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THORN

Motivating Rose students to change the world: the Dennis Paustenbach Lecture Series

Rachel Lukens
Editor-in-Chief

The Dennis Paustenbach Lecture Series kicked off last Tuesday and was the first lecture given in Hatfield Hall. The inaugural speaker was David Roux of Silver Lake Management. The title of the lecture series is the Path Less Traveled and focuses on alternative career paths. Roux's lecture, titled "Celebrating Serendipity: Heretical Advice and Unconventional Wisdom on Career Management," was highly attended because of its interesting subject matter and because President Hulbert switched to a convocation schedule for the event.

During his lecture, Roux

impressed upon his audience one main, and very ambitious, theme: the only logical career goal is to change the world. He claimed that all of his decisions are evaluated with this lofty ambition in mind. This train of thought, Roux argued, can also be used to judge Rose-Hulman as an institution. How many alumnae have written Pulitzer Prizes? How many serve in public office? How many have solved societal problems?

Roux also presented three career management myths and his corrections. One major myth was that to get a good job, you need a good education. His argument was based on five now famous and fabulously wealthy college dropouts including Bill Gates and Michael Dell. These people had a burning sense of urgency and were unwilling to "play their cards dealt by fate."

The second fallacy was that if you do what you love, the money will follow. He argued that millions of people work at jobs they love and have no potential to amass much wealth. Roux argued that financial goals were just like any other choice, and that engineers in particular are overly nervous discussing money.

"To make a lot of money, you need to work at a big successful company and get a share of the action. No one will give it to you; you have to ask," Roux advised. It is this type of action that engineers in particular are uncomfortable taking.

The final career management myth that Roux fought was that you should "plan your work and work

your plan." He feels that life is messy and no simple plan can accurately prepare anyone for everything that can happen. Engineers are very much affected by this myth because they have an affinity for well made plans, but they work in an industry where rapid changes constantly occur.

The role that technology places in the economy was also included in Roux's lecture. Roux pointed out that all technology is disruptive. It is especially true in American society today because people are willing to venture large amounts of capital on many companies in a booming industry knowing that not all can survive. This eventually results in a few great companies that are wildly successful, leaving the rest in the dust and causing a potential dip in the economy. This trend has been pervasive throughout history with such examples as canals, railroads, steel, automobiles, radio, and most recently, the Internet.

Roux's lecture took a predictable turn when he then discussed two possible career paths for "Sally Senior," a graduating senior from Rose. She could either take a job working for a large company like GM working for corporate America, or she could rebuke tradition, follow her heart, and take a position improving the living conditions in third world Africa. Roux argues that people are afraid to make "unsafe" decisions.

Roux made several key arguments for why the second plan was considerably less risky than it appears at first glance. He contends

that the choices a person makes leads to new experiences and that the journey is more important than the destination. Roux also included an international twist. This year, 400,000 undergraduates are studying science and technology. In India and China, there are a total of over 1.15 million undergraduate

science and technology students who are willing to work for \$2400 to \$4800 annually. By 2010, approximately one million jobs will be moved from the United States and Europe to Asia because of reduced development costs. The information technology age could put American workers and their higher rates out of business.

One way to combat this is for American workers to maintain a personal relationship with their employers. Roux advocated using volunteerism and activism within the community to avoid being treated like a commodity.

Roux ended his lecture by giving specific career advice. He said that recent college graduates should take a chance because they will

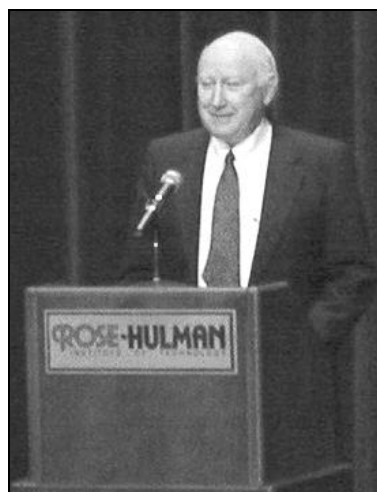


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David Roux shares unconventional career management with the Rose community.

never again be so prepared to do anything radical. He also recommended doing real work and avoiding job descriptions such as monitoring, facilitating, and above all as acting as a liaison for anything. Roux also suggested changing the world as a life goal and as a standard to live day to day.

The Dennis Paustenbach Lectures Series was made possible by an endowment from Dennis Paustenbach. He graduated from Rose-Hulman 1974 with a degree in chemical engineering. During his time at Rose, he was particularly influenced by guest speakers and wanted to ensure that future students would have the same opportunities that sparked him as a student.



John Howard/Thorn

President Samuel Hulbert welcomes David Roux to Rose Hulman for the Paustenbach lecture series.

Tentative New Upper Classmen Residence Hall

Before the new residence hall (next to speed, by speed lake) was built students were surveyed and approximately 60 said that they would be interested in living in a single even if it cost some more money. Another point to note is that the admissions has moved the cap to 1800 students. Therefore, if there are more students enrolling at Rose over the next 5-10 years they will have accommodations and choices to live on campus.

Architects looked at several different sites. Initially, they considered putting this new residence hall southeast of the New Residence Hall and White Chapel, but this was decided against due to the slope of the terrain and the need to reroute the streets on campus. It has been tentatively decided that the best spot would be behind Mees, Blumberg, and Sharpenburg where the current parking lot is

located. Construction would begin this summer at the end of the school year, and the building is proposed to be completed by fall of 2004. None of this is set in stone, because Rose is still waiting on the decision by the Board of Trustees.

The tentative plan for the upper classmen hall is that it will house approximately 230 students, 6 RA's, and have an apartment for one staff person (grad student, student assistant etc). Juniors and seniors seem to prefer apartment style housing and it is more flexible than the typical residence hall rooms. The apartment will have kitchens and accommodations for four people per apartment. Each floor will have 10 apartments, with three floors per building. There will be two separate buildings with a central area with stores.

Currently the plan is to have a

convenience store, snack bar, and/or coffee house area in the central area. Some type of food service will also be housed in this area, perhaps something similar to the Worx Grille, or some other type of food service. As far as the meal plan goes it will be kept to a minimal with the possibility of some kind of cash option.

Tom Miller and Eric Hayes conducted a survey of interest in a new hall questioning 378 students. Two hundred twenty-three students surveyed said that they were interested in a new hall, 68 said no, and 79 were unsure. When asked about time of day that they wanted to have food service, the later it was the more popular it seemed to be. Three hundred twenty-six students surveyed said they would utilize a convenience store, 46 said no. Most would use the convenience store in the late

afternoon, evening or late evenings. A possibility that is still being investigated is the idea of having a barber shop/hair dresser in this area as well. Nearly two hundred students responded that they'd be interested in a barber shop/hair dresser while 172 said they would not.

Despite the cost, it seems like there is a large interest in seeing a new upper classmen hall created. This will help out the housing cram that has been seen this year with many freshmen living in Mees, and Sharpenburg, as well as all the other residence halls. Some students who want to live on campus cannot because there is just not enough space. Although all the upper classmen this year will not be able to see the new upper classmen residence hall, they most likely would have liked the option to live on campus.

Ted Chan
Staff Writer

The plan for a new residence hall for upper classmen seems to be progressing well. However, the final decision on whether this new residence hall will be constructed or not will occur later this month during the Board of Trustees meeting.

Currently all the residence halls on campus can house approximately 880 students. If this new upper class residence hall is built, Rose will be able to house approximately 1100 students. Rose currently houses 55-58% of the students. If this addition goes through over 69% of students will be able to live on campus if they choose to. Also, if there is extra space some students can live in singles.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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|---|----|--|---|--|---|--|
| | | | | | 7 Chris Rock, Garth Brooks, and Charles Dickens's Birthday | 8 James Dean, Jules Vern, and Jack Lemmon's Birthday |
| 9 | 10 | 11 Thomas Edison and Eva Gabor's Birthday | 12 Charles Darwin and Abraham Lincoln's Birthday | 13 Jerry Springer, Chuck Yeager, and Peter Gabriels' Birthday | 14 Valentines Day | 15 Susan B. Anthony, Chris Farley, and Galileo Galilei's Birthday |

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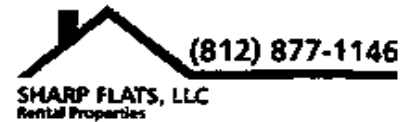
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All submissions must be made by Wednesday at 5 p.m. in order to be published in the *Rose Thorn* on Friday.

SGA Elections

It is time for SGA Elections. The primary election is today, February 7, and the general election is Tuesday, February 11. Both elections will run from 2nd to 9th hour in the Commons. Check out the SGA webpage for more information <http://www.rose-hulman.edu/SGA>. Here are your candidates:

President



Andrew Batta (St. Leon, IN)
Junior EE/CPE

Involvement: SGA (2 years), SGA Finance Committee, IFC Rep. (2 years), Pi Kappa Alpha By-Laws Revision Committee, Pi Kappa Alpha Rush Chairmen.

What would you do if elected/What is the role of the President?

The SGA President has two basic roles. The first is to oversee the SGA Executive Committee and to ensure that each executive officer is fulfilling his/her obligation. The second role is to work with RHIT administration to guarantee that Rose student's opinions, feelings, and desires are conveyed to those who make decisions that will affect the campus to which we all belong. If elected, I will strive to play these roles as best as I can to also strengthen the role that students play in shaping our campus.



Beau Parks (St. Leon, IN)
Junior ME

Involvement: Intramurals, basketball.

What would you do if elected/What is the role of the President?

The president needs to be able to handle certain situations well and be a leader. The President needs to make sure things run smoothly and that things go well. If I were elected President, I would treat all clubs and everybody equally. Equality is very important. I would make sure things ran smoothly at meetings and that everyone was treated as an equal.



Michael Chansky (Burnsville, IN)
Sophomore ME/CPE

Involvement: Breakdance Discovery Club, Climbing Club

What would you do if elected/What is the role of the President?

The role of the SGA President is to make sure that the Executive Committee, the SGA senate and all senate committees run smoothly, as well as offering advice to those bodies on occasion. As president, I would work to make the student body more aware of what's going on in SGA and make SGA more responsive by encouraging better communication between senators and their constituents.



Samuel P. Zurcher (Clay City, IN)
Junior ECON

Involvement: SGA Vice-President, Pi Alpha Delta Treasurer, SGA Parliamentarian

What would you do if elected/What is the role of the President?

It is the role of the SGA President to serve the interests of the students, administer the entire Student Government, and to ensure the SGA Constitution and By-laws are followed. If elected, my goals are: permanent solution of the Coffee Shop, pursue better management of SGA funds, install online book exchange, and continue pursuing SGA's involvement in the Rose-Hulman Community.



Natalie Morand (Northbrook, IL)
Major: CHE

Involvement: Treasurer of RHA, Sophomore Advisor, SAA Secretary, Chi Omega Secretary, SGA Club Relations Director

What would you do if elected/What is the role of the President?

The SGA President is responsible for the executive board of the Rose-Hulman SGA. The president acts as a liaison between the student body, the faculty and the community. If elected, I would strive to continue the open relationship that has formed over the past years between the SGA President and the Rose-Hulman campus. It would be an honor to represent the excellent student body at Rose-Hulman and to continue the traditions of our fine school.

Vice President



Cheryl Fang (Cupertino, CA)
Sophomore EE

Involvement: SGA senator, ECE Student Advisory Committee, student member of IEEE

What would you do if elected/What is the role of the VP?

First, I would like to see SGA meetings run more efficiently. There has also been concerns about financing clubs and raising activity fees. I definitely want more student interaction – not just through senators, but get students themselves directly involved.



Benjamin Fredriksen (Minneapolis, MN)
Sophomore CS

Involvement: Fencing Club (primary epee instructor), Blumburg RHA representative, RHA off-campus activities committee

What would you do if elected/What is the role of the VP?

I believe that the primary role of the vice president is to maintain and promote productivity, activity and organization within the student senate, and within SGA. If elected, I would push for more productivity in the senate as well as more contact between the senate and the student body.



JP Gonzalez (Buenos Aires, Argentina)
Sophomore CS

Involvement: SAB Publicity Director, SGA Class President

What would you do if elected/What is the role of the VP?

- Lead SGA into another great year
- Help students get more involved with SGA

- Help SGA presence on campus be felt more strongly by students, by getting more involved on campus and getting more students involved on SGA.



Ron Zuckerman (Cincinnati, OH)
Sophomore CPE

Involvement: Engenius Solutions, Rose-Hulman website, Jazz Band, SGA, Lacrosse, Ultimate, Intramurals

What would you do if elected/What is the role of the VP?

- Run SGA meetings efficiently and appropriately

- Provide advice and aid to the President and other executive members

- I would like SGA to have more authority on campus matters such as:

Cable TV, ARA, and the future areas in need of improvement

Vote *TODAY* & Tuesday in the Commons!

Weekend Box Office Summary

| Title | Weekend | Total Gross |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| 1 The Recruit | 16.3m | 16.3m |
| 2 Final Destination 2 | 16.0m | 16.0m |
| 3 Biker Boyz | 10.1m | 10.1m |
| 4 Kangaroo Jack | 9.0m | 45.8m |
| 5 Chicago | 7.0m | 50.6m |
| 6 Darkness Falls | 7.0m | 21.8m |
| 7 Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers | 5.0m | 316.2m |
| 8 Catch Me If You Can | 5.0m | 152.5m |
| 9 Just Married | 4.8m | 49.7m |
| 10 About Schmidt | 4.5m | 44.1m |

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Recruiting blandness



<http://www.imdb.com>

Run, Colin, run!!! Colin Farrell stars alongside Al Pacino in "The Recruit," a derivative cop thriller that fails to live up to a great setup.

Bob Schulein
Entertainment Editor

Layla (the beautiful Bridget Moynahan) go out on a training mission and get captured by some tough dudes, you genuinely don't know what's going on. Clayton is subsequently interrogated, and you are left confused and disoriented.

Clayton's interrogation sets up the rest of the loops the movie tries to pull off. While the first surprise is good, the rest resort to betrayals, figuring out who's on who's side, and a stupid plot about a computer virus. The movie really blows its great setup by resorting to standard twists. Unless you have never seen a cop movie before, you know what's going to happen to the characters before they are out of the farm.

Farrell is the latest "it" actor in Hollywood these days. With five movies set to come out this year, he's one busy fellow. Between all that work and countless talk show appearances where he lets his strong Irish accent flow, it's amazing that his performances are so strong. Farrell has a lot of on-screen charisma and is a joy to watch.

The actors give their all, and in the end, are the only reason to watch the movie. If the script would have just been stronger and more original, "The Recruit" could have been one of the more entertaining movies released in the first half of 2003. It's just too bad somebody didn't recruit better writers.

The Recruit

Directed by Roger Donaldson

Starring: Colin Farrell, Al Pacino, Bridget Moynahan

Colin Farrell lights the screen ablaze in "The Recruit." It's just too bad that the rest of the movie plays off stereotypes long ago set in the cop genre.

"The Recruit" features an electric Al Pacino as veteran CIA agent Walter Burke. Farrell plays an intelligent MIT graduate named James Clayton recruited by Burke who then goes through the hardships of training. But things aren't as black and white as they first appear to be, and the line between training and reality is blurred.

Or is it? Sure, "The Recruit" sends the audience for a few loops, but most of them are predictable and ultimately dull. The first half of the movie is genuinely entertaining when Clayton and co. are at "the farm," the intense training grounds for future CIA officers.

These scenes at the farm create the most excitement and tension in the movie. When Clayton and

'Idol' denies Middle Tennessee State U. student chance at fame

From Staff Reports
Sidelines (Middle Tennessee State U.)

02/06/2003

(U-WIRE) MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee State University pre-med student Meosha Denton was not among the two finalists chosen to move to the top 10 in Wednesday night's "American Idol."

Coming off a Tuesday night performance judge Randy Jackson called "just OK," Denton, 20, was among six other performers from group one who will not continue in the contest.

Denton will, however, have a chance to come back in the show's "wildcard" episode, in which a performer who did not initially

make the cut will have a chance to redeem him or herself.

Judge Simon Cowell had harsh words for the performers, however.

"The show was dismal overall in terms of talent," he said, asserting that it would be difficult for the contestants to prove themselves again and make the wildcard episode.

According to host Ryan Seacrest, more than 8 million votes were cast for the performers.

Julia DeMato and Charles Grigsby were the two finalists chosen to move on to the top 10.

The second group of eight contestants perform Tuesday at 7 p.m. on FOX. The voting results will air Wednesday at 7:30.

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Ticket Information

Tickets are available from 1-5 p.m. weekdays in the Hatfield Hall Ticket Office, or you can reserve tickets by calling the Hatfield Hall ticket line at 872-6261 from 1-5 p.m.

Tickets may also be obtained at the door prior to the concert.

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Album of the week

Drew Wright
Staff Writer

The Microphones

Mount Eerie

K Records

"An unnerving mix of beauty and horror... an event every listener should experience."

Perhaps one of the best things about winter is the ability of the coldest of seasons to bring artists of the more somber and experimental persuasion out of the woodwork and into the spotlight, where their music can provide the ideal soundtrack to the blistering winds and the frozen ground. Just in the past few weeks alone, bleak albums from Rapture, If Thousands, Xiu Xiu, and Rivulets have

hit the shelves, but none can match the general scope and chilling atmosphere of "Mount Eerie," the new album from The Microphones.

On the new record, the band's fifth proper full-length effort, frontman Phil Elvrum and company try their hand at the ever-elusive successful concept album. Literally named after a mountain in Elvrum's childhood backyard, "Mount Eerie" explores one man's search for identity in the universe, an adventure that sees the protagonist born into a bewildering and frightening world, chased up a mountain, killed by a mysterious entity, and resurrected with a new found vision of the world around him.

To accomplish this, Elvrum enlisted the help of several friends to wear the masks of the characters he created to tell the story. Most notably making an appearance is Calvin Johnson as the voice of "The Universe" in the final two tracks.

Johnson steps into the role wonderfully, having himself been the founding member of Beat Happening, another art rock act that turned a few heads in the mid-eighties.

To provide the music to his fantastic vision, Elvrum once again turned to using heavy distortion and sporadic white noise, Microphones staples that have been present in varying degrees on each of their previous albums. This time around, however, he introduces thick, tribal percussive elements, adding yet another stressed layer to the already taut backdrop during the more traumatic movements, such as the birth and murder of the hero.

What results is an unnerving mix of beauty and horror that, although at times could be considered artsy to the point of ridiculousness by some, is an event that every listener should experience, ideally in a dimly lit room in the safety of your own home.



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Jacob P. Silvia
Staff Writer

What happens when Disney makes a movie in which characters can enter into their computers' systems, and interact with the anthropomorphically-displayed programs therein? Give up? You get "TRON."

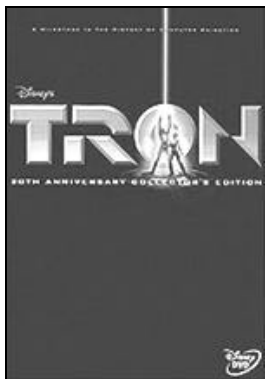
What makes "TRON" so great? Other than the fact that it is 20 years old, and still popular among the particularly geeky sect of computer junkies, it featured computer animation before computer animation was a mainstream thing to use in movies. Nowadays, every nifty effect in movies is a product of computers making "real-life" simulations, such as the airplane in the opening of the Kill Bill movie trailer (<http://www.kill-bill.com>). "TRON," on the other hand, was a product of several static images put back to back; each image was drawn to give it an animated feel.

The story: Flynn, an avid gamer, hacker, and coder, decides that he wants credit for a few games he helped his former

company, ENCOM, create. He and two of his friends and former coworkers decide to enter the company and try to pull up the proof that Flynn was the creator of the games, and is owed significant royalties for his intellectual property.

The nemesis: Computer AI is at a new level of evil. The entire ENCOM system is controlled by the notorious MCP (no, it's not a rap artist, it's a computer program). It takes advantage of new digitalizing software and transports Flynn into the world of computers. He must team up with the denizens to put a stop to the MCP's evil ways, and make life in a computer system a happier life for all.

If you enjoy the television show Reboot, then you may like "TRON:" mysterious visitor from beyond working on putting a stop to the powers that be, via a video game-like atmosphere. If you're into this, give "TRON" a try. Watch Reboot, as well; it's good for you (the validity of this statement has neither been confirmed nor denied by the Surgeon General).



WMHD Top 10 Chart 02/03/03

| # | Artist | Recording |
|----|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Celldweller | Celldweller |
| 2 | The Delgados | Hate |
| 3 | DJ Me DJ You | Can You See The Music? |
| 4 | Holopaw | Holopaw |
| 5 | Ted Leo/Pharmacists | Hearts of Oak |
| 6 | Books on Tape | Throw Down Your Laptops |
| 7 | Rainer Maria | Long Knives Drawn |
| 8 | Kid Dakota | So Pretty |
| 9 | Idlewild | Scottish Fiction [EP] |
| 10 | Phish | Round Room |



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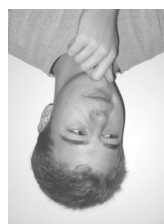
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A match made in heaven: Orange juice and NyQuil



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

Brandon Hathaway can't remember Tuesday

I have been having a rather good week. The only blemish that I have detected so far, aside from the piles of work, is the onset of a cold. The only reason I point this out is that I never get sick. I was pretty sure that I was invincible. Even in this crazy northern weather, this is only my second illness. It's like that Seinfeld episode—thirteen years without vomiting. It's the same deal.

I think there are some things I've forgotten to do, though, to maintain my iron constitution. I will outline them, so to possibly help some of you who may want to avoid the inconvenience in the future.

To begin with, I have been letting work cut into sleep time.

This is what is known as "a rookie mistake." I saw this phrase on a white board, although I cannot remember whose white board, I think it deserves recognition: "Sleep is more important than anything." The only reason first hour attendance is so high is because this place is so damned expensive. That's not to say I don't enjoy my first hour class, I'd just enjoy it a lot more if it weren't first hour. There is no better way to start your day than with a healthy dose of Materials Engineering, by the way.

Additionally, I have cut down on my orange juice intake since I've come here, because the orange juice available isn't that good. It's not the ARA's fault (except that Orange Premium

I have been letting work cut into sleep time. This is what is known as a "rookie mistake."

Blend... that stuff is like orange colored Drano), I understand that I'm spoiled coming from Florida with respect to orange juice.

Then again, I am also convinced that orange juice in sufficient quantity will cure anything.

It's probably good that I didn't choose medicine as a profession, or else a lot of my patients would probably die of tuberculosis. They would have a lot of vitamin C, though.

Avoiding ridiculous changes in climate is also a good way to go. That's not particularly easy, though, when it the temperature changes from -5, snowy and windy to 50 degrees and clear in two days. After that weather, I'm surprised I'm not dead. I'm used to hurricanes, and this is madness. Then again, snow freaks me out, and not just a little.

Adequate sleep and vast quantities of orange juice pretty much sums up my entire strategy for fighting disease. When that plan fails, I do have one contingency, which is like the atomic bomb for dealing with colds—NyQuil.

I know it has been done, (Lewis Black has a very humorous take on NyQuil, I have his comic routine shared on my computer) but I do need to say that the people who developed that green syrup deserve a Nobel Prize. There is no slumber quite so sweet as one induced by that magical quasi-narcotic. There may not be a cure for a viral affliction like the cold, but with

NyQuil, your emotional investment in the situation is considerably reduced.

There is a drawback, though. Much like the nuclear fallout that accompanies the detonation of an atomic weapon, NyQuil leaves you a little woozy the day after. Prof. Buckley called it the "NyQuil Hang-over." However, the important thing is that you really don't care. After a perfect night's sleep and the disappearance of cold symptoms, losing the ability to form complete sentences is a small price to pay.

I didn't really think about it when I started, but by the time you read this, this article will be a week old, and so I will no longer be sick (hopefully) and I will not be in any sort of codeine induced stupor (unfortunately). While I was whisked away to strange and mysterious place by green medicine, I still think I had greater faculties to not be irritating than some of the people in my classes.

I apologize for covering a topic at this point I already wrote about once, but it obviously did not hit the mark the first time. I'll make it short: Every time you speak out loud in class (or



make a noise perceptible to all members of that class) make sure there's a good reason. The other day, someone made a statement I can only imagine was an effort to clarify an engineering principle to the class, but was one of those fundamental topics that is on the order of complexity as "cats have feet."

All that I am saying is if you have a question, ask. If you are asked to answer a question, by all means, go for it. But if you're talking just to hear yourself talk, there's a problem. I'm pretty sure no amount of orange juice will fix that one.

A case against affirmative action

By Geoffrey Hartman
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(U-Wire) LINCOLN, Neb. — With a date in the U.S. Supreme Court looming, a pair of cases involving admissions policies at the University of Michigan have re-ignited the controversial debate on affirmative action. At issue is the constitutionality of race-based preferences, an issue that has never been definitively addressed by the Supreme Court.

The crux of the matter before the court is a deceptively basic question: Is diversity in higher education an interest compelling enough to allow for violations of the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment?

The last time the Supreme Court dealt with affirmative action, in the 1978 Bakke case, the answer to this question was a resounding

"maybe." This time around, the Supreme Court will have to come up with a better answer, an answer that will have far-reaching effects on the future of affirmative action.

I, for one, am hoping the Supreme Court will come down strongly against racial preferences. While I think diversity is a noble goal every university should strive to achieve, I do not believe it is a "compelling interest" that justifies the racial discrimination that is at the heart of affirmative action programs. This discrimination is

not just unconstitutional, it is antithetical to the basic egalitarian and meritocratic principles the United States was founded upon.

Ideals such as equality of opportunity and advancement by merit are vital aspects of our democracy, so any policy that compromises them has a high bar to clear. In the case of higher education, I would not deem as "compelling" any interest that is not absolutely vital to the education of students. Many people would claim diversity meets this standard, but I'm skeptical of those claims for a variety of reasons.

For one, the racial makeup of your peers is rather irrelevant to most aspects of a college education. The ethnicity of the person sitting next to you in a history lecture has little bearing on how well you will learn the information. This holds true for most subjects, with a few exceptions.

The more compelling case for diversity's value can be found in extracurricular settings. It is undeniably valuable for a student to be able to interact with people from a different racial background than their own. This type of cross-cultural exchange is one of the major selling points of diversity, for good reason.

Racial difference, however, is just one aspect of real-life diversity. Interactions with the disabled or people of different sexual orientations are just as valuable as racial exchanges, as are exchanges with people of

differing political, cultural or religious beliefs.

In regards to affirmative action, however, these other aspects of diversity don't seem to register, as affirmative action focuses almost solely on racial, socio-economic and geographical diversity. The diversity promoted by affirmative action is of a limited scope, which greatly limits the benefits it provides to the education of students.

All in all, there is little evidence diversity is a vital part of the college experience. The success of historically black

Racial difference is just one aspect of real-life diversity.

colleges and women-only universities is living proof diversity is not a prerequisite for a quality education.

Not that anyone has to worry about diversity disappearing anytime soon. While some affirmative action proponents would like you to believe diversity can only be maintained through discriminatory racial preferences, recent events in California and Texas seem to indicate otherwise.

In 1996, both states eliminated affirmative action programs in their state university systems. Critics predicted the numbers of minority students enrolled in those systems would plummet. The first year without affirmative action seemed to prove the critics right; minority enrollment in both the Califor-

nia and Texas systems dropped dramatically.

The loss of minority students didn't last long, however. The university systems adjusted to life without affirmative action and minority enrollment rebounded quickly. In California, outreach programs and increased minority recruitment quickly showed results. By 2001, enrollment levels in the UC system were comparable to the levels achieved under the old affirmative action program; some minority groups actually achieved a higher percentage of

enrollment than they had under the old system. Similar results were achieved in Texas using a class-rank based admissions system.

The examples set by California and Texas are important because they show diversity can be achieved without resorting to discriminatory racial preferences. Even if you believe diversity is a "compelling interest" that justifies the use of discriminatory policies, it is hard to argue such policies are the best option when less morally and legally questionable methods are available to achieve the same end.

Affirmative action's most obvious shortcoming is that, while it helps underqualified minority students get into college, it does nothing to change the environment that produces underqualified minority students in the first place. Affirmative action treats the symptoms of minority underachievement, not the dis-

ease itself.

Minority underachievement can be traced to many different factors, but the abysmal state of this nation's public school system is a major cause. Unfortunately, this issue looks as if it will remain on the back burner for the foreseeable future, partially due to all the attention affirmative action garners.

People have become so obsessed with ensuring equality of results at the college level they completely ignore the shameful inequality of opportunity at the elementary and high school level. As it is, there is little hope of relief for the millions of minority students burdened with a sub-standard education.

In addition to distracting attention from more important concerns, affirmative action also puts an unnecessary strain on race relations by breeding resentment in the white community and spreading the false idea minorities can't compete on their own merits. These types of problems, when considered with the dubious value of affirmative action, should make any rational person question the continuation of race-based preferences.

Diversity in higher education is something I support. What I don't support is the unnecessary and discriminatory affirmative action system that has sprung up to "defend" diversity. There are better ways to go about promoting diversity; let's hope that the Supreme Court will take a stand and encourage people to use them.

Stunning comeback lifts Rose-Hulman men's basketball past Oglethorpe

ATLANTA, GA. - Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology stunned Oglethorpe University by rallying from an 18-point deficit in the final nine minutes to earn a 74-65 victory in Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference men's basketball action on Sunday afternoon.

The Stormy Petrels led 53-35 with 9:32 remaining, before Rose-Hulman ran off a 21-4 run to close within 57-56 with 4:42 left. Sophomore Evan Ballinger (Upland/Eastbrook) sparked the run with four three-point field goals, including back-to-back shots on consecutive possessions.

"The way you get back in those games is a little at a time, although we got back into it very quickly. We played the worst 30 minutes of basketball that we could possibly play, and we were frustrated at halftime. (Senior) Jon Query said at halftime that if we make a couple shots, it would make the difference," said Rose-Hulman head coach Jim Shaw.

Freshman Kareem Lee (Indianapolis/Warren Central) led five Rose-Hulman players in double figures with his first double-double and career-highs of 15 points and 14 rebounds. Ballinger scored 14 points, including the four trifectas, while sophomore Philip

Griffith (Mooreland/Blue River Valley) scored 11 points and Query added 10.

Freshman Munchie Muskeyvalley (Rock Island, Ill.) provided a key spark with a rare kind of double-double with 11 points and 10 assists to help lift the comeback effort.

"The four threes in a row that Evan hit really helped us get back in the game. Munchie then started created things for us and Kareem played a fantastic game all the way around. Jon answered with the two big shots and Philip played a tough game with two tough inside shots that turned the deficit into a lead," said Shaw.

Overall, Rose-Hulman shot 75% from the field in the second half and buried 16 of 17 free-throw attempts to outscore Oglethorpe 58-38 in the stanza. Junior Jimmy Wood led Oglethorpe with 19 points and nine rebounds. Junior Stan Goldberg, the SCAC's leading scorer, was held to 13 points before fouling out.

"We were lucky that we got



Photo Courtesy Rose-Hulman

Freshman Kareem Lee

the fifth foul on (Stan) Goldberg because he is so difficult

to defend. He's one of the toughest players in the league," said Shaw.

After committing 13 first-half turnovers with just one assist, the overall ballhandling changed dramatically in the second half for Rose-Hulman.

"We had 15 assists to four turnovers in the second half. That's just beautiful. A lot of our frustration happened because we couldn't knock shots in. I told the guys that once the shots started to fall, they would rain in from the rafters. That's exactly what happened down the stretch," said Shaw.

After trimming the deficit to 57-56, Rose-Hulman regained the lead at 60-59 with 3:13 left on back-to-back baskets by Griffith. The lead exchanged hands on the next three possessions, with Oglethorpe gaining a 63-62 advantage on a basket by Barrett Karvis with 2:21 left.

Query answered with a three-pointer to give Rose-Hulman a 65-63 lead, before John Williams of Oglethorpe tied the score at 65-65 with 1:47 left.

Query buried another three-pointer to give Rose-Hulman a 68-65 advantage, then Karvis missed a three on the ensuing possession. Query and Lee each swished a pair of free throws to give the Engineers a 72-65 lead and secure the victory.

Rose-Hulman jumped out to a 5-0 lead on a layup by Griffith and a three-pointer by Muskeyvalley with 18:00 left. Oglethorpe answered with a 14-4 run over the next 12 minutes to earn a 14-9 edge.

Oglethorpe increased the lead to 10 points at 21-11 and 23-13 before three points by Lee cut the Rose-Hulman deficit to 23-16. The Stormy Petrels scored the last four points of the first half to earn a 27-16 lead at the break.

The Stormy Petrels increased the lead to 12 points at 35-23 before four points by Lee brought Rose-Hulman within 35-29 with 16:09 remaining. Oglethorpe responded with a methodical 18-6 run to gain a game-high 53-35 lead at the 9:19 mark.

Rose-Hulman improved to 7-13 on the season and 4-5 in league contests. Oglethorpe dropped to 7-11 overall and 2-7 in league matchups. The Engineers host Hendrix College on Friday night at 8 p.m. at Hulbert Arena.

Oglethorpe standout proves the difference in win over Rose-Women women

ATLANTA, GA. - Oglethorpe Standout Proves the Difference in Win Over Rose-Hulman Women ATLANTA, GA. - Oglethorpe University senior standout Heather Francoeur scored 36 points and added 10 rebounds to lift the Stormy Petrels to a 74-58 victory over Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference women's basketball action on Sunday afternoon.

Francoeur finished 11-18 from the field and 14-21 from the foul line with 11 rebounds for her seventh double-double of the year.

For Rose-Hulman, sophomore Elaine Mindrup (Evansville/

Mater Dei) led the squad with a career-high 15 points on 6-9 from the field. Mindrup added five rebounds and scored 11 of her points in the second half.

Junior Kiley Wallace (Munster) also contributed a double-figure scoring effort with 13 points along with a team-high five assists. Senior Cari Hasselbring (Skokie, Ill./Niles North) and freshman Anna Hall (Martinsville) contributed six points each for the Engineers.

Oglethorpe jumped out to a 12-4 lead in the game's first six minutes before a three-point play by Hasselbring brought the Engineers within 14-7. Oglethorpe answered with a 10-3 spurt to

gain a 24-10 edge with 10:37 left.

Rose-Hulman closed within 12 points on four occasions in the first half, on a field goal by junior Amanda Salinas (Munster), a jumper by Hasselbring, a runner by junior Wallace and a shot by sophomore Mindrup to move within 38-26 at the break.

Oglethorpe increased its advantage to 18 points at 50-32 before crossing the 20-point mark at 55-34 to secure the victory.

Oglethorpe improved to 8-10 on the season and 3-6 in league contests, while Rose-Hulman dropped to 3-17 overall and 0-9 in league play. The Engineers host Hendrix College on Friday night at 6 p.m.

Upcoming athletic events

Friday, Feb. 7
•WBB vs. Hendrix College, 6 pm

•MBB vs. Hendrix College, 8 pm
•WR at Wheaton Invitational

Saturday, Feb. 8
•SWIM vs. DePauw University, 1 pm
•RIFLE at NRA Sectional Qualifier, 2 pm
•WR at Wheaton Invitational

Sunday, Feb. 9
•MBB vs. Rhodes College, 1 pm

•WBB vs. Rhodes College, 3 pm

Thursday, Feb. 13
•WBB vs. DePauw University, 6 pm
•MBB vs. DePauw University, 8 pm

(Games in bold denote home games)

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

2002-03 Men's basketball standings

| Team | SCAC | | Overall | |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| | W | L | W | L |
| DePauw | 8 | 1 | 13 | 6 |
| Southwestern | 6 | 2 | 13 | 6 |
| Trinity | 6 | 2 | 13 | 6 |
| Centre | 6 | 2 | 12 | 6 |
| Millsaps | 5 | 4 | 12 | 7 |
| Rhodes | 4 | 5 | 10 | 9 |
| Rose-Hulman | 4 | 5 | 7 | 13 |
| Oglethorpe | 2 | 7 | 7 | 11 |
| U. South | 1 | 7 | 4 | 14 |
| Hendrix | 1 | 8 | 5 | 13 |

2002-03 Women's basketball standings

| Team | SCAC | | Overall | |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| | W | L | W | L |
| Trinity | 8 | 0 | 15 | 4 |
| DePauw | 8 | 1 | 16 | 3 |
| Centre | 6 | 2 | 10 | 9 |
| Rhodes | 6 | 3 | 10 | 7 |
| Southwestern | 4 | 4 | 12 | 7 |
| Hendrix | 4 | 5 | 13 | 6 |
| Millsaps | 3 | 6 | 10 | 8 |
| Oglethorpe | 3 | 6 | 8 | 10 |
| U. South | 1 | 7 | 4 | 13 |
| Rose-Hulman | 0 | 9 | 3 | 17 |

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Top Ten Reasons We're Not Sleeping

- 10 So close to level...
- 9 Computer ate three pages of Tech Comm paper!
- 8 Wondering who the Mole is.
- 7 Gots to be ready to twink my Froglok.
- 6 Nightmares. Hertz. Configuration items. The humanity!
- 5 Your mom.
- 4 Must... watch... Jimmy Kimmel Live... before... they... cancel... it!
- 3 Can't sleep... puppy will eat me.
- 2 It's February, gotta catch all the exciting sports action.
- 1 Just realized I'm the only non-idiot in my group.

My Cage is Too Small

By Oswald the article writing hamster.

So this is my story. I am sitting around in my nice big cage at the pet store when all of a sudden this "human" he grabs me by the scruff of my neck and rips me from my happy home. This is very bad I am thinking. I get pretty upset, and to top it off these jerks are laughing and saying how funny this thing they do will be. I am so mad, I crap myself and this guy throws me to the floor. I try to escape him by running slowly a circle, but that did not seem to work. Soon, I am being shoved in a little box with no light. Oooohh I was so mad! Anyway, several hamster-days later, I am dumped out of my box and into an empty can of peanuts. There is lots of giggling and the boys who cannot control their hands to save my life. Then they put me in this ridiculous dress in hopes to pull a so called prank on an RA. Needless to say, me, being a vicious hamster, I sure scared that guy. He was all shaking his head and

stuff. I even laughed. Maybe those kids weren't so dumb!

Anyways now because of this silly adventure, I am the victim of a certain human named Brandon. He is so smelly and he is always playing his AC-DC right by my ears when I sleep. I put my face to the glass and say, "Hey you! My cage is too small!" He doesn't even seem to be listening. I almost escaped last night, but this human that shares a room with is ruining my plan. He spots me in my moment of victory and puts me back in my cage that is too small! At least I have food and water, but I am a lonely guy. If there are any single female hamsters on the prowl I am most available. Drop by my place and we can take turns drinking water. For you publishers out there, this hamster is always available. But I make the rules! My cage must not be too small, or I will run slowly in circles. You may not catch me! I will soon be writing this whole newspaper stuff, or at least sleeping on it.

Wacky Prof Quotes

"What was that? Was that a chair? Was it a jug? It sounded like a hollow jug! Party! KEGGAR! Hey...that's a good idea...take a quarter-barrel to class! I'd better not get quoted in the Thorn for that. How much is in there? Nine cups...Nine cups, man--wow!"

--Dr. Sutterer, proving that mechanics of materials goes hand in hand with recreational activities.

"Well, 250 cm sure does equal 2.5 meters. Gee...I'm still thinking of that quarter-barrel."

--Dr. Sutterer, minutes later, he still can't get his mind off of it.

"Things definitely don't get better as you get older, I'd say 28-29 would be the time to do it."

--Dr. Hickey, on suicide

"We can't allow the fact that the line doesn't exist to keep us from finding it."

--Dr. Leader, on hope

"Muir can't hurt me. Sherman sweats me a little bit though."

--Dr. Leader, on fear

"This here doesn't make any sense."

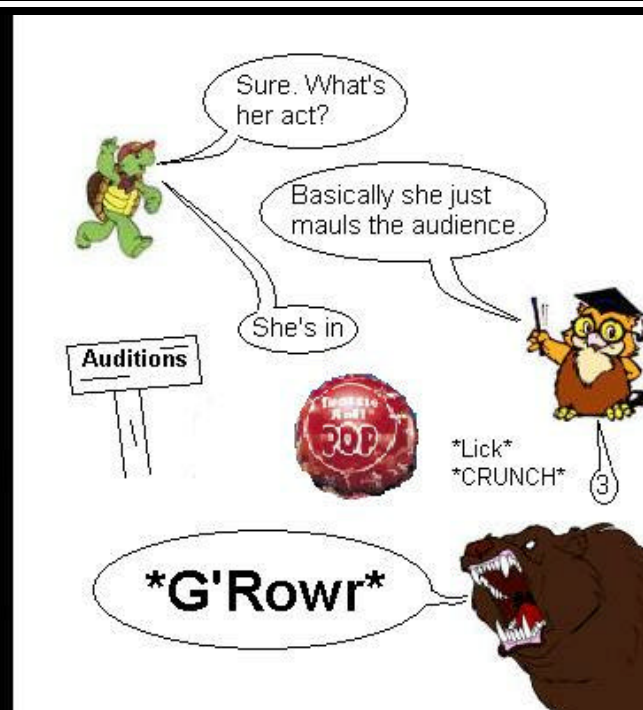
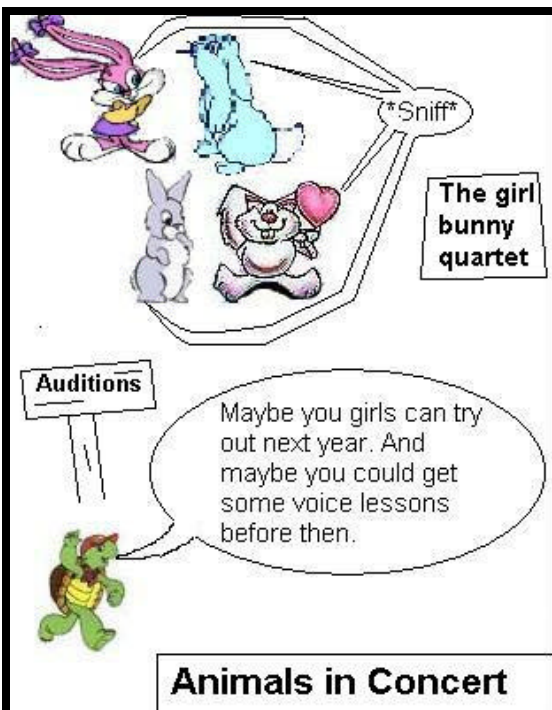
--Dr. Sherman pointing at what he just wrote on the board

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A Flarn?



According to Google image search, this here thing is a flarn. The recipe for this tasty thing was in Dutch or something, so I guess Sherman's secret is still safe. Klarps anyone?



This Week in the News

Pay-gap between men and women discovered at Wal-mart. As long as we have to keep paying for dates, I could care less.

This Week in History

1780 A.D. --
An early mass murder in America rocks the journalists of the time, changing the way our society has seen criminals ever since.

This Week's Mix -- Winner this Week: Your Mom

Hey, got a favorite mix? Send it and your frat (or lack thereof) to:
flipside@rose-hulman.edu.
We'll print a winner and their association every week for bragging rights.

Recipe:
we don't know!
Method:
why don't you tell us?
Name:
your momma!

So apparently nobody drinks on this campus, or everyone that does sticks to cheap beer, because we haven't gotten any more submissions this week!
You're all pansies.