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News Briefs

By Lissa Avery

Federal agents strike Internet thieves

In an investigation on peer-to-peer groups, federal officers are interrogating suspects in Texas, New York, and Wisconsin for violation of copyright laws. No immediate arrests were made, and the federal officers received initial information on the suspects for the search warrants from the suspects' Internet Service Providers.

In a separate investigation, more than 260 people have been interrogated for alleged fraud via spam. One hundred eleven cases are being looked into, in which nearly \$145 millions dollars were stolen.

Students research public safety issues

The first-ever National Science Foundation-funded, Rose-Hulman-founded Engineering Forensics Research Institute (EFRI) took place at Rose-Hulman this summer.

Eight students from various universities, including Rose-Hulman, University of Texas, and North Carolina State University, examined engineering failures caused by tornadoes, seismic hazards, construction itself, and terrorism.

The program is directed by Professor Kevin Sutterer and has funding for two more years.

Jaw transplant improves life of cancer patient

Nine years after a man underwent surgery to remove cancerous tumors on his jawbone, doctors used stem cells in the patient's bone marrow to grow the needed bone.

The doctors used a titanium mesh cage in the shape and fit of the patient's jaw to hold bovine bone mineral that would serve as a mold for bone morphogenic protein and liquid bone marrow containing the stem cells.

The transplant allowed the patient to eat his first solid meal since the removal of the tumors.

Friday

Isolated T-storms 89 Hi / 70 Lo

Saturday

Scattered T-storms 83 Hi / 62 Lo

Provided by www.weather.com

Welcome, from the President

Dear Rose-Hulman students:

Best wishes for a successful start to this new academic year!

The campus community has been hard at work over the summer, and much has changed. Some of these changes are easy to see. The new apartment-style dorms are open, the Subway and C-Store are open, labs have been updated and the campus looks better than ever.

Other changes are harder to see. Our faculty have been redesigning and improving the courses and extracurricular experiences that will



shape much of your life in the months ahead. Many of these great scholars, practitioners and teachers have

been away from the campus in the summer, deepening their own skills and knowledge, and preparing to help you excel. New colleagues have joined us, ready to add their voices and vision to the Rose-Hulman community. You should know that our Institute faculty and staff are totally committed to helping you reach your full potential.

So this most important attribute of our Institute has not changed. Our community has come together in this new year to help guide you toward your greatest dreams and aspirations. Much will be expected from you, and we

all look forward to celebrating your accomplishments. Count on our support, as we count on your hard work and positive contributions to the Rose-Hulman community. Let's get started!

Warm regards,



Jack Midgley
President

Campus changes during summer

Luke Stark
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Lissa Avery
News Editor

Each year Rose-Hulman's campus goes through a period of change and growth. This year, everything from the paint in the residence halls to the President's office has been worked on during the summer. In addition, the newest apartment style residence hall has been completed.

One of the exciting renovations on campus this year will be "Chauncey's," a non-alcoholic bar in the basement of the Hulman Memorial Union. The bar will have five television sets and will be home to different pieces of Rose-Hulman sports memorabilia. The intention for "Chauncey's" is for residence hall floors and different groups to be able to gather and watch different events on the television sets. To keep the area exciting, plans for having different professional sports packages available are underway. Pete Gustafson, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, hopes to have the professional football package in place in time for the Colts versus New England game on Thursday, September 9.

With the new apartment residence hall ready for use, a Subway and convenience store will soon be opening, which will provide the only non-Aramark food services on campus. Gustafson said



Luke Stark / Rose Thorn

The as-yet-unnamed apartment-style residence hall opens this fall to upperclassmen.

Subway had intentions of being open and serving before the arrival of the freshman.

Sweeping changes were also made to Logan Library. The lower level was modified to contain both the ROTC and Learning Center programs, and was retrofitted to have a sprinkler system and wireless Internet access. There is more space for Learning Center tutoring, as well as additional rooms for students in groups or individually to study in quiet. According to Susan Smith, Director of the Learn-

ing Center, a variety of media has been made available for student use, including videos, tapes, and CDs available for checkout, covering "topics from study skills to GRE or MCAT test preparation to career overviews."

There have been several changes made to the dorms this summer. Scharpenberg, Bloomberg, Mees, and Deming Halls have been retrofitted to have a sprinkler system. Skinner, BSB, and Speed Halls currently do not have a sprinkler system, but plans

for installing more systems are underway for next summer. The networking components in BSB have been upgraded to provide a 100 Mb connection to each room and Deming has been remodeled to include a kitchen. They were the last of the residence halls to receive these renovations.

New external doors were also installed in BSB, as were doors within Scharpenberg and Blumberg. The ceilings in the Speed bathrooms were also remodeled.

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Welcome all freshmen!	Summer lovin' of movies and music.	Rose professors make headway.	See the upcoming sporting events.	A guide to our brand of humor.
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Freshman Orientation schedule

Friday, August 27, 2004

8:00 a.m. - 6 p.m. Student Financial Aid
Student Affairs Office on the lower level of the Union
Members of the Financial Aid office staff will be available to answer any questions that you have concerning financial aid.

12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Student Financial Services
Worx (snack bar) on the lower level of the Union
Staff will be on hand to answer any questions that you have about your bill and to take payments.

2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Residence Hall Check-In
Students may check into their assigned residence hall. Commuting students and their parents will check in on the lower level of the Student Union Building on Saturday.

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Campus Tours
Union Patio
Tours of the campus will be given by upperclassmen leaving from the Union patio near the umbrella tables every fifteen minutes beginning at 3 p.m. The last tour will leave at 6 p.m.

6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Advanced Physics Placement Exam (Opt)
E-104 Moench Hall

8:00 p.m. - Midnight Welcome Aboard
Hulman Union
Enjoy the music of the band Halo in the Main Dining Room as you meet your new classmates. Cards and games will be available in the lobby.
Popcorn, snow cones and cotton candy will be available.

Saturday, August 28, 2004

8:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. Student Financial Aid
Student Affairs Office on the lower level of the Union
Members of the Financial Aid office staff will be available to answer any questions that you have concerning financial aid.

8:00 a.m. - Noon Student Financial Services
Worx (snack bar) on the lower level of the Union
Staff will be on hand to answer any questions that you have about your bill and to take payments.

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Banking Services Expo
Worx (snack bar) on the lower level of the Union

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Chemistry Placement Meeting
B-119 (GM Room) Moench Hall
This meeting is for students with an AP score of 5.

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Chemistry Placement Exam (Opt)
B-119 (GM Room) Moench Hall

10:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Luncheon
Main Dining Room of the Union Building
Please report at your assigned time to keep waiting to a minimum. Dining Services will be serving many more people than our facilities are designed to handle. Your patience and cooperation are appreciated.

10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Speed Hall residents and families
11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Commuters, Blumberg & Deming Hall residents and families
11:45 a.m. - 12:15 pm Mees & Scharpenberg Hall residents and families
12:15 p.m. - 12:45 pm BSB Hall residents and families

1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Opening Session
Hulbert Arena in the Sports and Recreation Center (SRC)
President John J. Midgley will deliver welcoming remarks to new students and parents.

2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. New Student Information Session
Hatfield Hall Auditorium

3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Free Time for Resident Students
This is one last opportunity for resident students to visit with parents and get that last bit of spending money (your parents are free to leave at this time)

4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Commuter Student Meeting
The Performing Arts Room on the upper level of the Union

All first-year students who will be commuting from home will have an opportunity to meet with the Dean and learn what Rose-Hulman has to offer them. Your dinner will be provided after the meeting through the student line in the Main Dining Room.

4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Foreign Language Program Desc. (Opt)
B-119 (GM Room) of Moench Hall

4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Foreign Language Placement Exam
B-119 (GM Room) of Moench Hall

8 p.m. Movie - Pirates of the Caribbean
Hatfield Hall Auditorium

11:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Late Night Snack - Speed Beach

Sunday, August 29, 2004

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. New Student Outdoor Adventure
Please follow the schedule in your packet with times to report and location.

8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Student IDs
Student Affairs Office on the lower level of the Union
See schedule found in your packet.

8:00 p.m. Nite at the Races
Hulbert Arena in the (SRC)

11:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Late Night Snack - BSB Lobby

Monday, August 30, 2004

8:00 - 11:30 a.m. Laptop Distribution & Orientation
Hatfield Hall Auditorium
Faculty and staff will distribute laptops to students as well as provide information on usage and network access.

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Transfer Credit Evaluation And Advanced Placement (AP) Evaluation (Optional)
Faculty Dining Room on upper level of the Union

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Adviser Meeting
Assigned rooms (see the info sheet in our orientation packet).
Please bring your laptops for the registration session that follows.

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Class Registration for Fall Term
You will stay in the same room in which your adviser meeting took place.
Registration will be conducted online. Please bring your laptops.

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sex Signals
Hatfield Hall Auditorium

7:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Engenius Solutions
Hatfield Hall Auditorium

7:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Chauncey Rose, Bonfires and Rosie: Traditions, History & Skits
Hatfield Hall Auditorium

11:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Late Snacks - Triplet Treats
On the upper patio near Mees

Tuesday, August 31, 2004

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Generalization, Classification and Stereotyping
Hatfield Hall Auditorium

10:40 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Online Financial Aid Session
Hatfield Hall Auditorium

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Mathematics Diagnostic Test
Field house, Sports and Recreation Center (SRC)
All freshmen are required to take this test.
This 1-hour test will cover pre-calculus topics. Its purpose

is to detect possible deficiencies in the background of students in order to address them during the school year. Calculators are permitted.

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. General Orientation Session
Hatfield Hall Auditorium
This is a presentation by representatives of the Office of Student Financial Services, Health Office, Financial Aid, ROTC, and the Learning Center etc.

4:15 p.m. - 5:20 p.m. Student Government Association
Kahn Room on the upper level of the Union
Students Chris Achard through Daniel Liechty should attend this session. SGA will discuss involvement at Rose-Hulman and what clubs and organizations are available to Rose students.

4:15 p.m. - 5:20 p.m. Women's Greek Recruitment
Performing Arts Room on the upper level of the Union

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Picnic
Union Patio (lower level)

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Buccaneer Bash
Union Patio (lower level)

8:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Peg Leg Boogie
Deming Hall (front lawn and street)
*****NOTE: IN CASE OF RAIN THE PEG LEG BOOGIE WILL BE HELD IN THE MAIN DINING ROOM *****

Wednesday, September 1, 2004

9:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Professional, Ethical, and Social Expectations in the Rose Community
Hatfield Hall Auditorium

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Self-Discovery
Field House, Sports and Recreation Center (SRC)

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. College Work-Study Information Session and Job Placement
Kahn Room on the upper level of the Union
This session will provide general information and job placement for students receiving work-study funds and who are interested in working during fall quarter. (Students Wesley Lindauer through Elizabeth Zenner)

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. College Work-Study Information
Kahn Room on the upper level of the Union
(Students Christopher Achard through Daniel Liechty)

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Dinner
Main Dining Room of the Union
**** If you previously attended Operation: Catapult, please bring your tray to the Faculty Dining Room (north side of the Union Building) for dinner with Catapult Staff. ****

6:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social
Union Patio (lower level)
Faculty and Staff will serve all students, faculty, staff and their families.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Student Activities Fair
Main Dining Room, Kahn Room

Thursday, September 2, 2004

8:05 a.m. Classes Begin

Please Note:

Campus Bookstore
The bookstore, located on the lower level of the Student Union Building, is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Additional hours: Friday, August 27th, until 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, August 28th, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Office of Student Financial Services
Members of the Office of Financial Services staff will be available for your assistance in the Worx on the lower level of the Student Union Building on Friday, August 27th, 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 28th from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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The Thorn staff welcomes you

Welcome to a new stage in your life as a Rose-Hulman Fightin' Engineer. We can only hope you will enjoy your time here as much as your predecessors. You are among the first class in 28 years to tread the halls of Rose under the leadership of a new president, Dr. Jack Midgley. This will be a year of transition as the era of Dr. Samuel Hulbert ends and a new phase of history begins with President Midgley.

As the only campus-wide weekly student publication, the Rose Thorn would like to take this time as your peers and upperclassmen to give you encouragement and some pointers to life here at Rose. Remember that at one point we were all freshman, and if you ever have questions, don't hesitate to ask somebody. Most of the

people here are friendly and more than willing to help you in any way possible. Just remember to return the favor to someone else in the future because the sense of community is what makes Rose such a wonderful place.

The Thorn guarantees that if you figure out these two things your freshman year, you will have a successful tenure at Rose-Hulman:

1) Determine how to complete enough of your work to maintain satisfactory grades. Professors are more than willing to answer your questions and help you learn the material. This hands-on and personal nature of the faculty is in part what has led to Rose's #1 status for the past five years.

In addition, high academic performance is important

because you are only allowed three strikes before you are asked to leave. You will have to make a very convincing argument about why you should be allowed to continue. We doubt that you came to Rose for the wild Hautian parties, so this shouldn't be a problem. That said:

2) Realize that life is not completely based on school work. One of the greatest things about Rose is that anyone can take part in anything so long as they are willing to put in a little effort. This is something we, as a newspaper staff, like to encourage on a regular basis: get involved

on campus with something. Join the SGA, SAB, RHA, a musical group, our staff, or any of the other numerous campus clubs.

Most of the people here are friendly and more than willing to help you in any way possible.

If you can't find something you like, there are ample opportunities to start a club of your own.

Greek life is a very important part of our campus with roughly 50% of students in one of the eight fraternities or two sororities. Rush is a great time to meet upperclassmen and make lasting friendships. Greeks at Rose are different from your stereotypical "Animal House" and we encourage you to take part in Rush.

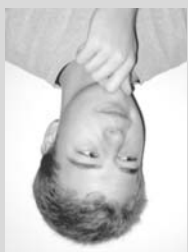
Lastly, the Rose Thorn would like to extend our warmest welcomes to our new president, Dr. Jack Midgley. We hope you have a long and prosperous time at Rose and we look forward to working closely with you over the years. We agree with a statement from Dr. Hulbert that Rose's best days have yet to be seen, and we are confident that you will lead us to even higher plateaus.

President Midgley, freshmen, and freshmen families: on behalf of the entire community, welcome to Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

Sincerely,
The Rose Thorn Staff



Greetings from your Opinions Editor



I tell you what to think!!!

Brandon Hathaway
Opinions Editor

I know that everyone out there has had some sort of "Welcome to Rose-Hulman! We're Number 1!" speech to give you, and clearly the newspaper is another one of those outlets where that sort of thing might happen. However, a lot of other stuff happens in this space, too.

The Opinions Page is where social commentary can be made, where concerns can be aired, where I can entertain you, where politics can be discussed, even though it is only me and four other guys who care. Letters to the editor also find their home on my page, and that is usually a good time. Just wait until clubs come up for review before the SGA; you'll know what I mean.

Another thing that a lot of people are going to be telling you is how it isn't all boring around here, you should get involved, rush fraternities, etc. You should definitely look into joining clubs, social groups, and whatever else tickles your fancy (the Thorn and Film Club make excellent examples, I write for both).

Rose, though, is not all fun and games, no matter what impression you get from orientation. Even though there is nothing funnier than forcing computer folk outdoors to socialize with new people when they're just a few days away from a new lap-

top. This place can be pretty hard; and there will be smarter people than you, which will be tough to deal with at first for some. My solution was to start writing opinions, since no one else did that. And I'm not exaggerating at all.

Even though Rose will be hard, you will almost certainly develop a fondness for the school in this strange little corner of Indiana (although I am not sure Indiana has corners). You will find professors willing to give you attention like high school teachers did, you will find intelligent people who share your interests, and you will be surprised at the talent of your classmates.

That is not to say that there will not be any weird people on campus that rub you the wrong way, because we also have our fair share of quirky folks. You will wonder how some very brilliant people can forget that the designs on a shirt go on the outside. You will be amazed at how someone who has no trouble with dynamics will have the sense of humor of a hat rack. You have probably already wondered about hygiene of somebody on your floor, and if you haven't yet, you need to take a shower right now.

People complain a lot that Terre Haute and its surrounding areas are boring. It's not exactly Chicago (I use Chicago as an example because I've learned it's like Mecca for Midwestern-

ers), but it's not all bad. If you are reading this, you most likely weren't looking for the college town experience anyway, and if you came here with that in mind, hoo-boy, I'm sorry. There is stuff that goes on, and things to do.

Rose organizations have musical and other events that nobody goes to but are usually quite impressive, sporting events are surprisingly almost always fun and you should go, drama productions are also good, and so are the

Film Club's films. Especially the writing. Be on the lookout for something big from the Film Club around Homecoming. Indianapolis is not far away - I saw jazz legend Wynton Marsalis perform there. Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis are also within driving distance for a weekend trip.

Most importantly, you will have a world class education in engineering or science, even if you have to describe your school to everyone outside of the Midwest. I live in Daytona Beach, Florida, so I had an explanatory speech memorized after my first trip home.

Finally, the small proportion of girls is quite unfortunate. Just think of Rose-Hulman as a monastery that sets you up to make a lot of money and exposes you to very smart people. I hope that your first quarter goes well, and welcome to Rose-Hulman.

You will wonder how some very brilliant people can forget that the designs on a shirt go on the outside.

Beware of the isolation of the college bubble

Elizabeth Leitzell
Daily Trojan (University of Southern California)

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES - You're finally out on your own, free from the grasp of your parents, no longer a teenager. You're a young adult, beginning four years of higher education, surrounded by thousands of similarly minded youths.

Chances are, you won't have much of a problem filling your schedule: Classes, sports, the greek system (if you choose) and other extracurriculars. Wherever your boat might float, you'll find a place to harbor.

But watch out. Someday you'll have to pull up the anchor and leave the calm waters. What will you do then? What can you do now to prepare for that day?

You'll probably want some direction.

In order to figure out what you're going to do, you'll need knowledge of what's happening in the world. You're now past the point in time when you could once blissfully ignore local, state, national and world news under the guise of childish innocence. Once you gained the right to vote, the right to drive on the roads and independence from your parents, you tacitly took on the responsibilities associated with citizenship.

As a student in an elite, private university, you have been absorbed into a group of intellectual elites -- many people in this country will never make it this far. Thus a further pressure exists to ponder the problems that exist, and come up with solutions within your field of study. It is your responsibility to stay connected.

So how does one stay informed, when one has classes, a job, clubs, sports, musical groups or a play to perform in? One reads the newspapers. One listens to public radio. The world news is increasingly accessible every minute of the day, and as far as I can see, every person on this campus should be able to spare five or 10 minutes per day to find out what's going on in the world.

Finally, this is election year. The majority of you have just turned 18, so use your age, vote and don't do so blindly. Don't disregard issues, because they affect you. You can't rely on the opinions of your parents to guide you through an election, because their views are based on the lives they've led. Decide for yourself which candidate will help the country the most, by reading multiple news sources and filtering out biased stations and papers.

You'll also need some wind in your sails.

Academics, internships and jobs during college are all equally important to have momentum towards a new goal. But unless you want to be entirely consumed by your profession when you graduate, it's valuable to spend time volunteering.

And, as with any journey, you'll probably want some friends. You have every opportunity and every reason to expand your knowledge of people. Just because this is only a temporary home for you does not justify isolating yourself from the community.

It is easy to become immersed in the daily activities of campus life and forget about the outside world. Don't do it, because someday you will have to move into that world.

Please pay attention.

Join the Thorn

Meetings
Wednesdays
5:15 pm
Olin 157

Free pizza &
pop (soda)

A summer of movies



Spider-Man 2

The summer's big box-office winner was also its best ride. Picking up where the first film left off, Peter Parker now struggles with his identity as the webcrawler and his love of Mary Jane Watson (Kirsten Dunst). Alfred Molina is great as the conflicted villain Doctor Octopus. Great special effects combined with real heart make this one not to miss.

Exorcist: The Beginning

(U-WIRE) FORT COLLINS, Colo. - Like many of today's horror stories, "The Exorcist: The Beginning" has a lame plot, but don't let that prevent you from seeing the film. There are plenty of scenes that will keep you at the edge of your seat. The movie does have a few twists and turns that make it not as predictable as many horror films, including a microcosmic romance that gave the plot a bit more substance. "The Exorcist: The Beginning" will keep you thinking and squirming long after it is over.

Fahrenheit 9/11

Michael Moore's expose on President Bush's mishandling of September 11, 2004 shouldn't change your mind on the upcoming election. While heartfelt and extremely well put together, "Fahrenheit 9/11" only tells you the facts Moore wants you to hear. Those looking for a Bush-bashing orgy, you'll have plenty to celebrate about here. For the conservatives, Moore does raise some interesting questions about Bush that should be answered. No matter who you are, don't blindly trust what Moore shows.

Garden State

(U-WIRE) NORMAN, Okla. - The plot doesn't sound like much -- a two-bit television actor, Andrew Largeman (Zach Braff), returns home to New Jersey after learning of the death of his mother. Natalie Portman plays Largeman's quirky love interest, Sam. The balance of humor and the exploration of deep emotions is handled well. Emotionally powerful, well shot, and impressive in all areas, "Garden State" is an auspicious debut for Braff.

The Day After Tomorrow

Dumb, boring, and completely worthless: this movie by "Independence Day" director Roland Emmerich should be avoided like the plague. I love special effects extravaganzas as much as the next sucker, but not if they put me to sleep. This movie was lazily put together with paper-thin characters and a storyline plucked directly from "Independence Day." I feel very, very ashamed that I spent money on this -- as long as crap like this makes money, Hollywood will keep putting out more.

The Bourne Supremacy

(U-WIRE) TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - "The Bourne Supremacy" adds enough twists and turns to the story to justify a third "Bourne" installment. Matt Damon once again proves his legitimacy as an action star, but also brings depth and humanity to a role that could easily seem empty and hollow. In a Hollywood environment where loud noises and computer-generated effects are substituted for genuine characters and scripts, finding an action movie that can balance art and excitement is enough to provide a glimmer of hope that the action genre might not be that unredeemable after all.

The Terminal

This charming flick from Steven Spielberg didn't ignite the boxoffice but is well worth your time. Tom Hanks performance as a foreigner trapped in JFK Airport is surprisingly believable and moving. The relationship between Hanks and Catherine Zeta-Jones as a stewardess developed in a natural way and avoided Hollywood stereotypes. The movie doesn't break new ground and sometimes feels like Spielberg on autopilot but is an enjoyable diversion nonetheless.

Little Black Book

"Hey Peter-man you made a real crappy movie" Yes he did. Ron Livingston of Office Space fame could not save this movie from sucking the big one. This predictable, jokeless, unromantic sludge is easily one of the worst movies I have ever scene. If you are a Brittany Murphy fan, you may be able to stand this movie, but I doubt it.

The Village

The marketing campaign for this film was very misleading: as with all M. Night Shyamalan's movies, "The Village" is more about character relationships than cheap thrills. Joaquin Phoenix leads a cast of villagers in a small hamlet surrounded by a forbidden forest. The creatures from the forest start causing trouble in town and the secrets of the forest began to be revealed. The film is engrossing and the characters are very memorable. Definitely worth watching more than once to see how everything ties together.

Alien Vs. Predator

Who honestly thought a movie combining two Sci-Fi franchises would be any good? I'm pleased to say the final result could have been a lot worse. What is there is mostly exciting and never dull. A sure sign that this movie is a cash-in is the PG-13 rating. If this were an R, so much more could have been done.

Open Water

This indie thriller about a yuppie couple who get left behind on a scuba trip in shark-infested waters has been called the scariest movie of the summer. I'm a huge fan of shark movies but was slightly disappointed by this one. I could never connect with the characters and there weren't enough thrills. The few moments that were meant to be scary succeeded but there weren't enough to satisfy me.

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

The third "Harry Potter" movie is also the best, due in part to new director Alfonso Cuarón's darker color palette. Cuarón keeps the film moving right along and summarizes many of the book's key plot developments to make this the shortest movie in the series. I was disappointed to see some key points of the book left out but this was still a blast.

Dodgeball

The funniest movie of the summer hands-down. Vince Vaughn leads a cast of misfits vying to win a dodgeball tournament in order to save his gym. Ben Stiller plays the leader of the bad guys and this is his one summer movie appearance that works. The supporting cast work add a lot of humor as well. Though the plot is tried and true, the jokes hit hard and fast and the cameos are hilarious. Make sure to stay until the end of the credits for the funniest part.

Troy

Despite seeing more of Brad Pitt than I ever desired, most of this big-budget telling of Homer's "The Illiad" was enjoyable. Eric Bana, Orlando Bloom, and Pitt all give powerful performances while Peter O'Toole and Brian Cox add the necessary regal tone. The battles are exciting and the characters are compelling. The film falls apart near the end when it deviates too much from the mythology and gets caught up in its own spectacle.

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A summer of music

Adrian Throop
Staff Writer

To say that the summer has heated things up for music would be a bit of an understatement. Before May rolled around, the year had been looking pretty bleak as far as music is concerned; of everything that had potential to shine it seemed as if John Vanderslice (Cellar Door) had been the only artist getting glowing reviews across the board. As spring rolled along, the cold spell of music seemed to be warming, with solid releases from the likes of Sonic Youth and Stereolab, among others. Since summer hit its stride, music has abandoned the growing mediocrity that 2004 was becoming. Here are three of many reasons why.

The Magnetic Fields – i

Never afraid to approach the world of concept records, Stephin Merritt has done so again with his latest release, "i." Each song on the record begins with the letter "i," more than half of which use it in the first person singular form of "I." Ok, so it's not that much of a concept as much as fancy word games. Still, the whole idea is just another way that Merritt takes the average singer/songwriter love songs to another level. The dynamic that Merritt brings to a love song is his trademark, and "i" is no exception. The title of "I Don't Really Love You Anymore," is indicative that he can swing

the simple, straightforward format. Progressing, there is much to be said for the metaphoric approach he gives on the piano-tiddling "In An Operetta." He even does an off-kilter point of view switch with "I Thought You Were My Boyfriend." And as much as that might sound like a joke track, it takes a back seat to "I Wish I Had An Evil Twin." All of these still have the resounding backing of Merritt's vocals, his distinctive tone carries clear throughout, without being overpowering. The end result is a record about love lost, had, and hoped for that is both fun to listen to and easy to identify with.

Wilco – A Ghost Is Born

Many times over now, Wilco has been donned the kings of Americana. Lead songwriter Jeff Tweedy seems to have an all encompassing list of influences, musical and otherwise, and it isn't hard to see that this is the case on Wilco's latest. On poppier tracks like "Late Greats" and "Hummingbird," it is easy to hear a bit of Brian Wilson or Michael Stipe. In the more elusive rock tracks, references to Brian Eno or even the Talking Heads are appropriate. Still, all of this seems a bit all too familiar with Wilco. That is until you bump into the noise tracks. This is

a completely unknown region for Tweedy and company, and just like their musical influences, it's easy to say that Tweedy's recent drug addictions may have been inspiration. Whether or not the noise tracks match the masterful pop songs is hard to say. Compared to bands that specialize in noise and ambience, Wilco fall a bit short, but for a first run at things, their attempt is far from a flop. With "A Ghost Is Born," Wilco again avoids becoming a stale member of the indie rock world, and have given another reason that they should remain a staple.

The Concretes – Self-Titled

Being a successful pop group from Europe no longer means you have to be from a British Isle, and with their first release, the Concretes are case in point. They hail from Stockholm, where they also unearthed the band name (after what they observe as the most used building material in their fine city). When they formed nearly 9 years ago, they were just three. Now the dynamic is at eight, almost matching the number of tracks on their album, ten. Increased instruments and orchestration are usually synonymous with increased track

lengths, changing simple pop to rock anthem, but for the Concretes there is no compromise of their pop songwriting. The songs are quick and extremely catchy. "You Can't Hurry Love," the first single on the album, sticks in your head on first listen, and has a certain dance beat to keep you wanting to listen again. And despite all the members and instrumentation, the songs are never overdone. The simplicity retained within the depth of the songwriting is such that they offer an easy listen or a complete experience, whatever your pleasure.

Bands target young voters through fall rock concerts

Bridget Carey
Independent Florida
Alligator (U. Florida)

(U-WIRE) GAINESVILLE, Fla. - University of Florida alumnus Jason Jordan, 23, has been to three Dave Matthews Band concerts and owns practically all of the band's albums. But his pick-up truck, decorated with three pro-Bush stickers, won't be seen near the Stephen C. O'Connell Center -- where the band will play with Ben Harper and Jurassic 5 on Oct. 8.

The bands will be taking part in one of two musical tours attempting to influence residents to vote against President Bush. Seventeen groups are participating in the Vote for Change tour organized by MoveOn.org, a left-leaning group working to get Democratic nominee John Kerry elected.

All proceeds will go to America Coming Together, a grassroots organization working to promote progressive issues and defeat Bush.

"Everyone's entitled to their opinion," said Jordan, who was once the treasurer of the UF College Republicans.

"The only thing I have a problem with is the way in which certain artists are trying to use their celebrity status as a way of trying to more or less force their views upon other people," he added.

But not all Republicans are boycotting the show. Accounting senior Mike Lemus, a Bush supporter, still plans to attend.

"I want to go to the concert strictly to see Dave Matthews Band," he said. "Hopefully, most of the people have already made up their mind as to who they're going to vote for."

UF political science associate professor Daniel Smith said he doesn't believe the concerts will sway the majority of voters.

Smith pointed out that musicians who express their political opinions are not a new fad, citing Woodstock and Vietnam-era mu-

sic. This time, however, musicians are getting directly involved by raising funds, he said.

Vote for Change is not the only politically outspoken tour with musical talent visiting Gainesville. PunkVoter.com, a Web site for a progressive coalition of musicians, is participating in Rock Against Bush tours all over the nation beginning in September.

Gainesville's own Hot Water Music is one of the 127 bands supporting PunkVoter.com. The list includes Blink 182, Foo Fighters, Good Charlotte, Less Than Jake, New Found Glory, The Offspring and Yellowcard.

Hot Water Music will play at Common Grounds on Sept. 25.

The band's bassist Jason Black said the group is anti-Bush but primarily wants to encourage audiences to vote.

"I would like to get people to exercise their right to vote at a bottom level, even if we changed their minds for better or for worse," Black said.

UF College Democrats President Ketsia Julmeus said Dave Matthews Band could have an even greater influence on turnout.

"Everyone in UF knows who Dave Matthews is," Julmeus said.

Tait Sye, the communications director of America Coming Together in Florida, said the Vote for Change shows are not "bash Bush" concerts. The tours plan to show the differences between the candidates, he said.

But Gator Republicans President Anthony Ramos said the audience might be limited because Bush advocates may feel alienated.

"A lot of Republicans are going to want to go to their concert to relax, but they might not want to go if they are forced to listen to anti-Bush rhetoric," Ramos said.

Ticket sales will tell whether the politically charged lyrics scared fans away, but the Nov. 2 election will reveal whether their message got through to voters.



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Faculty Leading the Way in Creating National Model for Wireless Technology Education

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology faculty are making major contributions to the success of an academic and industry partnership to create a national model for wireless technology education. Rose-Hulman has emerged as a leader in the Global Wireless Education Consortium (GWEC) which was created to meet the wireless industry's need for more and better engineers. The partnership is also creating numerous educational benefits for Rose-Hulman faculty and students.

When Rose-Hulman Professors David Voltmer and Bruce Black attended their first GWEC conference in 1999, they could foresee the partnership's potential to enhance wireless technology education at Rose-Hulman and nationwide. That potential is being realized and perhaps exceeded. Contributions by Voltmer, Black and their colleagues in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering have resulted in significant growth of wireless technology programs on campus. Partnering with GWEC has helped Rose-Hulman receive major funding from corporations and foundations to support new, basic and advanced wireless technology courses, create new laboratories and innovative teaching materials.

The largest grant received thus far was \$250,000 from Texas Instruments. The grant is funding the remodeling this summer of existing labs into an advanced communications laboratory and a second studio lab. The advanced communications lab will benefit 440 students enrolled in courses ranging from high-speed digital design to electromagnetic compatibility. The funds are being used to create new courses, multimedia simulations, a new textbook, education modules and tutorials. Other funds have been received from the National Science Foundation, the National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance, the Kern Family Foundation, and the Alden Trust.

"We got involved in the early stages of the consortium and that was important to establishing our leadership role," stated Fred Berry, chair of the Rose Hulman Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE). Berry serves on the GWEC Board of Directors. He also chairs a subcommittee on four-year education programs for the GWEC Curriculum Committee.

Seventy-seven institutions serve as GWEC academic partners. The institutions range from the University of Texas to Auburn University, Steven Institute of Technology, Florida Institute of Technology and universities in Canada, Europe, Asia and Mexico. GWEC industry members include AT&T Wireless Services, Award Solutions Inc., Cingular Wireless, UGS, Emona Instruments, Motorola, Movilnet, Sprint, Texas Instruments, and Verizon Wireless. The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) is an affiliate member.

"Rose-Hulman is a proven leader in wireless technology education at the four-year undergraduate level," stated Susan Sloan, GWEC Executive Director. "Upon formal release of the GWEC wireless curriculum in October of 2001, Rose-Hulman

was quick to access and utilize the materials online," said Sloan, who serves as a member of the ECE department's advisory committee.

Writing and critiquing online education modules was the first contribution made to the GWEC initiative by ECE Professors Voltmer and Black. "Most of our time was spent editing 25 modules during the summer months," Voltmer recalls. GWEC industry partners and the National Science Foundation funded the first 46 modules available from GWEC to educational institutions. The

GWEC wireless curriculum is currently composed of 52 modules.

The learning modules are a software product faculty and students can access through the Internet that provides multimedia simulations about engineering principles and how laboratory equipment can be used, according to Berry. Rose-Hulman is collaborating with the Academy of Electronic Media at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute which is providing the animation and Web graphic design services for the modules.

Several undergraduate courses

in wireless communication have been established around the GWEC curriculum modules, Sloan noted. "Academic institutions with extensive wireless programs view the modules as a valuable resource for augmenting, enhancing and/or expanding their programs," she said.

"Our biggest GWEC project under way is the development of the first textbook that will give the modules a curriculum structure," Berry explained. "The textbook will make it easier for faculty to determine which modules to use

for specific courses," he stated. Faculty authors hope to have the textbook completed by the end of the year for distribution by GWEC.

"Some of the most exciting developments in wireless technology education are occurring in ECE faculty offices and labs in Moench Hall," Berry stated. "I never dreamed this partnership would have such an impact on our curriculum and ability to receive funds to benefit our students and faculty, and to enable us to create educational innovations for national use," he explained.



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Upcoming sporting events

Compiled by Bridget Mayer and Bob Schuelein

					Friday	Saturday
					August 27	August 28
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday		
29	30	31	September 1	2	3	4
			* VB at Hanover, 4:30 p.m.		* MXC, WXC host R-H Quad (at Bird-Gibson Course), 6 p.m.	* FOOT vs. Anderson (scrimmage, not counted in standings), 3:30 p.m.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
* WSC vs. Illinois College, Noon * MSC vs. Illinois College, 2 p.m.			* MSC vs. Blackburn, 5 p.m. * WSC vs. Blackburn, 7 p.m.		* VB hosts Rose-Hulman Invitational, 6 & 8 p.m.	* VB hosts Rose-Hulman Invitational, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. * WSC vs. Wittenberg, 1 p.m. * MSC vs. Wittenberg, 3 p.m. * FOOT at Mount St. Joseph, 6:30 ET (5:30 Ind. time) * MXC, WXC at Indiana State Invitational, TBA
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
* WSC vs. Earlham, 1 p.m. * MSC vs. Earlham, 3 p.m.					* WSC at Anderson, 11:30 a.m. * MXC, WXC at Indiana Intercollegiate Meet, 2 p.m. * MSC at Anderson, 4 p.m. * VB at DePauw Tournament, TBA	* WSC vs. Urbana (at Anderson), 4 p.m. * FOOT vs. Concordia (Ill.), 7 p.m. * VB at DePauw Tournament, TBA
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	* MSC at Millikin, 4 p.m.		* WSC vs. Franklin, 4 p.m. * MSC vs. Franklin, 6 p.m.		* MSC vs. Oglethorpe, 1 p.m. * WSC vs. Oglethorpe, 3 p.m.	* VB vs. DePauw (at Sewanee), 11 a.m. * FOOT at Oberlin, 1 p.m. ET (Noon Ind. time) * VB vs. Oglethorpe (at Sewanee), 1:30 p.m. * MXC, WXC at Otterbein Invitational, TBA
26	27	28	29	30	October 1	2
* VB vs. Centre (at Sewanee), 10 a.m. * MSC vs. Millsaps, Noon * VB at Sewanee, 12:30 p.m. * WSC vs. Millsaps, 2 p.m.					* MSC at Centre, 2:30 p.m. * WSC at Centre, 4:30 p.m. * VB at Millikin, 6 p.m. * VB vs. Webster (at Millikin), 8 p.m.	* VB vs. Heidelberg (at Millikin), 9 a.m. * MXC, WXC at Earlham Invitational, 11 a.m. * VB vs. TBA (at Millikin), 1 or 3 p.m. * FOOT at Trinity, 1:30 p.m.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
* RIFLE at Missouri-Kansas City, 9 a.m. * MSC at Sewanee, Noon * WSC at Sewanee, 2 p.m.					* VB vs. Southwestern (at Oglethorpe), 11 a.m. ET (10 Ind. time) * WSC vs. Rhodes, 1 p.m. * MSC vs. Rhodes, 3 p.m. * VB vs. Rhodes (at Oglethorpe), 5 p.m. ET (4 Ind. time)	* MXC, WXC host Homecoming 5K run, TBA * VB vs. Hendrix (at Oglethorpe), 10 a.m. ET (9 Ind. time) * FOOT vs. Rhodes, 2 p.m. * VB vs. Millsaps (at Oglethorpe), 2 p.m. ET (1 Ind. time)

Commentary: NCAA needs to return to basics

Ben Bramsen

Iowa State Daily (Iowa State U.)

(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa - Green Day may have said it best in its ode to the losers. Nice guys do seem to finish last, and NCAA football is certainly no exception.

So raises the question, why do the bad guys get so many opportunities while the so-called good guys get nothing but spit upon?

Willie Williams, on many people's list as the No. 1 high school recruit at linebacker, has recently signed on to play for Miami.

After being arrested 11 times since 1999, Williams is getting yet another chance at playing football. The NCAA decided that although he had been charged with breaking the law more times than can be counted on two hands, he should be given that chance to better himself as a football player.

But although many athletes have gotten and may get even more chances to play college football, a wide receiver at the University of Southern California waits for his chance to play.

Junior Mike Williams is in a situation not many athletes have been in before. For those not aware of the situation, Williams declared himself for the NFL draft last spring as a sophomore.

To declare yourself eligible for the NFL draft, you must first be three years removed from your high school graduating class. Maurice Claret, of the Ohio State Buckeyes, took that rule to court as a sophomore. The courts ruled in favor of Claret. Williams, knowing he'd be a top 10 pick, also declared himself eligible, hiring an agent, going to NFL combines and accepting money from trad-

ing card companies and endorsements.

The NFL, fearing young kids would continually enter the draft like in the NBA, fought back and an appeals court ruled in its favor the night before the draft. This left Williams in the middle of a controversy.

Williams was ineligible to return to the NCAA after accepting money from endorsements and hiring an agent.

Trying to right his wrongs, Williams re-enrolled at USC over the summer, paid back the money he received and has done practically everything to play again. With USC's first game coming up this Saturday, Williams is still on the practice team, waiting for the NCAA to make a decision on if he can play after taking advantage of something that the courts ruled legal at the time.

In the same breath, Colorado's Jeremy Bloom is going through as tough of troubles as Williams.

Bloom, when not returning kicks and playing wide receiver, has a side job of being a world champion freestyle skier. With that comes many endorsements and with those, although for another sport completely, comes ineligibility.

Although Bloom faced the same circumstances as Dwight, an NCAA panel turned down his appeal Tuesday and thus ended his collegiate career.

The NCAA officials need to come together and get back to the basics again.

They need to remember what they are there for and stop doing what's right for them and start doing what's right for the athletes and for the fans.



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10. Valuable gun training and practice will help defend against evil, maneating geese.
9. All the cool kids are in Model Railroad Club.
8. All they do in Unity is color with markers. Oh, and all that tolerance bullshit.
7. DDR club prepares you for any sort of public dancing, as long as there are arrows.
6. Linux Users Group is a wonderful way to get away from the computer and expand your horizons.
5. Martial Arts Club trains you in case you ever need to avenge your family's deaths at the hands of an evil Yakuza ninja.
4. Habitat for Humanity, like, helps people and stuff.
3. Working on the newspaper builds writing technique, fact-gathering skills, and ability to make up excuses for late compositions.
2. "Going to Anime club" sounds a lot better than "staying in your room and watching cartoons."
1. SWE is a great place to pick up chicks.

~~sumed to Ensnare and Flying Monkeys May Win For the Freshmeat~~

Hi. I'm your space filler. Normally, I'm the guy who tells the Flipside Editor that he can't publish some content (making fun of the Co-Eater'n'Chef isn't allowed). I would like to welcome you to the first Flipside of the year. The FE is likely going to gripe at me because this page looks like an amateur made it, and thus I've made his content look crappy. Oh, well.

Anyway, to the Freshmeat: we really look forward to annoying as many of you as possible and perhaps even making one or two of you laugh hysterically...like you should be doing by now.

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Now that I've got the public announcement out of the way...it's time for the real funny stuff.

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Top Ten (in no particular order)

Dull Filler (white space is bad)

Wacky Prof. Quotes (yes, they really said that)

Herbig's Pun of the Week (complain at New Res 314)

Hertz Reference (or self-reference, as the case may be)

TASOAE (he's an elder god, not an alien)

This Day in History (for all the Hummer majors)

In Addition (wtfbqq?)

Lard Line (nothing to see here)

Wacky Prof. Quotes

"This is Rose. It is my job to crush your self esteem into little bitty pieces and then to burn them."

-- Prof. Bryan, on his purpose in life

"Yea, I know that sounds funny but wait until we start probing things."

-- Prof. Leader, on new programming "commands"

"We have to cross the street to use the pond."

-- Prof. Cecil, on why the engineer crossed the road

"Some things, like nuclear war, are too important to take seriously."

-- Prof. Martland, being serious

"What's that? XXX? It sounds kind of fun!"

-- Prof. Evans, on the new style of statistics

"So I'm going to take a fourth of infinity and put it here."

-- Prof. Leader, on imbibing the infinite

Send your prof quotes or other humor material to flipside@rose-hulman.edu



This Day in History
Edwin Drake drills the first successful oil well near Titusville, Pennsylvania. Upon seeing the little-known substance pouring forth, Drake reportedly cried, "Black stuff! I've struck black stuff!"

In Addition
Don't make me come back there. I swear, I will turn this newspaper *right around* and go back home!