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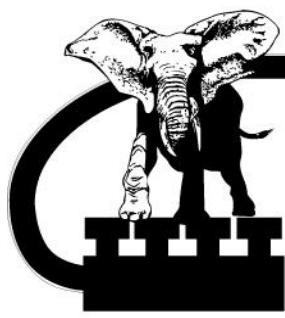
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TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2003

## The Habitat for Humanity House

**Ted Chan**  
Staff Writer

The students, faculty and staff of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology began work on the Habitat for Humanity House on September 7th. By the middle of February 2003, the house was essentially done, except for some professional work that needs to be done by contractors such as electricians, and plumbers who will be donating their time will complete the majority of the remaining work. The volunteer portion for the Rose community is almost done. There is still a front porch that needs to be built as soon as the house is moved to its final destination. The house was moved to its final location yesterday morning.

Professor Caroline Carvill, interim department head of the Humanities Department and Professor of American Literature, went to a conference last year and heard about students that had built a house on their campus and moved it to its final destination at the University of Rhode Island. She believed that it was a very good idea and a project that would work well with the type of community and caliber of Rose students.

It was very important that the house was built on campus so that there was visible progress. Twenty

students in the morning and twenty students in the afternoon worked every on Saturdays from September through February. Overall, hundreds of students helped build the house, along with staff and faculty during a few of their workdays. Professor Carvill and the student chapter of Habitat for Humanity at Rose are very pleased at how the project has progressed and turned out. The lady who will be receiving the house is Erin Bluck, who has four boys aged 13-3. She worked with students on some of the workdays.

Professor Carvill said that Habitat for Humanity had very strict guidelines that people have to follow in order to get a house. Erin had to put in 50 hours on her own in a period of three to four weeks before she could get help from her friends and family.

A lot of people believe that it is a free house, however this is simply not true. Erin has mortgage payments that she needs to make to Habitat for Humanity. The mortgage is paid to Habitat for Humanity and the price of the house is for the materials and supplies of the house. Mike Longest, the director of Habitat for Humanity in Terre Haute said that the partner family pays for the mortgage, but there is no interest. The mortgage was for the cost of the construction of the



The Habitat for Humanity House begins its journey to a permanent location.

John Howard / Thorn

house. There are no profits. The donations are primarily through materials, labor, and money. Rose has fundraised quite a bit, and a number of companies have donated their services.

There will probably be a 30-year mortgage on the house. There is also a second mortgage that is placed on the house for the same amount of money for 10 years. This is to prevent people from obtaining a Habitat house, and turning around and selling it. Basically, this house will remain a Habitat house at least for the next 10 years. Erin is happy that she'll have a nice new home.

One remaining issue was moving the house from its location on the Rose campus to its final destination. On Wednesday, the house was

placed on a large house-moving vehicle, and it was moved on Thursday morning at 9 a.m. Bennet and Hair contractors assisted by providing financial support for the moving of the house. A number of contractors have helped to work on the house. Rose was able to move the house without using Habitat funds to pay for the cost, and Professor Carvill said, "we are very grateful to Bennet and Hair."

It was important to Mike Longest, that they not spend any money to move the house, but rather continue using donations to build additional houses. MCF movers made a very reasonable deal, and it is donation in the amount that they are charging.

"When we started this, we had no idea how much it would cost to

move a house. We have learned a lot from all of this," said Professor Carvill.

This house is the 38th house built through the Terre Haute Habitat for Humanity. Typically, four to five houses are built a year. According to Mike Longest, this is the first time that a house has been built off-site. The normal time that it takes to build a house is 12-15 weeks. The Rose house has taken a bit longer, but it was built by Rose students on the weekend workdays; and there were three breaks from September until February.

The officers of the student chapter of Habitat for Humanity at Rose have been instrumental in completing this project. They have put in a lot of work, along with the whole Rose community.

Professor Carvill enjoyed building it on campus and always believed that Rose was the type of community that was willing and able to do a good job on the project. Labor was never a problem, and the Rose community really came through. Mike Longest said that it has been a great project, and a lot of fun. There has been a bit of a hassle getting the house moved, but overall it has been a great project. She would like to keep the relationship between Rose and Habitat for Humanity and believes that it was mutually beneficial for both organizations.

## 2003 All-USA Academic Team Award Winner

**Nicole Hartkemeyer**  
Staff Writer

Rachel Lukens, a senior electrical engineering major at Rose was recently nominated and was placed on the Second Team for the prestigious All-USA Academic Team, sponsored by USA Today. Four times a year, USA Today honors outstanding college and high school students for their academic achievements. Twenty students, among nearly five-hundred undergraduates nationwide nominated by their schools, are selected for top honors in the "First Team" and receive a trophy, an award of \$2,500, and national recognition. "Second and Third Teams" include 40 more top achievers representing the nation.

Lukens' work at Rose-Hulman Ventures made her an eligible competitor for the competition. She has worked for several companies through Ventures including Camille Products, Contamination Studies Laboratories, Suros Surgical Systems, and Home Data Source.

At Suros, she worked on developing production kit equipment for breast biopsy and excision system that will turn a thirty minute biopsy procedure under full anesthesia in an oper-

ating room to a sixty second procedure performed in a doctor's office under local anesthesia.

Her work for Suros, "will make a lasting and historical impact on women's healthcare," according to the President of Suros, Jim Pearson. The President of Rose-Hulman Ventures, Jim Eifert, also commented, "Her work has spanned environmental, pharmaceutical, surgical, and geriatric issues; to each of these endeavors she brought her technical talent, unbounded enthusiasm, and creative energy."

Past winners of the USA Today award were involved in projects that spanned across the world and affect thousands of people. Projects included organizing AIDS prevention workshops in third world countries, starting up a hands-on science program for pediatric cancer patients, and researching and developing ways to teach earth science to visually impaired students. The last First Team finalists collectively carry a 3.91 grade-point average. They are pursuing a total of thirty undergraduate majors, and two are earning graduate degrees concurrently.

Outside the classroom, they make their marks in wide-ranging ways - from Alexander Wissner-Gross, a tri-

ple major at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology who holds two nanotechnology patents, to Michael Osofsky of Stanford, who interviewed more than two hundred people who work on death row in Louisiana for research he presented to the American Psychological Association.

The award criteria are designed to find students who excel not only in scholarship, but also in leadership roles on and off campus. To be eligible, nominees must be full-time undergraduates of at least sophomore standing at a four-year institution in the United States or its territories. U.S. citizenship, however, is not required. Judges consider not only grades, honors, and leadership, but also how nominees utilize their intellectual skills outside the classroom and how it may benefit society. Nominees must also be sponsored by a professor and write an essay on their academic endeavors.

For Rachel Lukens to receive this award is indeed a great honor. She is extremely involved in many clubs and organizations on campus and off, including the position as editor of this newspaper. As a new member of the All-USA Second Academic Team, she will do a great job of representing Rose-Hulman nationally.

## Flame of the Millennium

### could find home on campus

**Rachel Lukens**  
Editor-in-Chief

Rose could be seeing a very large stainless steel sculpture on campus. The donation of the "Flame of the Millennium," an outdoor piece by Leonardo Nierman, was accepted by Rose-Hulman's Executive Council, but has not yet been accepted by the Board of Trustees.

The tentative location for the 45 foot statue is marked by a red flag in front of Hatfield hall. The donation is valued at \$2 million.

Nierman was born in 1932 in Mexico City. He has created a wide variety of art ranging from ceramics to watercolors to huge outdoor sculptures. His work is on display all over the world from private collections to museums.

"Flame" was originally placed in Chicago just off the Ohio Interchange on the Kennedy Expressway as part of a program to reduce trash

and graffiti, leaving in its place art. The program is bringing about 23 large outdoor sculptures to the area, according to the Chicago Tribune.



Courtesy Rose-Hulman

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## Learning Center Review Session Times:

**Wednesday, February 19, 2003:**

**6pm-8pm:** Physics II (O267/O269),  
ES202 (O257/O259)  
**8pm-10pm:** Calc II (O259/O259), Calc III (O157),  
DE 1 (O159), DE 2 (O269/O269)

**Thursday, February 20, 2003:**

**6pm-8pm:** CHEM202 (O257/O259), ECE130 (O159),  
Physics II (O157), ES204 (O267/O269)  
**8pm-10pm:** ES203 (O267/O269), CHEM II (O257/O259),  
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**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST  
9AM-2PM UNION HERITAGE ROOM**

## Weekend Box Office Summary

Title	Weekend	Total Gross
1 How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days	23.7m	23.7m
2 Shanghai Knights	19.6m	19.6m
3 Chicago	10.7m	63.8m
4 The Recruit	9.2m	29.8m
5 Final Destination 2	8.3m	27.8m

## New to Terre Haute:

### Daredevil

### The Jungle Book 2

### Lockdown

## Valentine's advice from the Thorn

Whether you are sad and bitter towards the world like us in the entertainment section, or happily in love, here are a few entertaining ways to spend your day of love or sorrow.



### Girls night out (for the bitter gal)

Brokenhearted and sad? Or just looking for a fun way to spend a Valentine's Day alone? Don't get down on your woes, have some fun! If you're like us, you want some... way to forget your troubles and celebrate your independence. Here are our tips.

Go to the tennis match, check out the prospects.

There are some great Valentine's Day candy specials going on. Need we say more?

Manacures and facials at Deming lobby.

Girls night out of Virginia Slims, margaritas, and Chip 'N Dales.

Go to the pet stores and check out puppies. Cuddle with them and forget your lonely sorrows.

Watch a HI-larious movie like "Best in Show," or "Clueless."

Get reacquainted with your old friends Tori, Fiona, and Ani.

Three words: "Thelma and Louise."

### Ponder "Love"

What is love?  
What is this longing in our hearts for togetherness?  
Is it not the sweetest flower?  
Does not this flower of love have the fragrant aroma of fine, fine diamonds?  
Does not the wind love the dirt?  
Is not love not unlike the unlikely not it is unlikened to?  
-The Ladies Man



Take some time out of your day to think over what love means to you. Ask yourself what you want out of love, and what you need to do to get it.

Listen to Marvin Gaye deeply and thoroughly.

Watch a movie that deals with real

emotions with love like "Chasing Amy," or "Punch-Drunk Love."

Have some fun with it, watch some cheesy love movies like "Love Story," or "The Ladies Man."

Read a cheesy romance novel, preferably with Fabio on the cover.



### Action, action, action!! movie (for the lonely, lonely guy)

There are plenty of us lonely guys out here. Basically, the idea is to kill enough time tonight to neither feel lonely nor insufficient in the department of love. If you're like us, you want something mind-numbing and totally brutal to ease the pain and stave off depression.

Watch Indiana Jones series, Godfather series, the Dirty Harry movies.

And while you're at it, tack on all 20 Bonds.

Guys night out of cigars, poker, and strip clubs.

Go to "Daredevil." Fawn over Jennifer Garner (the "Alias" chick) and/or Ben Affleck.

It's sad but true, homework eases the pain and can actually raise your enjoyment of life.

### Oh so happy together (for couples)



For all you happy couples out there, today is probably a good day to get some... enjoyment out of your relationship. There are plenty of things to do around town. If you need some ideas, here ya go:

Eat a heart shaped pizza from Chicago's Pizza.

Take your special one on a surprise trip to Indy. Be sure to get reservations ahead of time or else you might

as well go to Hardees.

Barry White. Need I say more? Rent a feel good comedy like "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," or "Sleepless in Seattle."

Listen to all of Chicago's albums. Watch a scary movie, get quality cuddle time.

If nothing else, at least hang out with your significant other. If you're far far away, at least give a call.

## Study break DVD of the week

### Donnie Darko

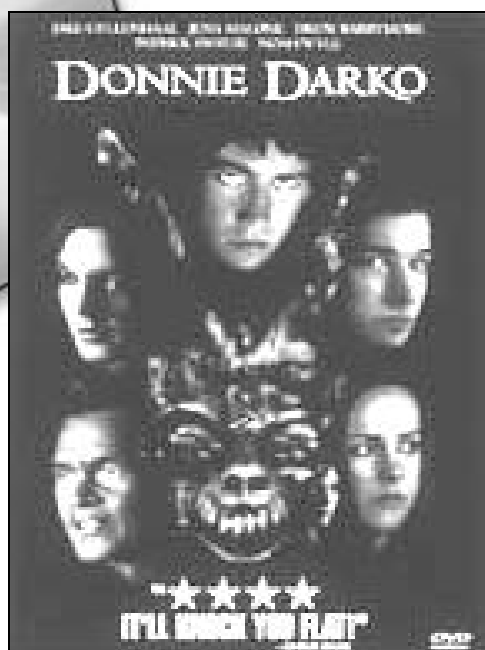
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Jacob Silvia  
Staff Writer

Do you remember the eighties? It was a time of bad haircuts, synthesized music, and its own breed of clothing. The movie "Donnie Darko" does a brilliant job at bringing that feeling of eighties nostalgia around. At the same time, however, it manages to tell quite an interesting story.

Donnie Darko is your typical mentally unstable teenage guy. Nightly, he experiences hallucinations in which his "friend" Frank, a giant bunny with the face of a skull, gives him prophecies regarding the end of the world.

After a mysterious airplane (with no apparent engine) falls through the roof of his house, into his bedroom, and he's away on a golf course having his own little oracle, his life seems to be filled with strange coincidences, and bizarre foreshadowing.

Frequently, in his state of hallucinogenic stupor, he does some act of vandalism (or other destructive crimes). The outcome, though initially tragic, is shown to have a beneficial effect on the community (or members thereof).

This movie deals with a whole manner of issues, ranging from quantum phys-

ics, to the existence of a god, to even the relationships between people. The Darko family is not a glorified, movie family, but a genuine, down to earth family, reminiscent of Robert Redford's "Ordinary People." Though the subject matter is bizarre, the characters are believable.

This has been one of the stranger movies I have seen, and it was a bit confusing. Once you watch it, though, and you enjoy it, you just might want to watch it again and again, until you do finally get it. If you want a movie that makes you think, but at the same time entertains, try "Donnie Darko."

## Album of the week

**Nick Privette**  
Staff Writer

50 Cent

Get Rich Or Die Tryin'

3.0 / 5.0 stars

"Though [it] suffers from several things, it still is quite an easy listen thanks to most of the production."

At 26 years of age the South Jamaica, Queens rapper Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson is about to be the next biggest thing in the industry. 50 first blew up the rap scene when he recorded "How to Rob," a track where he jokes around about robbing just about every rapper in the business. "Run up on Timbaland and Missy with the pound/ like you gimme the cash and you put the hotdog down." Once Eminem caught ear of 50, he immediately

signed him. Then they proceeded to the studio and started work on 50 Cent's first major label release "Get Rich or Die Trying."

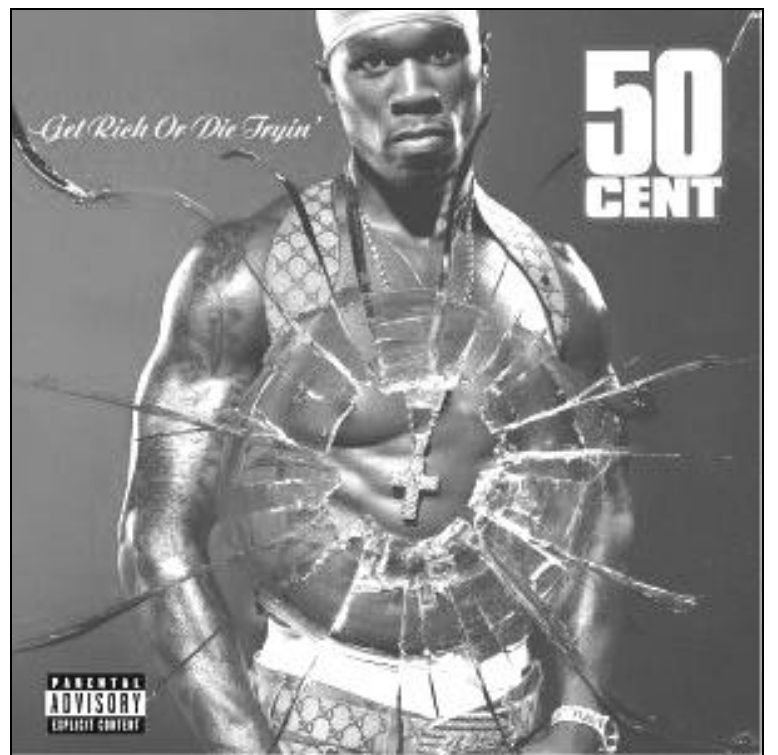
Over the last month Eminem and Dr. Dre have been hyping this release, proclaiming it an instant hip hop classic. Now for me that was hard to believe since lyrically 50 is sub par. He raps about guns, drugs and 20 inch rims time after time with a simple but effective rhyme scheme. 50 does have the ability to produce catchy hooks though with his muffled and somewhat monotone voice.

Lyrically, 50 is not diversified at all, but that doesn't matter as much since he has Dr. Dre and Eminem behind most of the production. "If I Can't" immediately catches your ear with a beat filled with hard piano chords. This is Dre's best contribution to the album and one of the best songs likewise. Another Dre produced track, "In Da Club," is currently blowing up in clubs all over the nation. Eminem ap-

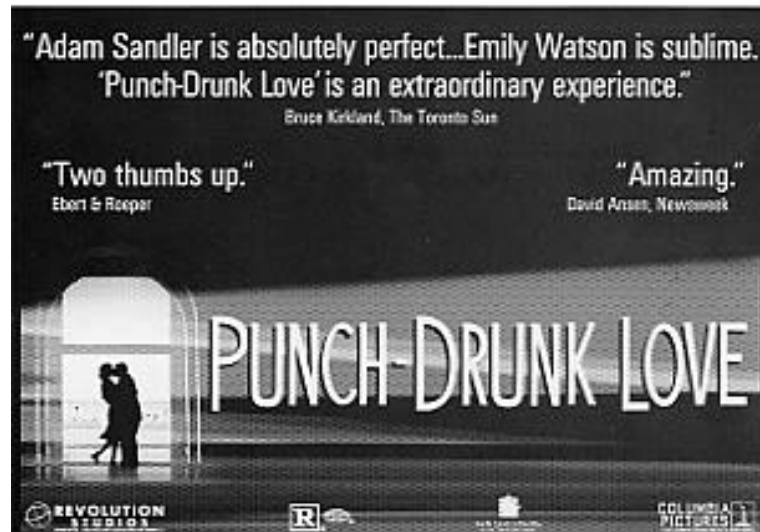
pears on the two of the tracks he produced: "Patiently Waiting" and "Don't Push Me." Here you realize how really average 50 is when Eminem completely steals the spotlight with his polysyllabic complex flow.

The major complaint I have with this effort is the fact that 50 carries the same theme with every song. 2pac tended to do this as well, but at least he could put out tracks with some insight. 50 had me laughing when he states "If David could go at Goliath with a stone/ then I could go at both Nas and Jigga both for the throne." Does he really think he's going to be the next king of New York? I know 50 isn't the best rapper out there, but I was expecting a better final product.

Even though "Get Rich or Die Trying" suffers from several things, it still is quite an easy listen thanks to most of the production. There are a few mediocre tracks that could have been left off. 50 Cent will certainly blow up with the release of "Get



Rich or Die Trying." Though I do not believe this to be a classic, this will be one of the best selling rap CDs of 2003. On a 1 to 5 scale, 5 being the best, lyrically this deserves a 1.5, the production a 4.0. Overall I would give this a 3.0.



Friday, February 21  
8 p.m. Kahn Room

### WMHD Top 30 Chart 02/10/03

#	Artist	Recording
1	Nada Surf	Let Go
2	Celldweller	Celldweller
3	Idlwild	Scottish Fiction [EP]
4	DJ Me DJ You	Can You See The Music?
5	Massive Attack	100th Window
6	Rainer Maria	Long Knives Drawn
7	Various Artists	Morvern Callar Soundtrack
8	The Delgados	Hate
9	Holopaw	Holopaw
10	The Microphones	Mount Eerie
11	Francine	28 Plastic Blue Versions Of Endings Without You
12	Books on Tape	Throw Down Your Laptops
13	Zwan	Mary Star Of The Sea
14	Strapping Young Lad	SYL
15	Joan of Arc	So Much Staying Alive And Lovelessness
16	Bitter, Bitter Weeks	Bitter, Bitter Weeks
17	Ted Leo/Pharmacists	Hearts Of Oak
18	The Music	The Music
19	Phish	Round Room
20	Kid Dakota	So Pretty
21	Calla	Televise
22	Common	Electric Circus
23	Cuica	City To City
24	Michael	The Day After My Confidence
25	PS	PS [EP]
26	Rivulets	Debridement
27	Cat Power	You Are Free
28	The Opus	First Contact 001
29	News Wet Kojak	This Is The Glamorous
30	Xiu Xiu	A Promise

This may be the last issue of the quarter, but we'll be back in a couple weeks with the latest in entertainment.

Write a review on something you saw, did, played over the break.

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## Vive la France. I guess.



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### Brandon Hathaway will never be your Beast of Burden

If there's one country in the world that seems to get its nose out of joint a little too often as far as politics and military actions are concerned, it's France. Considering the current action on the table with our old buddy Saddam, this is case is no different.

The French have very little political memory, often lack moral courage and often quite self-serving. Every nation acts almost exclusively in their own interests, France has a very unkind history on the matter. Today's international situation is not going to help their legacy, which so far is mostly cheese and arty films.

During the World Wars, France had looked past age old rivalries with the British to unite against the Germans. During both of these conflicts, the French nation was the location of most of the fighting, and the repulsion of German forces and liberation of France in 1918 and 1945, respectively, would not have been possible without British and, more importantly, American support. To help some of you under-

stand, it's like how Luke would never have been able to destroy the Death Star if Han Solo didn't shoot Darth Vader's Tie Fighter at the end of the first Star Wars movie.

France is using their experiences in both World Wars as an excuse to regard all war as wrong. It is noble to wish to avoid war, because is invariably a horrible undertaking, but it is not in itself inherently criminal. For example, if we did not go to war in 1941, there would no longer be a France. We go to war when the cost of not going to war is greater than the cost of the war itself.

France has a long post war history of trying to recover from its embarrassment from the engagements with its eastern neighbor. Dating as far back as Napoleon III, the guy who made the Three Musketeers style facial hair popular,

France has had a serious issue with thinking they're better than they really are. Germany humiliated them three times, (Franco-Prussian, WWI, WWII), and so they've been trying to throw their weight around. It's been a long time since Napoleon made them look like they knew what they were doing.

France did this during the formation of the European Economic Community and opposed the admittance of the United Kingdom; they

did it when we attacked Muammar al-Qadhafi, to fight terrorism in the 80s; and they're doing it now. The unfortunate thing is that France is not clearly acting out of a moralistic point of view, but a self promoting one. War is pretty much inevitable right now, but if it is somehow averted, then France can point to itself as the people who stopped it. If war is delayed and successful, France can say the extra time to prepare was crucial. If war is delayed and unsuccessful, France can say that it was a bad idea and they were against it all along.

It is easy to blame America's apparent obsession on Iraq on oil.

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France has economic conditions to consider as well. The Iraqi Air Force is composed of only Russian and French aircraft, and military aircraft are rather expensive. The West generally has better aerospace technology than Russia, and if you are an Iraqi buying warplanes, are you going to buy from the US or Great Britain, who have spearheaded military action against your country, or France, who is trying to prevent another?



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Additionally, France is the largest Western trading partner with Iraq, and has been for some time. So, after all of this, the French leadership could get some serious opinion spikes at home and in the Arab world. The French are trying to

block a war against Iraq, which makes the Arabs happy. They are opposing the United States, which makes the Arabs happy. It also makes the French people happy, since anti-Americanism is en vogue, and prompts a nice ego trip for the French in charge, though I don't really think the French need to boost their ego all that much. France isn't nobly trying to oppose a war for oil, which isn't the objective anyway; they're afraid we're going to steal their markets.

I am confident when I say that the French are not acting out of a moralistic point of view because the logic of their assertion about arms inspectors is about as solid as a superheat-

ed vapor. That reminds me, I have some Fluids to do.

UN weapons inspections have failed because Iraq is not cooperating. In fact, Secretary of State Colin Powell has shown documents that they are actively trying to deceive inspectors. So, the French insist that they simply need more inspectors, as if more scientists in Iraq will somehow make Saddam change his mind. This has prompted President Bush to seek

This is the sort of thing that is making the UN into a laughin' stock. France can also argue that it is fighting against the hegemony of the United States, which is popular rhetoric on the world stage. So while the French are drinking their wine, eating their cheese and just generally being snooty, I think it'll be a good idea if somebody thinks about what's good for the stability of the nations of the world. They've come a long way from President Chirac's September 11th claim, "We are all Americans."

## The Triumph of Ignorance

### Walt Flood Guest Writer

I did originally intend to write this article as a satire, but after considering the ignorance that has been repeatedly displayed by the student body, I think the satirical nature of the piece would fail to be detected. To put it straight, the need for Unity's existence as a club at Rose-Hulman has been wholly proven by the recent events.

Unity's quest for full-club status recognition from SGA began more than four weeks ago. During their first appearance, they were compared to the KKK and upon deciding that they were somehow a religious organization, they were denied club status. The following meeting, they appeared again, contesting that they were not a religious organization. After a long discussion and immediately prior to voting, a clause in the SGA constitution was displayed and interpreted to say that Unity was not able to get club status because its probationary status expired in August.

This appeared to foil Unity's desires for at least another 90 days, but they were immediately re-approved for probationary club status. The club then appealed to the judicial committee of SGA for an official ruling on the constitution. After examining it, it was ruled that the SGA constitution was misinterpreted and that Unity would be allowed to reappear for consideration this week.

This week had no shortage of the now familiar sidestepping to

avoid the true issue at hand - Unity's quest for full-club status. Senate members argued about several issues but most debate centered on one: that Unity is a lifestyle not a club of activities.

Part of this is true. Unity does promote a lifestyle - a lifestyle of acceptance and tolerance. I am proud to say that I live this lifestyle if it can be called that, and I would also hope that all of our clubs promote this attitude.

But what club can't be argued against in this way? All clubs are a gathering of students with like interests and that is the purpose of having them. Team Rose Motorsports appeared before SGA this week for a funding request. Is this not also a lifestyle - mechanics spending every spare moment in the shop, working on cars?

Unity wants to provide speakers and fun events on campus that will further its mission and it needs SGA funding in order to assist with this.

Unity, Unity, Unity, what is Unity? According to its website, it is a club that tries to do two major things:

1) To provide a place where individuals can be themselves without fear of prejudice or hate

2) To promote an environment on campus and throughout our community that is tolerant of people of all creeds, colors, religions, and sexual orientations.

Unity is a group composed of many types of people of differing backgrounds, beliefs, and sexual orientations. It hosts

movie nights, plans AIDS awareness activities, and holds weekly meetings where its members can gather and talk. Unity is a valuable resource on campus in providing a safe environment for those that often have no where else to turn and don't feel comfortable around the people on their floors. Unity provides a support structure that is otherwise absent on this campus, but it also plans educational and recreational activities that provide the student body with things to do.

One of the repeated points of debate is, "Neither my constituents nor I want our money going to support that." This has no bearing on whether or not the club has met the stated requirements for membership.

### When Rose needs so much diversity, why do its students run at the first opportunity to promote it?

I can honestly say that I would love for all of my money to go to the organizations that I am a member of or that I support. If SGA only gave money to the organizations that 67% of the Rose population supported, there wouldn't be any clubs. But, the fact of the matter is that when I became an SA and then an RA I was repeatedly told that if a group of 10 or more students have a similar interest, they can get together, write up a constitution, and become a club. Is this not true? Right now it appears as if it is not. The personal views of SGA senators and those of

their constituents are clouding the issue. Are the members of SGA arguing about whether Unity should be a club, or are they arguing about homosexuality?

Further, I find it very contradictory that in every survey done by Student Affairs, the number one problem with our campus is a lack of diversity - the very diversity that Unity is trying to support. Where are the students that write this on the surveys now? The speaker in Hatfield last week, David Roux, when asked what he thought the biggest weakness of Rose was, he stated, "Diversity." When Rose needs so much diversity, why do its students run at the first opportunity to promote it?

A very wise friend of mine put it this way, "Unity's goal is to increase awareness and tolerance - they have just proven that this campus needs just that."

This week also saw another exciting addition to the debate in SGA. An amendment is currently under consideration that aims at preventing Unity from even being considered as a club. This amendment targets the clause in the constitution that describes what types of groups can be considered for SGA funding. Currently the SGA constitution states that clubs dealing with religious ideas, social and service fraternities, professional organizations, residence hall organizations, or honor societies, can not receive SGA funding.

The new amendment adds

groups founded on the basis of race, ethnicity, creed, political affiliation, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation. Not one hour before this amendment was proposed the Spanish club came before the SGA and nearly unanimously passed a funding request for \$4400. Wouldn't the Spanish Club be affected by this new amendment? How about the Model UN Club and the International Student Club? Why aren't we inclusionary versus exclusionary? If our own money is sitting around unused, we should use it for whatever noble purpose we decide is worthy.

I am graduating in May and I can say that I was incredibly proud to be doing so. For the first time, however, I am questioning this. Should I be proud to graduate from somewhere that is so blind of other lifestyles and intolerant of others? I have lived and breathed Rose-Hulman for the past three years. I have taken pride in working with freshmen and trying to be a positive influence on their lives. I have preached tolerance and acceptance and worked hard to see both present on my floor. Perhaps I have failed.

Think about it - is there any real reason that Unity shouldn't be a club? What is it that makes the idea of their organization gaining full-club status so frightening? Would this happen on a campus composed of students from more urban, diverse areas? I will conclude with a quote from Voltaire: "I may disagree with what you have to say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." Rose needs more of this attitude.

## Griffith career-high day leads Rose-Hulman past Rhodes

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology sophomore Philip Griffith (Mooreland/Blue River Valley) recorded career-highs of 28 points and five blocked shots to propel the Engineers past Rhodes College 79-70 on Sunday afternoon.

Rose-Hulman clinched a bid to the inaugural SCAC Tournament, to be held Feb. 27-Mar. 1 in Memphis, with the victory.

Griffith finished 10-17 from the field and 8-11 from the foul line with six rebounds in 33 minutes of action.

"We came into the season with us counting heavily on Philip, but he was inexperienced. He has progressed consistently and pleasantly as expected. He's really competitive and is emerging as a leader for us," said Rose-Hulman head coach Jim Shaw.

Senior Jon Query (Petersburg/Pike Central) contributed 12 points for the Engineers, while sophomore Evan Ballinger (Upland/Eastbrook) tallied 10 points and five assists off the bench for Rose-Hulman.

Freshman Rami Almefty led Rhodes with 21 points and three trifectas, while sophomore Kevin Campion added 14 points for the Lynx.

Other key contributors for Rose-Hulman included freshman Kareem Lee (Indianapolis/



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Sophomore Philip Griffith

Warren Central) with nine points and nine rebounds; freshman Brian Bibb (Hoopston, Ill.) with seven points; and freshman Munchie Muskeyvalley (Rock Island, Ill.) with six points, six rebounds and six assists.

"We have counted on young guys the whole year. They're learning and getting better, but lack consistency at times. I think they're making progress, and there's definitely a future there," said Shaw.

Rhodes jumped out to a 7-2 lead four minutes into the contest, before the Engineers rallied to tie the score at 10-10 on a field goal by Ballinger at the 14:13 mark. Rose-Hulman gained its first lead at 14-13 on a layup by Bibb.

The Engineers increased the lead to 24-17 on a three-pointer by Ballinger and a layup by Griffith. Rhodes rallied to move within 24-20 on a three-pointer by JL Hurt, before the Engineers gained a 39-26 lead with a 15-6 spurt. Query capped the streak with five straight points.

Rose-Hulman pushed the advantage to 46-30 on a four-point play by Lee in the final seconds of the first half. Rhodes stormed out of the locker room on a 15-4 run to close within 49-45 at the 13:39 mark, however.

"We let up a bit in the second half, partly on the defensive end. A lot of it was their good play to get back into the game. They made their shots," said Shaw.

Rose-Hulman earned an eight-point lead on a Muskeyvalley free throw with 10:54 left. Rhodes finally narrowed the margin to two points at 60-58 on a three-pointer by freshman Matthew Jakes with 7:51 left.

Rose-Hulman answered with a 17-5 run to earn a 76-63 advantage with 2:18 left to secure the victory.

"It's nice to see us play well the last few minutes, especially with Munchie on the bench in foul trouble. Kareem and Philip dominated the last few minutes of the game," said Shaw.

"We have made a lot of progress and are a different team than when we played DePauw last. They also have progressed and had a great conference season so far. They are the best team in the league right now," said Shaw.

## Rose-Hulman falls to Rhodes in overtime thriller

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology rallied from a nine-point second-half deficit to force overtime before falling 67-63 to Rhodes College on Sunday afternoon.

Freshman Anna Hall (Martinsville) led Rose-Hulman with 22 points and recorded a double-double with 11 rebounds. Junior Amanda Salinas (Munster) added another double-double with career-highs of 11 points and 14 rebounds for the Engineers.

Freshman Taylor Cook led Rhodes with 23 points, while senior Rosemary Boner had an odd double-double of 11 rebounds and 10 steals along with nine assists for the Lynx.

Other key contributors for Rose-Hulman included freshman Ali Wampler (Bicknell/North Knox) with nine points and four rebounds; senior Cari Hasselbring (Skokie, Ill./Niles



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Freshman Anna Hall

North) with nine points and four rebounds; and sophomore Elaine Mindrup (Evansville/Mater Dei) with six points.

Rhodes pushed the lead to 52-49 on a jumper by Rachel Hettiger before Hall buried a three-pointer to tie the score at 52-52 with 1:59 left. The Engineers gained the lead at 54-52 on a layup by Hall with 40 seconds left.

After a Rhodes time out, Cook buried a 13-foot jumper in the lane to knot the score at 54-54 with 15 seconds remaining. The Engineers held the ball for the last shot, but a Salinas jumper rimmed out at the buzzer to force overtime.

Rose-Hulman earned a pair of two point leads at 56-54 and 58-56 on jumpers by Hall. After a pair of free throws by Hasselbring gave the Engineers a 60-59 lead with 3:20 left, the Lynx scored eight straight points to secure the victory.

Rhodes improved to 11-8 on the season and 7-4 in SCAC play, while Rose-Hulman dropped to 3-19 overall and 0-11 in league contests.

North) with nine points and four rebounds; and sophomore Elaine Mindrup (Evansville/Mater Dei) with six points.

Rhodes earned a 48-39 lead with 8:39 left in the contest on a conventional three-pointer by Cook.

Rose-Hulman answered with a methodical 10-2 run to close

## Bowe, Schipper win events to propel track team at DePauw

GREENCASTLE, IND. -- Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology seniors Andrew Schipper (Fort Wayne/Bishop Dwenger) and Jason Bowe (Moorhead, Minn.) earned first-place finishes to help propel Rose-Hulman to a sixth-place in the 19-team DePauw Track Invitational on Saturday.

Schipper recorded a pole vault leap of 15' 0" to earn first place, while Bowe leaped 41' 11 1/2" in the triple jump to claim top honors. Sophomore Brian Page (Canton, Mich.) helped Rose-Hulman earn a sweep in the pole vault with a second-place finish in a leap of 12' 6". Page also finished sixth in the 600-meter run in a personal-best time of 1:26.63.

Other top five finishes for the men included senior Matthew Cosby (Wabash) with a third-place in the 55-meter hurdles in

8.05 seconds and junior Eric Arnett (New Paris, Ohio/National Trail) with a third in the 400-meter dash in 51.96 seconds. Junior Dylan Tarr (Newton, Ill.) rounded out the top fives with fourth-place finishes in the shot put with a season-best 44' 2" toss and in the weight throw with a personal-best 49' 3 1/2" toss.

For the women's squad, junior Rachel Rieck (Janesville, Wis./George Parker) and freshman Paula Ditteon (Terre Haute/South) placed 10th in their events to lead the Engineer efforts. Rieck ran a 400-meter time of 1:06.11, while Ditteon finished the 55-meter hurdles in a personal-best time of 10.26 seconds.

Rose-Hulman will return to DePauw University to compete in another Tiger Invitational on Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

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- 1 Top Ten Ways to Sandblast a Goat

### The Secret of the Dog Biscuits

By Seamus

I found myself inside the Petco located off of Third Street because I wanted to see a chinchilla. Now if you've ever been inside the Petco you would know that there is a big salad bar type thing near the front that has various kinds of dog biscuits. Now, at first, this might seem normal enough but upon closer inspection, I noticed that the biscuits looked a lot like just regular cookies that you could buy at Wal-mart. I knew something was up, so I decided to go undercover. Deep undercover. I left the store, only to come back an hour later in my dog owner disguise. As I started to approach the snack bar filled with the so called dog biscuits, I caught the cashier giving me a funny look. I could see by the gleam in his eye that he knew I wasn't a real dog owner. I then realized my dog owner disguise was not enough. And that in order to pull this off I would need to borrow someone's dog. I was disappointed walking home for there was not a single person I knew who owned a dog. But then the shiny light of hope glowed brightly over the horizon, as I looked down an alley I spied a local street vender selling invisible dogs, complete with collar and leash. After bargaining with the guy for a while I finally convinced him to sell me one for only \$500. I still can't believe I got the guy to sell it to me that cheap, originally he only wanted \$20 for it. Ha ha, sucker.

I proceed back to the pet store with my invisible dog and proceed to the dog biscuit bar. I could tell the cashier was still mighty suspicious of me, but the clock was counting down. I had to make my move, and I had to make it now. I grabbed a bag and quickly filled it with the various cookies/dog biscuits they had. I approached the counter to pay for the dog biscuits. While I was waiting for the cashier to give me my change, I saw him reach for the phone, the next thing I heard

was his voice over the loud speaker, "I need a manger to register one". Damn, my cover must have been blown, the invisible dog must have given me away. How could I have been so stupid? I started to run for the door but before I knew it the manager had reached the front of the store. I was sweating like a glass of lemonade on a hot summer's day that had been placed on a coffee table with no coaster. Damn you people that don't use coasters.

I knew the gig was up, and started wondering just how the store manager was planning to torture me and my invisible dog. And then, just as I was about to pull my kung-fu out on the manager and make a dash for the door, I heard the cashier say "I need some more ones". I let out a big sigh of relief. My invisible dog had fooled them after all. The manager got some more ones and the cashier gave me the rest of my change. I walked out of the store and proceed home, taking caution to make sure no one was following me.

I had finally made it home, and decided to take a preliminary taste test. I bit into one of the so called dog biscuits and then into a wal-mart cookie. The taste was identical!!! I had to be sure though, so I stuck a needle in each one and extracted twelve cc's of the cookies filling, and sent it off to the labs to have a DNA test run on them. The results came back a week later, it was just has I had thought. IDENTICAL.

I've been keeping this information suppressed now for two months for fear of what they might do to me and my family if I ever made this report public. But I've reached a point when I can no longer keep what I know a secret. You have no idea what it's like lying in bed every night wondering if you'll live to see tomorrow. So please, do not take what I have said here fall on deaf hears. Please write your congressman or woman and put a stop to this conspiracy.

## Wacky Prof Quotes

"...because it's wrong. I would say it's because I'm an idiot, but then you guys would quote me in that paper."

-- Prof. Ditteon, using reverse psychology at the wrong time

"Out of the top 10 things we need to get rid of this century, the French should be number one."

-- Dr. Ferguson, ECE300, on current events

"Do we want to ground the output? No!! That would be obscene. That would be like beating your wife. Oh darn it!! Why did I bring that up? How about beating your dog?"

--Dr. Hoover, on cascading Mosfets

"Monkeys who don't write Shakespeare die. Monkeys who do ...get to have sex."

--Prof. Andy Kinley, on genetic algorithms and Darwinism

"Your homework assignment for this weekend is to build an atomic bomb. I don't recommend bringing it to class or turning it in though."

--Prof. Jelski, in P-chem

"These guys got really excited the other day when I used ther term 'aggregate.' Civils are wacky people."

--Dr. Christ, illustrating a principle that Civils could identify with

"Where'd you get that electricity from? I don't know...it just came out of that wire there."

--Prof. Thomas, demonstrating the fact that he's a Civil and not a double-E

"Who knows what evils lurk in the hearts of those Canadians?!"

--Dr. Lopez, on Maple abbreviations

"People who use Cramer's rule should be shot in the street like mad dogs."

--Dr. Bryan

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### This Week in the News

Smith & Wesson introduces the .50 caliber revolver. With enough power to stop a charging bear, do you really need more than five bullets?

### This Week in History

1987 A.D. -  
Texaco pays a \$10.5 billion fine for trying to buy Getty Oil out from under Penzoil. Ouch, shouldn't have used dirty business tactics.

### This Week in McEgypt

We're lying about it happening this week, but, in order to increase sales in Egypt, McDonalds introduced the McFalafel, with a jingle sung by a guy made famous for the song "I Hate Israel." I guess dirty business tactics aren't always bad.