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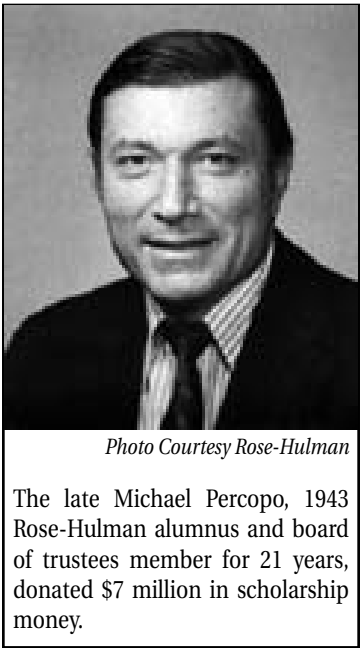
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\$7 million for Rose scholarships

Laura Krause
Staff Writer

A record \$7 million scholarship donation was made to Rose-Hulman by the estate of alumni and former trustee Michael Percopo. According to RHIT President Samuel Hulbert, this is the largest donation for scholarships ever made in Rose-Hulman history. “We are very grateful that he has left a legacy that illustrates his deep affection and dedication to his college,” Rose-Hulman President Samuel Hulbert stated. The gift will increase the number of four-year, full-tuition scholarships available through



the Michael and Christa Percopo Scholarship Fund. Percopo created the fund in 1992 to attract top students from the East and West coasts who would add to the geographic diversity of the student body. Scholarship recipients must maintain a B+ grade point average. Percopo, a 1943 graduate of Rose-Hulman, was on the college's board of trustees for 21 years. He received several honors from Rose-Hulman for his longtime support to the college and in recognition of his distinguished international business career. Percopo was presented with an honorary doctor of law degree from Rose-Hulman in 1972. In 1997, the Rose-Hulman Office

of Career Services and Employer Relations in the Hulman Union was dedicated to Percopo and his late wife, Catharine. During his service as a trustee, he was a member of the board's Investment Management, Academic Affairs, and Ventures Success Fund committees. As a retired businessman, he also established a fellowship at Harvard University for Rose-Hulman alumni interested in earning master's degrees in business administration. Percopo received an MBA from the Harvard Business School in 1948. A native of Bayonne, New Jersey, Percopo received his undergraduate degree in chemical engineering in 1943. After serving

as a Captain in the U.S. Army, and earning the MBA from Harvard, Percopo began his career with Bristol-Myers Squibb, a global pharmaceutical company, in Rome, Italy. Promotions came quickly and included positions as assistant to the president of Squibb in Sao Paulo, Brazil, managing director in Turkey, and general manager of Middle East Operations. In 1957, Percopo was promoted to vice president, Southern Latin American and later became president of Squibb for the Western Hemisphere and Middle East. He was appointed president of Squibb International in 1978. Percopo died Jan. 25 in New York City.

Indianapolis Colts negotiate return

Stuart Nash
Staff Writer

Every summer, around the second week in August, the Rose-Hulman campus undergoes a drastic change. In the course of a few weeks, there is extra security on campus, most of the offices in the Union are taken over, and a particular schedule for use of the athletic facilities in the SRC is enforced. Short of an Anthrax scare, these changes can only mean one thing: the Indianapolis Colts have returned to Rose-Hulman for pre-season camp once again. This summer, these familiar sights may no longer be present. The Rose-Hulman administration is currently in negotiations with the Colts organization as to whether they will return yet again; the opinions as to whether the team should come back or not are as varied and numerous as the golf carts that litter the campus when they are here. For the last five years, Rose





has had a contract with the Indianapolis Colts, providing the campus and facilities for Colts use during the pre-season. During this time, the Colts have received funds from the school for costs. Now that the existing contract has expired, the administration has decided that in order to cover costs, as well as charging a rate comparable to what other groups must pay to use the campus, the cost to the Colts organization will need to be increased. Because of this substantial increase, negotiations are under way between both sides. At this time, the Colts have looked into other locations, such as Eastern Illinois University, Anderson University, and St. Francis in Ft. Wayne, but no final decisions have been made. There are advantages and disadvantages to having the Colts on the Rose-Hulman campus for training camp. On the positive side, the school enjoys extensive publicity and national exposure from the news media that cover the event. The Terre Haute

community loves having the Colts in town, and the local economy enjoys a boost from the extra business and visitors that the camp brings. The school also makes money on parking and concessions for the open weekend and night practices, money that goes to the athletic teams on campus. There's also the possibility that the exposure helps with recruiting. The disadvantages include the extra work that goes into the campus while the team is here. Having the Colts here means that many of the facilities are improved to accommodate them. The result may be the best IM fields of any campus around, but the work that goes into putting in new lights, and resodding the fields with Bermuda grass every year makes the improvements something of a hassle. Even the residence halls, in which the Colts stay, have to be changed for the duration of the stay. Blumberg, Sharpenburg, and Mees are used for living, with the Colts administration



bunked, tied together, have foam pads added to them, and made into king-size beds for the players to sleep on. “We’re not a Holiday Inn,” says Pete Gustafson. Gustafson, the Dean of Students at Rose, is in contact with the Colts organization about the contract negotiations. The other parties involved are, President Hulbert, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Matt Sinclair, the Facility Director of the SRC, and Steve Champlin, the Director of Player Development of the Colts. For the most part, the players are responsible enough to keep incidents to a minimum. The confrontations that do occur are often initiated by students that are tired of being confined while on campus. Almost every year the camp has overlapped with either Operation Catapult, in July, or Fast Track Calculus and the return of the athletic teams, in August.

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Campus Calendar

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| <div>14</div> <div>3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Women's Basketball, Robert Morris-Springfield</div> | <div>15</div> <div>3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Hatfield Hall Holiday Dessert Party</div> | <div>16</div> <div>7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Women's Basketball, Blackburn College</div> <div>7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Men's Basketball, at Hanover College</div> | <div>17</div> <div>10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Student Activity, Gift Wrap Day</div> <div>12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Student Activity, Build-A-Bear</div> <div>6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Spanish Club Film Presentation, "Dispatches From Rebel Mexico"</div> | <div>18</div> <div>11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Hulman Union Holiday Celebration</div> <div>7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Men's Basketball, vs. Franklin College</div> | <div>19</div> <div>11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Hadley Hall Holiday Open House</div> | <div>20</div> <div>2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Women's Basketball, at College of Mount St. Joseph</div> |



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When the going gets tough...

Anne Sluti
Staff Writer

The RHIT Student Counseling Center is set up to help any student with a personal problem or conflict free of charge. It is a resource set up to give students someone to talk to when they feel they are struggling in any area of their lives.

The Center, located in the lower level of the Hulman Union next to the Health Services office, in HMU 147, is open to all RHIT students currently registered for classes.

They offer counseling for individuals, couples, and groups. They are also a place to go for career counseling, crisis intervention, and consultation services, and can make referrals to other counseling agencies.

The three Center counselors are Brent Tucker, Heidi Larson, and Lori Cichon. Each counselor is either a doctoral student or candidate from ISU and holds a masters degree in either counseling or marriage and family therapy.

"We have been successful in helping students with depression, home sickness, anxiety, career concerns, test anxiety, learning difficulties, couples counseling and relationship problems, just to name a few," said Tucker. "We also provide consultation to faculty, staff and students who are concerned about a student."

Appointments can be made by calling or stopping by the office during regular hours, or through email. Tucker urges students to stop by the office or call in very personal cases because "email is not a form of confidential communication." Students can also call the center after hours and leave a voice mail and the Center staff will make contact as soon as possible.

All information shared in appointments is confidential. Tucker states, "We do not acknowledge to anyone outside of the Student Counseling Services that a student is utilizing counseling services without his or her written permission, or unless someone is at high risk of harm."

In addition to counseling, the Center holds workshops on everything from relationships to time management. The Center is always looking for new workshop ideas, and students and organizations are encouraged to make special requests.

The Center's latest workshop is titled "Maximize Your Potential At Rose-Hulman," and will begin on December 3 and last from 5p.m. to 6:30p.m. It will continue to meet once a week throughout the winter quarter. The workshop is limited to 12 RHIT students, who can register by contacting the Center.

"The Maximize Your Potential Workshop will be an experiential group where people can learn from each other about how to improve in any number of life challenges," said Tucker.



Photo by Carmen Duwall

Brent Tucker goes about normal duties on a typical day in the Counseling Center.

The Center also provides information and self-help materials on a variety of topics from stress to college survival. Free informational brochures can be found in front of the Center office. Internet Counseling Resources, along with information about the Center, can be found on the Center's website:

<http://www.rose-hulman.edu/HMUCS>.

Students are encouraged to contact the Center if they have problems they would like to talk about. The Center's phone number is 877-8537 and it is open Monday through Thursday.

Monday 8AM-9PM

Tuesday 8AM-4PM

Wednesday 11AM-5PM

Thursday 9AM-2PM

Closed Friday through Sunday



Photo by Bob Schulein

The winning College Bowl team, from left, Charlie Key, Kristy Bailey, Justin Droba, Brandon Hathaway, and John Beety, played in the finals Thursday night. They will be representing Rose-Hulman at the Regional Tournament at IUPUI in February.

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When the players are on campus, students are restricted to certain times in using many of the athletic facilities and parts of the Union such as the Worx and the game room, which is, understandably, prohibitive to the athletic teams that need to train and practice. Even so, despite a few golf carts in Speed Lake, there have never been any episodes of violence or vandalism between students and the Colts organization.

In general, the organization does more good than harm while on campus, and Gustafson is happy to

have them back, as long as they are willing to pay for a new rate. One problem with the process that has been going on is that the campus has had to cancel prospective outside users of the facilities for the campus while the situation is resolved. "It's not just a matter of money off of [the Colts]," says Gustafson. "We're losing potential business." If the Colts do not return to the Rose-Hulman campus next summer, the school can count on numerous offers from sports camps, weddings, and reunions that would otherwise not

be able to use the Union and the athletic fields.

No one knows when a final decision will be made, but until that point, nearly everyone will have an opinion as to what the outcome should be. While there are advantages and disadvantages to having the Indianapolis Colts use Rose-Hulman for training camp, the bottom line is that if their organization is willing to pay a new rate to use the facilities, August will see blue and white uniforms, as well as golf carts, on campus yet again.



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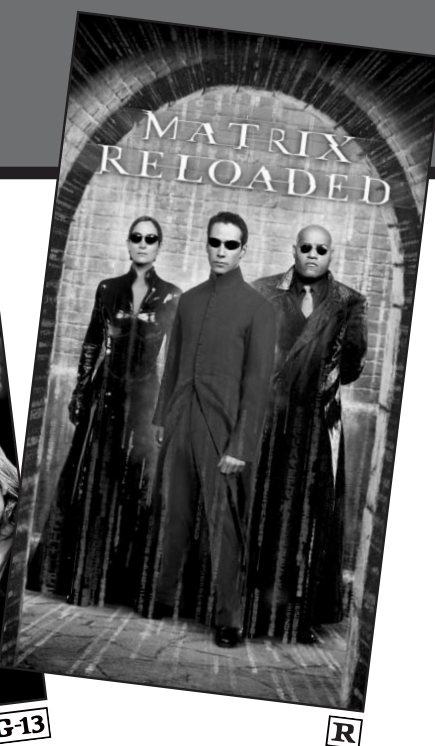
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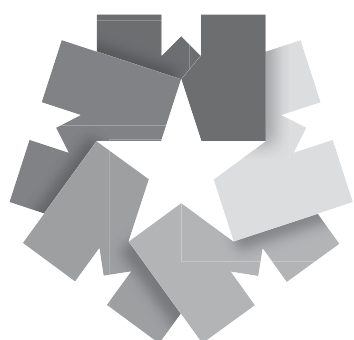
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The Strokes recreate rather than innovate

Adrian Throop
Staff Writer

Room on Fire
The Strokes
Released by RCA, 2003

After their extensively long, worldwide tour with only one album's worth of songs in their songbook, The Strokes were simply burnt out. Following the tour, songwriter Julian Casablancas proceeded to hole himself up in an undisclosed New York City apartment to both escape the public eye and write new material in peace and quiet. Nearly a year later, Casablancas and The Strokes are back with their sophomore album, "Room On Fire."

Much of what put The Strokes on the map upon the release of their first album, "Is This It," is recast in "Room On Fire." Microphone effects on Casablancas' vocals are again abused to great effect. Along with it come the smoky, New York City bar atmosphere guitar riffs. The ups and downs of the melodies bounce as well as ever, well matched by Casablancas' wails, ooh's, and ah's.

What seems to give "Room On Fire" its own feel is the pace of the album. It is faster than "Is

This It," and it remains relentless in its hastier beats. When the album opens with "What Ever Happened," there is no chance to ease your way into the sound, as it is more of a peel-out beginning which holds its speed till the end of "I Can't Win." Although the pace leaves a feeling of being shortchanged in album length, there truly are 11 songs that top out a total time around 40 minutes.

Despite the fun aspects of the album's upbeat nature, the shortcomings of creating an album that plays like "Is This It" with increased beat per minute are significant. The riffs, although



still catchy and playful, are not different from those heard on their first release. Yes, the vocal effects are well done and exact, but you can hear the exact same effects on "Is This It." And despite the strength of songs such as "Automatic Stop" and "12: 51," "Room On Fire" feels like a recycled sound, it too often brings thoughts of being "Is This Is Two (or Too, perhaps)." For Casablancas, his intent may have been to recreate what he accomplished the first time around. Regardless of whether he intended to, he has kept The Strokes up to speed rather than taking their sound to the next level.

This is not your Dorothy's Oz . . .

Jacob P. Silvia
Entertainment Editor

IN & OZ
Steve Tomasula
Published by
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144 Pages

Imagine if you will a world in the not-so-distant future. This world has been dichotomized by those who have a say in such matters. The two parts have been dubbed IN and OZ. Their only connection is a bridge, spanning the firmament dividing these two lands.

In IN, everybody earns their keep by working with their hands. Such denizens of this land are Mechanic, Poet (Sculptor), Composer, and Photographer, all of whose names allude to their profession.

However, in OZ, everybody earns their keep by working with their minds. The only actual resident of OZ we get to know is Designer, who is responsible for designing new cars. We are led to believe that all manner of non-physical laborers reside here as well, nestled high in their towering structures.

Mechanic, the protagonist,

aspires to be more than what he is, which is an automotive mechanic. Rather than repairing cars, he rebels from his role by reshaping them into what he and his associates (the other listed residents of IN) dub "art." This includes mounting the car doors where the wheels should be on a car, giving the car a pair of skis. This notion fails to be grasped by the rest of the populace of IN, causing Mechanics automotive repair career to plummet, forcing him to find a new line of work. That is, to work the toll booth on the bridge dividing IN from OZ.

Along the way in his journey of self-discovery, his associates help him realize important issues of life, such as suffering for that which you love and not allowing

yourself to be swayed by what other people think.

I found this book to be fairly intriguing as well as very interesting in its allegorically-sounding way of writing, and felt an amount of empathy for the characters. Needless to say, I was not disappointed with this new work by Tomasula. My only complaint was that it

ended too quickly.

If you find yourself in need of a short, yet somewhat meaningful work, you should read "IN & OZ" by Steve Tomasula. It may just make you say, "AH!"

Bob Schulein
Co-Editor in Chief

I'm in love with Cate Blanchett. Between her beautifully rugged yet vulnerable performance in "The Missing" and her role of Galadriel in "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy, how could any geek not be swept from his computer chair? Blanchett gets my nod for best actress with her work in "The Missing" as tough Maggie Gilkeson who has to reunite with her estranged father (Tommy Lee Jones) in order to track down her kidnapped daughter. Many themes are touched as the journey thrillingly moves along: family, love, and religion, to name a few.

In the overall scheme of Westerns,

"Bad Santa," no milk & cookies!

Bob Schulein
Co-Editor in Chief

"Bad Santa" is filthy and horrible – The movie's alcoholic Santa (Billy Bob Thornton) curses at kids, has relations with any woman willing, and robs malls blind every Christmas. This is definitely a hard "R" and not for the feint of heart. So guess what? I loved it!

Tony Cox plays Thornton's elf side-kick. You may remember Cox as the midget (sorry – little person) limo driver who impregnated Jim Carrey's wife in "Me, Myself, and Irene." Cox is every bit as foul in this movie as he was in that one and throws hilarious insults back and forth with the rest of the cast

"Missing" in action

with Clint Eastwood's 1992 Best Picture winner "Unforgiven" being the dark polar opposite of this year's light "Open Range," "The Missing" lies somewhat on the darker end of the spectrum. There is the constant fear of rape and death that gives the movie an edge and adds to the thrills. The movie is very exciting, and the tension rises until the final battle.

Director Ron Howard has typically made movies with a lighter tone – like "Apollo 13" and "Backdraft," though he has touched darker subjects in "A Beautiful Mind" and "Ransom." This movie should not come as a surprise to any fans of his previous work.

The movie has spots of violence, though nothing compared to the likes of "Kill Bill." The difference is that you care about the characters

with ease.

The first half of this movie is really funny. The joke of throwing out as much shocking words and sites as possible gets a little old after that. Luckily, the movie has a heart in the child who befriends Santa (played with great comedic charm by Brett Kelly).

The sap at the end never overpowers the comedy, and that's why the film works. There's just enough depth to keep the movie from becoming another moronic seasonal cash-in and all the characters grow in a natural way (in the story world that is).

If you are looking for a nice diversion from all the "Holiday Cheer," then look no further than the nastily great "Bad Santa." Just don't take your mom.

here and get much more involved in the story. This is a great way to start off the epic season of winter. Go see the best female performance of the year and get your inner-geek warmed up for "Return of the King."

Out this week . . .

In Movies
The Last Samurai
Directed by Edward Zwick
Starring Tom Cruise
Rated R

Honey
Directed by Billie Woodruff
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Rated PG-13

In DVDs
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A week in review



I tell
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what to
think!!!

Brandon Hathaway
Opinions Editor

You may have noticed that last week there was no issue of the *Rose Thorn* printed. I know I sure missed it. I am going to take this opportunity, since it is the first issue of the new quarter, to go through a quick but shockingly thorough week-in-review of events that happened over break that were in the news, important to me, and dare I say it, important to the world.

I returned home on Friday to find that my parents had acquired a new kitten, which was intended to replace my cat which had previously died, which I knew of before going home. My parents tend to replace pets quickly, which I also knew before going home. I just wanted to tell you that there was a new kitten. He's Siamese and his name is Eli.

Not much more happened that would not sound like me bragging about the weather until Monday, so I will skip that part. I traveled to Gainesville, the location of the University of Florida (more on this later), to find out about graduate school. Although I have spoken to a few professors around here about the subject, I still felt like Jethro Bodine going in and asking questions about it, because my

experience with graduate school is zero. I mostly found out that applying for it is really hard work, so if you are interested in it, you should probably have already started researching it by now. Good luck!

The next non-weather related event was, of course, Thanksgiving. You might have noticed that I have skipped a few days, I just wanted to point out how considerate I am being by not dwelling on how much nicer it was in Florida than wherever you were. Anyway, family, of course, happens by the bucket load around Thanksgiving. And when it does, it usually catches me off guard, because a family setting is vastly different than college life. In both environments, you are asked to do things, but your family is less likely to ask you to do things that will result in you learning how to make a lot of money in the future. At least, I expect more money from knowing how to design an airplane than how to take out the trash.

I suppose you never know, though.

I cannot mention Thanksgiving without also mentioning mashed potatoes and gravy.

Part of the family that happened were my two nephews, and they are hilarious. Well, more hilarious for me than for my mom, because I was more of an observer while she helped take care of them. The older

will be two in March (Morgan), and the younger will be one in January (Thomas).

I learned that very young children enjoy repetition to excess, and that I am really not the best at handling them. Especially after spending all week with a kitten. It is not that I do not want to, it is just that it is like playing chess with a ferret and getting mad when he tries to move the rooks diagonally. It is not the ferret's fault, because it is a ferret playing chess. You should be glad that he is moving the rooks in a coherent manner at all.

Thanksgiving also caused a few other non-family related events. One was me getting sucked into a "West Wing" marathon, because Aaron Sorkin, the writer and creator of "West Wing" (and also "Sports Night," probably

my favorite show) writes like quicksand. I watched "West Wing" for something like 17 hours. I think it was closer to 8, but you see my point.

The person who broke my fixation on the fictional president turned out to be, of all people, the actual president. He went to Iraq on Thanksgiving, surprising just about everyone, including some of his Secret Service protectors, which is pretty funny. On a serious note, the fact that he pulled it off is rather admirable. The morale effect on the soldiers he visited is phenomenal. Many



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people will dwell on the political motivations, but that really does not matter much. The man is running for re-election; a good way to get re-elected is to do good things. This was a good thing.

Saturday was an interesting day. In Florida, it is known as- well, it is not really known as anything, except that Florida State University meets the University of Florida on the football field. And I was fortunate enough to be seated in the 58th row on the 35 yard line, watching these two teams play the game. It was an exciting game, except that it was rather cold, comparatively. I am not trying to get your sympathy; the only reason I mention it is because my friend's sister was wearing a jacket (we do not distinguish between winter and fall jackets down there, it was just a jacket), a winter hat (those we do distinguish), gloves and a scarf. I thought it was amusing, and thought you might too.

On Sunday, a bizarre news event took place: an American convoy carrying money to a bank in Samarra was ambushed, but nobody knows what happened after that, except that no Americans were killed. The American soldiers say they killed between 46 and 54 attackers.

Everyone else says it was more like 8. And they were civilians. Personally, I find it difficult to believe that an entire convoy would be able to pull off a lie like that. It is probably just an error in translation. I know in Spanish, "8" (ocho) sounds a lot like "46" (cuarenta y seis).

Realistically, the confusion was probably the actual goal of the ambush. Our soldiers are trying to describe their victory while the locals' anger is fomented by apparent civilian casualties.

Sunday was also the sad day the Tampa Bay Buccaneers were shamed by another, less athletically capable, Florida professional football team, and that I came back to Terre Haute. I think I had a record number of airport folk talk to me, numbering in at four; three of whom were compelled to start talking to me because of my stylish Rose-Hulman Elephant laptop bag. The last person was because I was reading Dave Barry's Complete Guide to Guys. Every one should read Dave Barry.

That should bring every one up to speed. After Sunday, I was here, and anything exciting that happened you were probably here for too. Like classes. I think I am going to watch West Wing.

Your (step)mom!

Odessa Goedert
Staff Writer

There's only one thing worse than a bad professor, and that's a bad professor who reminds you of someone you hate. Last quarter, I was blessed with 11 weeks of such torture. True to form, I was unable to avoid it.

As a result, throughout the quarter, I was struck by Dr. Amperecoulombpersiemenseco

nd's consistent behavioral similarities to my stepmother. Yes, my stepmother.

They dress in the same conservative-but-trying-not-to-look-it way that screams "I hate you all with a passion that

burns with the fire of a thousand suns, but I'm just a simple girl from a small town that made it despite all odds, so I have to dress like those career women in those lifetime made-for-tv movies". They both tap their shoes in that way that says, 'tsk-tsk' just like the mother in "Leave it to Beaver;" they both majored in the same area; and they both have that condescending, patronizing

voice down perfectly!

There's something about Dr. Amperecoulombpersiemensecond's gestures that reminds me of that irritating, greedy, conniving little woman that happened to marry my dad when I was nine. Perhaps it's the way she smiles that really gets to me - that simpering look that says "yes, you're a miserable, insignificant, shiftless excuse for a simpleminded collegiate but I have to feign to ensure you can regurgitate this spectacularly soporific material."

Picture this: you're dozing off in class, when suddenly, your name is called. Through a sleep-induced haze, finding your stepmother teaching a class can be extremely traumatizing.

Trust me, I know.

Don't get me wrong, I don't hate Dr. Amperecoulombpersiemensecond, but I *do* hate the person she resembles and I *did* hate her class.

So, if you find yourself in a class with a professor you can't stand, or a professor who can't stand you, you can console yourself by thinking "at least it's not my stepmother!"

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Abuse of all.students?

Gregory Weir &
Odessa Goedert
Guest Commentary

The day before Thanksgiving, we received an interesting e-mail from all.students. Its subject was "Re: Clatters]", and it contained an interesting offer. We or one of our friends could take part in a unique missionary experience! Each of us almost deleted it immediately (very few people would want *us* proselytizing for them), but we each decided to skim it first.

We were amazed.

Here are a few choice phrases from the letter. The writer of the unsigned letter, evidently Professor Emeritus Peter F H Priest, is looking for people interested in "evangelizing in the atheistic soil of Russia." The writer of the e-mail wishes to create a private interfaith facility near Voronezh because the Russian government is "beginning to close the doors of public facilities to protestant organizations plus other insidious means of persecution." And if we don't help, it will "signal a clear victory for the Russian Atheist forces."

Of course, we're all for religious freedom and tolerance, but the tone of the letter is not tolerant.

We were unaware that the Russian atheists *had* forces, or that soil was capable of religion. As a friend of several Russian atheists, and the boyfriend of a Russian agnostic, Gregory is especially put off by the unknown writer's assumption that we want to battle against these "insidious" people.

Yes, Russia has had and still has problems relating to religious tolerance. Yes, it is important that religious freedom is upheld. Yes, Dr. Priest's program seems to be interfaith and accepting of various religions... as long as they worship Jehovah.

It's very unclear what the rules are concerning all.students, but this e-mail is not something we feel comfortable receiving from our college; it is one-sided and prejudiced. Whether or not requests for missionaries should be sent through all.students, they should not act as if atheists are an enemy to be fought. Some of our culture's greatest minds have been atheists, including Mark Twain, Isaac Asimov, Kurt Vonnegut, John Lennon, and Charles Schultz.

We would very much like to know why Dr. Priest still has access to all.students, and why anyone would feel that this is an appropriate way to find students sympathetic to this biased cause.

Letter to the Editor

First, I would like to thank the Thorn for last week's article on RHINO. It is good to see that someone is finally publicly questioning the denial of such a useful tool to the student body. Second, it is sad to see that IAIT is still being allowed to make unilateral decisions, especially when they run counter to the desires of the students. Despite the fact that many students find RHINO useful, and Dr. Western has said that it can be made available without violating any laws, Dr. Turcotte has decreed that "RHINO will cease to exist."

This latest outrage continues IAIT's tradition of ignoring their customers--the students. This will go on until IAIT is held accountable for their decisions. Towards this end, we recommend the formation of a committee composed of students and faculty that is capable of making binding decisions on IAIT policy. This will ensure that IAIT's actions are in the best interests of their customers.

Michael Chansky
Class of 2004

Logan Harper
Class of 2004

It is my 'opinion' that you should write for the Thorn.
E-mail opinions@rose-hulman.edu



Rose sports rundown

Andrew Twarek



Photo Courtesy Rose-Hulman

Senior Ryan Smith was awarded a spot on the CoSIDA Academic All-American second team for his football efforts.

FOOTBALL (5-5, 3-3 SCAC)

This season's football team made huge improvements over last season, even though their final game was a 19-21 loss at conference co-champion Centre College. The team started out 2-0 for the first time since 1987 under first-year head coach *Ted Karras*, who began his career with two wins—a feat unaccomplished Heze Clark did so in 1923.

Their final .500 record was last matched by the 6-4 1995 team. The team broke records, like 10 sacks in the game over Millsaps, and individual players made standout performances, like Charlie Key's 1001 yards rushing. Congratulations to the 20 senior football players for their effort these years.

VOLLEYBALL (16-21, 7-11 SCAC)

The 2003 Volleyball team managed one win in the second SCAC Cross-Divisional to end their season. Coach *Brenda Davis Goble's* team improved on last year's 14-24 record, finishing sixth in the conference. *Sara Christenson* is the lone senior on the volleyball team this year.

Fall sports review

MEN'S SOCCER (9-9-1, 2-6-1 SCAC)

The Men's Soccer team finished with a .500 record this year, under new head coach *Brad Hauter*. This marks the first time the team has reached that mark since the squad did so in 1995. They also placed seventh in the conference in 2003. The season ended on a disappointing 0-3 skid, but the matches were against tough conference opponents Southwestern (0-1), Trinity (0-5), and DePauw (1-2). Southwestern tied for second place in the conference, and Trinity recently earned the national championship. Graduating will be seniors *Al Ruth*, *Brandon Menke*, and *Joe Woods*.

ATHLETES OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

Football:

Ryan Smith earned a spot on the CoSIDA Academic All-American second team for his football efforts and outstanding scholarship this year. He becomes the 59th Fightin' Engineer be awarded the honor, and the 23rd football winner.

M. Soccer:

Kareem Lee and *Yaw Aning* were named to the All-SCAC team. *Lee* was awarded a midfielder's position on the first team, and *Aning* fills a forward spot on the third team.

W. Soccer:

Jessica Farmer was awarded a second team CoSIDA Academic All-American award for her excellent performance on the field and in the classroom. She is the first female athlete from Rose-Hulman to win the award. She also was voted the SCAC Women's Soccer Offensive Player of the Year.

Kathleen Stynes earned first-team All-SCAC recognition as a freshman defender, while Amy Sibilia claimed third-team honors.

Volleyball:

Lindsey Kerbel was voted third-team all-Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference honors.



Photo Courtesy Rose-Hulman

Senior Jessica Farmer was awarded a spot on the CoSIDA Academic All-American second team for soccer.

WOMEN'S SOCCER (13-4-2, 5-3-1 SCAC)

This year's Women's team finished with their best record ever, coming off last year's 13-win season under *Brad Hauter*. They came in third this year in the SCAC. Their season, like the men's, ended with tough matches: a tie vs. Southwestern (1-1) and losses to Trinity (1-3) and a DePauw (0-3) team that reached the semifinal game in the national tournament. SCAC Women's Soccer Player of the Year *Jessica Farmer* is the only graduating senior on the team.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Men's Cross Country team made great strides this season, placing sixth in the conference meet, for their best SCAC finish in history. Three Engineers ran in the NCAA Div. III Regional meet. On the Women's side, an eighth-place finish in the conference tied last year's performance. Six women runners competed in the Regional meet, and the team placed 31st of 34. Seniors on the 2003 team include *Beth Emborsky* and *Rachel Rieck*.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (0-5, 0-0 SCAC)

Earlier:

The Lady Engineers started off their season with a tough tournament at home, with losses to Franklin (42-63) and Hanover (51-65). They dropped another game at Anderson (57-77) before traveling to a tougher tournament at Washington St. Louis.

Their first game was against Washington, who won national championships from 1998-2001 and finished in the final four last year. Rose-Hulman put up a good fight in that game, closing the gap to eight in the second half, but fell 67-83. The consolation game of the tournament was a 55-68 loss to Lake Forest.

The women are led in scoring by *Rebekah Forsyth* (16.2 ppg), *Anna Hall* (14.2), who is shooting .482 from the field, and *Carrie Wiley* (6.8). Top rebounders are Forsyth (8.2 rpg), and *Jessica Farmer* (4.4), who adds five blocked shots and 10 steals.

This week:

Rose-Hulman at DePauw Classic – Fri., Dec. 5 vs. Greenville College (2-2), and Sat, Dec. 6 vs. Manchester College (0-5) at Raymond Neal Fieldhouse (Greencastle).

MEN'S BASKETBALL (5-1)

Earlier:

The Men's Basketball team has made a great start to their 2003 season. Their 5-1 record hasn't been seen since 1999. The season began with a win over Averett University (64-56) and a loss to Roanoke (63-65) at the Roanoke (Va.) tournament. They then traveled to the DePauw Tournament, and routed Wabash College 79-64 before taking the championship 76-68 over Earlham.

To continue the win streak, they put together wins this week over Fontbonne University (72-56) and Wilmington College (58-54). Engineer leaders include Munchie Muskeyvalley with 15.8 points per game, Jason Ludwig with 14.7 ppg and Philip Griffith with 12.7. Kareem Lee leads the team in boards (9.2 rpg), with help from Griffith (5.0) and Mike Cusic (4.7).

This week:

Rose-Hulman vs. Robert Morris-Springfield (3-5) - Tues., Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m. at Hulbert Arena (Terre Haute)

Upcoming athletic events

Tonight, December 5, 2003

- Wrestling at Little State Championships (Indy), 3 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. Greenville College (at DePauw), 6 p.m.
- Swimming at Wabash Classic (Divers Only), 6:30 p.m.
- Swimming at DePauw Invitational (Swimmers Only), TBA

Tomorrow, December 6, 2003

- Rifle vs. Akron University, 8:30 a.m.**
- Wrestling at Little State Championships (Indy), 9 a.m.
- Swimming at Wabash Classic (Divers Only), 9:30 a.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. Manchester College (at DePauw), 2p.m.
- Swimming at DePauw Invitational (Swimmers Only), TBA

(Games in bold denote home games)



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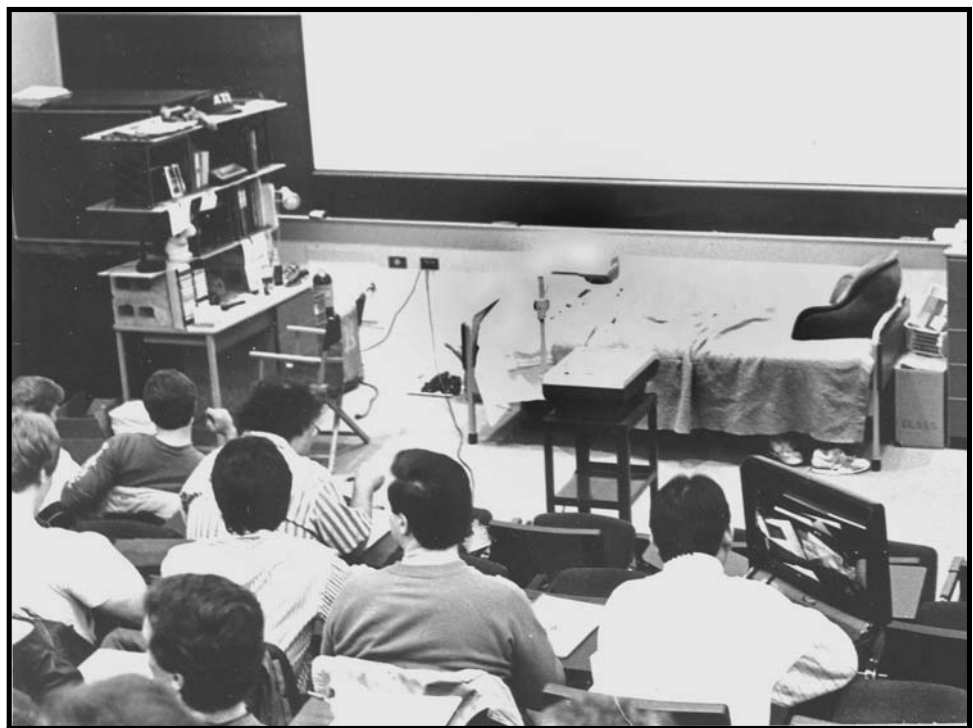
Top Ten Ways Students Spent Break

10. "Wait... like, when I wasn't asleep?"
9. Lather, rinse, repeat. Lather, rinse, repeat. Lather, rinse...
8. Went places with a better ratio. Like monasteries.
7. Desperately wished for homework, any homework.
6. Short-sheeted every bed in Speed, Blumberg, and, oddly, Moench.
5. Organized jam collection.
4. Enjoyed "special time" with Hertz.
3. Played computer games, just like at Rose.
2. Plotted to kill parents, old friends, siblings, Dan Rathers.
1. Bravely battled vampire lords in the urban jungle of Cleveland.

Wacky Prof Quotes

- "Whoops! Gravity attack!"
--Prof. Hanson, dropping a marker
- "I'd like you to fill out my evaluations now. It's revenge time!"
--Prof. Kubota, showing incredible insight
- "You know what, class dismissed for the quarter; everyone gets A's!"
--Prof. Sutterer, on the first day of the quarter
- "Did you get that air quality handout? Did you read it? I did too, and I said, 'God, I don't want to talk about this stuff!'"
--Prof. Thomas, on a paper assigned by Prof. Robinson
- "And if this causes you to be suicidal, or some other acute depression, call me so that we can talk, and maybe I'll give you a ride, so you can jump off a building."
--Prof. Azhar, serving as a supportive mentor
- "It's kinda like having a party in your mouth."
--Prof. Laflen, discussing the delicious final
- "The assumption there is that I've read the book."
--Prof. Hudson, on the textbook
- "America. We know what it is. We're sitting in it."
--Prof. House, being helpful
- "I'm not hired to be a spellchecker. That's not my profession."
--Prof. Ferguson, on punishing students

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



Aforementioned bed in Moench, apparently the result of a crazed Civil Engineering prof with a penchant for the loquacious. *Thorn Archives.*

Aphra Behn's
Rose-Hulman
Or, The Engineering School

It was a marvelous Place, filled with any number of Fascinating Peoples. There were the ME's, who worked with Machines of astonishing Complexity, and EE's, with their Breadboards all wir'd, and CS's, who loathe the Touch of the ever-present Sun, and Chem-E's, who were composed of a Surprising number of females, and CPE's, who possess Devices propeled by The numb-eel, and sundry Professors, with many Twitches and Tics from Dealing with These barbarous People. Finally, there were the Civils, who Said nothing But *Tacoma... Tacoma...*

Herbig's Pun of the Week
Without geometry, life is pointless.

ERRATUM:
MR. HERBIG IS AWARE THAT HIS LAST PUN OF THE WEEK WAS INSTEAD A LIMERICK OF THE WEEK. HE IS FULL OF SORROW, AND REGRETS THAT THIS WEEK'S, WHILE A PUN, IS STILL THE VERSE. ERR, WORST.

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ANOTHER DAY AT THE BOBBLE-HEAD DOLL CORPORATION

This Week in History
Prohibition ends.
Finally, citizens are able to get alcohol, which was impossible due to the competent enforcement of Prohibition.

In Addition
They're after me. I know it. I can see them in the trees, on the rooftops, in the rafters. But they won't get me. I'll get them first.