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# THE THORN

## Ventures expansion good for Indiana

**Chris Scribner**  
Staff Writer

A \$24.9 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. will allow Rose-Hulman Ventures (RHV) to expand their already successful and valuable programs. Lilly Endowment Inc. is a strong supporter of Ventures, granting \$29.7 million in 1999 to create RHV.

As stated on the RHV website, their mission is "To foster creation and growth of innovation-based businesses by providing easier access to infrastructure, technical support, business support, and capital, thereby providing uniquely valuable educational experiences for students and faculty along with new sources of economic vitality for the community and state."

To date, RHV has employed approximately 200 students from Indiana colleges, including Rose-Hulman, Indiana University, Indiana State University, DePauw University, and Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College. Thirty-two client companies have been served, three of which moved to Indiana. Around 20 Rose-Hulman faculty are employed at RHV. Three companies have been formed under Ventures from Rose faculty and staff, and one company from Rose students.

President Hulbert commented on the endowment in a RHV press release, "As a result of this generous gift from the Lilly Endowment, Rose-Hulman will launch new and creative ways to provide the very best educational opportunities for our students and faculty members and help move the Indiana economy forward.

ing the current RHV activities. -Establish a Center for the Deployment of Disruptive Technologies to ensure that students and faculty learn about the most significant technical advances that can help enterprises make transformative rather than marginal changes in their operations. This educational experience

with Rose-Hulman Ventures has enhanced Indiana's profile as a place where first-rate educational opportunities exist," said Lilly Endowment Inc. President, commented N. Clay Robbins.

Robbins also remarked, "The learning that occurs through the hands-on experiences Rose-Hulman students have at Rose-Hulman Ventures is remarkable."

A Center for the Deployment of Disruptive Technologies is to be established at Ventures. The Center will sponsor educational seminars and conferences focusing on Disruptive Technologies. Included will be microelectromechanical systems, optical technologies, and wireless technologies.

Disruptive technologies, as described by digitalcontent.com, "are at first generally valued by a few fringe (and generally new) customers and don't threaten the established market, but overtake it eventually. Products based on disruptive technol-



**John Howard / Thorn**  
At the Indianapolis press conference, James Eifert speaks about Lilly Endowment's continued support for Rose Ventures.

### Lilly grant to ... enable Rose-Hulman Ventures to become self sustaining in the foreseeable future.

"Expanding these educational opportunities will be important to enhancing our reputation with national engineering education leaders who, for the past four years, have ranked Rose-Hulman as the number one school of its kind in the annual rankings published by U.S. News & World Report," he added.

According to a RHV press release, the \$24.9 million gift will be used to:

-Expand educational opportunities by supporting additional client companies in partnership with other colleges, incubators and communities in Indiana. These efforts will be in addition to continu-

will build expertise that can be used by students and faculty to make Indiana companies technology leaders. The Center will sponsor educational programs for Indiana incubator and product development staff as well as other members of the Indiana educational community.

-Increase efforts to attract and retain client companies in the Terre Haute area by providing access to additional facilities in the community.

-Provide continued expansion of programs to enable RHV to become self-sustaining in the foreseeable future."

"Rose-Hulman's progress

gies are typically cheaper to produce, simpler, smaller and often more convenient to use."

"The Lilly Endowment has been wonderfully supportive of our efforts and those of others around the state to create positive change in Indiana education and its resultant culture and economy," stated Jim Eifert, president of RHV.

"This is more than great news for the Rose-Hulman community; this is great news for Indiana," Eifert added.

## RHIT hosts annual high school math contest

**Eva Barlow**  
Staff Writer

On November 9, the thirty-seventh Rose-Hulman High-School Mathematics Competition took place on the Rose-Hulman Campus. This year 27 schools brought over 400 students to participate in the test. Rose students were on hand to help out.

High school students arrived from the surrounding area to take the hour-long test. Starting at 11 A.M., the students were handed a 20 question math test. After the hour was completed, they compared answers with friends over lunch. To finish the day, there

was an awards ceremony to honor the highest scoring individuals, teams, and schools.

Schools can bring any number of interested students with them. If a school has four people in the same year, they may form a team and are eligible for a class award. If a school has a team for each year, they are eligible for a school award. This year, Terre Haute South won the school award for the fourth time consecutively. Three students earned a perfect score this year. Freshmen are eligible for the Sally Shonk Memorial Award, given to the top male and female scorers. This year's winners are Tiffany Ko from Terre Haute South and

Andy Wang from Iowa City West.

Rose students helped in a variety of ways. First, students helped plan the competition, and with registration for all the students. On the day of the competition, students proctored the exam. After the hour exam was over, students also helped to grade the exam, double checking every score. They then helped place individuals and schools. Finally, students were at the awards ceremony to hand out the awards.

Started in 1965, the competition has reached new students through satellite sites in Cincinnati, St. Louis, and Kentucky.

## Student Counseling Center Offers New Service

**Brent Tucker**  
RHIT Student Counseling Center

Are you feeling overwhelmed with all the demands of college life at Rose-Hulman? Do you find that you are stressed due to all the academic, personal, and social challenges? You are not alone. Most college students feel overwhelmed at times, which causes a stress reaction.

Stress is functional at low levels; however, prolonged stress negatively impacts ones physical, mental, and emotional health. Therefore, these effects can impact ones performance in school, in developing and maintaining relationships and overall work performance.

In order to cope with stress, many people have found it helpful to seek out a small groups of people who are experiencing similar life challenges. The RHIT Student Counseling Center Staff would like to offer such an opportunity to the students at RHIT.

Beginning in January 8, there

will be an opportunity for up to 12 students to participate in a small group, where people can learn from others how to best navigate life's challenges. The group will meet on Wednesdays from 1:40pm to 3:10pm for the duration of the winter quarter. This new service is free for RHIT students.

Brent Tucker, Jamie Aten, and Lori Cichon are all counselors currently enrolled in the Counseling Psychology doctoral program at Indiana State University. They provide help with a wide range of issues from homesickness and roommate problems to eating disorders and depression, just to mention a few. In addition, they can provide information about studying, test-taking, handling responsibility, etc.

Lori Chion, MS, and Brent Tucker, MS, NCC, will be facilitating the work shop. If you are interesting in participating in the group, please contact us at 877-8537 or e-mail us at Lori.M.Cichon@rose-hulman.edu or Brent.T.Tucker@rose-hulman.edu.

## Downtown Holiday Fest

This evening, the place to be for a genuine old-fashioned shopping and community experience will be at the Downtown Holiday Fest. Events and activities abound to make for a great evening of fun, food, and, of course, shopping in the true festive spirit of the holidays. While

most events are scheduled for the evening from 5 - 9 P.M., activities will occur during the day. Make the Terre Haute Municipal Parking Garage your portal to enter a fabulous winter festival. Parking will be free from 5 P.M.

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and join in as many of the activities that include:

• "Annual 'Round the Tree at the Main Branch of the Vigo County Public Library at 4:30 p.m.

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The Rose Thorn is in need of researchers, writers, photographers, or anyone willing to help with this weekly paper. If you are interested, join us in Olin 101 on Wednesdays at 5:10. We have free pizza for anyone who joins us.

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All submissions must be made by Wednesday at 5 p.m. in order to be published in the *Rose Thorn* on Friday.

**Downtown Holiday Fest...  
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- "Party on the Pavement, featuring the DeVaney Elementary Choir, West Vigo Middle School Dancers, North Vigo High School Quartet and the West Vigo High School Viketones 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at Crossroads Plaza.
- "Condit House Open House on

the ISU Campus beginning at 3:30 p.m., with tree lighting at 5:30 p.m.

- "Historic Landmarks Foundation Members Open House at Harry & Bud's at 5:30 p.m.
- "Wabash Valley Roadrunners & TH First National Bank's annual Jingle Bell Run at 6:15 p.m.
- "Free Horse Drawn Trolley Rides from 6 - 9 P.M. sponsored by Old National Bank

- "Enjoy the Christmas classic It's a Wonderful Life, starring James Stewart, at the historic Indiana Theatre at 1946 prices, sponsored by Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana.
- "Diversity Essay Contest Awards from the Arts Illiana gallery and information center at 7 P.M.
- "Traditional reading of the classic Dickens' Christmas Carol

at 7 P.M. at the Coffee Grounds

- "Holiday Music performed by the Terre Haute Children's Choir 7 P.M. at First Congregational Church
- "Santa and his elves take the wishes for gifts at the Alternative Market to be held at the former Herm Rassel store on Wabash Avenue
- "Special exhibits at the

Swope Art Museum, Arts Illiana Gallery, and the new Hulman & Co. Clabber Girl Museum.

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## High School Female Students to be Encouraged Toward Engineering, Science Careers During Campus Event

Female high school senior and junior students can explore their interests in engineering, science and mathematics during a special overnight program Dec. 6-7 at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

Female high school students get a chance to explore interests in engineering, science and mathematics as shown in this 2000 file photo.

Organized by the Society of Women Engineers, the Women Exploring Engineering program gives the visiting students a chance to dissect appliances, participate in an Edible Engineering Contest, solve brain teasers and puzzles, and spend time with a Rose-Hulman female student mentor. Hands-on laboratory activities are also planned to give students more information about engineering areas.

There are still openings in the

program, which is free to the students, according to Lisa Norton of Rose-Hulman's Admissions Office. Interested students or parents should call (812) 877-8892 by Dec. 4. Or you e-mail Norton at Lisa.Olson@rose-hulman.edu.

There is a high demand for people in engineering, science and mathematics, especially among women, according to the National Society of Professional Engineers. Nationally, less than 10 percent of the engineering work force is female.

"Our objective is to show the female students that engineering and science are exciting careers that they should explore in the future," states senior computer engineering student Sarah White, who is helping coordinate activities. "We also want to serve as positive mentors, leading the way for these female students to become even more

interested in these fields."

Rose-Hulman's Women Exploring Engineering program is sponsored by Guidant and Delphi. Guidant will also have an information booth during the program.

Sharon Sussex, an engineer at Delphi Delco Electronics in Kokomo, will be the keynote speaker at a dinner on Dec. 6.

Other events on Dec. 6 include the opening session, at 4:30 p.m.; brain teasers and puzzles; meeting Rose-Hulman hostesses; the appliance dissection; the Edible Engineering Contest; and movies.

Activities planned on Dec. 7 include the hands-on activities in Rose-Hulman's engineering laboratories, including civil engineering, chemistry, chemical engineering, computer science, electrical engineering and mechanical engineering.

The event concludes at noon



Photo Courtesy Rose-Hulman

Female high school students get a chance to explore interests in engineering, science and mathematics as shown in this 2000 file photo.

on Dec. 7.

Julie Knoll, a sophomore chemical engineering student, is joining White as event co-chair. Jennifer Porter, a junior chemical engineering major, is SWE

president this year. Faculty advisors are Tina Hudson, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering, and Sudipa Kirtley, assistant professor of physics and optical engineering.

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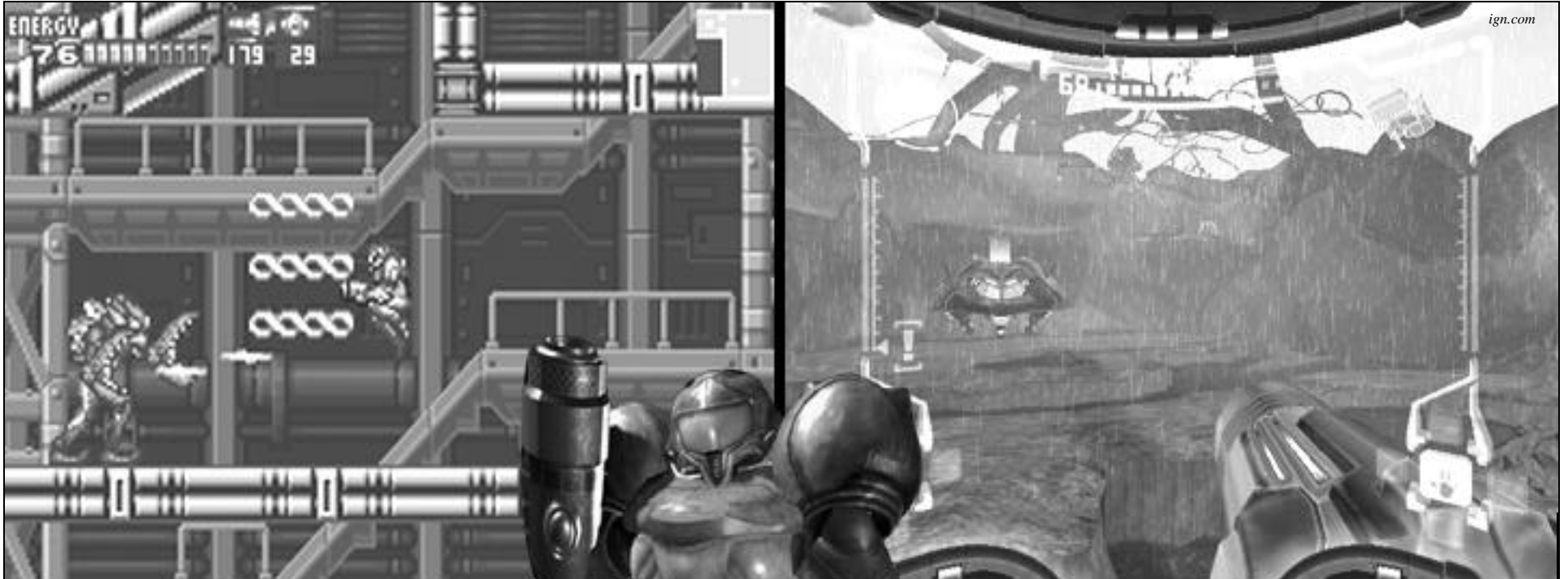
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# Metroid Madness

The original gaming heroine gloriously returns in two action-packed epics for the GameCube and Gameboy Advance. Read reviews of the new games and take a step back in time and revisit the original Metroid games in this exclusive Thorn report.



Samus and a space pirate face off in "Metroid Fusion." Experience classic game play in this great Gameboy Advance game.

Dazzling rain effects enrich the experience of "Metroid Prime." Expect to spend over 20 hours engrossed in this world.

## Metroid Fusion

Dubbed "Metroid 4" in the opening credits, "Metroid Fusion" plays in the same 2D fashion as its predecessors. For a completely revolutionary Metroid experience, play "Metroid Prime" for the GameCube. If your heart is content playing classic Metroid, then "Fusion" will give you reason to cheer. It's the same game that you've grown to love, with new weapons, enemies, and a few new surprises in a great game for Gameboy Advance.

Unlike "Prime," which takes place between the original "Metroid" and "Metroid 2," "Fusion" is a true sequel to "Super Metroid." Equipped with the new fusion suit, Samus must stop the space pirates from taking over the galaxy - again. Samus is helped by way of a data computer that gives directions and tells players where to go.

The computer is actually one of my only complaints with this game. Getting orders and following through is not in agreement with the feeling of adventure of the originals. Another problem is that the game is far too short and easy. Compared to the 20 plus hour playtime of "Prime," I spent only

around 4 hours with "Fusion."

While it lasts, though, "Fusion" is a blast. The actual play mechanics of the game are very similar to those of the original series. There are some nice new weapons such as ice missiles that fit in well in the Metroid universe. The graphics also stay true to the metallic, futuristic look of the series and some nice new sprites are added in for good measure.

There is plenty of depth to the game if you would like to run through it multiple times. A nice feature is a list of items that appears after you have beaten the game so you know what you're lacking and need to find. This is really appreciated so you can know when you have it all.

"Metroid Fusion" is the perfect adventure game for the Gameboy Advance. Given its relatively short play time, it's a great game to play on the road.

RATING
9.0 / 10

## Metroid Prime

Samus Aaron makes her 3D debut in this engrossing GameCube first-person epic. Retro Studios has done the job right in porting the classic Metroid franchise to 3D, and while graphically leaps and bounds beyond anything seen before, "Metroid Prime" retains the same adventurous feel and frenzied action that earned the series its classic status.

In a somewhat controversial move, Retro decided to make "Prime" a first-person shooter. While initially seeing the world through Samus' eyes may seem a bit awkward, the controllers are so well tuned that after a few minutes of play, you'll feel just as at home behind the visor as you did playing the old classics.

The best complement I have for the game, though, is that it makes a first-person shooter feel like Metroid. The action is fast and fun, with a lock-on system similar to that of the N64 Zeldas. All the classic Metroid gadgets are here to, from the morph ball to the plasma beam. While the action gets heavy at

times, a good deal of the game is exploring the detailed world.

Each different area is very different in structure and look. The graphic engine does a great job of changing colors depending on the area. So many little touches were added that really give the game an extra feel of shine, such as Samus' reflection in her visor when something explodes near-by. The water effects are also jawdropping, as is the scope of some areas.

I found only a few slight things wrong with the game that didn't take away from the overall experience. Some platform jumps are awkward using the first-person perspective. These jumps are done much better than I have seen before, though, but the system still needs a little tweaking. Also, it is sometimes hard to figure out which direction you are going when in morphball mode, creating some frustrating moments.

"Metroid Prime" is a vitually flawless transition of the greatest action series into 3D. If you have been looking for a reason to get a GameCube, look no further!

RATING
9.5 / 10

All articles on page by Bob Schuelein with help from Dean Fehlau

## The Metroid History!



All images courtesy of mobygames.com

**Title:** Metroid  
**Platform:** NES  
**Release date:** 1987  
**Story:** You, as bounty hunter Samus Aaron, must save the galaxy from Mother Brain and her Space Pirates on the planet Zebes.  
**Features:** Password backup system, original gameplay, the "Justin Bailey" code.  
**Best moment:** Beating the game in under 3 hours reveals that our fearless hero is in fact... a woman! This was a huge surprise when all other game heroes were fat plumbers.

**Title:** Metroid II: The Return of Samus  
**Platform:** Gameboy  
**Release date:** 1991  
**Story:** After the successful defeat of the motherbrain, Samus goes to the metroid home world of SR388 to rid the galaxy of the foul creatures.  
**Features:** Portable metroid, many metroids in different phases, and spider ball!  
**Best moment:** The exciting climactic battle against the queen metroid, and the touching afterwards with the hatchling metroid.

**Title:** Super Metroid  
**Platform:** SNES  
**Release date:** 1994  
**Story:** The Space Pirates steal the one surviving metroid and start a cloning program. It's up to Samus to return to Zebes to stop them.  
**Features:** First game to have a full map system (now widely used), advanced graphics, deep gameplay,  
**Best moment:** The baby metroid coming to your aid just as Mother Brain is about to finish you off. Hyper-beam!

## Album of the week

**Drew Wright**  
Staff Writer

*Sigur Ros*

( )

Fat Cat / PIAS / MCA

Amazing sonic experience

Alright, alright, I know this one is a little late and everyone has probably either already heard or read the staggering praise that has been slowly building around this band as of late. There really is not much that can be said about the undeniable presence of Sigur Ros that hasn't already been said, but I'll give it a shot anyway.

2002 has indeed been an amazing year for music, and no region knows that more than the quiet island of Iceland, who has quietly graced the world with all of its musical gifts throughout the year. Most recognizably, the long-standing musical ambassador of Iceland, Bjork, released a greatest hits album and an accompanying box set. Then there was the overnight state-

side success of rap-rockers Quarishi, which is still beyond me. Also throwing their hat into the ring was Gus Gus, who gave us more of their dancy electro-pop, and Emiliana Torini, who, much to my delight, made several appearances on the last Thievery Corporation album. However, and though I might risk a psychotic Bjork attack or a verbal lashing for saying this, no release comes anywhere close to touching the epic untitled sophomore album from Sigur Ros.

My interest was sparked in the young quintet after hearing a track that was featured in the film, *Vanilla Sky*. However, after failing to locate any initial pressings of their debut album here in the States and paying for an import was beyond my means, my interest was temporarily curbed. As the band went in to record a follow-up, they found an unlikely partner in American major label, MCA, who agreed to distribute the album over here, as well as help in getting the debut in the States, which they thankfully accomplished.

Along with the increased distribution came increased buzz in the indie underground. So much so that at a recent showcase at the CMJ



Music Festival in New York, they had to turn away throngs of rabid indie radio programmers who were not able to fit into the small venue. Sadly, you can count me among one of the jilted.

So what is so great about these guys, that they would instantly mes-

merize anyone within range of their tenderly arranged echoes and reverberations? Maybe it is the way that their vocalist can at the same time dishearten and inspire, while not actually saying anything at all. There are no lyrics in the album, just fraught noises moaned, sometimes

into a microphone, sometimes into a guitar, in a made up language called Hopelandish, whose sole purpose is to accompany the music. Or maybe it is the unique drone that only a bowed guitar can produce, and believe me, this is not some hackneyed gimmick a la Jimmy Page. Or maybe it is because they can do all of this without, at least not yet, coming off as pretentious or unapproachable as their likeminded contemporaries in Godspeed You Black Emperor or Mogwai.

But I think it is because while doing all of the above, they confuse the hell out of anyone with the patience and attention span to make it through an entire song. One instant a movement might rely solely on infant-like squeaks and barely there ambience, and then the next instant the vocals are seamlessly mixed up to the front, accompanied by soaring guitars, frantic drumming, and an impenetrable cacophony of screeching feedback.

All of this combines to create a chillingly stunning, though not entirely accessible, masterpiece of an album. One of the best albums of the year? You better believe it! Be sure to check this one out at all costs.

## You only live twice, so die another day



James Bond (Pierce Brosnan) and Gustav Graves (Toby Stephens) take up the sword in "Die Another Day."

**Brandon Hathaway**  
Wishes he was 007

*Die Another Day*

Starring Pierce Brosnan,  
Halle Berry, and Toby  
Stephens



On November 22, I was in line to go see the fourth movie from the Irish James Bond. "Die Another Day," which was released on November 22, in the 40th anniversary year of the franchise, and this one is a doozy.

In an effort to live up to its incredible heritage, James Bond is the most successful franchise in cinematic history. DAD continues traditions in Bond cars, Bond girls, and Bond locales.

Bond 20 marks the return of 007 to the Aston Martin, the flagship of British sports luxury automobiles first displayed in 1964's "Goldfinger." The Aston in DAD is the new Vanquish, and is incredible. The two beautiful Bond girls, newcomer Rosamund Pike and Oscar winner Halle Berry live up to reputations perfectly. Scenery in the movie goes from gloomy North Korea, to tropical

Cuba to spectacularly blue Iceland.

In the pursuit of tradition, this movie makes numerous references to the past Bond movies; it is, after all, an anniversary year. Appearances of past gadgets and a quirky display of James Bond's namesake all fulfill all the nostalgic hopes of a Bond fanatic.

The villains in this movie are cunningly treacherous. Only one of them is overtly villainous, and two others try, somewhat unsuccessfully, for a suspenseful climax in the revelation of their allegiances. Gustav Graves and Zao both were excellent Bond villains, with Zao's wild disfigurement and Graves's dark Howard Hughes quality.

The plotline is wonderfully Bond, but also somehow unique; I am a huge fan of the series and left the movie noticing that there was something a little different about this one. The Pierce Brosnan movies tend to explore the humanity of Bond, and this gives us a little more insight into this intriguing character.

The movie was great. From the immediately engaging opening scene to the larger than life luxury car chase between Bond's Aston and the villain's Jaguar, the only low point was the Graves' perplexing suit. Otherwise, this movie was up there with "Goldeneye."

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"I'm the opinions editor and you're not."

## Brandon Hathaway

A few important things happened over break. First, I observed (again) that most television is really lacking in quality. Secondly, the twentieth movie in the James Bond franchise was released. And lastly, there was Thanksgiving, which was pretty good, I guess.

I think we can all agree that more television was watched over break than the average day here on campus. The biggest hitch with all this, though, is that even when you have time to watch it, there's nothing on it. Especially in the daytime.

Littered mostly with talk shows, soap operas, and other assorted worthless filth, daytime

television is really a waste of the airwaves. I have been subjected to viewing of "All My Children;" my mom got addicted to it at a young age and no manner of gum or patch has yet cured her of this affliction. After seeing this show, and others like it, I am a little curious as to whether the "soap" in "soap opera" really means "hero-in," since the plots seem so contrived as to be made up by monkeys high on the stuff.

Here's an example: Woman "A" just got engaged to Man "B," but Woman "A" wants to keep it a secret until she can tell her family with Man "B" present. Seems pretty mild so far, but here's where the complication comes: Woman "A's" sister, Woman "C," suspects that Woman "A" is having an affair with her husband, Man "D," without any real substantial evidence.

Woman "A" is talking on the telephone in the attic to Man "B," after he left a party which until recently had all four of our friends in attendance, and Woman "C" overhears the conversation which is somewhat romantic, and imme-

diately assumes that she is talking to Man "D," who is in fact downstairs at the party and clearly not on the phone.

So the obvious course of action is, naturally, for Woman "C" to push her sister out the attic window. And this does not include any of the bizarre resurrections of dead characters, presence of amnesiacs, frequent appearance of evil twins, introduction of retarded twins or development of spy intrigues.

Another smidge of epic ridiculousness in the daytime television arsenal is the talk show. Ranging from the monumentally stupid and unnecessary, like the Jerry Springer and Ricky Lake, to the somewhat less stupid but equally unnecessary, like Phil Donahue or Oprah, if she's still around.

As for the former, I have two words, and two words only: "Transsexual Wedding." For the latter, it's a little more subtle, because they do have interesting guests. I do not fault the interesting guests for having to appear, though. They usually have movies to promote.

Pierce Brosnan, for example, appeared on the Caroline Rhea Show to support his film "Die Another Day." This is the latest installment of the greatest series in movie history and quite possibly the most significant piece of media ever put in to public hands, except the Bible. Maybe that Shakespeare guy could be close.

Like Shakespeare, though, many characters in a Bond movie end up dead at the end and there are some interesting, albeit unrealistic "romance" and one-liners that are used in the only conceivable situation they would ever work.

The females always have interesting names: Miranda and Dr. Goodhead, Ophelia and Octopus-sy, Titania and Pussy Galore. But I'm pretty sure more people would rather have a "Licence to Kill" than "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Lastly, I suppose, is the whole



issue of Thanksgiving, which among the Macy's Parade, the threats of a new terrorist attack, and the usual holiday accoutrements, turned out to be a pretty good one.

The parade was the same as it always is. Terrorists attacked the Israelis, which at this point, isn't really news anymore. The mashed potatoes and gravy, which is probably the most important reason I decided to go home.

Besides that I hadn't seen my family in eleven weeks and that home is in Florida, which is slightly more hospitable this time of year than Indiana. But you can't forget the mashed potatoes.

## As nation draws lines, pick your side wisely

By Christopher Mikesell  
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(U-WIRE) HONOLULU - Political battle lines are being drawn as we speak, my fellow citizens. In the red corner, standing for the bleeding heart liberal "maybe if we stop attacking them and send them decorative fruit baskets they'll stop hating us" school of thought are the anti-war demonstrators.

In the blue corner, we've got the equally touching "Nuke everything with an Arabic-sounding name" clique of conservatives hungry for blood and maybe some old-fashioned American apple pie they like to praise so much. It's the ideological match of the century: the vegan pinkos against the fascist benefactors of corrupt corporate camaraderie.

Who is going to win this political cage match? Hard to say, considering neither side has a very good strategy. Leftists are so insecure about other countries liking us that they want to kiss and make up with people who would gladly love to watch America burn.

The right is so insecure about anyone who might hate us that it has taped the "deploy military" valve to the on position. This just makes me a bit insecure myself about how the political players are really thinking about running what could very well be the most important period for politics in the 21st century.

Let's face the facts. I am no anti-war protestor. I'm so uninclined to lump myself into any group of ideologically-led people that I won't take a second look at the "Not in Our Name" petition. But that still doesn't mean that bombing the heck out of Iraq is a good idea.

It is worth pointing out that we

have a lot of better things to do. We have other places to invade, more important people to kill. For example, it is imperative that we hunt down and eliminate Bin Laden and his groupies. In case anyone has forgotten, their group has bombed ships and buildings, shot people, and drastically changed the skyline of New York City. Any person who does not happen to be a fundamentalist Muslim should be fearing for their lives because of this guy's hatred toward people who don't fit into that category, and those that don't fear for their own lives are, well, flying planes into buildings and calling themselves heroes.

Saddam? He is nowhere near as high on our priority list. Yeah, he might have weapons of mass destruction. We do too. He might try to use them on the United States at some point. But guess what? We have a hell of a lot more of these weapons than he does. The single worst thing Iraq

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That would give us a perfectly good and justified excuse to wipe that entire region off the face of the globe, and he knows that. Saddam didn't become the leader of Iraq because he was an idiot, which, inexplicably, is one advantage he has over our own fearless leader. I get the feeling that Bush's approval ratings increase in proportion to the number of words he mispronounces in his speeches on a given day.

The reality is, though, that even if we have the biggest arsenal of nuclear weapons in the world in the control of a man who cannot even pronounce the word nuclear correctly, saying that the U.S. government should stop and do

nothing to eliminate the threats that do exist because "war is wrong" and "we're perpetuating a cycle of hatred" and "we have a catchy protest chant, we shout really loud, and we march in packs" is like saying that you have no backbone to stand up for the people who are dying around you and those who will die around you.

Waving the white flag instead of crushing the people that have attacked us is a very imprudent course of action to take if you happen to enjoy your ideological freedom and your liberty, let alone your life. You think war is wrong? What, is it somehow less wrong for a fundamentalist Muslim to kill an American citizen than it is for an American citizen to kill a fundamentalist Muslim? You say we're perpetuating a cycle of hatred by attacking people who have attacked us? We have every right to be hostile to those people who are actively trying to kill us. Any other course of action sanctions their homicide. Only somebody with a death wish would support their own potential murderers.

Let's make it very clear, though: those people who are not trying to kill us should be left well enough alone. As a rule of thumb, it is generally not a good idea to make more people angry than you absolutely have to.

Get the real problem straight, people! As it is, the world stands poised over the teetering edge of global conflict, and neither ideological side is helping to steer the world away from the consequences. The left and the right are simply too busy playing their silly game of tug o' war to notice it. Stop griping, stop preaching, stop chanting, stop mulling, and stop bitching about each other and open your eyes to the real problems facing us now. After all, if you're not part of the solution, then what are you?

## Diminishing returns in homeland security

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(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS - Last week, President George W. Bush signed into law the Department of Homeland Security. A Cabinet-level agency, the department is the largest reorganization of government since the creation of the Department of Defense following World War II. The new patchwork department is enormous -- 170,000 federal employees from 22 previously independent agencies consuming \$40 billion annually. Although government sharing of information is beneficial in some instances, the new department gives reason to pause as privacy rights are diminished, firewalls between agencies are eliminated and confusion ensues as to the ultimate responsibility of the previously independent divisions.

If the department achieves its aims, U.S. citizens will benefit. One of the largest gains in the private sector over the last decade has been the increased speed and efficiency of information. Although the government has made some gains, as the scrutiny of last year shows, significant gaps remain in its intercommunication. If an improved organizational structure can help to bridge these gaps, the department will be an improvement in government.

But before opening the floodgates, some obstacles in government communication should remain. The government is given greater flexibility in collecting information on national security than in its prevention and prosecution of crime. Some of these shackles on government action are necessary to protect the privacy

rights of citizens. But as of yet, the department has not assured Americans there will be no spillage of information collected under the auspice of national security to normal governmental activities. Erecting these information firewalls to allow a free flow of information when necessary, but blocking it when it is not, represents the department's greatest challenge and danger.

Even if this challenge is overcome, it is unclear if the department will represent a net gain. Organizing this new bureaucracy is estimated to take approximately two to three years. In the meantime, the government employees involved do not have clear direction how they should function. For example, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, which regulated the issuance of visas, was eliminated. Visa applicants and immigration workers alike are unsure how to proceed under the umbrella of the Department of Homeland Security. Talk at the upper levels of improved efficiency is fine, but in the meantime clarity is required in the trenches.

The Department of Homeland Security represents good theory waiting to be put into hopefully good practice. The fundamental drive behind the department -- improving government effectiveness and reaping the benefits of recent technological shifts -- is what citizens should demand from their government. As the government implements the program, it should bear in mind citizens also demand the protection of their rights to privacy and liberty. Only as the department develops, bearing in mind all these values, will it become clear if this new legislation ultimately bears a beneficial fruit.

## Three Rose-Hulman football players earn Verizon Academic All-American Honors

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology placed three football players on the Verizon Academic All-America Team, in results released on Monday by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Senior cornerback Jesse McQuiston (Walton/ Lewis Cass) and senior linebacker Tim Swan (Farmington, Minn.) earned first-team Academic All-American honors, while graduate student offensive lineman Daniel Schwartz (New Palestine) was named a second-team Academic All-American.

Rose-Hulman has placed 56 student-athletes on various Academic All-America teams since 1978, including 31 since 1990. The Engineers have placed at

least one student-athlete on a Verizon Academic All-America Team for 18 consecutive years and have earned 22 football Academic All-American awards.

McQuiston, one of four defensive backs from NCAA Division II, III and NAIA schools selected for the first team, started all 10 games at cornerback this season with 29 solo tackles and 44 total hits. He added four interceptions and two fumble recoveries, while scoring one defensive touchdown in 2002.

In the classroom, the mechanical engineering major maintains a 3.96 grade point average and is President of the Tau Sigma honor fraternity. He was named the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Defensive Player of

the Week after recording six tackles, one interception, one fumble recovery and one forced fumble at Washington University in September.

Swan, one of three linebackers selected for first-team honors, established a single-season school record with five fumble recoveries. The mechanical engineering major has recorded 71 tackles, 3.5 sacks and 16 tackles-for-loss, while ranking fourth among NCAA Division III players with four forced fumbles.

In the classroom, the mechanical engineering major maintains a 3.93 grade point average and was a Heminway Scholar, award to the Rose-Hulman student with the highest grade point average following their sophomore year.

Swan earned SCAC Defensive Player of the Week and d3football.com "National Team of the Week" recognition after recovering three fumbles in a 35-28 win over Millsaps. He rushed for 465 yards and gained 665 all-purpose yards in three years at fullback.

Schwartz, a preseason first-team All-American by d3football.com, has started at offensive tackle for the last four years for the Fightin' Engineers. He earned first-team all-SCAC honors in 2001 and 2002 after helping lead the offensive unit to four offensive team school records.

Schwartz earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering last May and has entered the bio-

medical engineering master's degree program. He provided blocks that helped 2000 graduate Eric Hyten become the all-time leading rusher for an NCAA Division III quarterback and allowed Jared Tharpe to establish seven school records in three years as the team's starting signal caller.

Rose-Hulman placed three players on the Verizon Academic All-America Team for the second time in football program history. The 1988 Engineers became the first team to place four players on a Verizon Academic All-America Team, with three first-team selections (Shawn Ferron, Greg Kremer, Keith Woodason) and a second-team choice (Jason Duff).

## Furious Rose-Hulman rally falls short at Fontbonne

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology rallied from a 23-point first-half deficit to close within two points in the final 30 seconds of regulation before falling 74-66 to Fontbonne College on Tuesday evening.

Senior Jon Query (Petersburg/ Pike Central) paced the Rose-Hulman offense with a season-best 24 points, two shy of his career high, including 15 in the second half. Sophomores Philip Griffith (Mooreland/Blue River Valley) and Jason Ludwig (Effingham, Ill./St. Anthony) added 13 points each. The 13 points by Griffith established a new career-high for the first-year starter.

The Engineers trailed by 23 points late in the first half before closing within 17 at 42-25 at halftime. Fontbonne buried six three-pointers in the first half, matching Rose-Hulman's field-goal total in the first 20 minutes, and forced 10 Engineer turnovers in the opening frame.

"We didn't seem ready to play in the first half. I am disappointed that we came out with a lack of fo-

cus and effort to dig ourselves a hole that we couldn't overcome," said Engineer head coach Jim Shaw.

After Fontbonne pushed the advantage to 58-46, Rose-Hulman used a 7-0 run to close within 58-51 with 9:07 remaining. Query opened the run with a three-pointer, then freshman Munchie Muskeyvalley (Rock Island, Ill.) and Ludwig added field goals to bring the Engineers within seven points.

Rose-Hulman moved to within six points on two occasions at 61-55 on a layup by Griffith and a runner in the lane by senior Rashad Gold (Evansville/Harrison).

Fontbonne regained a double digit advantage at 68-57 before two free throws by Ludwig, a jumper by Griffith and another three-pointer by Query brought Rose-Hulman within 68-64 with 1:17 left.

The lead closed to two points at 68-66 on a rebound basket by junior Mike Cusic (Valparaiso) off a steal by Query with 29 seconds

remaining. Fontbonne relied on six free throws and a pair of rimmed out three-pointers by Muskeyvalley to secure the win. "We did a good job of bouncing back and getting into the game. We did some good things, but the bad things that we did early defy description," said Shaw.

Senior Adam Fischer led Fontbonne with 22 points, while junior Michael Horton added 16. Senior John Thomas and junior Ryan Oliver rounded out the double-digit scoring with 10 points each for the Griffins.

"Their post players shot a much higher percentage from the field than ours and that made a big difference tonight. We did a better job in transition and handling the ball in the second half but couldn't finish the comeback," said Shaw.

Fontbonne improved to 2-1 on the season, while Rose-Hulman dropped to 1-2. The Engineers return to action on Dec. 7, hosting Rockford College as part of the Rose-Hulman Invitational at 8 p.m.

## Balanced Beloit out-scores Rose-Hulman at Depauw

Beloit College placed five players in double figures to earn an 81-69 victory over Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology at the DePauw Classic on Sunday afternoon.

Freshman Anna Hall (Martinsville) led Rose-Hulman with 20 points, while freshman Karyn Kost (Avon) and senior Cari Hasselbring (Skokie, Ill./Niles North) reached double figures with 19 and 17 points, respectively. Freshman Ali Wampler (Bicknell/North Knox) contributed nine points off the bench for Rose-Hulman.

Hall earned a slot on the all-tournament team for her two-day efforts that included 43 points and 15 rebounds.

Sophomore Stephanie Davis led Beloit with 22 points, while freshman Michele Westercamp scored 15 points and freshman Kimberly Lutzke added a double-double of 13 points and 12 rebounds for the Buccaneers.

Beloit shot 50% from the field in the contest, while the Engineers shot 47% for the game. Rose-Hulman finished 6-13 from three-point range to remain in the contest.

Rose-Hulman jumped out to a 12-2 lead in the game's first five minutes. Kost buried a pair of

three pointers among eight points in the run, while field goals by Hall and Hasselbring gave the Engineers a 10-point lead.

Beloit answered with a 16-4 run to earn an 18-16 advantage with 12:00 left in the half. Hall responded with a field goal, then Kost hit a three-pointer with 10:40 remaining to put the Engineers ahead 21-18.

Beloit regained a 32-27 lead before Hasselbring scored in the lane for Rose-Hulman to cut the lead to 32-29 at the 3:08 mark. The Buccaneers closed the half on an 8-4 run to earn a 40-33 lead at halftime.

After Beloit built a 12-point advantage at 51-39, Rose-Hulman closed within eight points at 51-43 on consecutive field goals by Hall. Back-to-back field goals by Hall and Wampler brought the Engineers within 63-52 with 9:08 left.

Beloit pushed the lead as high as 18 points before three-pointers by Kost and Wampler helped close the final margin to 81-69.

Beloit improved to 1-3 on the season, while Rose-Hulman dropped to 1-4. The Engineers return to action next weekend at the St. Mary's College Tournament in South Bend, Ind.



Photo Courtesy Rose-Hulman

Senior Jon Query

### Upcoming athletic

**Friday, Dec. 6**  
 •WBB at St. Mary's College, 8 pm  
 •SWIM at DePauw Invitational, TBA  
 •WR hosts Little State Championships, TBA

**Saturday, Dec. 7**  
 •RIFLE at University of Akron, 2 pm  
 •MBB hosts Rose-Hulman Invitational, 6 & 8 pm  
 •SWIM at DePauw Invitational, TBA  
 •WR hosts Little State Championships, TBA  
 •WBB at St. Mary's Invitational, TBA

**Sunday, Dec. 8**  
 •MBB hosts Rose-Hul-

man Invitational, 1 & 3 pm

**Tuesday, Dec. 10**  
 •WBB hosts Greenville College, 7:30 pm

**Wednesday, Dec 11**  
 •MBB hosts Earlham College, 7:30 pm

(Games in bold denote home games)

**Key**  
 MBB = Men's Basketball  
 WBB = Women's Basketball  
 SWIM = Swim Team  
 WR = Wrestling

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# FLIP SIDE

## Top Ten Things to Get Me for Christmas

- 10 An acoustic fridge, <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/technology/2543085.stm>
- 9 A network connection that doesn't suck, so I can drool over said fridge.
- 8 Same things Hertz wants... ahahahaha.
- 7 Money, for the crack habit.
- 6 All of your base.
- 5 A kitten. C'mon, Dirty won't notice. He's dumb... And stupid.
- 4 Jet-powered hovercycle.
- 3 My very own Chinese child-laborer to do my homework.
- 2 A girlfriend. Mail-ordered Russian brides also work. I hear they come with a free case of vodka as a holiday bonus special.
- 1 A sharp new scimitar, for the annual goose jihad in the spring.

## Some Lexicon of Our Discourse Community

Honestly, I would have no idea what the title means, if it weren't for my roommate being in Tech-Com right now. For the rest of us, I'm talking about the inside-jokes, terms, and jargon commonly used here on the Flipside that some people, due to being new, dumb, or female, tend not to get.

I already know this is breaking one of the big rules of geeky lore, which is explaining geeky lore, but I keep hearing complaints, so here ya go:

1. Flipside. The humor section hasn't always been called the Flipside, and hasn't always been on the back page, but now it is. So there. The whole upside-down thing is just to confuse visitors.

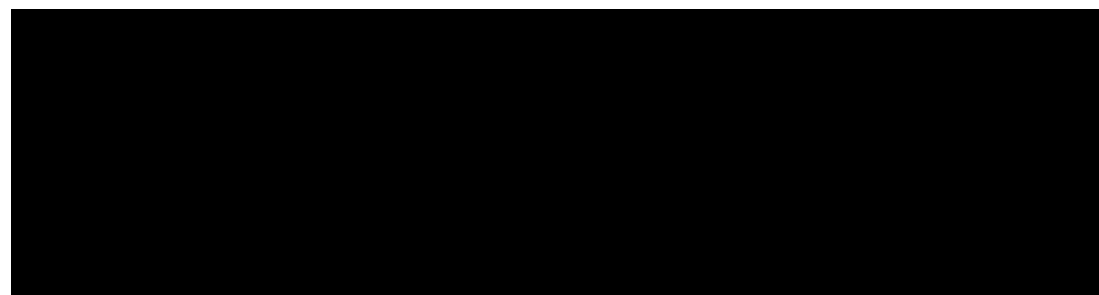
2. Hertz? Hertz is a fun guy, his name is

fun to say, and it's fun to tease him. So we do.

3. Ron. He just happens to be friend of the editor and a chief source of Top-Ten material. It turns out that nobody likes him, so we also tease him.

4. The Black Box. Originally invented by a now alumnist editor, the Black Box is our favorite space filler when we run out of time and don't feel like being funny anymore. Sad thing is, many many people find them funny.

5. Dirty. Just a person that happens to go to Rose, is an RA, dates an underage girl, also lives in Skinner, formerly had a crush on 'Moogly', plays a lot of DAoC. He is definitely fun to tease, but he likes physical violence, so I'm hiding now.



Honestly, this is the best we can do. Help us.

## Attention: We need humor writers!

We're in dire need of comic strippers, satirists, ranters, or just plain ole people that think they're funny. If you're curious about helping out the Flipside, email us with questions at:

[flipside@rose-hulman.edu](mailto:flipside@rose-hulman.edu)

Of course, you will never be under any obligation to submit material, we just want enough people to tossing us occasional stuff, we don't run out of ideas. The current Flipside staff is just a few

guys that can only come up with so much material every week, and we need your help!

If you hate the Flipside because it's a bunch of recycled inside jokes with a stupid editor (all true), you're a perfect candidate to help us out!

Please, help us entertain and annoy the Rose-Hulman community.

## Wacky Prof Quotes

"This is the first and last time I'll be talking about S&M at Rose-Hulman"

--Dr. Williams, explaining why she no longer wants to teach Science Fiction

"If your pump sucks, it's no good... and remember that's S-U-C-K-S not S-U-X; I always have to remind people of that before evaluations."

--Dr. Artigue, describing where to put pumps in a fluid flow line

"It's a process that eats stuff and spits stuff out."

--Dr. Sherman, confusing 'the hell' out of people.

"Whenever a log comes out of my mouth in this course..."

--Prof. Anderson, warning us to duck

"You're paying us to make your lives miserable. Cheer up, dammit!"

--Dr. Carvill, confusing us engineers

"If you ever get Guinness in a bottle, it's supposed to be drank at room temperature."

--Prof. Berry, on the exception to the Law of Ones

"The condition of whether or not your math homework is readable is like pornography: I'll know when I see it."

--Prof. Lopez, on his grading habits

"This is sexy, I like dry erase markers."

--Dr. Berry in EC360, ...

Have your profs said something wacky lately? Well, stay awake for a change and write it down!

Send your Prof Quotes to:  
[flipside@rose-hulman.edu](mailto:flipside@rose-hulman.edu)

Any other humor, comments, suggestions, complaints, or death threats are welcome as well.

### This Week in the News

Breathe easy, the National Society for Clean Air and Environmental protection claims that air pollution in Britan kills at least 10 times more people than traffic accidents. Think the Terre Haute smell is bad? Try smog.

### This Week in History

1852 A.D. - A device that keeps hoisting machinery from falling is invented by Elisha Grey, to be put to use 5 years later when he invented the elevator.

### This Week in Ron's Ear

Otitis Media, er... an ear infection. to prevent it you should be bottle-fed sitting up, or simply breast-fed. Apparently strong sucking muscles are important, so nobody can ever again claim that Ron sucks.