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A different, darker game.
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Track and field rakes in 16 all-HCAC awards.
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Bands battle for diabetes at 'Rock out for Ryland'

All eyes were on six-year-old Ryland Hayes at the second-annual Rock Out for Ryland student concert in the Kahn Room last Saturday, where 15 student-led bands competed against each other to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The event was created last year in honor of Associate Dean of Student Affairs Erik Hayes's son, who was diagnosed with diabetes in February of 2011.

The concert, themed after the Star Wars holiday "May the Fourth be With You" by Ryland himself, also featured prizes collected from Terre Haute business for band and raffle winners. Ryland even appeared on stage to talk about his condition.

"We have some of the most talented students here at Rose-Hulman," Erik Hayes, who also MC'ed, said. "But the talent that all of these people have, it's just amazing to me. It's so fun to watch these students and showcase something outside of the classroom."

The idea for Rock Out for Ryland came about last year from Nadini Hettigei, Resident Assistant at Apartments East 3, and Julie Byrd, who also has diabetes. Hettigei often baby-sits for the Hayes, who are like "a second family" to her. After the idea for a charity event for Ryland, they started working months beforehand with a committee organized for the concert and decided to do it again this year.

"Seeing Ryland so excited about this one day that he really gets to be a star for having diabetes is worth all the effort we put in," Hettigei said.

Erik Hayes said how grateful he was, not only for the students who took the time to plan this event for Ryland, but also for the people at Rose-Hulman that are "genuinely concerned for the welfare of our kids."

"It means a ton," Hayes said. "It's really tough to de-

scribethatinwords,howmuchitmeanstoourfamily."

Hayes said that donations from Rock Out have reached about \$1800, but T-shirts are still available for sale in the Student Affairs Office until supplies last. Arda Tugay, a Resident Assistant at Blumberg Hall, promised to shave his head if donations surpassed a total of \$2000.

In addition to Hettigei and Byrd, Hayes also pointed out that Dan D'Avello, Kevin Dorn, Arda Tugay, Nick Aellen, Sarah Hensley, Paige Cook, Dan Dugmore, Bradlee Beauchamp, Eric Guilford, Kevin Dwyer, and Emily Eckstein were all party of the organizational committee that made this concert possible.

And the winner is...

After placing second at last year's concert, the band Illuminati, consisting of Jacob Winsett, Bradlee Beauchamp, Kevin Dorn, Jack Petry, and new member Padrick Mulligan returned to win as the "Overall Winner" and earned the chance to play at this year's Lodge-a-Palooza. Winsett, Dorn, and Mulligan also played for Equinox, which won "Top Rock Band." Although Illuminati was formed primarily for Rock Out For Ryland, Equinox has played at several venues, including at the 4th Quarter Bar. According to Mulligan, being able to perform in two bands at the event allowed them "to have separate styles in two distinct sets" with songs like "Man in the Box," where Winsett dressed up with a cloak and skull face paint, and "Sweet Home Alabama."

"When we won I was pretty happy because we'll probably be losing our singer after this year, since he is transferring," Beauchamp said. "It was nice sharing that moment with the band."



Jacob Winsett of Illuminati singing "Welcome to the Jungle"
contributed by Daniel Jenne

QUESTION AND ANSWER WITH PRESIDENT CONWELL

Claire Stark
staff writer

President James Conwell, who has just over a week under his belt, is already starting to feel that Rose is home. Coming to campus at 5:30 a.m. and taking walks around campus everyday, he is trying to gauge where the school is at and how it can be improved. One of the Rose Thorn staff members sat down to have a chat with Dr. Conwell along with Mary Barr, Vice President of Communications & Marketing.

Rose Thorn: So what do you think of Rose so far?

James Conwell: It's an incred-

ible place. I have been here three times before during the interview process and it's just an amazing, cool place. I wish I knew about it sooner, it's a true hidden gem.

RT: Why do you think the school is so hidden?

JC: Well, I am one of six kids and on vacation my father would turn every trip into a college visit. It drove my mother nuts, but when I called him and said I got the job, he said "Never heard of it!" This is something I really want to change.

RT: Do you plan on changing lots of things?

JC: Ninety percent I want to keep,

such as most of the curriculum. The school turns out excellent engineers. Really, I need to continue with the strategic plan from the "Great Debate," help students adjust to a much more global world and make the school for affordable with more scholarships.

RT: What do you think about expanding resources for students to do Venture work?

JC: Students need to gain the skills in college know finances and how a company works. Two of the members of the board purely do venture investment currently. If a student has an idea they wish to pursue, Rose should teach them the skill to go for-

ward with that wish after graduation

RT: This year there is a lot of concern with the size of the student body, thoughts?

JC: Let's look at both sides of the argument. America needs to stay competitive with the world; with that rose should in role 50,000 students tomorrow. The other side is how can the culture of this place, one of its strongest points, continue to exist with that kind of growth? A yearlong study has been conducted and the results will be presented at the next board meeting in a couple of weeks. This will decide the decision on size.

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events

'Magic The Gathering' Tournament & Board Game Night

Battle your friends in an all out fight for charity. This Friday night Percopo 3 has organized a board game night.

Olin 257/259, May 10, 6:00 p.m.



NSBE Chill & Grill

Event to show NSBE's appreciation to the campus community.

Deming Park, May 11, 2:00 p.m.

Spring Strings Concert

A free and open strings concert. Featuring pieces by Bach, Wagner, and more.

White Chapel, May 12, 7:00 p.m.

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Tri Delta teeter-totters for St. Jude’s

Miriam Remmers
staff writer

The ladies of Rose-Hulman’s Delta Delta Delta chapter hosted their annual Teeter Totter A Thon last Friday, May 3 to raise money for St. Jude Children’s Hospital, which provides crucial care to children suffering from cancer and other life threatening diseases through both treatment and research into cures. Most importantly, the families whose children are treated at St. Jude are not required to pay for the medical care they receive, enabling them to give their children the highest quality care possible. Tri Delta has worked with St. Jude since 1999, when the sorority officially adopted the Memphis, Tennessee hospital as their philanthropy partner.

As a part of their philanthropy efforts, the Gamma Pi chapter of Tri Delta once again set up teeter totters in the Kroger parking lot on Highway 41 and began to raise money. Prior to the event, fraternities

at Rose-Hulman and many others sources from within the community gave donations to the cause, giving the girls a running start to reaching their financial goal. Teeter Totter A Thon was kicked off at 6 pm Friday night, as Tri Delta clapped and sang, garnering enthusiasm for the day-long event. During the 24 hours that the event lasts, girls took shifts on the teeter totters to ensure that they are never still, while others asked members of the community for donations on their way in or out of the grocery store. Many residents were willing to open their wallets for the children of St. Jude, and donation buckets continued to fill. Children and adults alike enjoyed the candy that the girls handed out to those who passed by, and one small boy was heard happily celebrating that the lollipops were “the big kind.”

The day was not without its challenges, for although Friday evening started out clear and sunny, a downpour soon began as night fell and contin-

ued throughout the remaining stretch, forcing participants to stay under the tent to stay dry. Some girls even came prepared with rain ponchos to wear, having anticipated the storm. Regardless of the rain, energy remained high, and the effort for St. Jude continued, pushing onward through the

dark and rainy hours of the very early morning until fresh volunteers showed up, ready for their own four-hour shifts. Teeter Totter A Thon came to a close at 6 pm on Saturday afternoon, as the final volunteers finished up their turns on the teeter totters and at the doors collecting donations.

The event was a resounding success, and between the generous contributions from within the school, the community and the money collected at the Kroger door, Tri Delta was able to raise a grand total of over \$2000 for St. Jude.



Tri Delta sisters at the ir Teeter Totter A Thon at Kroger last Saturday
Contributed by Sarah Hensley

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RT: How do you plan on making students feel that they have a say?
JC: I am trying to stay connected with the student body. I have met with various student groups such as SGA, IFC, and ROTC. I enjoy having lunch with students. Great ideas come from everywhere and students are a great asset. Plus

they use everything just about every day.
RT: How do you plan on being approachable?
JC: Am I being approachable right now? Today I have five meetings keeping me inside, but I spend a lot of time just walking and talking to people. Just come up and talk to me. I love to hear what you have to say.
RT: Is there any one thing

that you want to say to the entire student body, or to phase it another way, any last words?
JC: Well, how about two things. You will see me around campus, just come up and talk to me, even if its hello. Secondly please tell me if you have an idea and we can talk about it!

NEWS BRIEFS


Miriam Remmers • staff writer

Kidnapping Victims Rescued in Cleveland

Three women held captive in their kidnappers’ home on the West Side of Cleveland for nearly a decade were rescued after one of the victims, Amanda Berry, managed to attract the attention of neighbor Charles Ramsey, who promptly called 911. Berry, who was 17 when she was kidnapped in 2003 along with 14-year-old Gina DeJesus and 20 year-old Michelle Knight, suffered countless rapes during a harrowing nine years spent as a prisoner of three brothers. Ariel, Pedro and Onil Castro routinely forced themselves upon the women, tying them up and beating them if they were not compliant. Neighbors stated that they had seen strange occurrences, such as a woman frantically banging on an upper window, and sometimes late-night deliveries of groceries to the boarded up house. Although the police were notified of some of these events and had even been on the property in past years on their quest for the three women, they had never been able to discover the location of the women. The women have since been reunited with their families, who have searched for them for years, unsure if they were alive or dead.

Government Blames Cyber-attacks on China

In the Pentagon’s annual report to Congress Monday, the Obama Administration accused the Chinese military of attempting to hack into the U.S. government’s computer systems, marking the first time that the administration has directly named both the Chinese Government and the People’s Liberation Army as possible culprits of cyber-attacks. Officials consider the attacks as possible attempts to gain information on U.S. strategy and military capabilities. The report is primarily concerned with the theft of industrial technology, which appeared to be the main reason behind the hacking. The China has expressed disappointment that the U.S. would level such accusations against them, saying that such speculations without proof can only serve to harm relations between the nations. The U.S. is also spending billions on cyberdefense and cyberweapons every year, leading others to complain that America is holding China to a double standard. This is particularly relevant when the issue of the United States’ cyber-attacks on Iranian nuclear is brought up. These attacks, which took place early on in President Obama’s administration, although they were run by intelligence agencies, utilized much of the same technology as a military program.



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A Severely Overpraised Movie

Kevin Weaver
entertainment emeritus

“Iron Man” is a movie series that has frequently been hailed as not only the beginning of the Marvel Movie Franchise, but of the “modernized” comic book heroes who all mostly had their origins in the 40’s. The first movie, “Iron Man,” was correctly hailed as a great comic book movie, adapting the character’s origins to a more modern interpretation, complete with the desire to change the world and himself, sacrificing much in order to do so.

“Iron Man,” the first one, is also remembered as the last good “Iron Man” movie, at least by me.

“Iron Man 3” is a film that retreads already beaten, worn, and basically abused paths of both movie, comic book, and even a few game story arcs. It begins with Tony Stark haunted by his dreams because of the invasion of New York City. You remember it as the climax of “The Avengers,” a scene you probably celebrate. Stark does not agree. Paranoid because of the experience, he builds several Iron Man suits

out of boredom and a little preparation. You already know where this is going.

Cue several terrorist attacks from the Mandarin, a villain who actually looks like his comic book counterpart, for once. Tony, the loveable selfless guy he is, doesn’t give it a passing nod until one of his personal guards is injured. Then it becomes personal.

I can’t even continue along this plot without already stating what you either already know or can simply speculate. The whole “knocked down to get back up” story line has been done so much and repurposed so often that I nearly fell asleep in a few parts. I would have, too, if the explosions didn’t keep rocking me out of my seat.

Ah yes, explosions: the sure fire sign that a movie is a serious A-List contender. Make the most obscene and unbelievable set up for an explosion, complete with some final showdown occurring just before or after it, and you’re sure to guarantee more than a few hungry movie watchers who secretly dream of dropping bombs from airplanes. It’s easy to admit that the action is the star of the movie,

because the plot sure isn’t, and I don’t even want to kid about the characters. One out of ten is interesting. That’s all and it isn’t nearly enough.

to crack. Once he successfully delivers said message, he is granted +1 plot armor, making him immune to damage for the next ten minutes. This

two “Iron Man” movies, I’d realize they weren’t targeting the same crowd of people as the villains. Good thing the plot twist fixed that one.



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“Iron Man” was a great movie because it had some great comedy that stopped on a dime once a bomb went off and everyone started getting into the mood of a battlefield. No jokes were cracked, no plot armor was forged, battles were deadly, fierce and real. Queue “Iron Man 2” and you see the action stop on a dime now because someone has some great joke they want

doesn’t change in Iron Man 3. That’s a hint.

A lot of people are talking about the twist being very original and clever. I won’t spoil it, but I also won’t praise it too much. I’ll admit I didn’t see it coming, mostly because I like where it was going without it, but if I had stopped to think for five minutes and compared the first hour of the film to the prior

Over all, “Iron Man 3” is a severely over-praised movie, still riding on the waves of the original and not looking to jump off the board anytime soon. Who knows? Next movie we might get to see Tony jump a shark.

Rating: 2/5 Elephants



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“OFF”

Derek Robinson
entertainment editor

For those seeking something new and a little weird, Unproductive Fun Time has just the thing for you. “OFF” is a game, recently translated from the French in which it was written, that is surreal, unsettling, and highly addictive. The game follows the quests of The Batter as he endeavors to “purify” the land of evil spirits.

As you travel through various bizarre zones, The Batter will grow in strength and learn new moves. There is, of course, the obligatory merchant to sell better weapons, armor, and restorative items. You’re accompanied throughout the game by a somewhat discomfiting feline which sports a grin taken from young childrens’ nightmares.

The game features some grueling random battles not unknown to players of games like “Pokemon,” and is displayed in an 8-bit style. The battles feel a little like “Final Fantasy,” but the storyline is the game’s real hook. You’ll more than likely find yourself gritting your teeth and push-

ing through some very frustrating areas for the sake of finding out just a little more about the game’s mythos.

At times the gameplay has a difficult time supporting it. Later levels might leave you feeling like you’re grinding away through red tape, wishing you could just read the story, but the game makes you work for

This game is surreal, unsettling, and highly addictive.

it. The puzzles are clever, but traveling through the land filled with random battles becomes grating.

That said, the game is worth a playthrough. It’s much more of a story and an experience than what most of us think when we hear the word “game,” but it shines despite its flaws. “OFF” is certainly not for everyone, but if it does get you hooked, you’ll love the journey.

Rating: 3/5 elephants



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Mother's Day is Sunday

Bethany Martin • living editor

There are two people directly responsible for your existence and they both have a day set aside every year to celebrate how awesome they are. You could argue that these days are just made up by the card and flower companies to sell more merchandise, but who cares? Why shouldn't we have a day that is set aside to appreciate the things parents do? They wiped our snot, tears, and butts. They taught us how to share our toys and not to stick things up our noses. They scolded us for throwing fits in grocery stores and drawing on the white walls with crayons. They cared for us when we got the sniffles and sneezes. They encouraged us to go out into the world and succeed. You worked hard to get where you are, but you always had your par-

They taught us how to share our toys and not stick things up our noses.

ents, standing in the wings, cheering you on. This Sunday is Mother's Day. There is nothing stopping you from calling her this weekend and thanking her for being spectacular. She would love a bouquet of roses, lilies, or daisies and a box of chocolates, but nothing will make her quite as happy as you calling and saying, "I love you." Your mother is a great woman. She has cared for you your whole life. Whether she stayed at home or had a job, she labored to make you happy. You may have your disagreements and upsets, you may have thought she was being unfair or not understanding the difficulties you were experiencing. And the fact is, she may not have understood but I bet she tried her best to make it better for you. It did not matter if you felt you were being babied or crowded,

if you were in any trouble of any kind she would go in with guns blazing. She will always be there for you: to make your favorite food after a bad week, to help you with any problem, and to spoil you for no good reason. In this fashion, let's not forget the other great women in our lives. Grandmothers and aunts love you too, so don't forget them this Mother's Day weekend. No matter how hard you are studying or how hard you are trying not to

study, you have time to show appreciation for all that your mother has done for you. You can be sure that there are things that she has done for you that no other sane person would do, like do your nasty laundry when you go home, and she should be hugged and thanked. If you are unable to go home, along with the call she would probably enjoy some of those flowers and chocolates or even some homemade macaroni picture frames. For those who don't keep tabs on these sorts of things, remember that Father's Day is Sunday, June 16 and that your father is just as important as your mother, and he deserves recognition as well. So be the good offspring you are and appreciate those who got you here.



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IN CASE OF SOCIAL EVENT: PLAN

Katrina Brandenburg
editor in chief

Before this year, I had never planned an event larger than a birthday party for myself, which was no major feat. My idea of a party is really not a party at all but rather a small get together with a few close friends. So, it was interesting to find myself planning anything larger this year. I've still not planned an event any larger than the scale of about 75 people. However, there are a few useful tips I can give that I learned in the process. Be organized: Keeping track of what you'd like at the party and what's already done is important. How many guests are there approximately? Who are they? Are there any special guests like a speaker or a D.J.? Where are you having this event? The questions start tumbling through the mind. Is it themed? How formal is it? Is there going to be a meal or just light refreshments or nothing at all? It's easy to see that all this information could turn into a mess. Write it down in one place. I recommend a small binder or a folder with a few sheets of paper and a pen. Start early: If the location is anywhere besides your own home, you're going to want to look into it early. You don't want to risk the location you'd like being booked

already or, worse yet, all the locations still available being outside your price range. Email or call venues to ask about their availability for the date and their pricing. Looking into other areas early helps too. You'll want time to look into anything you might purchase and leave time for making alternate plans in case something doesn't work out like you wanted. Make no assumptions: When looking into pricing, read all of the fine print. It will likely say some phrases like "not included in room rental." Some of these items that are not included might be surprising and may not be cheap. For example, you're going to want tablecloths and napkins if you're having a dinner, but you can't expect it to be included in the cost of catering. In fact, you might not be able to expect the silverware, having the food served, or having it all cleared away after the meal to be included either. Read that fine print. Mind your money: If you've made it through all the major details and know what you want, it's tempting to just start ordering. Don't do it right away. Instead, set up an organized spreadsheet to keep track of expenses. A computer program that will update

automatically as you put new numbers into place is nice. This also lets you see right away whether or not a possible expense will break your budget, even if the math isn't just a simple addition. There are likely taxes on some purchases and also some daunting service charges that are in percentages as well. For example, serving food may not cost a flat rate. It might be a percentage based on the overall cost of the food you've ordered. Adding one more person to that guest list could really cost you more through the food, the sales tax, and the service fee. Design and deliver: If you decide that you're ready to make the event official, then take the time to design a simple 'save-the-date' style flyer or card about it that you can distribute to your invited guests with some basic information about what and when. If you're planning for an or-

ganization, then email is probably easiest. Getting the word of your party out there early is the easiest way to make it a success when it comes to attendance. Everyone is busy, but advanced notice makes it easier to clear a spot on the calendar or keep it clear. Make sure that everything you send out is presentable. Use good spelling, good grammar, polite wording, and a simple, but attractive, design where appropriate. Once you've announced the event, wait to send the invitations until they can be complete with all the details of who, what, when, where, and why. Do not claim anything that won't be true: You don't want anyone to show up and immediately leave in disappointed disgust at your false advertising. Finally, you might want to update your information with anything you've overlooked. Answer one

person's question by sending the information to everyone if it seems like useful information about the event. Ask for help: If you find that the event is close, the tasks aren't manageable, and there are still a lot of smaller details like place cards to put into place, get some help. Ask other people involved with the event to take on smaller tasks, or send a nicely worded request out for help. If it seems like a minor task but still needs to get done in order for the event to come together according to plans, then let someone else put his or her talents to work. This event is keeping you busy, right? That other person likely has the time to do it better, since he or she volunteered. This might not be all there is to planning an event, especially on a larger scale. However, these few simple tips can help you get started.

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The Final Stretch

Ethan Hixon • opinions editor

There are few words to describe how long these ten weeks for classes can feel for a student. Homework needs completed and turned in between multiple classes while others have team meetings and projects due. Some have presentations and others may have papers and take home tests.

No matter what the schedule looks like, the final weeks are grim. Many students “check out” mentally weeks in advance of finals. However, that does not mean we have to give up.

This “Final Stretch” is the culmination of all students have been preparing for. With nearly fourty percent of a class grade for the average class still waiting in that final, the cards are not yet on the table.

Though sleep deprived, irri-

tated, pressured for time, and having little personal time until those tests are taken, we as students need to remember that we are almost there.

Olympians don’t slow down when the finish line is in sight. Instead, that final burst of speed, a moment of adrenaline, lets the athlete push through full force to the end.

Even sitting here, writing this article with two tests tomorrow, a mild headache coming on, thinking about my team meeting tonight, I continue to trudge on towards that goal.

Summer will give me all the time necessary for sleep along with the relaxation required to destress from exams. This is the moment for every student to shine.

“Senioritis” has struck most of those graduating this May, giving a sense of lethargy to the entire campus. This is evident in the trend of students missing that one Friday even-

ing class that finishes up the day or the morning class because the bed is just too comfortable.

Beds will be more comfortable during the summer when a student knows they gave their all to their finals and may reap the rewards of their labors. There is no greater feeling for me than that of

accomplishment. Knowing that the good works I am basking in were of my own doing.

So maybe that first hour class at eight in the morning sounds

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once or jetting out early so that a nice nap or a movie could be caught if you just “forgot” to go to that last class. However, every little assignment and day missed will add up. Just stick through and things will turn out for the best.

I can only hope that everyone can push through, making the end of this school year an amazing one. So let thanks go

out to all who had an impact on any student, faculty, or staff here at Rose-Hulman.

With so much hard work put into making this school the one we all know and love, as students we should honor that dedication with a last push on this “Final Stretch” of Spring Semester.

Good luck to everyone these final days and best of wishes. I am personally looking forward to hearing new opinions from all over the campus next year, along with finishing this semester with a strong work ethic and knowing this ended with my best foot forward.

The other side of the desk: Coffee: Roast Your Own



Adam Nolte • faculty writer

With the summer drawing near, I thought I would write about an outdoor hobby that I particularly enjoy—coffee roasting. The specialty coffee industry in the United States has grown enormously in the past few decades. At nearly any grocery store, next to the cheap, big-label, pre-ground tubs one can find any number of whole-bean “specialty” coffees that offer modestly improved taste for an often significantly higher price tag. Thus, the question: “Should you buy up?” To add a moral dimension, many higher-priced brands argue that purchasing their products results in increased economic benefits to the farmers (often in developing countries) from whom they obtain their coffee. To be sure, a full cost-benefit analysis of the fundamental coffee choice (“cheap” vs. “specialty”) would require a

four-credit course spanning wide-ranging topics from consumer taste preference and psychology to questions of global sustainability and fair trade. Nevertheless, if you would like to drink great coffee at affordable prices while simultaneously encouraging fairer economic practices and consumer awareness, I offer a solution: Buy your coffee green and roast your own.

Home coffee-roasting offers a number of advantages. The most attractive benefit is the incredible taste. There is simply no comparison between drinking coffee brewed from beans roasted two days ago versus beans roasted two weeks (or even months) ago—even if those beans were packed fresh into special bags or cans with that cool little one-way valve. Another benefit is cost; depending upon the country of origin, high-quality coffee beans can cost as little as \$5 per pound. Even if you add an approximately 15% markup to that price to account for the loss in water weight during the roasting process, your intensely awesome home-roasted beans will come in at roughly half the cost of a bag of Starbucks.

Yet another benefit to home coffee roasting is the fun factor. Granted, I’m a chemical engineer, and we

love nothing more than taking raw materials and turning them into finished goods. Still, I believe nearly

darker level; mixing them produces otherwise unattainable flavor profiles. All of this fun can be yours when you roast your own.

A final benefit I have come to appreciate from roasting my own coffee has been an increased global awareness of where my food comes from and whom my consumer choices support. I purchase most of my green beans from Sweet Maria’s (<http://www.sweetmarias.com>), and those folks do an admirable job of visiting and documenting (in text and pictures) the various farms, families, and workers from whom they source. This has encouraged me to learn more about the various coffee-producing countries throughout the world, many of which unfortunately are marginalized and less developed, and therefore have cultures and histories less familiar to many of us.

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anyone could gain enjoyment from coffee-roasting—it is time-efficient (10-15 min per batch) and, like any good hobby, easy to learn but challenging to master. Home coffee-roasting equipment does not need to be fancy. Though you can drop hundreds of dollars on a specialty home roaster, I use a cheap hand-cranked Whirley-Pop popcorn popper on an outdoor propane grill and get equally good results. Some hot-air popcorn poppers work extremely well, too. With a little practice, you’ll be roasting your coffee to your own exacting taste specification, whether a cinnamon-brown breakfast blend or a coal-black French roast. Heck, sometimes I’ll pull half a batch at light roast and continue with the second half to a

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If you are interested in getting started roasting at home, the Sweet Maria’s website listed above has a particularly well-stocked e-library of resources for the beginning roaster. Perhaps in the fall when we reconvene for classes, I can share some of my favorite roasting tips and bean choices. There is something to be said, however, for the voyage of discovery—so, if you are looking for a summer pastime, read up, buy yourself a Whirley-Pop, order some beans, and dive right in!

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AWARDS ROLL IN FOR TRACK AND FIELD TEAMS

Matt Dierksmeier • sports editor

In a year highlighted by a sixth consecutive outdoor title for the men's squad and multiple school records by individuals on both the men's and women's teams, the Engineers

were rightly recognized by the HCAC in results released by the league office this week. In total, the Rose-Hulman track and field team combined to capture 16 all-HCAC outdoor track and field awards.

Senior Liz Evans was named

HCAC Women's Field Athlete of the Year, marking the sixth time Evans has won this award. Head coach Larry Cole was named Men's Head Coach of the Year for the 10th time in his career.

Among the seven first-team all-HCAC winners for Rose-Hulman were Tyler Hannan in the 400-meter dash and senior Collin Crowson in the men's pole vault. Joining them were seniors Jeremiah Edwards and Travis Stallings, junior Clay Becker, sophomore Jake Kelley, and freshman Tyler Duffy. Seniors Greg Larmore and Trey Cahill were named second-team all-HCAC, while junior Andrew Thompson earned the All-Sportsmanship Team award.

On the women's side, the Engineers combined for five

all-HCAC awards which included seniors Liz Evans, Creasy Clauser, Tanya Colonna, Gloria Boxell, and junior Erin Cox. Ryann-Rebecca Montgomery earned second-team all-HCAC honors. In addition, Clauser also won the All-Sportsmanship Team award.

In competition, the Engineers also had a fruitful day at the Billy Hayes Invitational at Indiana University on Friday evening. Rose-Hulman recorded four top-five finishes and 11 top 10 finishes at the event, which included teams from NCAA Divisions I, II, and III. With a jump of 5' 7 1/4" in the high jump, senior Liz Evans earned second overall. Senior Creasy Clauser came home in third with a time of 58.13 seconds in the 400-meter dash. Among the other top-five finishes were junior

Ryann-Rebecca Montgomery with a fourth-place finish in the 1,500-meter run and senior Tyler Hannan, who finished fifth in the men's 400-meter dash.

Attempting to qualify for the NCAA Division III Outdoor National Championships later this month, senior Trey Cahill competed in the North Central College invitational on Thursday. Cahill would finish fourth in the men's hammer throw with a toss of 175' 10 1/4". With a season-best toss of 185' 9", he currently ranks 15th nationally.

Seniors Liz Evans, Tyler Hannan, and Travis Stallings will travel to the Louisville Cardinal Invitational this Friday in preparation for the NCAA Division III Outdoor National Championships on May 23-25 at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.



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Collective efforts vault Rose-Hulman to the top Capture HCAC Men's All-Sports Trophy

Eric Abegglen • staff writer

For overall team performance in the athletic department, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology captured the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Men's All-Sports Trophy. This marks the fifth time that the Fightin' Engineers have earned the honor in the last six years.

The Men's All-Sports Trophy is based on league finishes in 11 men's sports. Points are calculated by these finishes and the award goes to the HCAC institution that scores the most combined points. Finishing just ahead of Franklin by half a point, Rose-Hulman tallied 66.5 points, with Hano-

ver coming in third with 53 points.

In the Commissioner's Cup standings, which feature the combined performance of the men's and women's teams, the Fightin' Engineers came in second, falling to Franklin by 5.7 points. Rose-Hulman has finished in the top three in the Commissioner's Cup standings six times in its seven-year HCAC history. Rose-Hulman's most recent Commissioner's Cup win came three years ago in the 2009-10 year.

To earn the 2013 Men's All-Sports Trophy, Rose-Hulman relied on four team championships and one runner-up placement. Team championships for the Engi-

neers occurred in basketball, soccer, indoor track and field and outdoor track and field. Second-place honors from the cross country squad and a maximum amount of points provided by the swim team helped to contribute to the overall department score.

Rose-Hulman also hosted several championship events this year including the men's basketball and men's golf champion-



Rose-Hulman has won the men's all-sports trophy five out of the past six years.

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ship. The 2012 NCAA Cross Country Nationals, a first round game in the Division III NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, and the six-

or eight-team 2013 NCAA Midwest Baseball Regional were among other championship events that were held on campus this year.

Park earns all-conference honors

Matt Dierksmeier • sports editor

Leading the men's golf team with an eighth place finish at the HCAC Conference Championships held over the past two weekends, freshman Sanders Park became the first Rose-Hulman men's golfer to win all-conference honors since 2000. As a team, the Engineers finished fifth overall out of the eight competing HCAC teams. Claiming the title for the seventh consecutive year was Transylvania University followed by Hanover College in second.

Park fired scores of 78 and

75 in the opening two rounds of the championship at the Aston Oaks Golf Course in North Bend, Ohio. To conclude the



With an eighth place finish at the HCAC Men's Golf Conference Championships, freshman Sanders Park earned HCAC recognition.

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championship, Park came home strong with rounds of 77 and 73 at the local Rea Park

Golf Course. With his eighth place finish, Park also earned the HCAC Freshman of the Year honor, which recognizes the highest placing freshman finisher at the HCAC Conference Championships.

Finishing 10th overall, junior Travis Whithaus recorded scores of 77, 79, 78, and 75. Coming third for the Engineers was junior Jeremy Walters with rounds of 86, 91, 80, and 77.

Senior Eric Kamer would win the All-Sportsmanship Team award for Rose-Hulman.

MEN'S TENNIS FALLS IN SEMIFINALS

Matt Dierksmeier • sports editor

To conclude their season, the men's tennis team competed at the HCAC Men's Tennis Tournament at the West Indy Racquet Club this past weekend. Beating Hanover College in the first round, the Engineers would though fall short against top-seeded Earlham College in the semifinal round. Earlham would go on to win the HCAC Tournament with a victory over Transylvania University in the championship match. The win marks the third-straight conference tournament victory for Earlham.

Rose-Hulman would finish the season with an 11

- 8 record, highlighted by eight wins in their concluding 10 matches.

Four Engineers were named to the all-HCAC men's tennis team. Seniors Ben Paras and Devon Fritz received first-team all-conference honors with honorable mentions all-conference awards going to junior Nate Moore and freshman Matthew Conrad. With 16 doubles victories, the pairing of Paras and Fritz at No. 1 doubles set the Rose-Hulman school record for wins and highest winning percentage.

Also earning recognition from the HCAC was senior Randy Billingsley who captured a spot on the league's all-sportsmanship team.

Wacky Prof Q Notes

"I don't know what I was smoking when I wrote that"

— Dr. Simoni

I may have a good idea...

"This is when we can drink of the joyous, sleep the sleep of the righteous, and all is right with the universe."

— Dr. White

Sleep... what sleep?

"If the formula requires that you stand on your head in a corner and sing "Back Home Again in Indiana," while it's raining outside, then that's what you have to do!"

— Dr. Richards

Only if the floor is made of concrete.

Rose professors say crazy things. E-mail them to the Flipside at thorn-flip-side@rose-hulman.edu



Courtesy of Eric Zeedy, "Gaius Brolius Caesar" Haze • Assistant King of Student Au Pairs

Top "32" Ten Ways to Procrastinate on Finals												
1. Weep Silently	2. Lake Your Roommate	3. Facebook	4. Reddit	5. Pokemon Yellow	6. Learn To Knit	7. Learn A Language	8. Poop	9. Shower	10. Turn Your Old Favorite Jeans To Your New Favorite Jorts.	11. Learn By Osmosis... Sleep On	22. Movie Marathon!!!	23. Workout?
12. Build World's Largest Blanket	13. Tickle Fight!!!	14. Organize Your Desktop	15. Plant A Garden	16. Personalize Your Lync	17. Check Your Campus Mail	18. Play The Wikipedia Game	19. Change Your Oil	20. Write A Novel	21. Get The Band Back Together	31. Actually Go To Meetings	32. . Climb Some Trees... (And Ride Some Bikes?)	Your Text Book
24. Explore Hawthorne Park	25. Alphabetize Your Movie And Book Collection	26. Sunbathe On The Dock	27. Join A New Club	28. Order Boxes To Build A Giant Lobby-Tropolis	29. Scavenger Hunt On The Bottom Of Speed Lake	30. Make A Google+ Account... ?						

Crime Report

Maximus Decimus "Brodysseus" Willerscheidt • Editor in Chief

Last Saturday there was a disturbance in the Union. Several noise complaints were filed, and it's clear that participants of this "event" will be wearing orange sometime soon. Rock 'n' Roll was again the culprit encouraging youths to express their feelings. Fighting for "causes." Clearly this trend needs to stop. Our community should not have to put up with this reckless "Rocking Out." Really people, THINK OF THE CHILDREN. Do we want them growing up with no sense of shame? When asked about

the proceedings, one child responded, "I got Legos." Is that the depth we've sunk to? We give children toys to get them to buy into the hypnotic persuasions of rock music. The horror doesn't end with that devilry however. Witnesses confirm that former rock enthusiast, Tom Miller, led the charge by influencing decisions and providing useful feedback during the event. This man is infamous, but the adjacent picture says it all. Should you see this man, do not trust him. Report him immediately to the Thorn.

Man "Broseidon" Daginot • Flipsinator

Thursdays, May 8th marked the date of the glorious student appreciation day put on by our very own Aramark Dining Center. The student participation numbers soared beyond the like of which we have never seen. While we sat down and waited for our delectable dinner, we had a chance to speak with a Rose-Hulman freshman Man, Chi Huen, or "Munchie." "I didn't even think this many students attended school here..." she stated inquisitively. Our food just then suddenly appeared on the plates before us! "Holy Cow! This is just like Hogwarts!" Munchie exclaimed. We were all just wonderfully astonished. As the dinner went on, several students were reported charging their ID

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Chocolate Fountain Gives Eternal Youth

This is the last edition of the year. We are all full of somber eyes and hopeful hearts. You seniors who are still reading me have been faithful flippersiders since you set your foot (feet?) on this campus. As the disclaimer I hope that I've done my job in easing you into your weekend for the past four years by providing you with proper disclamation to the material above. It's been wonderful feeling the light gaze of your curious eyes across these words, but it's time for new eyes and new words. These newbies have no idea what they are getting themselves into...