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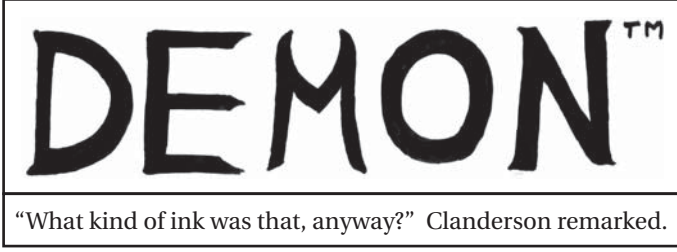
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DEMON Course Management System: A Godsend?



must everyone be so afraid of change? Look at me! I personally signed the contract with DEMON Learning, and now I'm more attractive to women and have more money to throw around!" Earlier this year, when asked about the origins of his newfound wealth and savoir-faire, Eastern declined to comment. The reporter also vanished, never to be seen again.

Installation of the system was a joint effort between Academic Affairs and Waters Computing Center. Technicians' reports of small, red, mischevious creatures encountered during setup were never substantiated. Eastern's vision for DEMON is that "soon there will be as many courses and souls - I mean community groups - on DEMON as there are in the entire world!" With a strangely enticing system in place that students and faculty can submit to, Eastern may very well see his vision manifest in the next few years.

and Frustration Engineering, who was in charge of creating the committee who selected the system.

Clanderson explained, "I never really met them in person. There was just a heavy smoke in the air, and a smell like a chemistry lab. They assured me that DEMON was just what Hose-Rulman needed, and that we could have it for only \$20,000 per year in licensing fees." Looking puzzled, Clanderson added, "There was also that weird contract we had to sign. It was written in some sort of guttural legal jargon. But Mr. Scratch, our legal counsel, assured me it was fine. Where's he been lately, anyway?"

Students are generally

pleased with the new system, although some have misgivings. "That logo is a little creepy," said Andrew Bulta, a sophomore Physics/Engineering Physics double degree student. "At first I thought it was just the word 'DEMON' written really big," he continued, "but did you ever notice how the 'E' looks kind of pointy, and how the top of the 'M' almost looks like... well, I could just swear that 'My Page' link moves around when I'm not looking at it."

Wart Eastern, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty, had reassuring words. "Nonsense," he said, "DEMON is absolutely beneficial to Hose and the Hose community. Why

A Man of Wealth and Taste
Procurements Director

There is an old proverb: "better the devil you know than the devil you don't." In the case of the new DEMON course management software, created by DEMON Learning, it may in fact be that the devil you are familiar with and the devil with whom you are less acquainted are both inferior to the devil that has recently been introduced to the university by a professional committee.

The web-based application allows faculty members to post syllabi, omnibi, and succubi for students to peruse, as well as assign quizzes and grade assignments via the exclusive MindFlay™ Process Technology interface that, after only weeks of use, is as easy to use as it would be after several years. The system was reportedly developed by an "elite team of programmers," says Aude Clanderson, Professor of Computer Science

Seniors to the fore: economics

Rembrandt Q. Einstein
Hick Magnet

With graduation mere months away, senior economics majors are working hard this quarter to complete their research projects on time. This project is required to earn the hallowed economics degree.

Dr. Mhomas W. Tason commented that economics projects are an essential part to the economics degree: "The economics project is critical because it finally gives the student a chance to see all the economic theory they've learned happening in the real world, right before their very eyes!"

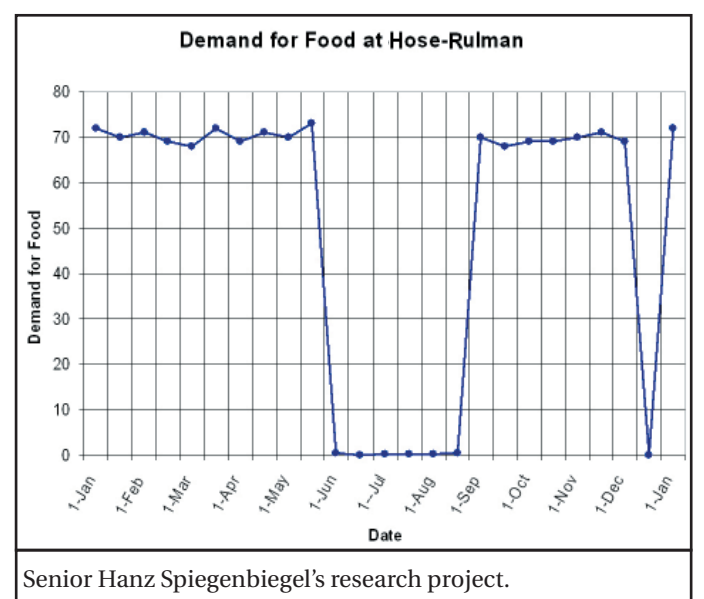
The broad field of economics allows students a variety of topics to research. Commented Dr. Cevin Khrist, savior of economics, "Students can choose to research either area of economics: supply or demand."

Senior Hanz Spiegebiegel (pronounced shpeegenbee-gel) comments on his senior project: "At first I thought I wanted to research supply, but now I feel like I'm more into the demand aspect." For his senior project, Spiegebiegel decided to research

the demand for food at Hose-Rulman by conducting year-round surveys and analyzing the results.

"It was really hard. I had to be in the commons peddling hunger surveys the whole year round, even during the summer. My strategy was to gage the demand for food by how many people answered 'yes' to the question 'are you hungry?' Last January I finally had gathered enough data to make a graph. The results clearly indicate that people are hungrier in the fall and the spring than they are in the summer and the end of December." When asked why there is such little demand for food at Rose-Hulman over the summer, Spiegebiegel answered, "I don't know why people are less hungry... I should leave that question to the biologists. Maybe people are trying to trim down for swim-suit season."

Senior Ludwig van Rothenfinsterlicher is currently working with two other students on supply theory applied to the McDonalds on State Road 46. Supply theory with applications to fast food has interested Rothenfinsterlicher since his freshman year. The



Senior Hanz Spiegebiegel's research project.

seeds of Rothenfinsterlicher's research were planted when he noticed that McDonalds serves hundreds of customers a day but never runs out of food. "We've been staking out this McDonalds for several months now," said Rothenfinsterlicher, "and we've finally found the secret: there are trucks that supply McDonalds with food to meet the demand of the customers. The trucks are usually white... but sometimes they're red."

Another focus that economics majors can pursue

is in the area of graphical exaggerations. Senior Franz Föfenbadenburgerbiegel is finishing up a project on bad graphs. "Misrepresentations of data can be a powerful way to control people like you who don't understand economics. It's amazing how much different a graph can look when you change the scaling," said Föfenbadenburgerbiegel. "I like pie graphs the best... they are circles."

Join us next issue when we will pick on senior philosophy minors.

News Briefs

by Rembrandt Q. Einstein

Mack Jidgley Eats a Kid

President Mack Jidgely ate a kid last Tuesday. He was quoted saying, "That's the last time I'll ever eat goat meat..."

Nothing Ever Happens on Mars

After yet another rover mission to Mars that saw the discovery of over three varieties of Martian rocks, NASA scientists have finally decided that nothing interesting ever happens on Mars.

In light of this discovery, NASA has decided to discontinue its Martian rover missions and send probes to Uranus instead (pun intended).

Sophomores are Smelly

Sophomores are smelly. So are girls. Pass it on...

Cochran Dies

Johnnie Cochran has died at age 67 of an inoperable brain tumor.

Cochran was one of the most flamboyant courtroom performers of our time. Cochran is most well-known for convincing a jury that O.J. Simpson was innocent of murder. Cochran's star-studded career also included clients such as Tupac Shakur (acquitted of sodomy and weapon charges), Snoop Dog (acquitted of being an accessory to murder), football player Jim Brown (acquitted of rape), and Diff'rent Strokes child actor Todd Bridges (acquitted of stabbing an alleged drug dealer at a Los Angeles crack house).

News Brief Disappears!

Weather! (...but why?)

Friday

Typical Terre Haute weather: partly boring with a chance of smell.

Saturday

I don't care, I'll be in Aruba.

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The glove fits.

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Jidgley comes out of hiding

Heir Rama Biff
Co-Editor 'n' Chef

The above photo, taken with some Photoshopping yesterday, presents us with a possible sighting of the elusive Mack Jidgley. As this is a supremely technical school, I set up my senior laptop...and eventually got the long range audible recording device set up so I could be sure I had located the real deal before moving in.

As I sat there listening, I began to think that possibly I had the wrong guy. He seemed supremely boring as he sat talking with his lunchtime companion. Anyway, they discussed the news and the sports and various other trivialities. I decided to attempt to cause something exciting to happen, so I sent in Freshminion to ask directions to the bathroom just to see what would happen. Unfortunately, he responded with the proper response, "Freshmen use the lake." I thought that

perhaps this wasn't the best test because anyone with any sense would know this.

So I decided to break out the big guns and asked the other co-editor 'n' chef to ask for directions to the president's office. I had him then; I knew he'd not be able to contain himself and would reveal himself for us to see. But alas my partner was given direction without even the slightest flicker of presidency over my adversary's face. As the chiefest one walked away I was beginning to pack up, but suddenly there was a voice on my headset! Woot! I quickly acted like I had forgotten to send an e-mail and sat back down. The following conversation is a complete retelling of the story:

The man, "A1, do you think he knew who I was?"

The woman (apparently A1), "Not sure sir, but isn't he one of those Thron kids?"

"Thron kids? What do you mean?"

"You know sir. Those yellow

rag journalists."

"Oh, right. I always kinda liked them. They make funny cartoons about squids."

"Um, he's not a squid sir."

"Right. Anyway, do you think my disguise fooled him? I can't let it be known that I was roaming and eating in the student areas."

"Sir, he couldn't have known, but why can't you be seen again?"

"It's something they taught me back at Pest Woint: never get caught in the rain without an umbrella."

At that point I decided it would be best to paraphrase: in the super secret Presidential food place the ice cream machine had been stolen so it was not worth going there any more, A1 is a super secret code name for his protection agent, and I then needed to run because they discovered me.

From this I've learned that the finding of President Jidgley would be extremely difficult and that the



best way would be to plan a huge surprise invasion. A total invasion of his office requiring marines, spy satellites in his office, and monkeys! Wait, wait, that's

another plan for another day. What I did instead was request a meeting...so if I disappear after Friday noon tell everyone his office ate me.

Classifieds

Lost: Richard and Buzz

SMW looking for best friends Richard and Buzz. Pleasant reward given to all who report alleged whereabouts, but beware of SMW's grumpiness due to the loss of her friends: incorrect pronunciation of her first name could lead to a lack of recognition or outright violence. Do *not* give this woman power... ooh, too late.

Wanted

Single white female seeks additional major, as she finds 12 too few to fill the 50 available hours for class in a week. Is partial to neural networks, p-adic numbers, Bessel functions, chromophore photodegradation, and giant orbital death lasers. Send suggestions to eyeSlepeMuch@grinner.com.

Tutor

Seeking SexEd tutor for sixteen year-old male. Must be willing to visit student's home four days per week to give lessons. Pay rate negotiable. Female applicants preferred.

Sexy Swede for Sale

Fabio-haired Swede seeking owner. Answers to the name "Woody." Owner must be a firm disciplinarian. Broad shoulders, stubble, steroid use are plusses. Swede desires to be handled *gently* and treated with care. Call 800-TIE-MEUP and leave a name, contact information, and a bid. Female applicants preferred.

Apartment for rent

Efficiency apartment for rent for the 2005-2006 school year. Kitchen located directly under the mattress of the bed, so frequently rolling sleepers are advised not to apply. Excellent system in place to report noisy neighbors. Not-so-excellent system in place to report on the lack of a view.

Seeking professor

I am seeking English professor for private lessons. Professor must be married, blond, and a Joyce fan. Interested in discussing the works of Chaucer, Shakespeare, and Pauline Reage. Meet me at that place where we did that thing that one time.

Are you lonely? Would you like to be?

If you have an attractive, open-minded girlfriend who's looking for something new, contact sympathy4@thedevil.com. We've got someone who's just right for your overly-literate, too-cute woman. Tired of attachments? Let us break you up. Competitive rates.

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Interrobang gathering for all interrobang-interested interrobangs. Interrobang to interrobang@interrobang.interrobang.

For sale

Scheme book. Used once. Slightly battered. Spine somewhat shattered from impact against wall. Comes with complimentary Voodoo book, perfect for use against confusing professors or slacker teammates. Former user is transferring to Ivy Tech.

Jon Reremy fans, unite!

This Saturday, Slizzy Whip is hosting a showing of Reremy's famous *Super Hornio Brothers* movie, in which Reremy plays the role of Mario. Come one, come all, for this once-in-a-lifetime Hose-Rulman showing, bound to be broken up by the administration and campus security. Free pizza, beer, and jimmy hats served while the party lasts.

Short ad for a short man

Midget needs woman. slaxl.axe@gmail.com.

For N.B.



Errata:

In last week's article on the administration's video game preferences, we listed Dr. Tee-Llama's favorite game as *Splinter Cell* for the PC. Her favorite game is actually *Splinter Cell: Pandora Tomorrow*, for the Xbox.

Cob Roonz was listed in last week's issue as saying "I discovered that his secret was clean carrots and lots of living." He actually stated, "I discovered that his secret was clean living and lots of carrots."

Last week, Tewis Lurcotte's mom was reported as saying that she personally knew Radclyffe Hall's granddaughter. It was actually his sister, and she knew Susan Sontag's daughter.

Johnny Sample is offensive cornerback for the New York Jets, not fullback as stated last week. Bobby Tolan's name is not Randy, but mud. All power to the people, and ban the effing bomb.

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The *Hose Thron* welcomes and encourages comments from its readers. After all, what better way for the Editor-in-Ascension to get target practice than to line up the fools who think we give a damn and use them as fodder? We request that all letters to the editor be less than 600 words in length if you must send them at all.

The editors reserve the right to edit submissions for clarity, grammar, length, and factual errors. And you know we're going to edit the shit, so don't even start yer bitchin'. The editors reserve the right to accept content changes submitted after deadline, but don't expect us to take "drafts" and half-formed thoughts and whatever shit you want to toss at us. We are not a service for you. This is for us, heffa; screw the writers.

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"Working to keep the Hose-Rulman community informed by providing a goofy-as-hell and mildly amusing source for news and information. We're not accurate, but we are regular."

Rose: a shot glass in the dark

Slizzy Whip
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As anyone who was alive (even on Mars) during the 80's and 90's could tell you, Guns N' F'n Roses is the greatest band of all time. Their amazingly hard yet melodious sound, soulful lyrics, and dangerous onstage antics will be forever remembered as the locomotive of rock. However, the volatile personalities that made GN'F'nR so fine also caused the band's breakdown and left many band members estranged.

After quitting the band, Slash, Duff, and Matt moved on to form Velvet Revolver with Stone Temple Pilots' Scott Weiland. While Slash is the greatest gift from God gave to man, the group just isn't the same without the heart of GN'F'nR - Axl Rose. The bandmates claimed Axl was a hedonistic dictator with a bad obsession for self destruction. Izzy quit the band because "That Axhole is a lazy, no-talent, piece of horse shit." Axl is the only original member still in GN'F'nR.

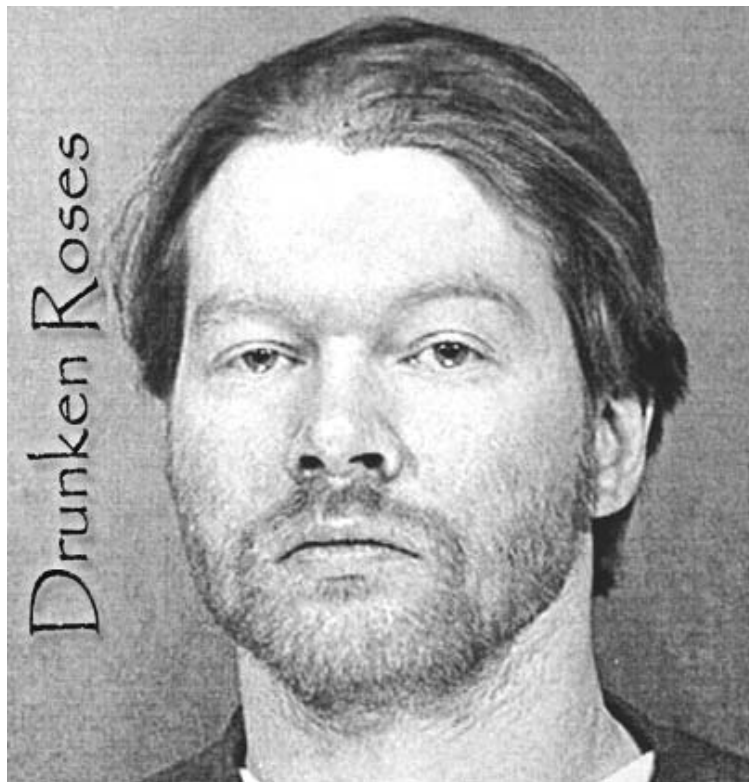
We asked Axl about his current relationship with his former

bandmates. Axl responded with a short "Back off bitch. They're out ta get me," and went off to nurse his sore throat with a glass of Jack on the rocks, a bag of blow, and a Marlboro. When Axl was revived from his coma, we caught up with him to talk about his newly-released solo album, *Drunken Roses*, and the current state of the next GN'F'nR album, *Chinese Democracy*.

Chinese Democracy was scheduled for release in the late 90s but was delayed at Axl's whim. We asked him why the album has not yet been released. "F*ck man, I'm an artist. You gotta have a little patience," he said, snorting a line of coke off the studio urinal. "F*ck yeah," he continued. "It's live and let die you know... No, man, ya know? I just needed a break, so I did *Drunken Roses*."

While Slash is sorely missed in *Drunken Roses*, the album isn't half bad. It lacks the soaring guitar solos that only Slash can provide, but does have some brilliant lyrics and kickin' riffs. Rose played all the instruments and mixed the entire album. Who knew he could make an axe knock on heaven's door?

Axl said, "Yeah, man, *Drunken*



Roses is a f*cking sweet child of mine. I've been dreaming about her for the last 14 years. It all came together at a... you know..." he took another line. "F*ck yeah! You know... it came from the subconscious mind. I was sick of welcoming *Chinese*

Democracy to the jungle, so I took a little smoke break, and *Drunken Roses* just blew out like a f*ckin' nighttrain from my brain."

We don't know what the hell he's talking about, but we still like the album. Axl kicked us out of

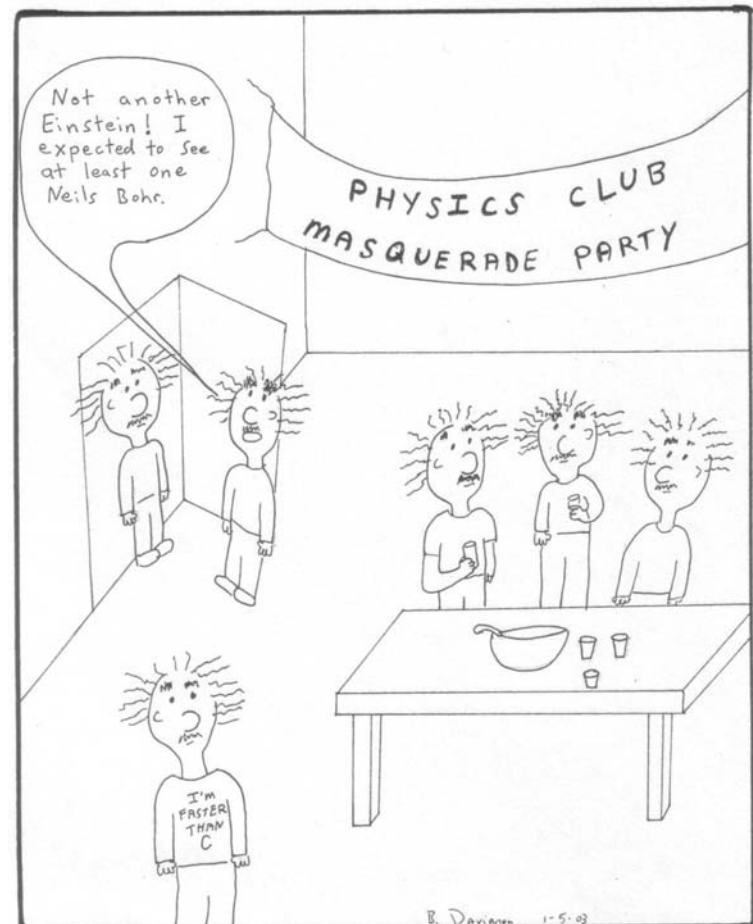
the studio, saying he was "pretty tied up meeting with Mr. Brownstone, the... errrr... *Chinese Democracy* producer." On the way out, we passed a woman wearing nothing but a rocket-pack on her back. "So fine," we heard Axl shout. "Ready for my world!?"

We caught up with Slash at the Garden pub in Paradise City to chat about Axl's solo album and *Chinese Democracy*. We couldn't believe that Slash hadn't heard about the solo album. "I'm surprised that guy finished anything he started that didn't involve my women, drugs, or alcohol," Slash said over a tofu sandwich and figs. "Maybe old Axl's matured," he added, barely holding back a laugh. We moved on to *Chinese Democracy*. "I wish the f*cker would just get the f*cking thing out so I could see why he systematically destroyed something so cool. F*ck."

We couldn't agree more. GN'F'nR is the greatest band ever. Period. It was *Chinese Democracy* that broke the band up, so it better be worth the damn wait. If it's anything short of the second coming, we'll be waiting in the cold November rain to slap Axl so hard that he's right next door to hell.



Heir Rama Biff / Co-Editor'n'Chef
Stolen tires not really stolen - just escaped. Tires found rolling through classrooms looking for mediocre education.



Darryl Davignon

DVD Review: *Citizen Pain: 2015*

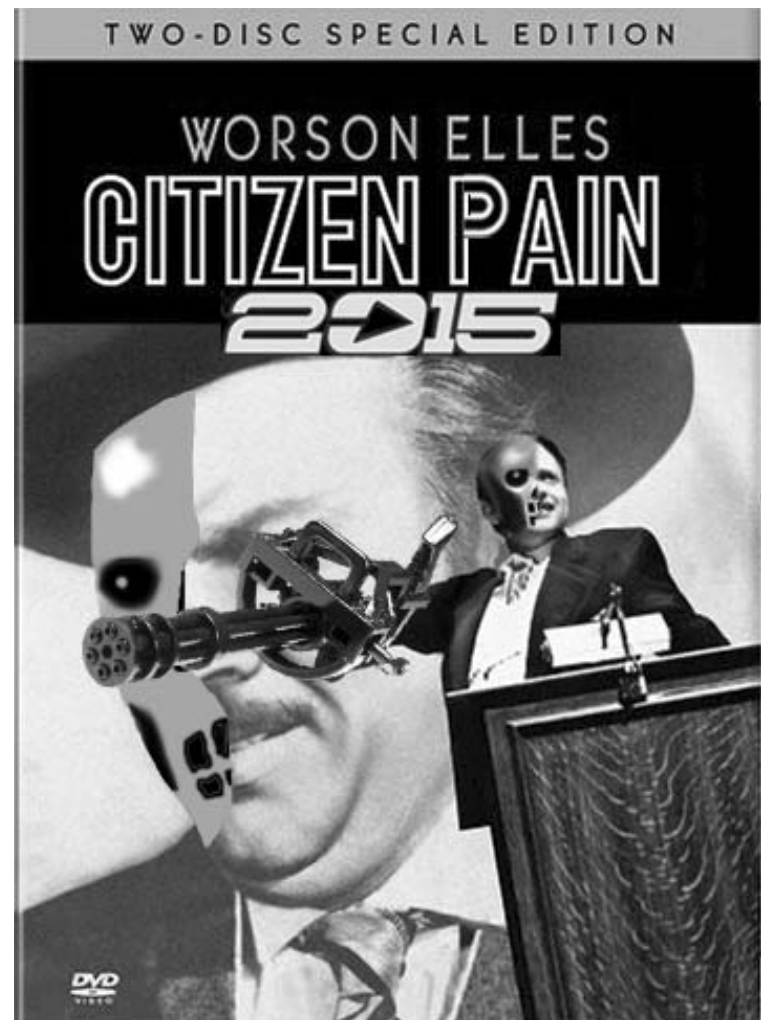
Sexy LepreKAAHHHHNNN
Mystical Bane of Kirk

What do you get when you mix wanton violence, vulgarity, sexuality, lots of explosions and minimal character development? Why, you get an R-rated film, that's for sure. But you also get Worson Elles' new vehicle: *Citizen Pain: 2015*. This is the 16th *Citizen Pain* film by the acclaimed director Elles, also famous for *Dude*, *Where's My Offspring*, and *Igor and Wilhelmina Go to the Opera*. It follows directly from *Pain vs. the Chupacabra*, chronicling Pain's attempt to run for office.

His competition for Mayor of Mechayorkago includes the Hellclown (Pain's Comedy of Errors), who has returned from the Dimension of Artificial Sweeteners. Pain, in an effort to win the hearts of the citizens of Mechayorkago challenges the Hellclown to a battle to the death.

What follows is an explosively good time, putting Brerry Juckheimer to shame. Bullets fly, as do seltzer bottles filled with acid. Amidst sadistic howls of laughter and a series of four-lettered-words, the smoke clears. Standing in the wreckage, over the burning corpse of the Hellclown, Pain lights his cigar. In a tinny voice, he says to the crowd, waving his gatling-gun arm at them as he speaks, "Much like my opponent's citywide taxation plan, his defensive battle strategies too were flawed."

Thus, Pain runs against only one more candidate: Space Nazi. Now, who would vote for a Space Nazi? Things go smoothly for the Pain family as election day arrives. Pain sits by his firepit, bouncing Pain Mark II on his knee. Just at that moment, a newsblurb flashes on the television: A picture of Pain standing in a brothel. Beside him, his off-and-on love mistress, Lady



Salexzara (first appearing in *Pain, Actually*).

Now the election is ruined for Pain. People vote en masse for Space Nazi, hailing a Fourth Reich for the city of Mechayorkago. Pain finds the culprit: a necromancer/political boss named Jettys. While leaving Jettys' residence, gatling-arm still smoking, he said to the gathered crowd, "I showed the necromancer how the other side lived... then died."

Watch as Pain finds a way to rid himself of the army of the living damned (from *Damned Pain*) for good. It involves a paper mill and some well-written news articles. Watch as Pain

stares into the Abyss. Watch as the Abyss is too timid to stare back into Pain. After striking the Abyss over the chin, knocking him out cold, he says to the people gathered there: "My God, he's full of stars!"

Citizen Pain: 2015 is a classic by any definition. If you are down for an awesome flick that will blow your mind with stunning special effects, a score composed by popular Canadian composer Jorner, and enough plot to fill a small sandwich bag, then you're due to watch *Citizen Pain: 2015*. It will be one of the few times it feels good to have Pain (unless you're a masochist, then it's just another day).



Rose-Hulman Official Excuse Form

FooFoo McKnuckleberry

To expedite faculty consideration of student requests for extensions on assignments, the Institute has adopted the following form, to be submitted when such an extension is needed.

Name:

Course:

Please indicate your excuse below. (Check one.)

___ **Illness.** Circle one:

- a. Life-threatening, contagious, or otherwise sympathy-producing disease
- b. Consumption, dropsy, or other dramatically archaic-sounding malady
- c. Chronic Aversion to Work Syndrome
- d. Viral infection serious enough to prevent all activity except all-night Halo 2 marathon
- e. Symptoms too vague to disprove

Please use the space below to describe your symptoms in just enough disgusting, graphic detail to be plausible and convincing.

___ **Personal crisis.** Circle one:

- a. Acute major depression
- b. Breakup of romantic relationship
Please indicate whether relationship is
___ Real
___ Imagined
___ Random drunken hook-up
- c. Angst, malaise, ennui, and/or the Sickness Unto Death
- d. Bad hair day

___ **Dead grandparent.**

- ___ Number of grandparents deceased during present quarter
- ___ Total during RHIT enrollment (not to exceed 7 grandparents)
- ___ Not really dead yet, but has worrisome cold symptoms
- ___ Perfectly healthy: excuse just worked so well on Survivor: Pearl Islands

___ **Conscientious objection.** Circle one:

- a. Assignment violates dictates of my religion or interferes with my need to worship.

Relevant deity:

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| ___ God | ___ Rev. Sun Myung Moon |
| ___ Allah | ___ J.R. "Bob" Dobbs |
| ___ Buddha | ___ The Will to Power |
| ___ Vishnu | ___ St. Hulbert |
| ___ Great Earth Mother | ___ Hertz |
| ___ Greek/Roman pantheon | ___ Yngwie Malmsteen |

- b. Refuse to submit assignment as act of civil disobedience against The Man
- c. Assert my Fifth Amendment rights on the grounds that providing answers to the questions on this assignment may incriminate me

Amount of bribe enclosed: _____

(Forms of payment accepted: Visa, Mastercard, Discover, personal check, PayPal)

Top Ten Books on a Rose Professor's Bookshelf

10. Dr Strangelight or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Crapo Hall
9. The Best of Popular Mechanics Swimsuit Issues
8. Langenscheidt's English-Engineering Engineering-English Bilingual Dictionary
7. The Maltese Elephant
6. Lose Weight with Whiteboard Markers
5. A Tale of Two Civils
4. The Five People You Meet in the Faculty Dining Room
3. The Old Man and the Pond
2. Red Pens: The Missing Manual
1. The Joy of Xbox

-Hoshua Jolden

Wacky Student Quotes

"It's so unfair that almost two thirds of the final was on Matlab and we only spent, like, seven weeks on it!"

--A student in Prof Chambers's Comp Apps I class, demonstrating the math skills of the freshman class

"Do we need to write it in Spanish?"

--Students in Prof. Gohre's class, wrestling with the concept of "Spanish class"

"I don't do well in classes where I have to read."

--A student in Prof. Schumacher's class, bound for academic superstardom

"I was wondering if you could give me a 25% on your class assignments because they were multiple choice, and had I turned them in and just randomly guessed I would have been able to get about 25%."

--A student in Prof. Mafi-Kreft's class, raising the bar for scholarly excellence

"During the fifteenth century, there was not much use for women."

--A student in Prof. Martland's class, not thinking creatively enough

"I'm not sure, but I'll bet there is not much of it around anymore since Newton has been dead a long time."

--A student in Prof. Houghtalen's class, asked to define a Newtonian field

"Because Hertz wrote it."

--A student in Prof. Ardis's class, asked for a reason to change software

"The Golden Gate Bridge, completed in 1937, connects the city's bay with the Pacific Ocean."

--A student in Prof. Waite's class, on the major engineering efforts of fish

"Learning is more important to me than my ability to breathe."

--A student in Prof. Merkle's class who has the right attitude

"That data set is positively screwed."

--A student in Prof. Evans's class who may be also positively skewed—or screwed

"Layla and Majnoo have problems when Majnoo runs two transactions at the same time without committing."

--A student in Prof. Azhar's class, learning valuable interpersonal skills

"If he has a relationship with her, and he has a relationship with someone else, she won't know about it, if it is set to SERIALIZABLE. Now I need to find the SERIALIZABLE button..."

--A student in Prof. Azhar's class, wisely avoiding Majnoo's problem

"Try to insert before she max's or she may get the wrong idea."

--A student in Prof. Azhar's class, hopefully not speaking from experience

Hey Profs! Got a stupid kid in your class? Have a story you just can't keep to yourself? Send your wackiest student quotes or other humor material to us at

flipside@rose-hulman.edu

We'll print it next year - maybe.