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News Briefs

Improving the quality of life

Recent Rose-Hulman mechanical engineering graduates Neil Harrison, Lindsey Kerbel, Mike Schneck and Nathan Soyer designed a mechanical lift device to allow a child with Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) to be easily removed from her wheelchair in order to perform therapeutic exercises on the floor of her home. SMA is a disease that destroys the nerves that control voluntary muscular movement.

The lift supports weight up to 400 pounds, and was designed during the students' time in the ME Department's senior capstone design program.

Lissa Avery

Rose-Hulman to host NCAA Division III Indoor Track National Championships

The NCAA Championships Committee has selected Rose-Hulman as host for the 2007 NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field National Championships.

Rose-Hulman will host 15 events in both men's and women's track and field at the Sports and Recreation Center on March 9-10 in 2007. Nearly 500 student-athletes participate in the championships each year.

"We are pleased and excited to be chosen as the site for the 2007 Indoor Track and Field Championships. Most championships involve a small number of institutions, but the great thing about this event is that over 100 schools will participate," said Rose-Hulman track and field coach Larry Cole.

Cole will serve as meet director, with significant assistance from Matt Sinclair, Director of Sports and Athletic Facilities. The two will also form an event planning committee of Rose-Hulman and Terre Haute community leaders this fall.

Rose-Hulman News

Friday
Scattered T-storms 85 Hi / 66 Lo
Saturday
Scattered T-storms 82 Hi / 63 Lo

Provided by www.weather.com

Trustee Chairman Robert Bright to serve as Chief Executive Officer

Rose-Hulman News

Robert Bright, chairman of the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Board of Trustees, will also serve as the college's chief executive officer until a permanent president is selected, according to Donald W. Scott, chairman of the executive committee of the Rose-Hulman Board of Trustees.

A presidential search committee has been created with the goal of conducting a national search culminating with the hiring of a new president who would assume office no later than July 1, 2006.

"Rose-Hulman is fortunate that someone of Bob's abilities is willing to serve full time in this role to work with the campus community to achieve important goals during the 2005-06 academic year,"

Scott said. "He is a dedicated alumnus and trustee

whose talents will be an asset to the Institute during the next 12 months," he stated.

As board chairman, Bright is also chief executive officer of the college. He had been assisting with the daily operations of the college since the resignation of former Rose-Hulman President Jack Midgley on June 11.

"I'm committed to working with the talented faculty and staff to insure that our efforts will result in continued progress for Rose-Hulman," Bright said. "This is an important period of transition during which I know we will continue to move Rose-Hulman forward," he stated.

Bright is a 1957 Rose-Hulman chemical engineering graduate. He retired as vice president at 3M Company. Bright has been a Rose-Hulman trustee since 1991. He previously served as the chairman of the trustees' student affairs committee.



Rose-Hulman News
Robert Bright is the Chief Executive Officer of Rose-Hulman until a president is selected by the presidential search committee. That committee includes faculty and staff members, students, and Board of Trustees members, who will pick a new president for the institute.

Rose-Hulman orientation important to parents as well as freshmen

Rose-Hulman News

New student orientation at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology is not only an introduction to college life for freshmen; it's also an important orientation for moms and dads.

This will be a typical scene Friday at Rose-Hulman when freshmen begin moving into residence halls.

Freshmen from 36 states and nine foreign countries will begin moving into Rose-Hulman residence halls Friday.

"This is an emotional transition period for mom and dad too, stated Pete Gustafson, Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs. "We want parents leaving campus with confidence that their son or daughter has moved into a caring campus community. We answer as many of the parents' questions as possible before they begin their drive home," he said.

Fifty-nine percent of the

2005 freshmen are from communities outside Indiana. The median SAT score of the freshman class rose to 1310, a ten point increase over a year ago. Twenty percent of the freshmen were ranked first, second

or third in their high-school graduating class, according to Jim Goecker, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid.

The first two days of orientation includes programs and activities for parents as well as their sons or daughters. Parent-oriented programs cover topics ranging from student financial services, to academic programs, student services, campus life, housing and information about the Parents'

Association.

"We maintain good communications with parents throughout the academic year," noted Gustafson. "In addition to one-on-one communications, we keep parents

of our students involved with campus through special events hosted by the Parents' Association, a quarterly newsletter and a special Web site. It's important to keep parents informed," he stated.

For new students, placement exams to gain advance academic credit or to be eligible to enroll in honors classes begin Saturday. Forty-nine freshmen are getting an early start academically during Fast Track

Calculus, an intense five-week, mathematics program for selected students. After completing the program Aug. 19, the students earned 15 credits equal to the credit earned for all calculus courses required during the freshman year.

"Orientation gives students the opportunity to meet with their faculty advisers and resident assistants to learn the nature of science and engineering studies, and student life," Gustafson explained.

Freshmen will receive new laptops with the latest software and participate in a computer ethics seminar. They will register for the fall term Aug. 29. Fall quarter classes begin Sept. 1.

Orientation is also an opportunity to socialize at events ranging from a picnic, carnival and Street Fiesta Aug. 30 featuring music by "X-Ray Roger Jimmy" in front of Deming Hall. On Sept. 2, comedian Issac Witty will be featured at an 8 p.m. show in the Hulman Union.

We want parents leaving campus with confidence that their son or daughter has moved into a caring campus community.

—Pete Gustafson

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Terre Haute Cuisine

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A quick glance out of the windows of your car as you cruise through Terre Haute reveals the same restaurants you see in every other decent-sized town—Applebee's, Friday's, Ruby Tuesday's, Golden Corral, Taco Bell, KFC, etc., etc.

Those places are well and good if you want the tastes that are probably familiar to you from your hometown. But over the next four years, you'll probably want to try something a little new, something not so mass-produced. Allow us to introduce you to Terre Haute cuisine.

A favorite among many Rose students for Chinese food is First Wok, located in the same shopping center as Kroger. You can get an obscene amount of tasty Chinese food relatively cheaply. We're talking two, perhaps three meals worth here. The downside to eating at First Wok, of course, is that it's a small establishment; don't try to take a party full of people there, as you'll be waiting a while



A view of Moggers from Poplar Street. <http://www.moggers-terrehaute.com> Parking is difficult and tends to require either illegally parking in the lot of a bowling alley or parallel parking up to several blocks away.

for your food and there won't be enough seats for all of you.

For those wanting a slightly less conventional flavor, there's Exotic Thai, located on Third Street near Washington Ave. As the name suggests, it's Thai cuisine, and while it is a sit-down restaurant, it won't hurt your pockets by too much. Their menu isn't extensive, however, so if you're looking for a cashew chicken dish, you'll find yourself out of luck. The pad thai is excellent, though.

Time at Rose-Hulman may or may not teach you the value of a good coffee house. Two feature prominently with Rose students:

Coffee Grounds and Java Haute. The former is located downtown on Wabash Ave. across from Jimmy John's, while the latter is much closer to Rose, at the intersection of Wabash and Fruitridge Ave, near Baskin Robbins. Both serve excellent coffee, although we've found the iced chai served at Coffee Grounds to be a little milkier than Java Haute's.

Like your food really, really heavy? There's a German restaurant in town called Gerhardt's. They have rouladen, rot kraut, weinerschnitzel, and bratwurst: all fairly standard German food. The service is wonderful, and most of



This is the back wall of Java Haute, which usually features a large painting of some sort. They've been known to display local artists and photographer's work as well. <http://www.macindy.net/all.html>

the servers at least fake a good German accent. Good luck finding the restaurant, though: it's located just off of Lafayette Ave., which runs diagonal to Wabash Ave.

The pub Moggers is an option even if you can't drink yet. Their broiled catfish is excellent (as is their cheesecake), and their recent expansion into what was

formerly the Tap Room increased their space considerably.

There are others that we haven't mentioned, largely because we haven't visited them yet (Sam's Steakhouse, Sushi Umi, China 8 Buffet, Pino's Il Sonetto, and Kleptz's, to name a few).

You've got four years here. Get to know the cuisine a little.

'Retaliation' a work of demented genius for Dane Cook

James Katica
Daily Evergreen (Washington State U.)

(U-WIRE) PULLMAN, Wash.- Dane Cook's latest release, "Retaliation," is a high-energy romp through topics as broad as "L-O-V-E," "The Friend Nobody Likes," and "The Chicken Sandwich, the Heckler and the Kabash." It is the best comedy album that I have heard in over a year - and it's a double disc! Unbelievable!

Cook is the only comedian that can get away with some of his crazy punch lines involving Tekken references, punching babies, and cashews. This guy brings it on two discs of yelling and screaming,



which is refreshing compared to somewhat slower comedians like Mitch Hedberg or David Cross. Dane is as irreverent as the former and as angry as the latter, a perfect blend of angst and imagination.

Much of the first tracks concern Cook's wishes and fantasies. Talking about fantasies of pulling off heists and fighting monkeys is the kind of material that I really relate to ... and you should too! He really makes you care about the people who turn around in your driveway. I know that seems mundane, but by the end of the bit, you're squirting 2 percent milk out your nose

because of how life or death it really is. It really is.

The one rough spot is probably the 15 seconds that he uses to ream an obnoxious audience member. It is really hard to listen to a comedian who is seriously pissed. They make their living from acting pissed, but when they are really going, man, it gets chilly really quick. "Shut the f--k up" is said quite a few times, and he threatens to throw the audience member out, but ne'er a problem continues afterwards.

Comedy Central has been touting this guy hard for the last few months and they should; "Retaliation" is released by Comedy Central Records. This is a good deal because buyers get an added DVD with clips from "Crank Yankers," "Shorties Watchin' Shorties" and other Comedy Central shows that have tapped Dane's fantastical brain.

After listening to this CD, Dane convinced me that 1) I have to see someone get struck by a car, 2) Wednesdays are chewy, and cashews were made for a special purpose in life. He has truly changed me, for something that I couldn't call "the better," but it's definitely special. Pick up the album, and, after you listen to it, some pens for Marcus.



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Welcome, from the Editor

Lissa Avery
Editor-in-Chief

The Rose-Hulman Fighting Engineers. The term makes one think of either sweaty football players hustling on the field or late-night study sessions where students are fighting to get work done before sleep overtakes them. The former could just be me, however...

Welcome to Rose-Hulman. For the next four years, this place will likely serve as home. You will primarily ingest the food of the ARA; you will frolic for physical health in the SRC; you will form numerous bonds with your peers; you will learn immeasurable amounts, both in and out of the classroom.

Sound like high school? It might be. It might also be something completely new, however.

Whatever your high school years might have been like, don't forget that you may need to find a different balance here.

Didn't have to study much in

high school? That may change. Maybe not first term; maybe not freshman year. But don't be scared to hit the books or to ask for help if you need it. Pride *can* be your downfall here.

Didn't do anything *other* than study in high school? Take a deep breath and go for a walk around our beautiful campus sometime (I'm particularly fond of the stark beauty of the campus in winter). Join a club. Play video games with your friends. Write for our lovely newspaper.

The Rose Thorn is the only campus-wide weekly student publication on campus. We normally run eight pages--some news, some opinions, some entertainment, some sports, and a little humor.

As a mere junior, I'm not sure that I'm qualified to give too many pointers on how to survive life at Rose. Some people tell me that it gets easier after sophomore year, while others tell me that it continually gets harder.

There are several things I've

learned from my time here and my friends' time here that may be of some use to someone:

1) Find a passion. Find some interest — be it something in academic research, an extracurricular activity, or simply your academic major — and have *fun* with it. Some things here may be boring, yes. The professors here do a wonderful job, but you may just have no interest in that Humanities class Poetic Expressions of Adoration for Single Blades of Grass. It happens. It's important to find what *will* keep you interested, though, or else these four years will likely seem very, very long.

2) Get things done. It's widely

acknowledged that those that don't procrastinate are much more rare than those that do. Keep in mind, however, that you likely aren't paying the hefty sums you are to attend this college in order to play Halo 'round the clock or to not even attempt to learn from the classes you signed up for. Competition here is perhaps quieter than you're used to in high school, but grades do matter here — they come to the fore at the career and internship fairs and when applying to graduate school. Don't lose sight of that end goal.

3) Pick at least one extracurricular activity you like, and then put time into it. Not just cursorily attending meetings and vot-

ing on issues in the club. Take an office. Help the president of the club. Speak up. Put in *time*, because you'll find that you can in fact have a bit of extra time while at Rose, and what better way to spend it than to improve an organization or club you enjoy. Make sure you visit the Activities Fair on August 31, and take a serious look around at the different clubs on campus. (I would suggest putting time into the Thorn, myself, but I may be a bit biased.)

In looking for extracurricular activities, don't forget Greek life. Roughly 50% of students are in one of the eight fraternities or two sororities on campus. Rush is a good time to meet upperclassmen and make connections that will last throughout your years at Rose.

On a final note, I would like to welcome Board of Trustees Bob Bright as the university's Chief Executive Officer for this academic school year. His efforts to lead Rose-Hulman through this transition are much welcomed.

Whatever your high school years might have been like, don't forget that you may need to find a different balance here.

SPORTS

Matt Smith qualifies for 2008 U.S. Olympic swimming trials

Rose-Hulman News

SANTA CLARA, CALIF. - Rose-Hulman graduate Matt Smith qualified for the 2008 United States Olympic Swimming Trials with his performance at the 2005 ConocoPhillips National Championships last weekend.

Smith, who missed Olympic qualification in 2004 by just over one second in the 100-meter breaststroke, recorded a time of 1:04.55 to place 15th out of 61 elite level swimmers at the championships.

Smith bested the 100-meter breaststroke trial cut time of 1:04.69 with his effort.

Smith became Rose-Hulman's first swimming national champion in 2003, claiming NCAA Division III title honors in the 100-yard breaststroke. The four-time All-American finished fifth in the 200-yard breaststroke in 2003, after claiming All-America honors in both events in 2002.



Matt Smith was Rose-Hulman's top senior male athlete in 2002.

Smith also became the first Academic All-American in swimming program history in 2002. At Rose-Hulman, Smith was named

the 2002 SCAC Tri-Swimmer of the Year, won eight individual conference titles and set eight school records.

Brett Bueltel named first-team preseason All-American

Rose-Hulman News

TERRE HAUTE, IND.— Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology junior safety Brett Bueltel (Huntingburg/Southridge) has been named a preseason first-team All-American in the 2005 Street & Smith's College Football Yearbook.

Bueltel captured all-region honors from Don Hansen's Football Gazette last season after finishing fourth nationally in NCAA Division III football with eight interceptions. He also finished seventh in the nation with 18 passes defended in 10 contests.

"Brett blossomed into a big-time football player as a sophomore, and we're looking for two more excellent seasons from him. He's a quiet person who gets the job done in a major way on the football field," said Rose-Hulman head coach Ted Karras.

The first-team all-Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference

selection recorded 44 tackles and one forced fumble, in addition to the eight interceptions. Bueltel snagged two interceptions against Oberlin, Millsaps and nationally ranked Mount St. Joseph.

As the second-team all-conference punter, Bueltel booted 55 kicks for a 34.9 average, while leading the conference with 13 kicks inside the opponent's 20-yard line.

"We moved Brett to free safety last season, and he's really found a home there. He's a multi-purpose player for us as an outstanding punter. Brett is obviously contributing to many facets of our football program," said Karras.

Bueltel was the only SCAC player selected to the Street & Smith's preseason All-America team. Trinity was selected No. 12 nationally in the yearbook, while the DePauw vs. Trinity game was declared the Division III "Game to Watch" on Sept. 24.

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FLIP SIDE

A GUIDE TO THE FLIPSIDE

"Why, what's this page?" we hear you saying. "It's... it's upside down! What should be on top is instead on the bottom! My mundane and uninspired notions of how a newspaper should be have been turned on their heads!"

This paradigm-shifting wonder that sits before you is the Flipside, a cutting-edge demonstration of grey-ops journalistic ontology. This is not your mother's back page, unless of course you're the child of our editor-in-chief, in which case we'll have to have a word with her.

"But what is the *purpose* of this page?" you ask. You inquire as to why it *exists*, as if such a thing as existence can be stuffed into an unoriginal binary on-off box. "Why not?" we ask. We don't subscribe to the Man's notions of justification and motivation. We refuse to explain ourselves to Whitey.

"Very well then," you say, surrendering that point to your intellectual superiors, "But what is this The Flipside? What is its nature? Is it bigger than a bread box? And how can it help me enrich my small, flaccid, unsatisfying life?"

That we will answer.

Direct your eyes, dear reader, to the remainder of the page.

THE TAG LINE: Located up top, the italicized words greet you and embrace you, welcoming your entrance into this garden of delights... while still reminding you to tread lightly, lest you find yourself in over your head.

WACKY PROF QUOTES: Inspired by the bards of yore, Wacky Prof Quotes compiles the choicest witticisms of your beloved instructors, put out here in a format that allows our entire community to acknowledge their greatness. If the quotations seem to make them look a bit foolish, put aside your worry; your mentors are simply showing their keen grasp of irony. If you are privy to a turn of phrase that deserves immortalization, forward it to the provided address.

THE TOP TEN: Telling you, in no particular order, the objects and concepts of superior quality, saving you the grueling experience of independent thought.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY: Exposing the collective fiction conventional thought deems "history," former president Spiro Agnew's favorite section enriches your mind and soul. The irony is palpable.

IN ADDITION: This gem leaps fully formed from the brows of our esteemed writers, like a gallstone of the mind.

THE ABSOLUTE SUM OF ALL EVIL: Steeped in corruption and darkness, this exercise in sequential art tempts you with thoughts of debauchery and synecdoche while mocking your tragic university life with its peerless perfection.

THE LITTLE LINE OF LITIGIOUS LARD: A meaningless artifact of our unusual printing process, the Lard Line is to be disregarded entirely.

THE JOSHUA P. HERTZ MEMORIAL REFERENCE: In honor of his unsurpassed gifts to all of us, Hertz is perpetually immortalized in sumptuous black ink.

And remember, loyal fans, that at any time you (yes, you, and you... but not you) may e-mail a submission to flipside@rose-hulman.edu and, if it passes our rigorous tests of quality, it may be published for the world to see.

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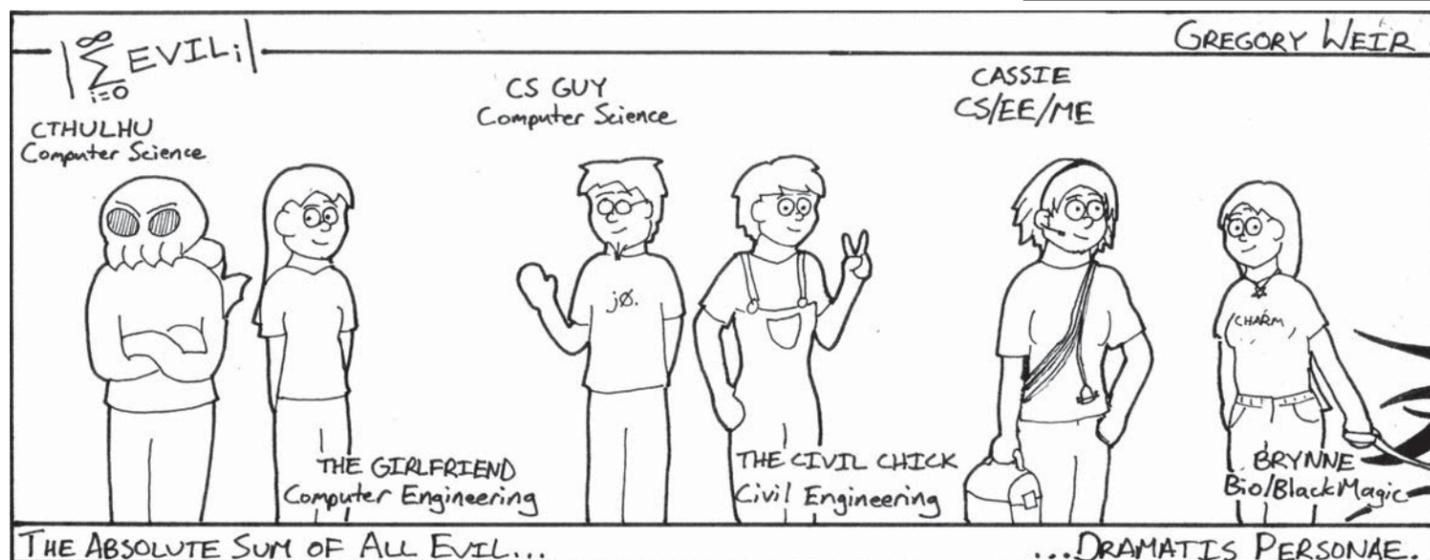
Top Ten Places to Hang Out in Terre Haute

10. The meth lab crater on 56th and Osborne.
9. Mag's Ham Bun
8. Gutter Emporium
7. The Memorial Union elevator
6. The one, lonely, emotionally empty Starbucks
5. Books-A-Million or its budget cousin, Books-A-Twenty-Three.
4. Sump-N-Pump Palace
3. Immersed in self-loathing
2. BSB 3, AKA "Rejection Central"
1. Chauncey's

Wacky Prof Quotes

- "I know when I call myself, I get confused."
-- Prof. Merkel, who confuses even himself
- "Any questions? Too bad!"
-- Prof. Herniter, not paying attention
- "When moving a dead cow, don't try to pull it by the head. It turns out that they don't stay attached very well."
-- Prof. Cornwell, dispensing useful advice
- "Close enough for government work but not close enough for engineers."
-- Prof. Christ, on the dangers of bureaucracy
- "Remember, this is a design class. We don't just plug values into formulas... that's civil engineering!"
-- Prof. Hoover, continuing the endless feud
- "Basically, most of us are saying, 'Screw our children.'"
-- Prof. Christ, on wise economic policy
- "By the way, what we're doing here is illegal."
-- Prof. Herniter, running an underground radio station

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This Day in History
In 1920, the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution is formally adopted, finally bridging the final gap between the genders and ensuring equality for all people.

In Addition
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