomsbury instead of HarperCollins), but I am unsure what the differences between the two editions are.

I would suggest this book to people who like the Harry Potter books and/or Disney's version of the Jungle Book and Tarzan. It is an easy read, and very entertaining due to Neil Gaiman's vivid imagination, but don't expect it to be like "Stardust".

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The perfect holiday card guide

Melissa Schwenk

Guest Writer

It's the holidays once again, and no matter which holiday you celebrate, it's time to let those you love know by sending them mass produced cards with quirky quotes inside.

But wait, this isn't personal, you say. This isn't the message I want to send, the message of love and warm wishes. This says, "You're important enough for me spend \$0.42 on but not enough for me to hand make a card for you. Enjoy."

There's a perfect solution to this dilemma, one that most Rose students can appreciate: Procrastinate! You can take the same basic mass produced holiday cards and turn them into loving personal notes to friends and family, all the while putting off your math homework for hours. Just follow these four easy steps and you'll be on your way to appreciative family members who will stuff your stocking more than ever.

The first step to writing the perfect holiday card is selecting your base card. The main rule

I typically buy a pack of Christmas greeting cards and a pack of seasonal cards. Snowmen are a nice neutral symbol that any religion (or non-religion) can appreciate. Older Christians, such as grandparents and family friends, will probably appreciate an explicitly Christmas card, but when in doubt, select something neutral.

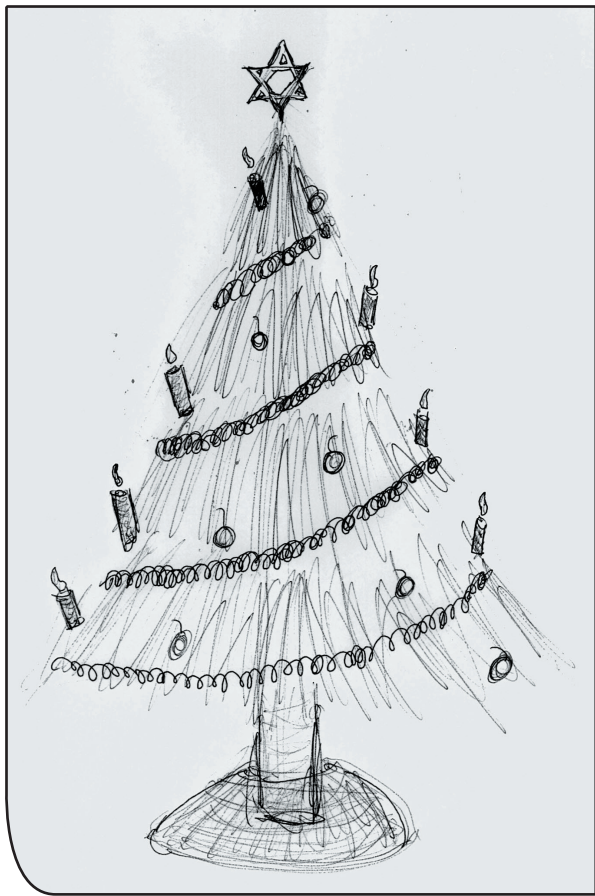
Once you have picked your card, you need to decide what is appropriate for you to write about. Relatives and family friends are not going to be as amused by your Saturday night gallivanting as your best friend from high school might be. Instead, highlight the best parts of your fall quarter to let them know how you are doing. You don't have to write a book to each person, but even a quick note will make it seem like your Christmas cards took hours to make. Don't forget to sign each card before putting it in its envelope.

The last step before sending out the cards is to address and stamp each one. Make sure you use the correct postage so you don't end up with fifty Christmas cards returned to your mail box. Along with the recipient's address, put your address in the top left hand corner or on the flap. This is especially important for relatives who don't have your address yet, since they can't send you packages without knowing where you live.

While it may seem that holiday cards are something that only old people do, they can help you stay in touch with people. Plus, how can your teachers be mad for not doing your homework when they get a nice card before the holidays?

is to avoid long poems on the inside. These will only encourage you to sign your name and seal the envelope. Stick with a card with one or two lines that express holiday wishes, such as "Celebrate the Season," so that you have plenty of room to express your own feelings.

Also, keep in mind that not everyone celebrates Christmas.



Jim Sedoff / Rose Thorn

Happy Christmahanukwaza!

Evolution explains why men rarely refuse sex, women more selective

William Tooke

Cardinal Points

In 1989, a college man walked up to a college woman on the campus of Florida State University and asked her: "Would you go to bed with me?"

Her reply was, "Uh—no?"

On another occasion during that same year, a college woman walked up to a college man and asked the same question, to which the young man replied, "All righty then!"

Although the responses of the young woman and man may have actually been a bit different, this was essentially the outcome of a psychological experiment conducted by Russell Clark and Elaine Hatfield.

Students assisting with the research—called "confederates"—played the roles of the people making the above requests of other students, selected at random from students on the Florida State University campus.

In addition to the above request, some students were asked, "Would you go out with me tonight?" and still others were asked, "Will you come over to my apartment?"

If the requestor were female, 50 percent of the males agreed to go out on a date, 69 percent agreed to go to her apartment, and (drum roll) 75 percent agreed to have sex with her.

Conversely, if the requestor was a male, 56 percent of the women agreed to a date, 6 percent agreed to an apartment visit, and (another drum roll) 0 percent (that's zero as in "not one") of the women agreed to a sexual liaison.

People usually respond to these results in one of two ways. The first is, "duh..." and the second is "hmm...why is that?"

It appears that we know the answer to that very good question.

Individual organisms don't reproduce. What do reproduce are genes that produce bodies that have specific physical and psychological reactions to sexual stimulation. Sex has never meant reproduction to humans, or any other species for that matter.

We don't enjoy sex because it causes babies (indeed, in many cases, this would be a real turn-off). We have sex and sexual feelings because they led to successful reproduction for our ancestors. However, with respect to sex, men are truly from Mars and women are from Venus. At least, this is certainly true for eggs and sperm.

For females, eggs are like cars; they're big, expensive, and you have relatively few over a lifetime. So, it pays for a female to be extra careful when it comes to decisions about how best to use her eggs.

For males, sperm are like thumbtacks; they're small, cheap, and very, very numerous. So, if he loses a thousand or so one day, there will always be plenty more to be found.

Consequently, relative to females, a male's answer to a female's question, "Will you go to bed with me?" is usually always "yes." Over evolutionary history, our male ancestors that said "yes" more than "no" to this question left more surviving descendants. Conversely, this is not true for our female ancestors who benefited most by having fewer, relatively higher quality offspring.

I know very little about anyone who may be reading this article. But, I do know one thing with absolute certainty. Every single one of your ancestors reproduced successfully and reared you to reproductive maturity.

Every single one—stretching back millions and millions of years.

Just imagine how many times and in how many ways that chain of ancestors could have been broken.

So, the next time you are staring into the eyes of a soon-to-be mating partner in front of a fire on some cold snowy evening, remember that. Realize how incredibly unlikely it is that either one of you are even around - to stare into each other's eyes.

Pizza review: La Familia de Jeshua

Clint Thompson

Staff Writer

Welcome, readers, to the latest edition of the Rose Thorn. This week, our hunt for delicious pizza pie has brought us to a Terre Haute jewel: La Familia de Jeshua, also known as Jeshua's Pizza. Jeshua's place is right on Wabash, between the Crossroads Café and the Verve. But be careful—it's easy to miss, even though it's got a quaint storefront window. I've missed it a few times, including the last time I went in to write the review.

For a mom 'n' pop restaurant, the physical atmosphere is standard fare. The interior is comfortably dim with wood paneling halfway up the wall. The whole place was decked with Christmas décor, including the storefront window. Charming display aside, the quality that impressed me was the fact that I was greeted by the classic vocals of Michael Bubl  (whom some call the reincarnation of Frank Sinatra, and I'm not sure I can disagree with them). We also heard a little Il Divo later in the meal, so they definitely met my expectation for music—some Italian and some easy listening made the pizza that much better.

When I dropped in for dinner, the restaurant was mostly empty. This isn't always the case, though as on Friday nights, they can be busy. That's important, because they make all their dough fresh; on those days, you'll be likely to have a shorter wait time since the dough is already prepared. The wait really wasn't uncomfortably long; however, and it should be more than tolerable in good company.

Jeshua's menu offers a selection that includes appetizers, salads, pizzas, calzones, sandwiches, and dessert (which changes every day, but always includes tiramisu). The salads

are by far the most affordable, costing only about \$2.50, and the most expensive item on the menu, the large Works pizza, runs around \$23, but the average pizza will be around \$13.50. The appetizers, such as the bruschetta and breadsticks, will cost you between \$5 and \$8.

I started with an appetizer called the hippie roll (and honestly, how could I not have?). I can't say that I've had such a satisfying appetizer in recent memory. It was a roll of a thin, crisp shell, filled to bursting with some quality mozzarella, good Italian sausage, and some pepperoni. You can order it with any one of their sauces, but I have something of a weakness for alfredo, which they do quite well. When the main course arrived, I was very happy with my order. For the standard pizzas, the sauce is tangy and savory, but the pizza was a little less saucy than I'm generally used to. While, few of the specialty pizzas use the traditional tomato sauce, they're all quite good as well. The crust is crisp with a fairly sweet flavor and a hint of a Sourdough-style bite, and seems to lean a little toward New York-style. Even though the crust is great, the pie really shines through with the cheese. This is no fake mozzarella, and they lay it on thick—the profound pleasure of biting through the chewy cheese is not one easily conveyed through text. The pizza is very filling, so be sure to bring a friend. Or you could take it back for your next meal, since the pizza reheats very well and isn't bad cold, but I really think it would be a crime to eat it after it's cooled to room temperature.

If you're looking for a good reason to go out on the town, I strongly suggest trying Jeshua's Pizza. The price is a little high, but the pizza is quality and filling; so if you want an excuse to grab a premium pizza, give the Familia a try.

The Holiday

Christine Price

Opinions Editor

Ah, the Holiday season is upon us. If you are a Pastafarian (one who is a follower of the Flying Spaghetti Monster), you may already know of the Holiday, which starts November-ish and

spans all the way to January-ish, and incorporates most, if not all, of the modern and not-so-modern winter time celebrations. It is a time to celebrate yer maties, the pirate lifestyle, good grog, and better pasta. It is

one of the fastest growing winter holidays; many businesses have switched from wishing "Merry Christmas," to the more FSM-friendly, "Happy Holidays." But how does one celebrate this most carbohydrate of celebrations? Because the Holiday lasts

so long, there's no specific day to give presents. If you are friends with people that celebrate Christmas or Hanukah, feel free to arrange your gift giving around those days. For decorations, use noodly strings of lights, and recreate the Earth as it was when the FSM made it (a mountain,

“It is a time to celebrate yer maties, the pirate lifestyle, good grog, and better pasta.”

a tree, and a midget) with a holiday tree decorated with a nutcracker as the midget, and mountains of presents underneath. Some believers add in a Ramendon, which can involve any-

thing from eating only ramen to avoiding that delicious and cheap college staple. Like Linux, the Holiday is very customizable, and can be fitted to suit any and all of your winter celebration needs. So, have fun, and happy Holidays!

The Price is right

Christine Price

Opinions Editor

The nice thing about being the editor for the Opinions page is that, when there isn't enough stuff submitted, you get to write about whatever you want to fill space. What am I'm writing now? Completely space filler. Which isn't to say you shouldn't read it. You should read it. It has some really interesting points. Just not in this first paragraph. So you can probably skip this first paragraph. Although it's a bit too late, because I'm moving on to the next paragraph now. So if you want to skip the first paragraph, you'd better do it soon. Because it's going to be over soon. Skipped it yet? Ok, awesome.

I heard that another laptop was stolen this week. For our alumni that don't have the honor of receiving all-campus emails, this brings the laptops stolen since last Thursday up to four. Let me say that again. Four. In seven days. One was stolen from the Pike house, two were stolen from Triangle during chapter, and another was stolen from BSB 1 sometime between 8:00 and 9:00 in the morning on Thursday. It is suspected that the culprit(s) are from Rose, because they knew

where and when to go to get the laptops. While the idea of a rogue, criminally-minded Hawaiian is Terre-fying, the idea of a Rose student taking advantage of our trusting community is too serious a matter for a poorly



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If I publish the same picture for two weeks in a row, will anybody notice?

thought out pun. I'm generally not one to encourage witch hunts, but if the guilty are found, I certainly wouldn't discourage a good winter-time laking, followed by prompt expulsion from our Institute. I honestly don't understand why this would happen. If you are wanting to make some money, don't steal a lap-

top. Instead, go to a school that doesn't charge over forty-thousand dollars a year. You need to steal over twenty laptops, and resell them for almost full value, just to break even. Not only is theft morally wrong, it's not economically viable. There's really no excuse. I take pride in going to a school where people don't lock doors, where the residence halls are unlocked at almost all times, and where I can leave my stuff laying around while I use the restroom without any fears of it being gone when I get back. Rose is pretty much awesome, compared to many other schools. Who the bloody hell is trying to muck this up?

Mind you, there are some things at Rose that should change. We should have more writers for the Thorn, for example. It's a pretty sweet gig, you should do it. Show up to the meetings on Wednesdays at 5:15 in O157, get free pizza, write an article, and get your name in lights! I'm actually pretty good for content for the next couple of weeks, but the Living section could always use something.

What I'm trying to say with this article, I suppose, is that you should work to make the Rose community better. Don't walk on the grass. And don't freaking

SERIOUSLY. *Mark Minster*

How I missed it for a full decade, I don't know, but this week I discovered an essay written in 1998 by the historian William Cronon that reminded me why I do what I do, why we do what we do. It's called "Only Connect: The Goals of a Liberal Education," and it got to me the way things will sometimes, late on a long day when you look up from the computer screen to the window and the trees and world outside, remembering how you got here, where you are, somehow—you made decisions, commitments, and made your way here, Chose this life and not that one, not that other one, or that other. Me, I chose to pursue poetry, or chose to let it win its pursuit of me. I chose to teach writing and literature in an interdisciplinary department and to do so in a school where my love for Elizabeth Bishop's poem "In the Waiting Room" comes out only after everyone's gone home, when I can pull the volume off my shelf, and reread.

I said to myself: three days and you'll be seven years old. I was saying it to stop the sensation of falling off the round, turning world into cold, blue-black space.

That spinny sensation Bishop describes in this part of her poem, it's that trippy feeling you get when you contemplate your life, or when you stand at a precipice, or you repeat your name over and over until it loses all meaning, or you're whirled senseless by the strangest of all givens: you, with your name, are the only person you get to be, and you have to be that person. It's your job: whether or not life's purpose is, as Vonnegut says, "to fart around," being the one you are your oldest and deepest, most primal career.

Cronon's point in his essay is that all the goals of an education are pointless if we forget that the main goal is to "nurture human freedom and growth." "Liberal," he reminds us, doesn't mean anything partisan. It derives from liber, Latin for "free," where freedom is defined in the Platonic sense, as freedom to do

good.

These are, in his words, the ten qualities Cronon believes your education should be helping you develop, and if it isn't, then it's up to you to push things along, because these are qualities you should be helping others develop, too. (I offer paraphrases, or corollaries, in parentheses.)

(1) Educated people listen and they hear. (Pay attention. Your life will say this only once.)

(2) They read and they understand. (Among other things, you should be able to read fiction and fugues, faces and feelings, fields and forests.)

(3) They can talk with anyone. (You should be able to find out what's interesting about everyone.)

(4) They can write clearly and persuasively and movingly. (Think of writing as the kind of touching people do when they get excited about something.)

(5) They can solve a wide variety of problems and puzzles. (Know how to take things apart. Know how to put them back together.)

(6) They respect rigor not so much for its own sake but as a way of seeking truth. (Know the difference between information and wisdom. Practice this difference.)

(7) They practice humility, tolerance, and self-criticism. (Fight parochialism. Celebrate the

wideness of things.)

(8)

They understand how to get things done in the world. (Join the struggle to make the world better—it's our struggle, all of us.)

(9) They nurture and empower the people around them. (Your success will be complete only when everyone succeeds.)

(10) They follow E.M. Forster's injunction from Howard's End: "Only connect." (Aristotle thought the greatest skill in a writer is to master metaphor. I think it's the greatest skill in a thinker. See connections.)

Note that making money and earning fame are nowhere on this list. Other people, and the world itself, are everywhere on it.

“ Know the difference between information and wisdom. Practice this difference. ”

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

There are a few issues that I believe need to be addressed in Sid Ulrich's opinion article on McCain's run for the White House.

In the article, Mr. Ulrich stated that he had respect for anyone's political beliefs, as long as they had arrived at them through intelligent reflection. He then proceeded to attack strong leaders in the Republican Party, such as Sarah Palin, as well as the Republican Party itself. Unfortunately, this immediately takes away any respectable opinion he had to offer on McCain's speech response. Gov. Sarah Palin gave many Americans a reason to get out and vote this past November (in much the same way as President-Elect Obama did). She is a strong, Conservative woman, who fights for her ideals and puts the "country first"—which is probably why the Democrats despise her so much.

I also know that I won't be able to persuade you in just a few paragraphs to understand that Conservatism is not about closed mindedness or religious extremism. I will say though, that your article depicts that you know very little about our party.

Conservatism is about individual freedoms, strong family values, and reinforcing the need for a little hard work. It's about preserving America's roots, the importance of life, and limiting government interference.

Conservatives love America and want to maintain its strength and integrity. We leave close-mindedness to those who believe having faith is "religious

extremism" and "morons" are people who oppose your views.

I hope this helps others understand what the other 46% of Americans were fighting for in this election and will continue to do so for many years to come.

God Bless America,
Rachael Nestor
Class of '09

Dear Editor,

Upon reading Sid Ullrich's "Poor McCain" piece in the Thorn, I was a bit offended by his disrespectful tone. Had I expressed similar sentiments (in a similar fashion) about his party, I would certainly be attacked, so I've put together a little list of what I perceive to be his grievances.

1.) "...every respectful comment that was made [by McCain] towards his opponent was met with ... derogatory slurs, hissing, and booing."

First of all, the booing of McCain's supporters during his concession speech is far more likely due to the fact that said concession was made before he'd officially lost the race. But I suppose it'd be easy for a closed-minded person to immediately assume that the conservatives present at the speech were making derogatory slurs. (What audio equipment do you have? I certainly didn't hear this orchestra of which you write. If you can prove conclusively to me that hateful anti-Obama slurs were uttered, that's fine. But I'll point to the precedent of undue hatred by your "incredibly tolerant" Democrat Party towards Bush

over the course of his administration.)

2.) "I don't intend to insinuate that holding conservative values is synonymous with being ignorant or being a redneck."

So what exactly did you mean when you more or less equated our ideals with the phrase "Git-R-Done"? You speak of your respect for people who reach their political ideals through an intelligent self examination of their beliefs and ideals. But if it is you who defines this self-examination, wouldn't you only respect people who come to conclusions similar to your own? That sounds an awfully closed-minded.

3.) "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."

Maybe you can't see this because you're not a Republican or a conservative. Our party is centered on personal freedom and the dignity of life. Rather than impose sameness on American citizens through wealth redistribution, we'd like to give people an equal opportunity to make of their lives what they choose. Rather than use the concept of "free speech" as a tool to make sure those pesky Christians don't put up an offensive Nativity scene for Christmas, we'd allow anyone to celebrate how they want – not just those people who agree with us or who are fashionable to protect.

I'm not exactly sure what you mean by our "religious extremism", but if it has anything to do with protecting families or giving unborn children a chance to smile, laugh, and take their first

steps – feel free to call me a religious extremist.

Honestly, though, what frustrates me the most about your piece is its underlying hypocrisy. You express your hope that people in our party can be more respectful – but you have not mastered the idea of respect yourself. (If you had, you would not be

using the words "moron" or "redneck" to describe members of our party). Instead of telling your opposition to take a look in the mirror, perhaps you should first do so yourself.

Respectfully,
Ric Halvorson
Class of 2009

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Send them to
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Rose rallies to force overtime

Rose-Hulman News

The men's basketball team rallied from a 16-point first half deficit to force overtime, before falling 79-73 to Anderson University in Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference action on Wednesday.

Junior Jeff McCartney and senior Lorenzo Rice paced the Rose-Hulman offense with career-high scoring efforts. McCartney scored 23 points on 6-11 from three-point range, while Rice poured in 21 points on 9-13 from the field.

Rose-Hulman trailed 36-24 at the half but shot 58% from the field in the second half to force an extra session. McCartney buried a 25-foot three-pointer with 7.5 seconds left to tie the score at 68-68, then the Engineers held Anderson to a desperation heave at the buzzer that fell short.

Anderson made 2-4 shots from the field and hit 6-8 free throws in the extra session to claim the victory.

Other key contributors to the Rose-Hulman effort included freshman Blake Knotts with 10 points and seven assists; freshman Terrae Hall with

six points and four assists in his first extensive playing time in the backcourt; and freshman Spencer Harlan with six points and nine rebounds.

Anderson jumped out to a 36-20 lead with 1:48 left in the opening half, before Rose-Hulman's progressive rally brought the Engineers within 58-55 with 7:06 left on a layup by Hall. The Engineers gained their first lead of the evening on a three-pointer by McCartney with 5:43 left.

The score was tied again at 61-61 on a three-pointer by Mike Russell, who led Anderson with 25 points. Andrew Jones and

Anderson pushed its lead to 68-65 but Miller missed a potential game locking free throw with 16 seconds left that was rebounded by McCartney. He drove the floor and buried a three-pointer to force the extra session.

Anderson improved to 4-3 overall and 2-1 in league play with the victory, while Rose-Hulman dropped to 2-5 and 0-3 in conference games. The Engineers travel to Mount St. Joseph for another league matchup tomorrow.



Rose-Hulman News

Jeff McCartney scored a career-high 23 points.

Engineer Scoreboard

Men's Basketball 2-5 (0-3)

December 6
Bluffton University 55
at Rose-Hulman 52

December 10
Anderson University 79
at Rose-Hulman 73

Women's Basketball 2-4 (1-2)

December 6
Bluffton University 52
at Rose-Hulman 50

December 10
Rose-Hulman 37
at **Anderson University** 52

Wrestling

December 5-6
Little State Wrestling Championships
Crawfordsville, IN Edwards 5th

Swimming and Diving

December 5-6
Rose-Hulman Diving Invitational
Terre Haute, IN Gerdov Provisional

December 5-6
DePauw University Swimming Invitational
Greencastle, IN M-8th W-10th

Rifle

December 7
University of Akron
Akron, OH 2nd of 2

Post-match rundown

Jason LaBella

Head Rifle Coach

[Editor's note: Last weekend the rifle team traveled to Ohio for their match against the University of Akron. Although they did not win, the final score does not always tell the entire story. Several outstanding performances did not go overlooked by head coach Jason LaBella.]

One of the hard things in rifle is predicting who is going to have the good day and who isn't. In other sports you can make substitutions if an athlete has missed three shots in a row or turns over the ball excessively. In rifle, I don't have that luxury. Once I name the 4 shooters who will count for our team score, I can't swap them out if someone is clearly under-performing.

This week I took a shot on a new shooter, Eddie Mayhew, electing to add him to our Smallbore team. He has been working really hard at practice and I felt that it was going to pay off for him. This allowed me to have Parker Lee shoot Air Rifle before shooting Smallbore so he would be better rested.

Overall, this worked out great because both shooters logged personal bests that also counted for the team score.

Strong Defense Leads Anderson Past Rose

Rose-Hulman News

Anderson University relied on a strong defensive effort to hold Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology to 31% from the field and earn a 52-37 women's basketball victory on Wednesday night.

Junior Shayna Banet led the Rose-Hulman offense with eight points and six rebounds. Sophomore Eli Baca added seven points, six rebounds and three assists.

Other key contributors for the Engineers included freshman Alisa Dickerson with five points and six rebounds; senior Liz Ridgway with four points and four rebounds; and junior Bethany Brisco with four points.

Mel Hawthorne scored a game-high 21 points to lead the Anderson offense. Kayla Martin also reached double figures with 10 points.

The Ravens shot 48% from the field in the first half to earn a 32-18 halftime advantage. Rose-Hulman struggled to 26% from the field during their second half comeback attempt.

Anderson improved to 3-4 on the season and 2-1 in league play, while Rose-Hulman dropped to 2-4 and 1-2 in conference games. The Engineers travel to Mount St. Joseph in another league game on tomorrow.

Rose student-athletes earn postseason honors

Men's Soccer Team Sets History with Four All-Region Selections

Rose-Hulman News

The men's soccer team nearly doubled its all-time total of all-region selections as four Fightin' Engineers were named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America/Adidas All-Great Lakes Region Team.

Senior Trevor Miller became just the second player in school history to earn first-team all-region honors. Junior Rhys Evans captured second-team accolades. Senior Isaac Heyveld and sophomore Corbin Clow claimed third-team honors.

The Fightin' Engineer individuals received the honors after the team qualified for the NCAA Division III Men's Soccer Tournament for the first time in school history. Rose-Hulman finished 14-5-3 and 7-0-1 in Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference regular season play. The Engineers then earned the NCAA Tournament trip by winning the HCAC Tournament title.

With these four awards, Rose-Hulman has now had nine all-region selections in men's soccer. Matt Trowbridge (2007), Yaw Aning (2006), David McIlwaine (2006), Trey Buck (2005) and Robb McGhie (1993) were the previous selections.

Miller tied for the team lead with four assists and tallied career

totals of 15 goals, 14 assists and 44 points at Rose-Hulman. He recorded two assists against Finlandia and started 59 matches in his Fightin' Engineer career.

Evans ranked second in the league with 10 goals and 22 points to pace Rose-Hulman's 40-goal performance on offense this season. The mechanical engineering major stands sixth in school history with 21 career goals and had a season highlight with all three goals in a 3-0 victory at Mount St. Joseph.

Evans became the third consecutive Rose-Hulman player to earn HCAC Player of the Year honors in men's soccer. Aning earned the award in 2006, with Trowbridge capturing the top award in 2007.

Heyveld holds single-season and career school records for goals against average. The computer science major has a 0.66 goals against average and a record of 14-2-2 in net this season. His school records also included eight shutouts and a 0.76 goals against average in his career.

Clow scored eight goals with 19 points to rank second on the Engineers in offense. His efforts included two goals against Franklin and Finlandia, and a direct hand in both HCAC Tournament scores by the Engineers. Clow scored the lone goal in the HCAC title match against Transylvania.

Three Rose-Hulman Football Players Earn All-Region Honors

Rose-Hulman News

The football team placed two players on the d3football.com second-team all-North Region squad, in results released today by the website.

Junior running back Calvin Bueltel and sophomore tight end Reed Eason joined senior defensive end Paul Spreen in capturing second-team honors after helping lead the Engineers to a 7-3 record last fall.

Bueltel led the conference in rushing yards with 1,096 and added 12 touchdowns and 5.3 yards per carry in his first year as a full-time starter. The chemical engineering major rushed for more than 100 yards in each of Rose-Hulman's first five conference games, including a career-high 168-yard effort in a victory at Mount St. Joseph.

In addition, Bueltel earned first-team ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American honors earlier this season.

Eason paced the Engineers in receiving with 37 catches for 433

yards and five touchdowns. The mechanical engineering major has hauled in 84 receptions for 968 yards and 10 touchdowns in two seasons as a starter to hold every career receiving record for an Engineer tight end.

Eason captured ESPN The Magazine academic all-district honors for his duel efforts on the field and in the classroom.

Spreen led the HCAC with 16 tackles-for-loss and paced the squad with 78 tackles in 2008. The mechanical engineering major was a versatile defensive end and linebacker as a senior, and completes his career in the all-time top five with 55 tackles-for-loss and 19.5 sacks. Spreen also tallied 277 tackles as a Fightin' Engineer.

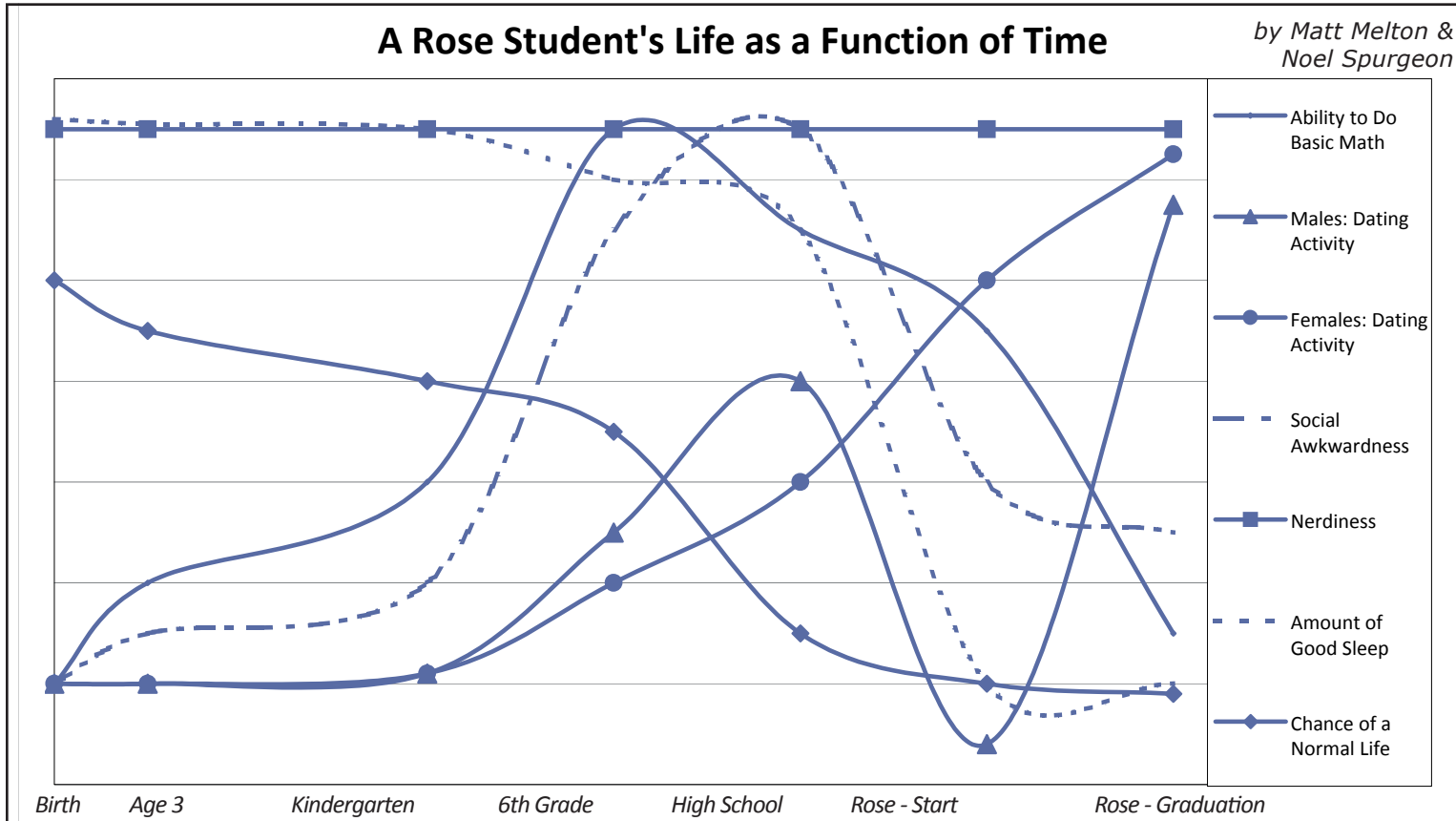
Rose-Hulman finished the season with a 7-3 record and a second-place finish in the HCAC standings at 5-2. The Engineers opened the season with seven wins in their first eight games for the first time in 21 years and closed with the best conference finish since 1988.



Rose-Hulman News

Calvin Bueltel—2nd-team d3football.com all-region.

Not the greatest thing since sliced bread, but pretty darn close.



Wacky prof quotes

- "I'll have someone check but if you're wrong, you fail. No big deal." — *Dr. Hanson on the simplicities of his classroom methods.*
- "Only among geeks would operating systems being a conflict of interest." — *Dr. House. Seriously though, if you're a Linux, I can't date you. I just can't.*
- "Through the magic of colored markers you take this, pick this up, and sliiiiide it over there." — *Dr. Holder on his magical colored markers, U.S. Patent #6,785,432.*
- "You're wearing a Purdue shirt. You're just trying to piss everyone off." — *Dr. Casey. Yeah, he's right.*
- "The first thing you need to know to be successful is that air is not water." — *Dr. Thomas, convincing me that I can, in fact, pass thermodynamics.*
- "Who needs Axe when you can just spray meatballs and students will follow you down the hall." — *Dr. VanSchoiack. Darn it, I knew I shouldn't have bought that 24 pack...*
- "You're easy to remember because there's only two women in the class." — *Dr. Casey discussing the joys of being a Rose girl.*
- "Now we have a cyclic voltamogram, better known as a duck." — *Dr. Morris, Rose zookeeper extraordinaire.*
- "So, I could either come off as a professor philanthropist doing this nice thing, or an arrogant prick with a huge house in an economic crisis." — *Dr. Chambers, discussing why he loves being on the news.*
- "I'm sure you get hot under the sheets." — *Dr. Coppinger joining in on the weekly gossip.*
- "I need units here, what is this, dead cats?" — *Dr. Morris. Tell me, what's the unit conversion for dead cats to funny penguins?*
- "If you hear an oral presentation accompanying these posters, pay no mind. They are just the voices in your head." — *Dr. House, who has voices in his head saying "Cubs World Series, 2009!"*
- "I'm going to steal... [pause] strategically borrow from other books." — *Dr. Hanson, recovering kleptomaniac. Denial is the first step...*
- "Don't just pull out at random." — *Dr. Shiberu, supposedly discussing inverse Laplace transforms. I can't see any other way this could be applied...*

Just another Christmas song

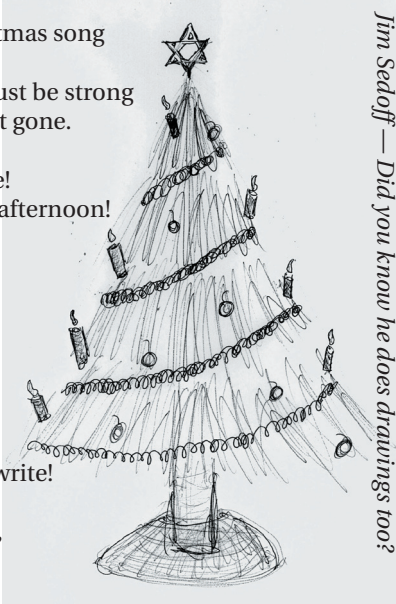
James Zhou

Loves Christmas More Than You

This is supposed to be a Christmas song
My editor says, it can't be long
And in the way of humor, it must be strong
But alas, my creativity is all but gone.

So, I'll just rip off a classic tune!
On the day of publishing, this afternoon!
A-hem,

Trembling through the snow
On a nasty frozen day,
Over to Moench I go,
Cramming all the way;
H's on benzene ring,
Mirrors bending light,
What a pain it is to study and write!
'Stead of partying all the night
My head hurts, my head hurts,
It hurts all the way!
O what pain it is to write
On a one-question open essay.



Top Ten ways Rose fights the bad economy

Matt Melton

I'll Help Out by Cutting my Salary in Half

10. Retro fit all cars with hydrogen fuel cells. Yeah, we can do that. We're Rose.
9. Charge a nominal fee of \$5 per all-campus e-mail.
8. Forget the 'Net February! Anti A/C April! No Shower November!
7. Establish a limit of ten free Rose t-shirts per student per quarter.
6. Turn the A/C off across campus. Deming and Speed don't need it, why would girls?
5. Replace all lighting with energy efficient LED Christmas lights.
4. Waterless urinals in all the res halls!
3. All chem labs are now BYOC – Bring Your Own Chemicals.
2. Bring back the overflow of students! Six residents in every lobby!
1. All students are required to do one hour of tutoring per week with all the money going to Rose. We'll be tutoring Purdue's graduate level engineers.

BUNNY VS FARMER

The Farmer put a password on the wireless

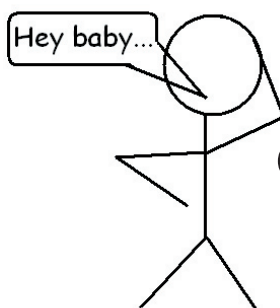


Bunny showed his appreciation

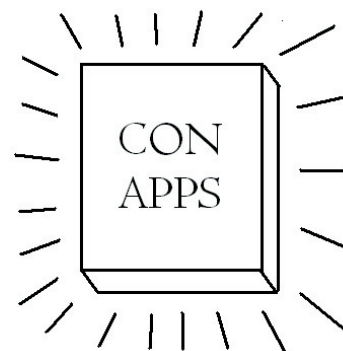
Would you rather...

Hobey Tam - You Know He Would... Yeah...

Receive high-line lingerie with corresponding model of correct-gender...



or



Receive the ConApps solution manual written by the ME Department professors?

GOT COMEDY? Then do us all a favor and prove it. Send an e-mail to us here at flipside@rose-hulman.edu with all your funny business intact. Or stop by our meeting for free pizza...