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# THE ROSE THORN

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## Rose tames the Tigers

1,500 loud fans watch the Engineers extend perfect conference streak to nine

by Craig Pohlman  
Thorn News Reporter

Men's basketball (currently 14-2) treated fans to another victory last night, topping the DePauw Tigers 56-50. The next home game for the Engineers is February 5 against Hendrix College at 8 p.m.

Fans not only got to see the nationally ranked Engineers, but also had the opportunity to win several contests last evening in the Hulbert Arena, including the birth of a new tradition, the Rose "Spirit Stick."

At halftime, the Rose-Hulman cheerleaders selected Speed Hall as the winner of the first passing of the Rose "Spirit Stick," sponsored by AHRA. The honor allows the residence hall showing the most spirit at a home game to receive the stick until the next home game when other halls can try and claim it as theirs.

It wasn't a hard choice for the cheerleaders. Speed residents wore their hall shirts and brought along a Tony the Tiger cardboard cutout, which was

eventually destroyed during the game, a bad sign for the Tigers, as they were not able to overtake the small lead that the Engineers had throughout the game.

Also during halftime, International Tours sponsored a contest where everyone in attendance tried to throw paper airplanes into a target in center court. Spectators had 45 seconds to throw their planes from the sidelines of the basketball court.

Ironically, it was the school mascot who hit the bulls-eye, winning two round-trip airplane tickets for anywhere in the continental United States.

In addition, there was a 50/50 raffle sponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineers. The winner of the raffle took home \$138.

The lady Engineers, still seeking their first win, battled the undefeated women Tigers at 6 p.m. They had a strong performance against DePauw, but fell short, losing the game 70-51.

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### Conference Standings

	SCAC	Overall
	W-L	W-L
Rose-Hulman	9-0	14-2
Centre	5-2	6-6
Rhodes	4-3	10-3
Oglethorpe	4-3	9-4
Trinity	4-3	9-5
DePauw	4-5	9-7
Millsaps	3-4	6-7
Southwestern	2-5	4-9
Sewanee	2-5	6-7
Hendrix	0-7	3-11

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed, Jan. 27 - 80's Night  
Women's BB vs. Eureka

Wed, Feb 3 - BIG \$\$ Shot  
Women's BB vs.  
St. Mary-of-the-Woods

Fri, Feb 5 - Hendrix College  
Men's BB - Residence Hall  
Banner Contest  
Women's BB - Dating Game

(left) Excuse me! Bryan Egli, seen against Southwestern last week, is now just three points shy from 1,500 career points.  
Photo courtesy Kevin Lanke

## Las Vegas night this Saturday

Win anything from a Nintendo 64 to duct tape



Hit Me! - Several students try their luck at blackjack during last year's event. The chance of winning nice prizes draws many people every year.

by Beth Bateman  
Thorn News Editor

The Student Activities Board (SAB) will add fun, games, and prizes to this Saturday night when it hosts its annual Las Vegas Night at 7 p.m. in the main dining room of the Union.

Students will be given a free set of chips with which they can "gamble" in several games. Students will have a choice of three classic Las Vegas gambling games: blackjack, craps, and roulette.

Participating students will have until 8:30

to enjoy the games and win as many chips as they can. Afterwards, they can redeem their chips for tickets, which can be entered in a variety of drawings for different prizes. The drawings will take place after all chips have been redeemed.

There are several valuable prizes being offered this year. Prizes include a 20" TV, a Nintendo 64, a zip drive, and a 900 MHz telephone. Many other available prizes include numerous candy items, chips, crackers, and other snack foods.

Of course, what could be better than duct-tape? Three rolls will be given as prizes.

## Blood supply is low, Winter drive next week

by Mike Oder  
Thorn News Reporter

With the winter storm obstructing the Central Indiana Regional Blood Center's blood collecting efforts, it is time for Rose students to do their part. CIRBC will be here for another blood drive next week. It will be in the Kahn Room in the Union from eleven to five on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Rose-Hulman has a good track record with these blood drives, with a typical donation of about 300 total pints. The last time CIRBC visited, 338 pints of blood were collected.

There are various prizes available for those giving blood, including a round trip airline ticket from IT Travel. Fifty Rally's combo coupons and ten \$5 Denny's coupons will be given away. Every donor will also be given a free T-shirt.

The fraternity that has the highest percentage of donors will win the President's Plaque, while the sorority with the highest percentage will win cheesecake. RHA will give \$125 to the floor that has the highest percentage of donors. Another \$125 will be split between all the floors that have a donor percentage of over fifty percent.

There is a serious lack of blood available for hospitals in the Terre Haute area, so it is important for students to participate. Please do your part to save lives for those who need blood.

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**This Weekend****Friday, January 22**

- Thesis Defense, "Evaluation Of The Startup Parameters And Performance Tuning Parameters For High Performance Systems With Memory Constraints," Sudershan Tirumala, B-108, 3:25 p.m. (Fred Berry/Buck Brown)
- Men's & Women's Track & Field, Rose-Hulman Invitational, Sports and Recreation Center, 6 p.m. (Bill Welch)
- Men's & Women's Swimming, at DePauw University, Greencastle, 6 p.m.
- Career Services' Interviews: UOP

**Saturday, January 23**

- SAB's Las Vegas Night, Vonderschmitt Dining Room, Hulman Union, 7 p.m. (Donna Gustafson)
- "Night At The Fights," Hulbert Arena, Sports and Recreation Center (Special Discounts For Rose-Hulman Students) (Matt Sinclair):
  - Preliminary Fights Begin, 7 p.m.
  - Terre Haute's Terry Ray Fights For WBF Cruiserweight Championship, 9 p.m.
- St. Joseph's Center Euchre Tournament, WORX, Hulman Union, 12:30 p.m. (Donna Gustafson)
- Men's Swimming, vs. Wabash College, Sports and Recreation Center, 2 p.m. (Randy Jensen)
- Rifle, vs. Morehead State University, Rifle Range, Cook Stadium, 9 a.m. (Michael Ray)
- Wrestling, at Manchester Invitational, North Manchester, Ind.

**January 24 - January 30****Sunday, January 24**

- Men's JV Basketball Tournament, Sports and Recreation Center, All Day (John Prevo)
- Rifle, vs. Akron University, Rifle Range, 9 a.m. (Michael Ray)

**Monday, January 25**

- Final Date To Drop Course Without Penalty
- Hot Mix Asphalt Quality Control/Quality Assurance Certified Asphalt Technician Program, Olin Hall, All Day (Jim McKinney)

**Tuesday, January 26**

- SGA President/Vice President Primary Elections, Commons Area, Moench Hall, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Student Government Association)
- Winter Quarter Blood Drive, Kahn Rooms, Hulman Union, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (Donna Gustafson)
- Hot Mix Asphalt Quality Control/Quality Assurance Certified Asphalt Technician Program, Olin Hall, All Day (Jim McKinney)
- Student Government Association Meeting, GM Room, 5:30 p.m.
- Explore Engineering (Mousetrap Car Races), Moench Hall, 7-8:30 p.m. (Dale

**Bible Study**

**Every Tuesday at 9 p.m. in Olin 105.**

St. Joseph University Parish invites you to join us as we study the Catholic faith and the traditions of the church. Father Martin will lead the Bible study each week for us. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**January 24 - 30 (cont.)**

- Long/Fred Berry)
- Career Services' Interviews: Butler Manufacturing Co., Archer Daniels Midland Co.
- Wednesday, January 27**
  - President's Administrative Council Meeting, Hulman Union, 8 a.m.
  - Winter Quarter Blood Drive, Kahn Rooms, Hulman Union, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (Donna Gustafson)
  - Hot Mix Asphalt Quality Control/Quality Assurance Certified Asphalt Technician Program, Olin Hall, All Day (Jim McKinney)
  - Women's Basketball, vs. Eureka College, Hulbert Arena, 7 p.m.
  - Career Services' Interviews: Underwriters Laboratories
- Thursday, January 28**
  - Hot Mix Asphalt Quality Control/Quality Assurance Certified Asphalt Technician Program, Olin Hall, All Day (Jim McKinney)
  - Learning Center Winter Workshop, "Financial Planning," Representatives Of Northwestern Mutual Life, L-130, Logan Library, 4:30 p.m. (Carrie McCammon)
- Friday, January 29**
  - Hot Mix Asphalt Quality Control/Quality Assurance Certified Asphalt Technician Program Exam, Olin Hall, 9 a.m. to Noon (Jim McKinney)
  - Men's & Women's Swimming, at Webster University, St. Louis, 2 p.m.
  - Men's & Women's Basketball, at Centre College, Danville, Ky.:
    - Women's Game, 6 p.m. Broadcast On WJSH-AM at 5:45 p.m.
    - Men's Game, 8 p.m. Broadcast On WJSH-AM, 1300, at 7:45 p.m.
  - Wrestling, at Monon Bell Classic, Crawfordsville, 6:30 p.m.
  - Take Five, Sports and Recreation Center, 7 p.m.-Midnight (Donna Gustafson)

**Saturday, January 30**

- Wrestling, at Monon Bell Classic, Crawfordsville, 9 a.m.
- Men's & Women's Track, Rose-Hulman Invitational, Sports and Recreation Center, 11 a.m. (Bill Welch)
- Student Activities' Make Wax Candles, Lobby, Hulman Union, 11 a.m. (Donna Gustafson)
- Men's & Women's Swimming, at Millikin Univ., Decatur, Ill., 2 p.m.
- Fine Arts Series, The Bellemeade Trio, Auditorium, Moench Hall, 7:30 p.m.

**January 31 - February 6**

- (Ben Benjaminov)
- Sunday, January 31**
  - Men's & Women's Basketball, vs. University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn.:
    - Men's Game, Noon. Broadcast On WJSH-AM, 1300, 11:45 a.m.
    - Women's Game, 2 p.m. Broadcast On WJSH-AM, 1:45 p.m.

**Monday, February 1**

- Career Services' Interviews: Microsoft, Visteon

**Tuesday, February 2**

- SGA President & Vice President Elections, Commons, Moench Hall, All Day
- Institute Meeting, E-104, Moench Hall, 4:30 p.m. (Barry Benedict)
- Learning Center Winter Workshop, "Business And Dinner Etiquette," PA Room, Hulman Union, 5-7 p.m. (Carrie McCammon)
- Student Government Association

**Jan. 31 - Feb. 6 (cont.)**

- Meeting, GM Room, 5:30 p.m.
- JV Basketball, at Oakland City University, Oakland City, Ind., 7:30 p.m.
- Career Services' Interviews: Caterpillar, Microsoft
- Wednesday, February 3**
  - President's Administrative Council Meeting, Hulman Union, 8 a.m.
  - Black History Month Program, Kahn Room, Hulman Union, TBA (Donald Leonard)
  - Women's Basketball, Clabber Girl Trophy Game, vs. St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, Hulbert Arena, 7 p.m. Broadcast On WJSH-AM at 6:45 p.m.
  - Career Services' Interviews: Hill-Rom, Bowen Engineering, Applied Manufacturing

**Thursday, February 4**

- Economics Colloquium, "Complexity And Economic Development," Sunder Ramaswamy of Middlebury College, GM Room, Moench Hall, 3:25 p.m. (Bill Seyfried)
- Student Activities' Indy Car Racing, Kahn Rooms, Hulman Union, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (Donna Gustafson)
- Men's JV Basketball, vs. Wabash College, Hulbert Arena, 7:30 p.m. (John Prevo)
- Career Services' Interviews: Applied Manufacturing, Specialty Engineered Systems
- Company Information Session: Seagate Technology, Hulman Union, 7-9 p.m.; Geneer, Hulman Union, 7-9 p.m.

**Friday, February 5**

- Mathematical Contest In Modeling Begins, Crapo Hall, 12:01 a.m. Competition Continues Through 5 p.m. On Feb. 8 (Aaron Klebanoff)
- Drama Club, "WILL 101: Shakespeare For Dummies," Moench Hall Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. (Bunny Nash)
- Men's & Women's Basketball, vs. Hendrix College, Hulbert Arena:
  - Women's Game, 6 p.m. Broadcast On WJSH-AM at 5:45 p.m.
  - Men's Game, 8 p.m. Broadcast On WJSH-AM, 1300, at 7:45 p.m.
- Men's & Women's Swimming, at Centre College, Danville, Ky., 5 p.m.
- Wrestling, at Wheaton College Invitational, Wheaton, Ill., 2 p.m.
- Career Services' Interviews: Seagate Technology, Geneer

**Saturday, February 6**

- Mom's Day (Bunny Nash and Brian Dyer):
  - Bookstore Open For Parents, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
  - Lunch Served In Vonderschmitt Dining Room, Hulman Union, 11 a.m.
  - Rose-Hulman Invitational Track Meet, Sports and Recreation Center, 1:30 p.m.
  - Candlelight Dinner, Hulman Union, 5:30 p.m. (Reservations Needed)
  - Drama Club, "WILL 101: Shakespeare For Dummies," Hulman Union, 7 p.m. (Reservations Required)
  - Men's & Women's Swimming, at Univ. of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., Noon
  - Wrestling, at Wheaton College Invitational, Wheaton, Ill., 9 a.m.

**Future Events****February 7**

- Men's & Women's Basketball, Rhodes College, 1 & 3 p.m.

**February 8-12****Future Events (cont.)**

- Panhellenic Carnation Sale, Moench Commons
- February 9**
  - Application Deadline For Fundamentals Of Engineering Exam
- February 10**
  - Learning Center Program, "Test Anxiety," L-130, 4:30 p.m.
- February 13**
  - Regional MATHCOUNTS Competition, Hulman Union, 9 a.m.
  - Fine Arts Series, Pianist Robert Siemers, 7:30 p.m.
- February 15**
  - Admissions' On Campus Visitation Day, 1-4 p.m.
- February 19**
  - Spring Quarter Fee Payments Deadline
- February 21-27**
  - National Engineers Week
- February 22-24**
  - Final Exams For Winter Quarter
- February 22-26**
  - Hot Mix Asphalt Quality Control/Quality Assurance Certified Asphalt Technician Program
- February 24**
  - National Engineers Week's Student Visitation Day, Hulman Union, 12:15-2:30 p.m.
- February 25**
  - End Of Winter Quarter, 5 p.m.
- February 26-27**
  - Commission On The Future Of Rose-Hulman Meetings
- February 26**
  - Men's & Women's Basketball, Millsaps, 6 & 8 p.m.
- February 27**
  - Men's & Women's Basketball, Oglethorpe, 6 & 8 p.m.
- March 1**
  - Grades Due For Winter Quarter, Registrar's Office, 9 a.m.
- March 6**
  - Grades Due For Winter Quarter, Registrar's Office, 9 a.m.
- March 20**
  - Fine Arts Series, Minneapolis Guitar Quartet, 7:30 p.m.
- April 17**
  - Fine Arts Series, Engineers In Concert, 7:30 p.m.
- April 24**
  - Fundamentals Of Engineering Exam
- April 28**
  - Electrical Engineering Senior Design Symposium, Hulman Union
- May 1**
  - Parents Day/Rose Show

**Submissions To Campus Events**

Events may be published in *Campus Events* by any organization or individual. Information on club meetings, lectures/speeches, and athletic events, including announcements of times and locations may be submitted to *Campus Calendar*, in care of Dale Long, associate director of communications, at Box 14 or extension 8418. More detailed articles containing plans, agendas, and specific information should be submitted to the *Rose Thorn*.

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

# World and National News Briefs

by Vu Thu Pham  
Thorn News Reporter

## Friday, January 15

Germany made a deal with U.S. Holocaust survivors and promised to pay from \$15 to \$25 millions in reparations.

House prosecutors asked the Senate to allow witnesses at the President's impeachment trial.

Thousands of pilgrims converged on a holy mountain and caused part of a hill to collapse in India, killing 51 people. The people gathered to see the celestial light, which they believe to be visible deep in a forest facing the hill.

## Monday, January 18

The U.S. once again warned Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic as a result of the massacre of 45 ethnic Albanians in the province of Kosovo.

Scientists will be meeting next month to come up with ideas to contain possible contaminants, virulent microbes, or infectious organisms from coming to earth as space exploration to distant planets begins to bring back space samples that can contain these space "bugs".

The Clinton administration will issue a guide to help schools protect students. The booklet advises school officials to point out cases of harassment and violent behaviors.

The Atlanta Falcons will play against the Denver Broncos in the January 31 Super Bowl XXXIII.

## Tuesday, January 19

A series of tornadoes hit across Tennessee. Winds reached 100 mph, and the twisters caused damage to 28 counties.

Scottie Pippen will be re-signed by the Chicago Bulls and traded to the Rockets for Roy Rogers and a second-round pick. Pippen expects to receive about \$67.2 million for a five-year deal. He made \$2.7 million last season.

## Wednesday, January 20

Clinton proposed spending \$600 to \$700 billion over the next 15 years to invest in the stock market. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan opposed the idea because he believed that politics and the stock market should not mix.

The FAA will spend \$1 billion to install 20 new air traffic control computer systems by May 2000. The new radar monitoring system will replace the old 1960's computer systems.

## Thursday, January 21

The Pentagon is seeking \$10.5 billion to build a new defense system against missiles by 2005.

Clinton proposed using federal surpluses to pay off Social Security and Medicare bills for the upcoming retired baby boom generation. Republicans opposed, wanting more tax cuts.

The FBI said that more than 13,000 people were prevented from buying guns thanks to the instant background checks.

# Learning Center workshop series

by Mike Reavey  
Thorn News Reporter

The Learning Center kicked off its annual Winter Workshop Series this past Wednesday with a workshop on Improving Memory. The event was hosted by Daniel James of the Counseling Center. Three other workshops will be held over the next few weeks.

A course on Financial Planning will be held on Thursday, January 28. John Culpepper, Alan New, and Jon Rich of Northwestern Mutual Life will give a lecture including the top-

ics of life insurance, investing, and employer benefits.

The Business and Dinner Etiquette class on Tuesday, February 2 will inform students on proper behavior in a number of social and business settings. This event will be hosted by John Robson and Susan Smith, who have held this course at the University of Indiana's School of Business. A \$5 pre-registration fee is required for this event, but it will be refunded at the door.

Finally, a course on Test Anxiety will be held on Wednesday, February 10. Susan

Schmidt of the Counseling Center will be giving a lecture on techniques to avoid stress and improve study habits.

These particular topics of discussion were chosen because of their potential value to the student body. An extra incentive to go to the workshops is that they are giving out prizes. Names from the sign in sheets will be used in a drawing for bookstore gift certificates and coupons for local restaurants.

They're free, they're informative, and you might walk away a winner. What excuse could there be not to go?

# Practicing beyond the field, testing beyond the classroom



Keep it from the monkey - Coach Shaw and five members of the men's basketball team spoke to students at Lost Creek Elementary School on Wednesday, explaining about student-athletes. The second graders got to see some of the player's moves and a couple lucky ones got to play "monkey in the middle." The kids learned that hard work and practice gets people ready for tests in the classroom as well as when participating in sports. The students also got to see their words at work, because everyone got free passes to last night's game against DePauw. Photo by Craig Pohlman

# CLUB OF THE WEEK Drama Club

by Nick Hurlburt  
SGA Publicity Director

Rose is a technical school, where students deal with math and science all day. The Rose Drama Club offers the chance to put down the Statics book for awhile and do something a little less serious, and for one week a quarter, it's the best show in town.

The Drama Club provides students with opportunities to act or sing on stage, or even build the sets and set the lights that put it all together. The club has been active for several years.

On February 5 and 6, the club will present "Shakespeare for Dummies," a collection of plays, spoofs and songs written by or about Shakespeare. Fri-

day's show will be held in the Auditorium in a coffee house format, with Saturday's show as a dinner theater.

Coming up this spring, club members will display their talent in "Anything Goes." In preparation for this, the club is sponsoring professional tap dancing lessons over the next two Saturdays at 2 p.m. in the Auditorium for the cost of a dollar. Auditions will be held in mid-February.

These students not only bring the stage to Rose, but take Rose to see professionals on stage. The club offers reduced ticket prices to its members for touring acts. In late March, the club will see the hit show "Ragtime" in Chicago. So whether it be acting, singing, building sets, or just sitting back and watching,

Rose Drama offers something for everyone. Anyone who is interested may contact any of the officers listed or e-mail Abigail Garrett for a copy of the club newsletter.

## TO CONTACT THE DRAMA CLUB

President

Robert Raque

Vice President

John Basler

Secretary

Abigail Garrett



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# PRESIDENT



**Nick Hurlburt** Computer Science, Junior  
Black River Falls, WI

Nick has been the SGA Publicity Director for the past two years. He is also the president of the Rollerhockey Club and is the Pi Kappa Alpha Ritual Chairman. Nick believes that the president's role is to lead and inspire the SGA and to be responsible for meeting the needs of the students. If elected, Nick would keep the students informed of issues, and listen to their opinions. He also believes that the SGA needs a written fiscal policy.



**Brian Kincaid** Mechanical Eng., Junior  
Fort Wayne, IN

Brian is currently the president of Alpha Tau Omega and is a member of the Pre-Med Club. He also wants to start up the bowling club. He wants to represent the student body and be the students' voice to the administration. He would also like to allocate more money to existing clubs and encourage new clubs to form. If elected, Brian wants to have more input on financial aid and hold an open forum once a quarter to listen to individual concerns.



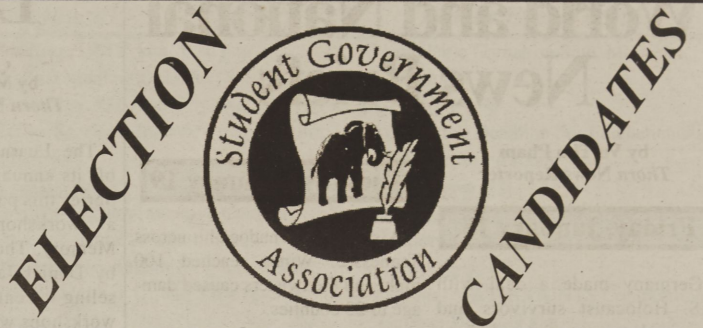
**Alyssa Riley** Chemical Eng., Junior  
Toledo, OH

Alyssa is the current SGA vice-president and was the Executive Director last year. She is also the current vice-president of Chi Omega and the Sergeant-At-Arms for the Pre-Med Club. She believes that the main duty of the president is to have the welfare of the student body always on mind and to always act in the students' best interest. If elected, Alyssa's main goal would be to establish an official policy for budgets and funding requests.



**Jason Zielke** Mechanical Eng., Junior  
Antwerp, OH

Jason is the current President of RHA. He is also an RA. He is a member of Blue Key National Honor Fraternity and Tau Beta Pi, and he is vice-president of Alpha Lambda Delta. He feels the most important role of the SGA president is to be a representative of the students to the rest of the Rose-Hulman community. If elected, Jason plans to hold student input meetings so that students have a chance to voice their opinions and shape SGA the way they want it.



# VICE-PRESIDENT



**Kris Chaney** Chemical Eng., Soph.  
Brookville, IN

Kris is the current Fiscal Assistant for the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity and is also a member of the varsity tennis team. If elected, Kris would like to work in cooperation with the rest of SGA to make decisions to benefit the entire Rose-Hulman community. He would focus on the SGA budget to ensure that funds were spent in a responsible way.



**Dan Costenaro** CO / AO, Soph.  
St. John, IN

Dan is the current Sophomore Class President and Alpha Lambda Delta Vice-President. He is also an SA and is involved in SAB. He sees the role of the vice-president to be a right-hand man to the president. He believes that the vice-president should show support, good workmanship, and should have an impetus to get things done. If elected, Dan would like to work diligently to make SGA meetings more efficient and more professional.



**Edward Grandstaff** Computer Eng., Soph.  
St. Louis, MO

Edward is currently an SA. He has been an SGA senator for the past two years and was the Bonfire Chairman this year. He believes that the role of the vice-president is to motivate senators to actively seek ideas and concerns from the whole student body. If elected, Edward plans to set the tone for SGA by finally destroying the myth that SGA exists solely to fund clubs.

## WBF at SRC on Saturday

by Vu Thu Pham  
Thorn News Reporter

On January 23, Terry Ray will fight for the cruiserweight champion of the world title at 7 p.m. at the Hulbert Arena.

Ticket sales for the match have been doing well for the organizers. Tickets can still be purchased at the event.

Ray of Terre Haute (38-4 overall professional record) will go against Samson Cohen (22-6) from Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. Ray is the grandson of Ralph Tucker, the Mayor of Terre Haute.

In 1996, Ray fought against Kenny Klein in Shook Fieldhouse in his second attempt for the title. Ring Magazine called that fight "The Fight of the Year."

If Ray wins the coming championship, in three months he has to defend the title and the event organizers said they will host it here again.

"Ray has lots of years. He worked his way up. He deserves the title shot," said Allison.

Seven other Terre Haute boxers will also fight at the event.

Josh Shepard is 2-0 as a pro. He is a West Vigo graduate and he will fight against Lonzie Pemelton (8-1) from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Larry Hinsley, originally from Clinton and a North Vigo graduate, has boxed in over 50 amateur

matches. This will be his professional boxing debut.

Terry Elkins and Mike Graham, both West Vigo graduates, will fight against Jeff Elrod and Mike Jones.

Rodney Vinson (3-1), Jeff Floyd, who fights for recreation, and Chris Trapaiso (16-6) round out the rest of the Terre Haute boxers.

"We've been training real hard. We've been sparring. We're confident in ourselves. Knowing Josh Shepard, I'm sure he can pack a punch," commented Hinsley.

Hinsley and Shepard have been training together. Shepard is optimistic about the fights. In one to two years, he would like to get to the level that Ray is at. Aside from training for this coming event, the young boxers are training for the State Championship in their classes.

"Terry is training for the Championship of the World. He needs total mental concentration. No family interference, but he works with [the boxers], trains them, donates lots of his time to train these young men. That shows the kind of person he is. There is not anybody more deserving of the title," said Allison.

Originally Allison was trying to get Fox Network to air the match. However, the planning was not in sync with the network's programming, so the match will only be broadcast over the radio.

## SECURITY UPDATE

### Sunday, January 10

An unknown person or people shot paintballs at a student's vehicle between 11 p.m. and 12 midnight on Sunday 1-10-99. The student's vehicle was parked adjacent to Deming Hall.

### Monday, January 11

An auto accident which damaged a staff member's vehicle occurred behind Logan Library.

### Wednesday January 13

Two student vehicles received minor damage while parked in the lower north Moench lot. One

vehicle received a broken mirror. The other vehicle had a red paint transfer to the rear bumper. The accident appears to have been caused by a third unknown vehicle.

### Thursday, January 14

An unknown person removed the valve stem from the tire on a student's vehicle while it was parked in the Moench lot between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

### Monday, January 18

Jeffrey Stevens of West Terre

Haute, an alleged suspect in the Sigma Nu burglary and a shooting in West Terre Haute, was found guilty by a jury of his peers. Stevens' sentencing date is scheduled for February 12, 1999 with a potential of 12 to 20 years.

### Tuesday, January 19

A student left her laptop in the Hulman Union coatroom at approximately 11:45 a.m. before going to lunch. Upon returning to the coatroom at approximately 12:20 p.m., the student found that her laptop was missing.

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# Letters to the Editor

I am writing in response to the article "Where have all the athletes gone?" in the January 15 edition of the Thorn. First, I want to say that player retention is the key to a successful team. You need to learn to play together and you need the experienced leadership that upperclassmen can offer. However, I don't believe that the reason for low retention is Coach Davis. I think that you hit the nail on the head with the first reasons that were listed, such as lack of dedication and commitment of athletes. If we want women's programs that are as successful as the men's programs then we need to expect to work as hard as they do. Coach Davis is committed to working with players who want to work hard and improve. Athletes playing at the college level need to expect a different level of intensity. Each day in practice, Coach Davis asks that you give 100% and nothing less. I don't think that she should expect anything less. I think that would make her a bad coach.

Why don't you talk to the players that have stuck around? Ask them why they have. I can tell you why I have. I love to play basketball. I want to work and improve each and every day. Coach Davis has made it her job to see that I get that chance. I was pushed everyday in practice. She knew that I could play better than what I was and she was right. I looked forward to her ideas and suggestions. I had the desire to put forth the effort that she asked of me because I wanted to play basketball.

Off the court, I have spent literally hours in her office talking. We talk about goals,

not only in basketball, but in academics and my personal life. I have found it refreshing to find someone who really cares and is willing to listen. The past two seasons have been tough, to say the least. I've had two serious injuries and have had to sit out most of the season. Still, Coach Davis takes the time to help me set goals for recovery and helps me keep a positive attitude.

To have a successful team, you need to start with players who are willing to put in the time. That's the only way it will happen. The coach of the team can only work with what you are willing to give. If you give it your all, you will get success in return. Coaches who ask that you give everything you've got, deserve it. I know that its tough here at Rose, but its just as tough for the men who participate in athletics. Its going to take a little more time for the women's athletic programs to grow. It's just been the past two years that serious recruiting has started. This is only our second year to have real upperclassmen. Each year we get a few more people who are serious about playing and those people stick around. When the new players come each year and see the dedication of their upperclassmen they will want to put forth the same effort because they want to play college athletics.

How dare you personally attack a coach in the way that you have? You have taken the problem of lack of retention and based on some stories, have blamed it on Coach Davis. You were right, the first year was different. The goal was to get women's athletic programs started. Coach Davis

had taken this goal to the next level. She wants to coach winning athletic teams. In order to do this, she asks players to give everything and works you hard to improve your game. This is why I think that Coach Davis is not only an excellent coach, but also an outstanding person and she deserves an apology.

Becky Smith  
Four year basketball player

In order for a ship to stay afloat, every person has to be willing to pull his or her own weight. The captain has the final authority, but does that mean every sailor and steward does their job with 100% efficiency all of the time? Not necessarily. If none of the crew is working to their full potential, the ship probably would not sink, but the journey could be a long one.

That is a situation similar to that of the women's athletic program. Yet, if the teams are not as successful as we had hoped, why is the coach solely blamed? Shouldn't the responsibility also fall upon the team? The women's athletic program has only been in effect for three years under the direction of Coach Davis. On a campus of less than 400 girls and only about 100 who actually participate in varsity athletics, can you possibly expect us to win every game we play? If you did expect this instant success, please wake up.

You cited our volleyball season records to back up your claims of lack of improvement. I cannot refute the numbers. Yes, if you only look there for improvement, it

will be hard to find. Look deeper. The only thing the 1998 volleyball team lacked was the ability to finish off a match. We may have lost some games, but the other teams in the conference now respect us and will not underestimate us next year. Next year, we will have a maturity that a women's team at Rose has never enjoyed. Although you may not have meant it, by using the title "Where have all the athletes gone," you have insulted those of us who have chosen to stay with the program.

I am not saying that Coach Davis is perfect. But when you think about it, who can claim perfection? I certainly cannot, so why should we expect this perfection in others? As a player, I respect her decisions and I respect the dedication she has shown to the team.

You are entitled to your opinion, but you have insulted our program and our coach and that is not fair. I'm willing to overlook your obtuseness, but Coach Davis deserves your apology.

Kate Buchanan  
Three year veteran

### Editor's Disclaimer:

This week we received several letters that were unsigned. This is just a reminder that it is *Thorn* policy that letters to the editor that are unsigned or that cannot be verified for publication will not be printed.

Travis Holler  
Thorn Features Editor

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## Proposed Residence Hall layout causes student concern

by Laura Slaybaugh  
Thorn Columnist

Wednesday night, during the short period of time I have between homework and sleep, I received from my Sophomore advisor a flyer announcing the decisions concerning the new dorm. Like many other freshmen I have spoken to, I am outraged! I have several thoughts about this decision that I would like to share with those of you with as much vested interest in this dorm as I do.

First, housing by academic major is dead wrong. The people I share my major with, I will be seeing the entire day during class. I would like a chance to go back to my room, and hang out with someone else. This type of division offers little interaction between people of different majors. It is exactly the wrong way to house a student body. It causes the year class to be segregated, with no coherence as a group. Rose should be nurturing this community atmosphere through all the majors, not just many communities of major specific students. Housing by major undermines class unity, which is much harder to develop than academic major unity. The obvious reason this was done was so that students would be able to help each other on homework and understanding classwork. But why force it on each and every one of us? I consider the diversity part of the college experience, and have met most of my friends from wandering down the hall looking for someone who is in my classes. I think of it as an opportunity to meet other people who don't all

share the sometimes one-sided perspectives of the world. If students feel this type of academic major segregation is beneficial for them, they are completely capable of finding and requesting a roommate within their major. It is not something that needs to be done for the class as a whole. I consider myself lucky to have found a roommate this year that I honestly enjoy living with. I don't find it at all detrimental or disappointing that we have different majors. In fact, I like it that way. If my roommate must be the same major as I, I doubt I will be that lucky next year. By forcing housing by academic major, the administration is limiting our options in choosing a roommate as well. Also, what of those students with dual majors or decide to change majors? If I start out in the new dorm as one major, and switch to another, I am no longer anywhere near *any* of my classmates.

Secondly, how will the peer tutoring work? Will the learning center be expected to take up the responsibility, or will it be mod-

eled like the SA positions? There is very little information on how this idea will be implemented.

When I first received this flyer, my initial reaction, after complete disbelief, was to discover if my acquaintances felt the same way that I did. Many are as upset with this as I am, and none knew any of this previously. I ask you this; if I am not alone in my views, how can such an idea be dictated to us without our knowledge? Was any survey done to determine our thoughts on the matter? My roommate is in the Residence Hall Association. She is as surprised as I am. By my estimation, the matter of a new dorm would be of strong interest to the RHA. Why wasn't it presented to them? Why wasn't it presented to the freshmen class as a whole, rather than dictated to us via memos? This decision does not solely belong to the administration of Rose. Has the Student Government had any say in it? If so, are they so distanced from the student body itself they didn't think it reasonable to find our opinion on the matter? That this

decision was made with, to my knowledge, no consultation of what the student body wants shows a complete lack of respect for us. If this is the case, for the first time since attending Rose, I regret my choice in college. I would like to think Rose cares enough about its students to gather our opinion on such an important matter, and that the students who give my opinion to the administration care what I actually do think.

Finally, why aren't we told of the reasons behind each of these decisions? Some I can understand, and I can see where the administration is coming from, but others seem completely arbitrary. How can one debate an issue well when no reasons for such a decision are presented? I cannot believe they specifically wish to let us not have a say. What are the primary goals they wish to accomplish by their decisions? Perhaps the administration has very good reasons behind each decision they made. If so, is it possible to make them public? Let the administration share their reasoning with us.

After all, an ignorant population is nothing more than a herd of sheep, and I do not believe Rose wants to cultivate a flock of sheep. I firmly believe the majority of us here are capable of weighing pros and cons of the idea. Had we been given the option and the logic behind each decision, we are capable, as a whole, of making a decision that is within our best interests. Perhaps we can even discover a solution they have not thought of. I challenge the administration to open its reasoning to the students.

If their reasons are valid, I will be more than happy to admit that they are correct in their decision, and I do not believe that in this I am any different from the rest of you. Does Rose consider the community atmosphere they advertise not important? Are we not considered trustworthy enough to have a say about our own dorm? Most of all, why is our first notice of such an idea in the form of a dictation of how it will be? Why were no explanations provided? When did Big Brother start watching out for us?

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February 28 to March 6

We are going to Cincinnati, OH to work with the Franciscans of the Poor. We will be working in a soup kitchen, helping in a clothing store, and repairing buildings.

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# “War is Hell,” Malick’s *Thin Red Line* isn’t

By Don Cole  
Thorn Sports Editor

**Opening Notes:** Many war movies, especially those about World War II, attempt to show war as a glorious business, that the soldiers in the field have no fear of a faceless, evil enemy. *The Thin Red Line* is not one of these movies. In it, we see the insanity and the abject futility of war, the fear of those who must fight it, and that sometimes the enemy is just as scared as we are.

**The Cast:** Talk about an all-star cast. This movie, by far, had the most recognizable names and faces in a single movie since *Get Shorty* or *The Player*.

Among the more notable of the cast, and those to look for in February when Oscar nominations will be announced, are newcomers James Caviezel (*G.I. Jane*, *The Rock*) and Ben Chaplin (*The Truth About Cats and Dogs*).

Caviezel plays Private Witt, a kind of aesthetic who often gets caught going AWOL, living with the native people on various nearby islands. Caviezel, in a way, represents the conscience of the war, as we see later on when he offers a cigarette to Japanese prisoners while the rest of the group look upon them with disgust.

Chaplin plays Private Bell, a former Corps of Engineer officer who resigned his commission so he would not be separated from his wife. Bell is a quiet character, resigned to the fact that he has to fight, but wanting to remain unchanged by war for his wife back home.

Nick Nolte (*Cape Fear*, *Mother Night*) turns a memorable performance as the monomaniacal Lt. Col. Gordon Tall, obsessed with taking the Japanese base to impress the admiral overseeing the operation. Tall, passed over many times for general, is willing to sacrifice men by the dozens to meet his objectives. This is evident

when he orders his captain to make a frontal assault on a machine gun post, because “...I will not have you running around in the jungle just to avoid a fight!”

Sean Penn (*Dead Man Walking*, *The Game*) shows again that he is a fine actor. He plays 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Edward Welsh, the man in charge of the platoon in which both Witt and Bell serve. Although he does play the character well, he does not quite capture the character created by James Jones, who wrote the novel in 1962. Welsh is almost a neutral figure; he honestly thinks that no one can make much of a difference. “Property,” he cries out at one point, “the whole damn thing’s about property.”

In addition, John Travolta, Woody Harrelson, George Clooney and John Cusack all make cameo appearances.

**The Plot:** The U.S. has determined that Guadalcanal is essential for halting the Japanese advance towards Australia, so the army, marines, and air force are sent in to root out the Japanese presence.

What makes the movie good is not just this plot, but the many sub-plots that make the movie more character-driven than the typical war movie. For instance,

there is Bell’s continual writing to his beloved, lonely wife; Witt’s eclecticism, and his courage; Tall’s obsession with capturing the island.

**The Good:** Where do I begin? For one thing, it is always good to see a movie showing the darker side of conflict, especially when dealing with World War II. So many movies have been released that show the horrors of Vietnam but only

show the glory of WWII.

There is one scene, while the men are slowly advancing up a hill, where a corporal orders two of the privates to go forward and have a look. At first they just freeze and look at each other, then look at the corporal again, pleading not to make them go. The corporal waves them forward, and they finally go, only to be quickly gunned down by a Japanese rifleman.

The movie is character-driven, as I stated previously, but there is also plenty of action. The battle scenes don’t have a sense of being choreographed; they seem chaotic, random, furious, sometimes making you feel that you are in the tall weeds with them waiting to storm the Japanese bunker.

Also, while the movie does show how frightened these kids are to be there and how horrifying war truly is, we also see moments of extreme bravery. Once the machine gun bunker is found, for instance, Bell, who located it, volunteers to be in a group to go take it out. Not because he wants to go shoot Japs or because he’s crazy, but because he, like the others who go with him, realize that it must be done.

It also does not paint either side as good or bad; when the platoon captures some Japanese, many of the prisoners are quaking, praying, or just sitting silently, and we get the sense that many of them are just as scared to be there as the American soldiers.

**The Bad:** Not much, but I could have done without the extensive scenes showing the native people in their villages. I realize the



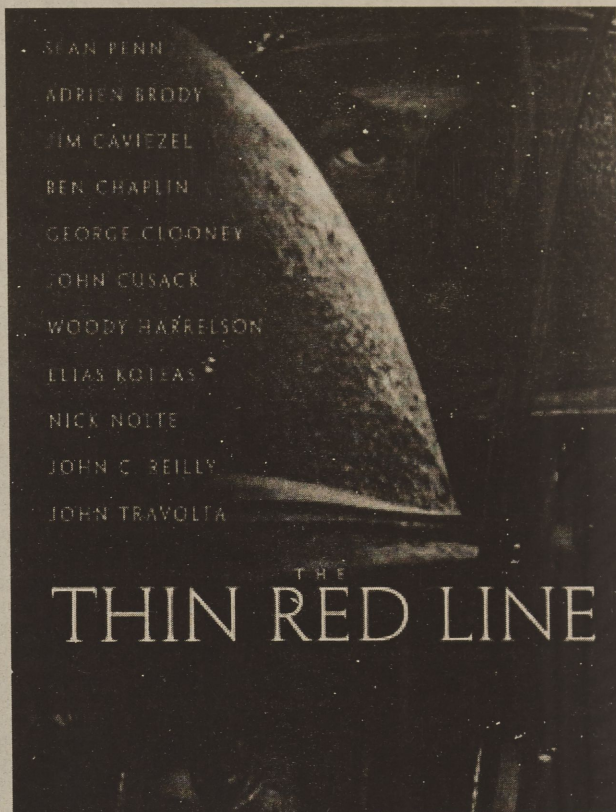
James Caviezel



Ben Chaplin



John Cusack (second from right) and Nick Nolte (far right) portray soldiers in the new movie *The Thin Red Line*.



point; to show both peace and serenity of that area of the world, and the death and destruction going on, but they really made some parts of the movie lag to the point you were wondering if director Terrence Malick would just get to the point.

**The Ugly:** The film is very graphic at times. I have not seen *Saving Private Ryan*, but I imagine this movie either equals it or surpasses it during the battle scenes as far as intensity goes. During the first battle sequence, we see a soldier, shot in the stomach, essentially holding his intestines in, and as he rolls, around, you can see them trying to leak out.

Another thing that I found not ugly, but more depressing, is just seeing the young men die by the heaps at points in a futile

attempt to attack a dug-in machine gun post.

There is another scene where, if you are easily upset, might very likely reduce you to tears. I won’t mention it here, because it is gradually revealed, but you’ll know what I mean when it comes up.

**The Bottom Line:** This movie, along with such classics as *Apocalypse Now*, *All Quiet on the Western Front*, and *Full Metal Jacket* will go down as one of the greatest war movies of all time, despite the fact that the real war being fought is not against the Japanese, but each man fighting himself.

Expect this movie to be up for many Oscars, including Best Picture, Director, Supporting Actor, and Cinematography, which at times is truly breathtaking.

On a scale of 1 to 4, with 4 being classic and 1 being trite like *Rambo* or *Missing in Action*, I give this movie a 4. By far, the best movie I’ve seen in the theatre for a long, long time.

Actor’s photos obtained from [www.movieweb.com](http://www.movieweb.com)

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# Exploring cooperation through a mathematical game

By Alex Song  
Thorn Columnist

Rose Hulman seems to stress cooperation and teamwork in every aspect of our learning. It seems like every week we have some sort of group lab, group assignment, or group report due; and at any given time I am involved in at least two group projects. But I guess this practice of working in groups is a good thing since we'll need these cooperative skills in the workplace.

On a larger scale, cooperation is what holds society together. The tendency to cooperate rather than betray others is what allows a society to exist. Cooperation also exists in nature, and even between different species of animals. The question is how did humans, and other animals interested only in their own survival, ever come to cooperate when it is seemingly much easier to exploit?

Attempting to answer this question is a book entitled *Prisoner's Dilemma*, by William Poundstone. The subject of the book is "Game Theory," a branch of mathematics developed during the 1920's and '30's as a way to study decision making. Game theory deals with the decisions of perfectly logical players who are interested only in winning. Applied to the real world, it deals with conflict among rational and distrustful beings.

The simplest games are "Zero sum." In television game shows, board games, and arguments, one person's gain is another person's loss. Because no cooperation is possible, there are clear winners and losers. A mathematician named John Von Neumann demonstrated that there is always a rational course of action for "Zero Sum" games of two players, if their interests are completely opposed. This is called the "Minimax principle."

For example, suppose you have to divide a cake fairly between two children. According to the Minimax principle, the best way to accomplish this is to let one child cut the cake and then let the other child choose which piece he or she wants. Ironically, self-interest ensures a fair division. By this method, the cake is divided fairly in the eyes of both children; not out of generosity, but out of greed.

In a different kind of game however, self interest ensures that both participants can come out ahead by cooperating. It is in these "Non Zero Sum" games, where one person's gain is not another person's loss that a "Prisoner's Dilemma" come into play. Poundstone argues that by allowing both players to come out ahead through cooperation, the Prisoner's Dilemma can explain why animal and human societies are organized the way they are.

In the classic "Prisoner's Dilemma" example, two members of a criminal gang are arrested and questioned in isolation, unable to communicate with each other. The police lack the evidence needed to convict the pair on the principal charge, but plan to sentence both to a year in prison on a lesser charge.

Both prisoners must independently make a decision to either betray or trust his accomplice. If both testify against each other (defect), both will be sentenced to

two years in jail. If only one of the two criminals betrays his accomplice, he gets only one year while his accomplice gets three. However, if they both cooperate, both get off free.

Of course, each prisoner is concerned only with minimizing his own prison sentence. Each knows that the best case is when they both cooperate, but neither knows what the other is going to do. Game Theory states that for a one-time-only Prisoner's Dilemma, the rational thing to do is defect. In a one-time deal, when you don't know what the other guy is going to do, you can always cut your losses by betraying the other guy.

So, why cooperate? The reason why even the most self-serving people don't always betray others is that it's not a good idea to "burn your bridges." One might meet up with the same person again, and need his cooperation in the future. This explains the paradoxical concept of "honor among thieves." In other words, we cooperate because most of the dilemmas of real life are "iterated" Prisoner's Dilemmas.

Cooperation even exists between different species. Although nature is brutal, and wild animals are only interested in their own survival, some crocodiles allow birds called Ziczac to enter their mouths to eat parasites. In this setup, the crocodile rids its mouth of the parasites, and the Ziczac gets a meal.

To the human observer this cooperative arrangement is mutually beneficial, but it is doubtful that any logical or moral arguments are running through the crocodile's head, preventing it from eating the bird. How did these two animals develop this behavior? What keeps the crocodile from chomping down on a free meal?

There are indications that the answer lies in natural selection, which says that the phenomena we observe in the world tend to be "stable" phenomena. The genetic code allows organisms to pass on not only physical traits, but also behaviors that will enhance survival value. These include traits such as the tendency to cooperate, and the tendency to defect.

To test the stability of cooperative strategies, University of Michigan political science professor Robert Axelrod held a series of computer tournaments in 1980, where various iterated Prisoner's Dilemma "strategies" competed against each other. The fourteen strategies submitted ranged from those that exploited all of the time, to those that cooperated all the time.

One very simple strategy in the middle of the spectrum took only four lines of code to describe and was called "Tit for tat." This strat-

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egy basically stated to cooperate on the first round, and then do whatever the other player did on the previous round.

Each strategy had a numerical score at the end of the tournament (based on a scoring system similar to the sentencing of the prisoners in the above example), and "Tit for Tat" scored the highest. A second and more complex tournament was then held, where the more "fit" strategies would replace the less "fit." Although sixty two different strategies competed this time, "Tit for Tat" won again, taking over the entire field.

Why didn't the exploiting strategies win? It seems easier to defect all of the time, because you always get a payoff when you betray your neighbors. However, exploiting strategies would win out only to a certain point before they ran out of prey. Therefore, when they were surrounded by themselves, they then began to starve. Therefore, the exploiting (defecting) strategy is evolutionarily unstable.

On the other hand, "Tit for tat" is an evolutionarily stable strategy, doing very well when surrounded by itself. In the second tournament, Axelrod showed that a small colony of "Tit for Tat" players would always flourish and eventually replace a larger population of uncooperative players.

"Tit for Tat" is a "nice" strategy, winning without ever exploiting others. Yet it is provokable, ready to punish other players for defecting. It also has an element of "forgiveness," showing a willingness to cooperate whenever the other players are ready. The actions of

life without having to worry about looking over their shoulders constantly.

Today's society is still based on cooperation. Whether to litter, leave a tip, shoplift, stop and help someone, lie, or conserve electricity, we are all faced with questions of individual gain versus the common good. In every human society, there is a gut reaction that cooperation is somehow "right," and betrayal (defection) is "wrong." These behaviors and instincts, passed along in the genes, are evolutionary stable.

If it turns out that the Golden Rule developed because it had to, some interesting questions can be brought up. Is there something in our genes that lays the foundation for morality? Could something as noble and esteemed as "conscience" have evolved out of a brutal natural world from the self interest of individuals?

Unfortunately, the purpose of Poundstone's book was to give a general overview of Game Theory, and not to attempt to answer such questions. *Prisoner's Dilemma* was however, an interesting book that touched upon a wide variety of situations modeling the Cuban missile crisis, price bargaining, nuclear weapons escalation, hostage ransom situations, the "honor system," and even the game of "chicken."

*Prisoner's Dilemma* was an interesting and quick read that paired well with another book that I read over the summer; *The Moral Animal* by Robert Wright. Dealing with the science of Evolutionary Psychology *The Moral Animal* uses the principles of evolution to understand human social behavior and the basis of morality. For me, both books were "eye openers" on why we humans are the way we are.

Information in this article was obtained from the book *Prisoner's Dilemma* by William Poundstone.

Alex song's other articles can be found on his website at: <http://www.rose-hulman.edu/~songsb/thorn.html>

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# Undefeated! 9-0

*Rose rides high into the stretch on a nine-game winning streak*

by Don Cole  
Thorn Sports Editor

Rose retained their undefeated conference record in exciting fashion this past week, squeaking by Trinity and archrival DePauw last night.

Once again, Bryan Egli remained integral to the team's success. Egli was named SCAC Player of the Week for the fourth time this season for his play last weekend.

Egli, who scored 32 points in a big win over Trinity and another 27 against Southwestern, also garnered national praise by being named to the NCAA Division III Online National Team of the Week for the second time this season and for the third time in his collegiate career.

Egli's prolific scoring vaulted him further up the school's all-time leader board, passing Tom Curry for seventh-place all-time with 1,497 career points. This year, he is in the top twenty in scoring nationally.

The Engineers will get a week off before they head into the final nine games of the regular season that ends in late February. They play at Centre College next Friday.

The Colonels are currently in second place in the SCAC with a 5-2 conference record and a 6-6 overall record. Rose clobbered Centre earlier this year, 73-46.

Steve Hodges, the Colonels' leading scorer at 11.8 points per game, was the only player for Centre that reached double figures in the game, scoring 11 points and grabbing seven rebounds.

In fact, Hodges is currently second in the league with 10.1 rebounds per game.

It does not appear that Rose will have much trouble with the Colonels; they are giving up around 68.4 points a game while the Engineers are scoring 73.9 points every game, third highest in the conference. History, however, is on the Colonels' side; they have owned the Engineers historically, winning 34 out of 50 contests.

Rose, however, seems just too hot to lose to a relatively weak team like Centre. The Engineers are on a nine-game winning streak, their longest since 1982, when they also won nine in a row.

A loud, unfriendly crowd greeted the Tigers last night, but Rose was just able to keep their winning streak alive by beating DePauw 56-50.

Rose jumped out to a quick lead despite some shaky shooting, but DePauw was quick to close the gap to 5-4 at the 15:33 mark.

Puthoff heated up at this point, helping Rose to a 14-8 lead and then a 20-13 lead at the midway point in the first half.

Egli, not to be outdone, scored nine points in three minutes late in the half to vault the Engineers to a

34-25 halftime lead.

That lead would prove vital, as the Tigers would outscore the Engineers 25-22 in the second half. The Tigers would come as close as two with just over four minutes left, but two quick layups from Sam Johnson and clutch free throw shooting sealed DePauw's fate.

Egli led all scorers with 16 points, going five out of six from the charity stripe. Johnson also reached into double figures for the second straight night, scoring 12.

Egli also hit the boards heavily, grabbing nine rebounds, with Matt Millington and Patrick Grace contributing six each. T.J. Holmes once again led the team in assists with three.

A half-capacity crowd witnessed a barnburner against former conference champ Trinity last Sunday. The Engineers pulled away at the end, however, thanks in no small part to some excellent free throw shooting courtesy of Johnson.

Rose leaped out to an early lead Sunday afternoon on an 11-2 run. Egli, Millington, and Puthoff all sank threes in the run, which Rose would extend to a 22-11 lead with 13:22 left in the first half.

The Tigers of Trinity did not look like they came to play at that point; except for a few free throws, they were not hitting anything or rebounding well.

Then they started playing like the conference powerhouse they are. They put on a 17-4 charge that culminated in a two-point deficit with about six minutes left in the half.

Six straight points by Egli would cement what would turn out to be a critical halftime lead for the Engineers, 39-33.

The Engineers came out slightly stronger from the locker room, regaining an 11-point lead in the first five minutes of the second half. Trinity, however, did not go quietly into the night, burning the home team on a 13-3 run that brought them to within one point of the lead.

Trinity player Quintin Mason quickly gave the Tigers their first lead of the game quickly thereafter, initiating a seesaw battle between the two, which ended on a layup from the Tigers' leading scorer Mike Cleary.

That proved to be the beginning of the end for the Tigers, as Puthoff would quickly respond with one from beyond the arc to tie the game at 61-61. Egli would nail three of his seven threes in the final five minutes to give the Engineers a 72-65 lead.

It was Johnson, however, that

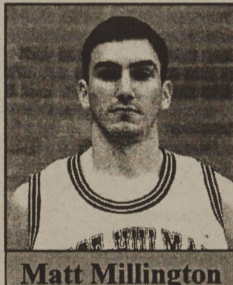


Michael Harris positions himself against Trinity.

photo courtesy Kevin Lanke

sealed it for the Engineers, sinking the six free throws in the final minute of play to hold back a literally last-second charge from the Tigers.

Egli led all scorers with 32 points on the day, and his seven three-pointers was the third-highest total in school history for a single game. Also breaking into double digits was Johnson with 24 and Millington with 16.



Matt Millington

Both Millington and Johnson led everyone in the rebounding category, each pulling down seven.

Sophomore stand-out Holmes was shut out, but remained a strong presence for the Engineers, racking

up seven assists, tying a season-high.

Rose made quick work of another conference opponent, Southwestern, last Friday night, 77-47.

Although Rose would eventually win, it certainly did not look that way at the start of the game. The Pirates, led by Rene Guzman's six points, leapt out to a 12-7 lead by the 13:46 mark.

The lead would be fleeting, however, as Millington would nail two from beyond the line to tie the game at 13-13 two minutes later.

Scoring was scant for the next five minutes, but a three-pointer courtesy Egli put Rose up once

and for all at the 4:49 mark. The shot kicked off a 13-3 run that gave Rose a commanding 31-21 lead at the buzzer.

The Engineers' momentum carried on into the second half, as Rose ran up their lead to twenty with over seventeen minutes left in the half.

Egli went on to sink six free throws and a couple of jumpers to give Rose a whopping 61-38 lead. Head coach Jim Shaw took the opportunity to give his bench some playing time, as everyone on the team made it to the court before the final buzzer ended the Pirates' pain.

Egli once again led everyone with 27 points, with Millington the only other Engineer in double figures with 18 of his own.

Johnson got another seven rebounds and four assists in the contest, tops on the team.

The Engineers will not return home for a while, as their next home game is the first Friday of February in a conference rematch against Hendrix College.



Chris Unton jockies to box out Matt Zahn of Trinity last Sunday in Hulbert Arena.

photo courtesy Kevin Lanke

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I Still Know What You Did Last Summer

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# Engineer women still striving for an elusive first win

by Peter Anderson  
Thorn Editor-in-Chief

The Rose-Hulman Engineers (0-14 overall, 0-9 SCAC) will try for their first win of the season Wednesday when they play the Eureka Red Devils (7-5 overall), who are currently on a three-game winning streak entering today.

The Red Devils, who are currently on a three-game winning streak entering today are led by senior guard Minda Sylvester (16.5 points per game) and senior center Danielle Funderburk (16.2 points per game, 10.5 rebounds per game).

The game is rescheduled from a game canceled Jan. 6. It will be the second game in two days for Eureka, who face Aurora in a conference game Tuesday. It will also be "Eighties Night" at Hulbert Arena.

The Engineers will then travel to Danville, Ky. Jan. 29 to face the Centre Colonels (2-11 overall, 2-5 SCAC) before facing off with the University of the South Tigers (8-5 overall, 5-2 SCAC) Jan. 31 for a pair of conference games next weekend.

The Engineers have the weekend off after the loss to the top team in the South region, the DePauw Tigers. The loss is the third this week, as they also fell to conference opponents Southwestern Pirates 70-47 and Trinity Tigers 102-50.

The Engineers jumped out of the gate strong, trailing by five, 35-30 at the end of the first half against Southwestern (9-3 overall, 4-3 SCAC). However, a 20 percent shooting performance and excessive turnovers in the second half prevented the Engineers from making it any closer, as the Pirates sailed to a 70-47 victory.

The game marked the return of freshman guard Molly McKeown, who had been out since Nov. 21 with a stress fracture. McKeown contributed four points, a rebound and a steal in 13 minutes of play.

Senior Amanda Speich led the Engineers with 17 points, while freshmen Christina Forsyth and Jennifer Krause each pulled down ten rebounds. Krause added eight points and two blocks in the losing effort.

On the plus side, the Engineers did hold a slight advantage on the

boards, outrebounding the Pirates 44-41, and they shot 42 percent from the field in the first half.

Trinity (10-4 overall, 5-2 SCAC) proved to be too much for the Engineers Sunday, taking away a lopsided 102-50 victory. Seven Tigers players reached double digit scoring totals, and Trinity dominated the boards, grabbing 53 rebounds to the Engineers' 32.

Forsyth led the Engineers with 18 points. Krause and junior Mandy Smith led the team with six rebounds, and Krause added two blocked shots, giving her a team-leading 10 on the season. Speich contributed 11 points and five rebounds in the loss.

Last night saw the DePauw Tigers (12-4 overall, 9-0 SCAC) take a 35-20 halftime lead and hold off a surging Engineers squad to take away a 70-51 victory.

The two teams were actually fairly evenly matched. Both teams hit 45 percent from the field. DePauw held a slight rebounding edge (36-30), but also committed two more fouls than the Engineers.

Had Rose-Hulman handled the

ball better, the Engineers could have won their first game of the season. But the 30 turnovers (23 on steals) were too much of an obstacle for the Engineers to overcome.

Speich led all scorers with 16 points on six of eight shooting - (including two for three behind the arc) and also had a team-high four assists and five rebounds. Forsyth added 12 points and seven rebounds and sophomore Tarelle Van Dyk scored 11 while pulling down a game-high eight boards.

Wednesday could be a great chance

for the Engineers to pick up their first win of the season, with Eureka playing a conference game the previous day and then visiting a fresh Engineers squad with almost a week of rest. Come and support the Engineers.



Amanda Speich surveys the scene against Amanda Moore of Southwestern.  
photo courtesy Kevin Lanke

## Thorn Athlete of the Week

### Sean Valentine, Men's Swimming

by Don Cole  
Thorn Sports Editor



Sean Valentine

Few sports are as physically demanding as swimming. It takes nearly every muscle in your body to slice through the water at speeds that would wear most of the rest of us down after a quarter of a lap.

This year, Sean Valentine has been slicing through the water very successfully. Two weeks ago, at the University of Indianapolis Invitational, he came away with two individual titles and a tie for second in the medallist race.

Valentine won the 100-m butterfly and the 100-m freestyle events, and was second-place overall with 55 points.

Valentine has, pardon the pun, been making waves in the SCAC as well. He has recorded the top

time in the 50-m freestyle event (20.74 s) and the third-best time in the 100-m freestyle (47.70 s).

He has also recorded the fifth-best time in the 100-m butterfly (54.84 s) and the 12th-best time in the 100-m backstroke (59.91 s).

Valentine has been one of head coach Randy Jensen's most con-

sistent performers during his three years on the team. During his sophomore year, he was the Engineers' most valuable swimmer, swimming provisional qualifying times for the NCAA Division III Nationals in the 50-m freestyle (21.36 s) and the 100-m breaststroke (59.17 s).

Valentine is the team's all-time points leader, and is one of few Engineers to win a conference title.

Valentine has been dominating the 50-m freestyle all this year, in fact. He has won the event at the Wabash Invitational, and in all three meets the team has had this season, against Vincennes, Illinois Wesleyan, and Principia.

He has also won the 100-m butterfly twice, against Vincennes and Principia, and took home a win in the 100-m freestyle against Illinois Wesleyan.

## Engineer track teams compete

By Mark Dudley  
Thorn Sports Reporter

The Engineer track and field teams set two new school records and combined for 16 personal bests at the Rose-Hulman Quadrangular Invitational last Friday.

Junior Phil Reksel set a school record in the 500-m dash with a time of 1:05.60. The other best came on the women's side courtesy of Hannah Rumpf with a 5:59.46 time in the mile run.

The men's team was second overall behind champ Vincennes. They were led by senior Mark Dudley with 14 points and by Brian Smith, who took first place in the mile run with a time of 4:40.

Setting personal bests in the shot put competition were Matt Garms, David Berty, and Chad Christie. Other personal bests were reached by Brian Wickham

in the 1000-m run, Matt Marker in the 55-m high hurdles, David Hartman in the 3000-m run, the team of Matt Cosby, Mark Stetzer, Matt Egenolf, and Jon Harris in the 4x400-m relay, Egenolf and Harris both in the 400-m run, and Stetzer and Travis Eisenhour in the 300-m run.

Freshman Erica Snyder led the charge for the women's team, scoring 16 points and taking the only first-place finish for the women, in the 300-m dash.

Although all six Rose women that competed scored in the meet, they were just edged out by Franklin for third place. Danville College won the women's overall title, followed by Vincennes.

Said head coach Bill Welch, "It was pleasing to see the number of personal bests and school records in the meet. The women's team continues to get stronger and with some more work they'll come along all right."

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QUESTIONS OF FAITH AND LIFE on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. is an in-depth faith discussion group for upper-class and graduate students led by Dr. Bill Hughes, ISU Professor of Music, and Jack Diehl, Campus Minister. Check it out! United Ministries Center, 321 N. 7th St., 232-0186.

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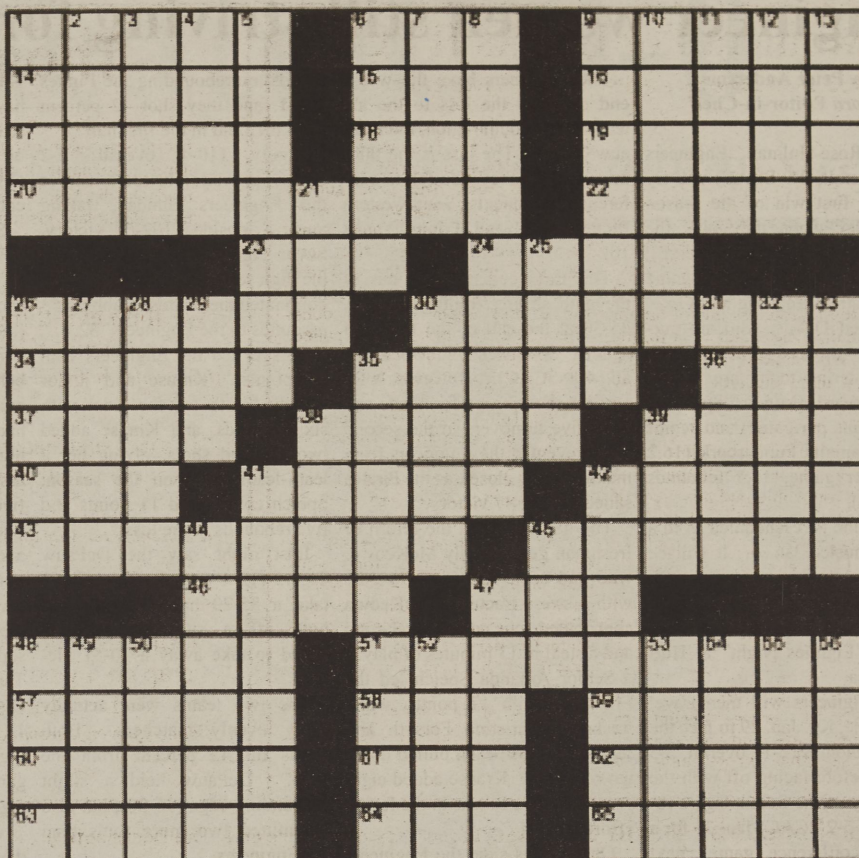
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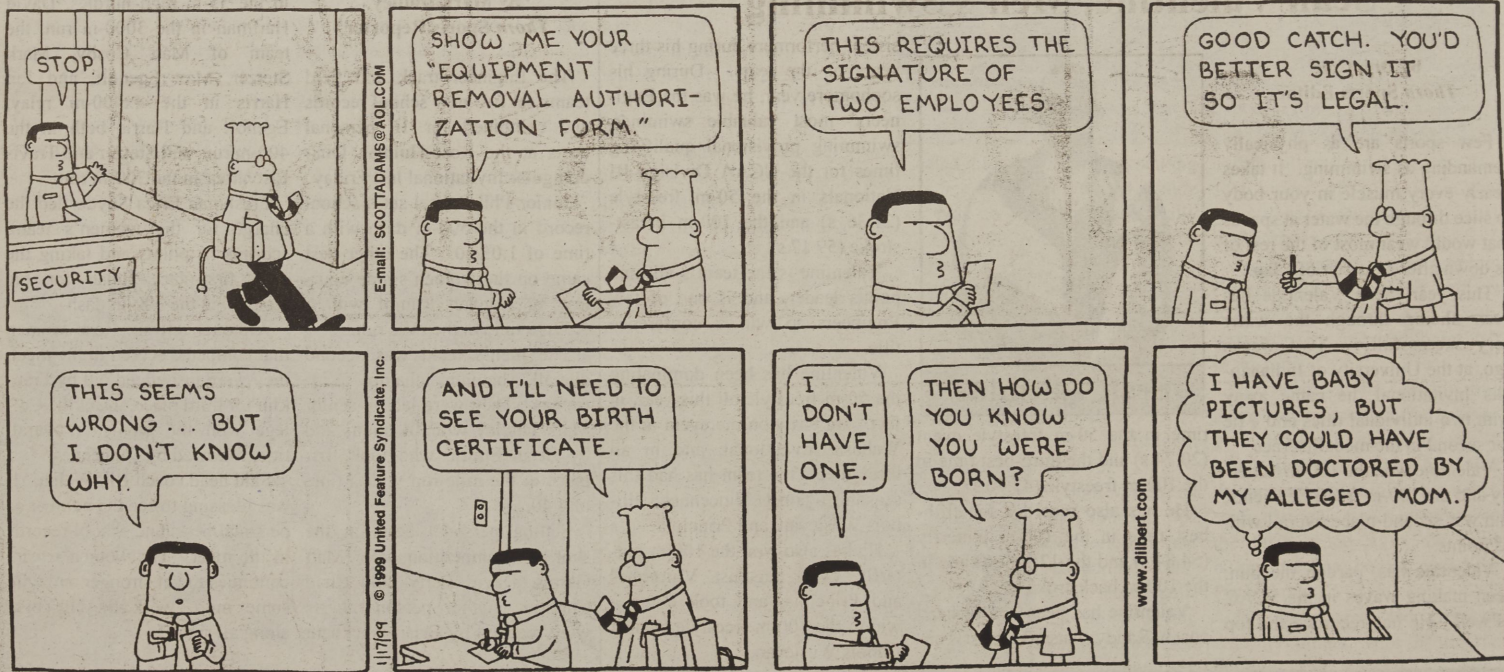
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## DILBERT

by Scott Adams



Last week, the *Thorn* accidentally ran a repeat *Dilbert*. We apologize for the mix-up. Above is the *Dilbert* that should have been ran last week.

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### St. Joseph's Euchre Tournament

Saturday, January 23 at the Worx. Cards will be dealt at 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$5 per team if registered before 1/21/99. \$6 per team on day of tournament. Look for registration forms coming soon.

St. Joseph's invites all students to come out and show off their euchre-playing abilities. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. For more information call Becky at 232-7011.



### A Moment For Us, As If I Care

Woo-hoo! I got some hate mail!  
Jason,

You asked for it, so we are finally going to respond. Like quite a bit of the humor pieces featured in the humor section of the *Thorn*, "Bare Bones" was definitely lacking in the taste category. But when it comes to the tasteless bits of humor found in the *Thorn*, that's par for the course. We should just all be grateful that there haven't been any recent mentions of "Slappy's Malt Liquor" (what was that all about?) or other recurring "jokes" like that.

All in all, we would be quite happy if you would pull this piece of trash and run something both funnier and cleaner.

Giving you what you want,  
Amanda Stuchel & Carrie Fish

Ladies,

Since you were the only ones offended (or brave) enough to answer my "hate mail challenge", I can take this opportunity to

respond to your letter. As far as "Bear Bones" is concerned, I had originally intended to use it for the first week just to fill space from a lack of contributions. In fact, the prof quotes were started for the same reason.

However, I have found some "Bear Bones" stories that are cleaner and funnier. These shouldn't offend as many people as the others seem to have done. Therefore, it's not getting pulled. In fact, until I start getting more submissions, I won't be pulling anything.

As for the general "lack of taste", you seem to be forgetting something very important. This is a college newspaper, aimed at college students. You're not likely to find much taste here, aside from "Dilbert". We have a very different target audience than your average newspaper. That's why I guarantee that you will never see "Family Circus" on these pages while I'm here. If you want taste (whatever that may be to you), the *Hautians* have a fine (snicker) newspaper with a wide variety of entertainment options. Of course, you'll have to pay for it.

-- Jason

### Those Wacky Profs!

**Disclaimer:** These quotes are *real*. All quotes come from the indicated (or not) professors. Feel free to submit your "Wacky Prof" quotes to [thorn@rose-hulman.edu](mailto:thorn@rose-hulman.edu), along with name, class name (including section), date, and setup. I wonder if anyone actually still reads the disclaimer. I mean, it's not like it's really crucial after you've read it once, but those damn lawyers make me put it here. All quotes must be verified before publication.

"There will be a Furby in this class by the end of the quarter and we'll do evil things to it."

-- Andy Kinley (1-5-99)

(Idle chatter in Artificial Intelligence.)

"It's not just because I'm a sadist that I'm doing this ... although you can attribute part of this to my sadistic tendencies."

-- Dr. Young (1-15-99)

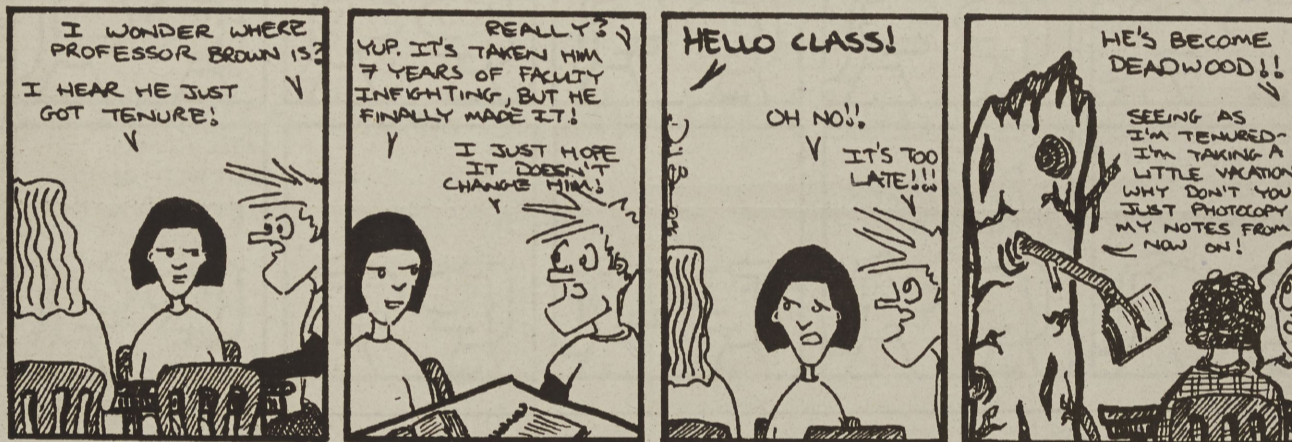
(Explaining the way quarter projects will be distributed to his Software Engineering class.)

"Using this mobile phase, toluene will stay on the column like crap on a wool blanket."

-- Dr. Morris (1-19-99)

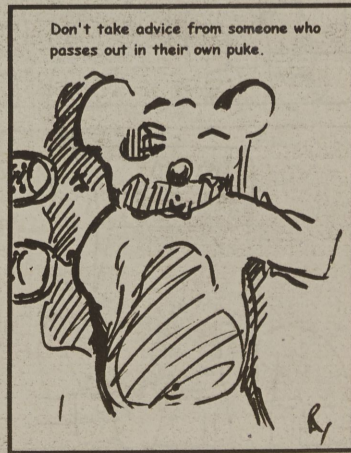
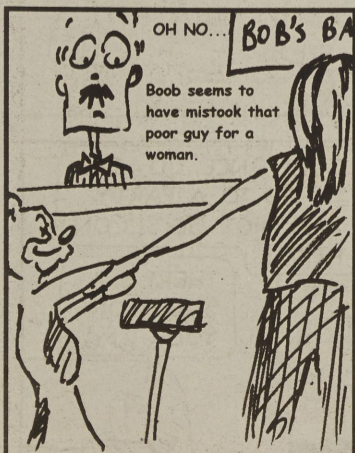
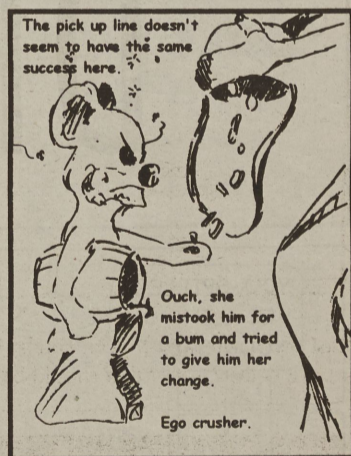
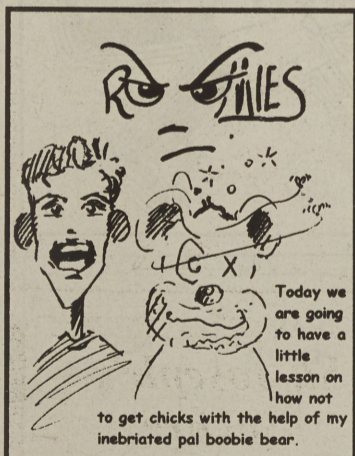
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"Bear Bones" by David Berenson (courtesy of U-Wire and "The Dartmouth")



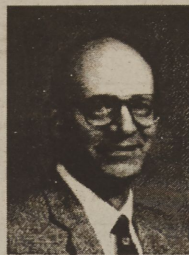
"Roomies" by Ray Seitz

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- 1. Salt



**YOUNG**

No change in points this week!

(You're really beginning to disappoint me, guys.)

Sherman leads, 1 to 0!

And you really need a new picture Frank. You had dark hair? Update the faculty page!



**SHERMAN**

This week's word: "hijinks"

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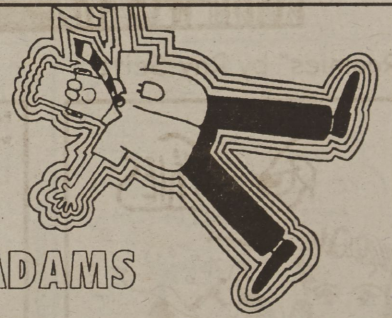
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BY

SCOTT ADAMS



**YOU SPILLED RED WINE ON YOUR SHIRT.**

**YOU SHOULD DILUTE IT WITH WHITE WINE.**

**YOU'LL THANK ME FOR THIS LATER.**

**I THINK THAT HELPED.** **YOU NEED SALT TO ABSORB IT.**

**TRY MY MARGARITA.**

**SALT DIDN'T WORK. LET'S TRY PEPPER SPRAY.** **PERHAPS LIGHTER FLUID...**

**NO HARM IN TRYING.** **I HAVE ONE MORE IDEA.**

**JUST ONCE, I'D LIKE TO GO TO A PARTY AND NOT BE SET ON FIRE.** **THERE'S A STAIN ON YOUR RAG.**

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