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News Briefs

By Kyle Kamischke

Battlestar Galactica wins Peabody award

The Sci Fi channel's *Battlestar Galactica* recently won the Peabody Award. The award distinguishes accomplishments in electronic media.

It is the oldest award that is given in the field. *Galactica* was selected by a board of 16 members composed of people from media fields such as the television and cable industry.

The award does not have specific categories and there is not a predetermined limit on how many can be awarded each year.

Canadian physicist invents efficient engine

A man named Kazimierz Holubowicz has created an engine that harnesses the energy of an explosion.

He calls it the Gun Engine since it uses the same principles as a bullet being fired from a gun.

The engine is 92% efficient compared to the 20% efficiency of a gasoline engine and the 50% efficiency of fuel cells. This means that the engine can get mileages exceeding 200 miles per gallon.

It is also very fuel-flexible. The engine can use fuels ranging from gasoline and natural gas, to hydrogen and propane. According to Holubowicz, the engine can be made more cheaply than any current engine due to its simplicity.

DARPA to sponsor another robotic vehicle challenge

The Pentagon's Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) is sponsoring a new robotic vehicle challenge that takes place in the city.

This challenge comes on the heels of another challenge late last year in which a team using a robotic Volkswagen SUV won a 132-mile race through desert and mountain terrain.

The objective of this new challenge is to test the ability of robotic vehicles to fulfill military missions to deliver supplies in urban settings.

The first vehicle to win the challenge will be awarded \$2 million.

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Sunny 79 Hi / 48 Lo
Saturday
Mostly Sunny 66 Hi / 48 Lo

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Weather for Keetmanshoop, Namibia

ΔΔΔ Teeter-Totter-a-Thon a "great event"

David Chen
Staff Writer

Over this past weekend, the members of the Tri Delta sorority teeter-tottered their way to raising over \$8,300 for the Riley Hospital in Indianapolis, breaking last year's amount by more than \$1,300. The event took place in front of the Wal-Mart Supercenter at S. 3rd St. for 24 hours during Friday and Saturday.

There were 30-40 people from the sorority and Rose-Hulman community on hand to witness the start of this round-the-clock fundraising marathon as Abby Rebhorn, Tri Delta's head of philanthropy, rallied the group with roaring cheers.

Started 10 years ago, Tri Delta started this annual tradition to benefit research toward children's cancer and Riley Hospital. As explained by Rebhorn and Merry Chambers, Secretary of Humanities and Social Sciences Department, Riley was chosen because many local residents were treated there, many already knew about it, and several sorority sisters were treated there as kids. Chambers also serves as the sorority's alumni advisor.

Eversince then, the amount of money raised each year has been increasing steadily and the goal this year was \$12,000. This didn't stop the



David Chen / Rose Thorn

The women of Tri-Delta teeter-totter away in front of Wal-Mart for the tenth annual Teeter-Totter-a-Thon. The event raised over \$8,300 for Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

sisters of Tri Delta from doing all they can to reach it by holding prior small events such as Soccer Dinner and Roller Disco. However, the Teeter-Totter-A-Thon (TTAT) is their biggest event.

Using two teeter-totter, Rebhorn explained that members alternate every hour on the device for 24 hours, rain or shine, day and night. Other sisters were assigned different tasks to perform while on site, such as handing out balloons to children as they leave Wal-Mart, making balloons, and

canvassing (asking for donations with cans) for charity. Though members were not allowed to enter the store to canvass, they could do so for other purposes (bathroom, food, shopping, etc.).

Canvassing at Wal-Mart is only one of many ways the sorority raised funds for Riley. Some other methods include holding the Penny Wars, selling raffle tickets, and canvassing around Rose's academic departments. In addition, hundreds of letters were sent to many benefactors and businesses, includ-

ing local ones, to contribute to this cause. Some eminent sponsors of TTAT were Wal-Mart, Eli Lilly, The Element Outfitter, Rose-Hulman, and Jack W. Sanders Repair.

As for the Penny Wars battle, the winner was ATΩ with \$5.30 per active member, followed by ΛXA (\$4.60 per active), and then ΔΣΦ (\$4.04 per active).

As Rebhorn commented, "We had no problem with the weather...it didn't rain on us at all. Overall it was a great event!"

Eighty-year-old sundial stolen

Ryan Schultz
News Editor

The sundial in front of Logan Library, a landmark in the Root Quadrangle, was stolen. The base with its two distinctive intertwined elephants now sits exposed. The only evidence that anything used to be on top are shattered pieces of concrete.

According to Matthew McNichols, Art Curator, Rose-Hulman acquired the sundial a long time ago. "The classes of 1920, 1921, 1922, and 1923, being the first classes to graduate on the new campus, held a fund drive to purchase the

sundial as a memorial - and to help those without watches get to class on time. Architect Van Pelt was asked to draw up the design for the piece and the sculptor Anna Vaughn Hyatt from New York was commissioned to create it for \$450. The students each paid about \$2.30."

He continued by saying, "It was originally placed in front of Moench and had a walkway with seating around it. Later in 1963 it was moved to near where the tennis courts used to be on the front lawn. In 1987 it was found overgrown by vines, in disrepair, and was removed for

conservation and in 1988 placed in front of the library. Later it was restored further and rededicated in 1993."

As to whether or not the sundial has been sent in for repairs, the answer is no. The sundial is missing because it was stolen. Pete Gustafson, Dean of Students and Vice-President for Student Affairs, said in an all students email, "this is a very valuable item (several thousand dollars) and an important part of our campus. If anyone knows where the sundial might be, please let me know. If you have the sundial, return it anonymously."



Ken Meyer / Rose Thorn

While the sundial is nowhere to be found, the decapitated base stands alone in the Root Quadrangle.

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2-bedroom apartment

2 bedroom available in May. Features lots of windows, kitchen, bath. We pay heat. Call Sharp Flats for details 812-877-1146.

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Rose-doku

Jim Sedoff
Staff Writer

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Solve the puzzle by filling in the blanks but be careful to not repeat the symbols (S, p, x, y, z, +, -, = and /) vertically, horizontally or within the bold 3x3 sub-grid squares.

Next week's issue of the Rose Thorn will be the last of the academic year. Stay tuned for end of the year news, opinions, and humor.

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Inside the SA process

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Staff Writer

This past week, sophomore advisors (SAs) were selected for the 2006-2007 school year. Since a majority of students will never be an SA, the *Rose Thorn* took an inside look at the characteristics of an SA.

The SA program in place at Rose-Hulman is unusual. It has evolved from an on-floor tutoring service for freshmen into a peer mentoring and support program.

In the beginning, it was thought that incoming students needed homework help and sophomores were the best candidates to give that help. They had just finished the same courses freshmen were starting

and were willing to offer help. In the beginning, their only compensation was a small refrigerator for the SAs to share and a t-shirt. However, students still signed up to have a chance at the opportunity.

According to Tom Miller, Associate Dean of Students, a potential SA has to have a strong sense of commitment to Rose-Hulman, a desire to help others, act as a good role model and have a high level of enthusiasm for the job.

Other factors included are majors, interests, involvement on campus and academic performance. Of course, the compensation has increased from the days of t-shirts and refrigerators. Now SAs are paid seven hours per week which comes

to \$1400 dollars for the year.

With the expansion of the library and the Learning Center, there was a shift in the duties of an SA. Now they help get students acquainted with Rose-Hulman and help develop the "like home" atmosphere that Rose-Hulman is known for.

In addition, they help plan floor events and get students involved in Rose-Hulman life. They also tend to develop deeper relationships with freshmen than the Resident Advisor (RA).

"They don't have authority which makes them more approachable," says junior applied biology major Bridget Mayer, who is an RA on Mees 4. Because of this, SAs also fill a role as mentor and counselor to freshmen on their floors.

Who's who and where they are

Blumberg

4th Floor - Katie Wolber
- Tess Fuller

BSB

1st Floor - Bryan Ruiz
- Tim Sliwinski
2nd Floor - Ben Decker
- Ryan Mendonca
3rd Floor - Erinn Sheridan
- Natalie Dickman

Mees

2nd Floor - Justin Fuller
- Mitchell Wice
4th Floor - Sarah Messmer
- Kristen Parrish

Scharpenberg

3rd Floor - David Calarco
- Matt Colchin
4th Floor - Brad King
- Keldon Reller

Deming

Basement - Tom Campie
- Beau Inskeep
1st Floor - Marcus Zink
- Matt Melton
2nd Floor - Daniel Wismer
- Caleb Allen
Attic - William Cheek
- Jojay Lee

Speed

1st Floor - Adler Edward
- Alex Hanson
2nd Floor - Chris Leibs
- Adam Shiemke
3rd Floor - Josh Cartwright
- Mark Intihar

Inside the minds of newbie SAs

Chris Casillas
Staff Writer

...straight from their mouths to your head!

The interview process was not that bad. The fact that a group of people were sitting around asking you questions and they were your peers made the interview less stressful for me.
-Natalie Dickman, BE

[Being an SA] was something that I have wanted to do from about the first month of being here, so it was very rewarding when I found out that I had been chosen for the position.
-Mark Intihar, EE

I am looking forward to meeting so many new people and being one of their first ideas as to what Rose-Hulman is really all about.

I was very excited to get the congratulatory letter - my whole mood on Friday definitely was centered on that event, both the nervousness and excitement leading up to it and the happiness and relief and excitement afterwards that lasted through the whole weekend.
-Kristen Parrish, EE/OE

I am a very patient person so I can deal with most any type of personality and I can easily relate to most people.
-Beau Inskeep, BE

I am really looking forward to that first week of orientation when I will get to first meet and have a lot of fun with all the freshman on my floor
-Tim Sliwinski, EE

Sarah Messmer, ChemE

BSB floods...again

Ryan Schultz
News Editor

In what may be the start of a new tradition at Rose-Hulman, BSB 2 flooded again Tuesday night. This time, the culprit was a 1 oz. inflatable basketball that managed to knock off one of the sprinkler heads to the fire prevention system.

According to Christopher Valenta, EE/OE and SA on BSB 2, the damage this time was not as significant as after the first flood of the year. "It took roughly an hour from the time the sprinkler head broke to having all the water cleaned up." Erik Hayes, Director of Residence Life, was called almost immediately after the sprinkler head broke.

"Hayes got a phone call saying that BSB was flooding again. On his way over, he got a bucket of water dumped on him — we were throwing water outside to get it off the floor — so he thought it was a joke initially," said Valenta. As to the clean-up itself, "We had practice from earlier

this year, so we knew what to do."

The damage was also less severe this time around: "Only one room actually had water get past the doorway, but even then, the damage was insignificant," said Valenta.

Robert Warden, an ME major who lives in the damaged room, explains that while he was not in the room for the incident, he did manage to hear about it. "I was out of BSB and over at ATO. When I heard what had happened, I started to laugh until the phrase 'across from your room' came out."

As to the damage done to his room, William Foraker, a freshman mechanical engineering major and Warden's roommate said, "Room's fine, no damage. Everyone knew what to do from the first time, and that helped damage control greatly."

The flood was met with some ironic humor by one of the BSB 2 residents; according to Valenta, "Right as the sprinkler head broke, Ryan Roberts, whose room was hardest hit by the first flood, took a 'No Swimming' buoy bought by his dad as a practical joke and threw it into the water in the hall way."



www.gambroct.com/ Images/redbloodcells.jpg

Jessica Rogers / *Rose Thorn*

Erika Haskins (right), a chemical engineering major and SA on Mees 4, prepares for her somersaults in the ARA on Thursday. She wore that outfit all day and performed 12 somersaults in celebration of her floor's seven participants in the Blood Drive (five of which were for Erik Hayes' participation).



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Sandwich Shop Showdown

Quizno's disappoints Steamboat will float your boat

Jim Sedoff
Staff Writer

My 20-minute leisurely bike ride to Quizno's last Saturday led me to a moderately good meal. However, at almost seven dollars after my Rose discount, my regular 8-inch prime rib was an expensive meal, especially since a 12-inch roast beef sandwich at the Subway on campus only costs six dollars.

While the sub was good, the so-called prime rib reminded me more of my home grocery store's roast beef than "slowly roasted prime rib." Not that it wasn't good roast beef.

Another one of my concerns was the lack of choices. I'm a Subway man myself, and I've clearly gotten used to having at least five different breads to choose from, along with whatever vegetables, spices and sauces I may want. At Quizno's, I had the choice of white or wheat, and the sandwich was topped with just mozzarella cheese, sautéed onions, and mild peppercorn sauce.

I was further disappointed when I found that I could barely taste the mozzarella due to the overpowering mild peppercorn

sauce and that my sautéed onions were as cooked as some dishes students might find on campus. And the peppercorn sauce, though thicker than Subway's honey mustard, somehow created a pool of liquid on my sandwich wrapper.

While I was waiting for my sandwich to be toasted, I grabbed a take-out menu and was surprised to find that there are other breads beyond white and wheat, but for some unlisted price. With further research online, I found that you can have toppings on your sub, but as I experienced on Saturday, you need to explicitly ask for them, unlike at Subway, where they ask you the second the meat touches the bread.

I did enjoy the atmosphere of the restaurant. Much like most Subways, this Quizno's was very clean, decorated with paintings on the wall and had a nice abstract tile floor. The cashiers were very nice and willing to answer some of my questions.

Although plenty of people seem to really enjoy Quizno's, I prefer the price, convenience, and options of the on-campus Subway.

Fred Webber
Staff Writer

If you're looking for a relaxed place to grab a simple, big sandwich made with high-quality ingredients, then Steamboat is the place to go. Sandwiches are made on bread loaf slices or large rolls, then piled high with tasty meats, cheeses and veggies. If you want your sandwich heated, they can put it in an oven for several minutes so it is warm, but not crispy.

All of this comes at a very palatable price: half of a turkey sandwich, which is about the size of your everyday hamburger and bun, costs only \$3.99. And their special, the steamboat, costs only \$3.99 for half a sandwich as well. This baby is loaded with smoked ham, genoa salami, pork roast, swiss cheese and lettuce. It is topped of with mayo, mustard, and their exciter sauce. It's also the personal favorite of Professor of Computer Science Michael Wollowski.

While you're enjoying your steamboat or other entrée, take some time to look around the place. It has a clean dining room decorated with – what else? – steam boats, along with the occasional surprise nutcracker. Or, if you choose, sit outside under the umbrellas at their picnic tables.

The staff is very personable; I went back on a different day



Fred Webber / Rose Thorn

Steamboat has friendly staff and a good atmosphere inside and out.

and they remembered not only me but exactly what I ordered. If lip-smacking sandwiches and a friendly staff are what float your boat, Steamboat is a great place to grab a bite to eat!

Jimmy John's lacks variety

Christina Davis
Photographer

Jimmy John's sub sandwiches are fairly tasty at a reasonable price. The subs are strictly cold cuts, and there are not as many options as at Subway. However, they do have Subway beat when it comes to the amount of meat that they put on a sub.

Jimmy John's subs can be divided into three categories: plain slims (\$2.79), 8" sub sandwiches (\$3.79), and giant club sandwiches (\$4.79). Plain slims are any sub minus the veggies and sauce (i.e. turkey breast and ham and cheese). Giant club sandwiches have twice the meat and cheese of an 8" sub sandwich.

I ordered a #2 Big John off the 8" sub sandwich list. The roast beef was plentiful while the toppings (mayo, lettuce, tomato) added much flavor. However, it cost me \$0.75 for extra cheese.

My friend also chose to order off the 8" list and purchased a #5 Vito. The Vito, a sub with genoa salami, provolone, capicola, veggies and Italian sauce, was very appetizing. After sampling his sandwich, I preferred it to my own.

The house special (\$6.89), dubbed the J.J. Gargantuan, appeared to be an amazingly large sub. Described from the menu, the sub contain tons of genoa salami, sliced smoked ham, capicola, roast beef, turkey, and provolone smothered with onions, mayo, lettuce, tomato, and Italian dressing stuffed into their homemade French bread.

While Jimmy John's was appetizing, I would not describe it as mouth-watering. The serving sizes were ample, however, by limiting themselves to only cold cuts Jimmy John's does not offer as wide a range of subs as do other restaurants.

Market Bella Rossa serves great vegetarian fare

Alex Clerc
News Editor Emeritus

Smoked mozzarella, eggplant, lettuce, bean sprouts, roasted garlic grape-seed oil... if your mouth is starting to water, it's time to check out Market Bella Rossa.

The first time I went to Market Bella Rossa, a charming little sandwich place on 669 Wabash, I thought I was in Bloomington. The décor and uniqueness of their menu wasn't something I'd experienced in Terre Haute before.

Half the sandwiches on the menu are vegetarian, usually substituting eggplant or some kind of Italian cheese for meat and including bean sprouts, lettuce, tomato, and usually some kind of olive oil.

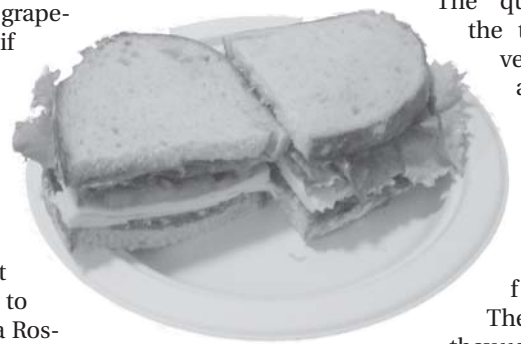
The sandwich sizes are pretty

generous – half of a turkey sandwich goes for \$2.99 and is plenty for lunch. My favorite sandwich is the #3 with smoked turkey and marinated sun-dried tomatoes.

The quality of the turkey is very good and the sun-dried tomatoes add a lot of flavor.

The bread they use there is also awesome. They call it "farm bread" and I haven't had better bread on a sandwich since I was in Europe.

I was also surprised how good a sandwich with no meat on it can be. With large amounts of vegetables, a thick slice of cheese or hummus, and some kind of seed or olive oil, the meatless sandwich options at Market Bella Rossa are awesome. If I could eat at Market Bella Rossa every day, I could even be a vegetarian.



If you open it, they will come...



Logan Library will be open 24 hours during
10th week, Sunday, May 14 through
Friday at 5:00 PM

Be part of the experiment!

Split decision on *United 93*

Bill Waite
Entertainment Editor

If you see *United 93*, I recommend showing up about 30 minutes late. The first half hour is devoted to the calm before the storm, with passengers making small talk over a spooky soundtrack. Writer/director Paul Greengrass was presumably trying to set a mood, but unless he was going for boredom, it didn't work. The pacing of *United 93* would ruin most movies, but the subject matter is enough to draw viewers in. Though it won't become a classic September 11 film, *United 93* is still worth seeing.

Of the four planes hijacked on September 11, United Airlines Flight 93 was the only one not to reach its target, and *United 93* is billed as a movie about the passengers on that flight. However, the film spends as much time focusing on people outside the plane as it spends on the people inside the plane. While passengers wonder if they'll get out alive, air traffic controllers and military commanders try to find out what's happening on the planes, and they all have to react quickly to an unknown situation. *United 93* is all about uncertainty, and the people outside of the plane are just as confused as the people inside.

In fact, the best scenes in *United 93* were the air traffic control scenes. Air traffic controllers stayed calm under pressure, but still couldn't do anything to help. One controller repeatedly tried to contact the pilot as the first plane flew low over Manhattan and dis-



United 93 hit theaters on April 28, and is the first September 11 movie to be released.

appeared from his radar. These scenes reminded me how I felt on September 11; not panicked or distraught, just shocked.

Great acting made the air traffic control scenes even better. Amazingly, the best performance of *United 93* came from FAA National Operations Manager Ben Sliney, who played himself. The best scene of the movie was when the second plane crashed into the World Trade Center while Sliney watched on CNN (and air traffic controllers at JFK watched out the window).

It was strange, though, that the most powerful scene of the film involved a bunch of characters reacting to old news footage. Clearly, Greengrass made

a concerted effort to remain understated and not to add any contrived drama to the story. He took a very safe approach to a potentially explosive topic, which is unusual in an age where controversy consistently pays off at the box office.

It was also strange that, in a movie called *United 93*, the weakest scenes all took place on Flight 93. Greengrass seemed to cast all his best actors as air traffic controllers and all his worst actors as passengers and flight attendants. This was especially noticeable in the first half hour; it's pretty embarrassing when a character says,

"I have two kids," and you don't believe her.

United 93 is the first September 11 movie to come out in theaters, and that's probably because it's so understated. *United 93* is as inoffensive as a September 11 movie could be, and will prepare audiences for harder-hitting dramas. It's probably a smart move by film companies, and *United 93* certainly fills a niche as the first 9/11 movie, but it won't go down as the best. Still, *United 93* is effective enough to bring back some old memories, so it's worth watching if you're in the mood for it.

Entertainment News

David Chen
Staff Writer

Nintendo Revolution renamed "Wii"

Last weekend, Nintendo surprised the video game world by officially calling its new system Wii. The system is slated for release this holiday season. Nintendo gave several reasons for the unconventional title. Wii means "good" in Japanese, and is also easy to remember for most people in the world.

M:i:III bomb scare

To promote its latest film *Mission: Impossible III*, Paramount Pictures rigged some news racks in Los Angeles with electronic devices to play the film's familiar theme song whenever they're opened. However, several buyers mistook one of the devices for a bomb after seeing wires sticking out from it, and the L.A. county bomb squad was called to detonate the device.

Texas state senator wants taxes on video games

To raise money for new schools and improvements to poorer districts, Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, has proposed a 5% state tax on video games that would generate \$65 million every two years. This news came about one month after the Senate debated about the effect of video game violence and its status as free speech.

Dr. Who let the dogs out

Lissa Avery
Editor-in-Chief

"What is your name?!"
"Just the Doctor."

Dr. Who is back, ladies and gentlemen. Now, I've never seen the old *Dr. Who* episodes — sci fi television wasn't really family entertainment in my household. In fact, I hadn't really even heard of *Dr. Who* until the 2005 series came out.

Since hearing about the concept of the show, however, I haven't missed an episode. I am dazzled by the Doctor. He's a charming Brit with a dash of alien enigma.

For those not in the know about the oddly-named series, *Doctor Who* is a 28-year-long set of British television series that are broadcast on BBC1. Each series features the Doctor, a middle-aged man who travels through time and space, exploring the universe. He is the last of a race of people called the Time Lords. The Doctor featured in the 2005 series currently airing in the United States is the ninth doctor.

Believe it or not, the fact that there have been nine doctors is very well explained.

No, I wouldn't have believed it, either.

The Doctor travels with a companion, who in this series is Rose, a normal human woman of 19 years old. Of course, she gets into all sorts of trouble and blunders in parts, but the Doctor and Rose have a camaraderie and friendship that is one of the best I've seen in an opposite-gendered platonic television pairing. There's fun and

laughter without the silly sexual tension that it seems most shows feel a need to have.

Maybe I just need to watch more British television.

This show is really just fun. There's some of everything classic sci-fi should probably have: good props, bad special effects, camaraderie and jokes, annoying techno-ed voices, absurd plots, and heart-rending story lines.

One of the things I strongly dislike about the show, though, is the role of Rose's Earth family. If I had a boyfriend and a mother like hers, I might run away with the first time-travelin' man who approached me, too. They're painfully naggy and seem — at least as far as the series has gone so far — to be the elements trying to drag her back to normality. Then again, well, a mother who believes her child may be in danger knows no limits.

Another flaw: the Doctor takes hard moral stances where others may waffle; I don't typically care for that sort of hard-lining or his penchant for genocide (in a particular case). I think that if a show is going to tackle morally difficult topics, it shouldn't blow through them. To be fair, *Dr. Who* takes its time in some emotionally-charged episodes, but fails to do so in too many.

Nonetheless, while there have been several moments during the series where I cringed in pain or annoyance at a bad voice or special effect repeated too many times, much of the time I laughed at the sheer awesomeness of the Doctor. He has an inescapable charm and his dynamics with others in the show are fascinating to watch.



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Febreze can't solve this gas problem



Here's
your new
opinion

Aaron Meles
Opinions Editor

Right now, the Senate is kicking around an idea for a bill that will send a \$100 check to everyone who paid their taxes last year to help defray the rising cost of gas. Wow, a hundred dollars. What couldn't you buy with a hundred dollars? Try two tanks of gas! Congress's early attempt at avoiding the electorate's disdain in the upcoming elections in November won't even appease the most easily amused.

Let's look at the numbers. Let's use the gas tank on my truck as an example, which holds 15 gallons. Most cars and especially SUVs hold this much or more, but I know this number, so let's use it anyway. Last March, gas prices were hanging around \$2 per gal-

lon. On May 1, 2006, the national average for a gallon of regular gas was \$2.92.

Now, assuming that I fill up my tank once a month, which is much less frequent than what it probably is and way lower than what the average commuting American does, that means that a year's worth of gas is \$180 more expensive this year than last year! It looks like Congress is coming up short.

Okay, so maybe the Senate's hundred dollars won't cover you very long, but what else could they do with the money that could benefit you more? Well, stick with my math for a little bit longer:

There are 265 million people in the United States. Let's assume the worst and figure that only three-quarters of the U.S. has paid its taxes. If the government kept the \$100 per taxpayer that they want to use for gas relief and instead spent it on alternative energy research or hybrid car tax breaks, that means that \$19.88 billion dollars would be available to spend on more long-term solutions to the country's oil prob-

lems.

Paying everyone some extra money or temporarily removing federal gas taxes might make the recent price increases feel better, but it is not solving the problem. We use way too much gas in the U.S., and unlike many products we use, there is very little we can do to liberate ourselves from it. We can ride our bikes or use public transportation, but eventually all of us have no choice but to buy some gas, and oil companies don't seem to be interested in competing with each other.

Obviously, we need to start moving away from gasoline. Foreign oil companies have helped motivate the change by overplaying their hand and driving prices beyond Americans' tolerance. Widespread use of hybrid cars is the first step: they are already available and are really selling well for Toyota, a company acknowledged for the reliability of its cars.

While the country changes what it drives over to hybrids, more long term research must come into play. Hydrogen fuel cells or biofuels are good bets,

but other good options are being investigated. Once a viable new energy source is found to be economical, the country can finally change over to it and solve the gas problem, rather than just putting it off like what Congress's current plans entail.

American citizens do not need \$100 more to fill up their cars, nor do we need to tick off a bunch of treehuggers and caribou by drilling in Alaska. We need that \$19.88 billion to go towards solving the problem that we have gotten ourselves into.

Ask the staff... about new oil legislation

"These Republicans want to bribe us with a mere \$100 to let the oil companies drill in Alaska while shooting down simple proposals to reinstate federal royalties for drilling on public land. Is there anybody who still believes that this is about gas prices and not about further increasing oil profits?"

-Ken Meyer, Photo Editor

"Congress is digging a hole in a rushing river. In a year, this won't help at all. They need to look at solar, geothermal, and other types of renewable energy."

-Matt Melton, Staff Writer

"I think a good solution would be to stop offering tax cuts to SUV owners and giving away Hummers to small businesses. The Republican approach of offering small sums of money to people to distract them from the real problem is getting old. Speaking personally, my father works in the oil field of Alaska, making that continued source of income important to my family — but I'd still rather we produce more intelligent, long-lasting solutions and stop drilling for oil altogether as soon as possible."

-Erin Hudson, Cartoonist

Take away the soda and snacks

Lissa Avery
Editor-in-Chief

A recent topic of discussion throughout America has been the removal or reduction of sugary and high-calorie snacks from vending machines in public schools.

I have cautiously grown to like this idea. I've come to realize that with parenting the way it is these days — both parents working to make ends meet, children less supervised and more physically inactive — it may be that in order to fix the problem of poor physical health, the public needs to take action.

I didn't like it initially. I don't like the idea that public schools are being asked to take over more and more of parents' responsibilities in teaching kids life lessons.

I'm of the opinion that that belongs in the home.

But these health problems exist, and up to a certain age, many children may need guidance and help in choosing healthy foods and staying active. If it needs to fall to schools to take care of the children, the reduction or removal of the more unhealthy foods sold in vending machines is a good step.

It won't immediately stop kids from eating poorly when given a variety of choices at lunch, and it definitely won't change what parents buy, but even cutting out a soda and a bag of chips a day can make a significant difference in the amount of calories eaten per day.

The movement towards water and fruit juices instead of soda at the elementary and middle school level

has the potential to do a lot of good for children's health with the largest downside I see being a reduction of choices. While I appreciate that we Americans love our immense number of choices in many things, I think the very young can be okay without them for a little while.

Besides, if parents decide that they want their children to have the stuff, they can always take an active stance and pack it in their lunches for them.

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1000 Words

by Erin Hudson



SRC weights too much to bear

David Chen
Staff Writer

Gabriel Golcher
Guest Writer

Recently, it has been brought to my attention that there is an issue with the weight room at the SRC. For guys, this is not so much an issue, but for gals, this could potentially be a problem. What I am talking is the problem of people leaving those weight plates on weight machines when they're done, especially those 45- and 100-lb ones. Oof.

For some guys, you may think you're a stud, all buffed up with those guns. Once in the weight room, you'll go from one machine to another, ever building your muscle. That's fine, but hold it. Did you put back the weight plates on the machines you just used? You should have, as a consideration and courtesy for others. There is clearly a sign posted in the room, telling all to remove the weight plates when finished using the machine. Yet, this is not always the

case.

A regular SRC and weightroom frequenter, Gabriel observed that ever since he started using the weights, he has estimated that a good number of machines didn't have their plates removed like they should when unoccupied. This goes especially for leg machines since they use mostly 45- and 100-lb plates.

Second, he noticed that in many instances, the student-in-charge, usually male, doesn't enforce the rule by asking lifters to put back the plates. I know there are instances that this cannot be done if there are too many weightlifters in the room, but this could lead to student injuries.

Why is this a problem? One can just easily change the plates for the ones they want to use, right? Wrong. Have you forgotten that this school also has female students?

According to Gabriel, he and his female friend have used the room several times in the past and she needed his help in most cases to change the heavy plates for her be-



Ken Meyer / Rose Thorn
Ming Cheung, senior mechanical engineer, performs a bicep curl.

fore using the machines. Plus over the years, he saw many female students have trouble doing so, and requiring the assistance of others.

Now you may ask what's the problem with a few requests for help by Rose women? Well, they may want to do it themselves and injure themselves in the process all because some guy before them

forgot or thought it was a hassle to remove them for others' safety. Well, I got news for you, buddy, it matters to others' health.

As a solution, it would help a lot if more machines with weight-adjusting pins were available for use since they don't require plate lifting/changing. Currently, the room only has one machine that uses adjusting pins. One! Not all students who come here can handle those plates safely, so it'll go a long way in the future if these types of machines are used.

In conclusion, this issue may only be a small matter, but it's no laughing matter once someone gets injured. For those who take part in the weight room, please do your part for the safety of others. First, for those in charge of the room, please do your best to enforce this rule for the safety of others, especially the female community. Second, hopefully the school can have more machines with pins. Finally and most importantly for us guys, please be extra considerate to the female students and do your part.

Ask the staff... about the SRC

weight room

"Free weights work better than the pin system, so I think they should stay. To solve this problem, I think the attendant on duty should always be able to change the weights for anybody."

-Matt Melton, Staff Writer

"Pin-based machines have a maximum weight, which is often too small for big men. Those who can't lift 100 lbs can always exercise with dumbbells, but those who need large weights couldn't use pin-based machines."

-Bill Waite, Entertainment Editor

"Could we have a good mix? Being new to weightlifting myself (yet wanting to start), I would feel less intimidated by machines with the pin system — but the current system works well for many."

-Erin Hudson, Cartoonist

Friday, May 5, 2006

Sports Briefs

by Mike Ferguson

Williams goes number-one overall in NFL draft

Defensive end Mario Williams was selected by the Houston Texans as first overall pick in the NFL draft on Saturday. Anticipated number-one draft choice, Reggie Bush of USC, was selected second by the New Orleans Saints. Other notable selections were Vince Young by the Tennessee Titans, D'Brickshaw Ferguson by the New York Jets, and Matt Leinart by the Arizona Cardinals.

Earl Woods passes away at 74

Tiger Woods' father, Earl Woods, died on Wednesday after a long battle with prostate cancer. He was diagnosed with cancer in 1998 and was treated with chemotherapy, but the cancer resurfaced in 2004. Tiger said of his father: "[He] was my best friend and greatest role model, and I will miss him deeply." Earl Woods was 74.

Nationals sold for \$450 million

Major League Baseball commissioner Bud Selig announced on Wednesday that the Washington Nationals ballclub has been sold to real estate developer Theodore N. Lerner

Bell suspended one game by NBA

Phoenix Suns' guard Raja Bell was suspended without pay by the NBA for one game after "unnecessary and excessive contact" with Los Angeles Lakers' guard Kobe Bryant in the first round of the Western Conference first-round playoff series.

Softball places fourth in SCAC tournament

Rose Hulman News

The Rose softball team placed fourth in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference softball tournament after defeating Centre 6-5 and falling to Hendrix 5-1 on Saturday.

The Engineers compiled a 2-2 record in the tournament, including a win over Millsaps and a loss to DePauw on Friday.

In the opener against Centre, the Engineers pounded out 12 hits and withstood a late charge by Centre College to earn a 6-5 win.

Five Rose-Hulman players paced the offensive effort with two hits each. Junior Amy Viles had two hits, including a double, with two runs and one RBI. Second-place hitter Ashley Montgomery added a pair of hits with one double and two RBIs.

Other Engineers with two hits

included junior Katie Frey with one run and one RBI; sophomore Erin Locke a double and one run scored; and freshman Margaret Kelly with two singles, one run and one RBI.

In the circle, sophomore Katie Maggard tossed a complete game six-hitter and allowed no earned runs in the effort. Maggard recorded four strikeouts and one walk to improve to 9-7 on the season.

In the nightcap, Hendrix scored three times in the sixth inning to turn a 2-1 decision into a 5-1 victory. Kelly and Maggard paced the seven-hit attack with two singles each.

Maggard tossed her fourth complete game of the tournament in the circle, surrendering 10 hits and three earned runs against Hendrix. Rose-Hulman finished the season with a 13-29 record.



Rose Hulman News
Erin Locke smashes a hit.

Track and field successful at Sports Festival

Rose Hulman News

The track and field teams recorded one league champion, six all-Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference performances and established five school records to earn fifth place finishes at the track and field championships on Friday and Saturday.

The women's fifth-place finish marks the best placement in Rose-Hulman's eight years in the SCAC, while the men tied their best effort with a fifth place.

Sophomore Thomas Reives won the Engineer individual title with a career-best leap of 6' 6" in the high jump. Reives also scored points with an 8th-place finish in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.84 seconds.

Junior Ashley Bernal led the women's squad with two all-conference performances. Bernal placed second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 59.55 seconds, after setting a school record of 59.09 in the preliminaries.

Sophomore Janel Belton earned all-conference honors with a third-place finish in the discus throw with a school record throw of 117' 3". Belton added a seventh in the shot put with a 35' 1 1/4" toss.

On the men's side, senior Tristan Clark earned all-Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference honors with a third-place finish

in the men's pole vault with a leap of 13' 5 1/4". Clark's performance inched out Casey Pilka of Trinity for third place based on fewest number of misses.

Sophomore Matt Repking rounded out the all-conference performances with a personal best time of 9:49.20 in the 3,000-meter steeplechase to capture third-place honors.

The remaining school records



Rose Hulman News
Ashley Bernal was a two-time all-SCAC performer

were earned by sophomore Katy Evert with a fourth-place finish in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:09.29, and senior Alicia Gehlhausen with a preliminary time of 13.10 seconds in the 100-meter dash. Gehlhausen finished seventh overall with a finals time of 13.27.

Remaining point scorers for the women included junior Mandy Hecker with a fourth-place finish in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:58.49; freshman Jessica Haraburda with a fifth in the discus on a toss of 113' 2"; the 4-x-400-meter relay team with a fourth in 4:13.70; and the 4-x-100-meter relay team with a fifth in 52.99 seconds.

The solid men's team effort was highlighted by three narrow all-conference misses that each finished in fourth place. Junior Charles Williams led the way with a 5,000-meter time of 15:40.56; Sophomore Garrett Page added a 400-meter hurdle time of 59.02 seconds, while the 4-x-400-meter relay team came home fourth in 3:27.44.

Other point scorers for the Engineers included freshman Matt Bryant with a sixth place in the 110-high hurdles (16.51), sophomore Bill Guiney with an eighth in the 400-meter dash (51.84), and the 4-x-100-meter relay team with a sixth place in 45.50 seconds.

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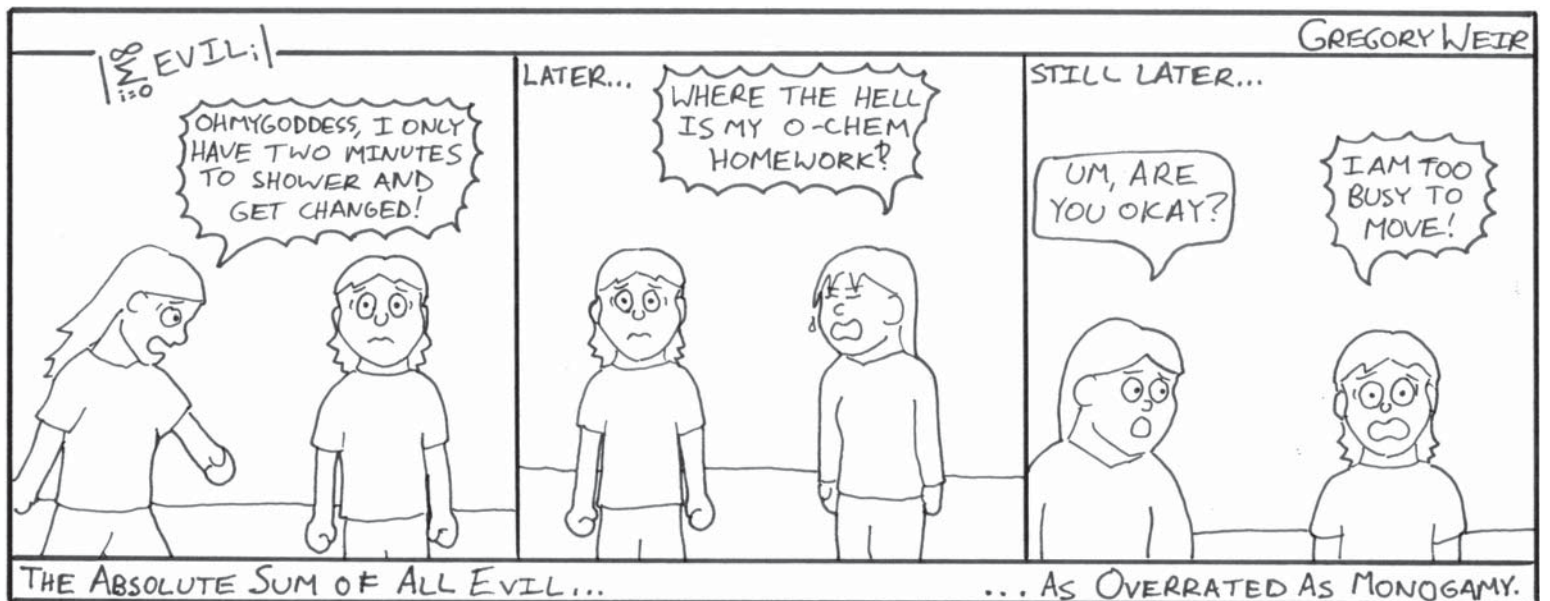
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This Day in History

In 1877, Sitting Bull leads his followers into Canada to hide from the U.S. Army. Almost a hundred years later, young people from all over the country imitate him in celebration of his bravery.

In Addition

Can everyone please reply as soon as possible? I've got to get this thing done by Monday, and you still haven't sent... hey! Stop chewing on that! No. I said, "No," Mister. Don't make me send you to your room.



Top ten signs the end of the year is near

Matthew Melton
Staff Writer

10. Your roommate has a voodoo doll for each one of his professors.
9. You finalize your plans for "fixing" your roommates "broken" Xbox 360 over "the summer."
8. Sleep has become merely a suggestion. Like showering. Or eating. Or breathing.
7. BSB 2 finally forgot about the sprinkler incident. Oops.
6. Febreeze has become a cologne.
5. Your CS friends bought a keg...of Mountain Dew.
4. People get laked as often as girls reject Rose guys (Mission accomplished).
3. You finally decided to off your roommate, but the pepsi he gave you is making you really sleepy...
2. Even Civils are complaining about their workload.
1. You're sick and tired of crap.

Dave's Daring Day

A short story by
Philip Becker
Staff Writer

I stepped out of my house and the cool breeze caught the bottom of my cape and whipped it into the air. So naturally, I paused and put my hands on the sides of my hips and looked nobly towards the sun. I could feel my retinas cooking, but I looked darn good doing it.

They call me "Super Dave." I'm flattered. I don't think there's anything super about me: just your average joe out there trying to do the right thing; just trying to fight the good fight and choose right in the face of wrong. Nothing special about me.

I stepped off of my front porch and headed to the bus stop at the corner. On the way, I stopped and dropped a couple quarters into the little metal newstand and carried my paper with me. As I approached there was a scruffy man at the bus stop. He just stared at me funny. After a few moments of awkward, being-stared-at silence, the man said to me, "Why don't you just fly to work?"

I looked back at him and gave him a smile as I said, "I can't fly; I'm just your average joe. I'm out there just trying to do the right thing; just trying to fight the good fight and choose right in the face of wrong." The man looked at me like I was crazy and then chuckled to himself.

I sat on the bus across from a little boy and his mother. I opened my paper to the features. I smiled to myself as I read *Fam-*

ily Circus. But I could feel I was getting looks again. I can always sense when I'm getting looks. So I lowered my paper slowly. The little boy and his mother were staring at me. "Do you fight terrorists?" the little boy asked.

I'm usually asked if I fight super villains, so I chuckled to myself as I responded. "I don't fight terrorists. The good soldiers of our fine nation's army do that. I'm just your average joe trying to do the right thing; just trying to fight the good fight and choose right in the face of wrong."

The boy's mother looked a little puzzled, grabbed her boy's hand and led him off to the front of the bus. I think their stop was next.

When I arrived, I walked tall as I entered the building with my cape flowing behind me. As I marched in everyone turned to look at me in slow motion. Then Red Switchblade walked up to me in defiance, looked me in the eye, and said, "What are you doing with that cape on in here?"

I looked back into the eyes of my antagonist and said, "I'm just your average joe trying to do the right thing; just trying to fight the good fight and choose right in the face of wrong."

"But I've told you dozens of times not to wear your cape to work. It's unprofessional, if not just plain *weird*."

"Yes sir, Mr. Switchblade. I'll put it away," I said ashamedly.

"Not this time. The higher-ups have had enough. I'm afraid you're going to have to work somewhere else. Just go home, Dave."

President objects to sign language anthem

Aaron Meles
Opinions Editor

President Bush expressed his outrage to a recently released album in which "The Star Spangled Banner" was translated into American Sign Language. "I think the national anthem should be sung in English, and all American citizens should learn to speak English," said the President, "And sign language is definitely not English. I can't understand it."

The album, entitled "Do What I Sign, Not What I Do" was released several weeks ago. In a recent interview, its creators stated that "The album is meant to unify sign language-speaking immigrants across the United States and to show the nation the importance of them in the U.S. economy."

"Do What I Sign" comes out in wake of the several nationwide rallies in support of legislation currently facing Congress addressing sign language-speaking immigration reform, parts of which includes building a system of loud alarm sirens and verbal warnings along the U.S. border

to scare off the immigrants.

In his speech at a press conference yesterday on the matter, President Bush said, "The national anthem in sign language? Have you heard this thing? It's just a bunch of instruments playing. You can't hear any voices at all. If you aren't going to sing the 'Star Spangled Banner' in English, it's better if you don't sing it at all."

The President's opponents have taken the other side of the argument. "Have you read the interpreted lyrics to the sign language version? They're brilliant," stated Senator John Kerry. "I haven't heard protest music this passionate and stingingly powerful since I heard that hippie street band the day I threw my Purple Hearts over the White House fence."

The President's comments have not deterred the grassroots immigrant movement, however. The planners of the national organization "Hear Us Roar" have set May 9th as a National Day of Silence in recognition of the plight of sign language-speaking immigrants all over the country.

The goose that got away

Alex Clerc
Award-Winning Journalist

Poor Speed Lake geese. All the other geese have goslings but them. Their inability to hatch eggs of their own has put a lot of strain on their relationship. So they went to a relationship counselor, who suggested that they try seeing other people.

So I was chatting with Glenda (the girl goose) the other day. Just small talk about the weather, eating bugs, and crapping on the sidewalk. When she asked if I knew any single guys I could hook her up with. I was hesitant, but I owed her one after she pooped on my professor's car.

Next thing I know, I've set my roommate up on a blind date with a goose, and what an enchanted evening that was. Friday night rolled around; my roommate had thought of everything: flowers, dinner, a movie. At eight o'clock sharp, there was a tap at the door.

He straightened his tie, opened the door, and said, "What the crap?" astonished at the sight of Glenda the goose.

"Hissssss," said Glenda, sounding even more like a snake-headed child of Satan than is usual for a Canadian goose.

My roommate hesitated to proceed with the date, but he owed me one after I pooped on his professor's car. "Have fun, you two!" I said as I shoved him out the door and got back to my Neil Diamond albums.

My roommate tried to be a gentleman about it, but it can be really tough to please a goose. A goose, for example, would much rather flap its wings, hiss like a feathery cobra, and peck at your groin than sit quietly in a movie theatre or thank you for holding a door open.

So that's why we need to go along with Republican immigrant proposals and get these Canadian geese back across the border. Happy Loyalty Day, everybody.

Wacky Prof Quotes

"GUIs? Hell no!"
-- Prof. Wollowski, *hatin' on the graphics*

"We're all little CO2 factories, so if you're upset about that, please, stop breathing."
-- Prof. Thomas, *on gassy academics*

"They have these little vibrator things for those. Cheap thrill."
-- Prof. Thomas, *on cell phones*

"I don't believe it either! It's bullshit! All I'm asking you to know is where this bullshit is coming from."
-- Prof. Brophy, *on bullshit*

"If anyone has any questions about anything other than sexual intercourse, I'll be in my office."
-- Prof. Mutchler, *who knows his sexual intercourse*

"I didn't even notice that mistake; I was too busy looking at the naked guy."
-- Prof. Buchmann, *on nudity*

"You know the problem with sex-ed in high school? You know what you don't do in sex-ed? Have sex."
-- Prof. Sherman, *on hands-on education*

"I'm sure they're very nice people, it's just that they sometimes kill people that they shouldn't kill."
-- Prof. Wollowski, *on the mafia*

"In this array, what positions used to be occupied that are now free?"
-- Prof. Boutell, *edumacating about CS*

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Join us next week for the final issue of the Thorn this year! It'll be a doozy, and we'll have a little something special for everyone. See you then, cowgirls and spacemen!