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Faking the grade

Nicole Hartkemeyer
News Editor

At Rose-Hulman, cheating takes many forms. By some definitions, cheating is to violate accepted standards so as to gain an advantage; it is a phenomenon that has swept through colleges at an alarming rate. Rose-Hulman and its students are not immune to this trend and many have felt the consequences of cheating in one of its many forms. Students and faculty have different views on what cheating is, what causes Rose students to cheat, and how to deal with those that cheat.

The three major categories of cheating include copying assignments, plagiarism, and file sharing. Traditionally, cheating has been brought up when a student copies another's work either willingly or unknowingly on a homework assignment, test, or quiz. These are examples of

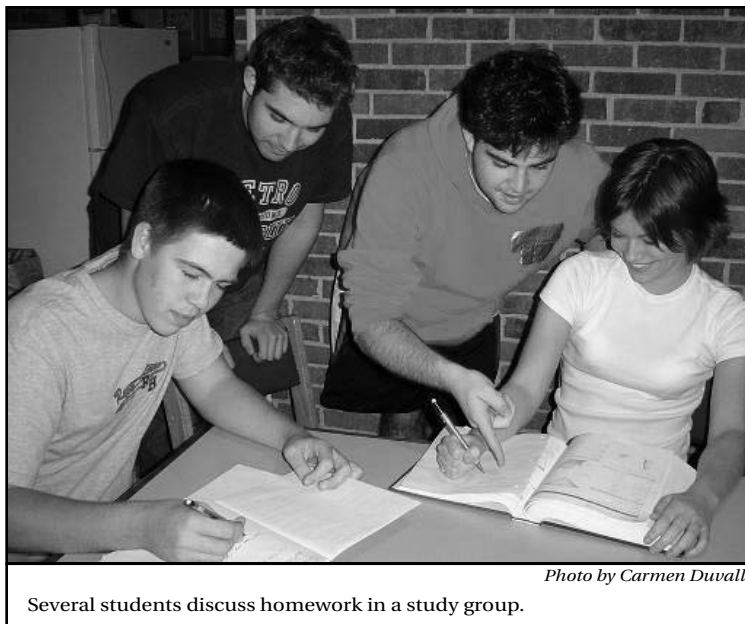


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Several students discuss homework in a study group.

cheating in its most obvious and unambiguous form.

Plagiarism is the form of cheating that pertains more to writing, either essays or reports. Not giving credit to a resource used in writing, or just replicating someone else's words and ideas can often be missed as being forms of cheating.

The remaining category of cheating involves the high-tech resources Rose-Hulman student have access to. Sharing Maple homework for an assignment, programming code, etc. is the type of academic dishonesty that is frighteningly simple to do, and the most frequent type done by students at Rose.

Faculty and students at Rose had a lot to say about cheating, and whether or not it is a problem on campus.

According to students:

"Some of the reasons as to why [cheating] might exist are due to the sheer fact that there is so much demand from us from our professors...it is extremely, extremely tough here. On the other hand, professors do encourage working in groups, which I do not feel is cheating," said one Deming student.

There are mixed feelings among students as to whether cheating really is a problem at Rose; some students claim that it does not exist and is not a problem.

Students often feel cheating is the result of the high expectations and demands of professors. "Everyone I know will copy another person's homework if they have a paper and a test the next day.

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"Cheating happens everywhere, but it's not a big problem here."

-Joe Belaschky



"It definitely does happen, but I don't see it and I don't think it's any more of a problem than at any other college."

-Amy Bright

Riveting facts about booze

Lissa Avery
Asst. News Editor

A problem with attending an out-of-state school, as is the case for many at Rose, is being caught in a position where things allowed at home are not allowed here. In particular, state laws on things like driving and alcohol usage can differ in subtle ways and trip one up. For the curious, the following are some Indiana laws concerning alcohol, obtained from the Alcohol & Tobacco Commission (<http://www.in.gov/atc/isep/alcoholaws.htm>):

"Monday - Saturday, the legal hours for the dispensing of alcoholic beverages are 7:00AM to 3:00AM. Sunday sales begin at 12:00 noon and end at 12:30AM (for premises with Sunday permits). Those businesses possessing Sunday permits who are Hotels or have been ATC-approved for "Limited Separation" may dispense alcoholic beverages on Sunday starting at 11:00AM and ending at 12:30AM (local prevailing time)."

Also from the ATC:

"It is unlawful to dispense alcoholic beverages on

Christmas Day. It is also unlawful to dispense alcoholic beverages for "carry-out" on New Years Day. Furthermore, it is unlawful to dispense alcoholic beverages on Primary, General Election, or Special Election Days within the precincts where the special election is being conducted while the polls are open."

"It is a criminal offense to sell or furnish alcoholic beverages to an intoxicated person. In addition, the provider may experience civil liabilities if death or injury, even to a third party, occurs as a result of the act."

"It is unlawful for a permittee to discriminate between purchasers by granting a price discount, allowance, or service charge (a cover charge is not included in this) which is not available to all. For example, "drinks half-price to females", or "prices reduced between 5:00PM and 7:00PM."

To preach about the dangers of drinking is not fitting for a news article, nor would it affect many people. One can only advise caution and knowledge about all facets of drinking-the health issues, the laws, and safety tips.

Students take cold showers

Odessa Goedert
Staff Writer

Cold showers were a constant possibility this past week for students in Mees, Scharpenberg, and Blumberg residence halls. Starting the Wednesday before Fall Break, hot water was inconsistent at best.

Blumberg 4 resident Jess Gunn remarked, "It's gotten to the point where I check the sink to see if we have hot water before I even consider taking a shower." She's not alone in her sentiment; Student Affairs has had a barrage of calls and visits regarding the situation.

According to Wayne Spary, Vice President for Facilities Operations, the hot water shortage was due to a boiler malfunction. The boiler system for the Triplets and the Union consists of redundant boilers in order to prevent this sort of situation. However, when one boiler failed to function, the second boiler was over-taxed and during



Photo by Carmen DuVall
A resident of the Triplets tests the waters.

times of peak demand was unable to supply enough hot water. As a result of this extra strain on the second boiler, it too broke down causing approximately 12 hours of ground-temperature water throughout the buildings. Both boilers were reported to be functioning normally by Tuesday of this week.

Students who have lived in the Triplets are more than familiar with a lack of hot water. In 2001-2002 a pipe burst outside Mees hall that left students without water for several days. In 2002-2003 pipe leaks outside of Scharpenberg caused water

to be shut off over part of a weekend. Residents of these halls are beginning to see a pattern, and it's not a pretty one.

According to Spary, there have been numerous water issues across the entire campus throughout his eight years with the school. The hot water piping to BSB hall, for example, has been dug up at least three times in the last eight years. The causes of the piping problems range from installation error to use of inappropriate piping materials; in some cases, Spary says he "cannot tell you what went wrong."

The institute's long-range plan calls for many of these issues to be addressed in the coming years. All academic buildings will eventually run off boilers in Moench Hall, while residence halls will have more boilers per capita than the current system. Mees, Scharpenberg, and Blumberg will soon each have in-dorm water heaters to prevent the loss of hot water in the future.

<p>Weather</p> <p>Friday Mostly Sunny 66 Hi / 48 Lo Saturday Rain 60 Hi / 39 Lo Provided by www.weather.com</p>	<p>Opinions</p> <p>Chili, sports, and man-eating women.</p> <p>Pages 4 & 5</p>	<p>Entertainment</p> <p>Family-friendly entertainment.</p> <p>Page 6</p>	<p>Sports</p> <p>Get the rundown on the latest Rose sports.</p> <p>Page 7</p>	<p>Flipside</p> <p>"You really want all the heads to be the same size."</p> <p>Page 8</p>
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Campus Calendar

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26 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Volleyball, at SCAC Divisional II Tournament Rose-Hulman Matches: * vs. DePauw University, 10 a.m. * vs. Univ. of the South, 12:30 p.m. 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Women's Soccer, at Oglethorpe Univ. 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Men's Soccer, at Oglethorpe Univ.	27	28 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Buy Indiana Business Expo 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Catholic Bible Study 9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Bible Study	29	30	31 Happy Halloween! 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Men's Soccer, vs. Southwestern Univ.	1
2	3	4 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Career Services' Ettiquette Dinner 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Student Government Assocaition Meeting	5 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Students' Meningitis & Flu Shot Clinic	6	7	8 Dad's Day Bob's 21 Birthday!



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Cheating, from Page 1...

They will feel bad about it or try to just use the other paper as a guide, but when push comes to shove, if it is between a zero and credit on a stupid homework assignment, they are going to take the points," said Chris Doherty, sophomore Mechanical Engineering major.

"Most of the people who do this are people who never cheated in high school and really don't want to, but with Rose professors' astounding ability to assign everything at once, people are often forced to compromise their standards...it's unfortunate, but as long as you go back and learn it, then you still end up learning it which is the point of a homework assignment," added Doherty.

Students are aware of the many forms of cheating, especially involving file sharing. "Students cheat because either they are lazy, out of time, or feel overwhelmed by the assignment... One of the worst forms of cheating is direct theft of computer files... I know that it does not necessarily warrant expulsion from the institute, and I think that is a curious thing," commented Alexandra Jantzen, sophomore Biomedical Engineering major.

According to the faculty:

Typically, departments handle cheating with some level of in-

dividual professor discretion based on the Honor Code. "The faculty in our department are free to form their own classroom policies provided that it is a reasonable interpretation of departmental or institutional policy and is communicated to the students in writing - perhaps by the web," said Allen Broughton, Professor and Head of the Department of Mathematics.



"It happens sometimes, but doesn't happen as often as at other large universities."

-Josh Moore

This is a concept shared by several departments. One Mechanical Engineering faculty member communicated to students, "The unscrupulous or careless engineer can cause great harm; we make decisions affecting people's lives. In our profession, personal integrity is as essential as technical competence, and like your technical skills your integrity has to be practiced, exercised, and tested. This is not a work-

out you can skip; not a test you can afford to fail. Cheating is failure, self-inflicted."

Plagiarism is a form of cheating that pertains more to composition, and that students tend to forget. "When using someone else's ideas or words without attribution students are claiming them as their own, when in actuality they belong to someone else" stated Heinz Luegenbiehl Humanities and Social Sciences Department.

The CSSE department is only one of the many departments that see cheating through file sharing. "We are fortunate that we have very few incidents of cheating, perhaps one or two per year. Students need to be aware that they should reference any collaboration they undertake and that the person providing the information contributes to the cheating," Cary Laxer, Professor and Head Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering.

The Rose-Hulman Code of Honor states, "Rose-Hulman expects is students to be responsible adults and behave at all times with honor and integrity. All students are expected to abide by this Code and to aid in its enforcement by reporting violations."

Regardless of where your ideas lie on cheating, it has real consequences. The Honor Code

Policy on Collaboration and Copying states what students are allowed and not allowed to do in the following ways:

On out of class assignments students are allowed to work collaboratively with any other students on the exercise portion of the homework, talk to other students about the assigned homework problems and their solutions, talk to other students about the portfolio assignments and explanations, and work collaboratively on projects with others. The final submitted work must be individual.

You must cite and acknowledge all people who aided you



"Not much of a problem. Ever since I've been here, everyone seems to be fairly honest."

-Andrew Marcum

on all assignments, whether or not they are enrolled in your course/section. When working on assignments, copying any solutions off someone else's paper on work that is to be submitted is not allowed.



"I don't really think it's a problem at all, but I do live under a rock."

-Cooper Lacy

Explanations on portfolio assignments should be your own and in your own style; project reports (unless otherwise noted) should be individualized and (except for calculations) all work should be your own.

Consequences for not following these rules can be stiff. For plagiarism and blind copying of solutions to homework problems one warning will be given and no credit will be given for each subsequent assignment on which plagiarism or copying of solutions occurs. For plagiarism on portfolio assignments, no credit will be given.

These general guidelines can be different depending on the department involved and students should take care to read all pertinent guidelines before getting assistance with any work.



"The only time I've seen it is using computers on tests and accessing notes or old tests."

-Brian Kopecky



"I think that anyone who does [cheat] will end up being screwed when asked to do the task in the real world."

-Kevin Gorski



"The faculty takes [cheating] really seriously. It's good to keep an eye on it, but it's bad when they become paranoid."

-Danna Sheridan



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If I want chili, I'm going to Texas



I tell you what to think!!!

Brandon Hathaway
Opinions Editor

I learned three things over fall break. First, Puerto Ricans tend to be spunky, which I sort of already knew. Second, roller coasters are not really my thing, which I also sort of already knew. Finally, Third Eye Blind fans are vicious, which I did not know at all.

I spent my fall break in the great state of Ohio. It was only my second time in the Buckeye State; the first time was a layover in the Cincinnati Airport on the way back to Florida once. This time, I went to visit a high school friend who was co-oping with GE, also in Cincinnati. Along the way, I was convinced to go to Kings Island, where I saw Third Eye Blind. But let me stick to my order.

My friend and I, with some of his other friends, took a trip into the heart of Cincinnati for a huge cultural experience. About eight co-ops and I went to an event that

I still do not entirely understand, called Tall Stacks, where they hand out culture by the bucket-load. I sure got my share; Nickel Creek, a bluegrass band, played on Friday night.

One of the co-ops, the spunky Puerto Rican, worked for Proctor and Gamble. She was a chemical engineer who performed research and design on Charmin toilet paper. Although it was a fascinating subject, she could not tell us much, because she was sworn to secrecy. Even toilet paper manufacturers are concerned about industrial espionage. Fortunately, this did not detract from her otherwise established spunkiness.

Saturday was the day for Kings Island; I felt reconnected to the gouging that is the tourist trade that is so familiar to my people back in the homeland, Florida. This was the first time in a long time that I have been to a theme park. Clubs in high school and classes in middle school frequently made trips to Disney World that have familiarized the Wonderful World of Disney for me. Yes, we did, in fact, take field trips to Epcot.

Only after visiting a theme park far away did I grow to appreciate how deep and intense the exploitation of children is, partly

because this is the first time I have been to one without actually being a child.

On the one hand, the concept of a theme park is brilliant. All the planning, design and maintenance that goes into a facility of that magnitude that exists entirely for people to escape reality and spend money is the pinnacle of that for which America stands. Walt Disney

Even toilet paper manufacturers are concerned about industrial espionage.

created an empire from a rodent.

Then again, the amount of price-gouging involved is so excessive that it often causes kids a lot of heartache because of all the fascinating, worthless junk that their parents will not let them have for \$35.

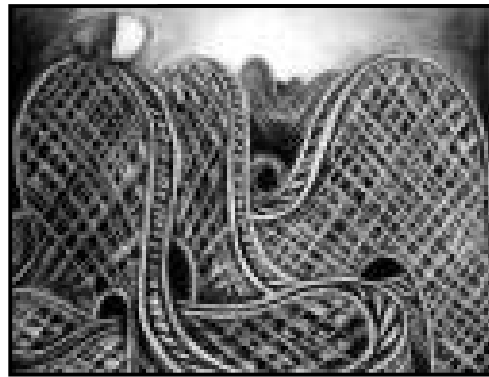
In conclusion about the theme parks, I am fascinated by the magnitude of their communities. Maybe it is just a further step in my engineerification. (I even

had a friend take a picture of the coolest spring system I have ever seen. It powered one of the rides.) I do wish they cost less, though. I cannot truly complain, however; by a fluke incident, I got free admission to Kings Island.

Saturday evening (still at Kings Island) there was a \$5 concert with Similar Nature opening for Third Eye Blind of "Semi Charmed Life" fame. I mention this because one of my friends who attended with was convinced we were seeing Three Doors Down of "Kryptonite" fame.

Similar Nature was a funk rock band, and they were pretty good. However, many of fans who were obviously there to see the headline act were aghast that Third Eye Blind (or 3EB to those in the know) would have to share the stage with some lesser known musicians. Those people yelled things that were not particularly nice. I would even go so far as to say "vicious."

More stuff happened this weekend, but I had already decided beforehand that I was going to start my column with



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"I learned three things over fall break." So, I am going to continue, even though I did, in fact, learn more than three things.

At the same event that I caught Nickel Creek, John Mayall and the Bluesbreakers, a legendary British blues band, and B.B. King, the undisputed King of the Blues, also performed, on Sunday. I learned that Midwesterners came out in droves to see the blues legend, even though I do not know what a "drove" is. I learned that old, white English men can play the blues, although, of course, it had nothing on B.B. He and I are on a first initials basis.

Even more than those things, though, I learned that my fall break was better than yours. I guess that is really six things.

80% Fact by Content

Straight girl for the great guy How to be the world

Abby Rebhorn
Staff Writer

Many people have volunteered their thoughts on my article printed two weeks ago titled "Straight Girl for the Great Guy." This turned out to be the first article of a new column which the Rose Thorn staff wants me to continue. Some people praised my efforts, while others were less than impressed.

When I signed up to work for the Rose Thorn this fall I declared myself an editor, that person who fixes comma splices and sentence fragments, that person behind the scenes. A couple weeks ago, however, I was given the chance to write about my own opinions, and I took it up with spirit. I worked really hard to funnel my thoughts into a constructive article about something that I honestly believe is an issue here, along with some down-to-earth approaches that I've actually heard girls suggest. It was not meant to be "The Guaranteed 5 Things That Will Get You Laid" list, it was meant to be more sincere than that, and I am only disappointed with those responses which categorize me as a whiny girl and belittle my point.

Let's get down to the real issue at heart: the whole reason people develop these opinions in the first place. If relationships are really this terrible, and girls just use guys as money-machines and trophy-cases while guys are clueless and socially challenged, then we wouldn't bother getting upset; we would run like hell and still take our cootie shots every morning.

For some reason, though, we keep taking chances, we let ourselves become vulnerable, and we give up our hearts in hopes of . . . what? What are we putting ourselves on the line for? I have been in a couple of serious relationships over the past 3 years, and as the rollercoaster ride soared and plummeted, my heart did too. Starting a relationship can be one of the most wonderful times of your life, where you wake up in the morning and look forward to another day. Maintaining a relationship means a time commitment and a willingness to develop alongside someone you care about. Ending a relationship originates from an unpleasant

realization and concludes with breaking someone's heart.

Every time I start a new relationship, I swear it's the best thing that's ever happened to me, and every time one ends, I swear boys off forever. Yet I persist in my search for happiness and companionship. Why would anyone want to subject themselves to this kind of torture, you ask? Because being in a healthy relationship provides infinite opportunities for incredible personal development.

Incorporating someone else's culture and beliefs into your life can have a hugely positive effect on your soul, and in return you allow someone else to learn great things from you. When evaluating a relationship, you should ask yourself this: Is this making me a better person? Is this relationship expanding my view of the world? Does this relationship make me feel extraordinary and cared about? If all these things are true, then you know you've found something wonderful. Each couple has its pros and cons, but the whole reason we seek out our soul mate is for these feelings of appreciation and love. Being someone's whole world and best friend at the same time is what makes

Being someone's whole world and best friend at the same time is what makes us jump out of bed in the morning.

us jump out of bed in the morning, totally enthusiastic to start the day.

In your search for a relationship, be sure to stick to your guns and be the world to someone you really care about—if you can open yourself up to someone, probability indicates that they'll take a chance on you.

My first article was not an attack on anyone, and it was not an attempt to vent my specific frustrations to the world. Putting yourself on the line is hard, and anyone who's been through a dating relationship with someone knows that. My articles are a direct opening of my heart to you as students, and while continuing to write this column I hope to develop a kind of relationship with you, one of trust and sincerity. I'm taking a big risk right in doing this, and I'm not particularly used to it or good at it yet. But just as I have faith in you as readers to see (not necessarily agree with) my point, you can trust me to express my opinion in an honest and sincere manner.

Brandon Ross
Staff Writer

Let's get the formalities out of the way: as a general rule, I do not like Quentin Tarantino's films. I find they lack substance, originality, and in general, do not tell stories that are entertaining. So when my friends asked me to see "Kill Bill vol. I," I resisted. But sometimes they're just so insistent. I caved in.

"Keep an open mind," I thought. The first several minutes appeased my dark sense of humor. Ooh, perhaps I was wrong. Yet sometime long before Uma Thurman dispatched katana-wielding attacker Number 58 while concurrently parrying Number 59's attacks as attackers Numbers 60 through 88 stood around and scratched their collective ass, I was convinced: "Kill Bill" was the worst film I had ever seen.

Ten minutes before the end of the film I decided that staring at the brick wall in front of a urinal was more interesting. And as the lights came back on and the credits rolled, I sat there with my eyes clenched shut, hoping - praying - that I was not the only one sitting in the theatre that disliked the movie. Which, of course, was very likely; most people that might've had such an opinion grudgingly walked out of the theatre long ago.

As we left the theatre I remained silent, biting my tongue, preparing myself for the involuntary cringes if my friends started spouting words like "brilliant," "masterful," and "genius" to describe "Kill Bill." Luckily, and I was a bit surprised, I admit, I was receiving apologies. "I'm sorry man. I didn't know it was going to suck. Really, I swear we thought it was going to be good!" I was a bit relieved that my friends were able to admit that

Quentin Tarantino might have, well, made an awful movie.

I realized this. My friends realized this. Yet almost every review I read, from web sites to respectable news sources, oozed with accolades for Tarantino. As a self-proclaimed but duly-demonstrated connoisseur of the cinema, I was forced to ask myself: "What am I missing that these other people saw in this movie?" The answer: nothing. Absolutely nothing.

See, the movie was horrible. No amount of sugar - or adding the name Tarantino to the film - can cover that bitter pill. Reviewers droned on and on (and on) about how daring the movie is and how many risks Tarantino took in directing it. How grand that he attempts various genres! How avant garde! Oh, how exciting! But only in the last 10% or so of those reviews do the authors actually extol the virtues of "Kill Bill." It's like they're hiding something.

It makes me feel like the Tarantino cult has hit mainstream America and perhaps, for their next trick, they'll suggest we should all don white robes and drink some cyanide-laced fruit juice to achieve Tarantino transcendence. Transcendence? I counted that word five times while reading reviews. Did they all copy one another?

I can already smell the fumes of anger from those white-robed hardcore Tarantino fans. "How dare there be disagreement!" Forgive me for doubting the One True Tarantino. But I suppose if Quentin is such a daring director, as so many reviewers claim, then the possibility of him producing something less than entertaining and original is certainly real. On that point and in this case, I should have trusted my gut reaction when my friends first mentioned "Kill Bill." I mean, have you seen the movie? Whoa.

Forgive me for doubting the One True Tarantino.



Not just another top 5

This is in response to the article written about the low caliber of the guys on campus. So here is the scoop. Isn't everyone just getting a little tired of the whole "how to be a great guy top five lists". How many of these superfluous lists do we have to suffer through? It seems to me that all females have taken it up on themselves to convert all males into some textbook formula of perfection. Teen, YM, Seventeen, Cosmo, and all the other umpteen overdramatic magazines all have assumed this task. By infiltrating the media this task can now be found everywhere

from "How to Lose a Guy" to Alloy.com. It is clear that the general male is not only inadequate but basically amounts to nothing.

What is worse is that this unrelenting idea has percolated into the rose campus. On a campus where intelligence supposedly reins supreme, an article that very possibly could have appeared in the low grade writings of YM, has not only been written but has been published. This sickens me.

So here is what I propose, why don't we give up these childish little charades and

start acting like real people. The five ways to be the perfect man lists are completely overdone and furthermore are outright juvenile. So what if some of the guys on campus play computer games all the time, don't bath, or are just ass holes. The fact of the matter is that most of us aren't. So maybe if girls would stop hanging out with the jerks they might see that there are actually great guys out there. But that is the rub isn't it. Some girls would just rather write a list about the perfect guy instead of actually finding one.

Now it is my turn to give the

advice and it is pretty straight forward. To the guys: don't be jerks. To the girls: stop being wimps. See that wasn't that hard.

And here is a strange side note. I happen to fit the five ways to be a perfect guy.

1. Be yourself. I always am myself. I mean for the love of frank I am writing this response aren't I

2. Be confident. Yeah, I think I am basically a shoe in for this category

3. Focus on the moment. I don't even know what the hell this is suppose to mean but chances are I fit it.

4. Be fun. Oh I definitely fit that category.

5. Personal hygiene. Don't worry I bathe regularly, every day in fact.

So that is pretty funny. Dose this mean that girls will just be crawling all over me. Oh wait, they don't. So I guess the top 5 list doesn't even work. Well what an epic waste of energy. Maybe we could have taken that energy and used it to do something just a little more productive.

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Your cheatin' heart

I was a freshman engineering major taking a multiple choice physics exam in a large lecture hall. These tests were hard, graded on a straight percentage and I had a crappy T.A. Consequently, I was panicking at the end of the time over a couple of questions. I decided to use all of the available resources, including the two papers that I could see in the row just below me. I looked at their answers then I looked at the two people. I realized these two weren't the sharpest knives in the drawer and decided to work it out for myself.

So what's the message? Cheating is wrong? A big ego promotes honesty? Sit next to smarter people?

There are some clear right-wrong issues here that I'm sure others will share with you, but I'm going to take an amoral "What's in it for me approach". Instead of right-wrong, let's look at usefulness. As engineers

we're more likely to be happy with our designs if they work than if they are somehow "right" or embody "truth". Is cheating useful? There is plenty of evidence from Nascar (see book by Ton Jensen) to elections (see Lyndon Johnson) that cheating works. I learned the lesson early when I got second place in a Cub Scout Pinewood Derby race to a car that was overweight and not disqualified (It may have been a Jimmy Johnson car). If it works in those cases, shouldn't cheating also work for me?

The problem with this argument is that a career (or a life) is not a one shot thing like a race or an election. From old guys in business to whom I have talked, the one thing that

you carry around your whole life is your reputation. A big key to success in corporations (or in your personal life) is the answer to the question "Can I count on this person?" Business author Covey describes "Trust" as the lifeblood of organizations

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and others (including my wife) have found it equally important in marriage. Even a mediocre performer in the boardroom (or bedroom)

who is reliable and trustworthy is generally more valued than an occasionally brilliant performer who isn't there when needed.

So what does this have to do with copying a little homework, or grabbing some stuff off the web for a report? Even when no one says anything, people

notice. I'm guessing that it doesn't take the full ten weeks of the quarter before you figure out who the reliable and honest team members are. Your supervisors and co-workers will figure this out pretty fast too, and your reputation will follow.

Once a reputation goes sour, the holder is hard pressed to change it. Enron and Martha Stewart had great short term runs, but that loss of reputation smacked them hard. Of course, boxing promoter Don King and Elvis' manager Colonel Parker are counter examples who succeeded with abysmal reputations.

So, it's your call. Pick your role model - Don King or John Wooden (it's pretty sad that I had to go back this far to get a well known person of unimpeachable character. (see Coachwooden.com)).

Prof. Stienstra
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Danger: maneating women at play

Henry Kissinger once said, "Power is the ultimate aphrodisiac." Power is what makes people take over countries and kill others. Power is what drives people to earn more, or to get more votes. Wherever there are people power is present, and Rose is no different.

At Rose, the women have the power. A female friend was telling me how hard it is for her because everything is reversed. Instead of her getting picked by a guy to be dated, she is the one who gets to do the picking. The reason this situation arises is quite easy to spot, and is probably one of the few bad things about Rose: Ladies are scarce here.

Some take this in stride and continue on being quite normal. But some get a whiff of power

and go mad. They jump from guy to guy, never really settling and never really completing a relationship. Eventually, you end up with a few ladies on campus who have had more boyfriends (Note: I use the term "boyfriend" to refer to a male who has taken a female out on a date and has spent a lot of time with a particular female) then there are weeks in the quarter.

So, in the same spirit as a previous article written by Abby Rebhorn, here are some words of advice for guys who would wish to avoid maneating ladies. First, if she has had more boyfriends then she has credit hours, she's a maneater. Second, if there are love notes written on her door, and you didn't write them, chances are she's a maneater.

Finally, if her and her friends constantly refer to you as number 16, and it's not in reference to any physical characteristics, she's a maneater.

Luckily, this situation isn't always permanent. Chances are the ladies who eat men are quite intelligent, like all the ladies on campus, and chances are they are actually quite nice and do not realize the error of their ways. Most will probably realize what they are doing, and stop. Some may just eventually get bored with their game. And of course, a notable few will not stop, but the men here aren't all that stupid either, and they will realize that they are being played. Chances are they won't be too happy when they realize this. In any case, the problem will correct itself and

the situation will return to some form of normalcy by the time this freshman class comes to spring or maybe even winter quarter.

So that all the women on campus won't hate me and never speak to me again, let me just say this. I know you all aren't like this, and that only a few of you could be classified as "maneaters." This is not an article for the ladies on campus; it is an article that is for the men, so they can avoid heartache. And, for the most part, all of the ladies on campus that I have met so far have been quite nice to me, even the ones that do eat men. With that disclaimer, it is done.

William Kenny
Class of '07

Poor Sports

Rose Thorn,

I attended Thursday (10/23) night's volleyball game, and was absolutely appalled at what I

witnessed from some of the fans. After watching the ladies fall behind 2-0 in the match, fully

ONE-HALF of the students in attendance simply got up and left Hulman Arena.

These so-called "fans" missed an energizing third game in which the Fighting Engineers routed

St. Mary's College 30-15, followed by a gritty fourth game that saw our ladies just fall shy of

forcing a tie-breaking 5th game in a 31-29 loss, during which everybody played their hearts out and unhesitatingly sacrificed their bodies to keep the ball alive.

How demoralizing must it have been to the team to witness half of their peer audience, who

had to that point been cheering lustily, ungraciously depart when it seemed that there was no

hope of a victory? I showed up to lend my support for the last home game of the season

(indeed, the first volleyball match I've ever been to), shouted myself hoarse, and had a good

time despite the outcome. Did these other students have such important obligations that they

felt the need to abandon their team midway through the match? It's disheartening to me that

so many people gave up on the team so readily, and did not give them a chance to prove that

they were truly Fighting Engineers. My sincere thanks to the fans who stayed and cheered the team through to the final whistle.

Sincerely,

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**Coming out this week:**

Scary Movie 3 (Dir. David Zucker)
Beyond Borders (Dir. Martin Campbell)
Radio (Dir. Michael Tollin)

Box Office Top 3:

The Texas Chainsaw Massacre (Dir. Marcus Nispel)
Kill Bill: Volume I (Dir. Quentin Tarantino)
Run Away Jury (Dir. Gary Fleder)

R.I.P. Elliott Smith

Jacob P. Silvia
Entertainment Editor

This week marks a dark day in the annals of independent music. On Tuesday, October 21, popular artist Elliott Smith was pronounced dead. Coroners determined the cause of death as a self-inflicted knife wound in a supposed suicide attempt.

Smith was in the process of recording his sixth album, "From a Basement on the Hill," when he was found dead in his Los Angeles home. At the age of 34, he had faced bouts of depression, addiction to drugs, and alcoholism.

Smith's music tends to convey the deeper, darker side of life. For instance, his song "Needle in the Hay" was featured in the 2001 theatrical release "The Royal Tenebaums," a melancholy portrayal of the American life.

It came as no surprise to me that he did what he did, but at the same time, it saddens me to no end. They were fun times, Elliott. May God have mercy on your soul.



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Elliott Smith
06/06/69 to 10/21/03

Haute Culture: Lite Edition

Ryan Cavanaugh
Staff Writer

This week in the "lite" version of Haute Culture, I'll be discussing two upcoming plays and reviewing ISU's excellent "Metamorphoses."

Starting today and running until November 2nd, the Community Theatre of Terre Haute will be performing "Anne of the Thousand Days" by Maxwell Anderson. Sherri Wright directs this historical drama about King Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn. Call the box office at 232-7172.

The Indiana Repertory Theatre continues its production of "The Turn of the Screw" by Henry James through December 13th. This adaptation of the classic ghost story is adapted by Jeffrey Hatcher. One can buy tickets or obtain more info about the Indianapolis playhouse at their website, <http://www.indianarep.com>

ISU's Theater Department finishes "Metamorphoses" this Saturday. I caught the

**The Guy with the Movie Camera**

Bob Schulein
Co-Editor in Chief

I saw "Kill Bill" for the second time over break. I'm a huge Quentin Tarantino fan and loved his tribute to the ultra-violent Eastern cinema of the 70s. I couldn't quite get into the movie the second time around, however, because there was a little girl (probably aged 4 or 5), sitting across the aisle in her mom's lap. Somehow, the blood and guts weren't as entertaining when I knew a kid was watching.

I got to thinking about why seeing this kid at the movie bothered me enough to still

think about the situation a week after the fact. It's not the violent content of the movie itself, because I found the over-the-top antics amusing and funny at the same time. So why did this situation bug me so much?

Do I think this little girl will take up a sword like Uma Thurman's character and go on a kill-crazy rampage? Haha... Of course not. It's ridiculous to state that real-life violence is the direct result of movies. It could be that a movie was the straw that broke the camel's back, but something has to be seriously wrong with a person for them to act out violently.

What was it that bothered me then? How bout the parents? I think society blames way too many things on parents, but after seeing this, I can see why this occurrence happens so often. What kind of message is being sent to this kid when a parent takes her to a movie like this? I've heard that Mozart

helps kids "get smarter when they're older" or something, but I doubt the same can be said of violent movies.

The parents are clearly to blame for exposing this kid to "Kill Bill." Maybe they couldn't get a babysitter, but that's not a good excuse. As I stated earlier, I don't think violence in the media is completely responsible for violent behavior, but I'm pretty sure it doesn't make a child less violent.

Tarantino stated in a couple of interviews that he hoped this was the type of movie 13-year-old girls sneaked into. He doesn't care about the lost revenue. When I was a 13-year old sneaking into R-rated action feasts, I thought nothing of what the movies were doing to me. I was there to have a good time. I honestly don't believe that watching action movies have made me more of a violent person in real-life.

There is a big difference

between a 13-year-old and a 5-year-old. At the younger age, a child is still very impressionable and parents are very much in control of what the child sees and hears. At the older age, kids have grown up a lot and are much more independent. A parent will probably not want their 13-year-old going to an R-rated movie, but the child has taken over a lot of the responsibility of what they do.

Parents should be responsible for their kids, but there is a certain point where kids will break away from their parents and do basically what they want, if it's allowed or not. That's no excuse for parents to give in early and take their young kids to a bloody movie. I'm not sure if I would let my kids see this movie when they were young teens, but I know I wouldn't let them see it when I am still in control. They'll have to wait until they're 13 and can sneak in themselves.

DON'T FORGET ...

Come See John Rush, the "Human Jukebox," Tuesday, October 28 at 8 PM in the Kahn Room. Visit his website at www.johnrush.com.



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Rose sports rundown

Written by: Andrew Twarek

WOMEN'S SOCCER (11-2-1, 3-1 SCAC)

Last week:

Rose-Hulman 1, Thomas More College 0 (OT) – The Fightin' Engineers broke the Saint's 14-game winning streak with the overtime win this Sunday. Senior *Jessica Farmer (Brownsburg)* scored the golden goal five minutes after regulation. That is her school record 17th on the year.

This week:

Rose-Hulman vs. Millsaps College (3-9-1, 0-4) -- Friday, October 24, 3 p.m., at Millsaps Field (Jackson, Miss.)

Rose-Hulman vs. Oglethorpe University (5-6-1, 0-4) -- Sunday, October 26, Noon (Atlanta, Ga.).



Photo Courtesy Rose-Hulman
Senior Jessica Farmer dribbles past the Thomas Moore College defense. She scored the winning goal, breaking the Saints' 14-game winning streak.

MEN'S SOCCER (7-6-1, 0-3-1 SCAC)

Last week:

Rose-Hulman 3, Thomas More College 2 (OT) – After being down two goals to one, *Joe Steinocher (Broken Arrow, Okla.)* tied the game on a pass from *Tom Drochner (Mount Zion, Ill.)* to force the overtime. The victory was clinched by freshman *David McIlwaine (Indianapolis/Pike)*, scoring from a *Eric Hoiland (Westminster, Colo./Northglenn)* assist.

This week:

Rose-Hulman vs. Millsaps College (5-7, 1-3 SCAC) -- Friday, October 24, 1 p.m., at Millsaps Field (Jackson, Miss.)

Rose-Hulman vs. Oglethorpe University (3-6-2, 0-3-1) -- Sunday, October 26, 2 p.m. (Atlanta, Ga.)

RIFLE

Last Year:

The Rose-Hulman Rifle team finished last season ranked 21st nationally, and third among NCAA Div. III schools. They look to improve this year among difficult competition.

This Week:

Rose-Hulman vs. Ohio State – Saturday, October 25, 9 a.m. at Rose-Hulman Shooting Range, Cook Stadium (Terre Haute, Ind.)

FOOTBALL (4-3, 2-2 SCAC)

Last Week:

Rose-Hulman 30, Millsaps 10 – Ten sacks on the night set a school record and the stage for an SCAC win over Millsaps. Senior *Dylan Tarr (Newton, Ill.)* and junior *Jake Vieck (Vincennes/Lincoln)* share the new school record 4.5 sacks each for their efforts Saturday evening.

Other defensive contributors in the game were *Neil Harrison (Tucson, Ariz./Catalina Foothills)* who made a game-high 16 tackles in his first start at linebacker, *Nick Dames (LaPorte)* made ten tackles, and *Adam Popplewell (Bluffton)* added nine.

On the offensive side of the ball, starting quarterback *Cameron Hummel (Dunkirk/Jay County)* threw for 183 yards, completing 12 of 25 passes. *Jason Dickey (Elwood/Madison Grant)* also tossed one pass—a completion for 37 yards.

On the receiving end, sophomore *Charlie Key (Harrison, Ohio)* caught for 96 yards and freshman *Clint Hammes (Sheridan/Westfield)* made three receptions for 60 yards and one touchdown.

Key also led the running game with 104 yards on 22 rushes, three of them scoring touchdowns. Hummel scrambled for 29 yards on the evening. Sophomore kicker *Cory Wright (Mooresville)* provided a 20 yard field goal from sophomore long snapper *Cody Terkhorn (Bloomington/South)* for the Engineers.

This Week:

Rose-Hulman at Carnegie Mellon University (4-2) – Saturday, October 25, 2 p.m. EDT (1 p.m. Ind.) at Gesling Stadium (Pittsburgh, Penn.)

CROSS COUNTRY

Last Week:

Rose-Hulman at Millikin Invitational: Men 8th of 18 teams; Women 12th of 17 teams – The Engineer Men's team was led by two freshman last Friday. *Charles Williams (Bloomington)*, placed 31st among 165 runners in 26:22, and *Michael Brandell (Haslett, Mich.)* finished 65th overall in a time of 26:55.

On the Women's side, junior Skinner resident *Larissa Oaks (Fort Collins, Colo.)* lead the team, placing 57th in a time of 24:53. Placing second for Rose-Hulman was *Amanda Hecker (Georgetown)*, who finished 73rd in the field with a 25:28 time.

This Week:

Rose-Hulman Women at Anderson Pre-Conference Invitational – Saturday, October 25, 10 a.m. at Mounds Park (Anderson, Ind.)

VOLLEYBALL (11-12, 4-5 SCAC)

Last Week:

Anderson University 3, Rose-Hulman 0 – Rose-Hulman dropped a disappointing three-game match 30-20, 30-24, 30-27 to Anderson over Fall Break.

Sophomore *Lindsey Lenker (Mount Vernon, Ill.)* and junior *Jesica Petretti (Medina, Ohio/Highland)* led the Engineers with 10 kills each, and sophomore *Laura Telezyn (Terre Haute/South Vigo)* and freshman *Jennifer Scott (Indianapolis/Ben Davis)* added team-highs of 13 digs.

Rose-Hulman 1, St. Mary's College 3 – Senior *Sara Christenson (Lake Village, Ind. /North Newton)* and manager *Andrew Orlowski (LaPorte, Ind.)* were featured in the team's final home match of the season.

The highlight of the evening was junior *Lindsey Kerbel (Billings, Mont. Senior)*, who became the schools first ever player to record 3000 career assists.

Also contributing were Christenson with three service aces and 11 kills, Petretti with 24 kills and 17 digs, Telezyn with 19 digs, and freshman *Jennifer Scott (Indianapolis/Ben Davis)* added 15 digs and 14 kills, along with a service ace.

This Week:

Rose-Hulman at SCAC Eastern Divisional No. 2 -- At University of the South (Sewanee, Tenn.) Saturday, October 25, 11 a.m. vs. **Oglethorpe (5-16, 1-8 SCAC)** and 1:30 p.m. vs. **Centre (18-10, 5-4)**. Also Sunday, October 26, 10 a.m. vs. **DePauw (13-10, 6-3)** and 12:30 p.m. vs. **Sewanee (3-15, 0-9)**

Mountaineers stun Va. Tech, 28-7

By Jana Renn
The Collegiate Times (Virginia Tech)
10/23/2003

(U-WIRE) BLACKSBURG, Va. - What was supposed to be an easy win for Virginia Tech turned out to be nightmare in Morgantown, W.Va., last night as the West Virginia Mountaineers defeated the Hokies 28-7 in a game characterized by turnovers and penalties.

"West Virginia played a great ballgame. I think anytime a team turns the ball over and kicks like we did [Wednesday], we're going to have a hard time beating them," said Tech coach Frank Beamer. "I give them credit. I thought they played great."

The Mountaineers dominated in every way throughout the game. Tech got the ball first and

drove 49 yards downfield before Bryan Randall threw an interception from the West Virginia 25-yard line.

The Mountaineers took advantage of the turnover and went 90 yards on 11 plays, capped off by a Kay-Jay Harris 7-yard touchdown run. Kicker Brad Cooper converted the point after attempt to put WVU up 7-0.

"Their backs were really running hard," Beamer said. "They were getting downhill on us all night. They flat out played really well."

The Hokies' second drive yielded similar results as their first, as Randall committed his second turnover of the game by fumbling at the WVU 45 on a quarterback keeper. Mike Lorello came up with the loose ball for the Mountaineers.

Again, WVU capitalized by driving down the field and scoring on a 5-yard rush

by running back Quincy Wilson. Cooper's point after increased the Mountaineer lead to 14-0. The drive was highlighted by a 19-yard Rasheed Marshall pass to Hikee Johnson.

The Hokie defense played better in the second quarter and kept WVU off of the scoreboard.

Tech took the ball 60 yards to the Mountaineer 22 on their second drive of the quarter, but Carter Warley's field goal attempt sailed wide left.

Toward the end of the half, Cooper missed a field goal for the Mountaineers, but WVU got the ball back because of a roughing the kicker call against Vincent Fuller.

Fuller redeemed himself on the very next play after Vegas Robinson picked up a Wilson fumble.

Upcoming athletic events

Tonight, October 24 -Women's Soccer at Millsaps College, 3 pm -Men's Soccer at Millsaps College, 1 pm	University, 1 pm -Football at Carnegie Mellon, 2 pm ET (1 pm Ind.)
Tomorrow, October 25 -Rifle vs. Ohio State University, 9 am -Women's Cross Country at Anderson Invitational, 10 am -Volleyball at SCAC Eastern Divisional No. 2 (at Sewanee) Matches at 11 am and 1:30 pm -Swimming at Lindenwood	Sunday, October 26 -Volleyball at SCAC Eastern Divisional No. 2 (at Sewanee) Matches at 10 am and 12:30 pm -Women's Soccer at Oglethorpe University, Noon Men's Soccer at Oglethorpe University, 2 pm (Home games are denoted in bold)

FLIP SIDE

Cheating 101

Some tips for those of you looking to take the path of the dark side:

- When you plagiarize, try to pick a source that's less well-known than, say, the textbook.

- While gaining the trust of the professor is a good idea, avoid shaking with the hand that has your notes on it.

- Don't have your computer read the answers to you out loud.

- Coughing in morse code is a bad idea (cough-hack, cough-cough-cough).

- Remember, telepathy only works when you are perfectly calm. Fear is the mind-killer. Fear is the little death that brings total obliteration.

- Don't turn in your crib sheet along with the test.

- While we're on the topic, crib sheets are not made from actual cribs. You weirdo.

- Make sure you mute your laptop before you start AIM.

- Finally, remember that Canadian bribes are only worth 70% as much.

Wacky Prof Quotes

"Look at that wire... isn't it sexy?"

--Prof. Song, talking about a stiff, rigid wire

"That theorem will make me immortal... at the expense of you, but that's a minor expense."

--Prof. Sherman, on stealing students' work

"Please don't flush the toilets of your minds."

--Prof. Hoover, on regurgitation and purging

"When filling in fields in B-JAC, the program highlights required fields with this...magenta...color."

--Prof. Serbezov, talking about a blue field

"Jeremy, go around and make sure everyone's balls are moving."

--Prof. Mutchler, on the finer points of students' balls

"Excel tries to put a curve around it, which looks like this bulging ugly thing that looks like my waistline."

--Prof. Sutterer, on plotting data points

"An exam right after break...that would enhance my reputation asa real hard-ass!"

--Prof. Ditteon, scheming out loud

"Think about your grandmother, and see if that gives you any ideas."

--Prof. Mutchler, discussing family values

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

Top Ten Reasons Indiana Avoids Daylight Savings Time

10. No room on the front porch for all the saved light
9. "The gov'ment ain't gonna tell us whut t'do"
8. For that special feeling, deep inside
7. Hertz prefers fluorescent light, anyway
6. Like having time to fight crime, or drink blood... whichever
5. Can't figure out who gets the extra hour
4. Zombies confuse "Spring ahead, fall behind" with "Eat the head, tasty mind"
3. Afraid of eyestrain, skin cancer, and those weird shimmers on the roads
2. Part of a Communist plot, like fluoridation in water and the Food Pyramid
1. VCR refuses to blink "11:00"

Got Soap? A beginner's guide to hygiene

Listen up, boys and girls. As some of you seem unfamiliar with routine grooming skills, I have provided you with a simple guide to bathing. You will need a shower stall, soap, and shampoo. A loofah is not required.

Enter the stall and undress. Yes, all the way. Place your clothing out of the water's path. Turn on the shower. If you're lucky, the water will be hot. Rub the soap briskly on your hands, washcloth, or pouf. Apply this rich

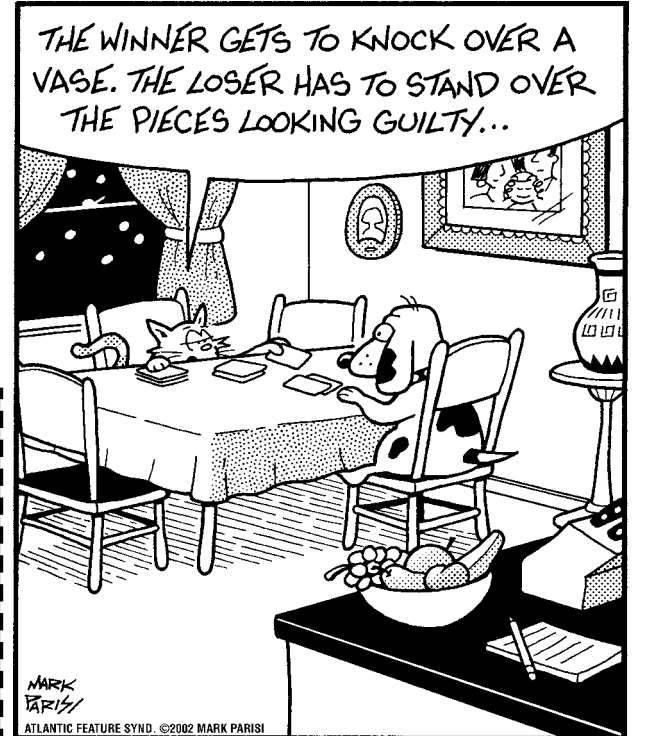
lather to your body, making sure to get all the pits and crevices. Rinse to remove, then wash your hair with the shampoo using a similar technique. Finally, exit the shower and dry off. Congratulations. You are clean.

CUT AND SAVE!

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This Week in History
Brutus, conspirator against Caesar, commits suicide in 42 B.C., reportedly driven mad by everyone saying "et tu" all the time.

In Addition
To the girl in front of me in PLC: I've loved you all along. By the time you read this, I'll be gone. Farewell.

