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Mason devotes more to students

Rachel Lukens Editor-in-Chief

Thomas Mason, Vice President for Entrepreneurship and Business Planning at Rose-Hulman Ventures, has decided to resign his position to devote more time and energy to the Engineering Management program and also to spend more time in the classroom. He will remain on as an Innovations Fellow.

During his time at Ventures, Mason fostered an innovative spirit to assist young companies grow and he also greatly enjoyed his work, considering it to be a "really exciting experience."

Mason began working with Ventures having worked as Treasurer and acting CFO, and then

Computing Devices, which was because he wanted to return to the classroom.

Mason stated that he "feels very good about the opportunities [Venture's provides] for students, Rose-Hulman, and Indiana."

It is these opportunities that Mason hopes to improve now. He teach classes on campus.

Another way that Mason dem- and 7 full-time students. onstrated his pioneering personal-

because as graduate students in ironically located in the building engineering, they were qualified to Ventures currently inhabits. He work directly on new project agreed to take on the role at Ven- development but as they became tures in a part-time capacity only more educated in management they were able to find new challenges with the business side of Ventures.

Mason feels a particular tie to the Engineering Management program, because he was its first director and instructor. He has been with the program since its is continually looking to enhance first site, first student, and first the entrepreneurial opportunities course in 1995. Now, the program on campus, as well as continue to has blossomed to include five sites, over 100 part-time students,

Mason's decision to reduce his ity was in uniting the Engineering role was finalized because Ven- knowledge through published Management program and Ven- tures is on secure ground after works and presentations.

President and CEO of Applied tures. The two fit together nicely receiving a second grant from the Lilly Foundation and because the Ventures staff is fully prepared to handle the void created by his absence.

> Over the past thirty years, Mason has had an involved career with Rose-Hulman during which he has held a variety of positions. When he first arrived in 1972, Mason was a professor of Economics. Since then he has been the Associate Director of the Center for Technology and Policy Studies, head of the Humanities, Social, and Life Sciences, and the Vice-President for Administration and Finance. Along with holding a variety of impressive positions. Mason has continually shared his



Renowned Ames Quartet to Perform at Hatfield Hall on Jan. 18

The Ames Piano Quartet will playing." bring its superbly crafted blend of piano and string ensemble music tet, the resident to Rose-Hulman Institute of Tech- chamber nology's new Hatfield Hall The- ensemble at Iowa ater for a special concert at 7:30 p.m., on Saturday, Jan. 18. Tick- Ames, Iowa, feaets for the concert, part of Rose- tures master musi-Hulman's Fine Arts Series, are \$5 cians, for adults and \$3 for senior citi- Darlington zens and non-RHIT students. It is Jonathan Sturm, on free for all Rose-Hulman students, faculty and staff with tick- Work, on cello; ets. Tickets are available for and purchase or pick up from 1-5 p.m. David, on piano. on weekdays, starting on Jan. 13, They perform a in the Hatfield Hall ticket office, range of classical or at the door on the night of the

The quartet's recordings of the repertoire, includworks of 19th century composer ing Antonin Dvorak have been Mozart, Brahms described as "one of the best and Dvorak as well chamber music recordings of the century" by Fanfare magazine and its particular combination of ton. strings with piano has been described by The Washington man, the quartet plans to perform Post as "one of the most heav- Dvorak's Quartet in D Major, enly." The New York Times Ludwig van Beethoven's Quartet

The Ames Ouarmusic State University in Mahlon and George violin: William chamber music from the standard works Chausson, as Taneyev and Wal-

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referred to the group's "skillful in E-flat Major, Op. 16, and Gab-



Photo Courtesy Iowa State University Department of Music Website

riel Faure's Quartet in G Minor, Op. 45. Since 1989, the Ames Quartet has recorded six CDs and performed countless world pre-

France, Russia, Piano Quartet." the Far East, Mexico and Can-American including New York, Los Angeles and Chicago.

And, recently ing." the ensemble was featured on the popular, nation-"The Sunday." Paul This past Novem-Piano performed

world premiere of a new piano departments. quartet, "Dark Rosaleen, Rhapby renowned American composer line at (812) 872-6261.

mieres. They have Lee Hoiby, and debuted its first toured in Austria, CD in five years, "The Russian

"These are obscure Russian pieces we've discovered. No other and recording exists of them," said appeared in 30 David, chair of Iowa State Unistates with perfor- versity's piano department. "It's mances in virtu- very refreshing to do something ally every major like this. This music is new to city almost everybody. To have performed as long as we have and still be able to play music we've never heard before is real excit-

The quartet is also thrilled to be the second Fine Arts Series concert in Rose-Hulman's new perally syndicated forming arts center, which was radio programs, opened in November. Hatfield Listening Hall features a 602-seat theater, Room" and "St. with state-of-the-art acoustics and lighting technology; rehearsal rooms for student arts organizaber, the Ames tions; an alumni center; and Quartet offices for the development, the external affairs and alumni

For more information, persons sody on an Air by James Joyce," can call the Hatfield Hall ticket

Rose students engineer "useful trash"

Nicole Hartkemeyer **Staff Writer**

Recycling and engineering combined forces Thursday with the annual Recycling Engineering Competition. Participates raced to complete an engineering masterpiece made solely out of the recyclable materials they were provided with . An added requirement this year was that students had to create something that would accomplish a specific task.

piece of Silly Putty as far as possible, in the shortest amount of time. The task was not unveiled until the competition start, and teams only had an hour of design time to create a device to complete this task. Past years included an open contest where anything could be made from art to contraptions. After the one hour time limit, judges decided which teams would take home the prize money.

This year's turn out was the best ever, 18 teams comprised of 75

This year, that task was to shoot a people in total participated in this year's contest. Included in this group were younger student members of the Explore Engineering Explorer's Club based here at Rose. Each group was given a set amount of materials to use in their construction process, including card board boxes, plastic bottles of different sizes, aluminum cans, duct tape, rubber bands, and newspaper. No outside materials or tools were allowed in the contest, just the use of what was offered.

The final results revealed many

objects made out of the debris. Everything from ramps, to slingshots, and catapults were built this year. The winning design was a three person slingshot, similar to a water balloon launcher that threw the piece of Silly Putty from one end of the Kahn Room to the other in less than half a second. The Best Design Concept went to the BSB Garbage Men for a catapult driven by dropping a box of paper on one end of the arm and throwthe other end of the arm.

The first place winners were The Reusers (Michelle Witt, Jed Frey, and Adriana Platt). Second place went to Scharp 3 West Side (Todd Richard, Tim Schmidt, Justin Jennings, Jarrod Hormon, and James Compson). Third place went to Team Britney Spears (Alex Espinosa, Brian Caruso, Steve Daffron, Katie Walter, and Greg Ramzy). Best design concept went to the BSB Garbage Men (Sky Olson, Aaron Dubin, Randy ing the Silly Putty from a cup at Roberson, Tim Berowski, John Gipson).

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Albums of the week

Drew Wright Staff Writer

Beth Gibbons & Rustin Man

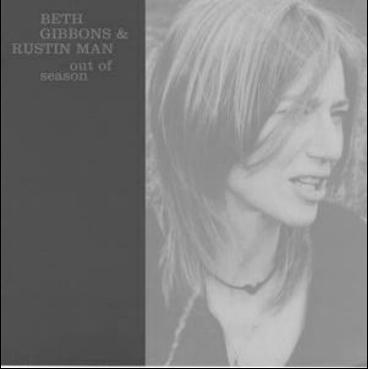
Out of Season

Go Beat Records

"Beautifully haunting... brooding vocals hover just above the surface"

"Out of Season," the debut solo album from Beth Gibbons, sees the Portishead chanteuse stepping out from behind the calculated trip hop beats of her full-time project to explore her semi-acoustic side. Helping her in the ambitious outing is former Talk Talk frontman, Paul Webb (aka Rustin Man), and Portishead sidekick, Adrian Utley, whose deft production provides the perfect compliment to Beth's diverse aside, the singer has succeeded voice.

and warm choral backdrop of the first track, the unforgettable "Mysteries," it is quickly made clear that Beth and company will be taking the listener on an entirely different journey than her past work, leaving many



some even upset.

With all of the controversy in presenting a dazzling exhibi-From the organic ambience tion of her unique vocal talent, with a range that encompasses everything from Billie Holiday and Shirley Bassey to Marianne Faithfull and Nick Drake.

of the most beautifully haunting pieces of work to come bring it in. But it will be worth Portishead fans dismayed and along in a long, long while, en- every penny.

compassing the listener in a warm, orchestral blanket while the brooding vocals hover just above the surface, taunting, but not ominous.

The only negative to be said about "Out of Season" is that it is not, nor are there any plans to make it, available in the United Musically, this album is one States. As a result, you might have to spend some money to

Drew Wright Staff Writer

Amon Amath

Versus the World

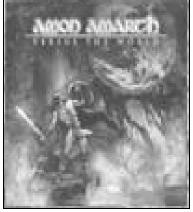
Metal Blade Records

"An immaculate example of what Swedish melodic death metal is all about"

Anyone curious as to who would deliver the first great album of 2003 can put their concerns to rest as Sweden's Amon Amarth have quickly jumped out of the gate and graced the new year with yet another devastatingly brutal offering.

Hitting the streets on January 14th, their latest masterpiece, entitled 'Versus the World', is Swedish melodic death metal is all about: blistering speed, wonderfully catchy hooks, throatshredding guttural growls, and a technical execution that even the most discriminating of critics will find mind blowing.

Despite the obvious nods to their forefathers in At The Gates and Dark Tranquillity, the Swedes have been able to carve out a unique niche in the vast quality metal.



scene by devoting the majority of their lyrics and artwork to the realms of epic fantasy usually assigned to those of the sword wielding, falsetto screeching power metal persuasion. Chock full of Viking Lore, the lyrics to 'Versus the World', much like any other Amon Amarth release, make for a good read to complement the consistent blast beats an immaculate example of what and tidal, groove oriented riff-

> It is these types of albums from historically consistent and original bands like Amon Amarth that have slowly been rejuvenating the once dying and boring death metal scene, once again giving those who remember the early nineties a reason to throw their horns up and revel in the grossly underappreciated art of

'Millionaire' could pull wool over audience eyes

By Luke Smith Michigan Daily (U. Michigan) 01/09/2003

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. -Thirteen million people watched Fox's "Joe Millionaire" Monday night. That's roughly one person for he plucked off the market like I every \$4 "Joe" allegedly has in his would choose a fine cut of steak. bank account.

The premise of the show (from the brain trust behind "Temptation Island"), herds 20 women into the right? They want to parade these company of a man they believe is a women around like cattle to be poked millionaire with a \$50 million dollar and prodded by a guy whose hands bank statement. Of course, there is a are more comfortable around a shovtwist: "Joe" (Evan Marriot) isn't a el than they are something rich peomillionaire, he's a construction work- ple hold on to -- glasses of Cristal or er making \$19,000 a year.

The 20 women are forced to compete for Evan's heart, disguising any isn't it? The contrived dramatic irony (heaven forbid) gold-digging urges, play out in this, a fabulously pathetic while trying to woo the surly construction worker with the baby soft largely stems from the exploitation hands. Along the way, those who of greed. One woman, a banker, was survive are awarded pieces of jewel- thrilled at the prospects of Evan not ry indicating their return for the fol- knowing what to do with the money lowing week. As the jewelry piles (the premise is that Evan inherited it) up, the party gets smaller. Interesting enough that while Fox is exploiting the greed of these women, they are reinforcing that same greed we as viewers mock by further bestowing watching desperate women (either figifts on them. It really is a wonderful examination of voracity.

dresses for the night's affair, the women's true colors came out. They were herded like volunteer cows to a wool over the eyes of the American room with 20 ball gowns, one for each. Heidi scooped up four dresses trying each on, leaving three girls temporarily without garment. It is inspiring how desperate Heidi is to win lieve the women are being exploited. the affections (perceived millions) of This sort of meta-reflection, while Evan, that she just wanted to look her highly intelligent, (and would unvery best. We can't fault her for that, doubtedly be a masterful play on the she probably came onto the show part of Fox) is terribly unlikely. simply to find love.

Pathetic.

pops the question it will be the first close to \$10 an hour.

bit of truth the show has actually seen. The buff lying beefcake said, "I realized I had just started the biggest lie of my life." A fascinatingly retarded way to begin a relationship with a woman he wants to marry. A woman

Hopefully, the girl he picks won't really love him and will just be after his money. That's what Fox wants, something (I wouldn't know).

That's what America wants to see, display of human nature. The hilarity and she, of course, would certainly know how to allocate his funds.

Oh, the drama.

There's also the comedic value in nancially or emotionally, Fox shows them both in similarly terrible light) When exposed to a roomful of throw themselves at a man under wonderfully false pretense.

Or is it? What if Fox has pulled the people? Maybe Evan Marriot (if that is his real name) is actually a millionaire and Fox has decided to exploit the watchers of the show, like we be-

Though, it is more likely we are watching a pageant where the prize is When Evan unwraps the truth and a construction worker who makes Think of all the starving children in the world... Write a review!



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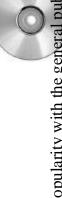
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Thorn 2002 DVD Awards

DVD of the year: "LOTR Extended Cut"

Have you ever just been matic views of Middle-earth ring. awed by a set of DVD's?

For the first time in Thorn history, the staff has unanimously selected Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Rings Special Edition DVD set to be the number one DVD of the year. This is for one reason: the set is awesome. simply Not only do you get an extended version of an already great

of extra information, perfect ry. for a LOTR geek like us.

DVD feels like an entirely new movie. With many of the Extending the Council of Elscenes extended and several more added, this DVD is worthy of multiple views. The movie in its theatrical release had wonderful sweeping cine- ness of needing to destroy the

and a script worthy of Tolk-

less The theatrihad a couple

of setbacks to the avid geek. Severwere missing, but the DVD adds most of the

movie, but you get two DVDs missing parts back into the sto-

Two scenes stand out in my From beginning to end the mind as to being the most important addition and extension. rond to include Gandalf recitcreates a much more powerful scene and it adds to the serious-

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Adding the giving of the ien's time- gifts of Galadriel makes several tale. nuances make much more sense later on. Seeing Gimli, cal release the dwarf, speak to Galadriel in such awe and reverence makes you feel all warm inside. Not only that, but it explains why Gimli becomes a good friend with Legolas and becomes a ished to Peter Jackson acting things more lighthearted character. out part of the movie the extra There are many other reasons the movie is better, but we only have room to mention so many.

The appendices give more year: information about the process of creating this masterpiece than any other behind the scenes show. It shows Bag End in an unfinished state, Peter Jackson enacts several scenes, and it explains why ing the black speech of Mordor Tom Bombadil does not get included in the movie. Not only do you get to learn some really interesting things about the

movie, but you also get to learn more about JRR Tolkien and his view on Middle-earth. Understanding what the world is based on according to both JRR Tolkien and Peter Jackson's crew allows the viewer to understand much more about some of the minutest details. From seeing Bag End unfin-DVDs seal the number one po-

Runners up for DVD of the

"The Royal Tenenbaums" was a great underrated treat that was released late 2001. The Criterion edition is filled with informative features and style that fits the movie perfect-

"Pulp Fiction: Collector's Edition." Tarantino's modern crime classic finally gets the treatment it deserves in a de-

luxe special edition. The other Tarantino movies released this year rank up here too.

"Band of Brothers" won rave reviews on HBO and its DVD is equally impressive. It wins for best TV show or miniseries.

"Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back" is another underappreciated gem. The last in director Kevin Smith's "New Jersey" movies, it's a hilarious romp through past Smith movies. The DVD features excellent features and some great easter

"Amelie" was one of the most delightful romantic comedies of 2001. French The film gets a great audio and video



treatment and a lovely green case for the two discs.

Best TV show or miniseries: "Band of Brothers"

Imagine a show on TV that is phic aspect ratio this six disc just as good, if not better, than DVD is what all DVD's should "Saving Private Ryan." That is exactly what the "Band of is impressive along with sim-Brothers" mini-series is. "Band ple, but brilliant menus. of Brothers" delves deep into the story of the Easy Company disc, include a thirty minute of the 101st airborne, following making of, a eighty minute them from basic train-

ing all the way into Germany and the end of the WWII. The actors are mostly "unknowns" which, for me, adds to overall realness and therefore enjoy-

The show looks exactly

ment of the

show.

special effects, partly due to the fact that it is produced by Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks. The episodes concentrate more on the people than the actual events; it is a story for rushing out 49 discs worth about heroes, not a silly war.

The DVD itself is one of the most spectacular I have ever great transfer of a great show. viewed. The box alone was worth price, not really but you get the picture. With a sweet didn't put him on the list! Great DTS track and 1.66:1 anamor- DVD too... yep, great DVD...

strive to be. The picture quality

The extras, all on the sixth documentary called "We Stand

Together," Alone Livingston's Ron "Video Diaries": the making of the film through the eyes of an actor (which is fifty five minutes.), and a photo gallery. The making of and documentary are really good.

This show is not ten hours of Allies shooting Germans, it

like "Saving Private Ryan," in is ten hours of Allies shooting terms of cinematography and Germans among a slew of emotional performances and cir-

> Runners up for best TV show or miniseries on DVD:

> "Star Trek: TNG" series 1-7 of quality content.

"24: The first season" for a

"Sopranos Season 3" Come Tony would kill us if we

Technical: "Rashomon"



Though 2002 was a landmark year for special effects and digital wizardry, we at the Thorn decided to give our technical award to a movie in

need of restoration. Criterion did an outstanding job with restoring the 1951 print of "Rashomon." It's amazing that a film that old can look and sound as good as it does here. Kudos to Criterion on another amazing job. "Episode II" came in a close second place with it's vibrant digital print and booming sound. There's nothing like that asteroid chase scene!

Childrens: "Monsters, Inc."

Monsters, Inc. was selected as the best Children's DVD, but it had some fierce competition with Ice Age and Disney's Platinum Series DVD release of Beauty and the Beast, which were both runners up. Monster's Inc. beat the other two out because of the

endearing and creative plot combined with dazzling and complex computer graphics. The DVD also included informative and entertaining special features.



Marketing: "Star Wars: Episode II



"Who da man? Yoda man!" Come on George! That's terrible! Isn't it enough that you're losing your fan base? Why endanger losing those still clinging to your dreams with a terrible ad campaign that is as ible covers that made finding clumsy as it is stupid?

Runners up for worst marketing:

"ET" couldn't decide what should be on the disc.

"Reservoir Dogs: Tenth Anniversary Edition" had collectthe right one difficult.

Self Promotion: "A Beautiful Mind"

ments, when done correctly. It We just don't like having that seemed like every single thing from the title of this "Awards Edition" DVD to the self congratulatory interviews tried to shove the greatness of the film ty Report" for the same readown our throats. We agree sons listed above.

The Thorn is a fan of supple- that this is indeed a great film. shoved down our throats.

Runners up for worst self promotion:

"Spider-Man" and "Minori-



No more double dipping!!!!!

A very annoying trend lately has been the release of a hot new movie on DVD in a quasi special edition. Three months later the ultimate edition of a DVD comes out, leaving us suckers for buying the inferior product just months earlier.

This recommendation is very similar to the no more Superbit collection suggestion to the right. Columbia Tristar just released "Resident Evil" with a fairly hyped advertising campaign. A month later, the Superbit version was released with DTS sound. Just after that was released, a special edition was announced for next year.

Please companies, show a little respect to your consumers. Give us the right product right off the bat, and quit making us wait so long to get the disc we should have in the first place.

And consumers, don't buy the hot new release unless you know its the definititve edition of the movie. Don't let the studios keep this bad habit.

Down with Superbit

Possibly the most annoying company releasing DVDs these days is Columbia TriStar because of their Superbit collection. Offering the best video and sound at the expense of extras, these discs rarely deliver on their promises and only waste consumer's money.

Most other studios release DTS audio tracks on their new releases, so why doesn't Columbia? Other studios offer special editions of their DVDs that contain both high quality technical components and lots of special features, and usually go for a lower price than a Superbit title.

"Resident Evil" is a great example of why this label is bad. The Superbit edition won't even be the best edition out there. The special edition to be released next year will contain the bonus audio now only found on Superbit. Buyers be aware of Superbit: stay away if you can.

Only use keep cases

Note to Warner Bros.: Snap cases suck! They are irritating to use, don't fit in with the rest of the DVDs on the shelf, and don't have room for any booklets or other paper supplements. Furthermore, snap cases are made out of paper instead of plastic, so they are much weaker than a normal case.

New Line Cinema learned the lesson of the snap case, and all new movies are released in keep cases. They are even re-releasing old movies in keep cases, which is great for consumers who haven't bought those movies yet.

Now, special editions in paper cases are not bad, as they offer a nice looking addition to a collection. Snap cases are annoying to use and are not good for supplements. Change your ways, Warner!

Best DVD Collection: "Back to the Future"

Ahhh... the eighties. see how some of the ef-Great times, terrible mu- fects were made.

sic, and some quality flicks. Some of the best loved movies of the time period are the "Back to the

Future" Now

films. they are finally available tion: in one collectible package worthy of the original movies.

Each movies is placed on a seperate disc with mentary tracks are offered on each movie with director Robert Zemeckis and other cast members. It's also greatly entertaining to individually.

Also, you just can't beat the hoverboard in the "Back to the Future: Part

Runner

up for best DVD collec-

"Four Samurai Classics" brings a new low price to four great movies by classic director Akira Kurosawa. Evfeatures galore. Com- eryone should own these movies.

> collection: Worst "Austin Powers 3-pack" is more expensive than buying all three movies

Movie least deserving of super crazy ultimate special edition: "Pearl Harbor"

over-hyped turned out to be a huge have been brought to

pointment, in a number of ways. Not only was it like a day and half

disap-



"Pearl Harbor," alluded namesake. to an event of extreme importance in the history of our country and tion award: did not deliver. Especially if you like war was a bad sequel that

A love story in a setting that could not posbe sibly more inhospitable to a love King:" Ditto. Packaged story, this bizarre juxtaposition did not work. with a bonus CD is just With the budget that too much of a bad thing.

Pearl Harbor, an this movie had, a really "epic" masterful work could

the movie going public, but instead, this bloated Hollywood production fell short

Runners

worthless special edi-"Men in Black II"

never should have been made. The original was fun, this one derivative.

"The Scorpion in a collector's edition

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Staff Favorites

Eva Barlow

The Importance of Being Earnest

I would like to tip my hat to "The Importance of Being Earnest" DVD. Certainly, the movie itself is worth watching. The writer/director, Oliver Parker, captures the spirit of Oscar Wilde's play and transforms are not many special features,

it into an extravagant motion picture. If the ones that are there shed you are familiar with the three act play, more light onto the hilarity of the piece. is my favorite DVD, one that I can



the lines. Most additional lines appeared in the cut fourth act, including the song "Lady Come Down". While there

you will recognize a large portion of I would suggest viewing them after the



movie, so the one-liners are still fresh in your mind. The featurette gives the actors' views of the play. The setup of the DVD is in style with the movie.

Overall, the movie is what really makes this DVD great. And because this was my favorite movie of the year, this

watch at any time.

Brandon Hathaway Sports Night Complete Series

The best DVD(s) of 2002 was the Sports Night Complete Series package. Sports Night was a television show that was on the air for a scant two seasons from

1998-2000, and was unduly removed from ABC's airwaves. Astounding writing and brilliant casting mark this very smart comedy-drama in every epi-



sode. Written and created by Aaron Sorkin, writer of "A Few Good Men" and "West Wing," Sports Night won four Emmys.

The skilled actors are Josh Charles (Dead Poets' Society), Robert Guillaume (Ben-

son, The Lion King), among a collection of lesser known talents and a guest spot by William H. Macy.

The show follows the cast and crew of

a fictitious sports news show and their intense interactions off stage both professional and personal. The plots take

the audience to emotional highs and lows while managing to consistently score big laughs in every single one of the 48 episodes. Sports Night is the best show you've probably never seen.



Bob Schulein

Troll 2.... errr....

All right, all right... so it wasn't released last year, and it's not even available on DVD, but this movie was just soooo great that it overshadowed ev-

ery single disc released in this last year. This gem I speak of is "Troll 2," and it is perhaps the greatest piece of cinema seen since Charlie Chaplin's heyday. "Troll 2" is so great that it rises above its title and doesn't even feature trolls in the movie, just goblins. It's even so classy

as to picture a little boy who doesn't appear in the movie on the front cover. "Troll 2" focuses on Joshua and his family's

adventures in the town of

Nilbog, where they are an exchange family. Joshua's dead grandpa Seth tips the boy off to the fact that the townsfolk of Nilbog are actually

evil goblins who want to turn the family into plants so they can be eaten. Joshua must make his family aware of

town alive!

The dialogue and performances in this

genre-busting stunner are equal if not greater than the totally original plot. "I'm tightening up my belt one notch so I can't feel the hunger pains, and I suggest you do the same." Joshua's dad said in one powerful performance. Joshua, of course, has some great lines of his own. "Nilbog! It's goblin

spelled backwards!"

Ok, fine... "Amelie" was my favorite the goblin threat if they are to get out of DVD of the year. It was charming.

JD Mendez Jawbreaker

Breathtaking. Even this word can't fully describe how great the movie "Jawbreaker" is. It starts out simply enough: a group of high school sweethearts decide to play a little prank on a couple of high school girls member of their group. They gag her with, you guessed it, a jawbreaker, and toss her in the back of a car. This is where things start to go wrong because she choked on the Jawbreaker. A rather original way to start a movie huh?

Before the days of "10 Things I Hate About You" and "She's All That,"

combining these two types of movies did have some consequences with some people out there being offended by the idea of a 'accidentally' killing their best friend. But that is what makes this movie

no other movie out there like it and I doubt there ever will be.

Although the movie did come out in 1999, the DVD wasn't really available well worth the time and money spent.

"Jawbreaker" stood out as an odd blend until recently. But it really was worth of teen and horror movies. Of course the wait, because this DVD is full of

special features such as biographies, pictures, a trailand director commentary. For anyone who truly appreciates this movie, these features are a must. The best feature is the optional commentary through the entire film by

stand out against all the rest. There is director Darren Stein. He takes you through every step of the process that went into making each scene. Although this DVD is rather hard to find, it is

Wes Kalata Sex and the City

"Sex and the City" provides a lighthearted, and yet emotional view, on how four single women go through relationships in the "City that Never Sleeps." The posse of four includes: Carrie, who writes a column in a New York newspa-

per; Miranda, who is fiery and opinion millionaires. From threesomes to moated, and isn't afraid to tell you what nogamists, and weddings, funerals, ing great video and audio and exciting



who wants to find the "perfect man"; and Samantha, the party-girl, who believes in a good man and even better sex.

During the first three get the things evseasons, they have taken erybody you with them on their sex- love and happiual exploits from modeliz- ness (and lots of hall-of-famer money, too!). twenty-somethings to old

she thinks; Charlotte, the traditionalist, Staten Island, and even the Playboy extras.

Mansion. Also, every season gets better, so keep watching as these four women try to wants:



The deluxe HBO DVDs of all the seasons are a must own for fans, featur-

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Miami lost. I need a laugh.



"I'm the opinions editor and you're not."

Brandon Hathaway says midgets are hilarious

It looks like we're heading into that eight weeks o' fun of the winter quarter where the sophomores all go mad and the rest of the school points and laughs. Even though break is over, really, all that's on anyone's mind is how long until the next break. But before we get that far, I have a few things to say about the last one. I can't believe all three Florida teams lost. Florida State was missing half its team, UF played a good game but was ultimately beaten by the Wolverines, and I still don't know what happened with Miami and Ohio State.

Now that that's off my chest,

let's look ahead to the future, because there remains the necessity to talk about the chief manner of filling the time between the breaks, besides all that engineering stuff: humor.

Since this engineering is pretty much what we all know, I will relate the discipline of engineering to humor as best I can.

Engineering is a very delicate discipline; the margin of error is very small. Timing is frequently critical and most people are not very good at it. All this is also true for what is "funny." Also, both impress the ladies.

A sense of humor is very important. Funny people are better than those who are not funny. To be perfectly honest, I would prefer to spend time with a jerk, if he or she is funny and appreciates what is funny, than a person who is really nice, but laughs at portant, although not as impor-Carrot Top commercials. Or tant as originality. Some things doesn't laugh at all.

It can be hard to be funny, though. It can be hard to stay funny, too. There were only so many Bill Clinton jokes that cock, what will he do next?" fiasco got old. It just so happens humor it did when he was ac- tomatic transmissions, from an

that "so many" turned out to be "a helluva lot," so it was a Godsend for SNL, Letterman, Conan, and the rest of the comedians who dedicated their act to that infamous blue dress. Exceeding that limit, though, would make it no longer a funny topic. A lot of it has to do with originality and currency.

Like in engineering, originality is critical. There's nothing wrong with doing impressions, especially if you are good. The Japanese have based their economy on it. However, given the choice, I'll take a Mercedes-Benz over a Lexus any day. Lexus was trying to achieve what Mercedes has. Just like Tom Green was trying to achieve what a comedian has. Lexus has, obviously, done a considerably better job.

Being current is also very imare just timeless. Young Frankenstein will never get old. Political jokes might. Something like, "That crazy Orville Babcused of corruption in Ulysses Grant's administration.

Simplicity is generally better than complexity, both in engineering and humor. Stephen Wright has really taken advantage of this; his act is entirely made of one-lin-

ers, with the occasional slightly extended story, and the man is absolutely hilarious. He is like the safety pin or zipper of comedy- simple, yet brilliant.

Not that complex humor is not appreciated, for example some Simpsons jokes can be deceptively complex, but also brilliant. The Simpsons can be considered the hydromatic transmission of humor, because it is easily accessible, yet elegant because it serves both the simple and complex. There are low-brow gags, and social satire, which would could be made before the whole may not carry the same degree of correspond to the manual and au-



engineering point of view. From an automotive point of view, the manual is, of course, far more elegant.

In either style of humor, elegance is always there because of what laughter is. Laughter, really, is what makes us human. The pies in the face or clever anecdote both are admirable. It is the most visible way to know that you've made someone happy, and there is little substitute for that. Scott Adams of "Dilbert" fame wrote, "The best things in life are silly." I think I'll leave it at that, because I just flew in from the coast, and boy are my

Reformed immigration would increase safety

By Joel Schwartz Daily Bruin (U. California-Los Angeles) 01/09/2003

While the government spends all its money looking for innocent men crossing the border, the true bad guys are sneaking by.

For the last two weeks our government has been scouring the streets in a desperate attempt to find five Saudi men, who allegedly entered the country illegally on Christmas day. Five pictures went up on the FBI Web site to garner help from the American people to apprehend these men, who "might know something about terrorist activities."

money and the harassment of suspected individuals, it has been revealed that these men were never anywhere near the U.S. and Canadian border. In fact, the entire thing was made up -score zero for the government and 1,000,000 for bureaucratic stupidity and inefficiency.

While it is true that government security near the border will slip up now and again, the possible danger of foreign enemies entering our country can be minimized by sensible immigration policies. Most of the resources that go toward "controlling" the flow of immigration into this country are a waste of money. Billions of dollars are spent each year patrolling the border, apprehending illegal immigrants, and deporting them back to their homelands.

Because of the waste and unconstitutionality of the entire welfare state, too much money has been wasted on services for both legal and illegal immigrants, and it has become too costly to allow more to enter into this country. As a result, our government is spending more and more of our money to combat the so-called immigration "problem." It has gotten to the point of gross human rights violations. Who can forget the brutal invasion into the private home of Elian Gonzales's relatives, as he was torn away by government agents and sent back to his native, oppressive Cuba?

But isn't this supposed to be the land of opportunity? Doesn't it say on our sion.

own Statue of Liberty to "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free." America became the greatest country in the world by following exactly those words. The most driven and individualistic people were able to leave their oppressive countries and make their own living as they saw fit.

Consequently, ideas and viewpoints from all around the globe converged in America and brought about a growth in wealth, a revolution in technology, and a heightened standard of living unparallel by any other time in the history of human events. Even those with no skills were able to find entry level work, as an abundance of jobs were However, after a waste of taxpayer created. The poorest of poor could still afford a night's entertainment at their local nickelodeon.

Today we are living in a completely different America. We live in a time in which innocent people, who are just trying to feed themselves and their families, are killed while trying to enter our country. Even those that are lucky enough to survive the trek are immediately weaned by the government, becoming dependent on welfare before they have the chance to exhibit their skills. Minimum wage laws prohibit those with lesser skills or resources from competing in the job market. A skilled worker cannot offer his or her services for a lesser amount, because employers are forced to pay a minimum amount. Thus, poverty increases.

The result is that the government is now spending massive amounts of money to bring the influx of immigrants to a standstill. But the government is limited in time, people and money, which makes it easier for dangerous people and criminals to get into the country.

Illegal immigrants are not "taking away jobs" or doing any such terrible thing to our country. The real crime is the welfare state and oppressive policies that hurt the poor. By opening this country up for immigration and by pooling all resources to stop those few who will try to get in and destroy us, the whole country would benefit and would be more safe from foreign inva-

Draft reinstatement a mistake

By Ben Kraudel Technician (North Carolina State U.) 01/09/2003

From 1948 until 1973 there were 25 years of young men being forced to register to die in a country other than their own -in some field or some jungle -at the request of the country in which they lived. For this quarter-century, our country played a lottery with the

lives of young men 18 and older.

Now, two lead-Democratic congressmen have requested America reinstate the draft. The reason that the draft would be helpful at

the present, they say, is as a tool to allow lawmakers to see the ramifications of war-making a little more clearly, if their own sons join the fray.

severely flawed. The current military machine of America does not require, nor will it even be greatly aided by, a drafted military. The volunteer service that has been in effect since 1973 has created armed forces which depend on volunteers.

If I had to fly over to Iraq and fight in the desert, I think I would like to know that the men fighting with me were as committed to the cause as I was, not just hoping to survive the battle, possibly at the risk of my life.

Also, the exemption policies for the draft are not as effective as they were from '48 to '73. More young people over the age of 18 are going to college, making them exempt. More young people have medical reasons not to fight. The only people who will end up being put on the front lines if the draft is reinstated are the middle- to lowerclass young men who may not already battled Korea.

be able to afford college.

The draft still suffers from many of its other flaws, which, while acceptable perhaps to the culture of the early seventies, are not acceptable now. Women have never had to register for time, but if a war is necessary, I the draft. In an empowered, enlightened time such as now, the only way to effectively reinstate the draft would require ablebodied women to register as well. This raises far too many

President Bush seems so intent to build a legacy of war that he's going through the strike list of American wars that were not all-out victories.

I do not support a war at this am completely outraged by two representatives of my government suggesting that we should force men to fight -- to die -- in order to give their fellow politicians something to think about.

> The decision to risk the lives of young American men, with full lives for which to hope, to put them in the face of war so that old men may have some perspective is asinine and preposter-

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> problems that are completely unnecessary.

The men and women already serving in the volunteer service do it because of their pride in The logic of this argument is country and obligation to the good of mankind. They do their lobs well, and we have no reason to force others into the foxholes beside them. We have adequate military personnel, and this tactic is nothing but an attempt by the Democratic Party to confuse the issue.

> The sons of political leaders won't be called off to war. If they wanted to be on a plane to Iraq, that's where they would be right now. George W. Bush, our president, wasn't on a plane to Vietnam. He joined the Air National Guard and spent all of his time in the service flying around Texas.

> The better idea to ponder right now is why President Bush seems so intent on starting a war with someone. If not Iraq, then perhaps North Korea. Sometime next week we may be back in Vietnam. We've already fought a war in Iraq. Likewise, we've

It is time that America take a good look at itself and the warmaking that is becoming the business of Washington, and wonder if perhaps there is a better way to approach the prob-

Jan. 9 was the birthday of Guitar Legend Jimmy Page of Led Zeppelin, The Yardbirds and The Firm. Happy Birthday Jimmy!

Second-half rally lifts Rhodes College over Rose-Hulman

College shot 64% from the field in the second half to turn a onepoint halftime deficit into a 68-58 victory over Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Southern Collegiate Athletic young team is learning to handle Conference men's basketball action on Sunday afternoon.

Junior Austin Lutz led the victorious Lynx with a season-high 25 points, including 7-8 from the Freshman Rami foul line. senior Justin Myers contributed 10 for Rhodes.

Junior Mike Cusic (Valparaiso) led Rose-Hulman's efforts with a career-high 15 points and season with 10 rebounds. Freshman Munchie Muskeyvalley (Rock Island, Ill.) and freshman the Engineers.

Rose-Hulman included sophomore Philip Griffith (Mooreland/Blue River Valley), said Shaw. sophomore Jason Ludwig (Effingham, Ill./St. Anthony) and senior Jon Query (Petersburg/Pike remain within striking distance. Central) with seven points each.

MEMPHIS, TENN. - Rhodes three-game winning streak for Rose-Hulman that was capped by a 75-57 win over Hendrix College in the league opener on Friday night.

"Part of growing up as a success as well as dealing with failure. We played better, saw that Rhodes was beaten by 29 by DePauw, and young teams can have this kind of game happen. We weren't ready to play from Almefty added 12 points, while the get go and let's hope we get better and preparing ourselves for league games," said Rose-Hulman head coach Jim Shaw.

Rose-Hulman made 83% of its foul shots (10-12) to overcome his second double-double of the 35% shooting from the field and 17 first-half turnovers to earn a 26-25 lead at the half.

'We had 17 turnovers in the Brian Bibb (Hoopeston, Ill.) first half and that was because of contributed eight points each for a lack of focus and carelessness with the ball. We were so deter-Other key contributors for mined to exploit mismatches that we weren't getting the ball where it was supposed to go,"

The Engineers shot 74% from the free-throw line on 23-31 to The second-half shooting by The loss marked the end of a Rhodes and a rebounding edge

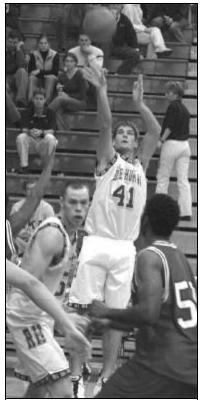


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Junior Mike Cusic

of 34-29 helped secure the victory for the Lynx.

"It was a really bad effort on

our part today. We had bad fo-straight points and kept an early lot more effort," said Rose-Hul- ing. man head coach Jim Shaw.

Back-to-back field goals by Ludwig and Cusic brought Rose-Hulman to within five points at 44-39 with 11:53 left. Rhodes responded with a 7-3 streak to earn a 51-42 lead at the 10:18 mark.

game-high 13 points at 61-48 shots by Bibb and senior Rashad with 5:22 left on a three-pointer Gold (Evansville/Harrison) gave by Lutz and a layup by Yoder.

The Engineers closed within eight points at 61-53 before Ballinger rimmed out a threepointer that could have brought the margin to five. Lutz and Myers answered with consecutive field goals to give Rhodes a 65-53 edge at the 5:04 mark to secure the victory.

"Offensively, we just couldn't make shots. We got open looks and stayed in the game by attacking the offensive boards, but we didn't do that for the whole game. That's where the lack of focus came in," said Shaw.

points of the game on a field goal by Griffith at the 19:03 mark. Rhodes answered with six

cus and concentration and not a lead at 9-4 with 13:42 remain-

Rose-Hulman relied on threepointers by senior Query and sophomore Ludwig to knot the score at 13-13 with 9:02 left. The Engineers reclaimed the lead at 17-16 with 6:05 left on a pair of free throws by Bibb.

The two teams continued to Rhodes pushed the lead to a exchange baskets until foul Rose-Hulman a 26-25 halftime advantage. The first half was a sloppy affair, with the two squads combining for 30 turnovers on just 10 assists.

> Rhodes opened the second half on a 12-2 run to gain a 37-28 lead on a three-pointer by Myers at the 16:04 mark. The lead increased to 10 points at 43-33 on a layup by Carl Yoder with 13:10 remaining.

Rhodes improved to 7-5 overall and 1-1 in SCAC play. Rose-Hulman dropped to 4-9 on the campaign and finished 1-1 on its first league weekend road trip. Rose-Hulman scored the first The Engineers return to action on Saturday, traveling to DePauw University for an 8 p.m. league matchup in Greencastle.

Hall's offensive effort falls short for women's basketball

gy freshman Anna Hall (Martinsville) scored a game-high 27 points on 10-13 from the field, but Rhodes College buried 10 three-pointers to earn a with 10:09 left in the opening 61-50 victory over the Engineers on Sunday afternoon.

foul line with six rebounds, layup by freshman Karyn Kost contest. one steal and her second career (Avon) to move within 23-15 three-pointer. Senior Cari Hasselbring (Skokie, Ill./Niles North) also reached double fig- 11 points again at 26-15 before ures for Rose-Hulman with 10

Senior Anna Kizer led the victorious Rhodes squad with 22 points, while junior Lora Filsinger added 18 points and freshman Taylor Cook contributed 13 for the Lynx.

13 free throws and shot 41% earn a 35-26 lead at the break.

Rhodes jumped out to a 15point first-half lead at 23-8 half. Rose-Hulman answered with seven consecutive points Hall finished 6-7 from the on five points from Hall and a at the 6:50 mark.

> Rhodes increased the lead to another 7-0 run brought Rose-Hulman within 26-22 with 3:38 remaining in the opening half. A jumper by Hall and a threepointer by sophomore Carrie Wiley (Vevay/Switzerland County) sparked the streak.

The Lynx answered with a 9-Rose-Hulman buried 12 of 4 run to close the first half and Greencastle at 6 p.m.

MEMPHIS, TENN. - Rose- from the field in the contest. Rhodes increased the lead to Hulman Institute of Technolo- The Engineers also outre- 12 points on a pair of occasions bounded Rhodes 33-30 in the to start the second half, capped at 42-30 with 14:30 remaining.

> Rose-Hulman closed within six points on two occasions, with Hall burying two free throws both times. The second brought the Engineer deficit to 44-38 with 11:21 left in the

> Rhodes increased the lead to as much as 13 points down the stretch, while Rose-Hulman was able to trim the margin to eight on three occasions.

> Rhodes improved to 5-5 on the season and 1-1 in SCAC play. Rose-Hulman dropped to 3-10 on the campaign and 0-2 in league contests. The Engineers return to action on Saturday at DePauw University in

Upcoming athletic events

Saturday, Jan. 11

·WBB at DePauw, 6 pm ·MBB at DePauw, 8 pm ·TR at Purdue Open,

·WR at Knox College,

Friday, Jan 17 ·WBB hosts Southwestern University, 6

·MBB hosts Southwestern University, 8

·WR at North Central Invitational, TBA

(Games in bold denote home

MBB = Men's Basketball WBB = Women's Basketball

SWIM = Swim Team

TR = Track

WR = Wrestling

2002-03 Women's basketball standings

	SCAC		Overall	
Team	W	L	W	L
DePauw	2	0	10	2
Millsaps	1	0	8	1
Trinity	1	0	7	4
Centre	1	0	5	7
Hendrix	1	1	9	2
Rhodes	1	1	5	5
Southwestern	0	1	7	4
Oglethorpe	0	1	4	5
U. South	0	1	2	7
Rose-Hulman	0	2	3	10

2002-03 Men's basketball standings

Team	SCAC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
DePauw	2	0	7	5
Millsaps	1	0	7	3
Trinity	1	0	8	4
Centre	1	0	6	4
Rhodes	1	1	7	5
Rose-Hulman	1	1	4	9
Southwestern	0	1	6	5
Oglethorpe	0	1	4	5
U. South	0	1	1	8
Hendrix	0	2	3	7

The Rose Thorn

"I am feeling fat, and sassy." Friday, January 10th, 2003! Volume 38, Issue 12

Top Ten Things Not to Say During Intercourse

10 "Loading, please wait."

- **9** "Lets hunt some orc."
- **8** "Relax, Hertz showed me this move."
- **7** "You have no skill in using this type of weapon!"
- **6** "Thank you, Mario, but our princess is in another castle."
- **5** "That? Oh, the doctor said that'll clear up real soon."
- **4** "Please, call me *Counselor* Luke."
- **3** "From the Heart of Hell I stabbeth thee!"
- **2** "You shall not pass!"
- **1** "Okay, now *that* is incredibly gross."

Wacky Prof Quotes

- "A two-seater? Wow! That's the Cadillac of outhouses."
- --Dr. Hoover, ECE530, just being himself
- "You just can't jump into the topic. You have to buy me a cocktail first."
- --Dr. Williams, discussing how we must "Beat around the bush."
- "There is a shortage of good legal marijuana in this country."
- --Dr. Christ, making us wonder where there is good 'legal' marijuana in this country
- "If you do this I will love you forever. But only in a fraternal brother way. You will have to do a lot more for me to love you in any other way."
- --Prof. Andy Kinley, making us wonder what we have to do. Cause we'll do it! Andy?!?!

Attention: We need humor writers!

We're still in need of comic strip- If you hate the Flipside because pers, satirists, ranters, or just plain it's a bunch of recycled inside ole people that think they're funny. jokes with a stupid editor (all true), If you're curious about helping out you're a perfect candidate to help the Flipside, email us with ques- us out! tions at:

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material, we just want enough people to tossing us occasional stuff, mous to protect your ego and your we don't run out of ideas. The current Flipside staff is just a few guys that can only come up with so annoy the Rose-Hulman commumuch material every week, and we nity.

If you're afraid all your insolent friends will make fun of you Of course, you will never be because you aren't funny, don't under any obligation to submit worry! You can write for the Flipside and remain completely anony-

> academic standing. Please, help us entertain and

need your help!

Have your profs said something wacky lately? Well, stay awake for a change and write it down! Send your Prof Quotes to: flipside@rose-hulman.edu

Any other humor, comments, suggestions, complaints, or death threats are welcome as well.

How to Use the Spacebar

This is getting out of hand, private engineering school, and some of us still haven't learned correct usage of the spacebar.

"How can this be? It's so simple!"

Well, apparently not.

You see, back in the days when your average Joe would only ever use a typewriter, or at best an old computer, we were all taught to use two spaces after each sentence.

On a monospaced machine,

this is correct, and increases people. Here we are at an elite readability. However since the invention of the printing press, when using fonts that are not monospaced, two spaces are **never** put after a sentence. It's not necessary.

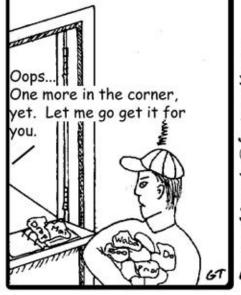
Now that we can all use a modern typing machine, we should all know that using two spaces after a sentence is wrong. I don't care what your high school teacher or your mom taught you, it's wrong.

That is all.

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This Week in the News

Some guy from Texas beats his elderly mother to death and eats some of her inner organs. Fava beans and a nice chianti, anyone?

This Week in History

1784 A.D.

Ben Franklin invents Bifocals. Woo.

This Week's Mix

Hey Alcheys, got a favorite mix? Send the recipe and your frat (or let us know if you're an independant) to flipside@rose-hulman.edu. You will remain anonymous, but we'll print your frat (or lack thereof) for bragging rights.

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