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NO VACANCY

Odessa Goedert
Staff Writer

Since 1985, Rose-Hulman has seen no more than 17 vacancies in on-campus housing in any one year. In the last few years, upperclass students have seen their chance to live on campus dwindle to nearly nothing. In spring of '03, this trend culminated in a randomly ordered senior wait list, which caused many to move off campus rather than risk a last minute apartment search.

As a result, the campus has a noticeable lack of upperclass men this year, and an even more striking lack of upper class women. With juniors and seniors representing more than 50% of female enrollment, the majority of Rose-Hulman women are living off campus this year.

This is far from a new problem. While campus capacity has

increased by only 203 beds in the last 10 years, enrollment has gone up by 311. Rose-Hulman is clearly accepting more students than campus can even begin to house.

Although Tom Miller, Associate Dean of Students, calls the size of the freshman class "an institutional decision," Dean of Admissions Chuck Howard states that last year's freshman class was "significantly larger" than intended.

The school's reputation has grown more rapidly than its housing capacity, and the students are feeling the pressure. By placing students in overflow housing the staff has managed to pack all the students on campus, but at what cost?

So few upperclass women remain on campus this year that those not living in Skinner do not fill the entirety of Blumberg 4. In an email sent to all students requesting housing on

that floor, Erik Hayes, Director of Residence Life, said "Due to the large number of incoming freshmen, we are currently looking at some atypical housing arrangements." The atypical arrangements turned out to be a floor consisting of freshmen males and mostly upperclass females.

While students are willing to make some sacrifices, many feel that this is going too far. "When I got the email from Erik Hayes about freshman boys on my floor this year, the first thing I thought was about the noise," says Junior CS, Brandi Soggs. "Freshmen are noisy and people keep telling me this is going to be my hardest year at Rose." Soggs is not alone in her sentiment; several other upperclass women have also expressed concerns.

Slated to open next year the proposed solution to the situation is the new apartment-style residence hall. It will house



Photo by Carmen DuVall / Rose Thorn
Construction continues on the new apartment-style residence hall.

230 students in Skinner-style apartments. It may seem like a lot of space to add all at once, but according to projections made by Hayes, the campus will remain nearly full.

At the rate that Rose-Hulman is building new residence halls,

we are only barely keeping up with the intended growth of the school. The Institute's long-range plan is to increase undergraduate enrollment to 2000; no long-range housing plan has been publicly announced.

Facing fiscal stagnation

Courtland Caldwell
Staff Writer

A dismal three years in the stock market, an increase in the school's faculty budget, and a new Computer Science Department location have resulted in \$300,000 in capital cuts to a variety of areas, \$150,000 in reserve fund reductions, and the decision not to increase the non-salary budget. The suffering stock market is the main reason for the trauma. The consequences include fewer classroom and laboratory assistants, slow growth, and decreased faculty professional development.

Although the campus community will suffer for the 2003 - 2004 school year, members of the administration remain confident that the slimming is not too severe and that the current stagnation is simply a one-time concern.

The non-salary budget for Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology consists of three major components: supplies, faculty development, and student employees. Although the decision to maintain last year's non-salary budget is not a decrease in the number of dollars budgeted, but a decrease in budgeted value. Effectively the administration's decision means fewer new equipment purchases by departments, decreased ongoing faculty education, fewer student work hours, and a student assistance program of diminished strength.

Art Western, Dean of Faculty commented, "Holding the line on the non-salary things sounds kind of stringent but not nearly as dramatic as the three other cuts," referring to the capital spending reductions which came evenly from stu-



Photo by Luke Stark / Thorn
Students working in a new computer lab CSSE; the department is one of many facing budgetary problems.

dent affairs, facilities, and IAIT. The administration has selected to cut \$150,000 from the "reserve cushion," an institute contingency fund used to pay for unexpected physical scenarios like leaky roofs and broken water lines.

The Institute's income comes from three places: tuition, private gifts, and the endowment. Tuition income was higher this year due to the 58 student increase in fall quarter enrollment. But the most significant source of income comes from the Rose-Hulman endowment, using a three-year averaging scheme. Each year the school allocates 8.23% of the

endowment's three-year rolling average, a system designed to ensure the continued growth of the endowment's value and to provide a consistent increase in the annual budget. The three years that made up this year's take were at the heart of America's most recent economic recession, which has landed the Institute in its current state.

Rob Coons, Vice-President of Business and Finance, explained the seven month process of creating the \$50 million annual budget which involves administrators, trustees, and faculty. Coons stated that, "There is not a particular reason that students don't take part in the discussion." He explained further that, "The executive members and the Board of Trustees do have some fiduciary responsibility," and ultimately suggested that student "involvement should be at the academic affairs level," meaning input at the department or dean levels of the process.

Despite the seven months of work and the cooperation of many minds, Rose is suffering. The administration, which has done a remarkable job of cutting capital spending and reducing the "reserve cushion" without drawing public notice, has begun to draw the reluctant criticism of faculty members and a diversity of student opinions ranging from shock to frustration for its decision not to increase the non-salary budget.

The Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering, despite its new home and lab, has seen dramatic losses and it's there that students apparently began to speak out against the new policies.

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Rose ranked for connectivity

Lissa Avery
Staff Writer

The Princeton Review announced the *Top 25 Most Connected Campuses*, a list of schools considered the most technologically connected in the nation. It takes into account the student/computer ratio, wireless access on campus, the breadth of the computer science curriculum, and comments from campus students.

According to Forbes.com, 100% of college campuses have Internet access, with approximately 80% of campuses now offering wireless campus connections. College campuses continue to increase the amount of services and information available online, including course registration, campus radio stations, meal menus, and classroom lectures.

Then top ten on the *Top 25 Most Connected Campuses* are as follows:

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2. Wake Forest University
3. Georgia Institute of Technology
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6. Bryant College
7. Illinois Institute of Technology
8. Villanova University
9. Hampton University
10. University of South Dakota

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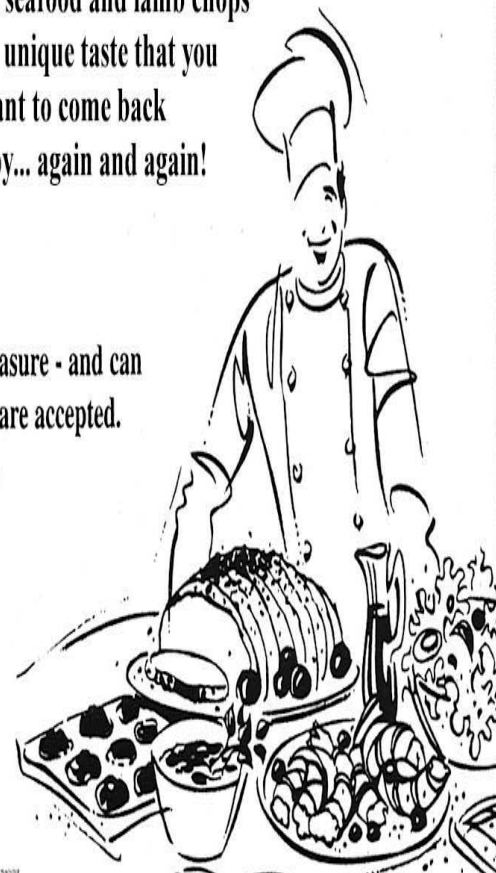
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Stagnation, continued from Page 1...

Cary Laxer, head of the CSSE department, made the decision to limit student assistants to an average of eight hours a week, a 1.6 hour average decrease from the previous year, a decision which has been particularly harmful to the expected earnings of the department's most dedicated student employees, who according to Laxer had in previous years worked two to three times the new eight hour limit. Although the complaints of these assistants were the first voiced, they are the least of the department's fiscal dilemmas.

J.P. Mellor, Assistant Professor of Computer Science confessed his displeasure with the administration's decision not to increase the non-salary budget, explaining, "It makes it harder for me to keep professionally active." The CSSE department, which has hired three additional faculty members for this year, has the same dollar amount for professional development as it did last year, meaning a 25% decrease of professional development funds per professor. Mellor went on to say, "Sometimes the blanket budget guidelines are short-sighted. Common sense says that adding three new faculty members to a department is a significant change that requires a change to the professional development budget."

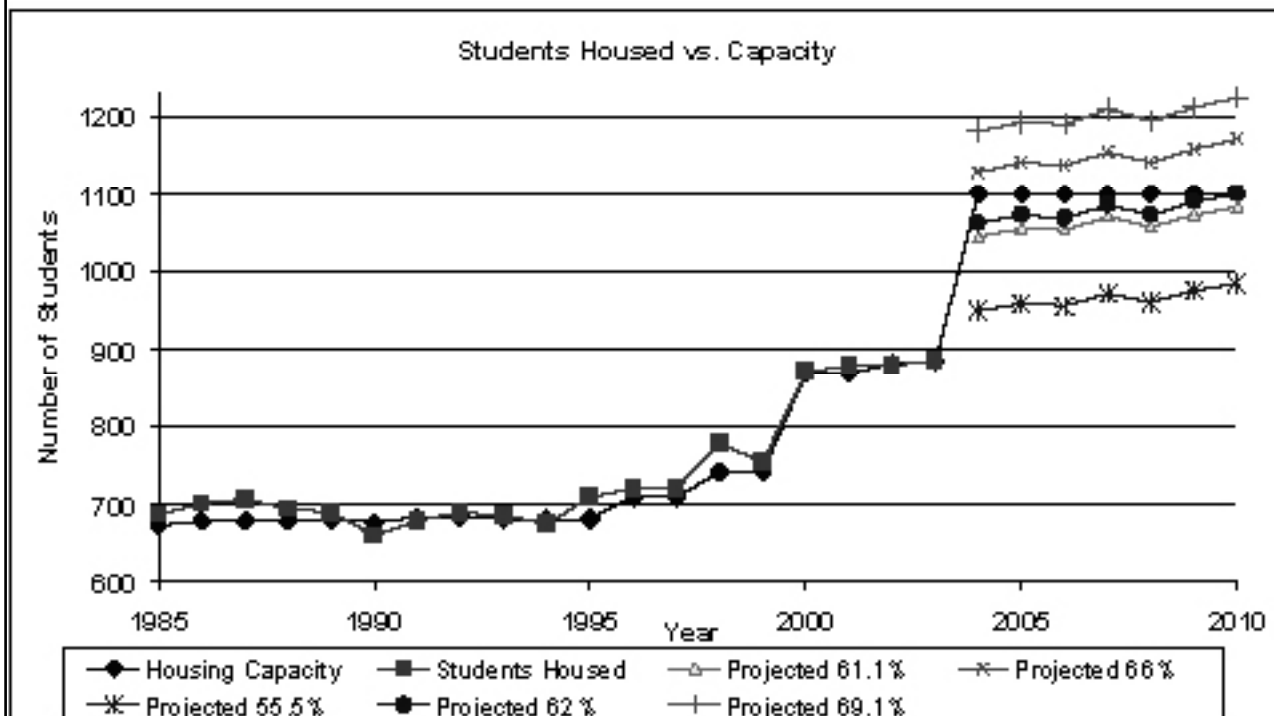
Laxer, in only his second year as department head, appears to be in for a rough winter and a rougher spring. Starting in the winter quarter, the three new professors will begin teaching full loads (new professors have a lightened load for their first quarter at Rose), which means an increased number of student assistants. Combine the increased number of total course sections, the typical exhaustion of work-study funds, the demand for student assistance for Operating Systems and the first time ever Spring offering of Programming Language Concepts (the major's most demanding course) and the resulting picture is dim.

Unless additional money finds its way into the department's hands, Laxer may be forced to make his first administration defining policy decision: to siphon funds from the department's restricted account. Restricted accounts are managed by each department head and consist entirely of donations to the department and are intended for one time odd expenses, typically hardware or obscure software in the case of the CSSE department. The accounts roll over each year and are replenished only when more money is donated to the department. Laxer's decision to spend restricted funds, should it come, will put the department and Institute in a bit of a tight spot with donors, who gave the department the restricted funds on the condition that it would be used for exceptional purchases rather than student assistants.

Supporting the administration's optimism, Western stated, "The relatively tight budget is due to a three year down turn in the stock-market. We've been hit by it, for us that means we don't grow as rapidly as we'd like to. We're in for some years that are not as super-growth oriented as years in the past. No slipping or sliding backwards. I'm not aware of any institution that has done a better job of stewarding its resources to move them toward their long term goals."

Almost everyone involved believes that if this economic situation only lasts a year the consequences will be minute. The true danger to the Institute lies in the assumption that Rose has infinite funding, a thought fueled by the boom years and five consecutive best college banners. It's a thought prevalent amongst students, evident by the surprise at the present situation. In the short term, private donations will help alleviate a variety of stresses in the budget. In the long term, improving market conditions will strengthen the Institute, and student involvement in the budgeting process will boost awareness.

Predicted on-campus housing trends



*Housing Projections, courtesy Erik Z. Hayes, Director of Residence Life
(Projections based on percentage of students living on campus)*

Housing predictions based on data from institutions of similar size and composition.
Five probable scenarios, above, indicate temporary relief of the housing crisis.

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Engineers continue promising season

Emily Mitchell
Staff Writer

The football team is on fire heading into Homecoming this weekend. With a 3-1 record, the Fighting Engineers already have as many wins this season as they ended with last year. The thrilling come-from-behind win last Saturday against Washington University gave everyone something to talk about this week.

The Engineers are presenting a more balanced attack this year. The young offense, led by Freshman quarterback Cameron Hummel are finding their feet, and the defense are digging in their heels.

"In the first half, we were down and then scored late to take the lead. The defense kept us in it. The same thing happened in the second half. These guys made things happen. This is a huge win for us," said head coach Ted Karras of last weekend's game against Washington.

The new coaching staff has been a key force in the turn-

around from last season. New head coach Ted Karras comes to Rose after four seasons as the offensive coordinator at St. Xavier University in Chicago. Karras was named All-Conference Defensive Player at Northwestern University, where he was a four year varsity letter winner. He went on to play one season as a free agent for the Washington Redskins.

Jeff Karras is the new defensive coordinator and brother of the head coach. He was the head coach at Andrean High School in Merrillville from 1999-2002 where his 2001 team



Senior Joe Kachmar sprints to the endzone. He gave the Engineers a 10-6 lead at halftime.

earned sectional, regional, and semi-state championships.

Ted Karras, Sr., enters his first season as offensive line coach at Rose-Hulman this fall. Karras enjoyed a nine-year career in the National Football League

from 1958-66. He played in 108 career games for the Pittsburgh Steelers, Chicago Bears, Detroit Lions and Los Angeles Rams, including starting at guard for the 1963 world champion Chicago Bears.

Junior Left Tackle Jake Vieck enjoys the new coaching staff, saying, "This football season has been very exciting so far and I think that's because of the new coaching staff. They're all a little crazy in their own right but that craziness gets up fired up on Saturdays."

The coaching staff isn't the only difference. These guys have worked hard to get where they are.

Senior Jordan Strunk explains, "It is a direct result of the rigorous weight training and speed work done in the off-season. We are determined to make a difference in the history books as being a Division III playoff capable football team as well as being the best engineering students in the country. We have paid our dues and are anxious to be conference champions."

The attitudes of the players are much more optimistic this year. "One of the main things that has changed is our attitudes. We expect to win all of our games and are looking forward to competing to be conference champs and beating Trinity for the first time," says Senior Matt Jackson.

The opponents this weekend are 3-1 Trinity Tigers. They are a formidable foe being ranked 24th in Division III football and 10 time SCAC champions. It should be an action packed game, beginning at 2 p.m. this Saturday at Phil Brown Field. Come out and enjoy the festivities!

Rose sports review

Andrew Twarek
Staff Writer

MEN'S SOCCER (5-3-1, 0-1-1 SCAC)

Last week:

Rose-Hulman 2, Hendrix 2 (2 OT) -- The Men's team opened its SCAC season with a tie at Hendrix College Friday afternoon. Scoring for the Engineers were *Yaw Aning* (Rochester, Minn./Century) and *Kareem Lee* (Indianapolis/Warren Central). Assists were tallied by *Joe Steinocher* (Broken Arrow, Okla.) and *Eric Krupitzer* (Troy, Mich.).

Rhodes 3, Rose-Hulman 1 -- Junior *Tom Drochner* (Mount Zion, Ill.) scored in the 65th minute from an assist from Steinocher in the loss. Rhodes College remains

undefeated and is ranked 3rd in the region, 18th nationally.

This week:

Rose-Hulman vs. University of the South (5-3) -- 2 p.m. Friday, October 3, at Jim Rendel Field (behind baseball diamond)

Rose-Hulman vs. Centre College (4-3-1) -- 2 p.m. Sunday, October 5, at Jim Rendel Field (behind baseball diamond)

Rose-Hulman vs. Millikin University (5-5-1) -- 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 8, at the Rose-Hulman Intramural Field

WOMEN'S SOCCER (7-2, 1-1 SCAC)

Last week:

Rose-Hulman 2, Hendrix 0

-- Goalkeepers *Gina Cozad* (Wichita, Kan./Maize) and *Kate Currie* (Knoxville, Tenn./Webb School) combined for the team's fourth straight shutout. They haven't allowed a goal in 429 minutes. Scoring for the Engineers were *Amy Sibilia* (Omaha, Neb./Marian) and *Jessica Farmer* (Brownsburg Ind.) with assists from *Jessica Gross* (Crown Point, Ind./Marrillville) and *Rochelle Mindala* (N. Royalton, Ohio).

Rhodes 3, Rose-Hulman 2 (OT) -- Farmer scored in her sixth straight game and *Amber Hoffman* (Middletown, Pa./Lower Dauphin) added one, but the Rhodes offense managed to put a goal through in the second minute of overtime for the win.

This week:

Rose-Hulman vs. University of the South (6-2) -- Noon Friday, October 3, at Jim Rendel Field (behind baseball diamond)

Rose-Hulman vs. Centre College (4-2-1) -- Noon Sunday, October 5, at Jim Rendel Field (behind baseball diamond)

Rose-Hulman vs. Millikin University (3-5-1) -- 5 p.m. Wednesday, October 8, at the Rose-Hulman Intramural Field

HONORS

Football: **Matt Jackson** earned the SCAC Defensive Football Player-of-the-Week award for his 16 tackles and late interception over Washington last week. He

leads the SCAC with 46 tackles on the season.

Charlie Key leads the conference in 437 yards rushing, with a 4.7 yard/carry average.

W. Soccer: The **Women's Soccer Team** has recorded six shutouts in nine games, the most in the SCAC.

Gina Cozad has allowed two goals in 450 minutes for the best SCAC goals against average (0.40).

Jessica Farmer has more goals (12), more points (27), and more shots (65) by at least 50% over the rest of the conference.

Volleyball: **Laura Telezyn** leads the SCAC in digs/game, with 189 digs in 38 games for a 4.97 average.

FIJIs in FOOTBALL

Happy Homecoming and Congratulations to our Senior Brothers.



Seniors: Matt Colatruglo, Nick Dames, Andy Gullone, Matt Jackson, Jason Short, Zac Sitterding, Josh Smith, Jordan Strunk

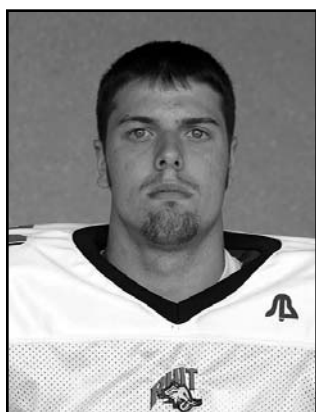
We're Proud of You!!

Good luck to our underclassmen, too!!

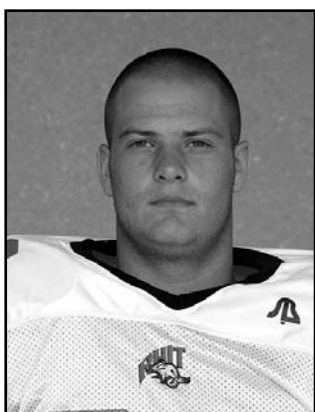


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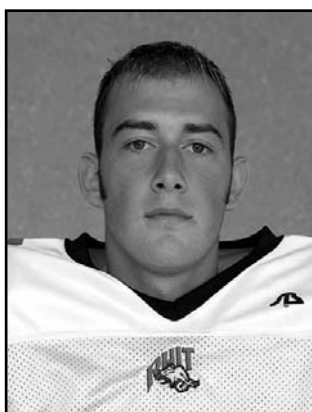
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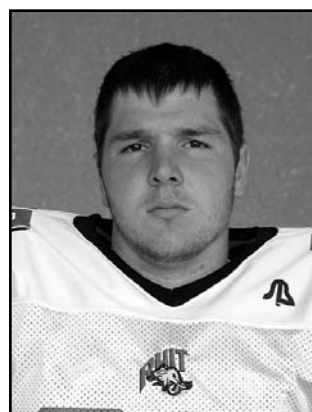
Brian Brecheisen (#63)
Position: OL
Hometown: Homewood, IL



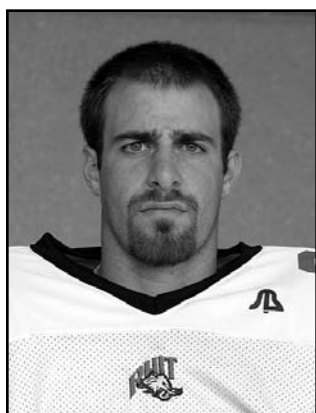
Matt Colatruglio (#8)
Position: DB
Hometown: Vermilion, OH



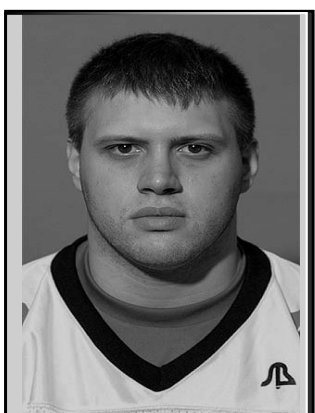
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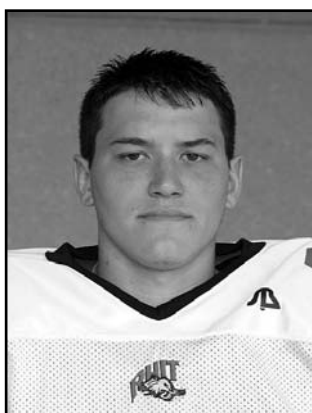
Nick Dames (#37)
Position: LB/RB
Hometown: La Porte, IN



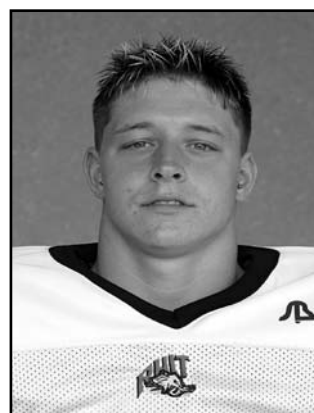
Andy Gullone (#39)
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Hometown: Clinton, IL



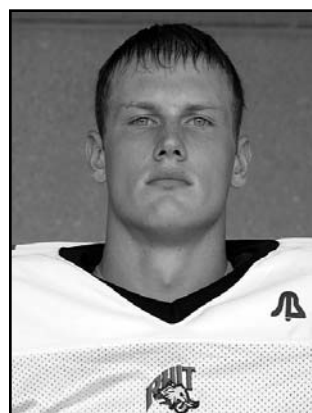
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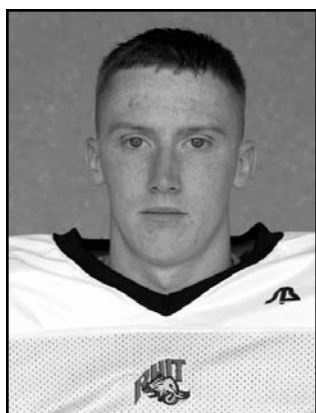
Matt Horne (#88)
Position: WR
Hometown: Goodyear, AZ



Matt Jackson (#2)
Position: LB
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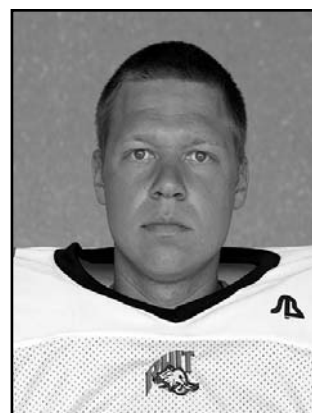


Joe Kachmar (#9)
Position: WR
Hometown: Paris, IL

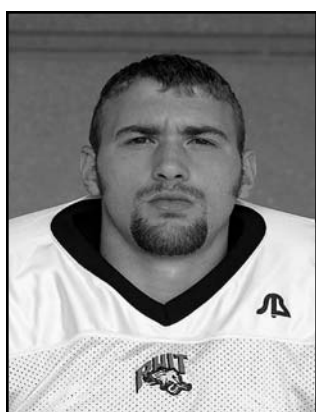


Brian Knaup (#36)
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Hometown: Brussels, WI

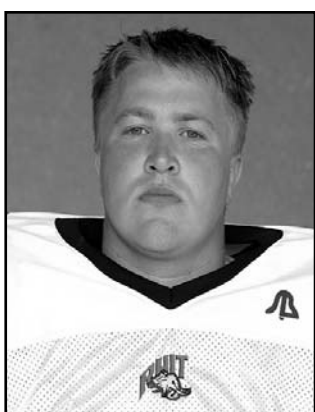
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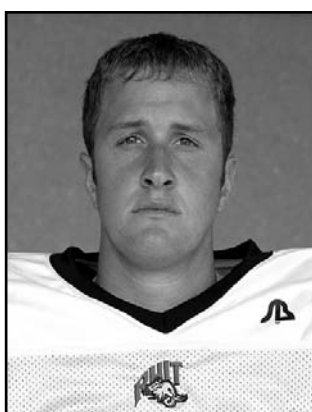
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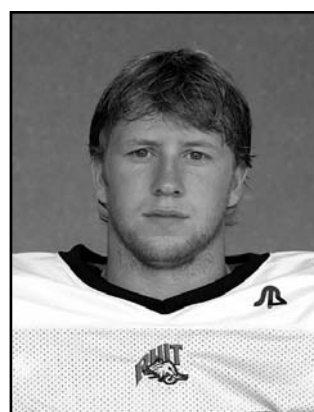
Adam Popplewell (#55)
Position: LB
Hometown: Bluffton, IN



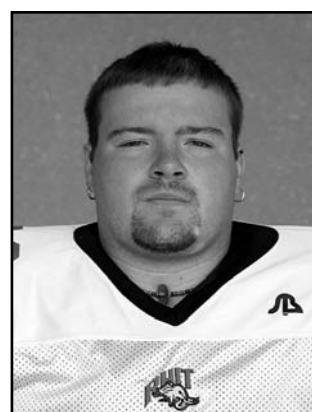
Aaron Roberts (#38)
Position: LB
Hometown: Plainfield, IN



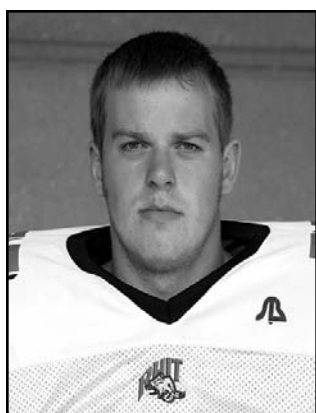
Jason Short (#25)
Position: RB
Hometown: Niles, MI



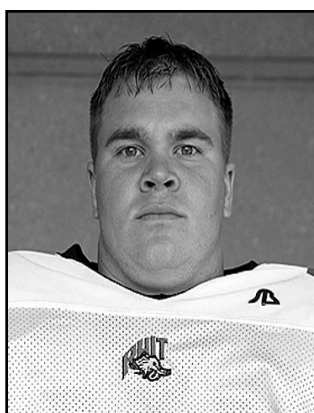
Zac Sitterding (#20)
Position: DB
Hometown: Batesville, IN



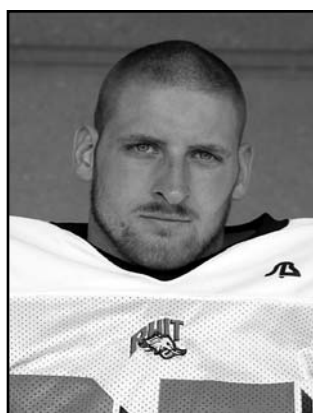
Josh Smith (#69)
Position: OL
Hometown: Shepardsville, IN



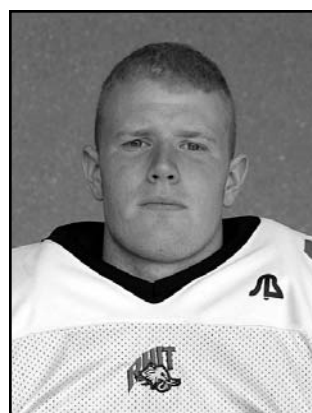
Ryan Smith (#75)
Position: OL
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That was awkward



I tell you what to think!!!

Brandon Hathaway
Opinions Editor

I would like to start out this week by righting a few wrongs. First off, the last few columns of mine have not been the witty and cheeky sort that many have grown to expect on the opinions page. I did try to throw a joke or two in there, but even still, sometimes it is hard to pass up writing about a subject that you feel passionately about. Like FCC regulation. Also, I do not feel the inventor of the futon has been given enough credit. After all, I have no idea who it is. I have been

hearing an awful lot about the Governor of California, a man who will not be for long. So, I think that futon invention could be played up a little. The futon affects people (not in California) substantially more, even though I would bet there are a lot of futons in California. I do not think I can write this column without shamelessly reminding the general public that the Film Club will be showing a movie this weekend, as if there was not enough advertising in the Rose Thorn for it already. In case you missed it, Eric the Band put out an album last week, too. Have you noticed that when somebody that you do not really want to sit with sits down with you, the conversation slows down a bit? I think it is a subconscious desire to

not have fun while this person is there so you can think to yourself later that it was his fault lunch was not enjoyable. I know I do. Speaking of lunch time fun, the often joked and always feared moment of trying to find the people you came in with is a dandy. I suffer from this moment almost daily. If your friends abandon you and go straight into the cafeteria, it can be hard to find them. Finding white people in a sea of white people is like a single person in a crowded area. Another awkward situation I like is when you see a person a little ways away and they see you, but you are both too far to speak. Do you wave? Do you make eye contact? Of course not. You avoid looking at each other until

What if you say hi and the other person does not answer? There are a plethora of possibilities on this one.

Spontak is whipped



Ask Dr. Love

Kevin Spontak
Staff Writer

come up with "Dr. Love." He did run that one by me, though. I was just so drunk I thought it was funny. Anyways, this article is going to be about what makes a relationship good. However, I can almost guarantee this article will quickly descend into me talking about my girlfriend and how much I love her, so, if that doesn't sound good to you, stop reading. Now. And I'm guessing this will be boring to most people out there; but I don't care, it's my article, I can do with it whatever I want. Rule Number 10: If you are dating someone you really like, don't screw it up. Sounds simple right? Well, then why do so many people screw it up? For example, if you cheated on someone, you didn't follow this rule. If you continuously blow them off to get drunk or hang out with your friends, this rule may be too complicated for you. And if that's your thing, I don't agree with it, but it's your life; you just have no reason to be in a relationship. All I'm saying is that if you like someone enough to be in a relationship with them, you have to treat what you have with them like a relationship. A relationship can't work without love but it is not the end all be all of a relationship. As much as I am a hopeless romantic, at some point you have to let reality make its way into what you do, otherwise you are doomed to heartbreak after heartbreak. If you're in love with someone and they're in love with you, that is awesome; but if they are a drunk and refuse to change, that's a problem. Love does not necessarily conquer all no matter how much we would like to believe that it does. On the other hand, if you're in a relationship without being in love, you're just friends with benefits. And that can be fun but it's not a relationship. Physical beauty is important. No matter what anyone says, you can't be in a relationship with someone that makes you throw up every time you look at them. There

I have really got to stop letting my editor title my articles. "Stalking the Woods." What's the deal with that? To be honest, I didn't even

is a definite physical side of a relationship that needs to be explored in order for that relationship to be healthy. For instance, my girlfriend is beautiful. (I told you this would happen.) I may be shallow, but the first thing that attracted me to her was her physical beauty. Since then, I have fallen in love for her because of who she is, but there is no denying the fact she is a straight-up cutie. And if you ever did deny that fact in front of me, that would probably end up in an ass kicking for you..... The same interests between two people are always nice but it can be just as nice to learn about new hobbies from someone you're dating. Granted, this takes an open mind a lot of the time, but it can be fun. For instance, I know what a canter is from a previous relationship. Do you? Didn't think so. On the other hand, my girlfriend and I have a lot of the same interests. Do you know how sexy it is that she can play video games? It's pretty damn sexy, just in case you didn't. And I'm not talking about her picking up a controller because I asked her to. She's really good at them. She even gets mad at me when I beat her. She's so cute. One of the final parts of a relationship that I feel is important is that you respect each other. I'm actually writing this article much earlier than I normally do so I can make sure my girlfriend isn't offended by anything that goes in here. Some out there might call me whipped, but go ahead. I don't want to piss her off. This probably falls under the rule above. This article does have details about our personal life and if she's uncomfortable having that in a public forum, I will respect that and throw something together half-assed about an hour before the deadline for submission. Then again, if that happens, you probably won't be reading this. What it all comes down to is that I respect her enough to ask so we can avoid any problems. And I know she does the same. So let's see, what did I say was important? I believe it went something like respect, love, similar interests or the ability to take on new interests and physical interest. These are all relatively simply concepts that are often neglected and end up ruining relationships. And look at it like this; if I can have a meaningful relationship with a cutie, I'm sure anyone can. As pretty much everything in a relationship goes, it's all what you want to make of it.

No matter what anyone says, you can't be in a relationship with someone that makes you throw up every time you look at them.

you are close enough, and then say something, as if in surprise. After all, it is weird to stare from 100 yards away. And a little creepy if it is a girl. For the girl. What if you say hi and the other person does not answer? There are a plethora of possibilities on this one. He or she may not have heard you, it may be the wrong person, maybe he does not remember you, or she does not really like you. This happened to me the other day, because I just assumed that "Hi Brandon" was not aimed at me, because I did not see anyone I knew, and there are like 800 people at this school named Brandon. I think that the Brandon Density is an admissions statistic that was not sufficiently advertised when I enrolled. There are even two on this page! There is also a freshman named Brandon Hathaway in attendance. I think he should be forced to change his name. Or pay me royalties.




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A similar, but far more sinister situation is when someone is talking to someone and you think they are talking to you. When an attractive female is talking to someone behind you, the gig is up. You either have to risk ignoring her (which is unlikely, but hard for a male ego to consider), or answer and risk looking like a complete moron (more likely, and more bruising to a male ego). Not only that, you cannot look behind you, because then you seem desperate. After writing that last one, I really hope these sorts of things happen to other people as well. Probably not the "Brandon Hathaway" thing, though.



Dr. Hulbert, we want to thank you for your dedication to our campus over the past years. We are sure your final homecoming as President will be very memorable.

Sincerely,
-The Rose Thorn Staff

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If you're anything like me, there's probably a rainforest of homework creeping from the corners of your desk. And while you're constantly trying to turn that mound of work into something reasonable enough to pawn off to your professors, the pile of work grows slowly. Eventually you'll need a break, lest your brain succumb to repetitive strain injury. As far as mind numbing activities go, there is only one choice: television. I estimate I watch an average of 30 minutes of broadcast television a week. So when I spend those precious seconds plopped in front of the boob tube, I'd like to watch something that is, well, entertaining. Something to make me laugh and forget about the monotony of school. Sure it sounds simple enough, but there is a vast conspiracy afoot. A conspiracy to seek out any show that I find entertaining and summarily cancel it via a gangland-style cancellation of funding to the head. FOX's *Family Guy* is a prime example. It filled the humor vacuum when *The Simpsons* began its slide into mediocrity. This was a show that college students desperately needed! Quite soon thereafter, FOX decided that too many people were being entertained by this quality show. So it was cancelled. Sure, you can watch reruns of the *Family Guy* on Cartoon Network and all three seasons are available for personal viewing on DVD. But it pains me ever-so deeply knowing that no new episodes of the *Family Guy* will be released. Ever. Making a list of words to describe MTV, "funny" and "entertaining" are usually absent. Save for *Clone High*

and *3 South*. But you've never seen them have you? Why not? They were just too good for television. Take *Clone High* for example: the gripping drama of a secret government high school for the clones of famous world leaders. And *3 South*? The animated exploits of two bumbling college freshman and their socially inept RA (Is there another kind?). If those aren't suitable recipes for entertaining hilarity then I suppose I don't know funny. Perhaps the greatest tragedy in this vast conspiracy—by the same Board of Shadowy Figures that fluoridates drinking water I bet—is the death of HBO's *Mr. Show*. For those choking on the comedic placebo known as *Saturday Night Live*, *Mr. Show* comes in a full dosage, easy-to-view, caplets. From biting social and political commentary to abdominal-cramping absurdity, comedians Bob Odenkirk and David Cross present a beautiful testament to sketch comedy. Well, at least they did. Cancelled. So what have we learned from these case-studies? In my experience, the quality of the show is directly proportional to the probability of its cancellation. For those disinclined to mathematical mumbo jumbo on a Friday, just remember this: If the show is good, it will be cancelled. It's kind of a Murphy's Law of quality television. There's not much you can do about it, except write a substandard article for your school's newspaper. Or write a letter to FOX asking how *Family Guy* could possibly be cancelled in a world where *MadTV* is allowed to thrive. Try not to pine for *Family Guy* too much though. You shouldn't be watching television anyway. You've probably got work to do.

Coming out this week:

- School of Rock (Dir. Richard Linklater)

- Out of Time (Dir. Carl Franklin)

- Prey for Rock and Roll (Dir. Alex Steyermark)


Box Office Top 3:

- Underworld (Dir. Len Wiseman)

- Second Hand Lions (Dir. Tim McCanlies)

- The Fighting Temptations (Dir. Jonathan Lynn)

Film Club Homecoming movie premieres



The Guy
with the
Movie
Camera

Bob Schulein
Co-Editor in Chief

This column marks the last in my weekly updates about the homecoming movie. This is simply because the movie is done! Yay! No more work for me!

With the excitement and relief that comes from having the weight of a 45-minute production lifted, there are also feelings of sadness. I will never work with the exact same group again. I will never direct my first movie again. I will now have expectations for future projects,

based on the feedback from this one.

I was able to take some time after the sneak preview screening last night to reflect on the process of making the film. During production, it seemed like my life was consistently made up of either filming or editing, or squeezing in homework at the last possible minute. I wasn't able to see everything I was accomplishing, simply because I was too busy accomplishing it.

I've always been a bit of a perfectionist, but I've been able to put some of these tendencies to rest through mistakes made with this film. I have had the tendency to put a lot of the weight of a project on myself, and while I started the homecoming movie project out like this, I ended up with new knowledge of trust in others.

At the beginning of the project, I was taking a lot of

the responsibility on myself – camerawork, working with actors, editing, and lighting. I quickly learned why credits are so long at the end of a movie – it takes a lot of work to do one job well. I learned that having more people help out with some of these aspects can help you keep your sanity, and actually improve the quality of the picture.

I don't know what you're supposed to get out of this column. It's late, and I'm exhausted from the production. If anything, realize that if you would like to do something, just give it a try. Rose has ample opportunities for you to try out crazy ideas. I mean, if I can direct a movie for the whole community to enjoy, there's no telling what you can do.

So come out and see the homecoming movie! I've worked hard on this picture, as have countless others. If you've enjoyed this column over the



Photo courtesy of Film Club

past month, chances are you'll enjoy the movie. And come on, where else are you going to see Sammy Hulbert taking a professor to school?

Show times are tonight at 10pm in the GM room. Come after the fireworks and bonfire! Show times on Saturday are 1pm, 4pm, and 9pm. All

Saturday shows take place in the Myers Presentation room. See the movie and then the football game... they go together like Al Pacino and mob movies.

I'll catch you at one of the showings. If you have any questions, send me an e-mail. Enjoy the show! I'm going to catch some sleep now.

Haute Culture

Courtland Caldwell
Ryan Cavanaugh
Entertainment Writers

[RC] Welcome to Haute Culture's Homecoming Edition! This week we have three events from ISU and one from Indy. The first thing was Andrey Kasparov's performance of Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto at the Tilson Auditorium.

[CC] This performance was outstanding for the duration of Kasparov's time on stage, although the full evening was too long.

[RC] Kasparov expressed the importance of the orchestra in a good performance. "The orchestra should be treasured," he said. The conductor, David Bowden, also noted the degree to which Kasparov worked with the orchestra. This cooperation was apparent in the beautifully executed performance.

[CC] While Kasparov earned 3.5 stars, the collective performance earned 2.5 stars. The following morning we drove up to Indianapolis to the Indiana Repertory Theatre for their latest production, "Arcadia."

[RC] Arcadia brought Shakespearean wordplay to a modern stage in a format friendly to modern audiences. Even an astute viewer would have to watch the play several times to catch the layers of puns and double entendres. At times the plot moved a bit slowly, but had many highlights as the mystery was unraveled. We give it three stars. The play runs through


October 18 and tickets are available online.

[CC] This past Thursday we visited the ISU Fine Arts Center's brand new exhibit, "Space Invaders: Six Installation Artists," which is running through October 24.

[RC] While postmodern and mostly indescribable, this art escapes the "it's a blank canvas" phenomenon many people have bemoaned when seeing modern art. Weintra stressed the importance of not pre-judging modern art without education. We give the display $\sqrt{-1}$ stars out of a possible e^π , or three stars on the scale of real numbers. We took a short walk across the ISU campus to the Dreiser Theater to see "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds" by Paul Zindel.

[CC] The all female cast of this fabulous Paul Zindel play, lead by the uncanny acting of ISU Junior Rai Bateman who played the emotionally rushing role of Tillie, struck me with awe. If you do nothing else this weekend, see "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds," a truly amazing experience.

[RC] "Marigolds" earns our first four-star rating of the year, and earns it well. See it at ISU through October 4th at 7:30 p.m.; call 237-3333 for tickets. Next week, we'll take our first look at the Indianapolis Orchestra. Additionally we'll check out the ISU Student Ensemble on Sunday, October 5, an ISU Theatre guest speaker on Monday, October 6, and ISU's Visiting Artist Concert Series on Tuesday.



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Top Ten Perks of Being an Alum

10. Retiring the ol' pocket protector.
9. Telling people where Rose is... at least three times a day.
8. Job security in a booming economy.
7. Impressing colleagues with your vast wealth of engineering jokes.
6. Forgetting all that useless information, like gravity or whatever.
5. Having money to spend on luxuries like food or deodorant.
4. Cubicle with a view.
3. Having Sammy buy you a beer.
2. Chicks dig the elephant... oh, yeah.
1. Snazzy plaid garb.

Sad Pun Based on Tired Cliché

Misleadingly emphatic statement about college life! Cynical expression of resentment toward a group of which I am envious. Dubiously worded attempt at an insult. Another insult referencing aforementioned group's parentage.

Expansion on already boring topic, accompanied by unnecessary ranting and awkward hyphenization.

Introduction to bulleted list:

- well-known example of group's behavior
- hackneyed joke about group
- random reference to unattractiveness of Rose girls
- violate parallelism
- inane remark (misuse of parentheses)
- blatant self-deprecation

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Prof Quotes

"While I'm burning in Hell, I'll be dressing Barbies."
--Prof. Bremmer about his experience raising daughters

"...and that's why Bill Clinton is a good samurai."
--Prof. Pickett

"I'm not letting you out early, so ask your questions while you can...especially at these prices!"
--Prof. Grimaldi on a Friday

"Remember, the forces of ignorance are always beating on the door."
--Prof. Brophy, reminding Personality Theorists to close their doors on Friday nights

"My big fear in drawing people is that I will unintentionally draw something lewd. This has happened several times during my career."
--Prof. McInerney, drawing a stick figure for a force diagram

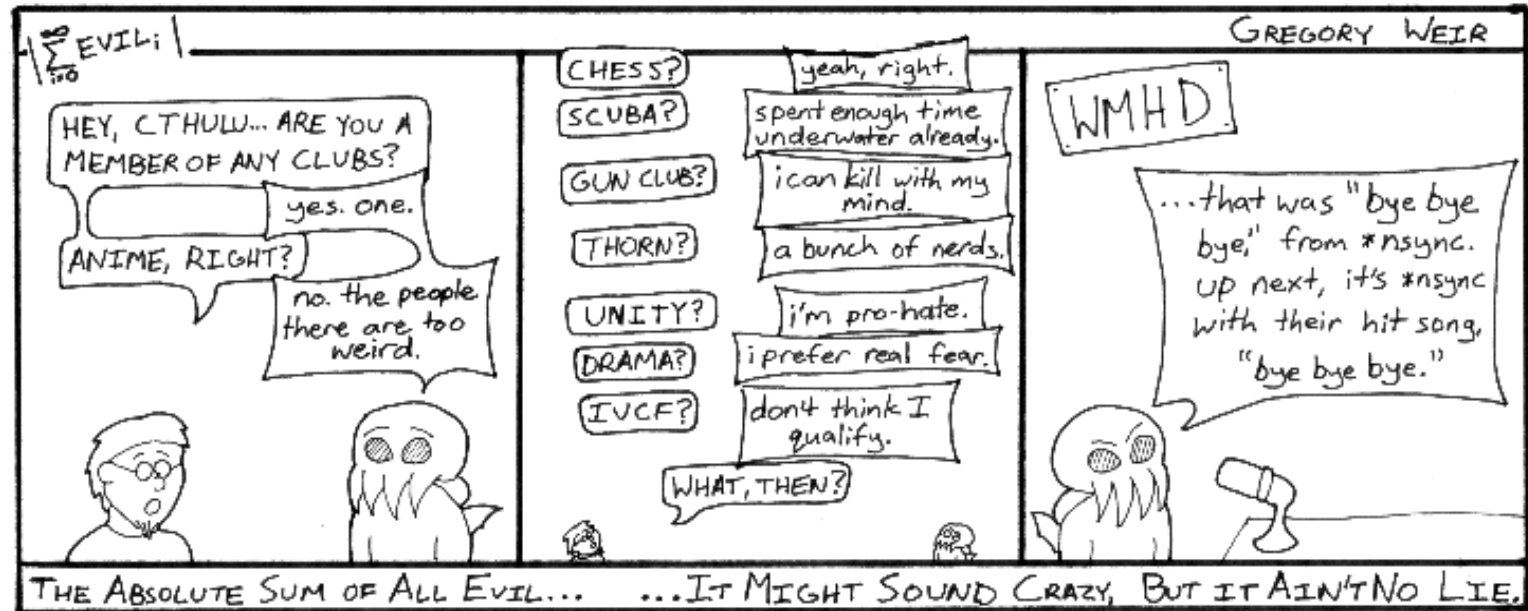
"You don't want to go through the annals of the Rose-Hulman archives with a group name like 'Deep Penetration.'"
--Prof Sutterer, sound advice

"Squeal like a pig, here comes convolution!"
--Prof. Ferguson, comparing ECE300 to the movie "Deliverance"

"I hope nobody's here from the Thorn tonight."
--Prof. Eccles, after telling freshmen to take advantage of him

"It's the octagon, but it's only got three points, so it's an equilateral triangle."
--Prof. Sherman, rivaling Travolta's DISCO skills.

Send your prof quotes or other humor material to flipside@rose-hulman.edu.



This Week in the News

Man trapped in burning van saved by passers-by who subdued the flames with the only liquid they had available: beer.

Damn. That's a good case for repealing the open container law if I've ever heard one.

This Week in History

1844 A.D., London - The Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) is founded to aid the spiritual and physical development of young men. It took root in the US in 1851 and now serves 30 million people in 120 countries. You can hang out with all of the boys.

This Week at the Bonfire

Maybe it'll seem taller if you measure its height in centimeters? Or bring a lawn chair and sit for a perspective trick?

Consider bringing marshmallows. And something to cook them on. You'll need that, too.