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## Rose-Hulman Honors and Awards

### Nicole Hartkemeyer News Editor

On Saturday May 3, more than 70 students, faculty, alumni, and others were recognized at Rose-Hulman's annual Honors and Awards Banquet. The banquet, held in the Hulman Memorial Union, gave tribute to those who have, in the past year, excelled in their jobs, classes, and careers through several awards and scholarships.

The Honors and Awards committee this year included Dr. Patricia Brackin, Brian Dyer, Dr. David Erwin, Dr. Bruce Ferguson, Kathy Gambill, Donna Gustafson Aaron Kelley, David Piker, Dr. David Rader, and Dr. Julia Williams. This group was responsible for the planning and arranging the banquet.

The Outstanding Teacher Award winners, given to high school teachers nominated by Rose-Hulman students, went to teachers Linda Bailey, Marilyn Britton, and Carol Chen. Linda Bailey of Hoffman Estates High School, Hoffman Estates, Illinois won for her dedication in teaching mathematics. Marilyn Britton of Crawfordsville High School, Crawfordsville, Indiana won for her outstanding Spanish language program. And, Carol Chen of Kokomo High School, Kokomo, Indiana received the award for her teaching skills and her help to other chemistry teachers at the international, national, and state levels.

The Rose-Hulman Outstanding Teacher Award winner this

year was Dr. Dale Bremmer, Professor of Economics. He commented on receiving the award, "If I haven't turned someone on to the subject matter in a particular class or lecture, I haven't done my job."

A big event of the night was the announcement of the Rose-Hulman Alumni Career Achievement Awards winners. These awards go to alumni that since their graduation ten years previously, have moved on to excel in their careers. This year the winners included Andrew Meyer, director of world wide consumer support and customer relationship management, Hewlett-Packard Co., San Jose, Calif.; Stephen Nowak, vice president and controller, Owens Corning Composites Systems Business Plymouth, Mich.; Lt. Col. Jeffrey Trang, United States Army, Yorktown, Va.; and Ralph Wagle, principal in charge, Hannum, Wagle and

Cline Engineering Terre Haute. To the surprise of the recipients it was announced that scholarships would be made in each of the winners' names and were given to four Rose-Hulman students, Lance Baker, Nicholas Dames, Sarah Bireley and David Dzwonek.

Special Academic Awards were presented to students with a 4.0 cumulative GPA after their first, second, and third years at Rose-Hulman. Current sophomores who had a 4.0 after their freshman year include Christopher Katinas, Brian Barker, Jennifer Guerard, Martin Kuchle, Alex Kutsenok, Jennifer Lowe, Rebecca Martin, Jamie Myers, Thomas Ng, and Jon Trojan.

Current juniors with a 4.0 cumulative GPA after their sophomore year include Lisa Hall, Kyle Heath, and Bradley Woodcox. Current seniors holding the same GPA their

junior years were Rashad Gold and Scott Green.

Most of the night was spent honoring students through each of their specified department's through several awards. The winners and their departments are shown as follows.

Applied Biology and Biomedical Engineering: Daniel Hedman, Amber Brannan, and Chad Zarse

Chemical Engineering: Aleksandar Goreski, Bridget Revier, Erin Phelps, and Sara Mulroe

Chemistry: Bridget Revier, Monica Gavala, Joseph Neeson, Michael Ewing, Corey Trobaugh, and Lisa Hall

Civil Engineering: Nicholas Harden, Patrick Allen, Matthew Albert, Eric Beier, Michael Novotney, David Korman, and Walter Flood

Computer Science and Software Engineering: Paul Gross, Rob Signorelli, Sid Stamm, Jeremy Barton, Kyle Gossman,

Peter Nei, and John Taylor

Electrical and Computer Engineering: Chad Ellis, Benjamin Huckaba, Cassandra Mateo, Jessica Gross, Martin Kuchle, Thomas Ng, and Anna Yokel

Humanities and Social Sciences: Marcus Bohlemann, Christopher Denlinger, Katrina Gingerich, Jamie Sutherland, Tyson Mohr, Dulany Weaver, and Nathaniel Bowe

Mathematics: Michael Ewing, Jeremy Groven, Nic Trainor, Aaron Dubin, Logan Harper, Guy Srinivasan, Kellan Wampler, Aaron Dubin, and Stephen Schnelle

Mechanical Engineering: Scott Green and Bradley Woodcox

Military Science and Aerospace Studies: Andrew Jauhola and Craig Cotner

Physics and Optical Engineering: Matthew Stupca, Brock South, Zachary Roth, and Chad Dunham



Class of 1983 graduates (from left) Andrew Myer, Lt. Col. Jeffrey Trang, Ralph Wagle, and Stephen Nowak were this year's recipients of the Rose-Hulman Career Achievement Awards at the annual Honors and Awards Banquet. Photo courtesy Rose-Hulman

## Campus file swappers to pay RIAA

### John Borland CNET News.com

Four university students on Thursday agreed to pay thousands of dollars each to settle online music piracy charges, ending the record industry's most aggressive thrust yet against individual file swappers.

The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) sued four students separately last month for running services that searched computers connected to their college networks for MP3 song files. The students also shared copyrighted music from their own machines. The lawsuits marked the first time that the RIAA directly sued students, as opposed to companies,

associated with peer-to-peer piracy.

The settlements will see each student making payments to the RIAA totaling between \$12,000 and \$17,000, split into annual installments between 2003 and 2006. The lawsuits as filed could have entailed damages (in theory) of up to \$100 million.

"The record companies indicated right from the beginning that they were amenable to settling this case," said Howard Ende, a Drinker Biddle & Reath attorney who represented defendant Princeton sophomore Daniel Peng. "In my view, this was not about Daniel Peng, per se, but was a utilization of the legal system to make a point--essentially to intimidate Internet users."

The lawsuits--on top of a

series of communications that the RIAA and other copyright holders have had with universities over the past year--have led to a crackdown on campus file swapping and the kind of network search tools created by Peng and the other students.

College officials recently reprimanded a large group of students at Pennsylvania State University for using or operating similar services. This week, the New Jersey Institute of Technology banned the use of file-sharing software on its campus, citing the danger of lawsuits, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Also last month, Naval Academy officials said they had disciplined a group of 85 students who were allegedly caught using cam-

pus resources for file sharing.

Despite the settlements, the students did not admit any guilt.

"I don't believe that I did anything wrong," 18-year-old Peng said in a statement. "I am glad that the case has been settled amicably, and I hope that, for the sake of artists, the larger issues can soon be resolved."

In their suits against Peng and the three other students, the RIAA called the services they had created "mini-Napsters." Ende said that Peng, as well as his attorneys, believed that the service he had run was more like Google than Napster, since it had simply searched computers that were hooked up to the campus network, whether or not they contained his software.

As part of their settlements,

the students agreed not to knowingly infringe the record label's copyrights while using the Internet. They will also shut down their network search services. Peng's attorneys said he will instead provide links to a record industry Web site.

"We believe it's in everyone's best interest to come to a quick resolution, and that these four defendants now clearly understand the seriousness with which we view this type of illegal behavior," said RIAA Senior Vice President Matt Oppenheim in a statement. "We have also sent a clear signal to others that this kind of activity is illegal."

The RIAA said that any future similar enforcement actions could lead to "stiffer settlement obligations."

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

					9 Candie Bergen and Mike Wallace's Birthday	10
11 Louis Farrakhan and Salvador Dali's Birthday	12	13 Dennis Rhodman and Stevie Wonder's Birthday	14	15 Senior Send Off Cook Stadium 5:30PM	16 <b>CONVO SCHEDULE</b>  Oscar Schimdt Lecture, Hatfield Hall - 11AM	17 <b>SKINNERFEST!</b> 4PM - ??

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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.

# Congratulations to the 2003-04 Sophomore Advisors

## BSB

### *First Floor*

Paul Gagnon  
Justin Compton

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Derek Parmenter  
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Stefani Vande Lune  
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### *Basement*

Adam Stolz  
Pat Ludwig

### *First Floor*

Brodie Smith  
Ray Ahaus

### *Second Floor*

Stephen Sprovac  
Anthony Panozzo

## “ECE Seniors display potential products” revision

We received correspondence from Dulany Weaver regarding the article “ECE Seniors display potential products.” We apologize for any confusion caused by inaccuracies in the article. As follows are the corrections:

There are two ways ECE majors receive a project. The first way is for an industry sponsor to come to Rose with a problem to be solved, and ECE students are assigned to work on this problem as their project.

The second way is for students to come up with a product idea, develop a business plan, and seek independent funding from a grant-giving organization.

Six groups belonged in the second group: Automatic

Sports Whistle, Digisticky (both funded by the Lemelson Foundation), Novel Electrostatic Speaker, Laundry Alerter, Heart Set Heart Monitor, and the Wired Breadboard (all funded by Engenius Solutions).

The Wired Breadboard focused on the development of a breadboard-like product that users can build circuits on without having to use wires. For more information, visit the Engenius Solutions website or e-mail Weaver at weaverdb@rose-hulman.edu.

The Four-Bay Battery Charger group was sponsored by Trilithic Corporation.

Thank you,  
-The Thorn Staff

10 days of class  
6 weekend days  
1 holiday  
4 days of finals

21 days left  
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in your quest for sanity.

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## Weekend Box Office Summary

Title	Weekend	Total Gross
1 X2: X-Men United	85.5m	85.5m
2 The Lizzy McGuire Movie	17.3m	17.3m
3 Identity	9.4m	30.1m
4 Anger Management	8.4m	115.8m
5 Holes	6.9m	45.3m

## This Week's Releases:

A Mighty Wind  
Daddy Day Care  
The Shape of Things

## X-quisite entertainment



<http://www.imdb.com>

Pyro (Aaron Stanford) lights things up in "X2: X-Men United." Though the movie cost a pretty \$120 million, it made \$154.8 million internationally in its opening weekend. This puts "X2" as the second highest international weekend opening. Special effects drive the comic-book movie through 2 hours and 14 minutes of action-packed fun.

"X2: X-Men United"  
By The Numbers

**120**

Budget of the film, in millions of dollars.

**75**

cost, in millions, of the first "X-Men" film.

**1964**

First year the comic appeared.

**423**

Issue number of the latest "Uncanny X-Men" comic.

**10**

Current number of comic books published monthly that are based on the "X-Men" franchise.

**80**

Age of Stan Lee, creator of the "X-Men" and many other famous Marvel comics.

**37**

Age of director Brian Singer.

**6**

Hours it took Rebecca Romijn-Stamos to get into her costume each day on the set of "X2."

**9**

Hours it took Romijn-Stamos to get into her costume each day on the set of the original "X-Men" movie.

## X2: X-Men United



Starring: Hugh Jackman, Ian McKellan, Patrick Stewart, Rebecca Romijn-Stamos, Brian Cox, Halle Berry

Directed by: Brian Singer

Rated PG-13

Bob Schulein  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

"X2: X-Men United" is bigger, longer, and more energetic than the first. Is it better? Well, that comes down to a matter of perspective. Fans of the long-running comic series may praise "X2" as the greatest comic-book adaptation ever made. Others, this reviewer included, will see "X2" as tasty summer fun that doesn't leave much of an after-taste.

"X2" starts with a stunning attack on the president from a mysterious mutant. The mutant assaults guards from room to room in the White House. This action-packed intro sets the fun tone and fast pace for the rest of the film.

Storm (Halle Berry) and Jean Grey (Famke Janssen) search for the mutant while Professor X (Patrick Stewart) visits the imprisoned Magneto (Ian McKellan). While gone, the X-Mansion is attacked by rogue General Stryker (Brian Cox).

Wolverine (Hugh Jackman) leads a party of mutants out of the mansion.

Stryker plans a war between human-kind and mutant-kind, giving the movie the secondary title of "X-Men United." This title strikes me as very odd, because the "X-Men" series has always been about the team. A more appropriate title would have been "Mutants United," because of the actual events of the movie.

The ensemble cast works really well together. Jackman is a very charismatic and intense Wolverine and the movie's funniest lines are his. Most impressive is Alan Cumming as Nightcrawler. His demonic appearance is a perfect contrast to his deep religious beliefs. There is real chemistry between him and Storm, so Oscar-winning Berry may get to show off some of her acting chops in the inevitable sequel.

Perhaps the greatest compliment that can be given to "X2" is that it retains the look and feel of the comics and nails most of the characters. The comic was about the team working together to take down the supervillain. The movie balances all the characters nicely and actually provides character development within the action.

Rebecca Romijn-Stamos'

Mystique character is developed a lot more this time around. In the first flick, Romijn-Stamos' near-naked blue body was there nearly for eye candy. This time around she has a lot more action scenes and some interesting scenes with Magneto. Her costume has also been improved from the first movie.

My one character gripe, and it is a big one, is that Cyclops' character is all wrong. He was a heroic leader in the comic, but is simply a dick in the movie. Cyclops should be more about

**"X2" tastes good while it lasts, but you'll be hungry for something more filling after its over.**

doing the right thing for his team than getting pissed at Wolverine. Cyclops was all wrong in the first movie too, and he really doesn't have enough screen time to change. At least his laser beam looks good.

The special effects in the movie are, as expected, very slick. Nightcrawler teleports and a neat little cloud of smoke is left in his wake. The CG is actually not distracting. The effects all add to the movie, and in many ways make it the ride that it is. What better way to relax at the movies than to see a bunch of explosions?

As a sequel, "X2" plays everything by the book: add new characters, get a bigger

budget, get a less coherent story, have nicer effects. Fans of the original will love this movie based on the expanded mythology. On the other hand, if you didn't buy into the first movie, "X2" won't convince you to change your opinion.

While I had a ton of fun at "X2," I felt the story could have used a bit more work. The threat of war between humans and mutants wasn't fleshed out enough given that it was the driving force of the rest of the plot. They say too many cooks

spoil the soup, and three story writers and one screenwriter may have been too many writers for this project.

"X2" is able to make itself stand apart in a now crowded genre of comic-book movies by handling so much within its 2 hour run time. Unlike "Spider-Man" and "Daredevil," "X2" focuses on a group of heroes. As such, much more goes on between the characters and the world that is interesting.

"X2" is slick, fun, and based on one of the most popular comic series of all time. That's enough to get most people into a crowded theater. So go and have some fun at "X2." It's a great escape from everyday activities. It'll taste good while it lasts, but you'll be hungry for something more filling after it's over.

# Album of the week

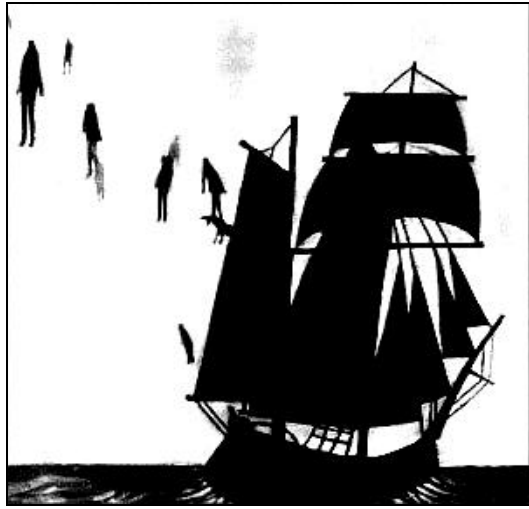
**Drew Wright**  
Entertainment Editor

*The Decemberists*

Castaways and Cutouts

Kill Rock Stars

"a haunting masterpiece already being heralded as a low-fi classic by some."



"July, July" ("The blood rolls down the drain/O what a lonely thing!/In a blood red drain"), and the pathetic hallucinations of the dying soldier portrayed in "The Legionnaire's Lament" ("Medicating in the sun with pinch doses of laudanum, longing for the old fecundity of my homeland").

A far cry from the light-hearted, simple approach to music taken by the albums reviewed last week, the latest effort by The Decemberists finds the Oregon-based band exploring the dark and seedy underbelly of the pop world. Leaving no stone unturned with his unique lyrical approach, frontman Colin Meloy establishes himself as a poet of the highest order, crafting intricate stories filled with despair and hopelessness which span nearly a century's worth of history, garnering many comparisons to the late, great, Neutral Milk Hotel.

The appropriately titled record follows the stories of several desperate and despondent outcasts and their tragic circumstances. Not wasting

any time with foreplay, the album kicks off with "Leslie Anne Levine," a lamenting tale told from the point of view of the discarded corpse of an infant. While this might sound excessively morbid, Meloy's unmatched lyrics and understated, Rufus Wainwright meets Belle and Sebastian-esque delivery somehow make this bitter pill wonderfully palatable.

Other tracks recount the misadventures of a poor mother driven to prostitution to feed her children in "A Cautionary Song" ("With dirty hands and trousers torn they grapple 'til she's safe within their keeping/A gag is placed between her lips to keep her sorry tongue from any speaking or screaming"), a murdered bootlegger in

To accompany the dreary lyrics, Meloy and company make ingenious use of organs, accordions, pedal steel, and a theremin wrapped around a softly strummed folk guitar designed to transport the listener to the era in which the songs take place.

The result is a haunting masterpiece already being heralded as a low-fi classic by some; a definite listen for those unthreatened by weighty or emotionally challenging content.

**Also New and Noteworthy**

- Shai-Hulud - That Within
- Blood III-Tempered
- Nedelle - Republic of Two
- NOFX - War on Errorism
- RJD2 - Horror
- Mayday - I Know Your troubles Been Long

## The Thorn Concert Report

**Friday, May 9**

- " Ween - Murat Center Parking Lot - IND
- " The Decemberists - Gunther Murphy's - CHI
- " Fiction Plane/The Samples - House of Blues - CHI

**Saturday, May 10**

- " Ben Folds/Gomez (Jammin' on Jersey) - Murat Center - IND
- " Fiction Plane/The Samples - Mississippi Nights - STL

**Sunday, May 11**

- " My Chemical Romance - Festivilla - IND
- " Superjoint Ritual - Oasis One Sixty - CHI
- " Lamb of God/Chimaira/Atreyu - Pop's - STL

**Monday, May 12**

- " Lamb of God/Chimaira/Atreyu - Metro - CHI

**Tuesday, May 13**

- " Maktub - The Patio - IND
- " The Wailers - The Vogue - IND
- " Strapping Young Lad/Meshuggah - Metro - CHI
- " Tomahawk/Skeleton Key - Vic Theater - CHI

**Wednesday, May 14**

- " Burning Brides - Birdy's - IND
- " Count the Stars - Festivilla - IND
- " Lagwagon/Rufio/Avoid One Thing - Metro - CHI
- " Before Braille - Otto's - CHI

**Thursday, May 15**

- " Tomahawk/Dalek/The Melvins - The Vogue - IND
- " Everytime I Die/The Hope Conspiracy - Fireside Bowl - CHI
- " Holopaw - Gunther Murphy's - CHI
- " Applesed Cast/Check Engine - Rocket Bar - STL

**Friday, May 16**

- " Widespread Panic - Murat Theater - IND
- " The Faint/Enon/Schneider TM - Metro - CHI

**Picks By Day**

- Friday: The Decemberists - see review
- Saturday: Fiction Plane - guitar pop perfection from the son of Sting
- Sunday: My Chemical Romance - hard charging emocore
- Monday: Lamb of God - aggressive thrash with a new Swedish twist
- Tuesday: The Wailers - Bob Marley's old band gets fired up again
- Wednesday: Burning Brides - diverse, fizzed out garage rock
- Thursday: Tomahawk - Mike Patton!!! Enough said.
- Friday: The Faint - electro with an indie rock attitude

## WMHD 90.7 FM "The Monkey" Top 30 May 05, 2003

#	Artist	Recording
1	Cex	Being Ridden
2	Righteous Boy	I Sing Because Of You
3	Manitoba	Up In Flames
4	Yo La Tengo	Summer Sun
5	Prefuse 73	One Word Extinguisher
6	Palaxy Tracks	Cedarland
7	Breaking Pangea	Phoenix
8	Blur	Think Tank
9	Schneider TM	6 Peace [EP]
10	Ozma	Spending Time On The Borderline
11	Tomahawk	Mit Gas
12	El Guapo	Fake French
13	The New Pornographers	Electric Version
14	Icarus	Six Soviet Misfits
15	Bishop Allen	Charm School
16	D+	Deception Pass
17	Subtitle	I'm Always Recovering From Tomorrow
18	Intro5pect	Intro5pect
19	Opeth	Damnation
20	The Smoking Popes	The Party's Over
21	The Buzzcocks	The Buzzcocks
22	Pleasure Forever	Alter
23	Mr. Dibbs	30th Song
24	Elefant	Sunlight Makes Me Paranoid
25	S PRCSS	MNML
26	Fiction Plane	Everything Will Never Be OK
27	Jessy Moss	Street Knuckles
28	Arab Strap	Monday At The Hug And Pint
29	Flashlight Brown	My Degeneration
30	The Red Thread	After The Last



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## Alphabet soup



"I tell  
you  
what to  
think!"

**Brandon Hathaway  
will sing with you next time**

Since we are nearing the end of this year's stint of the Thorn, I will do something special these two weeks. This is, after all, an opinions page, so I am going to share some opinions with you. Twenty-six, to be exact, one for each letter of the alphabet. That is, unless I come across a letter that I cannot think of something good. Like ñ, for example. I guess we should start at the beginning, with letter D. I mean A.

**Alchemy.** Alchemy is one of the most misunderstood sciences. It has had supporters of very high esteem, like Newton. I think that this discipline should be pursued more at Rose, since turning lead into gold would make us rich.

**Bologna.** Bologna is the reject of all lunch meats, well below ham or turkey on the prestige pole, but one still frequently eaten. I do not like bologna. It is named for a region of Italy, but what do they know about food?

**Christmas.** Christmas is everyone's favorite holiday, with the family, the gifts and the birth of Jesus. It is always refreshing to wake up to a chilling 50 degree Christmas morning in Florida.

**Dracula.** One of the most feared characters in literature, I think he should probably stop attacking people. However, vampires can only enter a house if invited in, so if you ask him to come in and he bites you, in the end, it is your own fault.

**Europe.** Lately, they have been very confused. Parts of this continent want to be like us, parts do not like America, and all of them want our money. I think Great Britain and Ireland are pretty cool and Spain, Portugal and Italy would be nice places to vacation. Germany is having a bit of angriness lately over Iraq, and France cannot decide on which side of the Iraq issue to stay. Those Eastern Bloc countries seem a little dangerous, and their cities are hard to pronounce, but all in all, Europe's ok in my book.

**France.** I know I mentioned this in the last one, but I still think there is more to be said about those Gallic folks, other than they really cannot figure out

how to fight a war. They make good wine, bread and cheese, they have annoying accents, are awfully fun to make fun of, and have made embarrassing reversals of policy lately. To me, they are like your smart friend who is not quite as smart as he thinks he is, but is still no dummy. He grates you sometimes, but at the end of the day, you still invite him over to watch Conan O'Brien.

**Going for the Gusto.** I think you should go for the gusto every chance you can. There is al-

again. I would have to say that this man was terrible.

**Jehovah's Witnesses.** You know the type, those people in dress shirts and ties riding on bicycles, going door to door, and trying to convert people to their strange ways. They trick you into opening the door by ringing the doorbell, which is a dirty tactic, and then talk to you. If that's not a recipe for evil, I don't know what is.

**Killing Babies.** I'm against it.

**Living la Vida Loca.** I really find this song irritating, as I do the singer of it. Most of those cross-over Latin singers are like

fine machines. They have gotten away from their affordable sports car roots to become a bit of a bloated and unfortunate car, although affordable. Mustang Cobras are cool, but they are a bit expensive. Next year is the Forty Year Anniversary, though, maybe they will get back to good. I hope so.

Mustang Sally is a fine soul/blues song, covered by many a bar band. Buddy Guy has a good version of it with Jeff Beck, but with those two together could make "In the Year 2525" sound like a really awesome song.

All right everybody, that is thirteen, sort of. A through M of some very important topics that I felt you needed my opinion. Come back next week to see N through Z. I can assure you will not be disappointed. I'll give you a preview:

**Texas.** The biggest of the 48 contiguous...

To see how it ends, you have to read next week.

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This is, after all, an opinions page, so I am going to share twenty-six opinions with you.

most nothing quite as good as going for the gusto and actually getting the gusto.

**Homestar Runner.** I was recently introduced to this website and am still very amused. They have a very Pokemonesque character called The Cheat that cracks me up. You should check it out.

**Ivan the Terrible.** Ivan IV ruled Russia in Century XVI. He turned Russia into a autocratic state, and upon the completion of St. Basil's Cathedral, plucked the eyes out of the architect's head, so he would never construct something so beautiful

that. It really bugs me to mix English and Spanish in the same sentence like that, unless it is done well. "Living la Vida Loca" is not Spanglish done well. "I'm going to punch you in the cara" is how Spanglish is supposed to be. However, I have no problem with a person who actually wants to live la vida loca.

**Mustang and Mustang Sally.** This is actually two things, but whatever. Mustangs used to be really cool automobiles. Back in the 60s, when they were new and Carroll Shelby got ahold of them, they were seriously

## Rule number four



**Kevin  
Spontak**

**Dr. Love**

I didn't really receive anything worth writing since my last, so I decided that I would rather look at an interesting event that happened to me this week. It was definitely a strange occurrence, but it did get me thinking about the stages of relationships. And if you have no idea about the stages of relationships, read on.

**Rule Number 4:** In any relationship, you'll be at a certain level of seriousness in it. Now, the following stages are just a general outline, and it is possible to skip stages, but in most of the relationships I've been in, they have gone this way.

**Stage 1:** Talking. Boy meets girl. Boy starts talking to girl. Boy maybe gets girl's number.

**Stage 2:** Dating. Boy takes girl out to dinner and a movie. And as a general definition, boy is not on date with girl unless they kiss.

**Stage 3:** Boyfriend/Girlfriend. Boy and girl go out relatively often and get more physical. It can be hard to tell this from stage 2, but for the most part, if you don't know, just ask.

**Stage 4:** The "I" word. Boy tells girl he "I's her.

**Stage 5:** Talking about the "m" word. Boy and girl start talking about the "m" word.

**Stage 6:** Planning the "m" word.

Boy has lapse in judgment and girl become very happy.

**Stage 7:** The "m" word. Boy's life ends.

I think it's obvious that I'm poking fun at the entire dating scene. And if it's not, I'M POKING FUN AT THE ENTIRE DATING SCENE. But I do this for a specific reason. I hate dating. I like first dates. Getting to meet a new person and hopefully, if they're cute, show the world what you can do is really cool. And I like having a girlfriend. You get to bond with someone you actually care about, or at least hopefully care about, and get to fool around pretty much all the time. But between first date and boyfriend/girlfriend standing, so much can get messed up. It truly is amazing just how stupid people can be.

But I want to move now to the event that made me want to write this. I was talking to someone a lit-

tle older than myself who has been married for quite some time. Anyway, she had read my column and we started talking about dating and the like. I mentioned something about my fear of marriage to her, to which she replied something to the effect of: "If you marry the right person, it's great, but if you marry the wrong person, it's awful." To be perfectly honest, I really haven't talked to many older people married for quite some time about dating, especially any relatives I have.

It is my personal belief that this place has one of the most socially retarded systems I have ever come across.

tion I had this week was like that, but, well, you either get what I'm saying or you don't. I guess I just find talking to family members about dating to be extremely weird. Seriously, whenever I have to hear about relationships of close family members, especially their sex lives, I want to hit myself in the head with a rock. It's just so anti-good.

Another thing in this conversation was that there was no need to rush into getting married. I know, like everyone else here, at least a couple people that married in their first year out of school. I don't want a bunch of angry letters about this, but, I just couldn't do that. If you really can find someone so perfect for you so early in life, I am truly amazed. To wander into a Greek allusion for a second, the gods have truly smiled upon you.

A final point of interest of this conversation was the social structure of Rose. It is my personal belief that this place has one of the most socially retarded systems I have ever come across, especially when it comes to dating.

I have no desire to go into this currently but it is my belief. I can't remember the exact quote, but it was something to the effect of, "I wouldn't worry about marriage until later, because this seems like a very narrow stream for you to fish in." Amen. Amen indeed. So, as a final thought, if you don't date much out here, don't worry about it. The only reason I can find girls to date is the fact that I try really hard and I know the type of girl to stay away from. And if you're really that desperate, there are always those places that advertise "Health".

## Presidential Act or Campaign Stunt?

If you have closed the books and turned on the news over the last week you have most likely seen coverage of the President's address from the USS Abraham Lincoln. The ship was out for ten months, the longest deployment a carrier has served since the Vietnam era. One would think this was a fitting backdrop for the President's address on the completion of major combat operations in Iraq, and for showing gratitude to the military personnel that served so bravely in Afghanistan and Iraq. Unfortunately that message has been overshadowed over the past few days amid charges that the President's arrival was nothing more than a use of taxpayer's money for a campaign photo opportunity.

According to CNN, the ship was in fact close enough to the coast for President Bush to land by helicopter. Instead, he landed in a jet, fully dressed in a naval aviator flight suit. A tail-hook landing is a dangerous procedure. Are there any other politicians you can picture doing this? Most wouldn't be able to fit into the cockpit.

Senator Robert Byrd (D-West Virginia) verbally lashed out at our nation's Commander in Chief Tuesday, accusing him of engaging in "flamboyant showmanship." Others have charged that the cost of operating the S-3 didn't justify using it as opposed to operating a less expensive helicopter, in spite of the fact that S-3 training missions would have been conducted either way.

But wait- President Bush was in fact a jet pilot after college. He served in the Texas National Guard. If Vietnam wouldn't have ended, he no doubt would have been flying those unfriendly skies. Didn't he earn the right to land in this manner? He connects with American servicemen and women far better than any draft-dodger could have hoped to do. Has anyone criticized a sitting President for throwing out the first pitch at a baseball game, even though he isn't on the team?

What does this criticism boil down to? Fear. The Democratic Party held the earliest debate in the history of our elections on Saturday night. They realize that nothing short of a miracle will give any of their 'contenders' a shot at coming across to the American people as being tougher on terrorism as the man that has just taken great risks to begin to stamp it out.

Unless safety and security become less important to the American people, the Democrats are facing an uphill battle. They can only hope for the economic downturn that began during the last year of Clinton's administration to continue. I'd watch for them to become far more desperate over the next eighteen months.

Let's face it: if President Clinton made videos of what he did on the taxpayer's dime, you certainly wouldn't use it for a campaign commercial. It would have been 'Too Hot for TV.'

Ryan C. Brown  
Class '03 President

## Five Rose-Hulman baseball players earn All-SCAC honors

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology placed five players on the 2003 all-Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference baseball team, in results released today by the league office.

Junior outfielder Drew DeMarco (Long Grove, Ill./Stevenson), junior outfielder Matt Moore (Evansville/Harrison), junior second baseman Cort Severns (Manito, Ill./Midwest Central), sophomore pitcher Shawn Smith (Wabash/Northfield) and sophomore Scott Tourville (Westerville, Ohio/North) earned first-team recognition for their efforts in helping lead the Engineers to an SCAC Eastern Division championship this season.

DeMarco established a school record with a 20-game hitting streak early in the 2003 season and batted .399 with 57 hits, 31 runs,

10 doubles and 20 RBIs while playing all 41 games. In his career, DeMarco is batting .354 with 136 hits, including 20 doubles and eight triples, in 121 career games. DeMarco added five stolen bases and five outfield assists.

Moore currently holds seven school records after breaking a 1911 mark established by Art Nehf with a .485 average in 2003. He also set single-season marks for runs scored (52) and on-base percentage (.571) and holds career school records for batting average (.428), slugging (.736) and on-base percentage (.522). Moore slapped 12 doubles, three triples and six home runs this season and ranks



Photo Courtesy Rose-Hulman

Junior Scott Tourville

second in school history with 17 career round trippers.

Severns batted .357 this season with 12 doubles and two home runs, along with 38 runs scored and 45 hits. He currently ranks third in school history in doubles with 35 and has smashed eight home runs in 119 career games. The second baseman and 2002 Verizon Academic All-District honoree has committed just six errors in the field over the past two seasons and has a .518 career slugging average with 11 stolen bases.

Smith compiled the third-lowest earned run average in a single season in school history at 1.71 this spring. He recorded 73 strikeouts, eighth in single-season school history, and scattered just 54 hits in 63 innings of

work. In addition to his 7-1 mark on the mound, Smith batted .301 with four doubles and two triples in 93 at bats in 2003.

Tourville earned back-to-back SCAC Player of the Week honors earlier this season and batted .372 with three triples and two home runs. The Verizon Academic All-America nominee ranked third in single-season school history with 43 RBIs and 15 doubles this season and is batting .371 in his two-year career with 21 doubles, three triples and five home runs.

Rose-Hulman compiled a 23-18 record and a 15-1 mark in SCAC action. The Engineers placed fourth in the league tournament and secured their 12th winning season in the last 13 years. Rose-Hulman also batted .334 as a team with 89 doubles, 12 triples and 16 homers.

## Universities continue to cut men's programs due to Title IX

By Lorne Chan  
Daily Texan (U. Texas-Austin)  
05/01/2003

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas - Title IX backers have argued that women's sports have been able to thrive without being detrimental to men's sports. Pete Stroer's collegiate career may say otherwise.

Stroer was midway through his sophomore year in March 2001 at the University of Kansas, when his tennis team was given devastating news by their athletic director after a Jayhawks basketball game. They were told that due to budget problems, both the men's tennis and men's swimming teams would be dropped from the KU athletic program.

"The athletic director and his staff sat us down, and just told us that we wouldn't be coming back next year," Stroer said. "They just said it pretty bluntly, and we were all really surprised. I was upset and disappointed."

The news was a blow to Stroer, who was the No. 4 player, and had also won two state tennis titles in high school at Salina, Kan. The team was given the news midway through the regular season, and would have to finish out the season knowing that there would be no next year. It was crushing to all members, but they continued to play, sometimes refusing to wear Kansas shirts at tournaments to show their disapproval of the university's actions.

"There were a couple months left, and we could have easily fallen apart, but we stayed together," Stroer said. "We just enjoyed the last few months we had, and had to try to make the best of the situation. But I was angry, and I was hurt."

In an even greater show against the school ruling, the tennis team figured out a way to rectify the budget problems.

It wasn't enough.

"I don't know if they were really telling us why the program was cut," Stroer said. "They told us it was for budgeting reasons, and we actually came up with the amount of money to fund the program, but they still wouldn't let it happen."

With that, the facts pointed to the program cuts being a result of compliance with Title IX, to even out scholarships between men and women, as two men's sports were dropped but none on the women's side.

"I hate to see men's programs dropped to accommodate the numbers that sometimes Title IX looks for," said Texas men's tennis coach Michael Center, who played tennis and attended school at Kansas and is a proponent of Title IX. "I feel like there was a way to at least keep the program in existence, and it's a lot to actually disband a program."

"It's not a good practice, and a lot of damage is done. I was incredibly disappointed when they canceled the program. Some of my best moments were there."

Upon hearing the news, Center worked to recruit Stroer, who went the 600 miles down Interstate-35 to attend Texas, finding a new home in Austin. Stroer felt lucky for the chance to become a Longhorn, but was also embarrassed that he could continue playing while many of his teammates had their careers cut short by two or three years.

"In an odd way, Pete got a pretty unique opportunity, and for him it worked out," Center said. "But for the next Pete Stroer who had dreams of going to KU, it doesn't happen anymore."

Shortly after Kansas dropped men's tennis, it became obvious that the budget was not the issue. Days after the announcement came to the tennis players, KU increased their football budget substantially, hiring a new football coach later that year. The moves came under fire by Kansas supporters, and a month after making the cuts, KU athletic director Bob Fredericks resigned.

Unfortunately, the events that went on at Kansas have happened all over the nation as well as in the Big 12. There are now only three men's swimming teams remaining in the conference, and eight men's tennis teams. A month after Kansas dropped men's tennis and men's swimming, Iowa State dropped its baseball and men's swimming programs. Even with the decline on the men's side, growth on the women's side has been exponential.

"We wouldn't have college tennis on the women's side without Title IX, and certainly not at the level that it is now," Texas women's tennis coach Jeff Moore said.

"There has not been a dark side to Title IX; it is unfortunate that certain men's sports have been cut, and when a sport is cut, it's definitely not the fault of Title IX, it depends in each individual case."

Yet, there is also a divide between men's and women's tennis at Texas as well. While the women's team receives eight scholarships, the men receive 4.5 in a sport where at least six players play matches every tournament. Stroer is on a partial scholarship like many of his teammates, while freshman Macey Breece, the No. 6 on the women's team receives a full scholarship. Both teams understand the difference, and Center said there is no animosity between the men's and women's teams.

"I may choose to look at advantages over disadvantages, but Title IX gave me an opportunity, just as it has many of us, who would not have had that chance without it," Breece said. "I'm sure the guys would appreciate a full scholarship, but that's not everything to any of us, men's or women's. We're here to play."

A major reason for the funding gap is that 85 scholarships are needed for the football program, and there is no women's sport to balance out the high number. The women's program with the most scholarships is rowing with 20, and the number is increasing each year. But the football program has made concessions as well, dropping the number of scholarships from well into the triple digits to 85.

"With football, there's no single women's sports that has

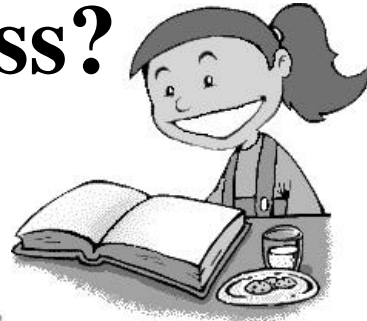
that number of scholarship numbers, and even 85 has been greatly reduced," said Chris Plonsky, Texas interim women's athletic director. "But at Texas, football has had an opposite effect, because football and its success drives about 85 percent of our revenue. If anything, it has allowed us to improve our facilities and what we offer, and has raised the bar for our other sports as well. Football has been the great unifier in terms of our athletics program."

Schools make cuts to conform to Title IX, but the cuts can be avoid-

ed. When Texas was brought into court in 1993 because of Title IX, instead of making cuts, the University raised more money and reworked operations to add women's sports instead of dropping men's.

"[Title IX] is a non-discriminatory law, it is right, and it is fair," Plonsky said. "How institutions cope with the law is up to them. The law was passed in 1972, and any entity that was affected by that law that just ignored it had time to react. You can just hold Texas up as a shining example. If we can do it, other people can."

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# FLIP SIDE

## Top Ten Reasons to Hate your Roommate's Girlfriend

- 10 She doesn't do your laundry, too.
- 9 She serves as a regular reminder that you're not getting any.
- 8 Can't get that damn smell out of the couch.
- 7 She's 16, and that's just gross.
- 6 She's a Nazi, and her people don't like Hertz's people.
- 5 Your bunks aren't built to withstand the oscillation.
- 4 The heifer has already gone through two of your chairs, and you can't afford a new one.
- 3 His girlfriend is actually a guy, and he won't stop hitting on you.
- 2 Ze (rose) goggles! Zey do nussing!!!
- 1 She refuses to bring her sister/friends.



## Wacky Prof Quotes

"Let's say you're in Chemistry-God have mercy on your soul-and you're doing some stupid experiment for no apparent reason..."

--Dr. Graves

"We're not talking about exotic things here. You want methane? Go sniff the natural gas line. You want ammonia? Well, you can sniff that in lab."

--Dr. Erwin giving Chemistry 3 their homework

"You guys thought I was just learning your names for the heck of it!"

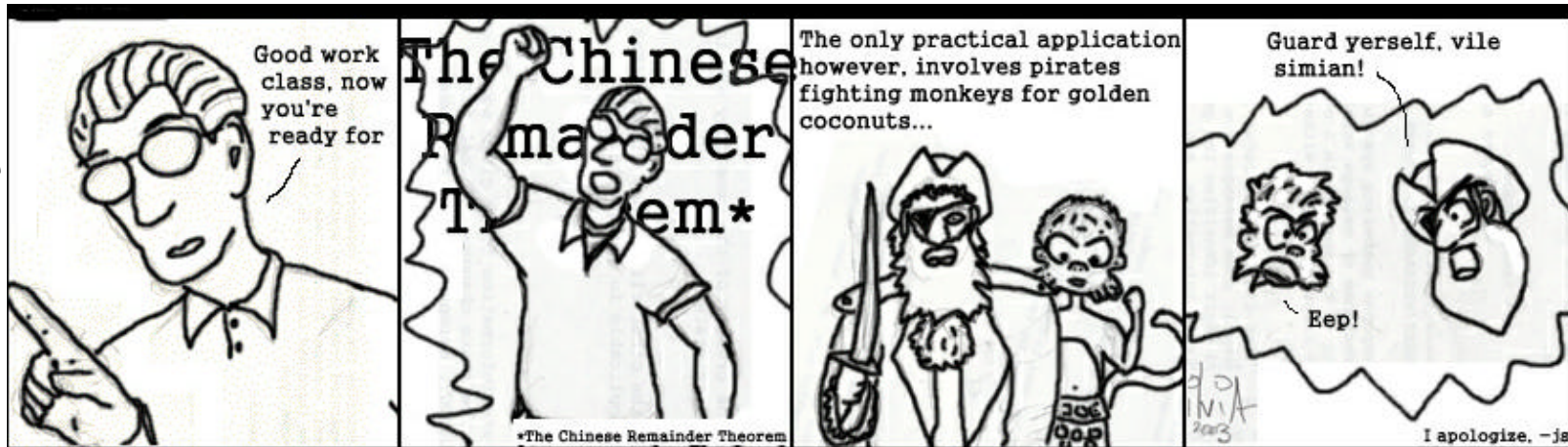
--Dr. Simoni, calling on an unprepared student

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

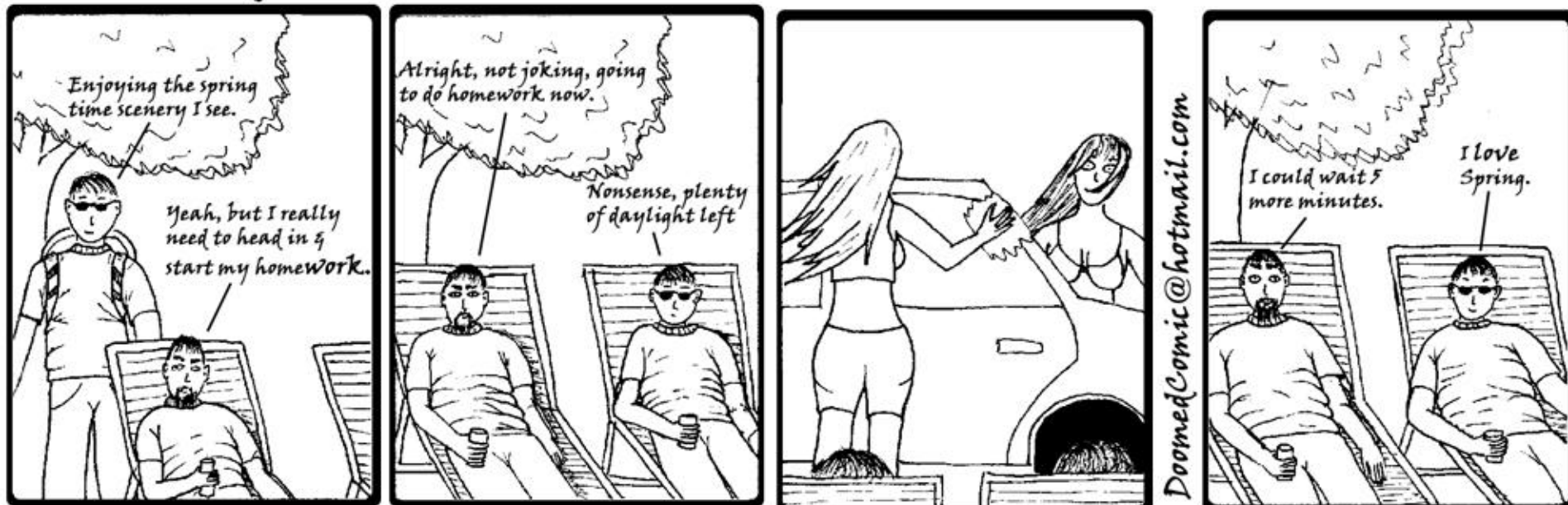
--Dr. Leader, on hope

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## Doomed



### This Week in the News

Infogrames, which acquired the rights to Atari in 2001, when they picked up Hasbro, is now changing their name to Atari, in order to steal some of the old-timey street cred.

### This Week in History

455 B.C. - The Vandals, a Germanic people, sack Rome. Due to their ferocity and concern primarily for looting, the word vandal, in English, now means wanton destroyer.

### This Week in EverQuest

The most annoying, horribly impossible encounter to date, the Rathe Council of the Plane of Earth, falls to a 77 member Afterlife raid.