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News Briefs

Donna Gustafson to receive award

Donna Gustafson, Associate Dean of Student Services received an award for her outstanding service to the Indiana Blood Center. For 25 years, Gustafson has helped to plan the blood drives at Rose Hulman. According to Jo TeVault, manager of the Terre Haute Community Blood Center, Gustafson's efforts have resulted in more than 17,495 units of blood donated. To honor Gustafson, William Reed, the Indiana Blood Center's President of Operations, presented Gustafson with a plaque on Wednesday.

By John Kropf

Class elections

Class president elections were held this week. The Sophomore Class President for 2004-2005 will be Brad Shervheim. The Junior Class President will be Alicia Gehlhausen. The Senior Class election tied, so the senior class will have a re-vote between Jonathan Fruchte and Phillip Griffith today on BannerWeb.

By John Kropf

World War II memorial built

On April 29, 2004 a new landmark was opened on the Washington, D.C. Mall. Made of bronze and granite, the World War II memorial covers 7.4 acres and contains two 43-foot arches, representing the Atlantic and Pacific theaters, 56 pillars representing the U.S. states, territories, and the District of Columbia, and 4000 sculpted gold stars, each representing 100 lives lost in the war. There is a fountain in the center with inscriptions throughout symbolizing different aspects of the war. The effort to build the memorial began 17 years ago and will be officially dedicated on May 29, 2004.

By Luke Stark

Friday
Scattered T-storms 76 Hi / 51 Lo
Saturday
T-storms 66 Hi / 41 Lo

Provided by www.weather.com

College Bowl goes national

Nicole Hartkemeyer
News Editor Emeritus

Five Rose-Hulman students recently participated in the National College Bowl competition on April 23-25 at Auburn University Montgomery (AUM) in Montgomery, Alabama. Though they placed 15 out of 16, this was the first year a Rose team made it to the national competition.

The team members included team captain Kristy Bailey, a junior mechanical engineering major from LaGrange, IN; John Beety, a sophomore economics major from Logansport, IN; Brandon Hathaway, a junior mechanical engineering major from New Smyrna Beach, FL; Justin Droba, a sophomore mathematics major from Dearborn Heights, MI; and Charles Key, a sophomore electrical engineering major from Harrison, OH.

College Bowl, also known as "The Varsity Sport of the Mind," is a world famous game of questions and answers between two competing teams. Between 1953 and 1970, the competition captured the attention of millions worldwide on radio and television programs. Overall, over 500 schools

have competed in the program. College Bowl has also raised millions of dollars in institutional grants.

The top ranked schools this year included the University of Florida, the defending champions who won again this year, the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, Georgetown University, and the University of California-Los Angeles. Rose-Hulman was able to defeat the State University of New York at Stony Brook and Davidson College from North Carolina.

Questions asked at college bowl competitions are traditionally in favor of liberal arts schools, making the success of the Rose-Hulman team more impressive.

"Most people had majors like history or geography and we were a team of all engineering and science majors, so that made it kind of tough," Bailey commented. "But overall, I think we did a really good job since it was our first time competing at the national level."

Another aspect that made the competition tough was the fact that graduate students were allowed to compete. Only one student



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The Rose-Hulman College Bowl team: (front row, left to right) Brandon Hathaway, Kristy Bailey and Charles Key. In the back row are John Beety (left) and Justin Droba (right).

per team can be a Ph.D. candidate. "The competition was really tough. A lot of the teams there had graduate students on them," Bailey added.

Question topics include, according to College Bowl Company, Inc., current events, politics, literature, science, history, multiculturalism, religion, geography, arts, social sciences, sports,

and popular culture.

Four of the students participate on the team during a round of competition, with the fifth member being held in reserve as an alternate. Participating schools pay their own travel, housing, meals & incidental expenses. There is no tournament registration fee. In some years, sponsor contributions help defray team expenses.

Students and professors attend symposium

Bridget Mayer
Staff Writer

Two students from the Applied Biology/Biomedical Engineering department recently had the opportunity to travel to Fort Collins, Colorado for the Rocky Mountain Bioengineering Symposium (RMBS). The RMBS is an annual conference drawing nearly 150 students, professors, and researchers from over 26 states and eight countries; this is its forty-first year. Also attending were professors Jameel Ahmed, Bill Weiner, and Lee Waite from the ABBE department. The RMBS is held in various places every year, and will be coming to Terre Haute in 2006.

Each year, students and faculty have the opportunity to present their studies to those in attendance; in the past, several Rose-Hulman students have won awards for

their research and presentations. This year, graduate student Grant Hoffman was awarded first place in the student presentation contest and second place in the student paper competition. His presentation was entitled "A New Technique of Tissue Repair for Ophthalmic Surgery." Ophthalmic surgery involves operating on the eye, where delicate tissues can be easily damaged. Hoffman has presented on other topics in previous years.

Also in attendance was student Chad Zarse, who won the Student Contest Committee's Award for his poster showing that the intensity of light is more important than a biological clock to the rhythms of the eyes of horseshoe crabs.

Approximately one third of the presentations were made by students; while some industry representatives attend, most of the others are made by scientists and faculty. The purpose of the RMBS is to "address the application of

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engineering principles to biology and medicine," as well as to encourage participation of both undergraduate and graduate students interested in bioengineering.

Said Waite, "It is good for students to see the presentations the first time they attend, and then even better if they present themselves the second time. The department really does try to make it so that many students can do research and present at events like this."

Power outage

John Kropf
Staff Writer

All of the residence halls on campus lost power Wednesday, for varying amounts of time.

A worker was jack hammering a concrete footing, under which ran the conduit carrying electrical service lines to the Triplets. Two of the service lines shorted out as a result of the vibration, and took out power to those buildings.

Electricians were called in to take care of the situation. As the connections were being checked at the panel, an electrician accidentally crossed two wires carrying upwards of 12,000 Volts.

Lines going to several other buildings were overloaded. As a precaution, the power was shut down to all residence halls, the Hulman Union, and the SRC so the connections could be checked and the blown fuses could be replaced.

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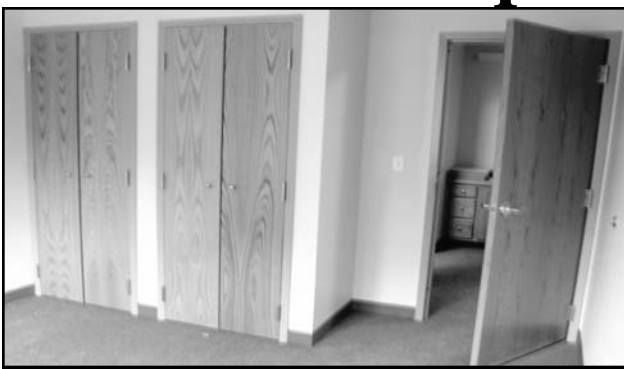


A Tour of the new apartments



Evan Parker

Each 850-square-foot apartment will include two bedrooms, a kitchen, living area and a bath for use by four students, a set-up similar to Skinner. The kitchen comes with 3 bar stools.



Evan Parker

Each apartment will have its own gas heating and cooling system and control. Ten apartments will be located on each floor. Resident assistant staff similar to other on-campus housing will live in the hall.



Evan Parker

Construction will be completed on the Hall at the end of June. The first residents of approximately 235 students will move into the hall next year.

Indiana Fund Announces Investments

REI Ventures, Limited Partnership (REI), a venture capital fund based in Terre Haute, Indiana, has received a major equity investment from Indiana Future Fund I (IFF), it was announced today by REI Ventures I, the general partner of REI. REI will focus its resources on the creation and growth of life science companies in Indiana.

James Eifert, president of Rose-Hulman Ventures, left, visits with Indiana Lt. Gov. Kathy Davis and Rose-Hulman President Samuel Hulbert during a news conference announcing the investment.

REI, which will be headquartered at Rose-Hulman Ventures, will invest in companies that are early in their development and focused on creating proprietary products to meet the growing needs of the health care and information technology sectors of the economy. Currently IFF is the sole limited partner in REI. Rose-Hulman Ventures (RHV), a technology-based business incu-

bator and product-development center based in Terre Haute, and principals of EDF Ventures, a venture capital firm with \$120 million under management over three funds, are assisting REI.

"We are proud to be a part of the IFF initiative," said James R. Eifert, president of Rose-Hulman Ventures. "By taking advantage of RHV's Indiana deal flow, engineering services, and local network and EDF's extensive experience in successful health care investing and operations management, we believe REI is particularly well suited to help IFF achieve its mission. This represents a fantastic opportunity to expand the educational opportunities available to our students and faculty members and establish an additional element in the infrastructure

required to build an Innovation Economy in Indiana."

Mary Lincoln Campbell, a general partner at EDF Ventures and a partner in REI Ventures, added, "IFF is striving to build the companies that build the economy. That's what we do. We add value to new companies that extends

"We add value to new companies that extends beyond funding. [...] We are not a 'wait and see' investor — we are a 'part of the team' investor."

--Mary Lincoln Campbell

well beyond funding. REI portfolio companies will have access to RHV's engineering professionals to assist in design and prototyping — talent that is often beyond the resources of a start-up firm — as well as to EDF's experience in devising strategy, providing interim management, and recruiting management and board members. We are not a 'wait and see' investor — we are a 'part of the team' investor."

Both EDF, which has complet-

ed 17 university spin-outs, and RHV, which provides technical services, business support and capital to developing technology companies, have highly successful track records in sourcing innovative technologies and guiding them to market. REI will invest this expertise, as well as its capital, to create new businesses that will license promising technologies from Indiana's research universities. REI expects to syndicate most of its investments and will draw on both RHV's and EDF's extensive network of Indiana, regional and national firms to recruit growth capital to fledgling Indiana companies. The fund will also assist in the formation of strategic partnerships for its portfolio companies. "Indiana has a wealth of companies with the potential for strategic partnerships," said EDF partner Mike DeVries. "The principals at REI are highly experienced in sourcing and negotiating these relationships."

To assist in deal sourcing, dili-

gence, and identifying industry trends, REI has assembled a Scientific Advisory Board whose members include Joerg Schreiber, Ph.D., vice president of special projects for Roche Diagnostic Corp.; Keith March, M.D., Ph.D., director of the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine and Chair of Vascular Biology and Medicine at Indiana University School of Medicine; John G.R. Hurrell, Ph.D., president of Inproteo; and Gregory M. Ayers, M.D., Ph.D., FACC, founder, president and CEO of CryoCor, Inc. REI's Fund Advisory Board will consult with the fund on investment strategy, tactics, and valuation and address conflict of interest issues; its members include Brian Heistand, director of alternative investments at Indiana University Foundation; Joseph B. Hornett, senior vice president and treasurer of the Purdue Research Foundation; and Thomas Hiatt, co-founder and managing director of Centerfield Capital Partners.

EWRI Contest Winner

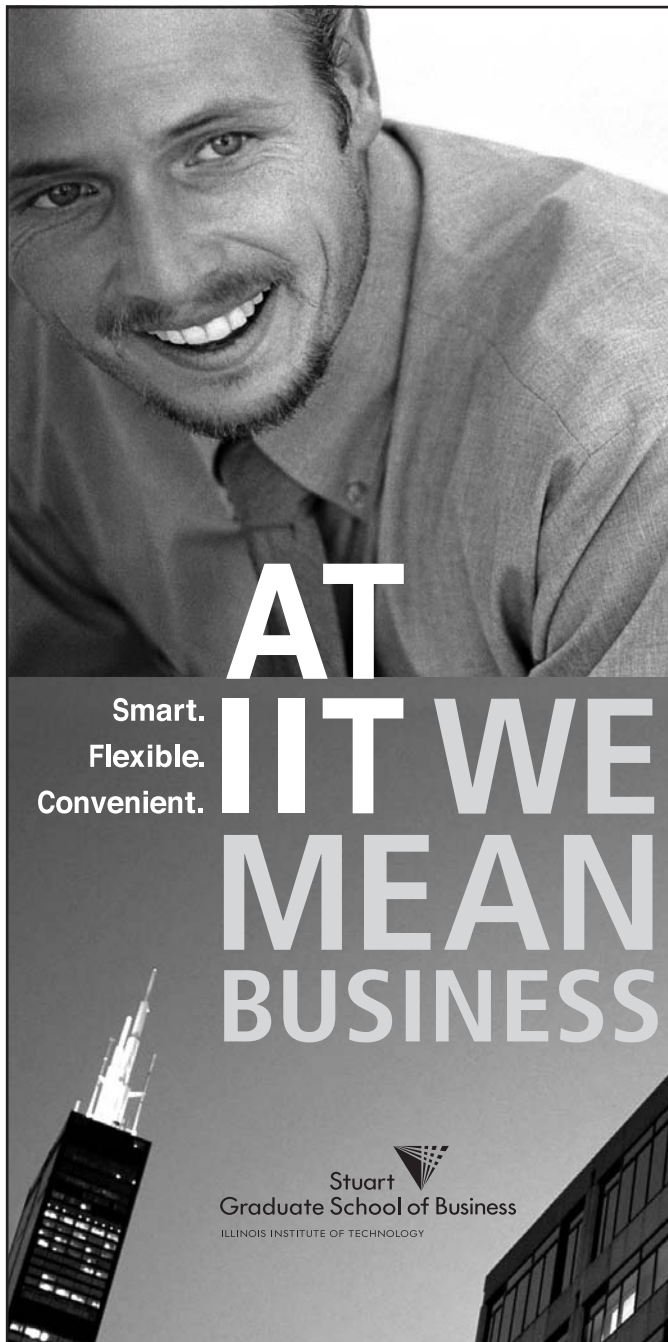
Bridget Mayer
Staff Writer

Rose-Hulman will be well-represented this year at the World Water and Environmental Resources Conference in Salt Lake City, thanks to junior Dave Honan. A civil engineer with a talent for photography, Honan was awarded a spot at the conference for submitting the winning entry in the Environmental and Water Resources Institute's (EWRI) annual photography contest. The Institute is a division of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and sponsors a photography contest every spring to encourage younger members and students to get involved with the organization. This year's theme for the contest was "Water and the Environment," and the photo was to be either color or black and white.

Honan chose to submit a picture he took in 2002 of a pond illuminated by fall foliage in Slingerlands, New York, just outside Albany. "Mill Pond in Autumn" was taken with a Pentax ME Super camera, with a 50 mm lens and Kodak Gold 200 print film, and was in no way enhanced. Says Honan of his photography, "I don't like to enhance photographs; you

have a camera and an image, and I don't like to alter it because that is what's there." His favorite photograph is a shot of an idyllic autumn day in East Worcester, New York; he has also experimented with black and white prints.

Photography has been a hobby for Honan since he was young; after signing up for a photography course here at Rose-Hulman he became much more serious, and hopes his career will incorporate photography in some way. His favorite places to search for the perfect photo include Colorado and Montana, and his favorite subject is trains; while he actively searches for good shots, his winning entry just 'looked good' while Honan was out driving. He was the only student from Rose-Hulman to enter the contest, and he won first place out of a nationwide field of contestants. His prize is paid registration and expenses for the trip to the conference, being held June 27 to July 1 in Salt Lake City. The conference will cover topics like river restoration, water distribution systems, and arid lands. While this is not the first photograph contest Honan has won, he is truly excited to meet other members and fellow civil engineers this summer.



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Out This Week

In Theatres

Laws of Attraction

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Julianne Moore

Mean Girls

Directed by Mark S. Waters
Starring Lindsay Lohan

Godsend

Directed by Nick Hamm
Starring Robert De Niro,
Greg Kinnear
& Rebecca Romijn-Stamos

Envy

Directed by Barry Levinson
Starring Ben Stiller & Jack
Black

On DVD

Dracula: Legacy Collection
Directed by Tod Browning
Starring Bela Lugosi

Frankenstein: Legacy Collection

Directed by James Whale
Starring Colin Clive

The Wolf Man: Legacy Collection

Directed by George Waggoner
Starring Claude Rains

Stuck on You

Directed by The Farrelly Bros.
Starring Matt Damon

"E.R." 2nd Season

One of the ultimate guides on sex

WARNING: This review is for a book whose content is not intended for everyone. In fact, due to this book's explicit sexual nature, one should read it only if one fits one or more of the following criteria: (a) One does not get offended easily, (b) one wishes to be informed more about the various forms of sexuality, (c) one is in dire need of spicing up their current sex life, or (d) one wishes to read a controversial, yet somewhat humorous book.

Jacob P. Silvia
Entertainment Editor

Goofy Foot Press released the fourth edition of their highly controversial book on human sexuality, "Guide to Getting It On!" This book, by Paul Joannides, with illustrations by Dærick Gröss Sr., is an informative and educational work providing definitions, illustrations, and instructions on assorted means of having sex.

The information provided within the 782 pages of this book range from the history of sexuality, to sexual discrimination, to present-day examples of sex in the world (even including mention of a certain celebrity's exposed breast during a recent Super Bowl). A major issue discussed in this book is the rampant past occurrences of misogyny in the U.S. and world history, repressing the sexuality of women and treating them as inferiors. This book does all it can to tear down these notions of yore.

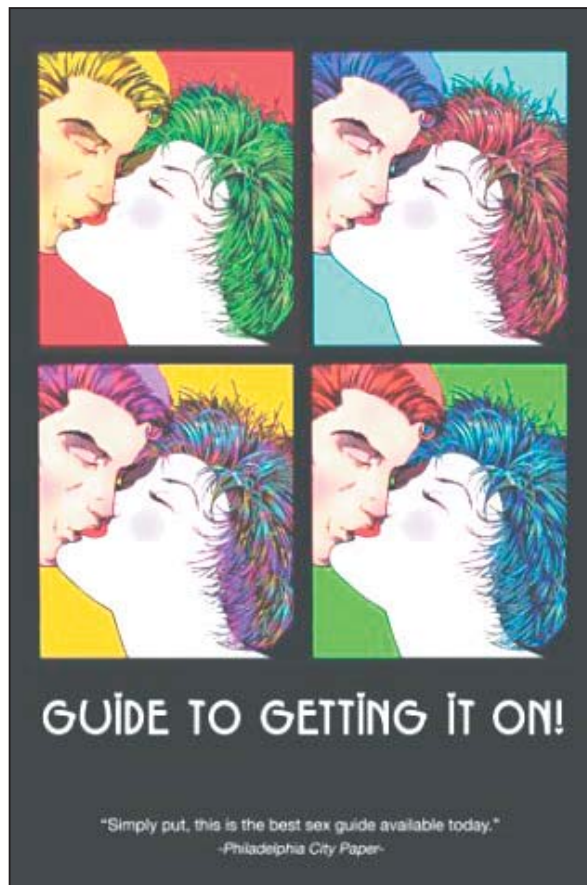
If the notion of 782 pages of straight text scares you, you may be pleased to hear that the book also contains a very large number of illustrations, either being informative or simply humorous. Be wary, though, for many of these pictures are medically graphic, and may just make you flinch, or look at sex

in a new light. Be ready to stomach some of the images within.

Speaking of humor, this book has its fair share of it. Double entendre ensues within the pages, leaving most phrases with a more risqué second meaning. As well, there are some puns in the pages which seem totally unintended, but just the same hold the same punch as those which were intended.

Added to the fifty some chapters discussing everything from the politics to the practice of sex is a very in-depth glossary of terms, defining words pertaining to sex, surfing as well as rock & roll music.

"Guide to Getting It On!" gets its controversial nature from using in-depth descriptions of various sexual acts, most of which are condemned by an individual's moral principles. Because of this, if one's religion or personal morality prohibits a particular act of sex, one may be offended by a certain section, and may wish to bypass this part, or the whole. Personally, I thought the



into sin via the fruit-tree fiasco, thereby blowing the gig in the garden." This is clearly a misinterpretation of the account of the "Garden of Eden" in Genesis, according to many more deeply studied interpretations of this particular event, mostly those using the phrase "she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat" (Genesis 3: 6b, KJV), implying that Adam too was with her, and was just as guilty for the fiasco as she, but I digress with my exegesis.

Since the book is just under 800 pages, there is bound to be a typo or two. In fact, there are quite a bit of typos gracing the interior of this book. Of course, "Guide to Getting It On!" isn't a doctoral dissertation; the author already has his

doctorate. author did not do a wonderful job of discussing religions, for he dismissed a lot of religious notions without thinking too much into them. For example, the Joannides states the claim that the Bible makes Eve look to be "a total bimbo who cavorts with the snake and leads Adam

If you're in for an easy yet somewhat controversial read, I recommend you pick up this book (only twenty dollars at most book distributors). It's sure to bring a smile to your face, a tear to your eye, or some harsh words to the author of this book review.

DVD of the Week: The Third Man - The Criterion Collection

Bob Schulein
Co-Editor-in-Chief

"The Third Man" is director Carol Reed's landmark 1949 film noir starring Joseph Cotton as Holly Martins, in Vienna for a job with his old friend Harry Lime

(Orson Welles). There's one little hitch - Lime was killed in an auto accident. Martins doesn't believe that it was really an accident, and get sucked into a world of intrigue learning the identity of the mysterious third man at the accident.

This movie clearly fits into the category of film noir with its high contrast photography, confused murder mystery, lonely characters, and (somewhat) sad ending. The character of Martins reminded me a lot of Bogart's immortal Sam Spade character in "The Maltese Falcon," with his commitment to the case and love for Lime's old fling, Anna Schmidt (Alida Valli).

Many papers have been written Reed's use of tilted angles. It appeared to me that these angles only appeared in times of great suspense or confusion. The presence of tilted horizontal and vertical lines furthered the sense of something being askew. It is interesting how Reed alternates between level and tilted camera angles. Characters will be in a discussion (photographed normally) when one will say something that confuses information gathered previously and Martins' reaction will be shown in a tilted angle.

There are a lot of realistic

touches throughout the movie. There are constant little dialogue exchanges that hint at the corruption of postwar Vienna. Anna says, "They don't like us to use the lights" when Holly is with her for the first time at the theater. The porter slips into German when he can't find the right English words.

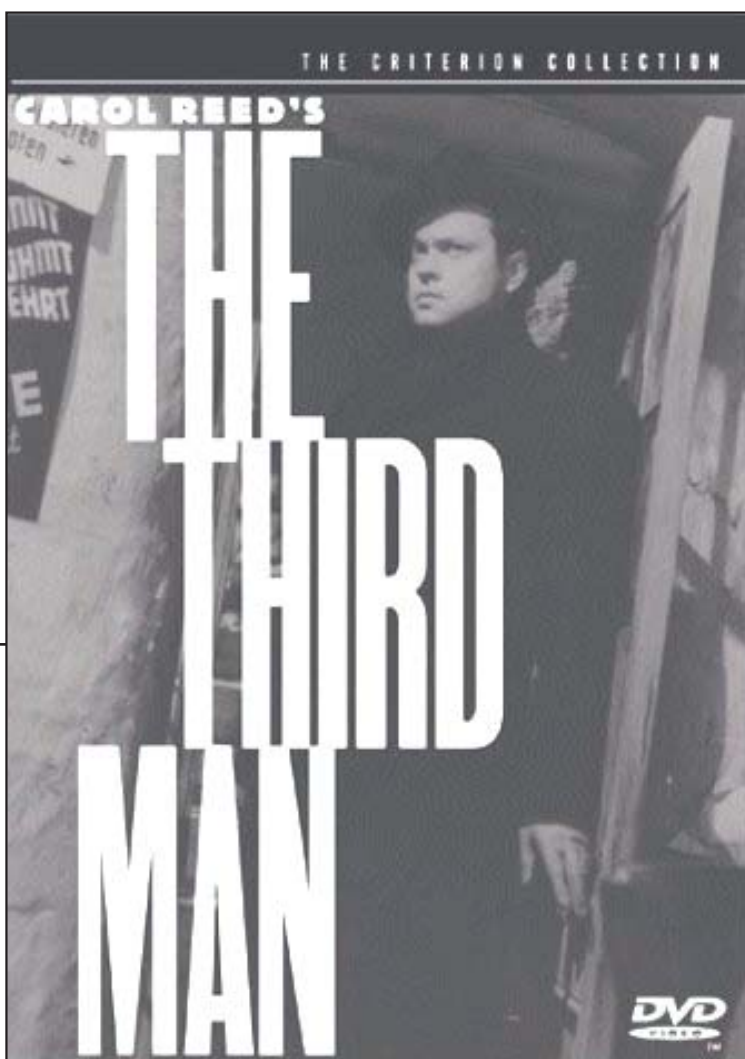
The film is able to hold our interest so well because it constantly creates suspense. We never know too much about one character at one time. Film Noir has created the archetypal bad cop persona, so we expect this film to follow genre conventions at first. Throughout the film, all of our expectations are shifted, and our feelings about characters are very different after the credits roll.

The dialogue in this film is absolutely fantastic. There are so many amazing quotes that I don't know where to start: ones involving "cuckoo clocks," calling people "hack writers," etc. Also, there are many iconic images:

Martins returning from the sewer, our first glimpse of Lime, Anna walking away at the end, eternally moving shadows.

The Criterion Collection has done a bang-up job restoring this timeless classic. The new video transfer is about as beautiful a 1949 film will ever look. The restoration demonstration feature shows how much work went into updating the film; truly fascinating. An included documentary shows Welles, in all his egotistic glory, rejecting to "perform" in the sewer. Production had to be shut down so a special set could be built on a soundstage in England.

All in all, "The Third Man" is a film worthy of its classic status, and this is a DVD that does it justice. The iconic performances combined with excellent direction make this a must-see for fans of film noir and classic cinema. If you're in a nostalgic mood, or if you want to see why your grandma hates the movies of today, give "The Third Man" a spin.



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FICTION

Willian stumbled down the street, blood slowly soaking into his shirt from the knife wound in his side. He stopped for a moment to lean against a street sign marked "Street 8." His vision blurred, and he dropped his briefcase. As the newly dawned day began to darken with the onset of unconsciousness, he saw a figure loom over him like a buzzard over fresh carrion.

He awoke to the feeling of a cool cloth on his head. He looked around the room. It appeared exactly like his, except for the absence of the gaping hole in his wall. This was because the dwellings for most citizens had a standard layout. In fact, he would have been surprised to find himself in a room of a different design. Only high-level managers or members of ESCRoW were allowed unique architecture.

A woman was sitting in a chair in the corner of the room. She was reading a book entitled 1984. Willian faintly recognized the name, but he was certain that it was not on the list of books approved by the Committee on Censorship in Accordance With The Way. As he lifted his head to read the author, the woman looked up.

"Oh, good, you're conscious," she said, smiling. "I'm sorry for

taking you here without your permission, but I believe that you're someone very important." She set the book down on a table. "Your identification says that your name is Willian. Willian Newes."

Willian nodded. The motion of his head caused the muscles in his abdomen to move, making him wince in pain.

The woman stood up, her smile vanishing. She was short, with long black hair, and young, perhaps 18 or 19. "Please, Willian, don't move. The blade missed your organs, but it's still a nasty wound." Her smile returned, and Willian decided that her face was quite attractive. "I'm a nurse, you see," she continued. "My name is Lenore. Lenore Rook."

Willian laid back in the bed. "You said I was important?"

She nodded, suddenly serious. "I was watching you. I live a few floors beneath you. I live a few floors beneath you, and when the bomb exploded, I got curious." She grinned. "I'm like you. A revolutionary."

Willian opened his eyes wide, suddenly frightened. "I'm not a... I didn't..."

Lenore adopted a conciliatory expression and gently patted at Willian's forehead with the damp cloth. "It's okay," she cooed, "I read the papers in your briefcase. And I think they're pretty good. I know who you need to talk to." She smiled. "Mr. J."

Willian blinked, trying to clear his mind. He looked down at his stomach, where Lenore had bandaged him with clean, white gauze. The gauze was fixed in place with medical tape.

"Where... did you get these supplies?" Typically, people were not allowed to take supplies home from their occupations, and these items were not included in the standard medical kits available to all citizens. To have them, Lenore would either have to steal from her workplace, an inconceivable action, or she would have to have special dispensations.

Lenore frowned as she checked the bandage, careful not to jostle it or do anything to cause Willian additional pain. "I have connections. Mr. J is a man who is working to battle the oppressive and socialistic actions of The Way." Willian tried to protest that he did not want to work against The Way, but Lenore laughed and interrupted him. "You don't need to worry about me. I'm on your side. You need to talk to Mr. J. Your ideas are very valuable, and I think that we can use them. With the resources that Mr. J and his organization have, and the concepts in your writings, we could make some changes."

Willian blanched, the blood draining from his face. "But, ESCRoW..."

Lenore shook her head, a resolute look on her face. "Trust me, we don't have to worry about interference from them. Every-

thing will be fine. We just have to get you and your papers to Mr. J." She smiled confidently.

Willian attempted a weak smile. "If you're so sure. But can I move in my condition?"

Lenore wrinkled her nose in thought. "Yes, I'd say so. Use the rest of the day to rest. We'll be safe here. Tomorrow morning, we'll set out across the town to Mr. J's house. With any luck, we'll reach him safe and sound." She grinned. "You're in good hands, Willian. Get some sleep."

He laid back and closed his



eyes, and within seconds was asleep. In his dreams, a dark bird spread his wings over him, and its beak descended to swallow him whole. As he tossed and turned, Lenore watched over him, rereading his papers and humming softly to herself.

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Beastie Boys return with 'Ch-Check It Out'

By Drew Hansen
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(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. - After continual occupation with a number of side projects, the Beastie Boys return with "To the 5 Boroughs" on June 15 off Capitol Records. The release marks the group's first album since 1998's incredibly successful "Hello Nasty" and is billed to be a stripped-down return to old-school hip-hop with politically charged lyrics and, in large part, an ode to the group's beloved city of New York.

In preparation for the record, the group released the album's first single "Ch-Check It Out" to radio Wednesday, April 28 while also making the song available for download on Apple's online iTunes store. The single, to be the lead track from "To the 5 Boroughs," also appeared on the April 28 episode of the FOX network's hit teen drama "The O.C."

With DJ Mixmaster Mike behind the tables, "Ch-Check It Out" is a fast start-stop party starter much in the same vein of "Hello Nasty"'s "Three MCs and one DJ." MCA (Adam Yauch) rips into the track with a call to arms, claiming "Blowin' doors off hinges / Grab you with pinchers / And no I didn't retire / I'll snatch you off with the needle nose pliers," and with that, the B-Boys are back from the dead and on the verge of a valiant comeback.

"Ch-Check It Out" is in fact very minimal in its production, a much different sound than the heavily layered and intricately produced hip-hop tracks of "Hello Nasty." The rapping might be a bit lazy, and with age Adrock (Adam Horowitz) and Mike D (Mike Diamond) have settled into overly

nasal voices, while MCA is reduced to little more than a raspy growl. Yet, as elder old-school statesmen and the fathers of mid-'90s alternative cool, the Beasties earn points for their dogged pursuit of an old-school sound that can still fly in 2004.

Weaving back and forth, the Boys trade rhymes in exuberant fashion. They sound excited and refreshed, buoyantly bouncing verbal jabs off of each other and stretching their rhymes in pursuit of as many obscure pop-culture references as they can possibly reach. Trekkies, Klingons, "Nick at Nite" and "The Cable Guy" are each cited in "Ch-Check It Out," showing the guys haven't stopped indulging their inner TV junkie and continue to delve into the same fodder as 1989's "Paul's Boutique," the group's first ode to New York.

The "Ch-Check It Out" chorus isn't much outside of an old Kool Mo Dee party call, and the song doesn't hold any of the overtly political content that the album has advertised. The Beastie Boys released "In a World Gone Mad" in the Spring of 2003 as a free download off of their Web site. An anti-war song brimming with anti-Bush sentiments, "In a World Gone Mad" compared the Commander in Chief to mentally challenged male model Derek Zoolander and vilified the war in Iraq. Similar content will follow on To the 5 Boroughs, which should challenge listeners more than the undeniable fun of "Ch-Check It Out."

The Beastie Boys were wise to leave their first single to more universal fair, and just how political they will get on the rest of To the 5 Boroughs will weigh heavily on its success. In the meantime, it's just nice to have the Boys back with a new album a mere six weeks away.



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I never joke about my work



Brandon Hathaway
Opinions Editor

I hate not knowing what people think of me. I do not really know why, because I do not actually care that much if it turns out that a person does not like me. Clearly I would rather have a person like me than not, but I will likely shed no tears if it turns unfavorably.

I cannot really explain the history of this hang-up. I have never had a family member say, "Take out the trash or I will stop loving you." I suppose it comes from the same emotional malady that made me be an engineer.

This is especially quirky when dealing with members of the opposite gender. I have noticed that every now and again females behave in inconsistent ways. Maybe it is just those that I know.

The best plan I have to counter

this set-back I learned from James Bond. You would probably think that this involves being smooth and handsome, but no, that is really hard work. The solution I employ is to develop a network of spies to gather intelligence. I deal with many of my problems like an intelligence strategist, and crushes on girls is no different. I am not really sure whether to classify this as a neurosis or not; I suppose that depends on how many other people think like this too.

This mentality has been bolstered further by the recent pounding media attention that the intelligence community has gotten. But really, it is no different; collecting information to approach a woman is no different than collecting information to invade a country. They both require a focus, willpower, and money.

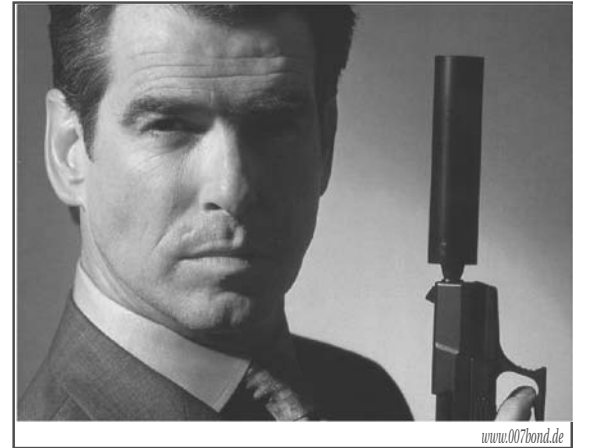
Recon is always the first step. Recon, which is short for "Reconn," comes the French "C'est reconne" which means "looking at stuff in a snooty way." It is the preliminary acquisition of data about the subject. This step can be taken alone, or you

can recruit assets to assist you. It is important to be able to confirm that your objectives can be reached. This part differs a little bit between dating and invasion, but only a little. When we checked on Iraq, we made sure that we would suffer minimal losses, would be well received upon entering the country, and they had what we were after. Clearly all of the same applies to approaching a girl.

The last two, though, illustrate the importance of having quality assets. The interpretation of your gathered intelligence (or "intel" for those in the know) is the dickest step in the process. Not only do you have to decide what the information is telling you, but you also have to weigh the quality of different sources. Some intel is more actionable than other intel. For example, if you read on the white board in the Learning Center bathroom that "She loves you, yeah, yeah, yeah" that is probably not actionable even though it says what you want to hear. Further investigation would reveal that this is a Beatles lyric. Although I am not suggesting that the Bush

Administration went to war because of "The Beatles' Second Album" liner notes, but the apparently the quality of some the intelligence they acted on is not exactly super. Also, George Tenet should probably be fired.

Once you have collected intel and decided you have good stuff, the only the left is execution. On the global scene, there are a number of options. Inserting an operative for an assassination, planting listening devices, using remote controlled assets, or kicking it up a notch and handing it over to the boys in uniform to roll on through. The choices are somewhat limited with girls. Assassination does not really help you achieve your goals, listening devices are illegal and creepy, and handing actionable information like this is usually less than ideal. The good thing,



though, is that you should know enough to know into what you're getting. If you find that she is not receptive, you pretty much want to back off, unless you like pain. Otherwise, just do something because you already have a pretty good idea that she is not going to turn you down.

But then again, we thought that we would find weapons in Iraq and that the people would welcome us. I have had similar moments where things develop in a really unexpected way with a member of the opposite sex. Anyway, let me know if you want to join my network; I could always use a few more spies.

Letter to the Editor: Answering some questions about Unity

I am writing in response to the two opinion articles regarding Unity that were printed in the Thorn on April 16, 2004. As Vice President of this student club, I was dismayed at the misconceptions that were voiced. First of all, regarding Mr. Schroeder's defense of the Gun Club, I do not believe he completely understood our purpose in using Gun Club as an example. We were very careful to stress that Gun Club should remain a club; They have a large membership, widespread student support, work towards educating the community about important issues, and gather together regularly for a common goal. Our point is that since Gun Club is a club, Unity should also be a club. We also have a large membership, widespread support, work towards educating the community, and gather regularly to work towards a common goal.

Nowhere in this argument do we express any moral views about guns, homosexuality, or anything else. We do not express any political viewpoint or belief. All we say is that Unity should be given the same, objective review accorded to other clubs. I am sorry for any other meaning that has been read into our arguments. I will note here that Unity has no control over the personal opinions of our members and supporters. Please

do not take the words of one to reflect the views of the entire group.

Regarding the article written by Ms. Purdy, I would like to make a few points. Speaking on behalf of Unity as a whole, I will disregard the moral issues expressed, since "Unity does not, as a club, officially adopt...any moral viewpoint or belief." However, there are several mistaken ideas about Unity that need to be addressed. First of all, Unity does not support any "lifestyle." The only thing that we do is to fight the rejection and prejudice directed towards GLBTQ (Gay / Lesbian / Bisexual / Transgender / Transsexual / Questioning) people. We do not, as a club, express a view about the morality of their relationships or gender identity, but we do demand that every person be given the respect, dignity, and acceptance that a human being deserves.

Ms. Purdy also expressed a concern with Unity's logo. I was actually not sure whether or not it was okay to use the Rose-Hulman logo, so I checked with the Student Affairs office. I was informed that, as far as the school is concerned, there is absolutely nothing wrong in using the logo as we desire. On the choice of design: the rainbow has been a symbol used by the gay-rights movement for many years.

Although there are various other religious and scientific meanings, this symbolism is an equally valid meaning of a rainbow.

Finally, there are two claims in Ms. Purdy's article about the Day of Silence that I would like to address. She states that our e-mail should only have included information about the event. I argue that we *did* only include information about the event. The "preachy" content was intended only to describe what the event's purpose was. If it was not included, nobody would know what the event was for. Ms. Purdy also points out the fact that we "picked" a Wednesday for the event, when almost nobody would be on campus. The truth is that Day of Silence is a national event. The date was chosen by the national organizers (see www.dayofsilence.org), and we had no part in the selection. It is, as Ms. Purdy points out, unfortunate for our cause (although I believe she has misinterpreted our cause) that the campus will be relatively empty. We would prefer to have students being visibly silent in class, as this would be a much greater statement. Since we are participating in a national event, we decided to use the date given.

I hope that I have addressed the concerns expressed in past weeks, and I apologize for any misunderstandings.

Ben Fritz
Unity Vice President

**We, as a club,
demand that every person be given the respect, dignity and acceptance that a human being deserves.**

Letter to the Editor: SGA club budget policy

After attending this Tuesday's Senate meeting where all of next year's budgets were up for a vote, I have a few things to say about the way things were handled. As the current Treasurer for the Model UN Club and next year's Director, I've been working for some time now to secure our new budget from SGA. Just this past Thursday I found out that the Finance Committee had made a new recommendation – significantly less than they had previously approved – for a budget that was less than a third of what we received this past year.

I immediately replied to the SGA Treasurer, and she told me to attend the Senate meeting and ask for a larger budget at that time. I went to Tuesday's meeting fully prepared to present my case to the Senate. I left half an hour later with no more money and extremely frustrated. Why? Because I didn't get a chance to speak! According to SGA policy (or at least the way this meeting was run), the individual budgets are only discussed if a Senator has an objection, and a club representative can only speak if a Senator graces the representative by yielding their speaking time. Doesn't it matter to anyone how the clubs feel about their budgets? Doesn't anyone think that the clubs should have a chance to go before the full

Senate and state their case if they desire? This is ludicrous! Oh, sure, I could probably have spoken to one of my Senators (assuming that I knew who they were...) before the meeting and asked one of them to object and then give me my chance to speak. Except, I didn't know that was the policy until after the meeting had started! No one thought it was necessary to mention that I was welcome to attend, but I that would have to prostrate myself and beg if I wanted to do anything more potent than gnaw on a pencil. Even so, it shouldn't be necessary to manipulate the process in order to make my opinion known. Not only is the current SGA policy unfair, it's also opaque – how can the campus community make its voice heard if we don't even know how to do it? The way things are being run right now, SGA makes the Bush administration look open and straightforward.

I'm very disappointed and very upset with the way MUN Club has been treated by SGA. We've had our budget slashed without any chance to defend ourselves. I'm going to be submitting a lot of funding requests next year to make up for what was taken away now.

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EE '05

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Lacrosse Club set to play in divisional playoffs this weekend

Josh Annin
Sports Editor

With their wins last week, the Lacrosse Club was able to clinch the fifth seed out of 20 teams in their conference and is set to attend the Division B playoffs today in St. Louis.

With all that they have achieved so far, it's hard to believe that the Lacrosse Club is only in its third year at Rose-Hulman. Club President Tim Poplin is very amazed by the accomplishments of his club. "The plan was to be an independent team for a few years and then, hopefully, apply and be accepted into the regional conference."

Only two years after the club started, the Great Rivers Lacrosse Conference (GRLC), allowed them to apply at the beginning of the 2003 school year. After being accepted, the club wasted no time in preparing for the upcoming season. Lacrosse practice lasted for two and a half hours a day, three days a week.

"Right from the beginning, we knew we had a chance to do well, because most of the players were returning from last year," commented Vice President Dan

Unger. Also, to help out these returning members were three freshmen who had previous lacrosse experience in high school.

Their spring season began with a bang as they shutout the University of Michigan-Dearborn 13-0. The team then suffered three straight losses, one of them against their toughest opponent of the year: Northwestern University. These losses did not distract the team, though. They went on to win an astonishing eight straight games, losing only their final game to Purdue 5-9.

"It had a lot to do with heart," revealed Poplin. "After those close defeats, the team didn't want to lose anymore; so we played with more intensity and the result is clear."

Currently holding a 9-4 record, the result is very clear. They are the only first year GRLC team to make the playoffs in the 2004 season, and their record is also the best of any first year GRLC team during the 2004 season. They are currently ranked 37th out of 84 teams in the nation.

"The team would not be where it is without the dedication of the guys playing," claims Poplin.

"Every weekend we travel upwards of 600 miles to play two or three games in a single day."

Their dedication is really paying off. Both Poplin and Junior Stephen Gregory are ranked highly in both points and goals scored in their division. Poplin is currently fourth in points and third in total goals; Gregory is 19th and 25th.

Also ranking high on the leader boards is freshman goalie Clint Hammes. He is ranked fifth in the league in both saves percentage and saves. Recently, both Poplin and Hammes were also nominated for the All-American Conference team, and they will find out who made the cut after this weekend's games.

Many people are beginning to hear of the successful year the Lacrosse Club is having. The club is already receiving applications from potential Rose students still in high school desiring both an engineering education and lacrosse program.

Even with all this success, the club is still appreciative of the people that got them here. "We would never have been able to do as much as we have without the financial support of SGA," Unger reveals. "They made it all possible



Tim Poplin / Lacrosse Club

Freshman Ryan Westlund is a long pole middle for the Rose Hulman Lacrosse Club.

because, without the funding, we would not be able to be a part of this league. We would like to thank them."

As for next year, the Poplin plans to increase the number

of home games from three to at least six. "We see the support of the school at our games in the large number that attend, and we would like to thank them as well."



BASEBALL (33-6, 3rd in SCAC)

2-2 Record at SCAC Tournament for 3rd place finish—The Fightin' Engineers took third in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference last weekend, defeating Southwestern and Trinity in the first two rounds but losing to Trinity and Southwestern in the final rounds of the tourney.

In the 5-1 opening victory, seniors *Cort Severns* and *Matt Moore* each hit a home run, and junior Brad Jones scored two more on a single in the seventh. *Nathan Soyer* pitched the complete game, striking out three.

Rose-Hulman then proceeded to pound No. 6 in the nation Trinity University, run-ruling them 14-4. Down 2-3, 10 Engineers batted in the third inning to score five runs and break the game open. Four more in the bottom of the seventh ended the game. The team was led by Moore, *Drew Furry* and junior *Jimmy Goebel*, who each had two hits and two RBIs. Pitcher *Mike Tranter* allowed only one earned run in his complete game.

By the luck of the draw, Rose-Hulman faced the Tigers again Saturday evening. Trinity put up two runs in the sixth that gave them the 3-2 edge and the victory. Junior *Scott Tourville* led the Engineer batters, going 2-2, with a double in the second and a home run to lead off the fourth inning. Rose-Hulman was held to only four hits that game.

Southwestern came back to face the Engineers with a vengeance in the Sunday morning game, opening with a three-run lead and scoring seven in the bottom of the fifth inning. Goebel went 3-3 to lead Rose-Hulman, and Jones hit an RBI single to move Matt Salisbury across the plate in the sixth. The Pirates went on to win the game 12-1.

SOFTBALL (21-18, 3rd in SCAC)

1-2 Record at SCAC Tournament for 3rd place finish—The Fightin' Engineer softball team wrapped up its second-best season ever, finishing third in the SCAC. They opened the tourney with a 2-1 victory over Millsaps. Freshman third baseman *Nicole Sanders* lit things up for the Engineers, going 3-3 with one run scored. *Janae Chaney* had two hits, and both *Laura Telezyn* and *Amy Viles* hit safely once and drove in one run. Pitcher *Lauren Clark* struck out eight in the 7th inning complete game.

In the Engineers' second game, the Sewanee Tigers squeezed a victory out of a 2-2 tie in the bottom of the seventh on consecutive singles. Senior civil *Sarah Bireley* was 3-3 this game, while *Amanda Bower* went 2-4 with both of Rose-Hulman's RBIs. Sanders went 2-4 to continue her hot streak.

The Engineers faced Millsaps again in the semifinals. The Majors scored three times in the first to defeat Rose-Hulman 4-1. Senior *Lynsey Hart* was 2-3 to lead the Engineer batters, and scored by a sacrifice fly from Clark in the fourth.

ATHLETES OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

Baseball:

Jimmy Goebel was named to the *SCAC All-Tournament Team* for his efforts at the Spring Sports Festival. The senior hit .462 in four games, with a double and two RBIs.

Softball:

Janae Chaney earned the second-baseman spot on the *SCAC All-Tournament Team*. She batted .429 and stole three bases on the tourney.

Nicole Sanders was also honored on the *SCAC All-Tournament Team*. She was 5-10 at the plate as a freshman, and hit consecutive singles to left field, center field, and right field in the win over Millsaps.

Track:

Dylan Tarr out-threw the field at the SCAC Tournament. He won the discus and shotput by over 2½ feet, and placed fifth in the javelin. The discus title is his third consecutive in the conference.

Tennis:

Matt Jensen and *Dan Conley* earned *SCAC All-Tournament* honors at No. 1 Doubles, winning both of their matches at that spot.

Rachel Logan went 2-0 on the tourney at No. 6 Singles to pick up a spot on the *SCAC All-Tournament* as well.

TRACK AND FIELD (Men 5th in SCAC, Women 7th)

Men 5th of 9 at SCAC Tournament

The Engineer men's track team tied its best-ever finish at the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Tournament last weekend. They were led by the field performance of *Dylan Tarr*, who placed first in the shotput (46'-6") and the discus (147'-11") and took fifth place in the javelin throw. Freshman *Ryan Schipper* chipped in with a first place pole vault of 14'-5¼".

Other top performers in the field were senior *Brian Brecheisen*, who took third in the shotput, *Brennan Dunville*, who placed fifth in the triple jump; and freshman *Tristan Clark*, who took fifth in the pole vault. On the Engineer track, sophomore *Brian Page* finished fifth in the 400-m Hurdles with a 58.02 second run and *Ben Leonard* placed sixth in the 800-m Run with a time of 1:59.11.

Women 7th of 9 at SCAC Tournament

Rose-Hulman's womens' track team finished seventh at the SCAC Tourney, its best ever placing at the event. Seven different runners combined to set six school records, led by freshman *Ashley Bernal's* pair of third places. She finished the 200-m Dash in 26.76 and the 400-m Dash with a time of 59.10 seconds to set new records in both events. Sophomore *Paula Ditteon* came in sixth in the 100-m Hurdles, with a school record of 17.40 seconds. Two Engineer relay teams placed fifth (4x400) and sixth (4x100) with school record times as well (4:18.35 and 53:31 respectively).

TENNIS

Men (13-13, 9th in SCAC): Centre 6, Rose-Hulman 1; Rose-Hulman 6, Millsaps 1 – The Engineers split a pair of matches at the SCAC Tournament last weekend, falling to Centre 6-1 and defeating Millsaps 6-1 to earn 9th place in the league. Juniors *Matt Jensen* (No. 1 Singles) and doubles partner *Daniel Conley* (No. 4 Singles) each finished 3-1 overall on the weekend. *Mike Bergfield* did not lose a game against Millsaps, bageling his opponent at No. 3 Singles and winning 8-0 at doubles.

Women (4-19, 9th in SCAC): Hendrix 6, Rose-Hulman 3; Rose-Hulman 6, Millsaps 3 – The Engineer women's tennis team finished their season on a winning note, but dropped the SCAC opener to Hendrix 3-6. In the first round match, *Rachel Logan* won at No. 6 Singles and teamed with *Rachel Rieck* to take the No. 3 Doubles match as well. Saturday, Rose-Hulman defeated Millsaps to take 9th place in the conference. Logan won her singles match to go 3-1 overall on the weekend. Rieck, junior *Sara Rohrbaugh*, and *Krista Gonnerman* also won singles matches for the Engineers.



Wacky Prof Quotes

"I learned this from the Magic School Bus book I read."

--Prof. Ahmed, on higher education

"If you take a hit off this marker, the 3-D picture will come alive for you."

--Prof. Bryan, on the math experience

"No class tomorrow; just pizza and disco."

--Prof. Joenathan, stayin' alive

"I promise you, if there are any predators lurking the hallway, I will strangle them with my tie."

--Prof. Casey, taking campus safety to the next level

"Nobody ever knows enough to tell you you're stupid."

--Prof. Bunch, on the advantages of being a Rose grad

"That's a nice pole you've got there."

--Prof. Eccles, who knows his poles

"The reason this point is significant...and I'm not just killing time until its 4:15 and I'm a free man..."

--Prof. Leader, stalling

"Are there any physics majors in here? Oh good, I'm safe."

--Prof. Tilstra, covering all her bases

"I'm kind of getting lost on the way this is moving around on me."

--Prof. Grimaldi, contemplating some frisky board work

"Maybe this monopoly gets off on money... Oooo, another dollar, it feels so good."

--Prof. Mason, discussing a lusty monopoly

"That could be because of the way you're transmissioning the signal."

--Prof. Leise, giving us the mathematician's view of signal processing

"The problem with cutting down tropical rainforests is that you kill off all the plants that make the best drugs."

--Prof. Ahmed, promoting ecology

"That doesn't move your give-a-shit meter at all?"

--Prof. Mason, on either student interest or student regularity

"Who listens to theoretical mathematicians? Certainly I tune people like Muir out as soon as I can."

--Prof. Leader, supporting the department

"You know you're getting old when your primary physician is a proctologist."

--Prof. Sanders, explaining why everyone should die young

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Herbig's Pun of the Week
 Spy novels are so interesting that you read them from covert to covert.

BETWEEN TOAST AND BURNT Evan Parker



Top Ten Dead White Guys

10. Pope Innocent III
9. Nobel Laureate Albert Alfred Michelson
8. William Randolph Hertz
7. Chairman Mao Tze-Tung (Zedong)
6. James Dean and his cousin Jimmy
5. Corp. Jesus H. Christ
4. Elvis Presley... maybe
3. Chauncey Rose and his beard
2. Vanilla Ice (2 Xtreme)
1. James Joyce, Hella Cool Entertainer

This Day in History
 In 1789, George Washington is inaugurated. His first act as president is to chop down a cherry tree with his wooden teeth and throw it across the Delaware.

In Addition
 When one looks out over the expanse of seaweed, one feels sadness for the loss of the ocean. But mostly, it just smells really bad.

