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News Briefs

By Andrew Klusman

Kyrgyzstan wants to close U.S. base

The government of Kyrgyzstan has asked their parliament to close the United States air base in Kyrgyzstan. Government spokesman Aibek Sultangazyev has stated the reason for the move is popular disapproval of the base. The air base is the only U.S. base in central Asia, and is crucial for the support of U.S. and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) forces in Afghanistan. President Bakiyev stated that the base was set up in 2001 to help the U.S. military fight the Taliban and al-Qaeda in Afghanistan, and was only to remain open for two years at the most. The move to close comes after \$2 billion in Russian aid was promised to the Kyrgyzstan government.

Gas prices on the rise?

Gas prices may rise again in the coming weeks as refiners cut back on fuel production due to sagging profits and weakening demand. A gallon of gas has risen 22 cents since early January to \$1.91, and could reach \$2 a gallon in the coming weeks, according to the travel group AAA. At least seven refineries are cutting fuel production, including ConocoPhillips and Valero Energy Corp., the nation's largest fuel producers. At the end of January, refineries were operating at 82.5 percent of capacity, which is four points lower than last year.

TV analog switch delayed

On Wednesday, the House of Representatives voted to delay the switch from analog television to digital television by four months, which the Senate had approved last month. President Obama is expected to sign the bill into law soon. The backers of the delay are worried that 20 million people in the United States are unprepared for the switch to digital, after the government ran out of financing for the TV converter boxes. The legislation allows broadcasters to switch to digital before the new date. The switch from analog to digital has been in the process since 1996, and the spectrum freed from analog TV usage will be used for public safety purposes.

Erhart, Barron take top SGA spots

Tim Ekl

Photo Editor

Student Government Association elections took place last Wednesday, bringing with them new leadership for the organization that provides Rose-Hulman students with on-campus involvement. Sarah Erhart, a junior chemistry with a double major in biochemistry and molecular biology, won the presidency by about 60 votes; while Cody Barron, a sophomore biomedical major, took the vice-presidency by a mere 6 votes. The Rose Thorn sat down with Erhart and Barron to talk about their campaigns and victories.

Sarah Erhart, SGA president

Rose Thorn: Why did you decide to run for the presidency?

Sarah Erhart: The main reason I decided to run is just that I really think the students' voices need to be heard. I always hear a lot of students talk to people and have these great ideas, but they're just not being heard on campus. I believe I can facilitate that. The other big reason is that I've been involved in SGA and I feel that it was a natural transition to go from treasurer to president.

RT: What did you do during the campaign?

SE: I definitely told all my

friends and anyone that was involved in a social and fraternal organization to talk to their friends about it, and then I went door-to-door to every single dorm on campus as well as the fraternities to talk to people.

RT: How did it feel to find out you won?

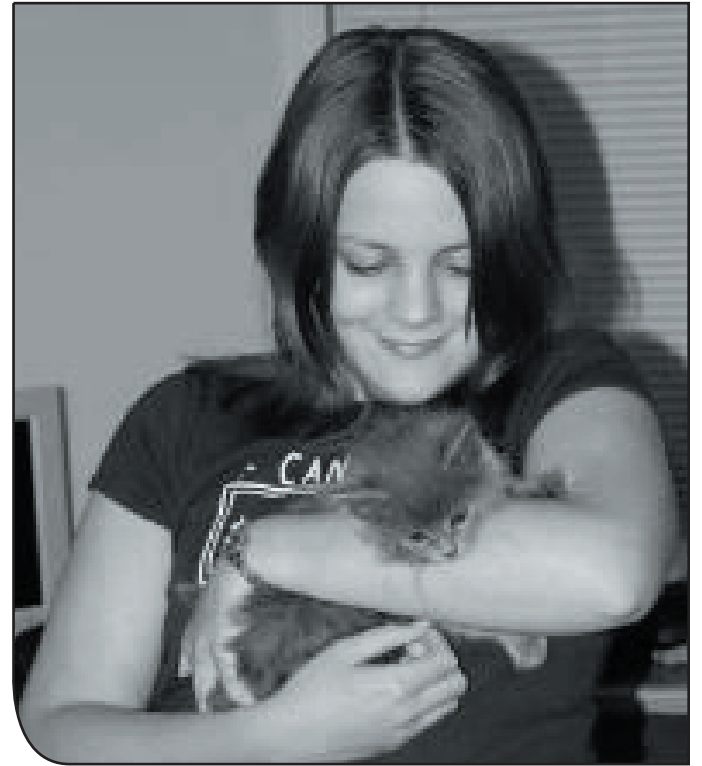
SE: It was definitely very exciting. I really wanted it. It was somewhat of a bitter-sweet victory. I do like Marsha [Krisenko], and I like her as a person. It was hard running against her, because she was vice-president last year, and it was hard to see her disappointment.

RT: What are some of the things that you want to get done?

SE: One of the first things I've already started working on is the meal plans. The other big thing is just making sure that SGA holds events for all of campus, whether it be more tailgating or something like that, making sure that we reach everyone and not the same group over and over again.

RT: Do you feel you're ready for the transition?

SE: Yeah, definitely. I feel like I've pretty much taken over. One of the things done as president to be at all the big institute meetings as well as weekly meetings with Pete Gustafson,



Rose-Hulman SGA

Sarah Erhart, President of Rose-Hulman Student Government Association, was elected to her new office which she will now hold through winter quarter 2010.

and I've already started doing that with Adler [Edward].

RT: Has it been strange transitioning from [former president] Adler [Edward]?

SE: No. Adler and I have similar views about most things, so he's been good about helping me out.

RT: How do you feel about Cody as your VP?

SE: I'm confident that Cody will do an excellent job. It's exciting to work with somebody that you don't know everything about. I think it'll be a good term.

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Jakubowski supports Public Service Academy

Noel Spurgeon

Staff Writer

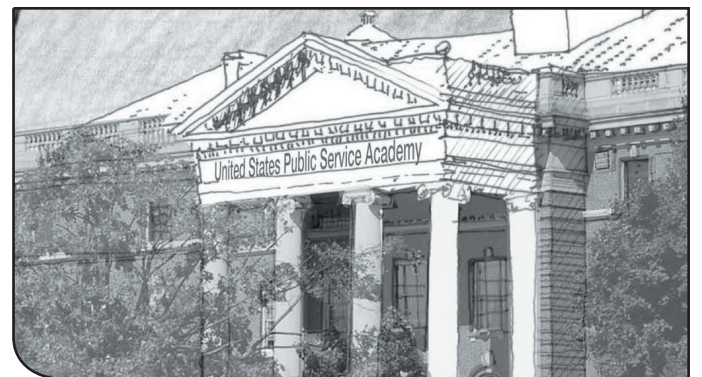
Rose-Hulman President Dr. Gerald Jakubowski recently endorsed the U.S. Public Service Academy Act, joining more than 70 leaders in higher education from colleges and universities across the country in supporting the foundation of a civilian counterpart to military academies like West Point and the U.S. Naval Academy.

The Public Service Academy Act was introduced in March of 2007 by Senators Hillary Clinton (D-NY) and Arlen Specter (R-PA), and Representatives James Moran (D-VA) and Christopher Shays (R-CT). The Act will establish America's first public college devoted solely to developing civilian leaders for the public sector. Modeled on military service academies, the

Public Service Academy would be a federally subsidized four-year college at which more than 5,000 students would receive an intensive undergraduate education in service and leadership development. After graduation, the students would be required to serve in education, health care, or another public service field for five years.

"It sounds like a great idea," says Dr. Jakubowski. "We have the military academies, where we send them and off they go to work in the military, and it seems to me that having a public service academy is another way of having educated people to work for the country in the public service sector."

Although Dr. Jakubowski's endorsement of the Public Service Academy will "not effect/impact Rose-Hulman in any way," he emphasized that the actual



<http://uspublicserviceacademy.org>

A sketch of what the U.S. Public Service Academy could look like following its approval by the U.S. government.

foundation of the Public Service Academy would be several years away and that in the meantime, Rose-Hulman students should consider public service as a possible career choice.

"If you look at the number of people serving in Congress, there's a very small percentage who are engineers. We have

a group of men and women making decisions on the future of this country that should be based on science and engineering who are making decisions without any kind of a background. That's why we should have more scientists and engineers serving [the] government."

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By Melissa Brumbaugh

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Crypto-Quote of the Week

By Melissa Brumbaugh

Instructions:

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Hint (Solution = Crypto):

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Cody Barron, SGA vice-president

RT: Why did you decide to run for the vice-presidency?

Cody Barron: I enjoy campus involvement, and I'm very involved right now. My leadership skills - I'd like to put them to better use and lead forty people in discussion about our current topics at Rose-Hulman, like budgets for all the clubs and E-week events. We [also] talk about sponsoring a tailgating party, stuff like that.

RT: What was it like getting your name out there for the vice-presidency?

CB: I didn't really do anything. I just sent out a few emails to some friends, telling them to vote.

RT: How did you feel when you won?

CB: Before I knew that I won, I knew that it would be a tough race. I wasn't really nervous, I was just more anxious to find out who won. Once I found out, I was excited. I'm ready to take office and get stuff done.

RT: What are some of the things you want to get done?

CB: I want to be more of an assertive leader. When I make a decision, I stand by my decisions and normally have reason and support for my decisions.

RT: What are you most looking forward to about being vice-president?

CB: I'm really looking forward to the leadership opportunity, and getting more acquainted with Dr. J, Pete, and Tom Miller.

RT: Where do you think you might go from here? Are you considering a run for the presidency?

CB: I am, but we'll see how this year goes and how the junior year curriculum treats me.

RT: How do you feel about Sarah Erhart? Have you worked with her before?

CB: I've worked with her on the Finance Committee, and I believe she's a good choice for president. I think she is confident and can make good decisions as well. I voted for her.



Cody Barron, Vice-President of Rose-Hulman Student Government Association, was elected to his new office which he will now hold through winter quarter 2010.

Juicy Campus signs offline, financially unstable

Daniel Gross

The Towerlight

As of Thursday Feb. 5, Towson University's campus, among others across the country will no longer be able to post "juicy" anonymous comments online.

JuicyCampus.com has announced through a press release they are closing down the Web site due to plummeting ad revenue and lack of venture capital funding.

In the press release, Web site founder and CEO, Matt Ivester thanked all of the users for reading, contributing, and telling others about the site. He also thanked others for engaging in "meaningful discussion" about online privacy and Internet censorship.

The site has received a fair amount of criticism toward the idea of spreading gossip-like information about individuals on campuses.

The site was banned on Tennessee State University's campus server and other states had considered taking legal action. Towson President Robert Caret spoke with his top advisers about the site before opting to not ban it on campus.

"I think it's everything that we don't want people to do in terms of interacting and communicating with each other," vice president for student affairs Deb Moriarty said. "I find it very encouraging and hopeful [that they are shutting down]."

According to Moriarty, the Web site did not have too much of an impact on Towson's campus. She was under the impression that very few students spent a lot of time on it or posted things.

"My guess was that if it had been working, it would have found the economy," she said. "It was so controversial that they can hide behind the economy but I've got to believe that some of it was because it wasn't a good product."

Moriarty said she does not see any positives in the gossip and that it has negative connotations.

Student Government Association president Kristen Guy said there were comments about her listed on the site, among others.

"I just found it weird [that they are closing] because I thought it was popular among a lot of college campuses," Guy said. "I hated the site to begin with. I hated the idea of the site. The idea that you're able to post something and not link your name to it really drove me insane."

According to Guy, as far as Towson's campus, the site was used and well known, however; the popularity was decreasing toward the end of last semester. Guy said it was most prevalent within Fraternity and Sorority Life.

"With individual names that were thrown on that site - it just attacks individuals so cruelly and viciously," Guy said. "You sit there and you think, 'who wrote that about me?' You just want to know."

Guy said she thinks that gossip is never good and the thought that there is fun in lighthearted gossip is an oxymoron.

In the press release, Ivester wrote, "While there are parts of JuicyCampus that none of us will miss - the mean spirited posts and personal attacks - it has also been a place for fun, lighthearted gossip of college life. I hope that is how it is remembered."

The letter was signed by saying, "Keep it juicy."

Engineers' Week offers campus fun

Lindsey Saxton

Staff Writer

Rose-Hulman is known for its free events and pick-me-ups. Such treats are found during SGA's celebrations of Engineers Week. Starting on Monday, February 2 and ending on Friday, February 6, this week is a celebration of engineers and engineering. The week kicked off with free hot cocoa and Square Doughnuts on Monday morning, a delicious treat, Bri Butchart, senior chemical engineering student said: "The hot cocoa really warmed up a blustery day." Tuesday brought games and inflatables at night in the ARA. An inflatable obstacle course, laser tag, and a 'boxing ring' were available so students could enjoy themselves and re-

lieve some stress. Derek Archer, freshman biomedical engineering student said, "It was fun, and I got to beat up my friend." Wednesday brought a viewing of "Wall-E" and pizza in the GM Room. "It was good. It helped me let off some stress," said Meredith Hegwood, freshman optical engineer. Thursday was many students' favorite because it brought free popcorn in the Commons for everyone. "The free popcorn was delicious," said Arjun Comar, freshman physics student. Friday will bring Tailgating for Class in the Quad at 11 a.m. "Engineers' Week had a bunch of really fun activities to take your mind off impending doom... just kidding," said Anneliese Voss, freshman chemical engineering student.



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(Above) students have a fun time Tuesday night in the inflatable boxing ring, one of many inflatable relief zones for Engineers' week. (Below) the band Cloudchase performs for the Rose-Hulman community.

U.S. House Bill proposes tuition tax breaks

Nicole Glass

The Eagle

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the bill that would provide an \$819 billion economic stimulus package, which would make millions of students eligible to receive a tuition tax break, according to The Chronicle Review.

Low- and middle-income students who do not qualify for the Hope Tax Credit could benefit from the new bill, including students from American University.

Some AU students said they support the bill, since it will enhance opportunities for those who cannot afford college on their own.

Many prospective and current college students are not eligible for the Hope Tax Credit, which, according to the IRS Web site, is a federal individual income of up to \$1,650 for qualified tuition and other academic expenses. To obtain the Hope Tax Credit, a student's parents must make less than \$58,000 as a single taxpayer or less than \$116,000 as joint taxpayers.

Students whose parents make less than \$26,000 a year and who do not pay income taxes cannot benefit from the Hope Tax Credit either, according to the Review. As a result, wealthier students who still qualify would have received the biggest tax breaks, according to the Review. The new economic stimulus bill would allow an additional 4 million low- and middle-income students to receive a tuition tax break.

Frank Carbone, a sophomore in the Kogod School of Business and the College of Arts and Sciences, said he believes a tuition tax break would be beneficial to society.

"Investment in higher education is a long-term investment," he said. "It will help the U.S. economically and socially ... It will pay dividends for years

down the line and enhance our society."

The new economic stimulus bill that passed through the House benefits those who do not pay taxes and covers academic expenses such as textbooks, which the Hope Tax Credit does not cover. The new bill would also increase the cutoff for single taxpayers to \$90,000, and for joint taxpayers to \$180,000, according to the Review.

The economic stimulus plan will give \$150 billion to U.S. school districts, childcare centers and universities, according to The New York Times. This is the largest increase in federal aid since education expenditures increased after World War II.

On Jan. 28, without a single Republican vote, the \$819 billion economic stimulus plan passed the House, according to the Times.

David Wolkowicz, a freshman in Kogod, said he believes the government's increased spending on education will help not only current students but also the future of the American society.

"Making tuition more affordable should be a huge priority for the Obama administration," he said. "Prioritizing education, especially for lower income individuals, is essential for maintaining our standard of living and economic dominance in the future."

Michael Kuna, a sophomore in the Kogod School of Business, said he thinks the tuition tax break is exactly what society needs to help students who cannot afford to go to college on their own.

"I think this is a good thing," he said. "Let it trickle down. It seems that the tides are turning. When education is available [through government funding] and the idea is pushed by a greater institution, people can have a foundation to go get an education somewhere."

The problems with the coming wave of 3-D

Ben Collins
Entertainment
Editor

Often enough in the entertainment industry there are arguably “good” marketing strategies presented to producers. In the video game industry, producers see the major successes of one game and borrow from the formula that made it good; people like the “Halo” series, so many first-person shooter games have been released in order to reach that level of success. One problem with this mentality is that many low-quality productions get released. The productions are still purchased, viewed, etc., but the industry suffers a stagnation of creativity waiting for some brilliant change of pace.

An example of this stagnation that has afflicted the video game and movie industry for some time is the focus on visual stimuli. In video games, graphics and the “prettiness” factor have become paramount in mainstream production. That said, everything else begins to decline in quality for the goal of having the cleanest, most polished game possible. This is the same problem afflicting the movie industry as studios have begun producing stunning visuals by any means necessary, especially with computer generated graphics. This has recently become dramatically emphasized with the revival of 3-D cinema.

Movies in 3-D have been a minor amusement since their initial conception and have had little impact. However, due to the rampant and unwavering problem of peer-to-peer file sharing, producers and industry executives have most likely opted to force patrons to be in the theater with the promise of “eye-popping 3-D,” and to an extent, it should be effective in drawing in audiences.

Most of the titles that have been released are harmless to the industry because they are

children’s titles such as “Bolt” and “Journey to the Center of the Earth.” “Bolt” does have some implications for the future of Pixar’s production mindset and the industry as a whole; another upcoming Pixar title, “Up,” will also be distributed in 3-D and competitor Dreamworks will be releasing “Monsters versus Aliens” in the same fashion. Children’s movies will most likely be produced in 3-D for the upcoming year, but it is also spreading to major movie franchises; “Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince,” “Ice Age 3,” and “Final Destination: Death Trip 3-D” are scheduled for release later this year in the same format, foretelling this as a standard for 2009.

In some ways, it’s a welcome change, and titles like “Final Destination” could use a revitalization of the brand with something as fun as 3-D. The questions are how far this trend



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The most common form of 3D glasses are cheap, paper framed models but the above is now the norm.

will go and what the response will be in how we as consumers come to see movies?

Movies in 3-D create a need to see the films in theater, drawing the public in to the currently vacant cinemas to enjoy more of an active experience than simply watching highly detailed two dimensional images on a screen. This will probably help bring back the waning audience, but they will now demand more visually stimulating productions than ever, leading to the ever apparent decline of quality of story and plot. That being recognized, the films of the next year and beyond will most likely be more juvenile, or more simply put, the quality of films will greatly decline to such a point that people will demand a return to form or we sink further and further into mediocrity.

The American ideals and how Clint Eastwood shows ‘em off

Hobey Tam
Staff Writer

It is easy to spot an old war vet when you see one—stony face etched by wrinkles, notable jaw line due to multiple blows to the face, beady eyes glazed over from warfare, and the most defining characteristic: the stone cold perspective on life. Clint Eastwood assumes this role as a Korean War veteran, Walt Kowalski, knocking back shots at the bar with other old vets in “Gran Torino” to, a moving story of a true American.

Speaking with harsh, blunt, and stark diction, Walt Kowalski is nothing short of your stereotypical aged Korean War veteran; he is one of those men who stares into the eyes of lung cancer, takes a deep hit of his cigarette, and blows the smoke right into its face. His hand guns are stashed throughout the house loaded and his main firearm, an M1 Garand from his service, is always nearby.

Many would call him racist; however, this is incorrect considering that his hatred and annoyance are indiscriminant—anyone eyeing him wrong or sagging their pants will get a warning growl and if they persist, they will be staring down the barrel of his 9mm Berretta.

Walt is slowly being isolated in life. His wife passed away and one by one his neighbors moved away and to be replaced Hmong immi-

grants, reminiscent of his former Korean enemies. His sons, granddaughters, and grandsons are nothing more than disrespectful, spoiled brats. On top of all this, Latino, Korean, and African American gang bangers roam the streets without fear or respect. In essence, Kowalski represents old school America, living in a time where many have deviated from morals, values, and respect he held dear.

“Gran Torino” is a story of atonement—Kowalski is the ultimate anti-hero. Anyone who has an ounce of American patriotism would venture out and pay the price of a movie ticket to see this spectacular picture. Nominated for a multitude of awards, including the The Golden Globe for Best Actor, “Gran Torino” is a very emotional and moving film. In short, it’s the story of a disgruntled man renewing his faith in youth, passing on his wisdom, instilling morals, and standing up to do what is right. Though it is good, it is most assuredly not meant to be a cheap thrill everyone can enjoy. It is well paced with several memorable scenes where Kowalski confronts the younger generation as he comments on the loss of American values. In fact, to clas-



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sify “Gran Torino,” it’s fair to call it an American movie as it upholds the ideals of our country.

“Gran Torino” is most assuredly one of Clint Eastwood’s best films and has some of the finer vigilante characteristics we have loved in his most memorable characters, forcing us to look at our desires to find justice in our lives and to stand up for what we believe in.

Reviewer rating: 5.0 elephants



British worm to the rescue! “Wormwood: Calamari Rising”

Eli Baca
Staff Writer

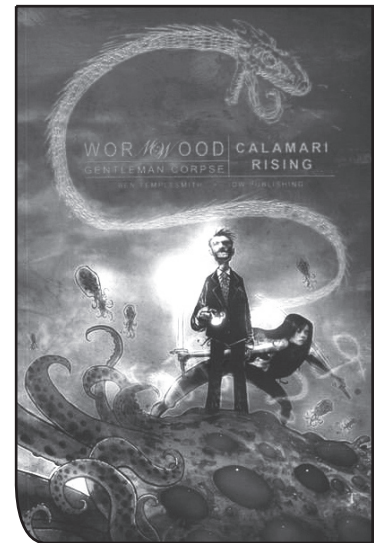
In 2004, LO-FI Comics & Entertainment Magazine published shortepisodicserialstitled “Wormwood” that created a humorous horror type of environment. Although the magazine itself ceased publication, IDW Publishing then collected those serials in a single #0 issue called “The Taster” in 2006 before releasing new stories in the form of several miniseries, the most recent being “Calamari Rising.” “Wormwood: Gentleman Corpse” is the second solo comic book series by Eisner award nominated creator Ben Templesmith (the first being “Singularity 7”). Unlike the bleak post-apocalyptic world of “Singularity 7,” “Wormwood” is a lighter series which combines humor and horror.

Created, written, and drawn by Templesmith, “Wormwood” is a one-of-a-kind series that brings stellar, hilarious writing to a horrific style of art. The story revolves around Wormwood, a really old worm-type creature that inhabits and uses corpses of dead people to walk around on the Earth, drink beer, and occasionally save the world. He’s built a robot friend, named Pendulum (Mr. P), and has an ex-stripper-immortal-guardian-bodyguard (Phoebe) who keeps him company on his adventures. A ghost that used to be a cop when he was alive also hangs out with the gang, usually asking Wormwood and company to look into cases with him and help catch the bad guys. When they’re not saving the world or solving

cases, the group enjoys beer and pole-dancing at a bar run by one of Wormwood’s ex-girlfriends. The world of “Wormwood” consists of multiple dimensions (including one strictly for Leprechauns), that can be traveled through using interdimensional gates (if you wanna be legal) or using some pretty neat devices that can rearrange your molecules. Either way, humans still live in complete ignorance of the supernatural, so Wormwood is free to do as he pleases as long as he pays his tab at the bar. “Calamari Rising” continues with the story of Wormwood, bringing old enemies out to destroy Earth, and showing some of the past of the little worm. Oh, and Elvis is in it.

Templesmith pokes fun at almost everything, from the first astronauts on the moon to Brad Pitt, and does it all while still giving us the gore factor that we enjoy so much from him. “Wormwood” as a series is very adult and very dark, but it’s the humor of the characters that makes this comic a real treat. An example, you say? As Wormwood is about to be given over to a queen squid-thing so that she can suck the life out of him, we get a glimpse at the outfit that the Queen wants him to wear, and it’s none other than an exact replica of the outfit Princess Leia wore for Jabba the Hutt—chain included.

The drawing style of Templesmith is also fantastic—it originally helped make “30 Days of Night” so freaking scary—and it continues to make the characters darker while still making them human (or wormy, in this case). He



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makes part of his characters very detailed while others are strictly up to the imagination. His art has a tight tone to it, but it remains loose and flowing, and uses only certain colors to help shape what the audiences sees.

In 2008, “Wormwood” received an International Horror Guild Award, and Templesmith has been nominated for multiple Eisner Awards four years in a row for his work. He’s signed an exclusive contract with IDW publishing, but is also working with Warren Ellis on another series, “Fell.” Currently however, Templesmith has been working on another comic of his own imagination, “Welcome to Hoxford,” and will be working with IDW’s own Chris Ryall on the upcoming “Groom Lake.”

Reviewer rating: 4.5 elephants



NEW RELEASES

Music:

Busta Rhymes
B.O.M.B

Missy Elliott
Block Party

Dan Auerbach
Keep it Hid

Movies:

Coraline

Pink Panther 2

Push

He’s Just Not
That Into You

Making time for sleep

Keya Wiggins

Rose-Hulman Staff Counselor

As a part-time therapist and a full-time doctoral student, I have had many conversations with people over the years on the subject of sleep deprivation. More often than not, people report getting less sleep than they would like to. I must admit that this is something that I have been guilty of myself in the past. However, in my case, this was something that was fairly short-lived due to my inability to function on little or no sleep.

Sleep deprivation is a topic that has been researched in psychological and medical communities for 100 years or more. Researchers have consistently demonstrated that sleep deprivation can result in inattentiveness, diminished ability to store and process information, performance errors, delayed reaction times, and poor eating

habits that can lead to obesity. So why do we continue to put off sleep? Research suggests that sleep deprivation may be an evolved function that was previously utilized during natural disasters to fend off sleep. In these cases, one has to stay awake to stay alive.

This may explain why after continuously losing a certain amount of sleep, you may no longer feel tired. Researchers have demonstrated, however, that even though you may not feel tired, your brain is, in fact, performing at a much lower level.

Generally speaking, when you do not get an average of 7-8 hours of sleep a night, you are not getting enough of level 3 and 4 sleep, which is also known as deep sleep. This is when your brain is thought to revitalize itself, replenishing neuron connections, etc. Suffice it to say, if you do not give your brain time to rest, it is not going to have the capacity to function at its peak level of performance. So, how can you make time to sleep with

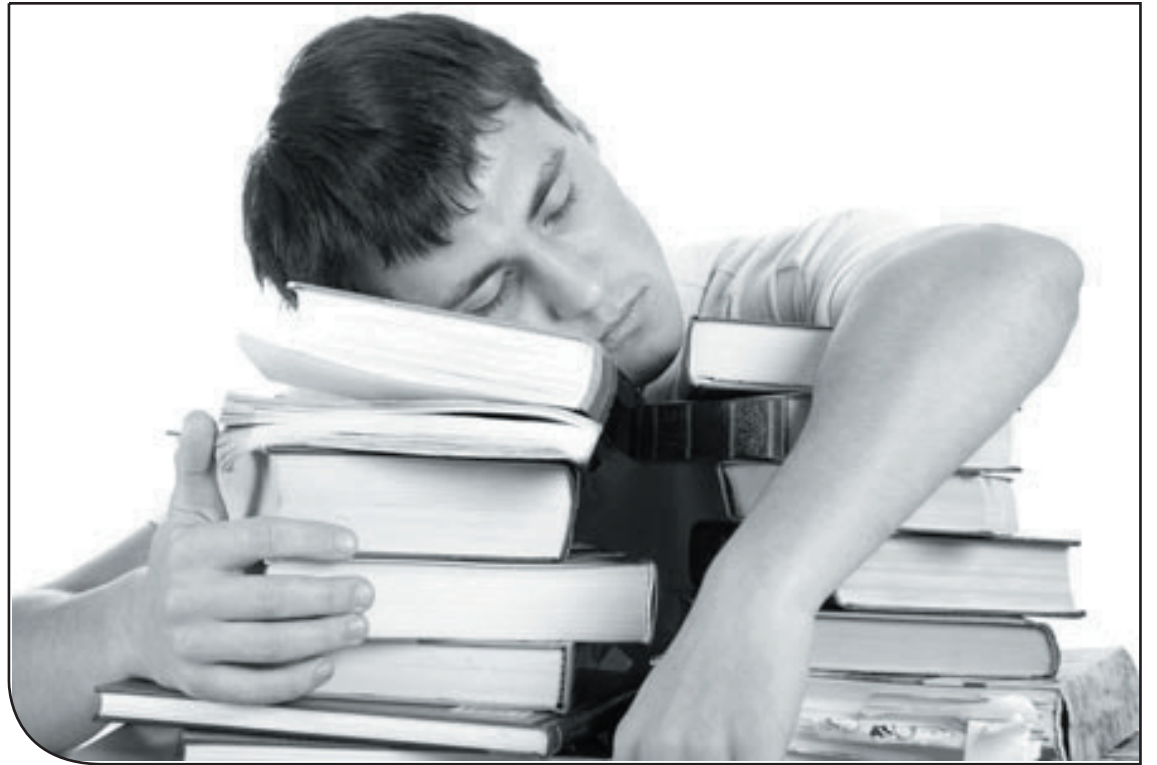
your busy schedule? The first thing to focus on is time management. If you manage your time effectively by working on assignments daily, keeping up with the due dates on your syllabi, and staying ahead whenever possible, you will have time to sleep. Other recommendations for getting a good night's

rest are as follows: (1) develop a routine before going to bed, i.e. take a warm bath, listen to relaxing music, etc., (2) maintain a regular bedtime, (3) try to get an average of 7-8 hours of sleep a night, (4) turn your TV and computer off (phone on silent) before getting in the bed, (5) avoid caffeine at least 8 hours

before going to sleep, and (6) realize how important sleep is and that you deserve to rest!

This information is not intended to diagnose, treat, or prevent any disease or disorder, nor is it intended to replace a consultation with a mental health provider.

“Even though you may not feel tired, your brain is, in fact, performing at a much lower level.”



<http://www.smart-kit.com/>

A Rose-Hulman Staff Counselor gives us advice on how to get enough sleep and avoid ending up like this guy.

How to: Throw a birthday party

Melissa Schwenk

Staff Writer

Birthdays just aren't the same when you are far from home, away from parents and friends who have celebrated with you for years. For most of the freshmen this is as foreign to them as being sick with no one to take care of them. If you have a friend like this whose birthday is coming up, take charge! Here are a few simple steps to throw a fabulous birthday party.

First things first: pick a friend and stalk them. No, don't follow them around sneakily. Instead, ask what they usually do for their birthday. Remember what they tell you and try to recreate it. While you may not be able to hire a pony for a

carnival-themed party, you could bribe another friend to dress up as a clown. If they've celebrated with an ice cream cake for ten years, don't bake cupcakes. If you don't want to outright ask them, do the next best thing: Facebook stalk them.

Facebook photo albums are your best friends when you want to see past parties. Try to pick up on themes in them. Do most of the albums involve costumes? Have a costume party. Legwarmers and side ponytails? Throw an eighties party. Have

they gone to see a baseball game every birthday? Have a sports party with the game on and lots of snacks. Try to make the party as special as you can. They will be grateful that someone took the time to celebrate with them. For a bonus, make it a surprise party.

Surprise parties are the best and not too hard to pull off. To invite people without your friend finding out, make a secret event on Facebook that is invite only. Enlist mutual friends to help you plan it, as they might have other ideas to help make a great party. Make sure to invite your friend's other friends to help celebrate. Even if they don't know you very well, who would pass up the chance to celebrate a birthday?

Once you have the date picked, ask your friend to do something with you during that time. I once told a friend I was celebrating a new scholarship with friends and wanted her to come. Instead I surprised her with all her friends in eighties garb, ready to watch "The Breakfast Club" and eat cake. If you don't have anything to celebrate or can't think of a ploy, just invite them to a movie, or get a friend to occupy their time. Make sure you have their

time monopolized for that day, in any way you can.

The party doesn't have to be expensive to be fabulous. The most you will spend for a cake is twenty dollars (if you are springing for the ice cream cake), but you can grab a cake mix from the store and make it yourself if you have faith in your cooking skills. You can make homemade decorations if you feel the need and, if you are doing a themed party, everyone can borrow clothes to wear. If you want to have the group go to the movies, see a matinee. It's cheaper and leaves more money for candy and popcorn. Plus, if you want to go to dinner and a movie, seeing the movie first leaves more time for dinner and gives everyone something to discuss.

Have a few activities planned for the party. This can be games, such as Apples to Apples or sardines, or crafts, such as painting birthday shirts (a classic from any ten year old's slumber party). Again, you can get your cues from your friend and their pictures. If you don't want to decide, you can have a few options and let the person celebrating pick. Just make sure everyone is wearing underwear so you don't have an awkward game of twister.

With these tips you should be able to plan a great party for any of your friends. It doesn't only have to be for birthdays either. Any reason to celebrate is another reason to procrastinate.

If you have something you want explained, send your questions to the Rose Thorn at thorn@rose-hulman.edu. You just might see a How-To Article about it!

A girl's guide for guys

Lindsey Saxton

Advertising Manager

I started learning about the major stereotypes as soon as I got to Rose. Let's face it, there are some majors that have the

reputation of being undesirable. Let's just say you shouldn't walk up to a girl and say, "Hi! I'm a CS." If you're lucky, she'll look past it and try to get to know you. Worst case, she'll run in the other direction.

Computer Science

- Do**
- Try to act normal.
 - Remember, she'll like the fact that you're smart.
 - Help her if her computer isn't working.
 - Talk to her and say hi when you see her.
 - Leave your room once in a while.
 - Leave the Mountain Dew in the fridge.
 - Be social. It helps.

- Don't**
- Forget that the goods are odd. She won't.
 - Go on about the differences between C and C++.
 - Freak out if she uses Windows.
 - Follow her or drop by her room. It's called stalking.
 - Bring its smell with you.
 - Invite her to your room for some unless the empty cans are all in the recycling bin.
 - Think that, because a girl talked to you, she's your soulmate.

Now, there are no stupid people at Rose. There is a process to make sure of it. The civils have a bad reputation for being less intelligent simply because their

sophomore year doesn't include the tougher sophomore curriculum. Girls will give you a chance if you make sure they know you're smart.

Civil Engineering

- Do**
- Talk about your classes.
 - Let her know you have a lot of work.
 - Laugh when she makes a civil joke. They're funny.
 - Tell her about labs.
 - Let her know you're athletic. Girls like athletes.
 - Be careful talking about rock formations.
 - Give her examples of when civils did well.

- Don't**
- Talk about soils. We all know dirt + water = mud.
 - Try to make jokes about civils.
 - Freak out. She's just teasing you.
 - Go into too much detail. Water runs downhill.
 - Be the stereotype that the dumb football players are civils.
 - It's called rocks for jocks for a reason.
 - Mention Percopo. It was your one chance to redeem yourselves, and you failed.

Consensus science

Matthew Bryant
Staff Writer

At a school like Rose-Hulman, things like science, reason and logic certainly come first. For that reason, one should always be skeptical when someone uses the idea of a consensus to make their point. Consider several recent examples.

The recent economic stimulus put forth by President Obama was hailed as the saving grace for the economy. Obama himself stated, "There is no disagreement that we need action by our government, a recovery plan that will help to jumpstart the economy." Clearly he is using the idea of collectivity to sell his plan. How accurate can that be?

As it turns out, it's not very accurate at all. Last week, more than 200 notable economists—including three Nobel laureates—signed an open letter in the New York Times challenging President Obama's suggestion that all economists agree on a bailout. The headline for the letter read, "With all due respect, Mr. President, that is not true." Since the letter ran, nearly 150 additional economists have signed the letter. Moreover, not a single House Republican voted for the Bill. There's no consensus in that.

Another example of politicians using the idea of consensus comes from global warming evangelist Al Gore. Testifying before Congress, he stated, "There is no longer any serious debate over the basic points that make up the consensus on global warming." While Gore makes several convincing arguments, any reasonable individual must question his idea of consensus.

A 231-page U.S. Senate Minority Report describes 650 dissenting

scientists—representing climatology, environmental sciences, geophysical sciences and related disciplines—debunking Gore's so-called "consensus" on anthropogenic global warming. This pool of intellectuals includes Nobel Prize

winners, NASA employees and even scientists from the United Nations' own International Panel on Climate Change, from which the consensus is said to have come.



www.xkcd.com

There's no "The Price is Right" this week. All I get is these captions. Wouldn't it be wonderful if a politician had this shirt? I would totally vote for them.

At the point that an individual must resort to consensus agreement to convince the masses, it's already too late. It should be the facts of the issue that do the work. At one point in our long history, there was a consensus that the Earth was the center of the universe. We can thank Copernicus and Galileo for not buying into the

winner, NASA employees and even scientists from the United Nations' own International Panel on Climate Change, from which the consensus is said to have come.

History has shown us time and again that agreements based on consensus bring about unnecessary consequences. People should have more respect for themselves rather than believing in something due to a blind majority. The late Michael Crichton put it best when he said, "Whenever you hear the consensus of scientists agree on something or other, reach for your wallet, because you've being had."

of the other residence halls. I hope that the whole campus doesn't feel as bothered about giving money as this article reflects.

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my frustration with Tim Boyer's choice of words in his article titled "All Out Penny Wars." As a member of Delta Delta Delta, I was offended by his attitude towards the event.

First of all Boyer claimed that Penny Wars went on "for seven whole days." This information is incorrect and is therefore poor journalism. We began collecting for Penny Wars on a Tuesday. Our last round of collections occurred on Friday evening. This would not have been a huge deal to me if it had not been stressed by Boyer that each day we collected was somehow a huge inconvenience for campus. As mentioned before, Boyer starts the article saying "For seven **whole** days." Two other times in the article he reiterates that statement in an even more negative manner saying "For seven grueling days," and "After seven arduous days of battle." To

To Mary,

I would like to apologize for the "Penny Wars" article. Mr. Boyer was attempting to emphasize all the wonderful hard work that the Tri Deltas had put into the event, not that they were being belligerent to their fellow students. This was meant to draw parallels to the other two articles, "Mr. Rose Pageant"

and "Make a Dish for Make A Wish," in which the other two sororities had also put in a significant amount of work for their respective philanthropies. From my understanding, we were told that Penny Wars was taking place over a week, which we clearly misinterpreted as seven days rather than five (or rather, four) business days. Please accept my

apologies on that error. While I don't mean to throw salt on open wounds, I wouldn't put too much emphasis on Tim Boyer's tenancy in Skinner, since I do believe there is an overwhelming population of Tri Deltas in B Section.

Sincerely,
Editor in Chief

SERIOUSLY. *Mark Minster*

I'll warn you right now: this week's column is full of ire.

I've just finished reading through the results of the survey that the Diversity Committee asked the "Office of Institutional Research, Planning, & Assessment" (IRPA) to help us conduct about programming we planned for MLK Day. To IRPA and to most of those who participated in the survey, thank you. Most of your contributions—by far most—were very, very helpful. Suggestions about publicity, scheduling, potential topics—these were all helpful. Thank you.

Not so helpful, however, the faculty member who barked petulantly, "stop trying to use polls for political purposes... [or] where the results are not then published." Once and for all, to everyone: if you don't want to take part in something that's intended for a campus organization to provide better programming, don't take part. (There's no ethical obligation to publish the results of research like this. I looked that up.) Also, consider: even grumbling serves political purposes.

Not so helpful, too, the five or six truly unintelligent comments (I thought hard about this word "unintelligent," but it's the right one) about "all of this reverse discrimination," or about how "MLK's dream has almost been accomplished and we must not go too far"; or about how, "if anything, colored people are treated better in America than whites" (literally, someone wrote "colored people"); or about how "recognizing race is immature."

King's dream was, in the words of the prophet Amos, to see justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream. How is it reverse discrimination to spend part of a day recalling that dream, to recall, if not to rekindle, the clamoring for morality and good judgment (tsedaqah and mishpat, in Hebrew)? How is anyone being discriminated against by that, except the immoral and the unjust? One continent diets; another starves. Most of those who starve are not white: at least 40 million Americans diet; at least 5 times that number of Africans are chronically malnourished. It's immature to acknowledge that? It's going too far? The dream has been accomplished? Seriously?

Two things about this survey struck me that have struck me about other online survey results at Rose. The first is that, while most of us are thoroughly decent folk, a very few get thoughtless and even cruel when they know their words are anonymous. Decency and restraint, the fact that there are still other people in the world—these

shouldn't disappear when you're alone on your computer. And again, to the large majority of respondents, those who wanted to see more diversity programming, more varied events, those who thoughtfully critiqued the timing of the convocation, expressed interest in helping the Diversity Committee, or suggested an entire day of service projects, I'm not talking about you. I'm talking about a handful of "this is just stupid" hit-and-run responders who treat anonymity as an opportunity to be nasty.

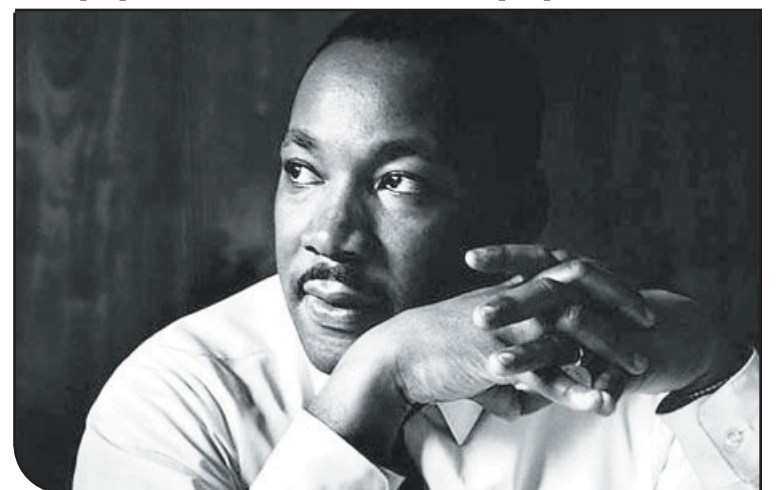
The other thing is more mundane. I just want to point out how foolish one can be with numbers. A handful of student respondents were affronted by the convocation schedule, which forced them to "sacrifice 10 minutes" of class, "wasting my time and therefore my money," "limiting the amount of time I spend in class, which I've paid for in full." "What makes you think MLK is so important that you need to change my schedule so that I can appreciate him?"

I know some of you divide yearly tuition by the number of hours, or even minutes, you spend in the classroom, so that you can tally what your education is worth per unit of time. When you do it as a joke, it can be pretty funny—"Minster, that last tangent of yours cost me \$2.50." (BTW: I call them "secants," not tangents.) It would be fun, too, to figure out how many thousands of dollars you've spent on Halo 3 or World of Warcraft.

When you're serious, though, I question your skill with numbers. Do you factor in the hours you spend learning with others outside of class? Do you consider the intramurals you wouldn't be playing if you weren't here? What about job opportunities you wouldn't otherwise have had? What about friends and colleagues? What about the ways you've changed? Have you quantified those things? Can you? Our MLK speaker quoted King, who cited some chemists that found "the average man has enough fat in him to make about seven bars of soap... enough lime to whitewash a chicken coop... [and] all of this added up in terms of market values of the day came to about ninety-eight cents.... Can we explain the whole of man in terms of ninety-eight cents?"

If you think the value of an education depends upon ten more minutes of lab or lecture—whether you're a student or a professor—you are fooling yourself. You are overworked, no doubt, and the overwork has temporarily fogged your brain. Take a walk, perhaps, or read for pleasure, or look up at the stars.

A little perspective.



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Serious MLK Jr. is serious. And looking towards a brighter future.

Athlete of the week

Sutton Coleman



Tim Boyer
Copy Editor

In the most recent of his accomplishments, Coleman beat his own best distance in the triple jump with a length of 44'-7", strengthening his hold as the second best triple jumper in Rose history. Coleman is only second to 1978 graduate Tony Allen, a contender in the U.S. Olympic Trials in 1980 and 1984, who holds the top distance at 48'-5".

In addition to his success in the triple jump, he is also a top contender in field events such as the 4-x-200 and 4-x-400-meter relay as the anchor leg. This past Saturday, he placed second and third, respectively in those events, and placed in 55-meter high hurdles.

Sutton Coleman recently took the time to answer some questions for The Rose Thorn.

Rose Thorn: How long have you been involved in track and field?

Sutton Coleman: I have been involved in track and field since my junior year of high school, so about 3 years.

RT: You are involved in a variety of track and field events. What drives you to stay active in multiple events instead of focusing on one or two?

SC: I really like being involved in multiple events. Doing more than one event really gives you the opportunity to see what you can do in several different types of races. I like going right from a hurdle race to triple jump because they are two totally different things

and it's good to be able to challenge yourself like that. If you are having a bad day in one event it's always good to be able to bounce back in the next one.

RT: As a freshman, you currently stand second all-time in the triple jump with a distance of 44'-7", only 3'-10" from the all time record. Do you think you can make it to that distance during your Rose-Hulman career?

SC: I would really like to get that record before my Rose career is over. In high school my best jump was only 42 feet 11 inches, but great coaching and lots of practice has really helped my technique. I think after a few more years of fine tuning that distance will definitely be reachable.

RT: Your 44'-7" jump is only 2'-2" from this year's NCAA provisional qualifying distance. Do you think you could close that gap before the end of the season?

SC: Right now my goal in triple jump is to get that provisional qualifying distance or farther. Every meet I have felt a lot more confident with my jumps, and I think those two feet are definitely possible. I would like to be able to shoot for that distance by the end of the season.

RT: Is there a different mentality you have to be in when you're doing a field event like the triple jump versus a track event like the 4-x-200?

SC: Every event has a different mentality. With the hurdles you have to focus on being quick, smooth, and fundamentally

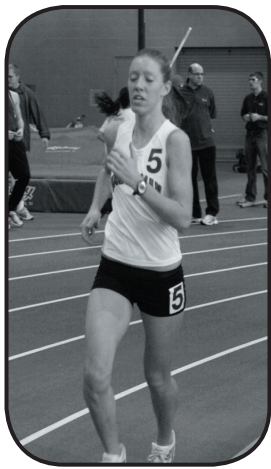
sound. Other running events like the 4-x-200 and the 4-x400 are similar in that you have one shot to do what you need to do and you have to make it happen. I love the feeling before any running event—they always get your adrenaline flowing. It's a lot of fun. With triple jump there's a little bit different mentality. It's a lot calmer in the triple jump pit and you can really think about what you need to do in your jumps. You get four jumps so after every one, while you're waiting for the next, you can take time to regain yourself and think about how to improve the next one.

RT: Do you have any hobbies outside of track and field?

SC: Well, I'm from Virginia, so naturally I like outdoor things like camping and fishing. I really like playing football, working out, running, spending time with my friends, and watching sports. I also love taking my Jeep into places it really shouldn't be in, and trying not to get stuck!

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

SC: In my opinion, recognition from my coaches and teammates is better than any award I have ever received. Just knowing that you have that support from your coaches and teammates really means a lot, and helps you perform better from day to day. When everybody picks each other up you can really feel that you belong to a strong group of people. We have a lot of support on our team and I really like that.



Rose-Hulman News

Track and Field athletes competed this past weekend in the Engineer Invitational. From left to right: Junior Melissa Rogers, junior Jared Stermole, and junior Jonathan Rogers.

Liz Ridgway named to academic all-district team

Rose-Hulman News

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology senior forward Liz Ridgway has been named to the *ESPN The Magazine* college division academic all-district team, in results released by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Ridgway earned third-team academic all-district accolades to become just the second student-

athlete in school history to earn academic all-district honors in two sports.

Earlier this season, Ridgway was named an *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-American in soccer and joins 2004 graduate Jessica Farmer as the only two-sport academic all-district winners in school history.

Ridgway currently leads the Fightin' Engineers in scoring average at 10.9 points per game and

ranks third in the league in field goal percentage at 52.8%. Her efforts include 14 double figure scoring games this season and career totals of 593 points and 368 rebounds to rank in Rose-Hulman's all-time top 10 in each category.

Rose-Hulman stands 6-13 on the season and 3-9 in Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference play entering Saturday's home matchup against Transylvania University.

Engineer Scoreboard

Men's Basketball 9-12 (4-8)

January 31
Mt. St. Joseph 70
at Rose-Hulman 67

February 4
Rose-Hulman 83
at Anderson U. 77 OT

Women's Basketball 6-13 (3-9)

January 31
Mt. St. Joseph 47
at Rose-Hulman 62

February 4
Anderson U. 49
at Rose-Hulman 42

Wrestling

January 30-31
Wheaton Invitational
Wheaton, Ill. Goble 5th

Swimming and Diving

January 31
Principia Invitational
Elsah, Ill. M-1st, W-4th

Track and Field

January 31
Engineer Invitational
Elsah, Ill. M-3rd, W-9th

Rifle

January 31
Tennessee-Martin Invitational
Martin, Tenn. 4,402

Upcoming Home Events

February 7 Rifle vs. Ohio State, 8:30a.m.
February 11 Men's Basketball vs. Hanover, 7:30p.m.
Women's & Men's Basketball vs. Transylvania, 1 & 3p.m.

POST-GAME RUNDOWN

Jim Shaw

Head Men's Basketball Coach

[Editor's note: The men's basketball team faced a challenge when they travelled to Anderson to take on the Ravens in conference action Wednesday night. An offensive explosion in the second half led the men over Anderson in dramatic fashion.]

Road wins are so sweet. Home wins are fun, but road wins, especially over good teams, are so very satisfying and rewarding. Winning on the road shows toughness and resiliency. There are no gifts on the road, nor do you usually catch people flat or disinterested. Our win last night at Anderson was especially rewarding since we had to battle back in the second half, overcome very severe foul trouble and really show poise and toughness in winning an overtime game.

We played decently in the first half, particularly at the defensive end. However, our turnovers and poor shooting contributed to transition baskets by Anderson and put us in a bit of a hole. We started the second half the same but then settled down. We stopped turning the ball over, got some transition of our own, and

ended up shooting almost 70% in the second half (plus 3-6 from the floor and 8-10 from the line in overtime) due to better movement, taking care of the ball and not settling for O.K. shots when we were capable of getting great shots. We stayed pretty solid at the defensive end, with the exception of fouling a little too much, and were able to win in overtime.

Something very pleasing was that we were able to win in overtime with our two leading scorers, Blake Knotts and Lorenzo Rice, and key guard Tre' Hall, sitting on the bench after fouling out. Guys like Jason Haslag, Steve Ricks and Derek Simon were able to give us great minutes late in regulation and in overtime. Dan Lowers defended wonderfully and gave us some offense, including making his free throws, and Jeff McCartney played a great floor game and provided big baskets late in the game when we needed them. A lot of guys contributed to a great road win. Hopefully, we can have a big crowd Saturday for our Transy doubleheader (1p.m. women, 3p.m. men) and to honor our only senior, Lorenzo Rice, on "senior night" and help us continue this positive momentum.

DATENOMICS

DATING PATTERNS FROM HALO 3

Matt Melton

Plays Way Too Much Halo 3

Ever notice how the weaponry of Halo 3 can be directly associated with dating patterns? No? That's probably because you're normal. For this analysis, kills in Halo 3 represent dates in real-life, distance in the game is how well you know the girl, and target means girl. Enjoy!

Assault Rifle: The most unprofessional and random method in existence. Sure, you hit your targets at a wide range, but it takes forever to get any results. Only really useful because you spawn with it.

Shotgun: The brute force method of dating. Once your target gets close enough, one quick scatter shot and you're on the fast track to a date. Problem is, unless you're really good at it, you probably shoot from too far away or way too late.

Sniper: The sneaky one-shot method. You put all your chips on one number and hope for the best. No need to get close at all on this method, although if you get caught in your attempt before you shoot, you're probably screwed. Also rather ineffective once you become too close to said target.

Grenades: The "randomly throw crap and see what happens" method, you randomly hit on every girl from anywhere in hopes of something happening. Can affect girls of any closeness level, but commonly results in hitting random girls instead of the actual target. You can also blow-up your friends and yourself with this method. However, can be very effective if mastered.

Needler: The slow but persistent method of attack. The effects from your methods remain even after you leave, possibly resulting in a post-rejection victory. Homing is a bonus too, along with dual wielding.

Plasma Pistol: The best friend syndrome of dating. You can lower your target's defense whether or not you know them that well, you can just never seal the deal when it comes down to crunch time. Try combining this with another method of acquisition.

Rocket Launcher: The ridiculously brute force of dating. Works on someone you know very well or not well at all, and can even get multiple targets in one shot. Just don't blow yourself up with this method.

Plasma Sword: The finesse method of close combat dating. You're a bit sneakier than the obvious shotgun, and can even hone in on your targets once close enough. Be weary, for shotgun does usually beat the sword when used against each other.

Spartan Laser: The absolutely unstoppable method of attraction. Requires charging up, but if you hit your target, this method will penetrate any defenses, with a nice little warning to everyone else that you have clearly chosen your target. Just don't miss.

HOW TO AVOID SEXUAL ASSAULT

James Zhou

We Should Send This to Purdue...

So you're at a social event with reasonably attractive people, (since this is Rose, pretend you're at a social event with reasonably attractive people instead of piecing together a circuit board with unreasonable people who constantly question your usage of a BC195 transistor) and the question of "How can I avoid sexually assaulting people?" pops up in your mind. Well, it is surprisingly hard to avoid sexually assaulting people, at least according to the sexual assault pamphlet being handed out on campus. Did you know you can not have consensual sex if either you or your partner(s) are: drunk, on drugs, mentally disabled, in a dysfunctional relationship, regret having sex at anytime during the process, or asleep? I did not. Luckily, I've never been attracted to drunken, drug-using, retarded, dysfunctional, regretful, sleeping people, so I obviously do not have to worry about sexually assaulting anyone.

After some examination of these rules, here's the "Cliff Notes" version of how to avoid sexually assaulting people:

Do not go to bars or take a date to restaurants with interesting wine selections if you wish to have sex.

Do not have sex during the flu season because cold medicine can have mind altering effects.

Do not have sex if either your or your partners have taken a test recently, as tests may cause mental breakdowns or even drunkenness.

Do not have sex with people who go to Purdue. You will have a dysfunctional relationship, and you'll be a traitor.

Do not have sex if you are bad enough that your partner falls asleep during it; they will probably regret having sex with you.

And a bonus tip: Do not hire a stripper if you play lacrosse.

THE FLIPSIDE PRESENTS...

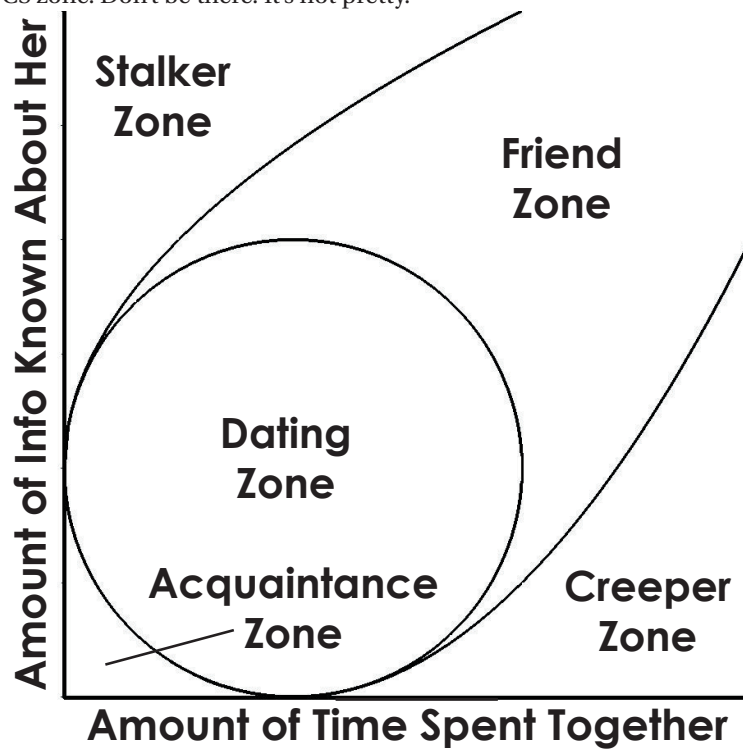
Explaining romance and dating the only way you'll understand it: with video games and math

RELATIONSHIPS: THE GRAPH

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Now, to Calculate the Date Zone Equation...

The Relationship Graph discusses how the differences between time spent together with a girl and the amount of information you know about said girl on your relationship with her. When you first meet, you're just acquaintances, perhaps moving onto dating if you play your cards right, or maybe becoming friends if you have advanced too much along both axes. Be careful not to somehow know too much about a girl or spend way too much time with her or you'll end up in dreaded (yet all too commonly occupied) stalker or creeper zones. Note that the dating zone circle is of a different size for every girl, sometimes stretching too large it could even encompass parts of the creeper or stalker zones. The inverse is also possible, where the date zone shrinks so far the dating zone becomes inverted and the creeper and stalker zones intertwine, forming the relationship-ending CS zone. Don't be there. It's not pretty.



THE MATH OF ATTRACTION

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Now, to Prove Any of This...

$$C = -(G_N - G_Y)^2 - W_A^3 + h_{oz}^2 - \left(\frac{T_L}{T_T}\right)^4 \quad (9D_S)^3 = D_G$$

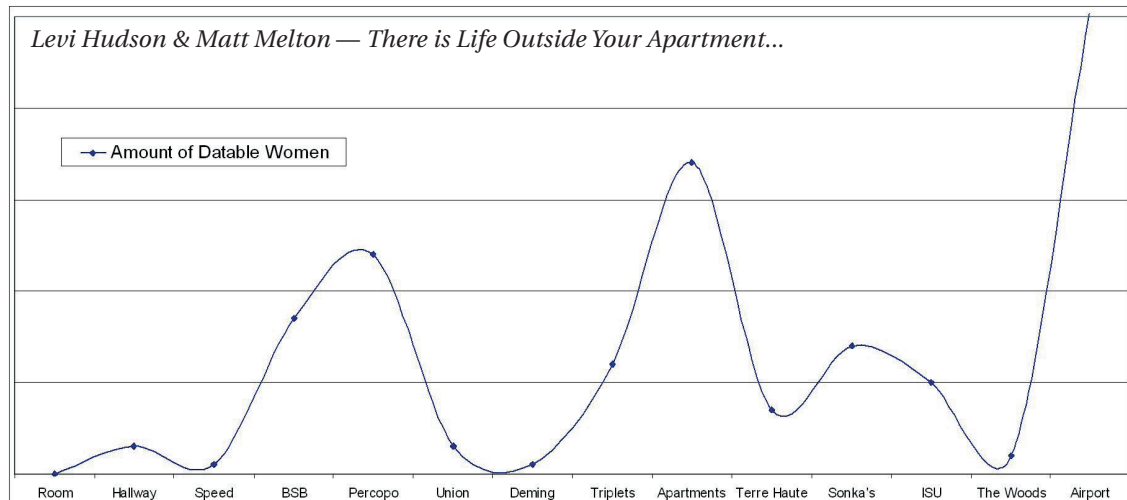
$$C_C = \frac{(F_C + 3F_M)}{k} + S_B^2 + 5S_L \quad \frac{(P_L - T_H)^2}{T_o} = A_G$$

In this analysis...

Equation 1: C = Creeper score, G_N = Girls whose names guy knows, G_Y = Girls who don't know guys, W_A = Times guy is caught walking alone on a girls floor, h_{oz} = Chocolate brought to girls (in oz.), T_L = Time guy spends looking at girl, T_T = Time guy spends talking to girl. **Equation 2:** C_C = Cyber creeper score, F_C = Facebook comments guy leaves, F_M = Facebook messages guy sends, k = How well girl knows said guy, S_B = Study Buddy Tool abuses, S_L = Schedule Page abuses. **Equation 3:** D_S = Distance guy can be smelled from, D_G = Distance girls consider too close to guy. **Equation 4:** P_L = Perceived amount guy thinks girl likes him, T_H = Time guy spends helping girl with homework, T_o = Other time guy and girl spend together, A_G = How awkward the girl feels from said guy.

THE DISTANCE GRAPH

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WACKY PROF QUOTES RETRO!

"So are you afraid of girls again?" — *Dr. Sexton, with the only timely dating or love related quote, which is why the rest of these quotes are retro.*

"If I sit and tell you that I sat and stared at her forearm for hours on end in French class, you'd know I had it bad." — *Prof. Minster, telling stories from high school.*

"Trying to define energy is like trying to define love." — *Prof. Mueller, being poetic.*

"Sex, in a lot of ways, is like driving through Kentucky..." — *Prof. Brophy, who never explained why.*

"We actually get to talk about sexual reproduction. I could get a video, listen to the soundtrack, boom chicka wow wow... fired...so fast!" — *Prof. Dee, on career security.*

"The women are easy." — *Prof. Graves, on calling roll. Nice save, calling roll.*

"Bottom line: the breast is a pretty amazing thing." — *Prof. Anthony, on the wonders of mammary glands.*

"Yeah, the faun is out playing with nymphos, which today are called cheerleaders." — *Prof. Turner, on high culture.*

"How my wife survived physics jokes during courting, I have no idea." — *Prof. Moloney, after another lame physics joke.*

"We gotta keep 'em barefoot, pregnant, and in the kitchen." — *Dr. McKinney, on a woman's role.*

"On Valentine's Day, men give women chocolate. And it's always fun to see what women do with it." — *Prof. Clark, on uses for chocolates.*

"I don't know what you guys like, men or women. I prefer sheep." — *Prof. Herniter, who prefers sheep.*

"Oh, I forgot, you're a Rose student. You probably don't have a girlfriend." — *Prof. Azhar, being cruel.*

"What could be more frightening than a woman with a whip?" — *Prof. House, lacking a proper appreciation for whip-bearing females.*

"Nothing's better than a six pack of beer and some AutoCAD on a Friday night." — *Prof. Sutterer, who has no life.*