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## Series of tragedies shock campus

**Tim Boyer**  
Copy Editor

This week, the Rose community has struggled to cope with the sorrow of life lost at a young age. The lives of junior biomedical engineer Nicholas Broadbent Lee and recently graduated mechanical engineer Brandon Dean Couch were lost in two separate automobile accidents, only four days apart. Both accidents are currently under investigation.

The accident that killed Nick Lee also hospitalized Adam C. Effinger, who is currently in critical condition at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. Faced with such tragedies in such close proximity, many on campus are finding it hard to cope.

The first accident occurred on Saturday, April 5 in the afternoon hours in southern Vigo County, just outside the Terre Haute city limits. Effinger was driving a 2004 Nissan Infiniti he had bought a few days before, with Lee as his passenger, when the car left the roadway and slammed into a tree. Lee, of Bryan, Texas, was pronounced dead at the scene. According to Dr. Roland Kohr, Vigo County coroner and forensic pathologist, Lee died of massive blunt force injury, the Terre Haute Tribune Star reported. There were no indications of drugs or alcohol in his system.

Effinger was taken by Life-line Helicopter to Methodist Hospital, where he remains in critical, but stable condition. His serious injuries included a broken right arm, a laceration to his right arm, cuts on his left hand, and a broken collarbone, according to the website set up by his family. The injury to his head caused bleeding in his brain. A machine is helping him to breathe and a fiber optic sensor in his brain is monitoring pressure inside his head.

The second accident occurred early Tuesday morning, April 8, at about 6:20 a.m. Brandon Couch, a graduate of this past fall quarter, was on his way to work on northbound State Road 63. Indiana State Trooper Ted Robertson reported that a tractor-trailer attempted to make an illegal U-turn from the right shoulder after pulling out of a gas station, while

Couch was in the left lane. The tractor-trailer turned in front of Couch's vehicle, cutting him off. The tractor-trailer then struck Couch on the back right side of his vehicle as Couch tried to get around. Couch then careened into the median, where his car rolled one and a half times, coming to rest partially in the southbound lanes. Police reported that Couch was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected from the vehicle. The driver of the tractor-trailer was not injured.

Couch and Lee were respected student-athletes by their coaches and peers. Couch's football teammates recognized his positive attitude and good spirit, and awarded him the Spirit of Chauncey Rose Award three years in a row. Memories line his "Wall" on Facebook with friends and families saying goodbye, and how he'll be missed by all. Lee was also a well-respected athlete and person by his teammates of the Swimming and Diving team. "These two were very well-respected; the two best swimmers on our team" said Swimming and Diving coach Mike Caruso, talking about Lee and Effinger. Thoughts and prayers also line the two online guest books set up for the two swimmers.

Both Couch and Lee are survived by their fiancées; Couch was set to marry next year.

According to Pete Gustafson, the last time Rose has dealt with a death in the community was all the way back in 1994/95 when there were three deaths that year, including a car accident and a drowning in Speed Lake.

In honor of Nick Lee, Rose-Hulman has provided bus transport to Texas so that students could attend the funeral this past Thursday. The bus took 29 people, aside from several other students who flew down instead. A memorial service for Nick Lee will be held in the White Chapel next Thursday, April 17 at 4:30pm.

Services for Brandon Couch will be held in Greenfield, Indiana at Park Chapel Christian Church, approximately two hours from Terre Haute. Friends may call today from 1p.m. till 9p.m. The funeral service will be held tomorrow, April 12 at 11a.m. at the



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Flag flies at half-staff in memory of Brandon Couch and Nicholas Lee, who Rose-Hulman has lost in recent days.

church. Burial will follow at Park Cemetery in Greenfield. Plans are being made for a memorial service for Couch that will take place on campus in the near future.

The tragedies only add to those of two Rose-Hulman sophomores also fighting for their lives, electrical engineering major Jeff Trune and biomedical engineering major Drew Christy. Christy was involved in a car accident back in late February and remains in a coma. Trune did not return to school after winter break after a tumor was discovered in his brain, and has

since suffered a stroke.

Rose-Hulman's administration has made additional counseling services available through the Office of Student Affairs. School officials urge students to seek their assistance with their thoughts, questions or concerns. The professional staff is available on the lower level of the Hulman Union or by calling Tom Miller at x8210 on campus or 877-8210 from off campus.

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**Jeff Trune,**  
Sophomore  
Electrical  
Engineer  
Major, age 19  
from Lansing,  
Michigan



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**Drew Christy,**  
Sophomore  
Biomedical  
Engineering  
Major, age 20  
from Filmore,  
Indiana



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**Adam Effinger,**  
Senior Com-  
puter Engi-  
neering Major,  
age 22 from  
Indianapolis,  
Indiana



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**Nicholas Lee,**  
Junior Bio-  
medical En-  
gineer Major,  
age 21 from  
Bryan, Texas



The Tribune Star

**Brandon Couch,**  
Fall 2007  
Mechanical  
Engineering  
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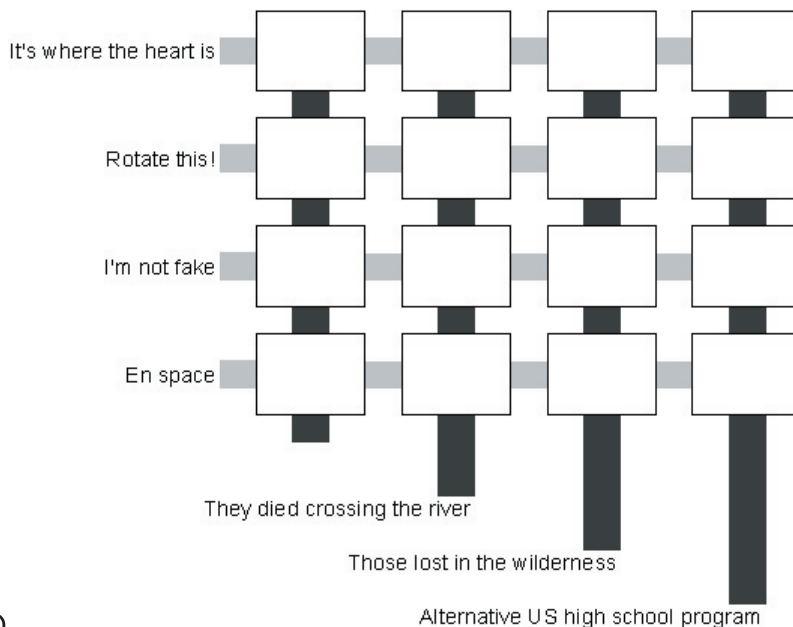
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## Spring Career Fair draws a crowd

**Rachel Howser**  
*Staff Writer*

The Career Fair has come and gone once again here at Rose. This last Wednesday, 91 companies were in the Sports and Recreation Center meeting students, taking résumés, and giving interviews. This career fair was, by far, the smallest this year. Fall quarter saw 208 companies in attendance, while winter quarter saw a very respectable 136 companies. Companies that came this time around include some very large name groups, such as Duke Energy, Arcelor Mittal, and Garmin International. Many of the companies at this career fair were looking for summer internships and full-time positions as opposed to co-ops, although there was no shortage of those to go around.

"It was kind of sparse; a lot of companies didn't show up. The ones that were there provided a wide range of options for employ-

ment though," said Jon Korff, a sophomore civil engineering major.

Korff has a few leads, but because of the timing and the fact that a lot of companies had already made offers after the winter fair, they may or may not pan out.

The career fair serves to help students of all majors find summer jobs and build résumés further than Rose can by itself.

"I didn't go this year because I didn't want an internship this summer, and I scoped it out in the fall," said Michael Kelly, a freshman mechanical engineer, biomedical engineer double major.

Kelly figured he wanted a summer off from Rose before throwing himself full-force into finding an internship.

The Spring Career Fair can be an ideal place for freshman to find internships, because many companies have already hired their full-time employees from winter and fall quarters.

## News Briefs by Kyle Kamischke

### "The Simpsons" is bad for kids

Venezuela has pulled the U.S. cartoon "The Simpsons" from television. They said that the show was "...a potentially bad influence on children..." The time slot is now filled with reruns of "Baywatch." The show was originally dubbed into Spanish and aired on the Telegen network at 11 a.m. The country's broadcast regulator, Conatel, said that the show broke the radio and television social responsibility law. Conatel began to receive a lot of complaints from viewers, triggering them to start proceedings against the show. The owner of "The Simpsons," 20th Century Fox Television, was unable to comment on Venezuela's decision regarding the show. Numerous Venezuelan television stations currently show reruns of series from the U.S.

### Stephen King hates video game haters

Stephen King, in a column he writes for Entertainment Weekly, strongly criticized the plans by a U.S. state to ban violent video games. He called it undemocratic and said it was up to parents to decide how to monitor their children's activities. He also wrote, "What makes me crazy is when politicians take it upon themselves to play surrogate parents. The results of that are usually disastrous. Not to mention undemocratic." This comes after debates that are ongoing in the United States, Britain, and Australia. British authorities recently banned Manhunt 2 due to its extremely graphic nature. King is best known for writing horror stories such as "The Shining" and "Carrie."

### Duck gets protection

A pet duck is the first animal in New York state's Suffolk County to receive an order of protection. The duck, named Circles, was shot through the neck by a neighbor while in its owner's backyard. Circles was treated for the injury and survived. The neighbor was charged with animal cruelty, and Circle's owner got an order of protection. According to the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, this is the first time that an animal has received an order of protection without being involved in a domestic violence incident. Circles was covered under a provision that was signed into law by former New York Governor George Pataki in 2006.



Tim Boyer / Rose Thorn

The "pillars of safety" were recently installed on campus.

## New "pillars of safety" guard campus

**Tim Boyer**  
*Copy Editor*

As Rose-Hulman students returned to campus last weekend, many noticed three new poles crowned with peculiar structures reminiscent of flying saucers. These "pillars of safety", as 2007 graduate Bob Urbe dubbed them, are new sirens installed while students were on spring break.

The sirens are part of a new initiative by Rose-Hulman to increase the school's ability to communicate with students in an emergency situation. "We're tying this into a cell phone/e-mail/text messaging alert that would broadcast the same alert through that system, if a student chooses to enroll in it. (We're not going to

force people to it though)," commented Rose-Hulman's Manager of Environmental Health and Safety Mike Howard. "[IAIT] is also working on a plan to put in [Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP)] telephones throughout campus so if we activate this system, the same alarms, same tones, same message would actually come through on the phone in the dorm room and the classroom and hallways." Rose-Hulman is now one of about 160-170 schools using the system.

In the event of a serious emergency such as a Tornado Warning or a dangerous person on campus, the sirens can be activated, which would set off a tone or siren for about fifteen seconds and follow with an announcement informing the com-

munity of the situation. "It'll be run out of [the office of] Public Safety," continued Howard. "We need some place that's going to be monitored 24/7, and Public Safety is the only operation that has an employee here 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They have their National Weather Service radio there; they will have the main computer."

The sirens also have a large amount of back-up power. They can be used for 30 minutes straight, if necessary. Otherwise, the batteries will last for 30 hours when not in use.

When asked if there will be anything done to try and have the sirens blend into the background, Howard replied "We're going to do some landscaping around it once the dirt settles;

probably put some flowers or mulch or stonage around to make it blend in to the landscape there." He also mentioned that it was necessary to put a siren next to Deming. "It was all based on the noise study that was done on campus in order to put it in the proper location for blockage from trees and buildings and anything else," he explained. "That yard, that's basically the highest pinnacle point of land that's on campus. The only piece of property right now, even in the master plan, does not appear to be disturbed is basically where it is now."

Howard assures campus that "by the time the kids come back to school in the fall, it'll all be greened over and built into the landscape."

## Network policy changes: Bandwidth restrictions cut

**Rachel Howser**  
*Staff Writer*

On Wednesday, March 26, the Rose-Hulman Instructional, Administrative, and Information Technology (IAIT) Technical Services Center suspended the enforcement of the student download/upload quota policy. The former policy allowed students to download or upload up to three gigabytes of information over a 24-hour period or five gigabytes over three days. If a student exceeded these limits, their bandwidth use was restricted. The new system allows students to share available bandwidth without a limit. Sophomore chemical engineering major Brianna Butchart stated, "I'm going to miss laughing at people

on 56K." IAIT and the Academic Technology Committee approved the change in policy on Monday, March 24, 2008. A statement emailed to IAIT employees from IAIT administrators explained: "It is our belief, and that of the Academic Technology Committee members, that this change will be beneficial to residential students."

Stephen Jones, the Associate Vice President of IAIT and Chief Systems Architect, explained why the policy was changed: "There were students, some who legitimately exceeded those limits for academic use. There's also the increased prevalence of multimedia available to students via the Internet. The IAIT staff, especially the media staff, in looking

at the quotes and the number of students being subjected to rate limiting, we thought that removing the quota enforcement would make the network more usable for the residential students." Jones also explained how much bandwidth is available for student use: "During the workday the residence halls are allotted a minimum of 15 megabits per second. Outside of normal work hours, the students have access to everything that is available except for bandwidth allocated to the library and IAIT." Rose-Hulman's total Internet bandwidth is 45 megabits per second. The limits established for peer-to-peer networking are not affected by the suspension of the quota policy because these limits are cov-

ered under a separate policy. The new policy also does not apply to the limits placed on classrooms and laboratories and does not affect faculty and staff because they were never included under the old policy.

After a week with the new policy, one restriction was added. Jones stated, "Some students were uploading excessively to the Internet, we came back and added a 512 kilobits per second maximum for uploads." When asked about the success of the new policy, Jones said, "With just a couple of weeks, one which all of the students were gone, I think it is too early to say whether it was successful or not. The goal is to make the campus a better place for the students who live here."

Many students are concerned about their classmates abusing the new system. Freshman

civil engineering major Jessica Honegger stated, "No wonder my Internet access suddenly slowed down to the speed of a caveman writing with a hammer and a chisel!" Paul Banister, a sophomore computer science major, added, "It's lag-tastic." Jones stated, "I think based on e-mail

we've seen from some students, that they think the campus was better off without the quotas. We are still monitoring how much students are uploading and downloading to the Internet. If it continues to be an issue and if the consensus from the students is that it was better off with the quotas, we will look at reestablishing the quotas and changing the quotas if they are put back." He added, "It is a small number of students that are abusing the uploading and downloading. We considered that this could happen when we were debating it. The feeling among all of us is that the students were responsible enough that this would be a positive change rather than having to enforce responsible behavior."

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# Community service

**Jessica Rogers**  
*Living Editor*

Whether it's a social fraternity hosting an annual event for their national charity, the wrestling team selling t-shirts to support breast cancer research, a campus group having a clothing drive for needy families, or the opportunity to participate in yet another "walk X distance to support Y charity" type event, it seems like our inboxes are constantly getting flooded with e-mails to do this, support that, donate money, or attend an event, all in support of something or another. In most cases, unless you are planning the event, you have no idea what that something is. However, before you automatically delete that e-mail or reject that Facebook invitation, thinking "what can I, one person, do that will cause a big impact," at least consider what the event is. Chances are, it is something you might be interested in, even if you are not specifically interested in the cause being supported.

I'm going to be completely nerdy here and put that great economics class I took last Spring to use and suggest that you look at the opportunity cost of participating in that fundraiser or service event. What would you be doing with that hour of your life instead of getting a spaghetti dinner for which all of the proceeds are going to directly support something that fellow

students on campus feel strongly about? You have to eat anyway, right? On that note, are you really going to wear that closet full of shirts that do not quite fit anymore? What are you *really* going to do with that spare change on your desk, most of which is pennies? I know, I know, you could be sleeping in instead of participating in that charity walk. But is that extra hour of sleep really worth losing the satisfaction you could get from knowing you used it to do something good?

I have to say this: I feel extremely blessed to be a member of the Rose-Hulman campus. During the time I've been a student, I have met some of the most caring and generous people. However, it troubles me when the person I see buying a T-shirt they might never wear for charity is the same one planning that spaghetti dinner, addressing letters for a fundraiser, and getting up early to attend another charity walk. As someone who has been actively involved in charity events, I know how much money this campus can raise. I have also seen how stingy we are with our time. I am just as guilty as the next person of saying "Sure, sign me up for that 7am event," then cancelling at the last minute because I wanted more sleep. But I have also had the benefit of seeing the appreciation on the faces of those directly affected by my time and support of a particular cause.

This summer, I was blessed with the opportunity to attend a conference at St. Jude Children's Hospital. It is an amazing place. Words cannot truly describe what it was like to be there, knowing that every step I took was the result of someone's generous donation to keep the hospital running. Every patient I saw would never see a bill for the treatment they were receiving. It was in those moments, walking those halls, that I realized something about myself. No matter how hard things were in my life, there is a large chance that someone is having a worse time than me, and if I can do something small to make their situation better, it makes mine feel a little less horrible. For lack of a better comparison, it helps put light at the end of what sometimes feels like an endless tunnel.

The reality is, we are in college. We are not making hundreds of dollars that can easily be signed over to our favorite charity (at least not yet!) but we can give something just as valuable. Our time. I pose this challenge to you- next time you get invited to a charity event, instead of looking for where to deposit that spare change sitting on your desk, look for a way to get actively involved. Go to that event, or participate in that letter writing. You never know when that organization you just helped will be the one helping you or your family.

# Dealing with grief

**Christopher Smith**  
*Rose-Hulman  
Staff Counselor*

This week the Rose-Hulman family suffered the tragic loss of two of its members. In light of these losses it seems that it would be an important time to talk about loss and grief. Although we all experience grief, it is important to note that not everyone experiences grief in the same way. Grief is a natural reaction to the loss of someone we care about. I wanted to discuss some of the common emotions and behavioral reactions that you may experience when grieving.

Often people experience a sense of shock or denial. When this happens, a person may feel numb or not know how to react. This may feel disconcerting, but keep in mind that it is common and will pass with time. You may also feel anger. You may be angry at the situation or that no one prevented it from happening. It is OK to feel

experience restlessness. These are common reactions and you may experience one or more of them.

The last thing that I would like to discuss is how to take care of yourself and your friends during the grieving process. I cannot stress enough that these reactions are common and you are not alone in your experience of them. As you grieve, the entire Rose family grieves with you. As you experience these emotional and physical reactions, remember to express what you are feeling. By allowing these feelings to come out, you will be able to better address them and keep them from becoming overwhelming. Don't be afraid to reach out to friends and ask for their help; don't be afraid to accept support when it is offered. Leaning on one another can help you and your friends as you move through the grieving process. If you feel that you are having trouble, seek out help through friends, campus staff, counseling, or support

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groups. Each of these can be a valuable resource as you move through the grieving process.

If you have a friend who is grieving, there are ways to help them as they move

through the process. One of the most important things you can do for a friend is to simply be there for them. Often the simple act of calling, writing, or being near them can remind friends that they are not alone and can offer support. Another way to help is to sit with your friend and listen. Allowing them to share their feelings about the loss can help them release some of their emotions. Lastly, if you see that your friend is having trouble, be willing to help them reach out to others who are trained to help individuals who are grieving.

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# Civil defense

**Ben Collins**

*Entertainment Editor*

Recently, we have had the usual crowds of prospective students coming onto campus getting tours and hearing about what Rose has to offer. Normally, I pass these high school kids off as nothing more than future freshmen, and that definitely brings a bit of joy to my day, simply because I know that these kids would

love Rose no matter what they did if they were open to it. I have given prospective tours myself and it is fun to hear about what majors they are plan-

ning on studying when they get here. Excitedly, I always perked up when I heard somebody was planning to be a chemistry or chemical engineering major because I'm especially proud of my major and the professors in the Chemical Engineering Department. I never put down anybody for saying they wanted to be any other major, maybe to be polite, but more because I didn't want to discourage impressionable parents or students of something that the student feels they'd be passionate about. I had also assumed that if the students happened to talk to prospective students, regardless of major or opinions of other majors, they would be positive about their choice. I had also figured that the

tensions between majors would not be so severe as to cause somebody to verbally insult somebody for their decision. I was wrong, apparently.

During a prospective student's stay here on campus, where they were staying with a friend, they went to classes, they hung out with the student body, and they said what major they were dead-set on being when they came to Rose: a

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structural civil engineer. Of course, there are going to be the standard civil engineer jokes, some saying they're lazy or other rather derogatory comments, and I jokingly shrug them aside, assuring them we have a great Civil Engineering program. The last straw, though, came when somebody explicitly said to the prospective, "I'm [an electrical engineering major], which is superior to Civils in every way." I mentally was fed up with the whole situation and I've become resolute on one thing: we as a community are unappreciative of the civil engineers, but in the larger sense we are biased to the point of being bigots to people of different majors.

Elucidating on the former point, I'm finally sick and tired of civil engineers receiving the butt of every joke for no good reason. Yes, I realize that the workload appears light when compared to other en-

gineering majors, but it is merely different, and the challenges appear at other times in their academic career. Consider what the civil engineers do with their degree: they design the buildings we inhabit, they clean and transport our water and waste, and they generally facilitate the ways we live everyday without us ever actually thinking about it. That's a heavy load that can really only be carried out by civil engineers (and in certain cases chemical and mechanical engineers), but it has to be done, or else we'd end up with a true version of hell on Earth. Simply put, civil engineers have a purpose, and we as people need civil engineers to do their job; insulting an engineer who takes the tedious care to design where we live, the roads we use to get to anywhere efficiently, and who clean the limited water we need to survive is bad karma.

Civil engineers get the worst of the brunt from everybody, but let's think about our relationships, work or otherwise, with people from different majors. I know I have insulted, on multiple occasions, software engineering and computer science majors, and have been more than overly critical of their field of study, because it's not my area of interest, but I've learned to put myself in check because of one simple fact: as a chemical engineer, I need programmers, and it is what they do best, and they need me to design the processes they need to set to algorithms within those programs. We are a community of people that, in the end, need each other to do a job right and efficiently and we can't forget that.

# SERIOUSLY. *Mark Minster*

These days when friends and family ask what's new, I've stopped saying "Busy." It's like answering "Fine, and you?" It doesn't say anything new. Everyone's busy, we're always busy. Deadlines come fast and heedless of our mood. Some days, weeks, and even years are remorseless as the Furies. Projects don't ask us how we're feeling, the e-mail inbox doesn't stop filling when we're low or blue or angry as hell that people we loved though we barely knew them are out there, clutching to life in a hospital, battling infections and struggling to open their eyes, or out there even further, dead before their time. Busyness propels us, and that is its merit, and that is its curse.

Over Spring Break, like most faculty and students, I tasted something I hadn't in a while, and it was comforting and sweet. Time. Just a moment of time, time to do nothing. Time to dangle thoughts over the side of the dock, to breathe in to a count of 8 and out to a count of 16. I double-dug a raised-bed garden, worked the compost, planted sweet peas and leafy greens, things that can survive any frost April might still have left.

There wasn't a lot of it, this time of which I speak. But there it was, briefly, enough to take a taste.

I love a poem by Emerson called "Days," in which Days are personified as "daughters of Time," "marching single in an endless file." Each Day has the power to grant wishes to every person, and those wishes are there simply for the asking: "Bread, kingdom, stars, and sky that holds them all." You can take all you want. The speaker of Emerson's poem, however, gets stuck staring at the endless procession of Days and in his haste and

bafflement takes only "a few herbs and apples." The poem ends with his catching a glimpse of the Day's face, which is scornful. The Day scorns him, the poem is clear, for not taking more of what it had to offer.

Maybe what that poem means is that it's good to be busy, because busyness takes everything from the Day's pockets and purse, and sweeps at the corners of the Day's house to get it all. Instead, I think the poem means that it's better to throw one's legs or thoughts or projects over the side of the dock once in a while, because maybe busyness is what hurried Emerson's speaker to take only herbs and apples, when instead he might have had everything this side of the moon. Busyness, after all, is what leads one to see only the procession of days, not to see each individual day for what it has to give.

The last time I literally dangled my legs in the water was last summer in Scotland, on the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond. That day, my friends and I drove up into the Arrochar Range towards Inverary and stopped above the most beautiful valley I have ever seen, a place called "Rest and Be Thankful." We rested. We were thankful. I cupped my hands and drank straight from the mountain spring, counting in-breaths to 8 and out-breaths to 16. There was no busyness there. I remember thinking, and maybe I said it aloud: "this is where we go when we die." There is one long day there, wherever it is we imagine the dead to go, beyond the hum of busyness, beyond the procession of days, where one takes every last gift that Day has to offer, where they rest, and we rest, and are thankful.

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# The legal rights of photographers

**JP Verkamp**

*Staff Writer*

Imagine being out and about, on the hunt for that perfect photograph. You get ready to take a picture and suddenly there are security guards all around. They demand that you hand over your camera at once. What do you do?

It turns out that you are under virtually no legal obligation to turn over your camera or destroy any of the pictures that you have taken, especially if you did not violate anyone's privacy. If you happened to be trespassing at the time, you might still face legal trouble for that, but any pictures that you have already taken will be safe.

So what exactly can you do and what shouldn't you do? The key feature is that no law specifically prohibits the taking of photographs—in public or on private property. Special cases include certain government facilities where photography could potentially be considered a threat to national security. However, there are some risks associated with taking photographs while trespassing. For example, if you are brought to court on trespassing charges, the photographs can be used as evi-

dence against you.

One interesting aspect of this is that even if you are asked to stop taking pictures or to leave a public place, you can still legally publish the pictures you took—with the exceptions noted below.

The second half of photography is publishing the pictures that you have taken. So long as the people in those pictures did not have a reasonable right to privacy, it is perfectly legal to publish the pictures. There are a few easy ways to violate this right to privacy, including taking pictures with a telephoto lens that allow you to view something that would otherwise not be publicly viewable, such as a medical prescription.

In addition, a photographer may face libel charges if he or she publishes a photograph with inaccurate or misleading captions. One example of this is the use of a photograph of a celebrity or other well known person using a product as an advertisement for that product without the consent of the person.

Overall, just remember that if you remember to obey the laws regarding the right to privacy, it is rarely illegal to take a picture.

**John Pinkus**

*Staff Writer*

For over a year, I have been using this forum to practically write whatever I wanted to, from why I was qualified to write for this paper to an absurdly sarcastic description of our current President's accomplishments. Not one to rest on laurels I haven't deserved, there are still a great deal of other topics I would like to write about before next month, when you no longer get the "enjoyment" of these mostly non-current event opinion pieces. That being said, I planned on using this week to write about

an activity the majority of us participate in, for I have more than 3 years of various experiences of partaking in said activity. However, my plans changed drastically on Sunday night, along with a great deal of my thoughts. The reason for this shift is the same reason why the flags around campus are currently at half mast, the recent death of two our students.

I understand with that last sentence I have just reopened the proverbial flood gate of emotions for some members of this community, and for that, I sincerely apologize. I will ensure that the remainder of

this article will not be an inspired diatribe of any religious activity designed to comfort mourners, for I haven't lost all of my humility. Nor will this article try to attempt to be any form of memorial for the recently deceased; I am not the right person to embark in such a venture. Furthermore, I am not writing to offer any advice to the members of this community that are currently in mourning; once again, I am not qualified to do such a thing.

With *all of that* being said, I doubt that anybody that has the ability to interpret these black shapes is unaware that at some

“A death close to home seems to have a profound effect on us; even if its effects do not last indefinitely.”

point they will perish from this earth. Thankfully or regrettably, our society does deal with this subject of human mortality quite often. For instance, in "No Country for Old Men," Anton Chigurh murders countless individuals. This extremely violent movie just got an *even more* proverbial seal of approval when it received the Oscar for best picture. Instead of the audience being mortified at the sight of all of this loss of human life, we think all of the killing is cool (or extremely deep and thought provoking, depending on your disposition). However, the audience is

aware that all of the violence in this film is simulated, but the news is a different thing. I have often heard of various shootings in downtown Indianapolis, or scores of Iraqi citizens dying in some kind of attack. Even though I doubt many people enjoy hearing this sort of news, we seem to care a great deal more if we personally know the individual who has died. For, if we mourned every loss of human life that we heard about, we would have to purchase a Johnny Cash-like wardrobe.

Now with the reason why I wrote this article, a death *close to home* seems to have a profound effect on us; even if its effects do not last indefinitely (we eventually seem to "get over" it and go about our lives "normally"). These events change our mood dramatically, they cause us to reexamine the way we interact with others, and as a byproduct cause a deluge of thoughts concerning the possibility of our own deaths among many other things. I don't think I am going out on a limb when I believe the thoughts concerning this topic are naturally not very pleasant. You might start thinking about if you have accomplished everything in your life that you have set out to do (which is more often not the case), about how the people around you will deal with your passing, or the little problem with the entire uncertainty of what is in store for yourself. However, the most unpleasant thought is that we will simply cea

Engineer Scoreboard

Softball 15-7 (6-2)	Baseball 18-8 (5-3)
March 22	March 22
Rose-Hulman 11 at Transylvania 3	Robert Morris-Springfield 0 at Rose-Hulman 3
Rose-Hulman 6 at Transylvania 1	Robert Morris-Springfield 3 at Rose-Hulman 20
March 29	March 29
Rose-Hulman 6 at Bluffton University 2	Rose-Hulman 0 at Manchester 3
Rose-Hulman 6 at Bluffton University 1	Rose-Hulman 5 at Manchester 4
March 30	March 30
St. Mary's College 4 at Rose-Hulman 10	Rose-Hulman 9 at Manchester 5
St. Mary's College 4 at Rose-Hulman 2	April 1
April 2	Franklin College 6 at Rose-Hulman 4
Rose-Hulman 1 at Monmouth College 3	April 2
Rose-Hulman 6 at Monmouth College 7	DePauw University 2 at Rose-Hulman 3
April 5	April 4
Rose-Hulman 2 at Manchester College 3	Bluffton University 3 at Rose-Hulman 11
Rose-Hulman 7 at Manchester College 0	April 5
April 6	Bluffton University 1 at Rose-Hulman 4
Defiance College 8 at Rose-Hulman 6	Bluffton University 6 at Rose-Hulman 3
Defiance College 0 at Rose-Hulman 4	April 8
	Rose-Hulman 16 at Anderson 2

Women's Tennis 7-6 (6-2)	Men's Tennis 3-4 (3-1)
April 3	April 3
Rose-Hulman 4 at Florida Inst. of Tech. 5	Rose-Hulman 0 at Florida Inst. of Tech. 9
April 8	April 5
Rose-Hulman 0 at DePauw 9	Hanover College 3 at Rose-Hulman 6
	Defiance College 0 at Rose-Hulman 9

Track and Field
March 22
Rose-Hulman Early Bird Meet Terre Haute, IN
Eight wins
March 29
Rhodes Invitational Memphis, TN
M-2nd W-6th
April 5
Ohio Wesleyan Invitational Delaware, OH
M-5th W-12th

Men's Golf
March 29-30
Anderson Invitational Anderson, IN
5th of 9 teams
April 3
Hanover Invitational Hanover, IN
4th of 5 teams
April 5-6
Mount St. Joseph Invitational North Bend, OH
3rd of 6 teams

Athlete of

the week

Rachel Krasich



Tim Boyer  
Staff Writer

This week's Rose Thorn Athlete of the Week is senior chemical engineer Rachel Krasich. Krasich is a member of the cross-country team and the indoor and outdoor track team. This past fall, Krasich qualified for the NCAA Division III National Championship meet for cross-country, the first time any Rose female athlete has qualified to compete for the National cross-country title. She also currently holds the school record for the 3,000 meter steeplechase at 11:26.45. She also holds the records for the 5,000 meter (18:54) and 6,000 meter (22:06).

Rose Thorn: How long have you been running?  
Rachel Krasich: Since 8th grade.

RT: What is your most memorable meet?  
RK: It would either have to be Regionals this year or Conference my sophomore year. Regionals this year was a huge press for me, and the meet where I qualified for Nationals. I've never raced that hard before, so it was a great feeling. Conference sophomore year was in Conway, Arkansas. There wasn't a whole lot to do in Conway before the meet, so several of us found our own entertainment

by looking for Halloween costumes in a Goodwill near the hotel. I have some quality pictures from that. A lot of people ran well at that meet as well, so it was an overall great trip.

RT: This past fall you competed in the NCAA Division III Women's Cross Country National Championship meet - the first female at Rose to do so. How does that make you feel?  
RK: Getting to Nationals this year was great. It was something I worked for all summer and fall, but I knew it would still take a really good Regionals race to get there. So getting to go was amazing since there were no guarantees.

RT: What events do you run during the spring track season?  
RK: Indoor track, I run pretty much anything distance: 3k, 1500, occasionally an 800. Outdoor, I run the steeplechase.

RT: Rose track and field is off to a great start this season. How far do you think you guys can go?  
RK: We really are having a great track season so far. I think the guys have a great shot at Anderson this year as a team. For the girls it's a little more difficult since our team is so small, but we'll have several girls scoring

and some winning their events, so we'll be competitive.

RT: How would you compare Rose's program to that of your high school?  
RK: My high school program was a lot different. We had a much bigger team, which made the dynamics different. There's pros and cons to each though.

RT: How has participating in a varsity sport had an effect on your experience at Rose?  
RK: Running has made a huge difference. Playing a varsity sport forces you to get more sleep, keep a normal schedule, etc. Since I had much less free time it forced me to get homework and projects done faster. Plus going to practice everyday was a great stress reliever; it gave me something else to focus on.

RT: Do you have any plans on staying involved in long-distance running after graduating?  
RK: I definitely want to keep racing after Rose. I want to start doing marathons and minis, and I'm also hoping to jump into a few cross country races as an unattached runner. Even though I won't necessarily have a team, there are still a lot of benefits that running gives me that I don't want to give up.

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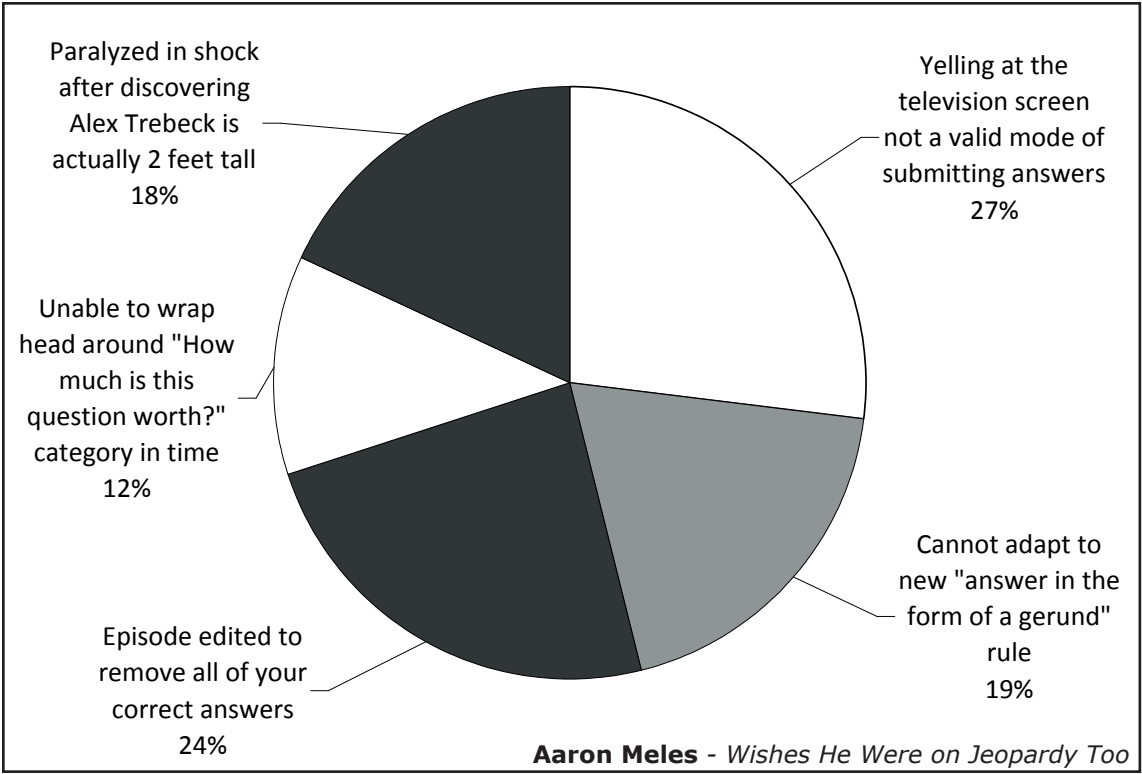


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# Why are we losing at Jeopardy?



Aaron Meles - Wishes He Were on Jeopardy Too

## This day...

**1899:** Spain cedes Puerto Rico to the United States. Spoils of war, man. We get the rum making capital of the Western Hemisphere all because we accidentally blew up one of our

own ships Dick Cheney style. Sweet. Oops. On a lighter note, Puerto Rico sports an average temperature of 82.4 degrees Fahrenheit without drastic seasonal changes. I'm currently crying with jealousy.

## ...in history

# Top Ten rules of laking

Matthew Melton

I am Soooooo Getting Laked Again

12. Don't pick a target who can't try to stop the laking. (a.k.a. injured people, those who can't swim, or people who have been drinking. Especially the last one...)
11. Take people's shoes off before you throw them in. That way, they have to put their shoes back on before they chase you down and exact revenge...lovingly, of course...
10. If it's someone's birthday, they should probably be laked. No questions asked.
9. Always empty people's pockets off before you lake them! (This way you can take their ID for free subway!)
8. Laking your RA's and SA is fun, but do remember that they are wayyyy better at laking than you are...
7. All people helping to lake someone are free game for being laked by the person being laked, other people laking the same person, or a third party that comes out of nowhere. (In other words, leave your cell phone in your room when you go-a-laking.)
6. Never lake girls wearing white T-shirts. (This one is for their emotional and your physical safety.)
5. Better yet, you should probably just never lake girls. (They have nails...and cooties...)
4. When laking, do it right. Don't drop someone off the side off the pier, where the sharp pointy rocks will have to break their fall. Toss them like a salad towards the raft!
3. If laking is inevitable, take someone with you. Then see # 1.
2. By the power vested in my as the Editor of the Flipside, I officially declare Laking Season...should involve the fact that it's supposed to be 70 degrees Fahrenheit next Wednesday...
1. It's perfectly acceptable, even encouraged, to lake back twice as good those who have laked you. (Twice as good is defined as thrown in twice, during a much colder night, or waking them up to lake them.)

## Wacky prof quotes

- "If you were my age, you'd be dead!" — Mr. Pete Gustafson, the wise sage of Rose-Hulman.
- "This should make you want to rip your hair out. When you get to looking like me, stop." — Dr. Massman, giving fashion and stress release tips at the same time.
- "This is what a supercritical fluid looks like, it sits on the lab bench says things like 'you dress funny' and tells you that you're doing the lab wrong." — Dr. Morris, with yet another reason I'm happy to be a Mechanical Engineer.
- "That's kind of nice. It's painted like the sky...it's chlorine!" — Dr. Thomas, having a moment of ADD.
- "Good to know you guys have such lofty dreams of messing with people, driving a porche and eating ice cream." — Dr. Mr. Devasher, on our generation. That's not true, we also aspire to beat Halo 3 on Legendary.
- "Whose belch do I service first?" — Dr. Hoover, apparently teaching Root Beer 101...Sign me up!
- "Today we are going to talk about two things: Facebook and Spontaneous Human Combustion." — Dr. House, for which I must say 'one of these things is not like the other...'
- "Oh, my bad, you're crying. Let me give some points" — Dr. Mr. Devasher, the kind, caring, compassionate...Yeah...
- "How can I make this harder?" — Dr. Cornwell, with possibly the greatest 'your mother' joke ever.

# The Interview Challenge

Matt Melton

Still Looking for an Internship...

You've done it. You passed the Career Fair with flying colors. Well, at least the parts you tried to pass. You slid down the SRC stairs on your snowboard, introduced yourself as the greatest thing to happen to the world since Internet porn, and somehow still managed to get an interview. And now, it's time to match your Career Fair Challenge triumph with another terrible idea that I really want to see someone try: The Interview Challenge.

The interview is a completely different monster than the Career Fair. There are no second chances in the interview, no other employers six feet over looking for a piece of the Rose-Hulman pie. You've got once chance to pull your fast ones on unsuspecting companies and get out of there with a job. So put on your black socks, comb your hair, tuck in your shirt...or do none of those and enjoy the Interview Challenge!

**Bronze Level: The Newbz0rs.** These players are just joining in on the fun, and it shows. Re-using childish tricks from the Career Fair, they pull the usual clothing mistakes — no belt, white sox, untucked shirt...you know, the basics. They'll probably add a few lies here or there for bonus points. Nothing big, just adding a tenth to their GPA, exaggerating their "management" position at Burger King in high school, or complimenting the interviewer on their amazing sense of style. The quicker these pansies kick off their training wheels, the better.

**Students who should give this mundane challenge a try:** People who are freaking out about not being stuck at home this summer, have a 2.0, or are allergic to excitement. Oh, and pretty much everyone at Rose at one time or another.

**Silver Level: The Pr0z:** Honing their mischievous interviewing ways, these up and coming rebels are making things interesting. Waltzing in wearing a pair of jeans, Led Zeppelin T-shirt, and carrying a Cuban cigar, the little white lies of last level are now full blown deceptions. Yes, you were your high school valedictorian in a class of 741. Sure, you're the great-nephew of Albert Einstein. And of course, you discovered the unified field theory. These professionals could sell ice to an Eskimo with their persuasive ways and that's why a job is in the bag despite the tom-foolery. Transition to the gold level begins when they get a job offer and an invite to the nearest bar for a drink.

Oh, and they drink on the company at the bar.

**Interviewees who would stoop to this level:** Ones that are planning on going to grad school, haven't heard of "blacklisted" before, really good poker players, and anyone who enjoys relaxing all day at home over the summer.

**Gold Level: Teh EI337.** Champions of the chit-chat, the elite members of this delightfully daring competition skip the usual talks for completely ridiculous results. Ever had a deep conversation during an interview that resulted in the interviewer having a religious conversion? That's just another day on the interrogation chair for these masters. They don't miraculously walk out of the room with just a job offer, no, they walk out with the interviewer's Starbucks in one hand and their beautiful daughters' phone numbers in the other. It's not about getting hired — it's about life altering events in a thirty minute span with a job offer as a minor side effect. Convincing the companies owner to change the company name from his to yours isn't far-fetched here. These guys don't use clothing mistakes, oh no, they use clothing travesties. No tie? How about nothing but a tie. Then spend the interview describing your life as a nudist and how successful it's made you. And get hired. With a record signing bonus. And another addition to your made-up nudist colony. Priceless. Think it can't be done? Then maybe you should stick to silver, you who wants to be a "productive member of society."

**Who contains the amazing power for this level?** Students who lack any common sense whatsoever, know the interviewer has a really hot daughter, are James Bond, have a 4.1, or is badder than

## Thorn Office Staff Quote of the Week

"Is that amongst just Civils, or does it involve real engineers?" — Co-Editor-in-Chief Andrew Klusman, putting Tim Boyer in his civil place.

