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Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Friday, October 30, 1998

Laptop thefts on the rise, student carelessness a factor

by Craig Pohlman Thorn News Reporter

An unusual trend has begun this year concerning laptop com-

Eleven laptops have already been stolen this year, according to Mary Anne Pierce, Laptop Coordinator.

This is a significant increase over the 47 that were stolen in the previous three years combined.

Two laptops taken from vehicles off-campus were a sophomore's Texas Instruments on September 15 and a junior's AMS PowerCD on September 24. Those thefts occurred during the middle of the night.

During fall break, the Sigma Nu fraternity house was burglarized on October 16, resulting in the theft of three seniors' AMS SoundWaves and two AMS PowerCDs. Those thefts also occurred during the night.

The three most notable thefts occurred from the coat room in the Hulman Memorial Union.

ments laptop was left unattended during lunch and was missing upon owner's return. About a week later, two freshman Acer laptops were stolen during breakfast, also left unattended in the coat room.

None of the three laptops in the lockers adiacent to the coat room.

The laptops were apparently an easy target for thieves.

"If someone decides to steal my car, they are going to be watching for me to get careless. If I leave it unlocked or the keys in the ignition, I've helped a thief succeed at his game, Pierce stated. "I see laptops left On October 13, a Texas Instru- alone all over the campus. I



Many students leave their laptops in the coat room while they enter the dining room for meals. This can make the computers a prime target for thefts.

think too many students are relying on that old adage, 'It won't happen to me.' Wrong."

The laptop committee is currently seeking ideas to help pre-

Dr. Tom Roper, laptop committee chair and mechanical engineering department chair recently brought up the issue to

Roper was asked what he thought of the recent thefts.

make "Don't fellow students pay for your carelessness," Roper, mented "The best protection is to be care-

Incidentally, the insurance deductible has doubled since the laptop program started four years ago. Based on current trends, further thefts could lead to an even higher

insurance rate.

were posted in the Union, advising students to secure their laptops while eating in the cafeteria. However, some students have continued to leave their laptops unattended, an attractive sight for would-be thieves.

LAPTOP **FACTS**

Laptops stolen in the past three academic years: 47

> 32 off-campus 15 on-campus

Laptops stolen this year: 11

2 off-campus 9 on-campus

Laptops in use: over 1800

Loaner laptops: 72

Quarterly insurance, service, and administration fee per student: \$75

Insurance claims paid:

1997 - \$64,211 1998 - \$40,036

First annual Battle of the Bands plays on Saturday

by Ryan Zaricki and Nino Davi **Student Activities Board**

At 7 p.m. Saturday night in Moench Auditorium, Student Activities Board (SAB) is planning on holding Rose-Hulman's first ever Battle of the Bands,
All audience members will be

given a chance to decide who deserves the \$200 grand prize.

Each of the four distinctly dif-ferent bands will have thirty minutes to impress the audience with their musical expertise.

their musical expertise.
First up is a happy ska rock band hailing from BSB 1. The Capricious Dogmatics consist of Andy Maxson, Nick Cramer, Noah Siegel and Wilson Hubbell.
Next, you will hear Capt'n Rico and the Elven Power Trio. This alternative rock band's members are David Drapac, Mike Shelvin, and Chris Hawk.
Third is an "unk" band featuring Michael Zavatsky, John Matthews, and Edy Escuardo-Raffo, who refer to themselves as

thews, and Edy Escuardo-Raffo, who refer to themselves as Homenade Spam.

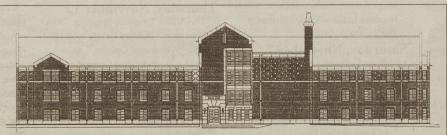
Finally, The John Cassidy Band, Anthony Shelburn, Scott Stephonson, Sean Smith, and Jason Carter, will be playing a medley of blues, folk and rock.

So instead of destroying neighborhood houses this Halloween, come over to Moench Auditorium at 7 p.m. where you can find

rium at 7 p.m. where you can find out why Rose-Hulman will soon be synonymous with the phrase "musical hotbed".

New residence hall to be built

Architects will present design on Tuesday



An artist's conception of the new residence hall. The hall will be built by Speed Lake next to Speed Hall. The building was designed to resemble the style of Deming Hall, according to Wayne Spary.

by Mike Oder Thorn News Reporter

With so many freshmen this year, some of whom have been forced to live in a small room with two roommates, it has become apparent that on-campus housing is currently insufficient. To accommodate for such a large number of students living on campus, the Board of Trustees unanimously voted to add a new residence hall, with construction due to start this December.

The new hall, unnamed, will be on Speed Lake west of Speed hall. It should be completed in November of 1999, and will have the capacity to hold 216 students with two students in

each room. Every two rooms will share a bathroom and a shower. There will be an apartment in the basement to house a graduate student, along with classroom for the Learning

The hall is designed to house and help sophomores, since the greatest amount of students leave during their sophomore year. This plan is in accordance with the demands of Lilly, which will hopefully provide the school with a \$5 million grant. However, if money is not obtained from Lilly, the hall can still be built with money left over from previous projects, according to Wayne Spary, Vice President

A unique characteristic of the construction plan is that students will be able to provide input on the features of the new residence hall. The architects for the building will give a presentation on Tues-day, November 3 at 5 p.m. in the GM Room. All students are invited to attend, and their input is encouraged.

Plans for the new residence hall began in the summer of 1996. The original design would house 144 students, but the Board decided to increase occupancy to avoid a housing crunch in the near future Hopefully, on-campus housing will be adequate for future classes, even if they do happen to be larger than expected.

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THIS WEEKEND

- Halloween
- You're never too old to go trick-or-treating

NEXT WEEK Tuesday:

- Blood drive
- New residence hall presentation

This Weekend

Friday, October 30

- Admissions' On Campus Day, Kahn Rooms, Hulman Union
- 10:50-11:40 a.m.: Biomedical Engineering Seminar, Denny Ware of Roche Diagnostics, O-201
- 7 p.m.: Women's Fraternity Bid Day
- 7 p.m.: Men's & Women's Swimming, vs. Principia College, Sports & Recreation Center
- Career Services' Interviews: Procter & Gamble, Amdoes Inc., Seagram Joseph

Saturday, October 31

- 10 a.m.: Men's Soccer, vs. Hendrix College, Rendel Field
- 10 a.m.: Rifle, at Tennessee Tech University, Cookeville, Tenn.
- 1 p.m.: Football, at Earlham College, Richmond, Ind. (Game Broadcast On WJSH-AM, 1300, At 12:45 p.m.)
- 2 p.m.: Volleyball, vs. Grace College, Hulbert Arena
- 2 p.m.: Men's & Women's Swimming, Rose-Hulman Relays, Sports & Recreation Center
- 4-6 p.m.: Trick-of-Treats (For Children Of Rose-Hulman Faculty & Staff), Third Floor, BSB Residence Hall

November 1 - November 7

Sunday, November 1 • 9 a.m.: Rifle, at Murray State University,

- Murray, Ky.
- · Noon: Men's Soccer, vs. Rhodes College, Jim Rendel Field
- · 8 p.m.: Astronomy Club Meeting, Lynn Reeder Observatory

Monday, November 2 • 7-8:30 p.m.: College Fair '98, Hulman

- Center, Indiana State University
- · Career Services' Interviews: Indiana Precision Technology (Co-op/ Internships), Lexmark International Inc., Morton International Inc., Software Engineering Professionals, VLSI Technology Inc

Tuesday, November 3

- a.m.-5 p.m.: Fall Quarter Blood Drive, Kahn Rooms, Hulman Union
- Noon-3 p.m.: Flu Shot Clinic For Faculty & Staff, E-204, Moench Hall
- 5 p.m.: Presentation On Preliminary Plans For New Residence Hall, Site To Be Announced
- 7-8:30 p.m.: Explore Engineering Meeting (Science Projects), Auditorium, Moench Hall
- 7 p.m.: Volleyball, at Franklin College, Franklin, Ind.
- Career Services' Interviews: Bethlehem Steel Corp., Tellabs, Ralston Purina
- 6-8 p.m.: Company Information Session: Tellabs, Hulman Union, 6-8 p.m., Raytheon Systems Co., Hulman Union

Wednesday, November 4 • 11 a.m.-5 p.m.: Fall Quarter Blood

- Drive, Kahn Rooms, Hulman Union
- 9 a.m.-Noon: Flu Shot Clinic For Faculty

November 1 - 7 (cont.)

- & Staff, E-204, Moench Hall
- · Educational Seminar, "Development And Delivery Of Courses And Other Programs By New Media," Dede Plaza, Indiana State University
- 6-8 p.m.: Water Polo Club Meeting, Swimming Pool, Sports & Recreation
- · Career Services' Interviews: Bethlehem Steel Corp., Raytheon Systems Co.

- Thursday, November 5
 Educational Seminar, "Development And Delivery Of Courses And Other Programs By New Media," Dede Plaza, Indiana State University
- · 6 p.m.: Rifle, vs. Univ. of Missouri-Kansas City, Cook Stadium Rifle Range
- · Career Services' Interviews: Cole Associates Inc.; Crowe, Chizek & Co.; Microsoft Corp.; The Trane Co.; the University of Illinois; Ritchie Engineering, Inc.

Friday, November 6

- Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Fall Sports Festival
 - Volleyball, Sports & Recreation
 - 10 a.m.-3 p.m.: First Round Matches
 - 5:30 p.m.: Loser's Brachet Matches
 - 8 p.m.: Semifinal Matches
- 7 p.m.: Men's & Women's Swimming, vs. Illinois Wesleyan Univ., Sports & Recreation Center
- · Career Services' Interviews: Magnequench, Microsoft Corp., Northern Indiana Public Service Co., The Trane Co., UOP

Saturday, November 7

- Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Fall Sports Festival:
 - 10 a.m.: Women's Cross Country Championships, Bird/Gibson Recreation Area
 - 11 a.m.: Men's Cross Country Championships, Bird/Gibson Recreation Area
 - Volleyball Tournament, Sports & Recreation Center:
 - 11 a.m.-3 p.m.: Placement
 - 5:30 p.m.: Championship Match
- · Noon: Men's Soccer, vs. DePauw University, Jim Rendel Field
- 1:30 p.m.: Football, at DePauw University, Greencastle (Game Broadcast On WJSH-AM, 1300, 1:15

November 8 - November 14

Sunday, November 8

• 8 p.m.: Astronomy Club Meeting, Lynn Reeder Observatory

Monday, November 9 • 10:50-11:40 a.m.: Biomedical

- Engineering Seminar, Dr. Tony Nasser of Indiana Heart Institute, O-201
- · Career Services' Interviews: Adaptive Micro-Ware, Inc.: Clark Dietz, Inc.

November 8 - 14 (cont.)

Cummins Engine Co.; Deloitte and Touche; Digital Audio Disc Corp.; Eli

- Tuesday, November 10
 4:30 p.m.: Institute Meeting For Faculty & Staff, E-104
- 5:30 p.m.: Student Government Association Meeting, GM Room, Moench Hall
- Career Services' Interviews: Archer Daniels Midland Co., The Boeing Co., Diesel Technology Co., Dwyer Instruments, HNTB Corp., Mack Trucks

Wednesday, November 11

- a.m.: President's Administrative Council, Kahn Room, Hulman Union
- 1-4 p.m.: Admissions' On Campus Day, Kahn Rooms, Hulman Union
- 3-5 p.m.: Faculty & Staff Open Forum On Institute's Strategic Goals/Plans For Future, GM Room, Moench Hall
- 5 p.m.: Intramural Cross Country Meet, Sports & Recreation Center (Entry Deadline Is Nov. 10)
- 6-8 p.m.: Water Polo Club Meeting, Swimming Pool, Sports & Recreation
- 6:30-8 p.m.: Company Information Session: Inland Steel, Hulman Union
- 7 p.m.: National Society of Black Engineers' General Meeting, Hulman
- · Career Services' Interviews: Boston Scientific, Braun Technology Group, Cinergy, Qwest Communications. Walbro Corp.

Thursday, November 12 • TIAA/CREF Financial Seminars, "Asset

- Allocation," Hulman Union, 9-10:15 a.m.; "Withdrawal Options," 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.: Individual Counseling Sessions Available During Afternoon
- 10:50-11:40 a.m.: Biomedical Engineering Seminar, William Cook of Cook Group Inc., O-201
- · Career Services' Interviews: Geneer, Inland Steel
- 6-8 p.m.: Company Information Session: Schlumberger, Hulman Union

Friday, November 13 • TIAA/CREF Financial Seminars,

- Individual Counseling Sessions During
- 10:50-11:40 a.m.: Biomedical Engineering Seminar, Jerome Klawitter of Ascension Orthopedics, Inc. (Austin, Texas), O-201
- 7 p.m.: Men's & Women's Swimming, vs. Vincennes University, Sports and Recreation Center
- Career Services' Interviews: Anvik Corp., Arvin Gladstone Plant, National Air Intelligence Center/MSC, Schlumberger

Saturday, November 14

- 9 a.m.-1 p.m.: Rose-Hulman High School Mathematics Contest, Auditorium, Moench Hall
- 1:30 p.m.: Football, vs. Centre College, Phil Brown Field, (Game Broadcast On

November 8 - 14 (cont.)

- WJSH-AM, 1300, At 1:15 p.m.)
- · Men's & Women's Cross Country, at NCAA Division III Regional, Adrian, Mich., 10 a.m. (Women)/11 a.m. (Men)

Art Exhibit

- Second Floor, Hadley Hall
- · Art objects and handicrafts that Rose-Hulman faculty member Antonio de la Cova recently brought back from Indonesia are currently on display. The exhibit is available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays

Future File

- Nov. 16-19: Final Exams For Final Quarter
- Nov. 19: End Of Fall Quarter, 5 p.m.
- Nov. 20: Deadline For Winter Quarter
- Nov. 21: Retirement Dinner For Peter Priest, Hulman Union, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 23: Deadline For Fall Ouarter Grades, Registrar's Office, 9 a.m.
- Nov. 23-27: Quarter Break
- Nov. 24: Service Club Luncheon, Main Dining Room, Hulman Union, Noon
- Nov. 28: Men's Basketball, vs. Aurora Univ., Hulbert Arena, 3 p.m. · Nov. 30: Men's Basketball, vs. Indiana
- Univ.-East, 7:30 p.m. • Dec. 1: Women's Basketball, vs.
- Greenville College, 7 p.m. • Dec. 4-5: Wrestling, Little State
- Tournament, SRC • Dec. 4-6: Rifle, Engineer Junior Olympics Meet, Cook Stadium Range
- Dec. 5: Fine Arts Series, Baltimore Consort, Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 8/10: Career Fair, Moench Hall Auditorium, All Day
- Dec. 8: Institute Meeting, E-104, Moench Hall, 4:30 p.m.
- Dec. 9: Career Services' "Dinner With Industry," Kahn Room, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 11: Wrestling, vs. Olivet and Wabash, SRC, 6:30 p.m.
- Celebration, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Submissions To Campus Events

Events may be published in Campus Events by organization individual. or 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

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 Pham Thorn News Reporter

Friday, October 23

Amid controversy of death by steroids, an autopsy of Olympic star Florence Griffith Joyner revealed that she died of suffocation during an epileptic seizure caused by a congenital brain abnormality.

The Federal Reserve planned another interest rate cut to counter the world financial crisis.

commissioner David Stern cancelled the first two Stern cancelled the first two Pfizer, the makers of Viagra, weeks of the season when over will have their first TV commer-200 NBA players voted to never accept a hard salary cap.

An L.A. radio DJ offered Monnot to ask her any questions involving her and the President.

The death toll in Texas due to flooding has risen to two people.

gasoline pipeline caught fire in southwestern Nigeria. Ironically, cages.

many injured people did not go to the hospital because they were among over 1,000 people stealing gasoline when the pipe broke and fear retribution for the explo-

Monday, October 26

NATO stood ready to strike if Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic did not remove his troops from the province of Kosed ovo. More than 250 people have to died and 400,000 have been misplaced since the occupation began in February.

cial in attempts to revive sales of the drug.

Yasser Arafat signed an agreeica Lewinsky \$500,000 for an ment to give Palestinians 40% of interview in which he promised the West Bank. Many Palestinians trusted the agreement.

Tuesday, October 27

In Michigan, an animal rights Over 700 people died when a group is suspected of releasing over 5,000 minks from their

The FBI offered \$100,000 for information leading to the murderer of Dr. Barnett Slepian, an abortion doctor.

A computer glitch shut down to \$1.2 million. the New York Stock Exchange for one hour on Monday.

Hurricane Mi

Dreamworks SKG is planning to sell movie tickets in \$20 gift packages available at Wal-Mart for its release of "Prince of Egypt". Aside from the ticket, the package contains a story-book and a CD with the movie soundtrack

Catcher Mike Piazza received a seven-year, \$91 million contract with the New York Mets.

Wednesday, October 28

President Clinton promised \$156 million to help combat AIDS among African Americans and Hispanics

The FAA warned pilots not to fly within six hours after taking Viagra because the drug can

The 1000-year-old, 174-page Archimedes Palimpsest will go on auction in New York. The book's value is estimated at up

Hurricane Mitch is approaching the U.S. coastline. It is the fourth most powerful Atlantic storm ever, with wind speeds of

Olympic gymnast Dominique Moceanu won adult rights from her parents.

Brazil is receiving \$24 billion in international funding to help the country out of its recession.

Soon, a Six Flags theme park will be within a day's drive to 90% of the U.S. when the corporation adds four new parks and uses over \$160 million to remodel the parks.

Thursday, October 28

John Glenn, 77, became the oldest man in space when the affect their vision of cockpit shuttle Discovery lifted off at

Kennedy Space Center at 2 p.m. Glenn last orbited Earth in 1962

New Hampshire statehouses were closed on Wednesday when two bombs were found in the downtown libraries

On "Devil's Night", 30,000 volunteers patrolled Detroit streets to stop arsonists from lighting up cars and abandoned houses the night before Hallow

Approximately 8,000 Indonesian students marched toward the capital, Jakarta, to demand removal of President B.J. Habibie because of political turmoil and the worst economic crisis in 30 years.

U.S. companies are holding back expansion because uncertainties over the economy.

The NBA will cancel all games through November 30.

Explorers found Cleopatra's lost island, Antirhodos in Alexandria, Egypt.

Learning Center offers free, helpful services

by J.W. Hawley Thorn News Reporter

What if there was a huge collection of files including professors' notes, old tests, and information on the best procedures used for lab reports and papers? Better yet, what if there was a whole support network of individual tutors that help students score better on tests and (more importantly) learn material for the long term? Rose-Hulman already supports a program that provides all these services and more, and it's FREE.

It's called the Rose-Hulman Learning Center, and its experienced staff and friendly tutors are here to make Rose students' academic life more rewarding. As Susan Smith, Director of the Learn-

ing Center, states, "We are trying to his or her subject matter, but knows provide a variety of support pro- what material has or has not been grams that will increase retention covered by the professor. and improve student academic success." With a tutoring program that focuses on and provides for individual learning styles, the Learning Center offers an academic experience suited for any major and stu-

ing services, there is also access to entering students, an experience all the files mentioned above as well as supplemental instruction in Calculus, Physics, and (the bane of by new students at Rose. There is your existence) IFYCSEM. This now an opportunity to take advanextra help is provided by a current tage of that insight by liberally Rose student who has already passed the course and is attending it with the students. This approach provides a tutor that not only knows comer to our campus, having

Susan Smith, director of the Learning Center and a professor of English at Rose, is in her eleventh year. During this time, she has overseen much of the growth of the pro-A regular instructor Freshman Composition, she enjoys In addition to its important tutor- the opportunity to interact with which has provided her with a good deal of insight into problems faced using the services provided by the Rose-Hulman Learning Center.

Carrie McCammon is a new-

replaced the former Assistant Director, Laura Sanders, this August. Possessing a Masters of Science in Mathematics Education and three years of public school teaching experience, Carrie is familiar with problems that students encounter in their studies and is equipped to help overcome them.

The Learning Center, located in the lower level of Logan Library, has office hours from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday.

Walk-ins and appointments are welcomed to take advantage of the many services they offer in addition to those described. The Learning Center is a service available for all Rose students.

Computer Tip of the Week

Faster way to restart Windows

If you wish to restart Windows on your computer, but you do not need to restart the entire computer, then here is a faster way to accomplish this. Go to the Start menu and choose "Shut Down". Select Restart the computer", and while holding SHIFT, click "Yes."

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Blood drive next week

by Neil McCracken

RHA Service Coordinator
The annual fall blood drive will be Nov. 3 and 4 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m in the Kahn Room. All donors will receive a free T-shirt and will be

registered to win prizes.
All students are encouraged to par ticipate. The floors with the largest number of donors and greatest percentage of participants will each receive \$125 for their floor accounts. The fraternity with the greatest percentage of donations will receive pizza, the President's Plaque and a chance to lake Tom Miller if more than 325 pints are donated. The sorority with the greatest donations will receive

Potential donors that cannot donate because they are under-weight or low in iron count may donate an hour of their time wearing the Charlie Corpuscle outfit. Wearing the outfit will count for credit for their floor, fraternity or sorority.

CLUB OF THE WEEK

Anime Society by Nick Hurlburt

SGA Publicity Director

The Rose-Hulman Anime Society, in its first year of SGA recognition, offers students a safe way to relax after classes every Friday night.

Starting at 7:30 p.m. in the GM Room, the club features Japanese animation movies and television series, an often hard-to-find form of

entertainment.

Watching movies is not all the Anime Society does. Last year the club took two trips to an Indianapolis restaurant for a Japanese dinner. As it is still a young club, new members with new ideas are welcome. There are no requirements for membership, only an interest in a unique form of expression originating from a unique

TO CONTACT THE ANIME SOCIETY:

Visit the Anime Society web page at: http://www.rose-hulman.edu/Users/ groups/Anime/Public/

Contacts:

President: Sara Miller

Vice-President: Buckner Creel

'Club of the Week" is a publicity service provided by the SGA to all of its recognized clubs. If you are interested in an article featuring you club, please contact the SGA office at ext. 8446.

Movie Review: Pleasantville

Stunning visuals make for great film



Travis
Holler

Thorn
Features Editor

Opening Notes: A brother and sister are fighting over the remote control. The somewhat shy brother wants to watch the all-day "Pleasantville" Marathon in hopes of winning the sweepstakes prize, while his sister is having a guy come over, and she wants to watch the concert. The remote control breaks, and, because the TV is so new, it has no knob to turn manually, so it looks like everyone's out of luck. Luckily, door to door TV Repairman Don Knotts knocks on their door right at that moment and lets them use a "special" remote control. When they fight over this one, they are accidentally sucked into the saccharine world of TV's "Pleasantville." From then on, the action follows their efforts to fit in with the townsfolk and their conservative values.

The Cast: Tobey Maguire (The Ice Storm) and Reese Witherspoon (Fear) play brother and sister David and Jennifer, respectively. The two are polar opposites, David as a homebody who spends most of his free time in front of the television, while Jennifer is working her way towards becoming the town slut.

Once they are transported into the television, David and Jennifer become Bud and Mary Sue, the stereotypically perfect 50's sitcom children. Both of them give good performances, especially Maguire in one of his first starring roles.

Former Oscar Nominee William H. Macy (Fargo, Air Force One) plays the 50's era father, George Parker, and, as per usual, gives an excellent performance. Jeff

Daniels (Dumb and Dumber) plays Mr. Johnson, the Malt Shop owner who yearns to be an artist. Don Knotts (The Andy Griffith Show) and perennial villain J.T. Walsh (The Negotiator) are just a few of the recognizable actors who round out the rest of the cast.

The Plot: A brother and sister are sucked into their television set and suddenly find themselves trapped in a black-and-white "Leave it to Beaver" style 50's television show. In Pleasantville, everyone has their standard-issue loving parents, old-fashioned values, and an overwhelming amount of innocence and naivete. Not sure how to get home, David and Jenni-



fer integrate themselves into this society. However, with their 90's values, they slowly begin changing the town. However, as everything around them changes, except the conservative attitudes, they have to work together to save the ultra-conservative townspeople from themselves.

The Good: Where do I start? This movie was great in nearly every regard. It is rare to see a film these days that mixes all the elements of filmmaking to actually further the film. Not only does *Pleasantville* do so, but also it flaunts it, going from color to bland-and-white and back again, to signify the changes and upheaval in the town of Pleasantville. As

the colors appear gradually in the town, the visual scenery is nothing short of fantastic.

All the actors deliver quality performances in the film, which offers a nostalgic look at old-fashioned values, while giving them a well-needed facelift in the process. Director Gary Ross (in his directorial debut) obviously knows how to put his vision on film, because this is an amazing piece of cinema.

The Bad: I do not know if there was anything bad about the film. It seemed that in some places, the moral message might have gotten a little too heavy-handed, but the fact of the matter is that this movie actually has a message, as opposed

to stock Hollywood action drivel. Other than that, and Don Knotts being in it (How old is that guy anyways?), there was little, if anything, to complain about in this film.

The Ugly: The movie really offered some stunning artwork and colors, so there was hardly anything that could be classified as ugly in this movie. There was, however, one window mural that was pretty shoddy looking, but all in all, this movie offered some really should be a supported to the color of the

fered some of the most stunning visuals seen on a theater screen in years... There is nothing that can really be considered ugly in this one.

Closing Notes: All in all one of the best films I have seen in quite some time. The combination of quality acting, stunning visuals and an interesting plot makes *Pleasantyille* a movie that any fan of quality cinema or movies in general will be sure to enjoy.

On a scale of 1 to 4 (with 4 being classic and 1 being any episode of *The New Leave it to Beaver*), I give this movie a 4. The visuals are some of the best I have ever seen in a film.

Another Stephen King Movie?

Apt Pupil tackles Nazism in gruesome fashion

By Robert Kober Thorn Columnist

Opening Notes: A brilliant teenager discovers the identity of a nazi war criminal hiding in America, confirms his identity by using Internet databases and dusting the old guy's mailbox for fingerprints. The boy confronts the old man with a strange demand: "I want to hear all about it. The stories. Everything they were afraid to tell us in school. No one can tell it better than you."

The Cast: Veteran Actor Ian McKellen stars as Kurt Dussander, a Nazi war criminal living a hermits life, hiding out in America under a false name. Brad Renfro (*The Client, Sleepers*) plays the brilliant teenager Todd Bowden. Friends star David Schwimmer has a supporting role as Edward French, Todd's high

French, Todd's high school guidance councilor. Supporting east includes Elias Koteas as the homeless drunkard Archie and *Dawson's Creek's* Joshua Jackson (Paccy) as Todd's friend Joey.

The Plot: After Todd discovers the old man's identity, he proceeds to use the threat of turning him over to the Israelis to blackmail him into telling his stories of the holocaust. The old man is

outraged, but trapped. He shares his memories. And the film, to its disgrace, allows him to linger on the morbid details: "Although the gas came from the nozzles at the top, still they tried to climb. And climbing, they died in a mountain of themselves." As the film progresses, Dussander

regresses back to his wartime behavior while Todd begins to transform into a Nazi. Todd brings Dussander a Nazi uniform and orders him to march while he wears it: "Attention! March! Face right!" When the old man protests, Todd shouts, "What you've suffered with me is nothing compared to what the Israelis would do to you. Now move!"



Brad Renfro stars as high school student Todd Bowden.



The Good: Based on a novel by Stephen King, "Apt Pupil" uses the horrors of the Holocaust as an atmospheric backdrop for King's more conventional horror tactics. The movie is well made by director Brian Singer (The Usual Suspects) and Ian McKellen's performance is stellar. Acting by Brad Renfro and the supporting cast was good and possibly saved "Apt Pupil" from being a complete loss.

The Bad: "Apt Pupil" addressed some very powerful postwar issues, but spent too much time dwelling on the gruesome details of Nazi behavior to have significant impact on the audience other than an unabashed disgust for the characters. Two scenes stand out as being gratuitous and just plain bad. In the first, Dussander finds the

neighbors cat and the audience is led to believe that he is bringing it inside to give it some food. However, what he actually attempts to do is revolting. He turns the gas oven on and attempts to force the cat inside. The film's ending leaves some doubt

as to whether or not he was successful. The second scene takes place on the high school basketball court (which bore a striking resemblance to Old School Shook Fieldhouse). After Todd has a heated argument with his best friend, he notices an injured bird and proceeds to kill the defenseless creature with the basketball.

The Ugly: A homeless man discovered Dussander's true identity from documents that Todd had thrown away and followed the old man home to try to get some liquor and money. After Dussander invites him in, Dussander stabs him in the back and shoves him down a flight of stairs into the basement, but fails to kill him. He then calls Todd over to finish the job, "Now we see what you are made of!" Dussander says as he locks Todd in the basement with the bum. Even though any mere mortal would have long since been dead, he rears up and frightens Todd who proceeds to hit him in the head with a shovel until he's dead.

Closing Notes: At the end, after it is far too late for the film to change, there is a weak attempt to convey some semblance of moral-

ity, including the poetryquoting patient in the next hospital bed. He recites that John Donne poem, about how no man is an island, about how we are all part of the larger humanity, and ends with the words: "Never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

On a scale of 1 to 4 (with 4 being classic and 1 being the average Stephen King novel to movie conversion), I give this movie a 2.5.



Sir Ian McKellan stars as former Nazi soldier Kurt Dussander.

Photos courtesy of Sony Pictures

ketters to the Editor

I am a senior mechanical engineer preparing for graduation. As many seniors are, I have been going to group meetings, running through interviews, and preparing to get out of here. Registration for classes was two weeks ago, and being a senior, I thought I would get all of the classes I needed or wanted. Well, this year that is not the case.

The week after registration, I received a letter from the registrar's office stating I would not be able to take Technical Communications winter quarter. I was only a little angry, until I read the justification for why I was kicked out.

The first reason stated was that the class was overloaded and another professor to teach the class could not be found. Then, the letter said that the first priority was given to junior EE/CO's since it is a prerequisite for their upcoming classes. This I could understand. Finally, the letter said that the next priority went to junior ME's with senior ME's bringing up the rear. This was the point I flew off the handle. Since when do juniors get priority over seniors, and why wasn't

informed of when I was planning my schedule

Now, I am not slamming on juniors here, I am just trying to get everything I need to graduate. I only have two quarters to go and all of the professors warn you not to put tech. comm. off to the spring quarter of your senior year. I didn't take tech. comm. last year since I wasn't doing well in my classes, and I didn't have a topic. I really didn't feel I would have the time to devote to it last year.

Trying to work my way back into winter quarter tech. comm., I started with the registrar's office. They sent me to the coordinator of the Technical Communications classes. I was told that the reason why the junior ME's had higher priority was because they "need" tech. comm. for their senior design classes. I was then referred to my advisor. We tried to work out my schedule, but I still couldn't get it locked up. My advisor agreed with the points I stated and suggested I talk to the department head.

I stated my case to the department head, and I was informed of how this decision came about. A committee that discussed the ME curriculum decided that junior

ME's needed tech. comm. for their design classes and it would benefit them more than the seniors since they could apply it to four quarters of class work.

I do not agree with this decision for several reasons. First, I am currently taking some of these senior design courses, without having taken tech. comm., and I am doing well. I do not believe that junior ME's "need" tech. comm. for their design courses. Second, seniors only have two quarters left. Now we have to rearrange our schedules and take classes we had not intended to take or do not want to take. Don't you think junior ME's have a little more play in the next four quarters than I do in one quar-I think the senior ME's should be given priority and the juniors can take it spring quarter. Spring quarter is going to be busy with me finishing up classes, finding a job, and preparing to move, and time will be a precious and rare commodity. Third, why were we not notified of this decision prior to last week? I have had my schedule planned for the last two years, and it would have been nice to have known this decision then. Finally, it is disrespectful to the seniors who have paid their dues to Rose for the past three years. We have been

here longer, worked through it all be accomplished if the problem and this is the congratulations we get?

I would like to see this situation rectified in the future so seniors down the road are not treated the same way this year's seniors have

Sara Brown (ME '99)

Dear Mr. Editor,

I am writing in regard to the recent problems that many of my fellow classmates in mechanical engineering are having regarding registration for Technical Com munication. I am aware that Technical Communications is a required class for graduation. am also relieved that I decided to take Technical Communications in the Fall 1998 Term instead of the Winter Term, so that I am not a part of this problem.

I am not going to rant and rave about how senior undergraduate students should have first choice for classes. I do believe, though, that it does make sense for this to be the case, because most of us are graduating in May and want to leave Rose-Hulman with a degree.

This is a problem caused by the miscommunication among the various academic departments and the Registrar. Far more will

was actually solved rather then just talking about it

In order to help find a solution l am proposing the following idea:

A possible solution is to find a professor that will be able to teach such a class. This professor need not be from the Humanities Department at Rose-Hulman, but should have background as to what is necessary for good technical communication. Based upon this, perhaps any willing professor from any of the science engineering departments could conduct the class with minimal guidance. There are about 23 senior undergraduate students who have been told to reschedule Why can't a whole section be made just for this group? This is probably plenty for such a class.

I am suggesting an addition of an extra section because of the fact many of these seniors have plans to also obtain an area minor This decreases the flexibility of their schedules. I hope that a solution is found to address this problem, as I do not want to see my fellow classmates having to stay around Rose-Hulman for an extra term just to get Technical Communication.

Rahul Laxman Iyer (ME '99)

Rose-Hulman Horoscopes

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)

You're not fooling anybody. Why can't you face the facts? Nobody's ever going to believe that you are Gorbachev's love child. I don't care if you do have two birthmarks just like his.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)

Don't do it. You'll regret it. It's not appropriate around here. Why don't you just go somewhere like Iceland? You can get away with all kinds of stuff there, just don't taunt the cows.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Now would be a good time to take up a hobby. Darning socks is always fun, and if you can't get a job after graduation, It could turn out to be a profitable business. I see a sign reading "Unholy Feet.'

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

You haven't had the best of luck lately, I A man once told me "Good luck comes to those who are patient." The next day he was hit by a snow plow, it was the middle of August. I miss him.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You'll have to do some quick thinking when your one touch microwave breaks right before the big dinner party you're planning. My advice to you is to think to yourself, "What would Tonya Harding do?"

Pisces (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)

You're very gullible. You need to quit believing everything people tell you. Watch out! If you don't leave Terre Haute soon, a horde of flying monkeys will hunt you down and take you to their hide-

Aries (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19)

Sasquatch is bothering you again isn't he? Remember, his one weakness is Turtle Wax. One bottle is enough to remove every hair on his body and send him running back to the forests of the Northwestern United States.

Taurus (Apr. 20 - May 20)

The Sun is shining for the Tauruses this week, even though everybody else's forecast is partly cloudy. It's like your own personal summer day, making the rest of us feel like crap. Are you happy

Gemini (May 21 - June 21)
Things aren't as bad as they seem. You'll

make some new friends before the end of the year. Your old ones were too good for you anyways. This time just remember... Wash, Rinse, Repeat.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22)

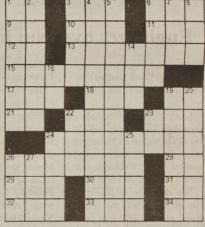
When conflicts arise, you must avoid them at all costs. The best way to do this is to change the subject. If that doesn't work, point and say, "What's that over there?" then run the other way.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)

This is going to be one of those Jan Brady You'll get calls from your "boyfriend" and put your hair in an afro, but everybody still likes Marsha better, and you're going to have to get glasses.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

I see something hot and steamy in your future, but it will come to an abrupt stop when you get whacked on the head with a frying pan. I don't know why, but you probably deserve it. You can be



Across

1 One Half of a pair

3 What did you say?

6 Not Lost

9 One before a vowel

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12 Classic Japanese

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22 Study of people

(prefix)

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2 Primary Cell Terminals

3 Arizona Indian

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14 and Haw

16 Carry out

19 Here & there (Latin)

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24 Wire Nail

25 Dick Van

26 Healthy Resort 27Female fowl

> Turn to Page 7 for the Answers

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Thorn Athlete of the Week Jennifer Krause, volleyball

By Don Cole Thorn Sports Editor Indiana, has excelled in the athletic arena' since high school. She earned four base kethall

Jennifer Krause has come bright spot for this year's Engineer volley ball team. The fresh-

man has been one of team's leaders all season

long, a fact that has pleased head volleyball coach Brenda Davis.

Krause has played every game this season and leads the team with 83 blocks, 36 of them solo. She has also proven her worth as a killer, leading the team with 296 in that category.

Krause exploded for the team this weekend, racking up 41 kills in three games, leading the team in each game in that category. She also aided the Engineer cause with 18 blocks in the same three games.

The freshman civil engineering student from Danville,

and three ball letters in her high school

senior. Freshman Jennifer Krause she was

> and volleyball, and was an honorable mention for an allsuburban team by the India-

career.

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She also owns a plethora of records at Danville High School, including a career 58% field goal mark and the most kills in school history. As a senior volleyball star, she set high marks for kills, blocks, and serving percent-

While this year may have been disappointing for the volleyball team, Krause is a bright spot who should lead the team

Volleyball road warriors return home this weekend

By Don Cole Thorn Sports Editor

Rose-Hulman's volleyball squad finally returns home after an exhaustive twenty-match road trip, taking them to nearly every corner of the South.

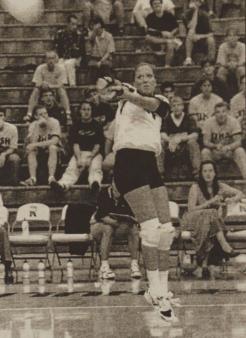
This past weekend found them in somewhat familiar surroundings at old ICAC rival Hanover for the annual Hanover Tri-Match. neers lost both of their matches, one to IU-Southeast 3-1, and the other to host Hanover, 3-

Rose nearly surged back to take their first match against IU-Southeast on Saturday, winning the third set before dropping the third, 15-8.

Kate Buchanan and Jennifer Krause both made huge efforts in the loss. Buchanan led the team with 20 assists and 15 digs, while Krause led the group with six blocks and 12 kills

the Engineers in straight sets.

Freshman Tara Strahle stepped contributed nine kills. Buchanan



Michelle Unger hits the ball during a rare home gam earlier this year. The Engineers finally return home this Saturday to face Grace College. The Engineers will also host the SCAC Conference Championship tournament next weekend

Traditional foe Hanover proved up in the losing effort, leading the of two matches before the SCAC

served up three aces while Krause

once again led her assists

Rose also played a match Tuesday in Earlham in eastern Indiana, losing a hotly co match 3-2. contested team came back to win the fourth set after going down 2-1, but lost the final match, 15-13.

Two freshmen had big days for the team, Strahle with 23 digs, a season high, and Fiona with a couple of Jenny aces. McGuire had a season high with 35 assists, while Krause kept her good play going with 20 kills and three blocks.

The Engineers return home this Saturday to take on Grace College at noon, their first

a more difficult test, as they beat way with 19 digs. Michelle Unger Conference Championship next weekend, also here at Rose.

Engineers overrun in Illinois

By Mark Dudley Rose-Hulman Cross-Country

Several runners earned perthe Great Midwest Classic in Illi- ning this year. nois. The meet featured over 500 runners from 29 schools, one of Rose's largest meets of the year.

out of 29, while the women's squads

Leading the way on the men's other. side was senior Dan Brier, who

Wichkam, Ryon Sumner, Bill Packham, and Matt Crain.

The unusually large number of runners broke the men's stride of running in a tight group which sonal best times last weekend at has been the focus of their run-

Freshman standout Rebecca Merow led the women's charge, finishing 39th in a field of 248. The men's team placed 23rd Finishing later in a tight group were Ann Talbert, Rebecca team placed 24th out of 26 Myers, and Karen Hill, all finishing within seven seconds of each

Both the teams get a break this placed 139th with a time of weekend, giving them time to 28:36. Rounding out the top five prepare for the upcoming SCAC finishers for the team were Brian Conference next weekend.

Nationally ranked teams deny SCAC win for soccer team

By Don Cole **Thorn Sports Editor**

Two nationally ranked SCAC squads denied the Engineers a first-ever SCAC win last weekend, as Rose dropped two matches within 18 hours of each other to notched two. Centre College and the University of the South.

The Centre Colonels outshot the Engineers on their way to a 5-1 win. Rose scored its lone goal with just under twenty minutes

left in the half, courtesy of an outshot 15-5, but this time George unassisted effort from Brennan

George Messorosh and Vincent Gross, goalies for the Engineers, were sorely tested. Messorosh only goal with 13:55 left in reckoned six saves while Gross game, his sixth of the season.

The team played again 18 hours later against another nationally ranked SCAC team, this time losing 3-1 to the University of the South.

Once again, the Engineers were

Messorosh was able to stop the McReynolds, his second of the ball from going into the net eight times. John Fell continued his stellar season by scoring Rose's only goal with 13:55 left in the

Rose plays against two more SCAC squads this weekend at Phil Rendel field. They play Hendrix College at 10 a.m. on Saturday and Rhodes College at noon

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Buckeyes out-bullseye Engineers despite strong showing

By Michael Ray **RHIT Rifle Team Head Coach**

DELLE

Rose-Hulman rifle team lost their season and State, 5806 to 5933. It was still a solid performance for in air rifle. the team so early in the year, and many on the team shot personal bests.

respectively. The team capscore along with a score of 354 match.

1045 in smallbore and 358 and Senior Rich Price led the 357 in air rifle, respectively.

team and was second overall in Sophomore Amber Jonker both smallbore and air rifle had personal bests in both with scores of 1131 and 374, events, shooting a 987 in smallbore and 349 in air rifle. tain, senior John Collier, also Freshman Erica Hoffmann had a strong smallbore perfor- shot 334, a very promising home opener against Ohio mance, adding 1110 to the total result for her first collegiate

The team travels to Tennes-Seniors Bryan Rushing and see Tech and Murray State this Mark Sweigart shot 1077 and weekend and is home again against U. Missouri - Kansas City on November 5

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Thorn Sports Editor

..it's official, the women's soccer club will no longer be a club next year; they will be a full varsity team...soccer will be the eighth varsity women's sport offered by Rose...Greg Ruark will be the team's first coach.

.Rose quarterback Eric Hyten continues to rewrite the record books...at his current pace, he will become the school's all-time leading rusher midway through next season...he is one of two quarterbacks in Indiana, along with Indiana's Antwaan Randle El, to lead his team in both rushing and passing...he needs 75 rushing yards and 267 through the air to go to third place all time on both lists

more football...the Engineers can still take a tie for second place in the conference by defeating DePauw and Centre...they also need Trinity to lose to Rhodes, which makes the hope a long shot...this weekend's game against Earlham marks the renewal of a 67 game rivalry, on hiatus since 1989...Earlham won their second game last week, with Jeremy Swank leading the Quaker attack with 182 yards on 15 carries...the Quakers also feature a revolving-quarterback policy, with four combining to complete 55% of the team's passes

Engineers in Action

Saturday, October 31st
Men's Soccer vs. Hendrix College, Phil Rendel Field, 10 a.m. Football at Earlham College, 1 p.m Volleyball vs. Grace College, Hulbert Arena, 2 p.m.

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- 10. It could be worse...you could be donating plasma.
- 9. Cookies!
- 8. You've been looking for a way to get over your fear of needles.
- 7. Win a chance to take Sammy out on a date to Pino's.
- 6. Win some airline vouchers and get out of the Haute!
- 5. Free T-shirt means you can put off laundry for another week.
- 4. If your prof gives you a hard time about missing class, show 'em your needle mark.
- 3. You could even pass out without getting drunk, for once.
- 2. It'll get you ready for the pain of 10th week.
- 1. Tom Miller. Speed Lake. 'Nuff said.

Those Wacky Profs!

Obligatory 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, along with name, class name (including section) date and setup. All quotes must be verified before publication.

"Today we are going to enter the wonderful world of drag."

-- Dr. Abegg (10-29-98)

(Discussing drag forces in Fluids class.)

- "When you go to the store, what's the first thing you look at?"
- "The women!"
- "You might look at the women, the rest of us look at the price. Don't get me wrong."
 - -- Dr. Young (10-29-98)

(Discussing product quality with a student in Networks class.)

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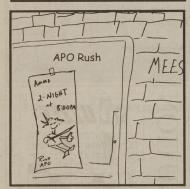
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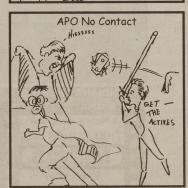


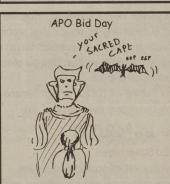




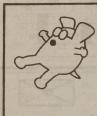








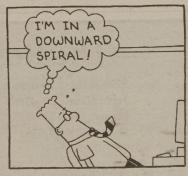








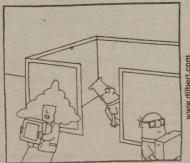












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