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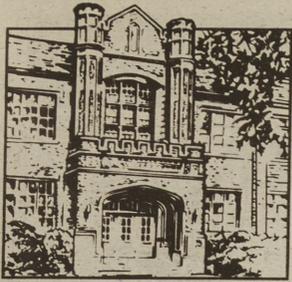
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# THE ROSE THORN

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## Colleges consider major educational changes

by Singalex Song  
Thorn Reporter

Rose-Hulman may become involved in the creation of a new accrediting system that would be necessary because of the dramatic changes in the delivering of higher education in the twenty-first century.

With the cost of a college education rising at an astounding rate, traditional universities may no longer hold a monopoly on higher learning in the future. Instead, they would share this with "Virtual universities," "corporate colleges," and other non-residential, less expensive alternatives to the traditional college.

Rose-Hulman president Samuel Hulbert commented that there have been drastic changes in the business and industrial communities as well as within the health care system in the last several years, all driven by economics.

Noting how quickly the changes in health care came to pass, Hulbert made the observation that the cost of a college education is increasing at a rate twice that of inflation. This is a rate faster than the average family can keep up, and a trend that Hulbert believes is incapable of continuing for much longer.

In addition to the rising cost of a traditional college education, corporations are increasingly provid-

ing accredited educational programs. One example is the General Motors Institute (GMI), owned by the GM corporation. "What will happen to traditional, private higher education environments, if colleges no longer have a monopoly on conferring certificates of competency for employment degrees," asked Hulbert.

His comments relate to a Lilly Foundation grant proposal developed by the Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI) that seeks funding to react to educational changes.

According to the ICI report, within the next decade education will be dramatically transformed to accommodate "anytime, anyplace" instruction delivered from institutions other than colleges and universities.

There are over 75 colleges that currently exist where a person could get a degree without setting foot on campus, two colleges that give degrees without offering any courses, and more than 450 "corporate colleges" like GMI in the United States.

These institutions offer a cheaper and more convenient alternative to

the traditional residential university. Corporate colleges such as GMI also tend to offer a more focused education, with knowledge that is more immediately practical for specific corporate jobs.

James Eifert, Dean of Faculty, commented that credentialing, knowledge, and education are the three reasons why people go to school.

According to Eifert, "Education

these same institutions will eventually impede on the traditional colleges' territory of offering a full education, less expensively.

Eifert commented that currently people are finding some knowledge obsolete soon after it's learned. In addition to this, people are finding it necessary to go back to school for further credentialing on a regular basis.

Eifert questions if the universities

or the corporate sector will do this, and if traditional universities such as Rose-Hulman would want to get involved in this

post-graduation credentialing process.

Eifert plans to go on leave next year in order to spend time with various corporate colleges to examine the issue more in depth.

"I want to see how they do things and what the interface should be between corporate colleges and traditional universities," said Eifert. In the state of Indiana, traditional colleges have banded together to face the potential coming changes posed by less expensive competitors.

One idea is to have each state

create a system to evaluate educational offerings by business and industry. Rose-Hulman, ISU, the local campus of Ivy Tech State College, and St. Mary-of-the-Woods College have asked to be considered as the evaluators for courses in Indiana.

Although Rose-Hulman has not committed to anything as of yet, there is the possibility that it might be involved in evaluating the training that goes on at corporate colleges, in effect "accrediting" these institutions. Despite the inevitable changes that will occur in higher education in the near future, Hulbert remains partial to the traditional residential university.

"I am hopeful that Rose-Hulman's niche will remain important, and that we will become an institution that's even more personalized, with faculty members acting more as coaches than lecturers. I really like the college campus and I think it is a very special place," said Hulbert.

Hulbert added, "Rose-Hulman needs to go out and lead. With all the changes in health care, the customer did not always benefit. We must not forget about the student and drift into a system driven solely by economics, because the student is paramount."

### Traditional colleges are fearful that customers would prefer places that provide only knowledge, credentials, or a combination of both, more cheaply.

is the non-pragmatic learning for intellectual development. Knowledge is the useful information needed in order to be able to do certain tasks, and credentials are what enable a person to gain acceptance into a particular socio-economic class."

Eifert believes that currently only traditional colleges offer education. However, traditional colleges are fearful that customers would prefer places that provide only knowledge, credentials, or a combination of both, more cheaply.

This is coupled with the fear that

## Vice president Eifert may take one-year leave

by Vu Thu Pham  
Thorn Reporter

James Eifert, vice president academic affairs and dean of the faculty, plans to go on sabbatical next year, which he expects will last approximately six months to one school year.

Currently Eifert is trying to decide what to do during his sabbatical. One possible plan involves working with the Accreditation Board for Engineering & Technology, Inc. (ABET). ABET is responsible for accrediting the engineering programs at Rose-Hulman and many other engineering institutions.

While working with ABET, Eifert would have opportunity to visit other engineering institutions and evaluate their engineering programs.

Eifert's other plans include working for the National Science Foundation or visit corporate universities to learn their positions on technology and write a book about it.

According to President Samuel Hulbert, Eifert has not clarified his intention for sab-

batical. Eifert has until January 7, 1997 to enter his proposal to the school board along with all the faculty on campus.

As for Eifert, he said he is looking for sabbatical work that is interesting, challenging, brings good exposure to Rose-Hulman and pays well.

Eifert believes that going on sabbatical could be a new trend for staff members.

"Traditionally, [sabbatical is] only for faculty but not for staff members. I think [sabbatical for staff members] is an important way for our staff members to take a leave to go and see how others do their job or my job. It's a good investment for Rose-Hulman [to improve work performance]," said Eifert.

According to Eifert, not only will staff members have a chance to "recharge their information base" on sabbatical, but involvement with national organizations such as ABET and visiting other colleges would bring national visibility to Rose-Hulman.

Hulbert will not comment on Eifert's replacement for the next year until Eifert finalizes his proposal.



Dean Eifert may go on sabbatical next year to learn about accreditation or corporate universities.

Photo by Mike Kosloski

## Talented freshmen class earns highest average GPA

by Pete Anderson  
Thorn Reporter

The freshman class, considered to have the best credentials ever among incoming classes to attend Rose-Hulman, finished their first ten weeks of classes earning the highest average GPA of all classes.

The 392 members of the freshman class earned an average first semester GPA of 3.104. The large sophomore class of 439

students received the lowest GPA for the fall term at 2.818. The juniors (286) and seniors (326) received average fall semester GPAs of 3.041 and 3.046, respectively.

As for cumulative GPAs, the freshman have the highest at 3.104. The senior class ranks second at 3.012, followed closely by the juniors at 3.001. The sophomore class is lagging behind with a

cumulative 2.984.

The sophomore class had the most students earning a 4.0 this term (30), but they also had the most students earning GPAs under 2.0 (65). The junior class had the fewest with a 4.0 (11) and the fewest under 2.0 (11). Twenty-eight freshmen had a GPA under 2.0 while 26 earned a 4.0. The senior class had 19 students earn a 4.0 and 28 earn below a 2.0.

The 471 students belonging to fraternities put up a GPA of 2.890 for the fall term and have a cumulative 2.967. The 81 members of Pi Kappa Alpha put up the best grades for the past term with a 3.054. The Triangle fraternity, with 55 members, has the highest cumulative GPA at 3.118, followed closely by Pi Kappa Alpha at 3.080, Chi Omega (25 members) at 3.077 and Fiji (70 members) at 3.036.

**Today and Tomorrow**

- Fri., Dec. 13—Admissions' On-Campus Visitation Day, 1-4:30 p.m.  
 Fri., Dec. 13—Rose-Hulman Women's Club Cookie Exchange, Christine Cudney's Home  
 Fri., Dec. 13—Women's Basketball, at Greenville Invitational, Greenville, Ill.  
 \* Rose-Hulman vs. Lincoln Christian College, 6 p.m.  
 Fri., Dec. 13—Career Services Interviews: Cummins Engine Co.  
 Sat., Dec. 14—Men's Basketball, at Millikin University, Decatur, Ill., 7:30 p.m. (Game Reports On WSDM-FM, 97.7)  
 Sat., Dec. 14—Women's Basketball, at Greenville Invitational, Greenville, Ill.  
 \* Consolation Game, 1 p.m.  
 \* Championship Game, 3 p.m.

**December 15-21**

- Mon., Dec. 16—Facilities Dept. Holiday Party, Moench Hall Auditorium, 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.  
 Mon., Dec. 16—ASCE Winter Banquet (Speaker: Scott Rouse of Fink, Roberts & Petrie), Boston Connection Conference Center, 6 p.m. (Reservations Required)  
 Mon., Dec. 16—Men's Basketball, Centre College, Shook Fieldhouse, 7:30 p.m.  
 Mon., Dec. 16—Learning Center Supplemental Instruction Programs, Berzsenyi's Calculus II, G-221, 7-8:30 p.m.  
 Tue., Dec. 17—Women's Basketball, at Earlham College, Richmond, 7 p.m.  
 Tue., Dec. 17—Learning Center Supplemental Instruction Programs, Erwin's Chemistry II, G-221, 7-8:30 p.m.; Kirtley's Physics II, G-219, 7-8:30 p.m.  
 Wed., Dec. 18—President's Administrative Council, North Room, 8 a.m.  
 Wed., Dec. 18—ROTC Holiday Party, Faculty/Staff Lounge, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
 Wed., Dec. 18—Learning Center Supplemental Instruction Programs, Berzsenyi's Calculus II, G-221, 7-8:30 p.m.  
 Thur., Dec. 19—Tour Of Alumni Center, 4 p.m. (Call Ext. 8114 If Planning To Attend)

- Thur., Dec. 19—Hulman Union/Residence Hall Staff Holiday Celebration, North Room, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
 Thur., Dec. 19—Women's Basketball, IU-East, Shook Fieldhouse, 7 p.m.  
 Thur., Dec. 19—Explore Engineering, Concrete Cylinder Busting/Tour Of Alumni Center, 7 p.m.  
 Thur., Dec. 19—Learning Center Supplemental Instruction Programs, Erwin's Chemistry II, G-221, 7-8:30 p.m.; Kirtley's Physics II, G-219, 7-8:30 p.m.  
 Fri., Dec. 20—Christmas Vacation Begins After Last Class  
 Fri., Dec. 20—Men's Basketball, at Eureka College, Eureka, Ill., 7:30 p.m.  
 Fri., Dec. 20—Christmas Vacation begins after last class

**Winter Quarter at a Glance**

- Jan. 4 — Men's Basketball, Elmhurst College, Fieldhouse, 7:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 6 — Winter Quarter Classes Resume, 8:05 a.m.  
 Jan. 8.— Men's Basketball, at DePauw University, Greencastle, 7:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 9 — Women's Basketball, St. Mary's College, Fieldhouse, 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 11 — Men's Basketball, Hanover College, Fieldhouse, 3 p.m.  
 Jan. 11 — Women's Basketball, at Hanover College, Hanover, 1 p.m.  
 Jan. 13 — Martin Luther King Day  
 Jan. 13 — Admissions On-Campus Visitation Day, 1-4:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 14 — SGA Senate Meeting, GM Room, 5:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 14 — Women's Basketball, at Anderson University, Anderson, 7 p.m.  
 Jan. 16 — Recyclable Engineering Contest, Hulman Union, 5 p.m.  
 Jan. 18 — Midterm Reports Deadline, Registrar's Office, 11 a.m.  
 Jan. 18 — Fine Arts Series, IU Chamber Opera, Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 18 — Women's Basketball, DePauw University, Fieldhouse, 1 p.m.  
 Jan. 18 — Swimming, at Principia College,

**In Memory of Scott Alexander**

The *Thorn* would like to say good-bye to our friend, Scott Alexander who recently passed away due to complications associated with diabetes. Scott was the Campus Editor of the *Thorn* for the last year. All of Scott's friends will greatly miss him.

- Elsah, Illinois, 1 p.m.  
 Jan. 21 — Registration For Spring Quarter  
 Jan. 22 — Men's Basketball, Anderson University, Fieldhouse, 7:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 23 — Women's Basketball, at Oakland City Invitational, 8 p.m.  
 Jan. 24 — Final Date To Drop Course Without Penalty  
 Jan. 25 — Women's Basketball, Manchester College, Fieldhouse, 1 p.m.  
 Jan. 25 — Men's Basketball, Manchester College, Fieldhouse, 3 p.m.  
 Jan. 25 — Swimming, Benedictine University, 1 p.m.  
 Jan. 28 — SGA Senate Meeting, GM Room, 5:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 29 — Winter Quarter Blood Drive, North Room  
 Feb. 1 — Mom's Day  
 Feb. 7 — Army ROTC Dining Out, St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, 6:30 p.m.  
 Feb. 8 — Fine Arts Series, Pianist Richard Glazier, 7:30 p.m.  
 Feb. 27 — End Of Winter Quarter, 5 p.m.

**More Winter Quarter Events**

- Feb. 15 — Regional Mathcounts Competition, Hulman Union  
 Feb. 15 — Alumni Basketball Game  
 Feb. 17 — Admissions On-Campus Visitation Day, 1-4:30 p.m.  
 Feb. 19 — National Engineers Week's Visitation Day  
 Feb. 21 — Spring Quarter Fee Payments Deadline  
 Feb. 24 — Final Exams For Winter Quarter Begin, 8 a.m.

**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.

**Astronomy Club Stargaze**

Friday, December 13

6:30 p.m. — ???

Meet at the Rose-Hulman Observatory



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# Preparation will help at career fair

by Kevin Kaminski  
Thorn Reporter

The Career Services center is continuing to assist students in job placement through a variety of new and updated services.

According to Bill Lindstaedt, director of career services, the Career Services center will soon enable freshmen, sophomores, and juniors to post their resumes at a designated place on the World Wide Web. The on-line resume manager is scheduled to be completed by the end of January.

The Career Services center will be contacting students after the Winter break with information on this system. Employers will be able to view the resumes of the students that have posted them on the system. In addition, employers

will be able to search the available resumes using fields such as academic major and geographic location.

The system will also allow "fuzzy searches" through which the employer will list various criteria ranked in importance and the system will return the closest matches to their specifications. This will allow employers to search for resumes of students that most closely meet their criteria.

Additional features on the web page will be links to top employers of Rose-Hulman graduates, how-to guides about resumes, and a general advice section.

Although the on-line resume manager is not ready for expansive use, students wishing to post their resumes may currently do so

by contacting the Career Services center for assistance.

An additional forthcoming event from the Career Services center is the upcoming career fair which will provide an excellent opportunity for students to talk with potential employers. The event will be held in the auditorium on January 28 and 30.

Mass mailings and invitations are being used to target a variety of companies from across the country. A goal has been a set of 60-70 companies at the fair this year. Last year 57 companies were present.

During the week prior to the career fair, a series of workshops for students will be held to provide pointers about the career fair and information on obtaining

summer internships.

Lindstaedt recommends doing several things to prepare for the career fair. Students should prepare many copies of resumes to give to representatives. Dressing up may make a better impression on potential employers.

In addition, Lindstaedt suggested that students prepare a quick 30-second speech about themselves. This speech is intended to spur conversation with the employer and make the employer more interested in the student.

"You have a very short time to get out your best points. Students need to be aggressive at the career fair and sell themselves," said Bill Lindstaedt.

Lindstaedt stated that even those students that do not desire a job with the career fair employers are encouraged to attend the career fair. It will allow students to talk to representatives from a variety of companies. It also allows students the opportunity to make an impression on the recruiters at the fair. These recruiters will likely return next year and possibly remember the student at that time when he or she is searching for a job.

Job placement this year has improved from previous years, partially due to economic growth. Entry-level positions for engineers are up a few percent from last year. Currently, about 97% of last year's graduates are placed in a position. (The Career Services center considers "placed" to mean working in a field relating to the graduate's major, in graduate school, or in the military.)

Of last year's graduates that

were placed, 83.5% are working within their major, 13% went to graduate school, and 3.5% are in the military.

The majors currently in highest demand are computer science, electrical engineering, and computer engineering. A possible reason for this is the surge of smaller technology-based companies that have begun to sprout up in recent years.

Mechanical engineering majors are still in high demand. The demand for chemical engineering majors has not been greatly increasing ever since the last economic recession. A possible explanation is the segment of the employment market that hires a majority of those students is large companies, which are not presently increasing in size.

A suggestion for chemical engineering majors in order to work around this obstacle is to not limit the job search to only large companies.

Lindstaedt offered suggestions for obtaining summer internships. Starting a job search by January or earlier is important.

In addition, students should have a good resume. Students are encouraged to have the Career Services center examine their resumes before posting them.

The Career Services center requests that students submit their resumes, so they can be forwarded to interested companies. Lindstaedt estimated that as little as one-half of undergraduate students give a copy of their resumes to the Career-Services center.

## Panhellenic Council President honored

by Craig Miesse  
SGA Publicity Director

Student Government Association (SGA) president Shawn Eads has selected sophomore Michelle Clark as the November Rose-Hulman student leader of the month.

Michelle was nominated by Donna Gustafson for her work as President of the Rose-Hulman Panhellenic Council. As president of this new organization, Michelle was instrumental in the development of a constitution and by-laws, and organizing the first women's fraternity rush

here at Rose.

Clark, a chemical engineering major from Robinson, Illinois, plans on attending graduate school possibly to study law. Michelle currently serves as executive director on the SGA executive council.

Clark is a charter member of Chi Omega's Women's Fraternity. She is also a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and the Society of Women Engineers. Michelle is the first female in Rose-Hulman's history to be named student leader of the month.



Michelle Clark

## Bankrupt company leaves behind building at Aleph park

by Thu Vu Pham  
Thorn Reporter

Rose-Hulman has recently purchased a new 40,000 square foot off-campus building from bankruptcy court because Applied Computing Devices (ACD), the original owner of the building, declared bankruptcy last year.

The building is located south of interstate 70 and 46th street at Aleph Park., which is the second building that Rose-Hulman owns in Aleph park. The first building owned by Rose-Hul-

man at Aleph Park is currently being leased to two companies.

"We are actively looking for tenants," said Dean James Eifert.

President Hulbert and Dean Eifert hope that leasing Aleph Park buildings to new companies will encourage outside interaction with Rose-Hulman students through research and projects.

"Project work for off campus customers will become a very common thing or even a requirement for every engineering program," said Eifert.

According to Eifert, the ACD building serves two purposes for the school. First, the ACD building will serve as temporary place for possible research projects for students, until the new Center for Technological Research with Industry is ready to house those projects.

Then the ACD building can be of use as a business venture in which tenants can deal directly with the new facilities on campus. This may result in more projects commissioned by off-campus customers.

## UN team will represent Argentina

The Rose-Hulman Model United Nations team traveled to Butler University in Indianapolis to participate in the Butler Model United Nations Security Council Conference on November 7-9.

Rose-Hulman delegates representing The Republic of Russia, France, South Korea, and Egypt participated along with 11 other universities from Indiana and Illinois.

In this United Nations simulation, participants utilized their knowledge of international relations through debate on current issues of concern in the international arena of foreign affairs.

Delegates gain skills in diplomacy and negotiation, and acquire first-hand knowledge

of the difficulties encountered in forging comprehensive multi-lateral agreements.

Lucas Amodio, Ted Gould, Randy Schmidt, Robin Brown, and Ana Witaszczyk represented Rose-Hulman. Amodio, a four year member of the Rose-Hulman team, was selected to serve as President of the Council. Gould representing Russia received an award as the "Best Delegate" in Council.

The Rose-Hulman Model United Nations team will compete in the Midwest Regional Model United Nations conference held in St. Louis, Missouri, February 26 through March 1, 1997.

This conference will simulate the major bodies of the United

Nations including the General Assembly, the General Assembly Committees, the Security Council, and the International Court of Justice. Rose-Hulman will be representing the nation of Argentina in this conference.

Participation in the Model United Nations is open to all Rose-Hulman students. Meetings are held in room 202A, Moench Hall, on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.

More information about this activity can be secured from team members or Dr. Thad Smith, faculty advisor in the Humanities and Social Studies department. The team is coached by Martha Cornelius.

## Rose Bureaucrat

by Catherine Miller  
SGA Publicity Committee

instead., and the Ultimate Club was granted \$1140.

On December 10, the SGA met for its first regular meeting this quarter.

Toby Eiler, Kara Pritt, and Michael Dean, all of whom recently attended the National Conference on Student Services (NCSS) Leadership Conference, served as keynote speakers. They shared what they had learned about leadership and themselves. The three also suggested that SGA bring leadership speakers to campus.

President Shawn Eads announced that Michelle Clark has been selected as Student Leader of the Month for November for her work with the Rose Panhellenic Council.

Treasurer Stuart Busby reported that the General Fund stands near \$60,000.

During New Business, funding requests were heard from both the Ultimate Club and Alpha Chi Sigma. The Ultimate Club asked for \$1767 to pay for transportation costs of attending three tournaments in the fall quarter and to participate in three more this spring. This amount was determined using \$0.31 per mile to pay for gas and wear. The Finance Committee recommended \$0.20 per mile

Alpha Chi Sigma presented a request for \$944.56 to hold a science trivia contest for local high school on January 18, 1997. The "Science Rose Bowl" would pit twelve teams against each other in a Jeopardy style format. Prizes will be given to the top three teams and participatory prizes to all twelve teams. The total request also paid for mailings and meals. The Finance Committee's recommendation of \$950 was discussed and approved.

The revised Home Page Policy was brought before the senate again. The changes in the policy and necessity were debated and methods of transmitting the information to students were suggested. Some ideas included more presentations to freshmen classes or seeing the policy appear when a user logs on to Netscape. President Eads spoke on behalf of the policy and the need of a warning to students from students about misconduct. The policy was finally approved.

## Letter to the Editor

### Rose defends its class

I am writing in response to Michael Bickel's recent column in which the admissions office was accused of misrepresentation, deceit and lies. Needless to say, our office prides itself on presenting Rose-Hulman's academic and co-curricular programs in an accurate and fair manner. It is never our intent to purposely misrepresent any aspect of the Institute.

In particular, we spend a great deal of time discussing the opportunities afforded by Rose-Hulman's Humanities and Social Sciences Department. Over the four years that a student attends Rose-Hulman, he or she has the chance to take a wide variety of courses within the HSS Department. It is true that not every course is available every quarter or even every year; but during a student's four years, vast and varied courses are offered. I do not believe that that opportunity is inaccurately portrayed by the admissions office.

In so far as Rose-Hulman's class sizes, our usual response is to discuss class sizes in terms of what constitutes a small class, a typical classroom environment and the number of students in Rose-Hulman's largest class. Obviously, there is a variance in class sizes; but for the most part, Rose-Hulman is able to offer students classes of modest size and that is the message the admissions office attempts to portray. I do not recall ever indicating that 80% of Rose-Hulman's classes are under 20. To accuse us of lying about class sizes is totally unfair.

Finally, I want to assure your readers that our admissions office takes its mission of recruiting good students very seriously. We continue to attract outstanding students. The academic profile of our 1996 freshman class is incredible. Our standards are not dropping and to even suggest that Rose-Hulman is not attracting the "best and brightest" is absurd.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to discuss our admissions program.

Regards,

Charles G. Howard  
Dean of Admissions

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## What Christmas should really be about



Caleb  
Coburn

Thorn  
Columnist

As we wind our way through December, Christmas inevitably gets closer and closer. At the same time, our thoughts shift more and more to the holiday season that we are amidst. Unfortunately, for many of us, we see the holiday season in the wrong light. We do not see this time of year as it was originally meant, which is entirely too sad.

As a young boy, I can remember the anxiety and sleepless nights caused by the gifts under our Christmas tree. I can remember trying my hardest to go to sleep on Christmas Eve just so the morning would come earlier. Then, my sisters and I would jump out of bed as soon as one of us was awake, prod my parents out of bed, then rip into our presents. However, never in my childhood did I ever experience consciously what Christmas should really be about.

In my house, and in many others, we approached Christmas in the wrong way. We would spend all of the season buying gifts for other people and writing out Christmas cards to people we never talked to much. We never did concentrate on what Christmas was supposed to be. It was a time when we'd get together with friends and family and enjoy one another's company. But instead of seeing that togetherness we shared as a family, we saw gifts

and cards.

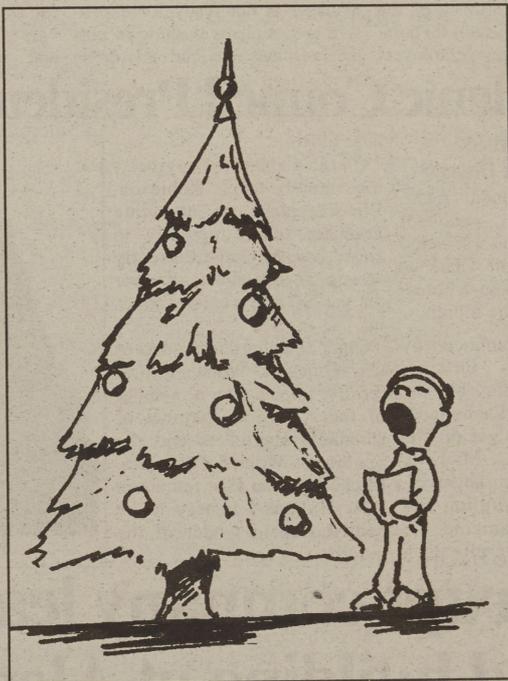
So, what is Christmas really about? It is about exactly what I previously said: friends and family. It is a time that is set aside every year by almost everyone in this nation for that. But instead of seeing what is there, we see ourselves buying things to show people how we care about them. This is not what Christmas is about. I show how I care to someone through my everyday life; it doesn't take a holiday to show that. For instance, I show one of my best friends how much I care and appreciate her by sending her e-mail or simply telling her how much I do care about our friend-

time any longer to see what is in front of us. With this commercial obsession continuing yearly without being noticed, it's a wonder we are still able to live like we do without going insane. Societies seldom remain intact without an emotional backbone holding them together.

As a result of all of this, I cannot remember a Christmas season since the start of high school that I've enjoyed. (Before then I was too young to care.) This season has always put a bad taste in my mouth because it just didn't seem like anyone was celebrating for the right reason. But I intend for this coming Christmas to be different for me.

So how do we do that? It's simple, actually. We look at the bright side of life. We look at really the only true thing we've got in our lives: our friends and family. Without them, what is the point of anything? We look at the love shared between us all, and with that love, comes happiness. In addition to this, the one thing that many of us fail to look at is ourselves.

So, I say to hell with buying gifts and sending off senseless Christmas cards. The only gifts I ever want or ever desire to give are from the heart. I've already gotten some (as well as given some), but I can give or get gifts anytime. What truly makes this holiday special is the people we spend it with. So, for once, I'm going to see to that, and I'm going to be happy.



*Caleb Coburn (ME '98) does not make his home in Oak Ridge, TN, birthplace of the atom bomb. He enjoys spending his time mountain biking (when it's warm out), playing hot sounds on his radio show on WMHD, and drinking fine coffee over pleasant conversation at the Coffee Grounds. He currently dislikes all prejudicial people, including himself, and is striving to convert the whole of society to be happy.*

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# The roller coaster ride in the vast theme park of college life



**Michael Bickel**

*Thorn*  
Columnist

I feel fortunate to have experienced college from many different perspectives. I acquired these perspectives by listening and watching other people and thinking about myself. Some of my perspectives have helped me appreciate the world I live in. However, some have severely limited my college experience. I would like to challenge others not to get stuck with these perspectives.

I used to think that college was a revolving door, and I was superman. This was an impression that I partly made up. I also observed people going through college. Some were intimidated, most were excited, and everyone said it was different on the other side. For other people, college was simply a transition from one place to another.

For me, college was a chance to change quickly, to show the world who I really was. All I needed was a few minor adjustments in order to be taken seriously. When I walked out of my sheltered world through the college door I would be invincible.

Now I see that college is like a theme park. There is a lot to do and see and a lot of fun to have, but many people never get past the concession stands. If they do, they might get stuck in one area and not see anything else, or be so impatient waiting in lines that they forget to enjoy

themselves. Worst of all, they might have an idea of what to expect and live someone else's favorite experience rather than their own. Anyone could tell you what is there, but few could tell you what you really want to do there.

When I last visited a theme park, I went on all the major roller coasters. This was because the two friends I was with told me that the roller coasters were the best part. When I came to college, I looked for people to tell me the best way to do things. In the first case, I ended up doing things I liked right away. In the second case, I didn't.

My expectations for the theme park were based on what I was told by my two friends. These friends had not only been there before, but also knew me very well. They were people I could communicate well with, and people I could trust. Still, my expectations were very open about what I would experience. Based on this preparation, I had an excellent time.

When I came to college, I had other expectations. These were based on friends, guidance counselors, parents, admissions offices, and teachers. Of these, only my parents and a few friends knew me very well. Only a few people I knew had even heard of Rose-Hulman; none had attended. I did not interview at any colleges, nor did I visit. Consequently, what I found out about college wasn't all I needed to know.

I was responsible for finding out what I needed to know, but of course I didn't know what that was. I came to the right

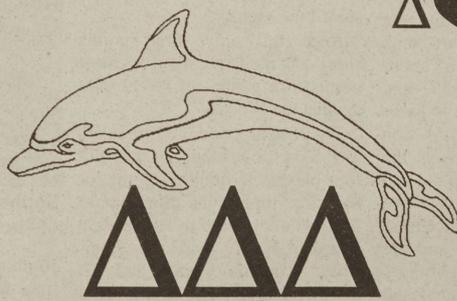
place to find activities I liked, but I didn't find them right away. If I had gone to Disney World and asked Disney World employees what I should know about their park, I could hardly expect a personalized answer. Yet this was what I did when I went to college.

If you are bored to death,

hating school, or severely depressed, you may have made this same mistake. It is reversible though. Find a role model who is having a better time than you. Find out what exactly what activities are available for you; there is more than you know. Don't limit yourself to a few viewpoints from people who don't really know you.

*Michael Bickel is currently in exile in Peru for his extreme political ideas. We are trying to find out who is posing as him at RHIT and writing these columns portraying him as interesting, humorous, and thoughtful. Michael Bickel is none of these things! He is a dangerous criminal who will devour your mind like tofu and make you his slave. Be careful of him.*

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# Only stories can be uncovered while hunting for ghosts at the Woods



**Kent Bye**

*Thorn*  
Columnist

I had heard rumors that Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College was haunted, and I decided to do a little investigation concerning this claim. I attended a bonfire at the Woods where some seniors told the incoming freshman some of their personal paranormal experiences as well as some ghost stories that have been passed down from year to year. There were some stories which occurred only once and could've happened anywhere, but the most convincing stories were about the reoccurring incidents that had been witnessed by some of the students present.

Probably the most popular story is the one about the faceless nun which has been seen by a handful of students floating down a hallway in the main dorm, LeFer. The story behind the faceless nun is that a sister supposedly died before she had a chance to finish painting her self-portrait. It is believed that she is still trying to find someone to finish painting her face so that she can rest in peace. There were several girls still at the Woods who have seen the faceless nun, but it is usually seen only by one person at a time.

Most of the paranormal quirks occur on the fourth floor of LeFer because it is right below the attic which is locked with multiple locks and is an off-limit area. During the war, numerous girls committed suicide whenever they heard that their boyfriend was killed, and many went up to the attic to do it. There are many unexplained noises in the attic such as footsteps which are commonly heard from the fourth floor. Also, voices, noises of running, roller skating, or knocking on doors have been heard outside in the hallway when there was no one else there. I was shown an impression of a face which suddenly appeared on a fourth floor wall over the past summer.

Girls have also said that they've heard their names called out when no one was around. Water in some bathrooms somehow turns on by itself. Compact disks were being stolen from one girl, and she had enough when her wallet disappeared while she was in the room. She announced that she was going to leave and that her wallet better be there

when she returned. When she came back, all of her CD's were stacked in a pyramid with her wallet sitting on the top.

Most of the ghosts in LeFer Hall are playful, but the ones in



the conservatory have reportedly been a little bit more aggressive. The conservatory is where the music majors practice their instruments. Some say they've been practicing at night and had objects fly at them when they played a wrong note.

Some rooms in the conservatory were so bad that they had to

be exorcised. These rooms have holes drilled through the walls above the doorway so that these spirits could supposedly escape. It is believed that the ghosts haunting the conservatory were music majors because pianos have been reported to start playing even when someone has been the only person in the building.

Besides the ghosts in LeFer and the conservatory, there have also been other paranormal phenomena reported around campus. A couple of girls were taking an evening stroll, and decided to walk through the Sisters of Providence Cemetery when they noticed something different on the statue of Jesus. They saw blood dripping from his hands, feet, and his eyes looked as if he were crying.

Next to the Church of Immaculate Conception, there is a winged statue holding a spear which is known to the students as the Winged Warrior. The security guard initially thought that some students were playing a practical

joke when he noticed that the Winged Warrior was missing, but then he realized how impractical this would be. He later reported seeing the Winged Warrior supposedly walking around campus, and then return to his pedestal to his frozen position.

I took an evening tour around the campus with a Woods student searching for anything out of the ordinary, but we found nothing. I did find out that Saint Mary-of-the-Woods has a lot of very interesting history behind it, and it is a beautiful and eerie campus.

I can't say whether any of these ghost stories in my article are true or not, because I am still skeptical of them. The fact that some rooms have been closed down or exorcised, and that there are so many people who've witnessed something out of the ordinary says to me that it is possible. Whether you're a skeptic or believer, ask some Woods students what they've heard or experienced and then decide for yourself.

*Kent Bye (EE '98) considers himself a Renaissance man who believes in living life to the fullest. He plans on publishing a book someday and it is his goal to meet as many different people as possible.*

# “Greenville Tournery up for grabs,” says Schwartz

by Matt Wernke  
Sports Reporter

The Rose-Hulman women's basketball team are bound to see lots of familiar faces when they travel to the Greenville College Invitational this weekend. The Engineers, fresh off a tough, 73-65 loss to Greenville Tuesday night, will play Lincoln Christian College in the first round of the tournament.

However, the second game will pit St. Mary-of-the-Woods against Greenville. So, no matter the outcome of either game, the Engineers will have the opportunity to avenge one of their five losses in either the championship or consolation game.

“I think the Greenville Tournament is up for grabs - whoever puts two good games together will be the winner,” Engineer head coach Wanda Schwartz said.

The tournament, held in Greenville, Ill., will tip off at 7 p.m. EST Friday with Rose's game against Lincoln Christian. Action will resume Saturday with the consolation game at 2 p.m. and the championship at 4 p.m.

The Angels of Lincoln Christian are 4-7 this season and are led in scoring by two sophomore guards, Amanda Siddens and Kari Flood.

“Lincoln Christian is a deliberate team, so we will try to force the tempo against them,” Schwartz noted.

The Woods won their next two

games after defeating the Engineers December 3, and have raised their record to 5-6. Greenville improved to 3-2 with their victory Tuesday night.

Rose had a height advantage over Greenville in every position but center, but the Panthers' center Susan Fischer used her size to score 27 points and help Greenville pull away in the final minutes.

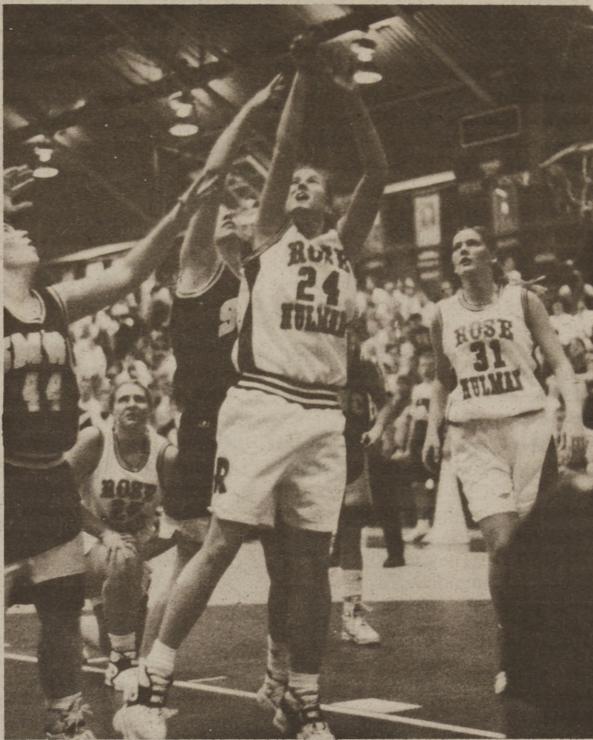
“[Fischer] had her way in the paint tonight,” Schwartz lamented.

The Engineers had the Shook Fieldhouse crowd on its feet with a little over five minutes to go, when a Sarah Gordy layup pulled Rose to within 60-58. However, the Panthers called timeout and put Fischer, who had four fouls, back into the game, and Greenville went on a 12-4 run which sealed the victory.

Rose fell only three points short of their record for most points in a game, set last season against the Woods.

The loss dropped the Engineers to 1-5 on the season, but they put four players in double figures for the first time ever. Sophomore Bessie Fulk poured in 18 points, a career-high, to lead the Engineers. Amanda Speich had 17, Gordy scored 15 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, and Holli Krumbein tallied 10.

“We did do some things really well tonight,” said Schwartz. “Our reaction to their switching defenses was excellent, and our



Sophomore center Sarah Gordy shoots over the St. Mary-of-the-Woods defense in a game earlier this season.

combination on the floor for the first few minutes (Fulk, Speich, Gordy, Krumbein, and Becky Smith) really worked well together.”

Rose traveled to Elmhurst College last Saturday and came away with a disappointing 92-58 loss.

Speich led the Engineers with a season-high 22 points, and grabbed seven rebounds as well. Gordy scored 14, and Fulk ten in the defeat.

Reserve Cory Braun led Elmhurst with 18 points in only 19 minutes.

**Elmhurst 92, Rose 58**

PLAYER	MIN	FG	3PT	FT	RE	PFTO	AT
Speich	36	8-19	0-3	6-8	7	2	4
Gordy	37	5-14	0-0	4-9	8	2	4
Fulk	33	5-9	0-3	0-1	2	2	10
Krumbein	28	3-5	0-0	0-0	2	3	4
Eash	11	1-3	0-0	0-1	1	1	0
Schwartz	3	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	0
Holt	10	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	0
Gray	28	0-2	0-0	0-0	3	0	4
Smith	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
Winters	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Kundrat	1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Team					5		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>24-54</b>	<b>0-6</b>	<b>10-20</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>28</b>

**Elmhurst**

PLAYER	MIN	FG	3PT	FT	RE	PFTO	AT
Braun	19	9-18	0-0	0-0	4	0	3
Hughes	27	8-14	0-0	0-0	5	3	1
Massey	25	4-8	1-5	2-2	9	1	2
Beacom	24	4-10	0-4	2-2	2	3	3
Nordmann	15	3-8	0-0	2-2	4	2	0
Krug	15	3-6	0-0	2-2	6	0	3
Symonds	17	3-5	0-2	0-0	0	1	0
Barton	5	1-2	1-2	1-2	1	0	0
Slaughter	26	2-8	0-0	0-0	4	4	6
Shepardson	12	2-3	0-0	0-0	1	2	4
Brutlag	5	1-2	0-1	0-1	1	0	2
Cano	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Clifford	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	1
Team					10		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>40-85</b>	<b>2-13</b>	<b>10-11</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>24</b>

**Rose-Hulman..... 28 30-58**  
**Elmhurst..... 47 45-92**

**Greenville 73, Rose 65**

PLAYER	MIN	FG	3PT	FT	RE	PFTO	AT
Fischer	32	12-22	0-0	3-4	16	4	2
Reeder	39	5-17	0-3	7-9	9	0	5
Vanderbeck	34	5-8	1-2	0-2	4	3	4
Jackson	35	3-9	0-0	2-4	6	2	4
Lanter	31	2-9	0-2	2-5	11	3	1
Symonds	7	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Harper	13	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	5	0
Bell	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
Mitkos	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Team					5		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>29-70</b>	<b>1-7</b>	<b>14-24</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>

**Rose-Hulman**

PLAYER	MIN	FG	3PT	FT	RE	PFTO	AT
Fulk	40	7-16	2-6	2-2	4	2	4
Speich	32	5-14	0-3	7-8	8	4	4
Gordy	30	7-11	0-0	1-5	10	4	0
Krumbein	33	4-9	0-0	2-5	6	4	3
Smith	21	2-8	0-0	0-0	1	1	2
Eash	4	0-1	0-0	1-2	1	0	0
Gray	29	0-7	0-0	0-0	7	2	1
Barcus	2	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Holt	9	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	0
Team					6		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>25-69</b>	<b>2-9</b>	<b>13-22</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>

**Greenville..... 37 36-77**  
**Rose-Hulman..... 32 33-66**

## Engineers' Winter Sports Calendar

	Friday 13	Saturday 14	Monday 16	Tuesday 17	Thursday 19
<b>MEN'S BASKETBALL</b>		at Millikin, 7:30 p.m.	Home vs. Centre, 7:30 p.m.		
<b>WOMEN'S BASKETBALL</b>	vs. Lincoln Christian, 7 p.m.	Consolation/Champion., 2 or 4 p.m.		at Earlham, 7 p.m.	Home vs. IU-East, 7 p.m.
<b>SWIMMING</b>	Will Resume Action after Christmas				
<b>WRESTLING</b>	Will Resume Action after Christmas				
<b>RIFLE</b>	Will Resume Action after Christmas				

## Rifle team on target

by Michael Ray  
Head Rifle Coach

The rifle team participated in 2 major matches over the quarter break and had several high points.

At the Walsh Invitational, the largest indoor match in the country, sophomore Rich Price fired a personal best 1080 in smallbore and sophomore Bryan Rushing had a personal best in air rifle at 365.

Overall, the team shot 4280 in smallbore and 1435 in air rifle, which was good enough to place them 19th in the nation in the first poll.

The following day the team shot

at the Buckeye Classic at Ohio State. Senior Mark Fields shot a personal best and a new school record in smallbore with 1132.

He was followed by Bryan Rushing who shot a personal best of 1103. The team finished 8th in smallbore with 4343 and 11th in air rifle with 1393.

Unfortunately, one of the top members couldn't attend the matches because of a family emergency, but the sophomore are picking up some ground so things are looking good when the season resumes in January.

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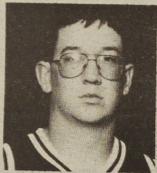
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# Sixth man could be key in Centre game Monday

by Joel Gillespie  
Sports Editor

The Rose-Hulman men's basketball team hopes to use their stellar performances in last week's Rose-Hulman Invitational as a takeoff point for the rest of the season. The Engineers' skills will be put to the test again this week, as they travel to Decatur, Ind., to take on Millikin University on Saturday. The game will be broadcast on Centre College in a home game Monday.



Kent Murphy

Monday night with a new coach and a fast-paced, pressing style of play. The heated rivalry between the schools, which the Colonels have dominated over the years, has taken a turn in the Engineers' favor of late, with Rose winning the last four meetings.

New coach Tim Littrell is 1-3 so far at the helm. Centre is led by guard Bryan Bates, who averaged 14.7 points per game last season.

"We would like a huge crowd, particularly our students, who have been MIA so far," Shaw stressed.

Tipoff will be at 7:30 p.m. Rose used two very quick starts to dominate what was supposed to be stiff competition in the Rose-Hulman Invitational. The Engineers jumped out 10-0 on their way to a 75-45 victory over Concordia on Friday, and then they built a 15-0 lead against Albion and coasted to a 71-54 win.

The victories improved Rose's record to 6-1 on the season. Senior forward Troy Halt, who was named tournament MVP, also earned ICAC player of the week honors for the second consecutive week.

Rose played their best game of the season to date in the victory over the previously-undefeated Britons of Albion.

"We played extremely good basketball in just about every area," Shaw praised. "I want to emphasize that we didn't do anything

we're not capable of doing each night out."

After the 15-0 start, Albion went on a 9-1 run to close the gap to 16-9. However, that was the closest the Britons would get, as Rose stretched its lead to 39-20 at halftime.

Rose led by as many as 27 points in the second half on their way to the 17-point victory.

Halt scored a career-high 25 points and pulled down ten rebounds in the game. Senior Kent Murphy and sophomore Bryan Egli also cracked double figures for the Engineers, with 14 and 12 points, respectively.

The Engineers employed a suffocating defense, great rebounding, and balanced scoring to pummel the Concordia Cougars in the first game of the tournament.

Concordia shot only 27 percent from the floor in the game, and did not score a point until 5:42 had run off of the clock. Despite missing many layups, the Engineers used a 52-29 rebounding advantage to get many of those misses back.

Egli was the only Engineer in double figures, with 14, but twelve players scored in the game for Rose.

Freshman Patrick Grace came off the bench to score nine points, while Halt, Murphy, and freshman Chris Meredith each had eight counters.



Sophomore guard Bryan Egli leaves another hapless opponent in the dust.

Rose 71, Albion 54													Rose 75, Concordia 45												
Albion													Concordia												
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DuFort	30	3-8	0-3	1-1	3	0	3	2	7	Leinberger	18	5-10	2-3	0-1	3	3	0	12							
Shepherd	24	2-8	2-5	0-0	0	2	3	0	6	Hoehner	27	2-10	1-7	0-0	2	1	2	5							
Geerling	22	3-4	0-0	0-2	2	2	3	0	6	McAndrews	27	2-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	2	4						
Lenyard	20	3-9	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	2	6	Crowley	26	2-7	0-0	0-0	8	5	3	1	4						
Lampton	17	2-6	0-1	1-1	3	2	1	4	5	Ash	4	1-1	0-0	1-2	0	1	1	0	3						
Carnegie	29	2-7	0-0	0-0	7	1	1	2	4	Werth	5	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	2						
Conger	11	2-3	0-0	0-0	5	2	0	1	4	O'Brian	4	0-1	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	0	0						
Peters	3	1-3	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	Howard	9	0-2	0-2	1-2	1	0	0	1	1						
Sherry	16	1-3	0-2	0-0	4	3	1	1	2	Krohe	22	0-6	0-3	0-0	3	1	0	0	0						
Balash	10	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	1	0	2	Booth	9	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0						
Team										winkler	4	0-3	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0						
Totals	200	25-59	2-13	2-4	34	13	13	13	54	Klug	15	0-1	0-1	0-0	3	2	0	1	0						
										Stegeman	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0						
										Team															
										Totals	200	16-60	3-17	10-17	29	19	10	8	45						

Rose-Hulman													Rose-Hulman												
PLAYER	MIN	FG	3PT	FT	RE	PFTO	ATP	PLAYER	MIN	FG	3PT	FT	RE	PFTO	ATP										
Halt	32	10-16	2-3	3-3	10	0	0	225	Egli	26	6-10	2-3	0-0	5	0	0	214								
Murphy	21	7-10	0-0	0-3	9	2	2	314	Grace	13	3-5	0-0	3-4	7	0	0	1	9							
Egli	31	5-14	1-5	1-2	3	0	4	212	Halt	23	1-8	0-1	6-6	6	1	0	2	8							
Puthoff	29	4-9	1-5	0-0	2	1	0	2	9	Murphy	16	3-7	0-0	2-3	9	2	3	0	8						
Johnson	19	2-4	0-0	0-0	8	2	0	4	4	Meredith	9	1-2	0-0	6-8	5	4	2	0	8						
Grace	16	1-5	0-2	2-2	2	0	1	1	4	Puthoff	21	3-8	0-3	0-0	1	0	0	0	6						
Poehlman	5	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	0	1	0	3	Wydic	4	2-2	1-1	0-0	1	0	1	1	5						
Burch	27	0-4	0-2	0-0	2	2	1	7	0	Williford	11	2-3	1-2	0-0	1	1	2	0	5						
Wydic	6	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	Zeller	9	1-2	1-2	1-2	0	0	0	1	4						
Jansen	8	0-1	0-0	0-1	3	2	1	0	0	Millington	3	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	1	0	0	3						
Zeller	3	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	Poehlman	11	1-4	1-2	0-0	2	1	0	1	3						
Millington	3	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	Johnson	17	1-3	0-0	1-1	7	4	2	2	2						
Team										Burch	23	0-0	0-0	0-0	3	0	4	3	0						
Totals	200	30-69	5-23	6-11	43	10	10	21	71	Kaiser	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	2	0						
										Jansen	10	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	1	0						
										Siefert	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0						
										Team															
										Totals	200	25-57	7-15	15-25	52	16	14	17	75						

Albion	Concordia
20	19
34	26
54	45
Rose-Hulman	Rose-Hulman
39	34
32	41
71	75

# Swim team seventh at DePauw Invite

by Don Cole  
Sports Reporter

In their last competition before Christmas break, the Rose-Hulman men's swimming team made the trek up to Greencastle last weekend to swim in the DePauw Invitational.

This is their fifth year of competition in the meet, and they placed seventh out of ten teams, an improvement over last year's eighth-place finish.

Individually, Sean Valentine placed fourth in the 100-meter

breaststroke. Jeff Somers placed ninth in the mile and finished fifth in the 50-meter freestyle.

Eric Panhorst came in seventh in the 200-meter backstroke. The relay team of Valentine, Eric Panhorst, Matt Jackson, and Jim Meyer placed fifth in the 400-meter freestyle relay.

Overall, coach Randy Jensen said, it was a pretty good performance. He mentioned that the team was pretty tired after Thanksgiving break, and also that they did better than last year.

When Jensen was asked about

how he thought the rest of the season would go, he replied that if they can stay healthy, and "train like we have these past couple weeks after Thanksgiving," the swim team could move up a couple of spots from last year in the conference meet.

Jensen also commented that many of the distance swimmers this year did not have much experience in high school, but as they get more experience, they will get more comfortable in that role, and that will help out the team.

# Wrestlers finish up pre-Christmas slate

by Joel Gillespie  
Sports Editor

Eight Engineer wrestlers competed at the 16-team Wabash Invitational last weekend in Lawfordsville. The grapplers will return to action after Christmas.

Sophomore Donnie Stash and freshman Jon Lachowitz both placed in the tournament. Stash began by winning his first three matches, two by fall, to advance to the semifinals.

However, Aaron Bomer of Heidelberg defeated Stash, 10-9, in the match, and Stash had to

medically forfeit his last two matches. He ended up with a sixth-place finish at 150 pounds.

Lachowitz, wrestling at 158, began well also, picking up a 7-0 first-round victory. A tough second-round decision sent him to wrestlebacks, where he won two and lost one to finish in seventh place.

Heavyweights Paul Drury and Kris Verdeyen won a match apiece for the Engineers. The two met in wrestlebacks, where Drury won by fall.

Wabash Invitational Results	
142-	Rob Roush, 0-2
150-	Donnie Stash, 3-1, 6th place
150-	Mike Kosloski, 0-2
150-	Travis Ihnen, 0-2
158-	Jon Lachowitz, 3-2, 7th place
177-	Lathan McLaughlin, 0-2
275-	Paul Drury, 1-2
275-	Kris Verdeyen, 1-2

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10. You realize anything can be funny at 2:00 in the morning.
9. You let your kids sit on a strange fat man's lap while you talk to his friends, the elves.
8. The six dead bodies could be a coincidence, *but the hockey mask...?*
7. ARA just comes out and says it, "Squirrel Burgers for Everyone!"
6. You realize how not funny it is at 2:00 in the afternoon.
5. Someone figures out just how ugly the plaid jackets are.
4. You see a freshman trying to surf in Speed Lake and you yell, "You, Idiot, it's too cold to surf!"
3. You understood *Manx*!
2. You utter the phrase, "Damn, I might just pick up two copies of the *Thorn* this week!"
1. Tomorrow is Saturday, the 14th.

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