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# THORN

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## Renovation reforms Homework Hotline Marion County students to benefit from increased capacity

**Michael Reavey**  
Staff Writer

As many returning students who have ventured into the Learning Center this year know, it has undergone a major renovation. A number of changes have taken place. Many of these concern the Homework Hotline, a free service staffed by student tutors geared toward helping middle and high school student with mathematics and science.

In previous years the Homework Hotline has been limited by the capacity of its phone network. Only three tutors could work the phone lines at once.

However, the newly renovated Homework Hotline has the increased capacity for up to twenty tutors to work at once. The new phone system, similar to those used by telemarketers, allows information to be gathered about the callers and displayed on a computer screen for the tutors.

Due to the increased ability to handle questions called in to the

toll free line provided by 3M Corporation, an advertising campaign is in the works to raise awareness of the service among students in Indianapolis and the surrounding areas. The campaign and the renovations are all being funded by a grant from the Lilly Foundation.

**"It will be mutually beneficial to students calling in and to Rose students."**

—Susan Smith, Learning Center Director

A press conference will be

held on November 8 and attended by Indianapolis area school administrators from public and private schools, representatives of the Lilly Foundation, and members of the media. The press conference will mark the beginning of the advertising campaign in Indianapolis.

The campaign will consist of billboards, the handing out of Homework Hotline pens and magnets, and pamphlets for teachers and parents.

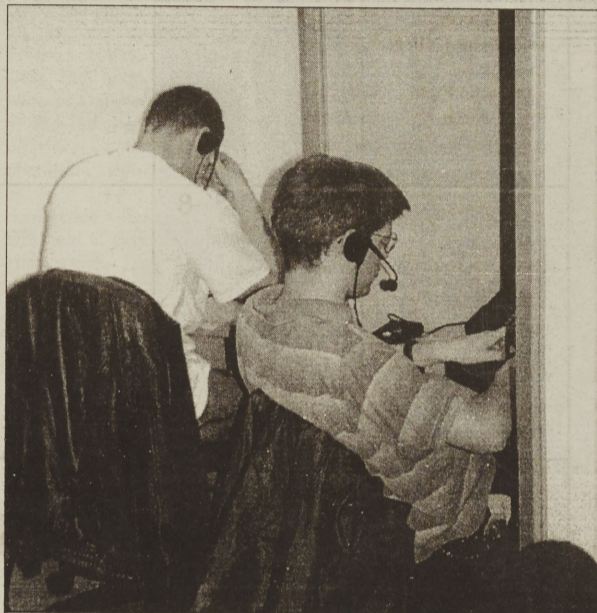
"We are really excited about the expansion. It will be

mutually beneficial to students calling in and to Rose students. Working on the Homework Hotline strengthens their problem solving abilities and communications skills," says Susan Smith, Director of the Learning Center.

Student tutors are recommended by faculty, then interviewed and trained. The process is the same for Learning Center tutors, only Homework Hotline tutors are taught to better deal with younger students.

The Homework Hotline is also a way to spread awareness of Rose-Hulman to up and coming high school graduates.

The new Assistant Director of External Programs, Mary Canarecci, believes tutors get excellent experience dealing with students in addition to getting paid. As a former middle and high school teacher, she believes the Homework Hotline is also extremely beneficial to teachers. It is her job to market the service by visiting schools, PTO meetings, and teacher conferences.



Don Harrington  
**Homework Helpers** - Students working for the Homework Hotline will soon be busier as the Learning Center expands its service to the Indianapolis area.

With the grant from the Lilly Foundation, the Homework Hotline has been greatly improved and will continue to

## Quality improvement garners state award

**Alison Bailey**  
Staff Writer

Rose has an excellent history of quality and excellence. This past Monday, Rose was again honored for its overall outstanding quality.

The Quality Improvement Award is a state award with the intent of acknowledging improved service.

Rose also became the first educational institution to win the award twice. In 1997, Rose was one of the first higher education institutions to win the award.

"We're honored that the State of Indiana has selected Rose-Hulman to be a repeat winner of this award," President Hulbert stated.

The award was presented in Indianapolis by Lt. Governor Joe Kernan with over 600 business representatives in attendance. "The Quality Improvement Award is great recognition for achieving excellence," Lt. Governor Kernan explained.

Recipients for the award were

chosen for their outstanding achievement in continual quality, planning achievements, and public service.

Rose was one of only three educational institutions among the 100 winners. Most of the other recipients were profit organizations.

The awards are given out by the Indiana Business Modernization and Technology Corporation as a part of the support of Indiana companies and organizations in their pursuit of excellence. BMT President Del Schuh explained, "The award is an expression of public support for the highest standards of quality leadership and achievements by Hoosier organizations."

Everyone at Rose should be proud of the recognition. The overall quality of the school comes from the excellence of the everyone associated with the college.

"This award is the result of the entire Rose-Hulman community's commitment to continuous improvement," said Dr. Hulbert.

## New residence hall shows off its features to prospective students

**Craig Pohlman**  
Editor-In-Chief

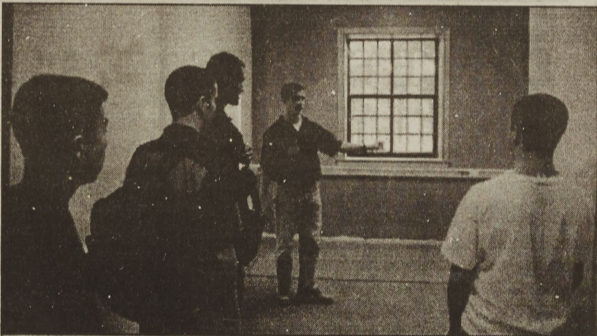
As contractors enter the final phase of construction, prospective residents had their first glimpse of the inside of the new residence hall Tuesday afternoon.

The opening of the yet-to-be-named hall will provide immediate relief to those freshman who are living in overcrowded rooms this fall along with those upperclassmen who wish to live there this year.

According to Pete Gustafson, the construction is on schedule and should be ready for students to move in the weekend before classes resume for winter quarter on November 29.

Each resident room in new hall boasts over nine-foot ceilings, four category-5 network ports, two cable television jacks, bright interior lighting, a sink, and a wood-trimmed pane window. Paired rooms have a shared bathroom with a shower and toilet.

Dan Helms, sophomore computer engineering major, is look-



Don Harrington  
**Home Sweet Home** - Students who will be living in the new residence hall next quarter were treated to tours of the living spaces on Tuesday. The hall is slated to be open later next month.

ing forward to moving into the new hall.

"I think it would be cool to be one of the first ones to live there. It's nice to have the bathroom right there," said Helms.

Starting next year, freshmen who end this year on academic probation will live in the new hall. Tutors will also live in the hall to provide more convenient help with their studies.

The remaining rooms will be filled by priority based on class level. This year, all upperclassmen and overcrowded freshmen that wish to live in the new hall will be able to do so.

Students wishing to live in the new hall next quarter must turn in a housing request form to the Student Affairs office in the bottom level of the Hulman Memorial Union by 4:00 p.m. today.

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Respecting your parents- "The flight back to the nest"

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Volleyball sets records

Rose looks to win home football game on Saturday

# CAMPUS CALENDAR

					October 29	30
					Men's & Women's Soccer vs. Univ. of the South Rendel Field 1 p.m.	Football vs. Earlham College Cook Stadium 1:30 p.m.
31	November 1	2	3	4	5	6
Men's & Women's Soccer vs. Centre College Rendel Field Noon			SAB Dance Lessons	Rifle Match Cook Stadium Rifle Range 6:00 p.m.	Drama Club Play "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"	
					SAB Las Vegas Night SRC 9:00 p.m.	Dad's Day Bonfire
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			SAB Dance Lessons		Drama Club Play "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"	
					Men & Women's Swimming vs. Principia College 7:00 p.m.	SAB Finals Relaxation
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Last Supper Before Final Exams Dining Room 6:00 p.m.	Fall Quarter Final Exams				No Classes	
				End of Fall Quarter 6:00 p.m.		

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All submissions must be made by Wednesday at noon in order to be published in *Events* in the *Rose Thorn* on Friday.

## Campus Briefs

### Engineer debate team fares well

The Rose-Hulman debate team recently took home first, second and third places at the recent Ball State University debate tournament. Dan Vialard took home top honors in the tournament, with Patrick Beasley finished third while Jason Sherry ranked 10th. The team of Vialard and Sherry went undefeated in six rounds, while second and third went to the team of Beasley and Stephanie Cohen and the team of Ted Gould and Matt Burke, respectively.

### Large companies to help out CTRI

Caterpillar and Delphi have both donated generously to the new CTRI. Caterpillar has given \$87,500 to Rose for equipment purchases, while Delphi donated an electric vehicle on display during the building's dedication.

### Biology grant in the works

Professor Richard Anthony authored a proposal seeking \$1.1 million from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. The grant, if approved, will provide a foundation for an undergraduate program in biological sciences.

### Nominations for Academic All-Stars sought

The public relations office is currently seeking the names of students to be nominated for recognition by USA Today as members of a national Academic All-Star team. In addition to a high GPA students will also be judged on contributions to cutting edge academic or community service projects. The 20 students named to the first team will be published in the newspaper later this year.

## Bid Tuesday Results

### Fraternity - Number of pledges

- Pi Kappa Alpha - 33
- Triangle - 27
- Delta Sigma Phi - 23
- Phi Gamma Delta - 22
- Alpha Tau Omega - 17
- Sigma Nu - 12
- Lambda Chi Alpha - 10
- Theta Xi - 6

# Solar Phantom participates in Ecofest conference in NYC

**Ted Chan**  
Staff Writer

NEW YORK - Five members of the Solar Phantom team went on a trip to New York to take part in Ecofest during the first weekend of October. The members of the Solar Phantom team that went on the trip were Jake McKeegan, Dan Vialard, Jon Nord, Ryan Barton and Brad Berron.

Ecofest is the largest environmental event in New York, and the major focus of Ecofest is conservation of our natural resources and innovative alternative-energy technologies.

Ecofest featured the SEOTO (Source of Energy Other Than Oil) parade which demonstrates a wide variety of alternative energy vehicles ranging from prototypes of solar cars to electric and natural gas vehicles already in use throughout the public and private sectors.

The solar phantom car was one of the many different vehicles that were part of the parade.

There were also other vehicles such as a natural powered taxi cab, two or three motor vehicle companies had electric cars, there was a electrical postal vehicle, and another solar car from Yale University.

The Rose-Hulman Solar Phantom team was invited to participate in the Ecofest based on a recommendation by the Sunrace.

Basically, what the Ecofest consisted of was a weekend to promote and celebrate alternative energy.

"Ecofest was supposed to raise awareness for the environment

and to show people that there are other sources of energy, and that there is research going on in this field," said Solar Phantom team member Ryan Barton.

They arrived on September 30, and set up for the next day.

On the afternoon of October 1, the members of the solar phantom team attended a press conference that was held at City Hall.

On Saturday, October 2, the team drove around the city of New York for about 200 blocks. It was impressive that the car could actually keep up with the traffic of New York.

Sometime during the afternoon on October 2, the Solar Phantom car ended up in the middle of Times Square. The team members also tried to appear on the Today Show, but they found out that there was going to be a live band in the middle of the street where they were thinking about taking the Solar Phantom

car. They decided not to try to compete with the crowds that would be attending the live band.

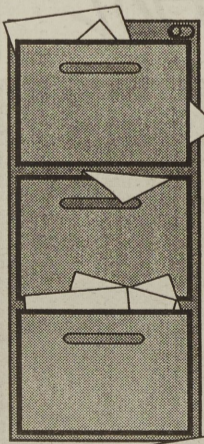
On Sunday, October 3, they drove around with the other vehicles in the parade.

This event was just one of Solar Phantom's many public-relation events they attend throughout the year.



Solar Phantom photo  
Before the ball drops - Team leader Dan Vialard sits atop Solar Phantom V while it paraded through Times Square in New York this month.

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# Garbage, Lit invasion hits Terre Haute

Dan LaBar  
Staff Writer

Before you read another sentence, make sure you're sitting down. This may shock you, but there was actually something *fun* to do in Terre Haute this past Monday. That is, it was fun until the old people had their way — but more on that later.

Ok, so I'm not the first person to observe that it's kinda boring sometimes in Terre Haute. Actually, I don't like it when people say things like that because it's possible to have fun no matter what your surroundings. But, in general, I'd have to agree with the reaction of any temporary Hautian who's had the misfortune of cruising down Wabash Ave after hours: You call this entertainment?! Fortunately, Shirley Manson and the Boys came to town Monday night and made everything all better...

For those of you who don't know, I'm talking about MTV's Campus Invasion Tour. Along with opening act Lit, headliners Garbage are marching their way across the country's college campuses. One of the stops was ISU's Hulman Center, and since I knew you loyal *Thorn* readers would want to read all about it, I made sure I was there to take it all in, for your sake. All right, maybe I did it all for the nookie and not for you. But I might as well inform those of you who weren't able to go what you missed while you were calculating the radius of gyration for a beam or finding the [insert your own lofty-sounding, guaranteed-to-confuse-any-ISU-student problem from your major here].

The old lady that sold me my ticket must have been jealous of my acute aural abilities, because for some reason she thought it would be amusing to stick 47 of the biggest amplifiers I have ever seen in my life directly in front of my front row seat. As soon as I came to the realization that hearing is highly overrated though, I found myself having a good time — and in Terre Haute, of all places.

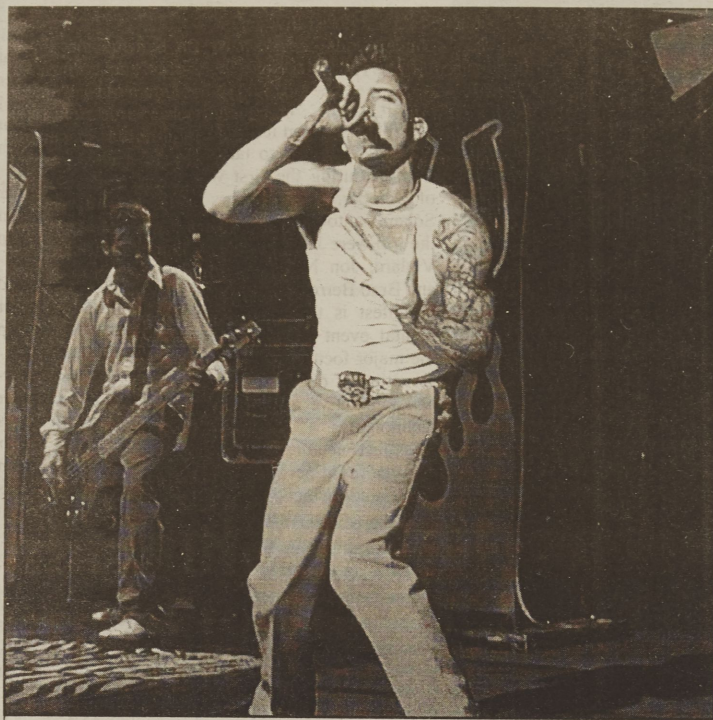
With a sound as big as their belt buckles, Lit shook the stage from the opening power chord as they belted out the tunes from their most recent CD, *A Place in the Sun*. The highlight of the set was when they whipped the already-exuberant crowd into a frenzy with a rousing rendition of "My Own Worst Enemy." Other songs were merely decent, and lead singer A. Jay Popoff's air guitar routine got

a bit stale towards the end, but, all in all, I must say Lit played a very solid show.

After Lit closed their portion of the concert with "A Place in the Sun," the roadies reset the stage, and the spotlights began dancing once again. The moment many in the crowd were waiting for finally arrived: Shirley was on stage. In awe of the Garbage frontwoman — and because I knew you'd like to visualize the scene — I reached under my seat and pulled out the \$500 digital camera I had borrowed from a friend. Big mistake. The elderly usher that had been glaring at me throughout the entire concert sauntered over. This was the same gray-haired man whose wrath I had witnessed only moments before as it mercilessly beat down upon the hapless souls unlucky enough to find themselves caught under the mighty beam of his pocket flashlight while trying to get closer to the stage by sitting in the aisles. He informed me that I had to turn the camera over to him at once.

All I wanted was one good picture of the band I paid \$25 to see. One picture. Was that too much to ask? After mulling the situation over, I figured the usher was thinking one of two things: a) The camera's flash would temporarily blind the band, accomplishing a feat the 1.21 gigawatt spotlights were somehow unable to do; OR b) An Amish groupmember's soul would be stolen the instant the scene was captured digitally. Shaking off these initial assumptions, I concluded that since the old man obviously wasn't having any fun, he wanted to ensure my experience was likewise.

Sorry sir, but Shirley Manson (vocals), Duke Erikson (guitar, keyboard, bass), Steve Marker (guitar, keyboard), Daniel Schulman (bass), and Butch Vig (percussion, loops, effects), made sure that everybody in the crowd en-



Dan LaBar  
Lit lead singer A. Jay Popoff works the mic while opening for Garbage on MTV's Campus invasion tour, which played the ISU Hulman Center Monday night. ISU was the fourth stop on the fifteen-venue tour.

joyed themselves. According to Garbage's number one fan, Rose junior mechanical engineer Eric Kane, "The whole thing was just amazing." The superfan also commented that he was "greatly surprised when they played 'Vow,' because it's my favorite song from their first album." While the setlist consisted mainly of songs from Garbage's newest release, *Version 2.0*, as Kane mentioned the band also included some favorites from their first CD (entitled *Garbage*) in addition to a pair of new songs.

"Silence Is Golden," the first new song that Garbage played, was one of the many highlights the show had to offer. Seeing Shirley judo kick her way across the stage and watching from five feet away as Duke laid into the guitar licks hardcore were other moments from the show that will stick out in my mind. Shirley tends to receive most of the attention focused on the band, but the supporting members are amazing as well. Duke's guitar work is always innovative and entertaining, as he and the others provide a backdrop for Shirley's strong, seductive, Scottish voice.

Garbage delivered a very powerful performance and provided a musical feast that simultaneously satisfied the ear while leaving everyone hungry for seconds. Cheers of "WE WANT MORE" conjured an encore consisting of "The World Is Not Enough" from the upcoming Bond soundtrack and "Only Happy When It Rains." When the last lingering chord finally died, a fun-filled night in Terre Haute came to a close. Well, I guess all the homework waiting for me when I got back was fun, too.

For those of you who haven't already bought it, I would definitely recommend *Version 2.0*. But listening to the CD obviously can't compare to experiencing a live show. There's no old guy to hassle you.

Dan LaBar is not anti-elderly. In fact, he is very pro-elderly, as he hopes to attain elderly status himself someday. Until that day comes, however, he is just another Gen-X slacker prone to sarcasm.

## What's Hot

### Movies

Weekend Gross (10/22-24)

1. *The Best Man*  
\$9.0 million
2. *Double Jeopardy*  
\$7.6 million
3. *Fight Club*  
\$6.3 million

### Music

Album Sales (10/18-24)

1. Santana: *Supernatural*  
183,000 copies
2. Backstreet Boys: *Millennium*  
146,000 copies
3. Creed: *Human Clay*  
136,000 copies

### TV

Neilsen Ratings (10/18-24)

1. ER (NBC)
2. Baseball Playoff (NBC)
3. Frasier (NBC)

### Video

Rental Gross (10/18-24)

1. *The Mummy*  
\$5.65 million
2. *The Matrix*  
\$5.16 million
3. *The Rage: Carrie 2*  
\$2.16 million

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# Students' failure to vote has made them silent

by Nikolaus Olsen  
Colorado State U.

FORT COLLINS, Colo. - One person, one vote.

That is the ideal on which our nation's electoral system is based. Everyone who qualifies gets a vote. Just one, no more. You could be Bill Gates and get only one vote -- granted you could single-handedly change the election with Bill's cash backing a candidate. Although it took hundreds of years, women and minorities have been given the right to vote. Even teenagers fought for their right to vote during Vietnam. The United States -- quite the hallmark of democracy.

After all of our fighting for suffrage, voter apathy is setting new records throughout our fair land. It will happen again next week

when only 20 percent of the city's registered voters take the time out of their day to participate in the election.

Students are notorious for not voting. Recent programs geared at increasing young voter participation, such as Rock the Vote (put together in part with MTV, the apparent deity of youth) and motor-voter laws which allow individuals to register to vote while getting a new license, have helped.

The classic problem with students not voting is the address factor. Usually students move often enough to thoroughly confuse voter registration logs. Hell, I vote over at a retirement home on Remington Street when the closest polling place is half a block east of my front door. An old

roommate of mine is still registered in Parmelee Hall. Students may still be registered at their parent's address in another city or state. Living in another town can make students hard pressed to care about the issues in their hometowns, let alone vote on them.

Unfortunately, the address issue keeps many young people out of the voting arena.

So much so that it is rare for a candidate to seriously court young voters. Sure, Al Gore gets up on MTV and gives Serena Altschul a bunch of campaign rhetoric then dances the Macarena to prove he is "with it." Does that mean he cares enough to tackle issues pertinent to young'ns like myself. Issues like shoring up Social Security so the pot won't be dry

by the time retirement rolls around.

Young people are pawned off by politicians because, as a group, young people are hard to mobilize into any sort of electionary force. This is unfortunate because it takes young people out of the electoral process and doesn't allow the group to protect its interests in issues. Imagine a law was proposed that would require everyone to serve in the army for a period of two years (this actually happens in other countries -- look up Sweden on the internet). Young people would be hard pressed to vote down the proposed law because they could never get mobilized. Enjoy your new tour-of-duty, kids.

Next Tuesday is an important day -- not just dollar drinks at

Tony's, but Election Day. A few items will be decided, even a few that students should think about.

Regional transportation is one of the biggest issues. Gov. Bill Owens, our state's fearless leader, wants to borrow billions of dollars for seven years of road construction. Personally, I think its short-sighted and a misuse of public dollars, but hey, I've only got one vote.

Registration for next week's election is pretty much impossible this late, but next year is a huge election year with the presidential contest. Voting in that one will be more important than voting this year, so take the time now to register to vote. If you are registered, remember to vote next week.

## Where does Rose stand on Fraternity Bid Day? A non-affiliated student wants to know

Ian Myers  
Staff Writer

Another Bid Day has come and gone. Another group of freshmen has chosen to join fraternities. As the memories (or lack thereof) of Tuesday night come back to you, think about what I have to say.

First, I would like to say that I am in no way trying to tell people what to do. Nor am I taking a

holier-than-thou attitude. I am simply expressing my views and voicing my concerns.

I have no problem with people going out and doing stupid things for fun. As anyone who knows me can attest, I do stupid things for fun all the time. But there comes a time when what you do for fun can go too far. There is always the possibility of taking something too far, especially when you want

to impress people. This is especially true with alcohol. It is quite conceivable that a student might drink heavily to impress his new fraternity brothers. There have been many cases where this has led to serious medical problems and even death. There is also the risk of the drinker or someone else getting hurt or killed if the drinker decides to drive drunk.

I am curious as to the adminis-

tration's position on Bid Day. There should be cause for concern if something should happen to a student. It is possible that the family of a student who was harmed or died while drinking could sue the school. It would be a shame for another student to lose his or her life to alcohol as well as take Rose through a costly court case which could take money from the school, money which could go to

scholarships or something else to benefit students.

I hope that Rose students will evaluate their use of alcohol and ensure that it is used as safely as possible. I also hope that the administration evaluates its position on Bid Day so as to ensure that no student will suffer from the mistakes of others.

## The flight back to the nest

by Anne Sommers  
Virginia Tech.

BLACKSBURG, Va. - In college, it is increasingly easy to become self-absorbed. Your classes, your schedule, your deadlines, your stress. You, you, you. How simple it becomes to cast aside our interest in the lives of others. So few recognize that a part of finding yourself is finding your role in the lives of others. No one cares how much you know until they know how much you care.

Sometimes we become so wrapped up with how smart we're becoming and how big the generation gap seems between us and our parents, that we feel little inclination to care about our parents' lives.

We make reasons for our lack of outreach: a lack of time, ("I could be having so much more fun doing something else,") and the perceived hassle. But developing a heart for others often clears the murky parts of our own personalities that cultivate the things we least like about ourselves.

So Dad doesn't seem to know the difference between navy and black and Mom jams to elevator music -- it's not hopeless. Differences teach us what uniformity

cannot. As selfless as reaching out can be, it is also very self-beneficial.

I took last semester off for a major operation and recovery. My surgeon told me I would have to stay in bed for weeks, limit my times out to mere hours during recovery and give up my license for two months.

I depended on my parents to help me as I healed. Before the operation, the thought made me shudder. But the dependence turned out to be the most humbling, eye-opening experience of my life. I realized how incredibly giving, patient, and loving my parents are. What I saw in them translated into what I wanted others to see in me. And maintaining that commitment has taken so little effort.

We often overlook the many ways we can stay actively involved in the lives of our parents. The most basic form is simple communication. Hopefully we've all grown out of the "my parents are lamos" phase and realized our parents only want what is best for us.

Phone calls usually revolve around updating the folks about the happenings of our lives. Why not budget the conversation to

leave plenty of time to ask the parents about their lives? When's the last time you asked dad about what's going on in the office or asked mom what she's planning for the week?

Parents try desperately to meet us on our level, be our friends and support us. Isn't friendship a reciprocation of love? Shouldn't we be making those same strides for them? For all they've given, what do we give back?

Another way to give back to our parents is to give what we receive. If mom writes a letter, write one back. Showing that you'd be willing to take a few minutes out of your day to write something out, however short, gives all mommies warm fuzzy feelings. Parents eat up dorky humorous e-mails to the office. Every week, I successfully flood my dad's e-mail box with bad puns, pathetic punchlines, and other online atrocities. It gives him a break during his otherwise stressful day and lets him know I was thinking of him. Sometimes I make the subject, "Hey dad, just thinking of you," which I'm sure he receives with baby noises and wide grins.

Another fundamental to relationship building is meeting your

parents on their level. Quality you-and-them time is something they treasure once you're out of the house.

If mom loves shopping, next time you get her on the phone, ask her to keep you updated on the sales and new items, and suggest you both go out on a shopping pilgrimage next time you're home.

If dad starts his weekends early, ask him to grab breakfast with you. When you get them to yourself, talk to them. I guarantee you'll be amazed how incredibly cool they really are.

By spending enormous amounts of time with my mom during my recovery, I learned so much about her, her teenage years and her perspective. I saw what made my dad fall in love with her and what pieces of her have filtered into my own personality. I loved it.

It made the family a love story instead of an uncontrolled fate. Seeing your mom and dad as real people independent of their jobs as parents gives you new perspective and enhanced appreciation for their roles in your life. Don't you remember when you used to spend all afternoon carefully staying within the lines to color a Thundercats or Care Bear coloring book page for display on the

fridge?

Now we're older and make our own schedules, which sadly often exclude the very source of our presence. American author Peter De Vries said, "There are times when parenthood seems nothing but feeding the mouth that bites you." What a tragic conclusion for any parent to make, one we should all strive to avoid.

Our parents know things will never be as they once were. Every child leaves the nest.

The manner in which we leave, though, says quite a bit. Have we left kicking and screaming, leaving feathers behind? Or have we graciously taken flight and planned returns?

Our parents spend almost their entire lives doing for us. They invest their time, money, interests and love into making us successful. In return, they receive a sort of immortality through their children. Parts of them they instilled within us lives on and will no doubt be given to our children in turn.

To the bearers of such a great gift, our love and respect is more than earned.

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## Volleyball continues record year

**Donnie McGaughey**  
Staff Writer

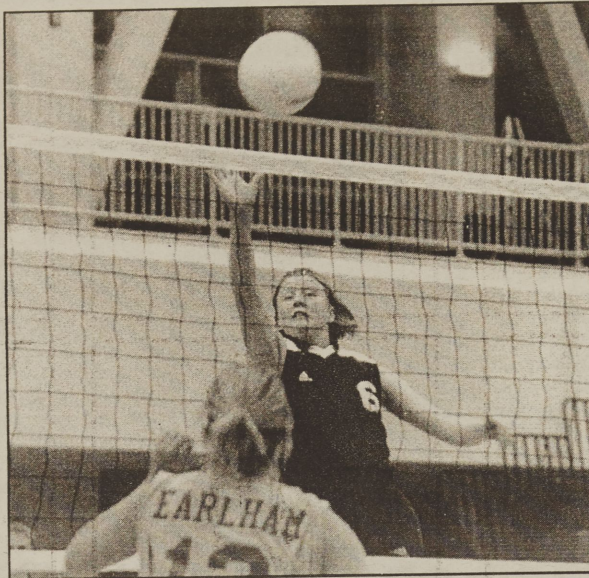
With two more wins and an amazing senior night match, the women's volleyball team moves one match away from the post season SCAC tournament.

In the Manchester College Quadrangle the team won against Goshen 3 - 1 with sophomore Jennifer Krause leading with 15 kills and 6 blocks, while senior Kelly Barney led with 18 digs and 5 aces.

In the same day the women defeated Wilmington in another 3 - 1 match, with Krause leading in kills (21) and junior Jenny McGuire in assists (20).

However, the big match of the week was senior night on Wednesday. The match pitted Rose-Hulman Engineers, who were 13 - 22, against the Earlham Quakers who were 9 - 22. It started on a low note as the Engineers lost the first game 15 - 8. However the girls, with a thirst for a win in their last home match, rallied from behind to win the second game 15 - 12.

The next two games were a fight for survival as the teams swapped possession with an incredible amount of sideouts. Every time that Rose was able to pick up the pace the Quakers made an incredible comeback that seemed to slowly but surely wear out the Engineers. After the five game match the Quakers finally toppled



Molly Lambert goes for a kill in the senior night loss to Earlham.

Don Harrington

the Engineers, but not without a magnificent fight.

The player of the day was Barney though, who made a lasting impression during her last home match. She set a dominating school record of 44 digs, 12 more than the previous record, also held by Barney.

When asked how she felt about her time on the team Barney responded, "I wish my career could have ended on a better note. We can't have all good memories, but they balance out over time. My

favorite memory was the win over Oakland City as a freshman on Homecoming. That was a special night."

No matter what happens now, the women have had a magnificent season to this point, setting a school record for wins, and achieving many personal records in addition to this latest one of Barney's.

The women play next this Saturday against Purdue University-Calumet in Hammond, IN at 1:30 p.m.

## Rose football looks for a win against Earlham

**Kenneth Patricio**  
Editorial Staff

Rose-Hulman's football team returns to action for the first time in two weeks tomorrow afternoon. They will play hosts to non-conference, in-state rival Earlham College at 1:30 p.m.

Last year, Rose defeated Earlham 42-21 last season. Junior Justin Blomenberg tied school and conference records with four interceptions in that game, helping him earn All American honors from Hewlett-Packard.

Senior Eric Hyten is 81 yards away from becoming the all-time leading rusher for a quarterback in NCAA Division III football.

Earlham is 2-5 on the season, and enters this game following a 67-0 loss to Allegheny last weekend.

This football game has been designated "Community Day,"

highlighted with a child identification kit program sponsored by the American Football Coaches Association.

The child identification program will provide a free inkless fingerprint kit for 300 families at Saturday's game. The inkless kit allows parents to take and store their child's fingerprints in their own home. The card remains in the parents' possession. If ever needed, this card can give authorities vital information to assist them in their efforts to locate a missing child.

Free admission will be available on Community Day to any individual or group attending the game in either a work or organizational uniform. Admission will be available at the reduced rate of \$2 for all other fans. The child identification kits will be distributed by stadium personnel at halftime.

### Upcoming sporting events

Tonight at 5 p.m. in the SRC, Rose will host the University of the South in the first swimming meet of the season.

The swim team returns with high hopes following a fourth place finish in the SCAC last year on the men's side, and the women placing sixth.

Rose soccer will be hosting

two SCAC rivals this weekend. The men play University of the South at 1 p.m. today, followed by the women at 3 p.m.

Sunday, the women will start off the day at noon against Centre College in their last game of their inaugural season, followed by men's action against the same opponent at 2 p.m.

## Thorn Athlete of the Week, Kelly Barney, volleyball

**Kenneth Patricio**  
Editorial Staff

This past Wednesday the volleyball team held their senior night. That is a time when the spotlight is given to those who have been making steady contributions over the years.

As the team's only senior, the spotlight was definitely on Kelly Barney. However, even if it hadn't been given to her, with her performance that night, she

surely would have stolen it away. Barney tallied a school record 44 digs in the losing effort against a resilient Earlham College. This is 12 more than the previous record of 32 held by both Jenny McGuire and Tara Strahle.

In that, her final match in Hulbert Arena, she also led the team with three service aces. In fact, her great all around play has led to her leading Rose in kills and blocks, in addition to service aces and of course digs, in matches through-

out the season. Coach Brenda Davis commented, "Kelly is a competitive kid who works as hard as she can in practice and in games. She did an outstanding job this evening."

Barney has started every game this year, and she has been a contributing member of the team. For this season, she is currently second in digs thus far, third in total blocks, and second in aces.

Rose certainly would not have been able to achieve this record

breaking season without her efforts. These efforts she has been putting forth for several years. As a freshman Barney was second on the team in assists with 127 and second in digs with 143 in 18 matches.

In addition to her two volleyball letters, she has also lettered for Rose in tennis.

Barney is a civil engineering major from Mount Pleasant, Iowa. She is the daughter of Russell and Kathleen Barney.



Kelly Barney



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## Top 10 Reasons You Will Fail a Class This Quarter

10. You heard a rumor that a professor can't give a final grade that is lower than what you got on the midterm. Maybe you should have started that group project that's due next week.
9. You have discovered your ultimate talent... Pokémon. And you won't quit until you've caught them all.
8. You took the time to read this top ten list.
7. You were distracted by the beautiful weather outside while you played Warcraft inside.
6. You refused to do any homework until the bonfire is lit.
5. Your plans to take out your roommate for a 4.0 have failed because your Furby malfunctioned.
4. You couldn't study because you were attacked by lady-bugs.
3. You got a 100 on your last test... but it was out of 500.
2. You have Senioritis... and you're a freshman.
1. You accepted a bid from the Square Root club on Tuesday.  
*(Submitted by the residents of Inferno Hall.)*

## Those Wacky Profs!

"When an economist talks about his rent, he's not just talking about how much he pays for her apartment."

-- Dr. Mason (3rd week, Fall '99)

*(Talking about resource based strategy in The Entrepreneur.)*

"It's really lots of fun 'til you throw up."

-- Dr. Ditteon (9-7-99)

*(Talking about spinning around in chairs in Astronomy and Astrophysics.)*

"I can see I'm clearly right and you're clearly wrong, but that isn't getting us anywhere."

-- Dr. Yoder (9-13-99)

*(Tip.)*

"A thing is either on the crack or it's not."

-- Dr. Mutchler (10-26-99)

*(Describing an algorithm for approximating pi using needles and planks of wood in Analysis of Algorithms.)*

## From the "Those Wacky Hautians!" category:

The headline to the right appeared on the front page of the *Terre Haute Tribune Star*, on October 12, 1999. Not only was it on the front page, but it was prominently displayed above the fold line, with the only article visible when the paper was immediately viewed. This only leaves one question: What's a "Boark"?

## School Boark OKs use of metal detectors

## THE ALMIGHTY BOX

**The Boark of Disclaimers:** Everything printed in the *Flipside* is intended to be funny, even though that doesn't always happen. Look, we try our best, but can't really account for everyone's point of view. So in case something ticks you off, it really wasn't meant to. Nothing represents anyone's opinions, because we're just trying to have a good time, but at no one's expense. If it's not as funny as you think it should be, and you didn't contribute to it, I don't want to hear it. Live with it. You had your chance, and you blew it. In most cases the name were changed to protect the innocent, unless they weren't. The *Flipside* is not responsible for any disgruntled boarks you may run into over the next week.

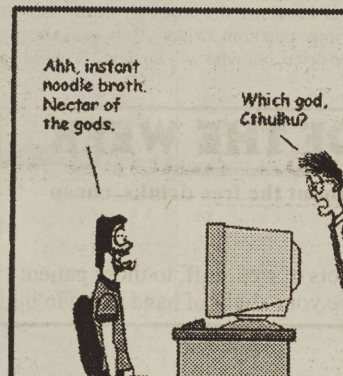
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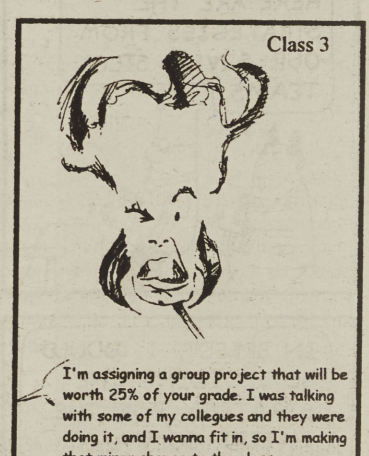
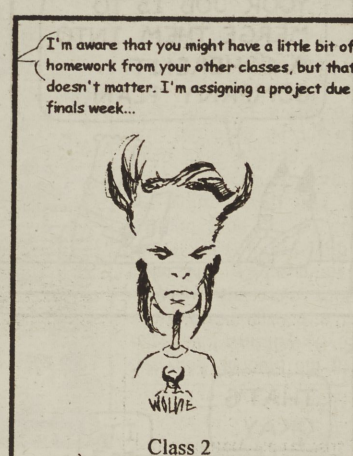
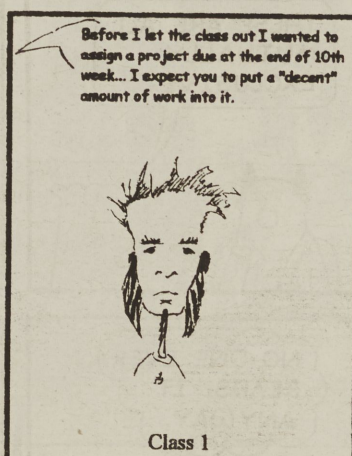
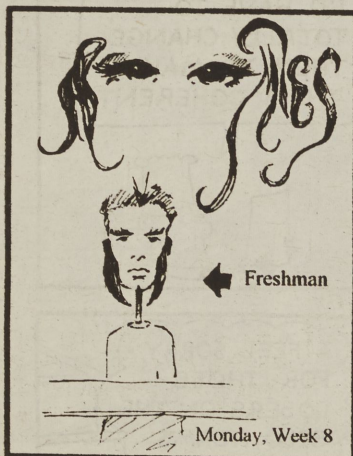
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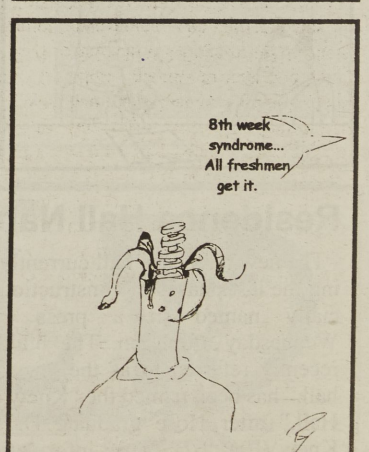
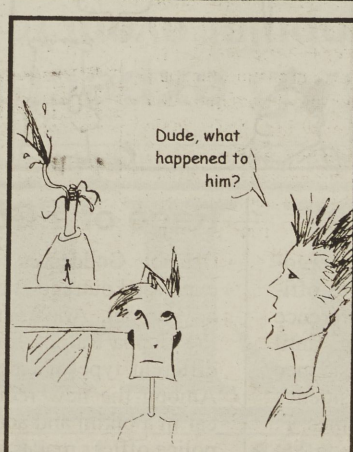
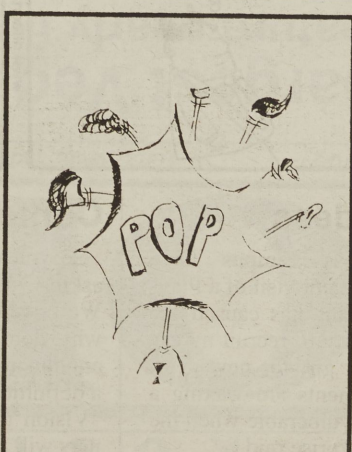
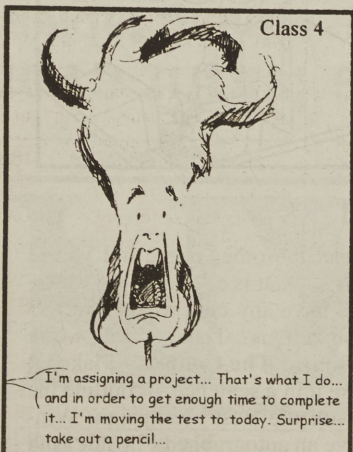
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"Roomies" by Ray Seitz



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Friday, October 29, 1999

"Now with almost legitimate content!"

## Lambda Guy Mowed Down by Fire Truck of Death

**Krah P. MacPhee**  
Investigative Reporter

Tuesday afternoon seemed like just any other afternoon. The sun was shining, the birds were singing, and a young member of the Lambda Guy fraternity was walking across the road. Little did he know, that just a little way down the road, a screaming fire engine of death was heading his way.

"I was walking across the street with a few of my brothers," said Bob (whose real name is being withheld, pending investigations), "and we decide to stop in the middle of the street and drop our pants. It seemed like a perfectly logical thing to do at the time. Then... we heard the truck. We figured that we might as well give the truck a good bum shaking, since we were already undressed for the occasion."

What happened next was a nightmare that Bob will never be able to shake. "My brothers abandoned me in the middle of the street! I tried to run, but my pants were around my ankles, so I had to pull them up. I mean, what if there was a lady around? It's not proper! We, as Lambda Guys, have a certain reputation to uphold."

Unfortunately, that reputation is being upheld in a full body cast at the hospital. No one knows where the fire engine came from but the Lambda Guys have described it as being old, practically an antique, with pikes (sharp sticks used to display the heads of the dead) all along the sides of the vehicle.

Could this be the ancient carriage of death, rumored to exist in many ancient legends of many ancient cultures? Bob thinks so. He described the driver to the police sketch artist, who has delivered the following picture:



Obviously, this kind of behavior cannot be allowed to continue on this campus. We must find this accursed fire truck of death and its mysterious phantom driver. Bob has already paid the price, but who will be next? It could be you!

## ASK A STALKER



Dear Stalker,

I have several interviews for post-graduation employment coming up within the next few weeks. How should I prepare?

Signed,  
Unemployed in Scharp

paper, so they'll be a little more difficult to hide, but the dirt that people will reveal about themselves makes it well worth the effort. Then, when the interview comes, bring a copy of the tape with you. Play it for the interviewer, and name your starting salary. It's as easy as that.

Or, if extortion isn't your style, then try a different approach. When you go to sign up for an interview, sign up for the earliest possible slot and make a note of the other people who have already signed up. A little research from the campus directory will tell you who their roommates are. Then, strike up a casual, but leading, conversation with them at lunch. Within five minutes, you should know all sorts of information that you can use against them.

Dear Unemployed,

The simplest way to prepare for anything is to know your subjects well.

One way to handle this is to find out who will be handling the interviews, and when they'll be arriving. I suggest that you talk to someone in Career Services to find out where the representative will be staying. Before they arrive, get to the hotel and slip the person at the front desk \$20 to tell you what room they're staying in. Then go through the halls until you find a member of the housekeeping staff. One chloroform-laced cloth and an unconscious staff member is all that stands between you and the room key.

Once inside, it's time to get to work. Set up two Sugar Cube CMOS Camera Modules in adjacent corners of the main room. Add another in the bathroom. These babies are cubes that are only half an inch long per side, so they hide pretty well. Next, add a tap in the phone, and a few high performance wireless microphones across the rooms. They're about the size of a

You'll be able to answer questions with powerful lead-ins such as, "I communicate well with others, sort of like John, except that he just communicates well with prostitutes," or "I feel that wasting time downloading porn 8 hours a day like Bob does is not what I'm looking for in a job." By using information against people before they've had a chance to interview, you'll taint the interviewer's opinion, effectively handing yourself the job.

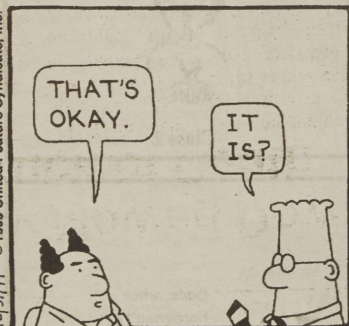
Stalker

## CAMPUS EVENT OF THE WEEK

Friday, November 5th, - Las Vegas, but without the free drinks, cheap women, and Siegfried and Roy;  
SRC Fieldhouse, 9:30 PM

The Student Activities Board is giving away lots of free stuff, to those patient enough to earn it. It's a week away, so practice your slight of hand and win big!

## DILBERT



## Residence Hall Named

The new residence hall currently undergoing the last phases of construction was officially named in a press conference Wednesday afternoon. The building, until recently referred to as the "new residence hall," has been named the "Knew Residence Hall," after Hose graduate Dr. James P. Knew (EE, '62). More information on Dr. Knew in the weeks ahead.

## Rage of a Goddess

Hose Goddesses across campus have expressed outrage at the recent visit of a Playboy model. Apparently, this has caused the Pie Gappa Ralpa fraternity to recruit a very different type of calendar girl for next year. Among the new requirements are waxing a car in a bikini and acting vulnerable when the police officer makes a "surprise raid."

See "Calendar Girls", Page 4

## Contest!

So you've read the other page, and you're asking yourself, "What is a 'boark' anyway?" Well, we don't have any clue whatsoever, so why don't you tell us? That's right, we're announcing "Boark: The Contest." Make up a definition, use it in a sentence, or outline the "Vision to Boark the Best" campaign. Winners will receive an autographed Flipside (and be featured in the first issue of next quarter).