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News Briefs

By Kyle Kamischke

Prisoner sues after his weight loss

A US prisoner named Broderick Lloyd Laswell is suing the Benton County jail with a federal lawsuit after he lost almost 100 pounds. He complained that the jail is not feeding him enough, even though he now weighs 308 pounds. He said that his vision has even become blurry while attempting to workout. The prison said that it was feeding him meals that averaged 3,000 calories each day. This is much more than the recommended calorie intake for the US. Before being jailed, Laswell weighed 406 pounds. He was charged with beating and stabbing a man to death. He said, "The only reason we lost weight in here is because we are literally being starved to death." His suit also requests that the prison serve hot food instead of cold food.

Dancing prisoners all the rage

Ever since a YouTube video was posted showing prisoners in a Philippines' dancing to Michael Jackson's song, "Thriller," people have been lining up to watch them perform. The dance had over 1,000 prisoners in their orange jumpsuits. The video had almost 15 million views. Now people in the area are visiting the prison each month to watch their next performance from viewing platforms around the exercise ground. Some of the other songs that have been danced to are Queen's "Radio Ga Ga" and a Bonnie Tyler song called "I Need a Hero." The show usually lasts two hours and visitors can have their pictures taken with the prisoners afterward. They even have prison shirts available for sale. All of the prisoners seem to be enjoying the celebrity attention.

Chernobyl to get new sarcophagus

It was recently announced that a brand new shelter will begin construction next year to replace the Chernobyl nuclear power plant's current shelter. The current shelter has been in place for 22 years and is in danger of collapsing. The new shelter will be built next to the reactor and slid into place by rail. It will weigh 20,000 tons and be "345 feet tall, 840 feet wide and 490 feet long." The shelter was designed by a French-led consortium. After the shelter is in place, the old shelter will be removed, and, in 50 years, the nuclear fuel left in the reactor will be pulled out. Over 95% of the original nuclear fuel is believed to still be in the reactor.

Tim Boyer

Copy Editor

As we come to the close of this academic year, there is something unusual, if not new, on the mind of some spring athletes: post-season. For anyone who knows the term, it can be a very exciting time.

But the reason unusual and new are used in the same phrase as post-season has to do with the fact that Rose is not exactly known for its sports programs. However, this spring, four Rose-Hulman athletic teams are either making a run for or have made an impact in the postseason.

Men's Tennis

Usually when someone looks through a team's statistics, that person will find that the top players on the team are usually juniors and seniors. But when you look at the roster for this year's men's tennis team there is something very noticeable missing: juniors and seniors.

But that does not mean this team is lacking talent; in fact,

that is far from the truth. This past weekend, the men's tennis team hosted the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) at the West Indy Racquet Club in Indianapolis where they captured a strong second place, only falling in the championship match to tennis power Transylvania University.

Sophomore Michael Schoumacher and Scott Grubbs were honored as members of the All-HCAC Tennis Team. While the team may have only finished second, none of the players are graduating at the end of this year (or next), which leaves the team to grow and improve for next year and the year after.

Men's Track and Field

The 13-year reign of Anderson University's men's track and field ended last weekend when the Rose-Hulman men's track and field team took top honors, outscoring Anderson by six points and earning Rose its first conference title in nearly 20 years.

The accomplishment was their first overall league title since 1989. Senior Thomas



Rose-Hulman News

Sophomore biomedical engineering major Jordan Goslee swings away during the final regular season game, one of three major games in the road towards the Commissioner's Cup.

Reives highlighted the meet for the Engineers by breaking the HCAC Championship record in the triple jump with a leap of 46' 6" and winning the long jump with a jump of 22' 5 3/4". Reives also earned a pair of fourth place finishes in the high jump with a leap of 6' 5 1/2" and 100-meter dash in 11.32 seconds, as well as being a member of the

4x100 relay team that took second in the event.

After the first place finish, the men's team improved upon their U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) ranking, moving from 25 to 23. They are also ranked fourth in the Great Lakes region.

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Pollution scars campus

Rachel Howser

Staff Writer

Rose-Hulman has recently become more environmentally conscious with the rise of the idea of sustainability on campus. It has focused heavily on recycling as well as energy and water conservation; however, there are other environmental issues on campus. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management has documented leaking underground storage tanks adjacent to campus. Additionally, there is a considerable amount of solid waste near Oakley Observatory, including leaking discarded engines.

During the fall quarter, the senior civil engineering students, including myself, finished a nearly complete Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) of the east side of Rose-Hulman's campus for their Civil Engineering Codes and Regulations class. The students' work would not be adequate in the court of law

because the students are not yet qualified to complete an ESA.

After completing their study, the students found that there are three leaking underground storage tanks near campus. One of these is located at the Shell gas station just south of Skinner Residence Hall. This tank has caused medium soil and groundwater contamination. The site did go under remediation using a method called monitored natural attenuation. This means that the site was allowed to clean naturally while it was monitored by the EPA. However, as of December 2000, there were still hydrocarbons in the soil and ethyl benzene in the groundwater. Dr. Robinson, an assistant professor in the Civil Engineering Department who focuses on environmental engineering, stated, "Although there still remains contamination on site, at least as of several years ago, the use of monitored natural attenuation for site remediation en-

sures that the community and the environment are protected in an economical manner."

The other tanks are located across the road from the southeast corner of campus at the intersection of Wabash Avenue and Hunt Street and approximately 750 feet south of the southeast corner of campus near Lost Creek Elementary School.

The students were also concerned about the solid waste found near Oakley Observatory. This solid waste consists of everything from rusted out fire hydrants to the much beloved former water-wasting urinals. What was most disturbing about the site was the fact that there was a leaking engine, which could contaminate the soil.



Christina Davis/ Rose Thorn

A rubble pile clutters the Rose-Hulman campus near Oakley Observatory. This is part of a number of various hazards on campus.

After being shown pictures of the solid waste found on campus, junior mechanical engineering major Stephen Brannan pointed out that much of it could be reused. One of the items was a set of stairs. Brannan stated, "Give these to the Percopo kids. They'll figure something out." Junior civil engineering student Maritza Gonzalez stated, "Rose-Hulman is involved in enough community service off-campus that we should be able to take care of our own campus, too."

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by Andrew Klusman

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Softball

Women’s athletics at Rose continue to make great strides. This season, the Rose softball team has enjoyed a successful run which has led them to capturing the HCAC regular season title and the hosting rights for the HCAC softball tournament which starts today.

The title is the first conference title for the program. If the team captures the tournament title, they would receive the program’s first NCAA tournament qualification, the second for women’s sports following the qualification of the women’s soccer team from earlier this fall. Only 11 teams from various sports have qualified for the NCAA tournament in all of Rose’s sports history.

Sophomore pitcher Jordan Goslee is among the best pitchers in school history, setting multiple school records for strikeouts in a seven inning game, the highest being 16. (That means only 5 batters of the opposing team did not strike out.) That school record ranks among the best pitchers in NCAA history, with only about 20 pitchers who have beaten that number since the NCAA started keeping records in 1984.

The softball team also has the least amount of runs scored against them in 16 HCAC games at 34, the next lowest being 45,

and in 34 games of the season at 99, the next lowest being 125. They have a 5-1 record against the other three teams in the tournament.

Baseball

The baseball team is fighting this weekend for hosting rights for the HCAC tournament and the number one spot in the regular season. Currently, the Engineer baseball team sits in first place and set to play a three game series against third place Transylvania University who could pull the Engineers out of first place. Rose must win two of the three games to finish in first place.

Like the softball team, the baseball leads the HCAC in least runs scored against them at 55 after 18 HCAC match ups (the next lowest being 90) and 133 after 36 games overall (the next lowest being 202). The team has won eight consecutive games and 13 of their last 15 going into this weekend’s series.

The baseball team hasn’t won a conference title since 1996 and will look to make their first NCAA tournament appearance since 1996. If the team made it that far, they would play the first round at home since Rose is a pre-determined host site for the NCAA regional baseball tournament.

Texas A&M engineers build ‘Guitar Hero’ robot

Kenny Ryan
The Battalion

The fascination of artificial intelligence has captivated people for years and was the focal point for the “Guitar Hero” playing robot, Slashbot, built by a group of Texas A&M engineering majors as part of their senior project.

Vinny Lapenna, a computer engineering major, is a member of the four-man team that built Slashbot. He said the inspiration for the project came from an episode of “South Park” that focuses on the game “Guitar Hero.”

“We all saw that episode and we all thought it was really funny,” Lapenna said. “For some reason it just became an inspiration for us to make a robot to play ‘Guitar Hero.’”

The robot is built with five mechanical fingers to play the notes along the neck of the guitar and another that strums the notes at the correct time. Slashbot knows when to play by taking the video signal from the group’s PlayStation 2 and reading the grayscale pixels of the fret board as they move down the screen. Each time it detects the white dot at the center of each note approaching, it waits the appropriate delay to strum the note on time.

Slashbot reliably plays many songs on “Expert Mode” with approximately 96 percent accuracy.

“There’s a YouTube video where I duel it, and I got 96 per-

cent to its 97 percent,” Lapenna said. “In my defense, I could have scored higher if we tried again.”

Groupmate Michael Voth, a computer engineering major, sacrificed his PlayStation 2 and copy of “Guitar Hero,” and left it in the lab for the semester so the robot could be built. Lapenna testified that it was a group effort in which everyone did their share.

Other group members were electrical engineering major David Buckner, who plays drums for a local band, and computer engineering major Mitchell Jeffers. The group was united by its sense of humor and love of rock ‘n’ roll.

“We wanted to work on a project that we would want to work on, that we would be motivated to work on, that we would really get something out of,” Lapenna said. “When we are done, we can share it with other people and let other people enjoy it too.”

Aggies who think they can best Slashbot in a battle of axe grinding will have an opportunity to test their mettle. Slashbot will be available from 11 a.m. to

1 p.m. at Demo Day Tuesday in the Zachry lobby.

Challengers should be warned that Slashbot combines the skills of its namesake with the merciless precision of a machine.

“It’s a combination of ‘Slash,’ the Guns N’ Roses guitarist -

because he’s one of the greatest guitarists ever, I don’t think that needs any explanation - and ‘bot’ because it’s a robot,” Lapenna said. “It was actually pretty cool. In our report I had a picture of Slash, plus a picture of a robot, equals Borat. ‘Very nice.’”

A YouTube video of Slashbot performing “Cliffs over Dover” has drawn more than 120,000 views since April 22. The 447 comments it has accrued in that time are split between, “Dude that’s awesome!” “You have no life what-so-ever” and “One step closer to Skynet!”

Lapenna takes the compliments, and the criticism, in stride.

“People might think we have no lives, but we are engineers, so that’s kind of been the case for the past four years.”

Correction

In the April 25, 2008 edition of The Rose Thorn, there existed an error in the article entitled “New signs mark campus.” In this article, it was said the Alpha Phi Omega constructed the previous wooden signs in front of various buildings, whereas it should have been the Pi Kappa Alpha Colony.

User-driven ‘Green Voting’ Web site follows green legislation

Sarah Krasin
The Marquette Tribune

Earth Day may only come once a year, but 25 Marquette students and one determined professor have been working all semester to create a unique tool for environmentally-minded people.

McGee Young, assistant professor of political science, led his environmental politics senior experience seminar in creating a brand new Web site, greenvoting.com. The site serves as a centralized source of information about environmental issues, policies and organizations across the state of Wisconsin.

The site is set up to function as a “hybrid between Wikipedia and craigslist,” Young said.

According to Young, greenvoting.com operates in a collaborative fashion much like Wikipedia, where individuals can register and edit site content.

The parallel to craigslist, a Web site that operates much like an online flea market, relates to the site’s ultimate goal. Young said as greenvoting.com matures, Wisconsin residents across the state will hopefully create their own pages reflecting their particular environmental interests.

“It’s a way for people to kind of advertise their own efforts to protect the environment, as well as collaborate with others,” Young said.

The project itself took plenty of collaboration and hard work from the class. Just ask Lianna Bishop, Katie Dorman and Jake Gardner, all seniors in the College of Arts & Sciences and active participants in the project.

“This is probably one of the most demanding classes I’ve ever taken,” Gardner said.

Students in the course were broken up into groups that focused

on the site’s five main content areas - issues, events, organizations, institutions and elected officials. Each member of the class was assigned three daily newspapers from around the state and was responsible for posting any new environmentally related articles they found.

The site, which launched on April 1, is still in its infant stages. But it has already gained almost 50 registrations. While some members are professors or relatives of students, Dorman said green voting has started to “move beyond the Christmas card list.” A number of smaller, neighborhood organizations are interested in using green voting as a means for promoting events and activism.

According to Bishop, the class also sought to keep the site as non-partisan as possible.

“We don’t want it to be a slanted perspective when the ultimate goal is knowledge,” Bishop said. “We want people to come to the site, get educated and make their own decisions.”

With 24 of the 25 project members graduating in a few weeks, students are unsure how the Green Voting project will continue.

“When we leave, we don’t want it to die,” Gardner said. According to Gardner, the user-driven aspect of the site will allow it to function as long as there is an interest.

Young said he is searching for interns interested in continuing the progress his class made this semester. Interns would be hired as long as people find the site useful and actively use it, Young said.

“It’s rare in a classroom setting to do work that will do something besides collect dust,” Young said. “This is something they’ll be able to look back on and think, ‘Wow, we actually started that.’ In some ways, that’s really what a senior experience course is all about.”

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For UA grad, crime has never been so tiring

Ryan Mazer

The Crimson White

Political campaigns, natural disasters and a depressed economy. Amidst the current events being thrust on us daily, perhaps none gives a clearer view of America today than a bunch of people watching a live feed of a guy half-consciously guiding a virtual gangster through a series of crimes.

"It's been a circus," said the person in question, UA graduate Jim Patton, who is seeking to set the Guinness World Record for longest consecutive "Grand Theft Auto" marathon. Following the Tuesday release of "Grand Theft Auto IV," the latest entry in the series, Patton began playing at 5 p.m. and said he plans to go "as long as [he] possibly can without risking [his] general well-being."

Patton's story was set in motion after pitching a video game series on bushleague.tv, a men's interest website set to launch on May 8.

"I got the job because I

pitched an idea called '24 Hour Game Review,' where I play a video game for 24 consecutive hours and review it as I go," he said.

"The first one I did was for 'Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six: Vegas 2.' Soon after, I got a call and was told that the Frag Dolls [a group of female gamers] set the record for playing that game for 24 hours, and that if I had registered with Guinness [World Records], I would have gotten it."

Patton made sure not to make the same mistake again, and soon contacted Guinness himself.

"It's been a tedious process," he said. "They make you fill out a bunch of paperwork, and you have to get credible witnesses and see medical professionals."

In addition to those in the room, Patton will have plenty of online witnesses, as people will be able to watch and interact with him via a live feed on www.live.yahoo.com/bushleagueottv.

"I'll be able to respond, and they'll be able to see everything

I say and do," he said, adding, "It's a little unsettling. If someone takes his shirt off on the web, there's a feeding frenzy of people creeping in."

Despite the trying conditions, Patton will be allowed some downtime.

"Once an hour, I get ten minutes to do whatever. If I don't use the ten minutes, they carry over," he said.

However, he said he thinks exploiting this would be "cheap."

"I don't want to do that. I'm going to try to take a few breaks as possible," he said.

Even with the attention his feat has received - including an interview with Maxim Radio and a spot on the gaming channel G4 - Patton said he should have no problem simply enjoying the game.

"I'm going to be honed in on what I'm doing. Later in the morning, when some of the people have left, it should be easier for me to settle in and play. But from everything I've read, the game just sounds amazing," he said.



<http://www.sciam.com>

Released April 29th, Grand Theft Auto IV has already caused controversy and has fueled the ever growing boycott and ire for violence in video games.

Smart People: a flick with an all star cast

Emma Dessau

Campus Press

If there is only one thing that can be said definitively about "Smart People," it's that it has an all-star cast.

Dennis Quaid stars as Lawrence, a widower, and a depressed and pretentious Carnegie Mellon University professor. His daughter Vanessa, played by Ellen Page, is as ostentatious as her father but in a younger, female form. The duo works together to isolate themselves from anyone as who does not live up to their standards of intellect - and that's everyone.

Lawrence's adopted brother and anti-thesis, Chuck, played by Thomas Haden Church, appears at the university in need of money on the very day Lawrence

suffers a seizure and has his license suspended for six months. In need of a chauffeur, Lawrence grudgingly allows Chuck to live in his home and drive him around.

While in the emergency room, Lawrence meets his doctor and former student Janet played by Sarah Jessica Parker. For the first time since his wife's death, he becomes interested in dating someone. However, Lawrence's pompous tendencies continuously drive Janet away.

The only major flaw in the film's storyline comes from Janet's seemingly endless patience with Lawrence and his arrogant behavior. It was hard to believe that in real life circumstances, an accomplished woman like Janet would put up with a man as self-absorbed as Lawrence

again and again. "Smart People" offers a surprisingly honest portrayal of all its characters. The story line is a bit slow, but each actor did a phenomenal job depicting everyday people in unfortunate circumstances.

Ellen Page was particularly impressive. She managed to make herself extremely unlikable while still gaining sympathy from the audience. There is comedy in "Smart People" but it is all cleverly hidden in the characters' wit and banter with each other. What does come through easily, however, is that there is hope, even for the unlikable, to overcome whatever has made them that way.

In the end, "Smart People" is honest but uplifting, and often-times that is a hard mixture to pull off.

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Ellen Page (right) and Thomas Haden Church (right) star as the dysfunctional family of the Wetherholds with Dennis Quaid at the head of it.

Whisk Witchery

Emma Carroll
Staff Writer

This week we are going south of the border; in honor of the upcoming celebration of Cinco de Mayo, with some tasty Mexican-inspired dishes. Contrary to popular belief, May 5 is not Mexican Independence Day. Actually, Mexico declared its independence from Spain on September 16, 1810. Cinco de Mayo is a celebration to commemorate The Battle of Puebla, which took place on the morning of May 5, 1862. This early victory was accomplished by General Ignacio Zaragoza Seguín and his small rag-tag army who defeated invading French forces during the Franco-Mexican War (1861-1867). Ironically, this holiday has gained a wider popularity with Chicanos (Mexican-Americans) in the United States than it enjoys in Mexico, with the exception of the region of Puebla. Festivities for this holiday typically include plenty of food and drinks, as well as music, dance, and Mexican culture. So, get to cooking and start your

own Cinco de Mayo celebration.

Quickie Quesadillas

Servings:4
1 can refried beans (16-ounce)
3 tablespoons green sauce or hot sauce
8 flour tortillas (6-inch)
1 red bell pepper, finely chopped
1/4 cup chopped cilantro or parsley
8 ounces (2 cups) shredded Monterey Jack or cheddar cheese

Combine refried beans and green sauce or hot sauce in a bowl and mix well. Spread bean mixture over 4 of the tortillas and sprinkle with bell pepper, cilantro, and cheese. Cover these with remaining tortillas. Spray a skillet with non-stick baking spray, cook tortillas over medium heat for about 3 minutes on each side or until cheese melts and the tortillas are golden around edges. To serve, cut each quesadilla into quarters and enjoy.

Walking Tacos

Servings: 8
2 lb lean ground beef
1 package taco seasoning

Taco toppings:
(this part is up to you and your personal tastes, but below are a few ideas!)
Shredded cheese
Shredded lettuce
Sour Cream
Tomatoes
Refried beans
French Dressing
Salsa
Jalapenos
Guacamole
Black Olives

Brown the ground beef in pan, and add taco seasoning according to package directions. Drain off any excess grease. Combine chips, meat, and toppings of your choice in a bowl, and enjoy! If you really want to make this meal portable with no dishes to clean, just pile the meat and your favorite toppings into an individual bag of Doritos and take them for a walk.

A time for reflection

Christopher Smith
Rose-Hulman
Staff Counselor

The quarter is over in just a few weeks, and for all of us this means transition. Often we equate the end of the school year with graduation, and for those graduating, the change from a student to a member of the workforce. This is a very important transition, but there are others taking place that we might not realize right away. For freshmen, this means transitioning from being new college students to students with a year under their belt. For sophomores and juniors, this means transitions as well. Sophomores, you are one step closer to graduation and you are moving into upper-classmen status. Juniors, you will begin the transition to senior year and with it, the applying to graduate schools or looking for jobs.

Each of these transitions is an important one, and I write this week to encourage all of you to take a few moments and savor your accomplishments. Freshmen, you have made it through your first year at Rose! You may not have done as well in your classes as you wished, you may not have done all of the things you thought you were supposed to do, but you have made it through the year and you should be proud of yourselves. A time will come, maybe next year, when you look back on your first year here at Rose with a mix of nostalgia and humor. You will remember the good times and the relationships you have made. Sophomores, I have been told that the sophomore year here

at Rose is the hardest. Well, you got through, and that is an accomplishment. You have made it through a tough year and are one step closer to graduation. Juniors, in just a few months you will begin your senior year and you will begin the mad dash to the end of your undergraduate career. You are one step closer and another year wiser. Seniors, congratulations! You are almost done, and you may be going on to graduate school or employment. Either way, you will no longer be an undergraduate, and as anxiety-provoking as that can be, it is a truly amazing and wonderful feat. You may not be aware of this, but only about 25 percent of people over the age of 25 have a bachelor's degree. You will be graduating, and with that you will have succeeded at quite an accomplishment.

Although the end of the year and the transitions that come with it may seem daunting and anxiety provoking, I write this to remind you to take some time and admire your accomplishments. Oftentimes I have seen that with the ending of a school year, students become so overwhelmed that they forget to take a moment and reflect. I encourage you to find some time in these next few weeks to sit and reflect. Remember the good times with friends, the late nights getting work done or hanging out, and congratulate yourself on a job well done.

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Some universities do away with cafeteria trays to reduce waste

Marc Miner
Daily Nebraskan

Some universities have added new meaning to a balanced diet in their dining halls. Students must balance plates, bowls and a glass or two thanks to some schools' abandonment of cafeteria trays.

Alfred University, Frostburg State University and San Francisco State University are a few institutions that have stacked away plastic trays for the last time.

The practice has led to reported decreases in food waste by as much as a third and decreased energy costs. The savings were reportedly passed to the students.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln has never experimented with the practice, said Pam Edwards, the assistant director of university dining services.

"It wasn't anything we haven't thought about," Edwards said. "I think it's fine that they try it."

Edwards said UNL dining services still must consider outcomes for dining customers before going "trayless."

"You have to look at are what kind of meal plans they have and other variables," Edwards said. "Simple things (like) if they have a plate and a glass, will the customers be able to get through the line? Will they perceive it as bad customer service? Will they be late for class?"

Compared to other dining halls, Selleck serves the most people during early afternoon, Edwards said.

Khushbaht Abdulloev, a senior marketing major and student manager at Selleck's dining hall,

recorded student attendance and waste levels at the dining hall in November 2007.

In an average week, Selleck serves more than 21,488 students, and in an average day, Selleck serves more than 3,070 students, Abdulloev wrote in an e-mail.

He calculated that one pound of food is wasted out of every five trays by examining 50 trays.

"On an average day, more than 615 pounds of food gets wasted (not including bones and trash) just in Selleck Dining Services," Abdulloev said.

Selleck is not the only cafeteria that sees a lot of food waste. Alex Lee, a junior biochemistry major, works as a Cather Dining Hall dishwasher.

"Working back there is super sickening," Lee said. "People waste so much food everyday."

While other colleges have chosen to cut back on trays to stop food waste, this may clash with a diner's convenience.

"We definitely want to get students' feedback," Edwards said, adding that the university's dining services won't abandon trays just yet.

Another student views the tray-plate discussion as a paradox in itself.

Josh Rodriguez, a freshman business finance major, said, "Why use plates if you have a tray? You might as well use the tray as a plate."

However, Bryant Bone, a senior business management major, was against getting rid of trays.

"There's probably other ways to do it," he said.


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My goal today is to be the first person ever to write one newspaper column about BOTH the proper use of hyphens AND the dance phenomenon known as “krumping.” (Please note that “krump” may be spelled with a “c”: viz., “crump.”)

My concern is twofold. (A) Rose-Hulman¹ students often abuse hyphens, more through the sin of omission than through the sin of commission (as the Book of Common Prayer says, “we have sinned... in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone” [italics mine]). (B) There is no campus organization, neither interest group nor club nor faculty or staff group to promote the art of krumping in the Rose community. Krumping, as the ever-helpful² Wikipedia tells me, like “clowning,” involves “rapid rhythmic bobbling and arm-swinging,”³ as well as intermittent flexing of the spine and thrusting-out⁴ of the chest.” Go to youtube.com or rent Rize. See what you find.

Bringing krumping to campus would increase our vocabulary as well as our funkiness, both of which could stand a boost. We’d learn verbs like “pop-lock”⁵ and “dime-stop”⁶ and “bucking” and “amping”⁷— and for EEs, “amp”

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would take on a whole new meaning.

Ideally Rose would support both a Clowning Club and a Crumping Club, and these two could take part in a battle-zone⁸ once or twice a year. We could call it the Rose-Hulman Clown-Crump Battle-Zone.⁹

I have definite ideas about who on this campus might make good Crumpers and who would make good Clowners. However, given that my assistant-to-associate-professor¹⁰ tenure decision is still a couple of years away, it’s best if I don’t name names.

Still, krumping battle-zones make nice fundraisers. We could close off Wabash for the weekend and host a block party to raise money for what I think is a worthy cause: buying hyphens for needy students. I realize that, what with the rising cost of chicken wings and engineering textbooks, many students feel they can’t afford to spend their loan money on punctuation that’s generally perceived as superfluous. But for the low, low price of less than a penny a day, you can provide an engineering student with all the hyphens he or she will ever need.

Here, on the house, are a few hyphens to get you going. Cut and paste! (The first ones are always free.)

- 1 Rose-Hulman: Two names (personal nouns), one school. Needs a hyphen to keep it together.
- 2 ever-helpful: Adverb + adjective, functioning as an adjective. Hyphen’s optional here. I think I prefer it without.
- 3 arm-swinging: Noun + participial noun (a.k.a. “gerund”), functioning as one noun. Mandatory hyphen.
- 4 thrusting-out: Participle + locative particle (“out” looks like a preposition here, but it’s not), functioning as one gerund. Spend the hyphen!
- 5 pop-lock: two verbs, spliced together to make a new verb. It will need the hyphen for another ten to two hundred years, until it becomes the compound “poplock.”
- 6 dime-stop: noun + verb, functioning not as a subject + predicate. No-brainer.
- 7 —: is not a hyphen but a dash— ‘Nother ball of wax. Just don’t confuse them.
- 8 battle-zone: noun + noun. See notes 1 and 3. This one won’t take long to become a single word.
- 9 Rose-Hulman Clown-Crump Battle-Zone: hyper-hyphenation, I know, but it’s necessary.
- 10 assistant-to-associate-professor: this is overkill, but it’s all functioning as one long adjective modifying the noun “tenure decision.” Trust me, if there’s a noun I want modified correctly, it’s “tenure decision.”

Stranger in a Strange Land:
Why do Americans make such a big deal about sex?

Jennifer Musser
The Post

When I was walking along Court Street last weekend with a friend of three years, we were discussing the storm that almost happened that day and how nice it would have been. Seemingly out of nowhere, she mentioned that it would be great if there were a storm on her wedding night so she could lose her virginity to the sounds of rain and thunder. That comment halted all other thoughts going through my mind for a moment as I processed two interesting effects it had on me: First, I was amused that a seemingly innocent conversation about the weather would lead into a talk about sex. Sometimes it seems as though sex is all youth culture in America can think about today. Second, I was perplexed at the contrasting fact that not only is my friend a virgin, but that she also wants to save herself for marriage.

Now, I have known both of those facts about her for a long time. Not only have I admired her beliefs for a long time, but I used to hold them as my own, as well. I want to say that I still admire them, but I was shocked this past weekend to realize that part of me wanted to laugh when she so simply expressed her thoughts. What is the point in saving yourself, I wanted to ask. Why do Americans make such a big deal about sex, I wanted to demand. And then I wondered when my own feelings had changed so much.

Honestly, I can only speculate on the reason, but I think it has a

lot to do with my time in Japan. I think most Americans see Japan and many other Asian countries as being far more conservative than we are ourselves. Why is that? Because they have a longer history of female suppression and modesty? Because they have long-standing traditions of being more refined and reserved in nature than we see ourselves to be? If there is anything I learned from my time in Japan, it is that Japanese people are masters of dual natures, especially with regards to sex.

Take, for example, the practice of love hotels. In Japanese society, most people live with their parents until they get married. That means that even when someone enters the real world with a job, he or she probably works close to home so as to live with the parents. If the person did not secure a job close to home, he or she could very likely live in a dorm made for employees of the company. Late night guests are highly discouraged in such dorms. So what about college students? Again, most college students either go to a college close to their home or commute every day. Athletes and other students with good reason to be living near campus can live in the dormitories, which are not abundant. In the case of a dormitory, though, it is not simple discouragement to have late night visitors—anybody not living in the

dormitory is not allowed to enter the building, and opposite genders may not enter each other’s rooms. A small number of college students will actually live in apartments, but this is rare. So what happens when youths in Japan want to have sex? Despite being so strict about gender segregation, Japanese society is not naïve enough to believe people simply will abstain from sex if opportunities are difficult to obtain.

So where do people go? Answer: a love hotel! They are cheaper at night than during the day, charge by the hour and are available at any time. The couple needs only to enter the lobby, press the button of the unoccupied room that they want and commence happy times. Rooms can have themes such as looking like an empty subway car. Mostly, though, each room has a queen- or king-sized bed, a large screen television, a large bathtub and probably a sauna. When finished, guests leave, press the button of their room again, receive a ticket and pay in the machine. They never even have to face the awkwardness of talking with a receptionist. A love hotel that a friend of mine visited was approximately \$50 for a night, and that cost included room service dinner. That is cheaper than a regular room in the United States and solely for the purpose of having sex! I cannot imagine such a concept within the context of our country.

“So where do people go?
Answer: a love hotel!”

As an English professor, I find that people tend to think English classes are all about grammar, spelling, and details like punctuation. I say “people,” because it’s true of almost everyone, even strangers I used to meet when I used to go to parties when I used to have a life. “You teach English?” quips Ms. Someone, “I’ll watch what I say.”

And indeed, the ability to use hyphens and capital letters correctly, this little party trick I seem to have, should be part of every graduate’s repertoire. Spelling is useful as well, lest Campus Beautification Day should become Campus Beatification Day, forcing us to call in bishops and cardinals to pronounce this place St. Rosie of the Slide Rule. More importantly, the practical knowledge of how sentences are built, with attention to stress points, vulnerability to warp and shear, sentences’ touch and tempo, timbre and tremolo, their dynamic range—such knowledge makes it possible to have richer, more interesting thoughts. The word “sentence,” after all, stems from the same root as “sense” and “sentience.” Careless sentences often betray careless sense. A sentence is a tool for thinking, and the inability to use this tool properly makes one susceptible to those who can.

The real payoff of college English, however, goes beyond the utility of commas and clauses. It has to do with keeping culture alive. (The rules of spelling, despite their being bugbears, generally preserve linguistic origins; the patterns of poetry do something similar). It has to do with the pursuit of greater flexibility and precision of thought. It has to do with elegance, yes, but as much to do with reason in all its rigor and humanity.

Like science, like ethics, like religion, language is a human invention, a technology for apprehending the world—and each other. It was our forebears who invented the Experiment, the Categorical Imperative, Dietary Laws, and the Paragraph. Sometimes it pays to be reminded: we don’t exist for science’s sake, or for the sake of the Sabbath or the split infinitive. We made them, not the other way around, and can use or change them when necessary—probably not individually, but en masse and over time we can, and do. Science is our tool, as is language, as are the rules of ethics and the guide of religion. (That’s not to say that Nature and God are our inventions, too. They may be, but that’s for another time.)

Why am I saying all of this? Because it is altogether too easy for us to become, as Thoreau says, “the tools of our tools.” It’s easy to adhere to—or protest against—religion for its own sake, or the rules of grammar for theirs, just as it is too easy to say, with recent Paustenbach Lecturer John D. Graham, that

we must ground our society’s decisions about whether to accept or regulate new products entirely on science-based risk analysis.

The idea is foolhardy and it’s shortsighted. It makes us tools, not tool-users. Dr. Graham claimed in his lecture, for example, that bioengineered seeds have been proven to increase productivity (which is debatable, but that’s for another time). He implied that other nations were therefore foolish to reject these, our homegrown American products. The assumption is that, if increased productivity can be scientifically determined, and if controlled studies can verify the health of subjects who eat bioengineered produce and hormone-treated beef (more often these are uncontrolled experiments on an uninformed public), then hormone dosing and bioengineering are themselves Officially Safe.

The flaws in this logic are both scientific and beyond scientific. It shouldn’t take an English teacher to point out that “safety” doesn’t reduce to the health effects of individuals’ consumption of one product. “Health” doesn’t automatically follow “increased yields.” We have to ask: healthy and safe for whom? Cattle? Soil? Rural communities? Third World farmers who find it increasingly hard to save seeds that haven’t been patented by one of four international conglomerates? (It’s worth noting that as people around the world are rioting over grain prices, Cargill and Archer Daniels Midland reap record profits.) How can we determine, scientifically, that Monsanto’s Roundup is “safe,” for example, when it’s hard to find an acre in America that’s 100% glyphosate-free, to use as a control?

If we continue to insist that we should base our acceptance and deregulation of the altering and patenting of genes—it’s patenting I find truly dangerous—solely or even primarily on scientific evidence, we are guilty of a scientific idolatry that cheapens who we are. It’s not so much that this idolatry offends against God and Nature. (That discussion, too, is for another time.) But it certainly offends against who we are.

At the very, very least, we should remember that, thanks to culture and forebears, other tools are available to help guide our decision-making, tools Dr. Graham neglected to mention. Religion and ethics can help us determine whether a product or process is likely to be just or unjust. Language, too, can help. If we can talk properly about a thing and call it by its real name, then perhaps we can more readily dismantle corrupted logic, and build a stronger and more humane reason of our own. We won’t just watch what we say, like Ms. Someone, but how we reason.

I think we Americans too often mistake public modesty and segregation as innocence or chastity. Japan clearly shows that outward behavior does not have to dictate societal views. I have to admit that I find the idea of a sexually aware

culture that does not believe in displaying skin and perversion all the time to be a refreshing one. Not that I am advocating that everyone in America should go out and have sex all of the time. Maybe we could find a happy medium.

Hauter to leave Rose for DePauw

Tim Boyer
Copy Editor

In perhaps one of the most shocking announcements to come recently to the Rose sports community, men's and women's soccer head coach Brad Hauter announced he was accepting the head men's soccer coaching position at DePauw University. Hauter, a coach at Rose for the past 6 years, made the announcement this past Tuesday via the DePauw University sports webpage.

This announcement has come as a shock to many people, perhaps mostly the members of the soccer teams. Freshman civil engineering major and forward Molly Richardson shared her response: "He called us into a meeting... no one knew what it was for... most of us thought he was going to say 'Alright, pre-season... leave Rose to coach at DePauw.' but he walked in to the room and I just knew something was up..."

"He has brought a level of play to this team that is very rarely seen at the Division III level. He taught us not only to be better soccer players, but to be better people as well. He will be missed on this campus."

Junior civil engineering major and midfielder Liz Ridgway added, "I am sad he is leaving but it's best for his family. He always

told us to put academics and family first... We wish him the best of luck and he will really be missed. Luckily, we have Emily coaching the women... It won't be the same but Brad left us with great staff."

Hauter's fervor for the game has translated into success on the field, as the men's team finished second in the conference in the past two years and only lost 16 games in the past three seasons. The men's program also earned its first national ranking in school history.

On the women's side, he has raised the bar to that of a top-quality Division III program at a school that does not focus as much on athletics, and where women only make up 20 percent of an already small student population.

Hauter coached the women's team to a perfect 8-0 in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) this past fall and subsequently won the conference tournament, earned the first-ever NCAA tournament qualification for women's sports at Rose and the 11th for all sports at Rose. While a narrow 1-0 loss in the first round of the NCAA tournament may seem a bit lacking, a precedent has been set for years to come.

Hauter was recognized for his efforts as he was named Coach of the Year for women's soccer and

Co-Coach of the Year for men's soccer by the HCAC.

In teaching his players to be better people, Hauter has done so by example. In 2003, Hauter took a 79 day, 5,600 mile journey across America on a lawn mower. This was part of a greater effort known as Keep America Beautiful, for which his efforts raised \$150,000. In the process, he topped his own world record for lawn mower riding.

Throughout the trip, his efforts received national and international attention. After traveling from San Francisco, CA to Battery Park in lower Manhattan, NY, he conducted interviews with local stations and CNN, and was featured by the Associated Press and other newspapers.

What seemed to impress Hauter the most was a highlight on ESPN SportsCenter's "Top 10 Plays of the Day" on June 6, 2003, where he ranked number 3. "I played soccer for 10 years and never once made it onto SportsCenter. Now, I jump on a riding mower and I'm on the 'Top 10 Plays of the Day.' It's unreal," Hauter told Rose-Hulman News in 2003.

Hauter is also the host of the TV show *Junk'd*, in which Hauter tells homeowners they've won a backyard makeover by a professional contractor, and proceeds to leave a disastrous mess before letting the homeowner in on the joke and calling in a real contractor to finish the job.

Perhaps the most impressive accomplishment is that he has brought all of his passion for the sport to both the men's and women's soccer team.



Rose-Hulman News

Soccer coach Brad Hauter will leave Rose to coach at DePauw.

Brad Hauter sits down with the Thorn

Rose-Hulman men's and women's soccer coach Brad Hauter recently accepted the head coaching position for DePauw's men's soccer team. Hauter sat down with the Thorn recently to discuss his decision.

Rose Thorn: What encouraged you to apply for the position in the first place?

Brad Hauter: When I came to Rose my kids were two years old and not really involved in many things outside the home... Now that they are nine they are incredibly busy with activities, projects and in developing life skills... In coaching and recruiting for two teams I am not involved in their lives for about 40% of the year... During the fall we rarely have dinners together and see each other in the mornings and when they come to see games... On average I am out watching games two weekends a month in the offseason... So my life has changed dramatically since I first took the position... It happened gradually and I didn't notice it right away but I started to look at family photos from weekend get-aways, recitals, games, etc., and I am not in the pictures and it is not because I was behind the camera.

I have been offered many jobs over the last 3 - 4 years and have had no interest and still have no interest in leaving Rose or Terre Haute. The motivation to apply came solely from a desire to be a better dad.

RT: How will working at DePauw free up your time to spend more of it with your family?

BH: The DePauw job is a 10 month contract vs a 12 month here at Rose... It is coaching 1 team instead of 2 so I will now be able to be home for dinner on most evenings... And they are allowing me flexible office hours in the offseason to work from home if I choose...

With that said I want to make sure Rose gets credit for working hard to create an environment that would accomplish the same... Rose was willing to look at a 10 month contract for coaches and to allow me to coach 1 team... In looking at this I simply cannot pick one team and just observe the other... I am connected to both teams and all players and I don't know if I can explain it but I take that responsibility very seriously.

RT: After such a successful season this year on both the men's and women's side, what made you decide to accept the offer?

BH: I really tried to do everything I could think of not to accept the job... It was the most difficult decision I have ever made.

RT: In your seven years at Rose, you have accomplished many firsts, including the first conference title and NCAA appearance for the women's program. Do you think that this will be able to continue in years to come?

BH: I have no doubt that Rose soccer will continue to be strong and I actually believe it will prosper... I think life works in weird ways that we don't often have the ability to understand... I think I was guided here to build the foundation for a

successful program and believe that I am called to move on so that the program can move to the next level... The program is in a place that will be attractive to high level coaches and I think fate will bring to Rose the guy to take the men's program to new heights... The coach to take the women to the next level is already here.

I stand firmly behind the thought that a great coach with bad players will not be successful... Yet a bad coach with great players can be successful... I am not downplaying the role of the coach as it is important, but the success of a program comes down to the talent... Rose has incredible talent and kids of great character and I know it will continue to be strong.

RT: Will you be involved in the process of finding a replacement for the open position?

BH: If there is any karma and justice in this world then I will be allowed to be involved in this process and Rose has been great in

Engineer Scoreboard

Baseball 27-9 (14-4)

<i>April 25</i>	Hanover College	2
	at Rose-Hulman	3
<i>April 26</i>	Hanover College	1
	at Rose-Hulman	2
	Hanover College	5
	at Rose-Hulman	9
<i>April 29</i>	Anderson University	1
	at Rose-Hulman	3

Softball 24-10 (13-3)

<i>April 24</i>	St. Mary-of-the-Woods	7
	at Rose-Hulman	1
	St. Mary-of-the-Woods	4
	at Rose-Hulman	7
<i>April 26</i>	Rose-Hulman	10
	at Hanover College	2
	Rose-Hulman	2
	at Hanover College	0

Track and Field

<i>April 25-26</i>	HCAC Championships	<i>Men 1st, Women 4th</i>
	Anderson, IN	

Men's Golf

<i>April 25-26</i>	HCAC Tournament Rounds 1-2	<i>5th of 8 teams</i>
	Seymour, IN	

Men's Tennis 10-7 (8-3)

<i>April 27</i>	Rose-Hulman	5
	vs. Franklin College	2
<i>April 26</i>	Anderson University	1
	vs. Rose-Hulman	5
	Rose-Hulman	0
	vs. Transylvania U.	5

every aspect of this with me... It is so important to me to find the coach that can take this incredible group of players to the next level.

RT: What is your favorite memory (or memories) of Rose soccer?

BH: Without hesitation it is the players... the character, drive, and integrity of the players I have had the fortune to work with is second to none... There is something different about the kid that comes to Rose... In my recruiting, from admissions, the professors and everyone involved at Rose we tell you from the beginning this school is going to be the toughest thing you'll go through... That is enough to make your average [high school] student run screaming from the room... But for the special kid who is cut from a different stone... the challenge excites them... It is incredible to see... It has been an honor to work with the student-athletes here because of this but also because, and I know I have a weird

way of looking at things, but I fully believe Rose students are here because they are destined to change the world and that Rose holds a couple of pieces of the puzzle for them... It is really amazing to be working with individuals who were put on this earth to make it a better place. The players I will miss the most and hold all my favorite memories.

RT: What do you think it will be like next year when Rose and DePauw compete at Rose (October 29th, 2008)?

BH: It will be terrible and an impossible day for me on every level... I can see myself cheering for Rose and smiling when they score, play a great ball or level a DePauw player... But I am competitive and do not enjoy losing even to players I truly care for... there is no way to be successful that day unless the game is cancelled and we can just have a picnic on the field and talk about the great days I had the fortune to wear the Rose colors.

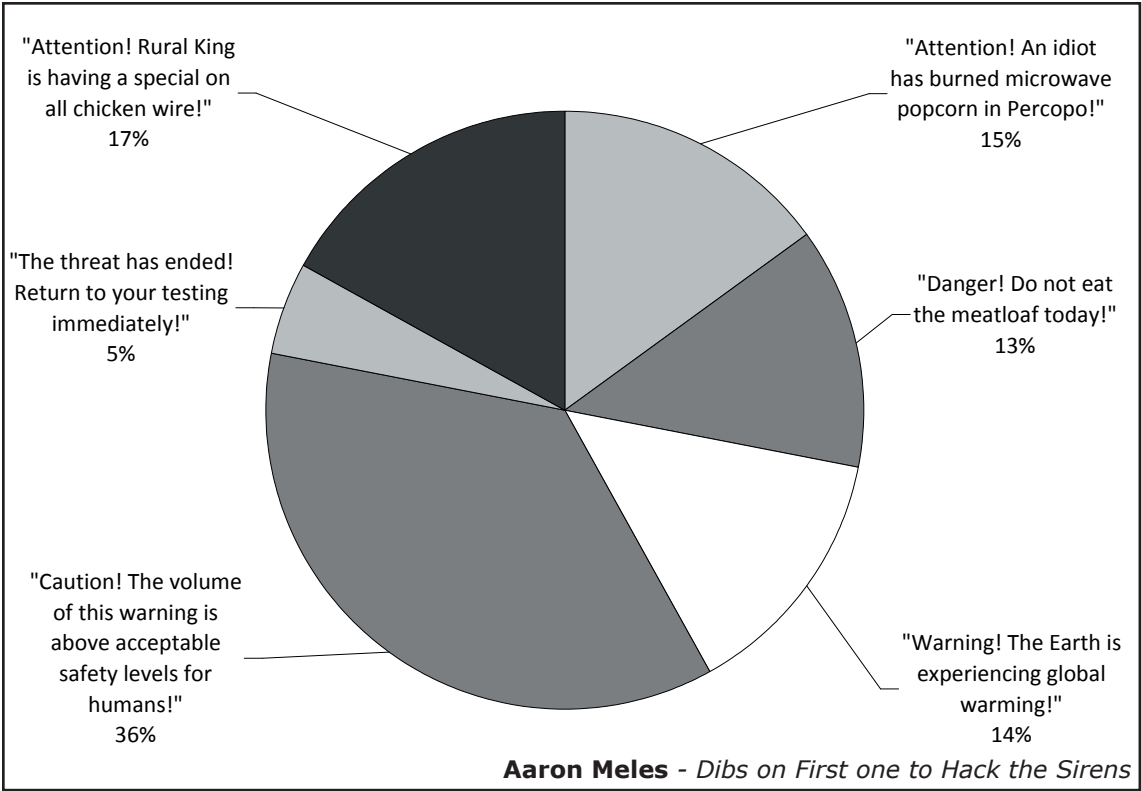


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Interpretive Education

James Zhou
Oh the Humanities!

What if engineering was like some of the more esoteric liberal arts fields, where things like facts are tossed out in favor of “truths,” beliefs, and inane opinions? To find out, I went deep undercover as a corporate-hating-Democrat-hippie pot dealer with three tri-sexual multi-racial parents at a liberal arts university, where thanks to the enormous class sizes, no one noticed me spying on the various lectures.

Unfortunately, I was discovered and subsequently kicked out when I accidentally sat in on an international relations class and made a remark based on logical deductions from a statistical analysis of the relative contributions of each nation to scientific progress. While an angry and slightly intoxicated mob chased me away from their bastion of free thinking for my rationality, I texted this article to the Flipside.

Archaic languages: If you thought translating between Metric and English units were hard, try translating a schematic of a suspension bridge between Aramaic and Latin. On the plus side, if you ever make a mistake and someone dies, just blame it on the construction workers’ shameful ignorance of the “damn well still alive” languages.

History: I fell asleep and was unable to learn anything about history, except that history is really boring.

Music: Apparently music majors spend their entire lives studying and reproducing harmonic oscillations. My EE friend has a small combination signal generator/oscilloscope which replicated Mozart’s life’s work in roughly 3 days and finished his unfinished works in the following afternoon. He is currently using it to figure out why his radio has trouble receiving the song about “superman-nig holes” (I have no idea what language that song is in or what “supermanning holes” even translate to).

Psychology: The most awesome class ever. You get points based on how deviant your opinions are from everyone else’s. Finally, some people who applaud the genius behind my idea of conquering the world with a cyborg army. Of course, since they have no career prospects, money, or useful organs, they can not assist my plans.

Art: I was too disgusted to take an arts class after hearing about how some Yale girl made her senior project with leftover matter from self-induced miscarriages.

Women’s studies: The class is full of women, who glared at me until I left. In reflection, wearing a “bros before ho’s” t-shirt was not the correct disguise for this situation.

This day...

1946: The Battle of Alcatraz occurs as six inmates take over the prison in a failed escape attempt. Why hasn’t this become a level in some video game yet? Get on that CS majors!

2000: President Bill Clinton announces the civilian use of GPS. Now both a human and computerized woman can tell you where to go in a car, and the man’s wrong twice.

...in history

Wacky prof quotes

“I am God, I define this [eraser] as a centimeter.” — *Dr. Bunch, always drawing to scale. His scale.*

“What would your chromosomes be like if you didn’t see this stuff?” — *Dr. Galinaitis on the superiority of RHIT students chromosomes. Or lack thereof..*

“I should find all of your Calc I professors and shoot them!” — *Dr. Holden, who just doesn’t like the Calc I professors. They stole his abaccus. Meanies...*

“You got 2 vectors, Mike and John here, and they walk into a bar...” — *Dr. Galinaitis, master mathematic’s storyteller.*

“What’s doping? That has many contexts, I grew up in the 60s and know all about that.” — *Dr. Bunch, who just explained why he made the eraser comment.*

“Ask your father about that. He’ll probably hit you for that.” — *Dr. Sanders, always ready to nominate his students for old school punishment.*

“That’s when I knew I was doomed to be an engineering professor: when I floated my rubber ducky under the water” — *Dr. Thom, sharing a tender moment about his lost childhood. Touching.*

Top Ten ways Rose kicks us in the ...

Matthew Melton and Molly G (illam)
Back With a Vengeance!

10. You walk in your room to find 2000 pounds of jello on your bed and four freshmen apologizing because they thought you were Tim.

9. You finally get to relax with some good old fashioned IM’s – except they’ve been rained out four out of the five weeks. Who wants to try indoor Softball next year?

8. Two tests, two homework assignments, a quiz, lab write-up, blah blah blah insert your specific class requirement here, and your girlfriend thinks you’re cheating on her because you don’t spend any time with her.

7. You try to write a joke about Hertz, but everyone who knew him graduated a long ago. Next Flipside celebrity: Ryland Hayes!

6. Mid-term break time! Unfortunately, break is short for Brutally Reaming you with Extra Assignments Kindly. Spring break 2008 forever!

5. Your laptop, not wanting to ruin your game of Dota, instead commits Seppuku while working on your Senior Design project that’s due Monday morning. And no, IAIT does not do house calls.

4. You pull an all-nighter studying for the Fluids test, only to get to M Sys and learn Fluids is next Friday. M Sys is this Friday.

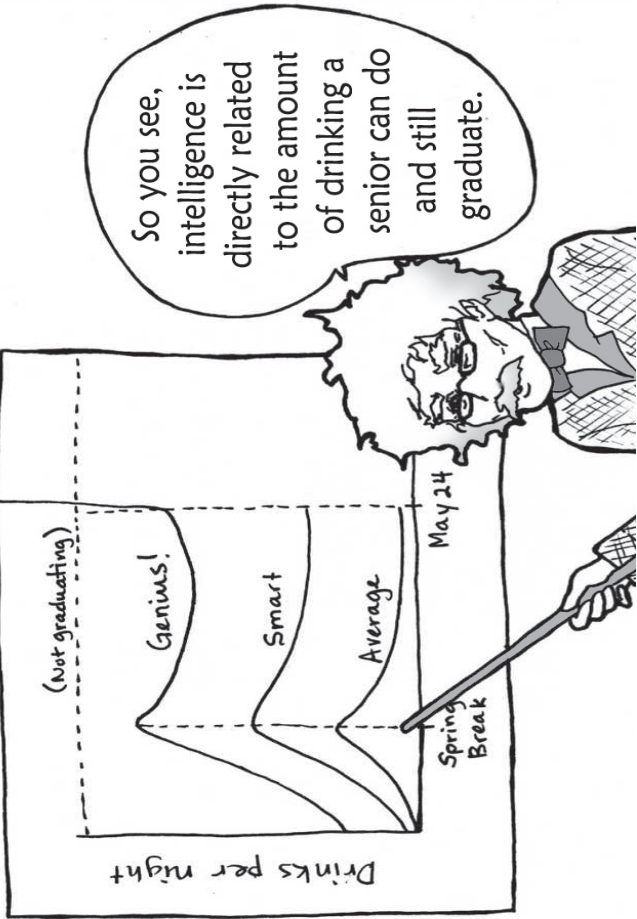
3. You finish your ten-page research paper only to discover it’s not supposed to be double spaced.

2. Rose Superflu! A cross hybrid of the common cold and our shattered hopes and dreams of an easy spring quarter. And it lasts until summer no matter what you do.

1. All your friends outside of Rose finished their finals this week. Those !@#%^^&*...

Erin Zekis
Don't Tell Erin Hudson!

1000 Words



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Money spent on 30 foot tall honeycombs so our parents will feel better	(\$9,740.00)
Ad money from playing hourly radio commercials on the honeycombs	\$47,100.00
Money funneled to the DOD for secret laboratory under Scum Pond	(\$241,570)
Covering the damage from the Femto-laser being pointed the wrong way	\$ Deming
Yearly total of fun with Slush Fund transactions	(\$24,432.00)