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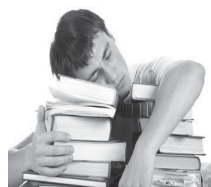
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Find out why men's track and field is nationally ranked. **Page 7**

## Spreading Rose-Hulman's name *The HPV Team shares its story*

Miriam Remmers • news editor

A few weeks ago the Rose-Hulman Human Powered Vehicle Team traveled to Delhi, India, to aid in a Human Powered Vehicle Competition (HPVC) at that location. Six students accompanied by faculty advisor Michael Moorhead braved the thirteen hour direct flight and chaotic roads around Delhi, arriving at the IIT Delhi campus on Wednesday evening after 23 hours of traveling. The following morning the team woke up bright and early to take a bus to Anket to see the Taj Mahal. After a five hour ride, the team was deposited at the historical site, which was built as a memorial and a mausoleum by Mughal emperor Shah Jahan to his third wife, Mumtaz Mahal in the mid 1600's. It costs about fourteen dollars for foreigners to enter the building, and everyone goes through both a metal detector and a physical pat down. Either bare feet or shoe covers are required while inside the building. The real tomb of Mumtaz Mahal is located in the lower level, but visitors are only allowed to view a replica tomb on the main level. After touring the Taj Mahal, the team slowly made their way back to Delhi, stopping at a restaurant and a marble carving shop.

On Friday morning the HPVC officially began. The day was spent registering the 36 teams who had come from all corners of India to participate, static judging, and safety inspections. There

were four judges, one of whom was Rose-Hulman's own Garrett Meyer, who was assigned to be a judge after another withdrew. The judges were responsible for assessing points on safety, aesthetics, and innovation in addition to enforcing safety standards and conducting a safety riding test. These activities took up the entirety of Friday, and the team went to bed in preparation for the following day's drag race.

The format of the drag race involved two qualifying runs per team, the goal of which was to place within the top 24 teams, allowing them to compete in the double elimination bracket. Four timers were stationed at the finish line to accurately access the speed of each vehicle. During one run, the vehicles of two different teams got stuck together, and they ultimately finished the run as a single unit. After the qualifiers were over, teams lined up in pairs to take their turn once more at the track, racing until a victor had emerged from the championship round. The team spent the next few hours advising competitors on improvements they could make to prepare for the competi-

tion Sunday, which was a two and a half hour long endurance race. This leg of the competition included different events including the stop sign and slalom, manned and judged by volunteer judges from the Rose-Hulman team.

During Sunday evening's awards ceremony, the Rose team gave a presentation on achieving success in HPVC events. The team gave a very dynamic presentation and also managed to give the audience a little taste of what they wanted to see: the team's crash videos. The awards dinner itself was a sumptuous affair. IIT Delhi converted their field hockey grounds into a tent-cloaked banquet hall spanning several thousand square feet. After the ceremonies had ended, the HPV team had to quickly head back to the airport to board their plane headed back to the United States, arriving back in Indiana after close to another 24 hours of travel. Though adjusting back to this time zone was a challenging experience, the team agrees that their trip to India was worth every bit of jet lag.



Photos from the Human Powered Vehicle Team's trip to India.  
Courtesy of the Human-Powered Vehicle Team



## events

### Sherlock Holmes

Come enjoy the Rose Drama Club's production of Sherlock Holmes.  
**Hatfield, Saturday-Sunday, 7:30 p.m.**

### Super Bowl Watch Party

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**Chauncey's, February 2, 6:00 p.m.**



### Leadership Simulation

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**Crapo 3rd Floor, February 7, 6:00 p.m.**

### Blues Brothers Revue

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## sports

### W. Basketball vs. Defiance

February 1 - 1:00 p.m.

### M. Basketball vs. Defiance

February 1 - 3:00 p.m.

### W. Basketball vs. Earlham

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### M. Basketball vs. Hanover

February 12 - 7:30 p.m.



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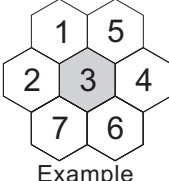
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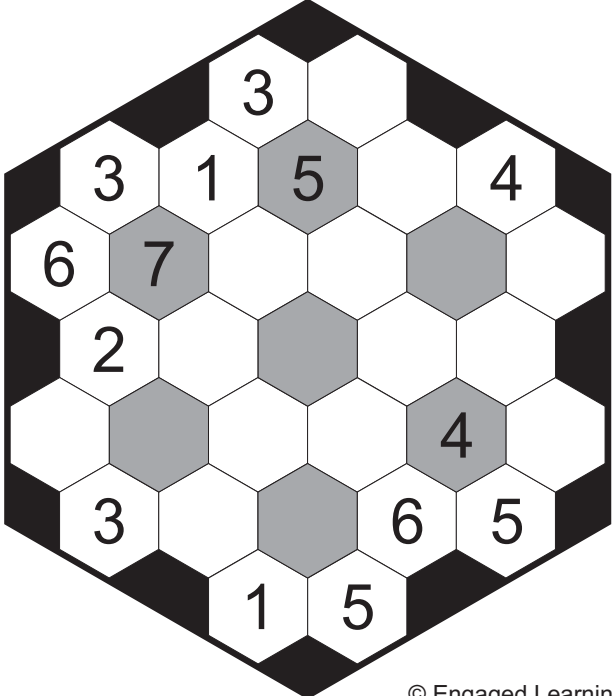
ROSETTA



Example

A Rosetta is made up of a centre coloured hexagon encircled by 6 white hexagons. To complete the puzzle, fill in all 7 Rosettas with each number between 1 and 7 in no particular order while also ensuring that :

1. No number is repeated in a horizontal row
2. Each number from 1 to 7 are represented in the 7 grey coloured hexagon cells.



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# NEWS BRIEFS

Morgan Escalera • business manager

## Atlanta fiasco

Over the course of Tuesday night, two inches of snow fell in Atlanta. While this would not trouble most Northern cities, the city of Atlanta became plagued with massive traffic problems, turning interstates into parking lots.

Atlanta: home to the world’s busiest airport, CNN Headquarters, and the CDC, has long toted its place as a world-class region. What were the factors which led to the city-wide panic over a two-inch snowfall? One reason would be poor planning and panicked drivers unaccustomed to the snow, while another would be misleading weather broadcasts, which predicted that the snow would be curling to the north of the metropolis. In any case, the fact remains that tens of thousands of drivers were stuck in traffic throughout Tuesday night and well into Wednesday morning, and snowplows and sand teams could not get at the roads during this period due to the extreme gridlock. Atlanta officials have yet to comment on the situation as of the time of writing.

## Daughter of tycoon asks for acknowledgement

Gigi Chao, the daughter of prominent Hong Kong real estate tycoon Cecil Chao has asked her father through the media to acknowledge her lifestyle. Over the past seven years, she has been in a long term lesbian relationship, one which her father has thus far refused to acknowledge and accept. Her father is worth approximately 500 million dollars and made headlines in 2012 when he offered a 10 million dollar dowry to a man, any man, who could win his daughter’s heart. She and her partner seek the cessation of her father’s interference with their lifestyle, the acknowledgment of their union, and respectful treatment of Gigi’s partner. Whether or not the tycoon will acquiesce remains to be seen.

## State of the Union

President Obama’s core philosophy of his State of the Union address, which was presented on Tuesday, was domestic change. More specifically, to find new ways to ensure financial security in middle-class workers. He touted raising the minimum wage of government workers and boosting personal finances of low income workers. What he proposed specifically was a new bill to raise the minimum wage of federal employees to 10 dollars an hour along with a plan to boost personal finances laid for later in the year.

To promote these two large domestic issues, he has undertaken a nationwide campaign both to bolster his opinion polls and to promote his new domestic platform. The issues of wages for workers only encompass the first leg of his campaign with other legs designated for other key domestic issues such as raising the retirement age.

## Diseased cruise ship finally makes Port

An ill-fated Royal Caribbean cruise ship finally came into port today, two days ahead of schedule. This change in scheduling is because a disease, believed to be norovirus, ran rampant through the passengers of the cruise, infecting almost 700 of them.

The scene on the cruise during the last few days of the tumultuous voyage included people being placed in specified quarantine areas and the remaining, non-infected passengers anxious of who would be diagnosed with the sickness next.

The preliminary disease responsible, norovirus, is known for its rapid spread and diverse symptom pool. Luckily, the disease is rarely fatal, even less so when attended, which the patients aboard the cruise ship were.

The company behind the cruise ship giant expressed its sincerest apologies to the crew and passengers of the ship and offered a 50 percent refund on the trip as well as another 50 percent off another future cruise, should they wish to take one. Passenger reaction to the incident has been heavily mixed with a fair portion highly negative of the experience and cruise lining in general, and others more neutral of the whole affair.

# The Spirit of the Seniors

## The Winner of The 2014 Greatest Floor is Lakeside 4

Christopher Kodama • staff writer

This past Friday and Saturday, the members of the 26 residential hall floors at Rose-Hulman didn’t get much homework done. Instead, they searched for professor names, ate spicy foods, wielded slingshots, protected eggs, rolled dice, made embarrassing music videos, became superheroes, and participated in many other events, all in the hopes of obtaining the honor of being named the greatest floor on campus. The Greatest Floor competition is organized every year by Kyle Rhodes, the Assistant Director of Residence Life. This year’s Greatest Floor competition began with a special opening event at 10 p.m. Friday in the Hulman Arena. The opener consisted of elimination rounds of ‘simple tasks’ that representatives from each floor were required to perform. Some examples of the simple tasks included blowing bubble gum bubbles, spinning quarters, and throwing tennis balls. The final event, a plastic-cup flipping contest between Apartments East 3 and Mees, resulted in Apartments East 3’s victory. There were 23 other events in the competition, some which were individual and some which involved teams. A few of the events were traditional events seen in past years, such as a word search, dodgeball tournament, scavenger hunt, and music video contest, but there were also many new events added this year, including a wall hanging craft contest, LCR tournament, name that person contest, mystery event (hitting clay pigeons with slingshots), spicy eating contest, original superhero costume contest, egg dropping contest, and human foosball. This year’s overall participation was around the same as previous years, with 680 total students participating in the events.

This year, two floors triumphed over the rest, with comparable scores throughout the entire event. In fact, the first place title changed

hands every few events. However, in the end, Lakeside 4 beat out Mees to win the title of Greatest Floor this year. Ranked third through sixth were: Blumberg, Deming 0, Speed 3, and Deming 2, respectively. The top seven floors received money for their floor, ranging from \$1000 for the winners to \$75 for the seventh place team.

Lakeside 4 joined the ranks of Speed 2, Sharpenburg 3/4, and Percopo 0/1 as Greatest Floor winners. They are the first all-upperclassman floor to win the award. Lakeside 4 RA Dan D’Avello offered his thoughts on the victory, stating, “A team effort, that’s the only way to win. Greatest floor is fun, not because someone wins or someone loses, but because of the camaraderie you develop within the floor. The teams shooting the music video, a group solving the jigsaw at 5:30 a.m., the small club of die-hards still up puzzle hunting at 7:00 a.m. in the morning; all events exemplifying a floor coming together to snatch the competition from the hands of the freshmen. As a floor of seniors, we won’t remember the personal achievements we earned but the fun we had together as sleep deprivation slowly set in. The joy is not found in triumph in individual events, but in the communal glow of a team victory. The trophy may only be ours for a year, but the memories will last a lifetime.”

“A team effort, that’s the only way to win.”



Rose-Hulman students participating in the Greatest Floor competition.  
Photos courtesy of Kyle Rhodes



# Not very Frankenstein at all

**Starr Argento** • guest writer

Some people are saying “I, Frankenstein” is one of those movies that’s “so bad, it’s good.” I counter that “I, Frankenstein” is so bad, it’s...well, bad. Frankenstein’s monster may have found his soul during the course of this movie, but I lost mine in the process.

“So bad it’s... well, bad.”

The horror fantasy revolves around the premise that Victor Frankenstein’s monster, dubbed “Adam” and played by The Dark Knight’s Aaron Eckhart, is alive in the modern day and embroiled in a war to save humanity from the destructive forces of both heaven and hell. A group called the Gargoyle Order (Yes, they are actual gargoyles!) makes up the forces of heaven, led by Gargoyle Queen Leonore

(played by The Lord of the Rings’ Miranda Otto). Bill Nighy, no stranger to playing evil demon lords, is Naberius, commander of the legions of hell. The Gargoyle Order finds Adam threatening because his very existence casts doubt that only God can create life. Naberius and his minions are after your typical run-of-the-mill dominion of Earth, and they figure that learning about Dr. Frankenstein’s experiments on Adam will allow them to possess the bodies of dead humans to serve their sinister purposes.

Following the plot so far? Let’s just say that Mary Shelley would not only be pissed, but probably rise up from the grave to exact vengeance on the purveyors of such nonsense. I’m not sure where the idea of hot Frankenstein came from, but the whole notion seems utterly ridiculous. For something that was strung from the mutilated parts of various corpses, this man doesn’t look like Frankenstein’s monster. He looks like a Chippendales

performer who showed up to play Tarzan. It’s not that the fantasy isn’t creative, but for all its grandiose ideas, it’s the film’s execution that is rather poor. Similarly-themed films like Legion and Constantine fared much better; the former was creepy enough to hold an audience’s interest while the other was droll and entertaining enough for us to stick around. “I, Frankenstein” has none of those qualities. Instead, it is so bland and boring that the audience hardly feels the need to invest in the story or its protagonist’s quest.

It’s not that the performances are really terrible. Miranda Otto, and maybe Bill Nighy and Jai Courtney, tried their best to look like they were actually taking things seriously. Aaron Eckhart and Yvonne Strahovski, on the other hand, looked like they were pulling teeth as they uttered their lines. I can’t say I blame them. This script is one of the worst things I’ve come across. Not only did they not bother establishing the world these characters lived in, but they were in such a hurry to get the action going that they

breezed through Frankenstein’s monster’s inception like they were reciting the Cliff’s Notes edition of the book. What potentially interesting aspects it had - the idea that the existence of Frankenstein contradicted the notion of an omnipotent God, was completely squandered because they never bothered fleshing it out. Cheesy lines abounded as well, and it’s a miracle none of the actors burst out laughing as they recited them. What I’d like to know is at what point during the script reading of this movie did a studio executive go, “You know, this would make a great movie.”

The pacing was also really terrible in this film. It was as if everyone was just making things up as they went along. There seemed to be so much disorganization with the fight choreography, which you would think this film would at least get right. I will give the visual effects artists this: the transformation from human to gargoyle was pretty seamless and well done. The problem was that the action sequences were largely underwhelming. There was nothing impres-

sive about Frankenstein or his fighting prowess, leaving one wondering whether they could have simply done this movie using some random literary hero. The funny thing, too, was that for a story whose moral drive lies in saving the human race from the inevitable slaughter that a war between heaven and hell would bring forth, there were a total of like, fou humans. There really was no human cost in this story, and yet the audience is supposed to believe that everyone is fighting so hard to save humanity.

It’s rare for any movie to not have at least one redeeming quality, and I’m afraid “I, Frankenstein” is that exception. The short version of this whole post is that it’s simply awful, and if you want a much more entertaining take on an existing fantasy tale, I’d go see the criminally under-rated Hansel & Gretel Witch Hunters instead. That one, at least, had some spunk and style.

Rating: 0/5 elephants



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# One Bad Legend

**Starr Argento** • guest writer

“The Legend of Hercules” is quite possibly one of the worst movies ever made, and I’m being generous. The problem stems from a script so weak, a second grader seemed to have written it (No offense to second graders everywhere; I’m sure you’re all lovely people). Sometimes a weak script, however, can be slightly rectified by a talented cast. Since the star of “The Legend of Hercules” was Kellan Lutz, all hope was thus lost.

I’ll give Kellan Lutz this: he looked the part of Hercules. A bronzed bod that would make Hollywood Tans proud, boobs bigger than Pam Anderson - I mean, he was Fabio sans the flowing gold locks (which probably would have made the movie ten times better). The problem with Kellan Lutz is that he only has two facial expressions: dazed and confused. Honestly. No matter what the circumstance. It’s like his face wasn’t aware that he was acting. Army of soldiers coming to kill you? The same glazed over expression. Discovering that you are the son of Zeus? The blankest stare ever. Love of your life threatened by your jealous brother? “Hmm I could use a burrito right now.” I know Summit Entertainment loves Lutz because of his involvement with Twilight, but good God (pun intended) the guy can’t act to save his life.

Special effects? They hurt my soul. From the awkward and excruciating slo-mo editing of the action sequences to the lion that looked like a muppet, I don’t even know what

to think about the visual effects of this film. In the sound department, they played a lion roar every time Kellan Lutz cracked open his mouth. It was the most absurd thing.

Jonathan Schaech is supposed to be playing some Egyptian warlord, and I don’t know what kind of accent he thinks he’s doing. At least he wore the eyeliner. Because that just made him 500 times more convincing as an Egyptian warlord.

There was one interesting scene towards the end of the film involving Hercules’ love

“Quite possibly one of the worst films ever made, and I’m being generous.”

interest, but it was completely nullified by the cop-out ending.

Poor Liam McIntyre. After starring in the light years better Spartacus from Starz, he is reduced to taking roles in films like this? Poor guy. I get that he likes the sword and sandal genre, but even he should have standards.

Don’t even bother looking for historical accuracy in this film. It makes “Pearl Harbor” look like a textbook.

Rating: 0/5 elephants





# A NUDGE IN THE PRICE DIRECTION

Sidharth Ramesh • staff writer

Have you ever stood in the shower making plans for your new and improved life and then lost all conviction? It's a new year and people have high hopes to reattempt old resolutions and make new ones. However, something always seems to take precedence. I am sure that if there was a list of failed resolutions it would wrap around the world until it was completely covered with paper. I for one know that my name is on that list, and probably many people you know are on it too. However, we can avoid the disappointment of not completing our goals by using platforms that help you achieve your goal in a fun and interesting way.

Recent research on behavioral science has shed some light on answering questions about the habit making patterns of humans and how to successfully use them. It is generally an accepted fact that it takes about twenty one days to make a new habit. If you want to learn a new instrument, a new yoga pose, or pretty much anything new, the twenty one day rule might help explain how your reso-

lution battle is lost within the first few days. The ability to consistently work on a new activity and to continue the "day one" enthusiasm no matter what is a challenge and most people would just give up.

Making a change in your routine is difficult because of the physical and mental inertia. It takes to start your goal. Even though the first few days might be filled with enthusiasm, this passion for change usually does not last more than a week. Often times, we fail our long term goals due to the temptations short term goals have on us; for exam-

ple, while we try to reduce our weight (long term goal) the temptation of chocolates or some other delicacy (short term attraction) are just too irresistible to pass up. Researchers have found out that pre-committing to a long term goal helps you resist

short term temptations. One of the key findings is that humans are "loss averse," which means that humans are more effective at achieving goals when there is something to lose whether it be financial or reputational. This finding is often implemented through a variety of practices.

StickK.com was an idea developed by behavioural economists at Yale to get the users to commit to an amount that they are willing to part with if they lose the bet. The website allows you to set your own deadline as well as the amount you are willing to wager for your goal. If you are unable to accom-

plish your objective within the deadline, the amount is given away to charity. Similar sites try to motivate people by letting them know that if they fail to fulfill their objective, the website would post the details of the bet and the result on social media thereby causing reputational damage.


HealthyWage.com is another website dedicated to those who want to reduce weight. Instead of just getting back the wagered amount, the website will match your initial bet. It doesn't get any better than that; the website would pay you if you lose your body weight, and if you don't the money is lost. The thought of parting with money or of reputational damage is the "nudge" that helps keep those who want to improve motivated.

Even though research can explain to us why it is difficult to achieve goals, it cannot help us obtain them. It is the idea of losing whether it be reputational or monetary that will help you reach your goals. So the next time you feel like failure is inevitable, bet on yourself and push towards the end.



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## URBAN JUNGLE

Lauren Santichen • staff writer

A vast forest spreads out in front of me. Bright green leaves clutter the sky while dark undergrowth twists and turns as it tangles trunks and limbs. Branches reach like nimble fingers into the crisp blue sky, softened by only the occasional cloud. Timid, frightful squirrels and birds flutter between the leaves as cheerful foxes hunt their prey. Just a simple babbling brook separates me from the world of my backyard.

Lush grass turns to hard cement beneath my fingers, and the birds cry out in fear. Thin black wires choke out the trees, forcing them back further and further from view. Animals

### No amount of paint will change their stoic figures

scurry off, afraid of the humans that destroy their homes. The skies are beginning to darken, and the water of the creek chokes up with pollution. Stone cold houses push out warm inviting trees while the flat streets break the stream's course. No amount of paint will change their stoic figures.

Has this become our world? A planet not with dirt paths and hidden animal tracks but with tar roads and oil slicks for puddles. Forests have been replaced with urban jungles. We have become isolated, no longer interacting outside of school, church, and family. What of the animals and plants whose lives we have destroyed?

Our world is a nightmare, society claimed the realm where dreams and fantasies once stood. Years from now, there will be nothing left but the depressing shell of our once advanced society.



# Preparations for Finals

Ethan Hixon • opinions editor

Once again, those pesky finals are making their way around the corner to sneak up on students looking forward to break. This, of course, is the reason why I have taken the initiative to write about such an important time.

Personally, I find finals to be a time to show my mettle to professors and myself. For many students, homework, quizzes, tests, and re-

ports may be giving a bleak outlook for a closing of a semester. However, finals have the incredible ability to cause a possible boost to a grade. In fact, I have had this happen multiple times.

Like radioactive elements, break can sometimes have disastrous effects on students by being so near. Examples of these effects can range from listless thoughts on how to spend break, sleeping through classes, or other classifications that fit into a single word for many upper classmen: “senior-itis.” Although an imaginary disease, this phenomena has been observed by nearly every student on campus.

There are ways to fight off the drowsiness of winter and the onset of break, especially in such a close proximity to finals. Many finals are worth twenty to thirty percent of a class grade, perhaps more. This requires the utmost attention to detail and a desire to succeed in order to finish the semester on a high note.

First off, get more sleep. I hear so many complaints of all-nighters from students that if I had a dollar for every time this entered my ear I could probably pay for a large amount of a semester’s tuition. Quite the hyperbole, but everyone should understand. If you aren’t getting to sleep until very late every night, you may not be a good time manager. During finals, you should allocate your day accordingly, including making sure that there is enough time for restful sleep and eating breaks.

This leads into the second tip: eat. I cannot stress enough how important this miniscule piece

of information is for students. Concentration is not possible for me if I have a grumbling stomach. Eating food in the morning starts your metabolism for the day along with ensuring energy that will last the sunlight hours. Also, sugars broken down from food fuel your mind. In short, eating makes your higher brain functions possible to succeed on those tests.

Another pointer that may be overlooked but is indeed quite simple: review the material. However, this does not include the material in which you excel. Working on problems you understand, although good to brush up on a few skills, is a waste of time. Improving your weaknesses will make you stronger overall than only having a single strength. Similar to exercise, your mind, like your body, does not improve when working on the same thing. Diversity is the key to success.

the distractions around you. I find the times that I can’t concentrate are the ones when my friends are either around me or one of my favorite shows happens to be on in my spare time. These are the moments to put mandatory work first. Life is indeed important and time should be taken to unwind, but when the rubber meets the road, you need to

be prepared for the long haul of the final approaching. Listening to music helps my mind tune in to a single job, letting me work nearly mechanically on homework, exams, or studying. Although music may not be your escape, you should regardless find the path to make concentration simple and your work less of a burden.

The last of my helpful tips should help round out the point of this long winded article: optimism. I hope that no matter what, you remember to keep your chin up and head high through these finals. A phrase that comes to mind when I consider optimism is this, “Seven positive comments are required to negate a single negative statement.” Although I have long forgotten where this may have originated, I still remember this phrase and take it to heart.

No matter how bleak things may seem, whether due to grades, weather, or other matters of varying sizes, don’t let negativity seize you. A single bad comment may ruin another’s day, not to mention yours. Instead, remain positive. Take a deep breath and relax. Life isn’t measured in semesters, grade point average, or percentages. Life is measured in laughs, tears, hugs, and a multitude of other wonderful things. This is just a passing moment soon to be a memory. Enjoy the moment while it lasts. Keep positive and your life will open up in front of you.

At the end of the day, don’t forget to just let your hair down and release the stress of the day. Exam week

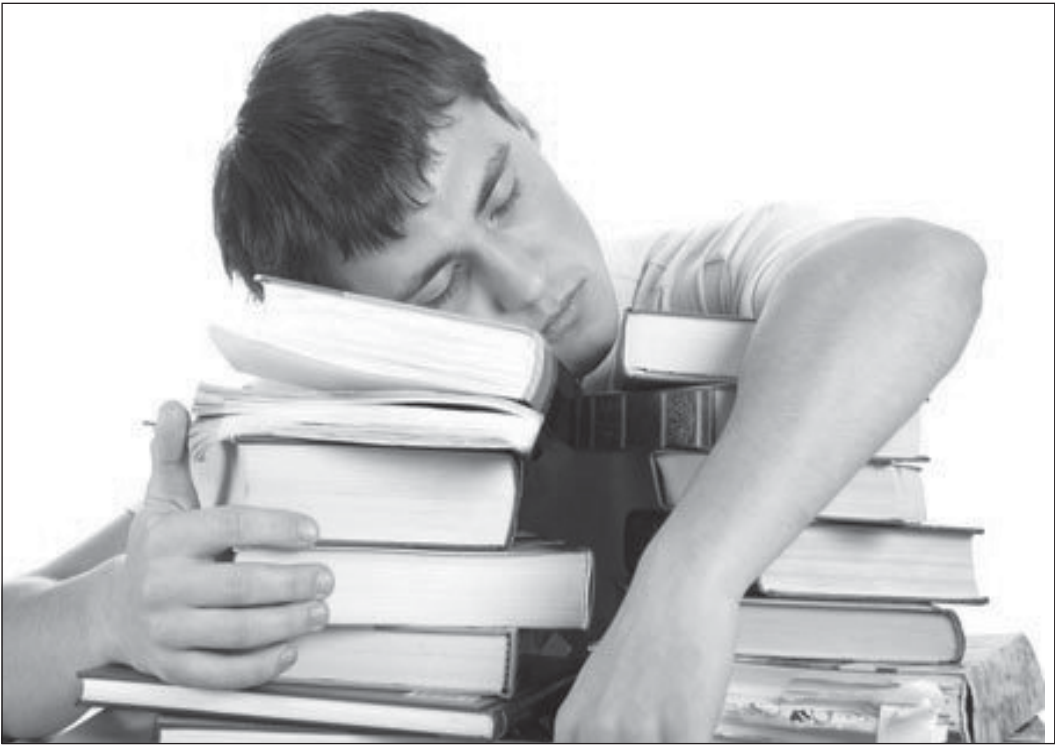
will be over before you know it and there will be no exams until next semester. Break will be here and the sun will be out a lot more often than currently. Keep your chin up, we can all make the final push to survive finals.

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Too much studying and not sleeping broke this student’s concentration  
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Furthering this now laundry list of ideal actions for finals preparation is concentration. I am sure there are a few people for whom class work comes naturally and little thought is required. The majority of humanity, however, requires much more effort. Whether or not you slept, ate, or have the right problems in front of you, none of this matters if you aren’t actually focusing on the work before you. These classes help shape your future in the career of your choosing, not to mention these are an indicator of your understanding of the corresponding material. Show your abilities for companies to believe you capable of handling larger responsibilities in your life. If you are having trouble concentrating, remove

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# Friday Night Invitational wrap-up

**Matt Dierksmeier • sports editor**

Seven teams filled the Sports and Recreation Center to compete in 15 various track and field events as part of the annual Friday Night Invitational. The Rose-Hulman men's squad would capture four first-place finishes en route to an overall team victory.

Among individual event winners were senior Nathan Catt in the 3,000-meter, junior Stuart West in the mile, freshman Brendon Mattiuz in the 800-meter, and junior Austin Schulthies in the long jump.

Schulties also earned a second place finish in the high jump and a third place in the triple jump, leading to his HCAC Field Athlete of the Week recognition.

The 4-x-400 meter relay team composed of junior Blake Schulthies, and freshmen Isaiah Smith, Brendan Smyth, and Mattiuz, also earned maximum points for Rose-Hulman.

The final scoring was 231 points for the Rose-Hulman men compared to 150.5 points for Wabash and 66 points for Hanover.

The Rose-Hulman women's squad was led by first-place finishes from sophomore Addie Johnson in the 400-meter and senior Ryann-Rebecca Montgomery in the 800-meter.

With an 800-meter time of 2:21.31 Montgomery recorded the second-fastest time in Rose-Hulman history.

The 4-x-400 meter relay team of Johnson, Montgomery, and freshmen Christine Harper and Emilie Hobbs claimed a second-place finish with a time of 4:22.28.

Overall, the women's team would finish third behind Carroll College and Hanover College.

With their early season success the Rose-Hulman men's team has been ranked No. 11 nationally in the United States Track & Field & Cross Country Association

Dual Meet Rankings.

In the Great Lakes Region, they stand No. 3 behind only the University of Mount Union and Wabash College.

The final indoor home meet will take place in the Sports and Recreation Center this Saturday as Rose-Hulman hosts the 11th annual Engineer Invitational.

Events are scheduled to begin at noon with nine teams expected to compete from five different states.

The competition will be stiff as three men's and one women's team come into the meet ranked in the USTFCCA Top 25 Dual Meet Rankings.

Joining the Rose-Hulman men, who are currently ranked at No. 11, are No. 6 Wabash College and No. 8 Washington University. In last season's Engineer Invitational Wabash edged Rose-Hulman by just 1.5 points to take the overall victory. The women's Washington University team comes in ranked No. 9.



*The men's track and field team combined for 12 top-two finishes to lead the Fightin' Engineers to an overall team victory.*  
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## Fightin' Engineers trounce Transylvania, edge Anderson

**Matt Dierksmeier • sports editor**

Putting up 90 points in each of their past two games, it seemed the Pioneers of Transylvania University may pose trouble for the Rose-Hulman defense. The Fightin' Engineers though came into the game as the second best scoring defense in the conference, allowing an average of just over 63 points a game.

Just three minutes into the game, Rose-Hulman already jumped out to a 12 - 2 advantage with the help of 3 point field goals from senior Julian Strickland and sophomore Jimmy Miller.

The Fightin' Engineers would continue to widen the lead as a jump shot from freshman Wade Stallings put Rose-Hulman up 20 - 5 with 11:05 to play in the opening half.

The gap shrunk to 12 at one point, but Rose-Hulman would end up holding a 37 - 19 lead at halftime.

It was much of the same story in the second half.

The Rose-Hulman defense held the Pioneers to just 26 percent shooting inside the arc and just 14 percent from three-point territory.

Perfect from the field, Stallings would lead the Engineers with 12 points.

The final score would be in favor of Rose-Hulman 66 - 38.

Strickland pulled down eight rebounds in addition to an 11 point scoring performance.

The Fightin' Engineers keep pace with conference opponents Defiance College and Mount St. Joseph whom both are tied with Rose-Hulman at 8 - 2 in league play.

With the win Rose-Hulman moved to 13 - 4 on the season before facing Anderson University on Wednesday evening.

It would be the second and final regular season meeting between Anderson and Rose-Hulman. The Fightin' Engineers de-

feated Anderson by 15 back on Dec. 4. This time, the game would be much closer.

With a remarkable 57.1 percent shooting from inside the three-point arch in the first half, Anderson pulled out to a 27-17 advantage with 4:05 left in the opening period.

Rose-Hulman would close out the half on a 9 - 3 run to trail just four at break.

A pair of three-point shots from Anderson put them ahead 44 - 35 with 12:41 remaining.

Rose-Hulman would continue to battle in the paint and convert opportunites from the free throw line to close the gap.

Trailing for most of the game, the Fightin' Engineers would take a 55 - 54 lead with 3:05 to go. Anderson would though have the last chance to win the game as they looked at two free throws attempts, down 59 - 58, with four seconds left.

They would convert the first to tie the game, but would miss the second to send it into overtime.

A pair of free throws in the last seconds of overtime from Strickland and another from Miller would be the nail in the coffin as Rose-Hulman would win 68 - 66.

This Saturday, Defiance College will be in town as they look to even the series with Rose-Hulman. The Engineers won the matchup with Defiance back on Jan. 11 by a slim 58 - 57 margin.



*Two Engineers, Strickland and Haupt, scored 25 and 24 respectively in the close 68 - 66 victory over Anderson.*  
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## MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING DOMINATES AT HCAC INVITATIONAL

**Matt Dierksmeier • sports editor**

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams competed against both Transylvania University and Franklin College this past weekend as part of the annual HCAC Invitational. The men's squad came out on top in the same meeting last season while the women's team looked to improve upon a second-place finish in the 2012-2013 campaign.

Winning 13 of 16 events, the Rose-Hulman men captured first place by a significant margin over second-place Franklin and third-place Transylvania. Five individuals would win multiple events. The women's swimming and diving team tallied four first-place finishes to end the day third overall.

Individual winners of two swimming events included: freshman Pierce Bartine, sophomore Matthew King, sophomore Orion Martin, freshman Matt

Schulstad, and freshman Ellie Hong.

Freshman Matt Schulstad added another first-place finish in the 200-butterfly event.

The men also swept both the 200-medley and 400-medley events.

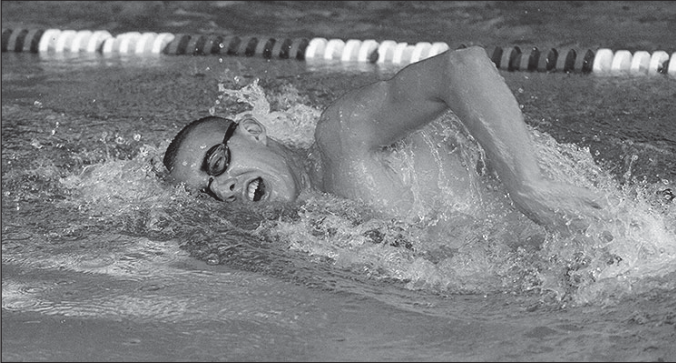
Comprising the 200-medley for Rose-Hulman were freshman Nate Weber, sophomore Paul Hintz, Podgorski, and Martin.

The winning 400-medley squad consisted of Martin, Hintz, Schulstad, and Podgorski.

Rose-Hulman divers Sam Gould and Regen Foote would sweep all four diving events; both captured wins in the one-meter and three-meter dive.

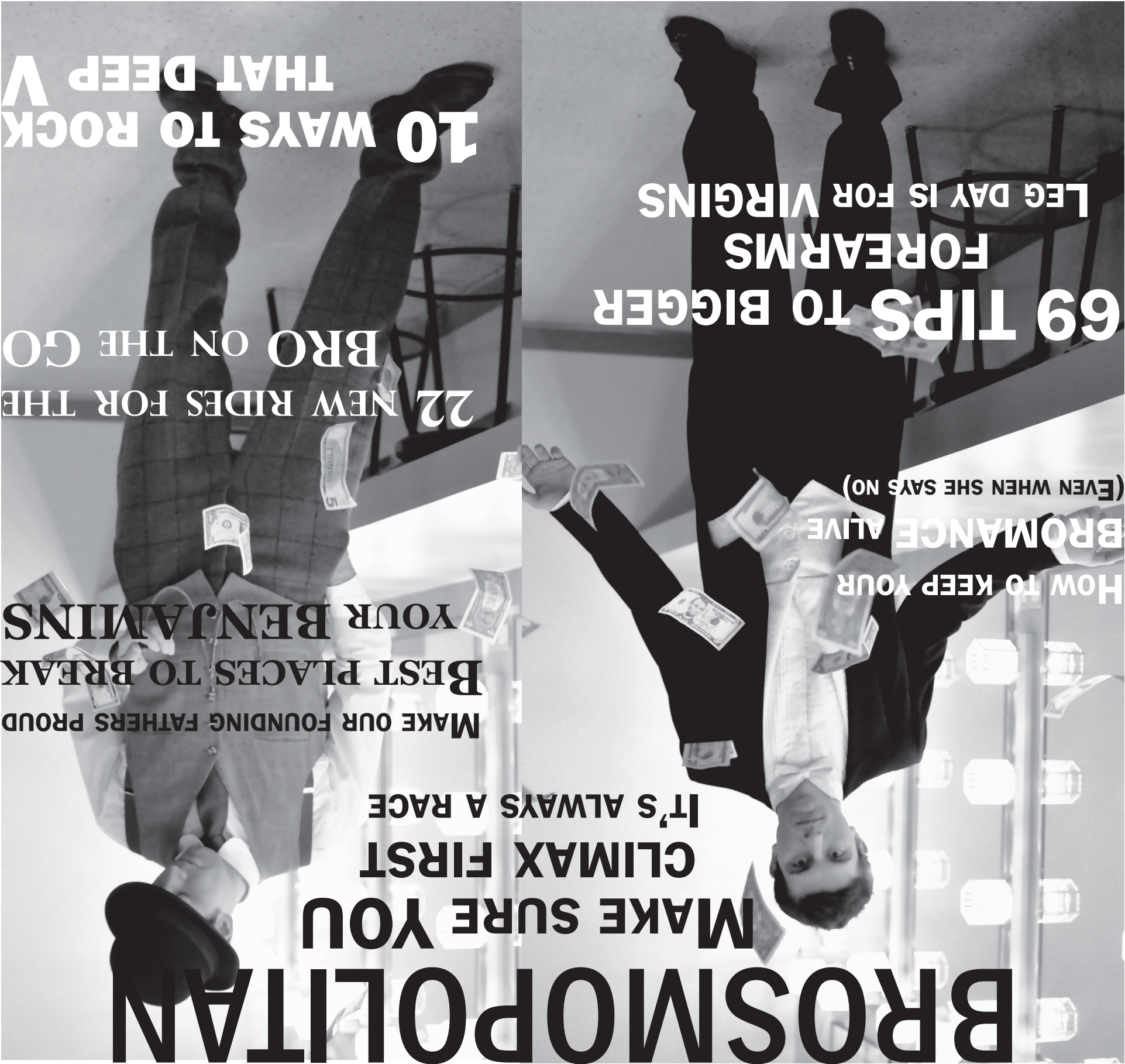
The pair will join the rest of the diving team as they compete on Feb. 7-8 at the CCIW Diving Invitational.

The swimmers will have until Feb. 13 to prepare for the three-day CCIW Swimming Championships.



*The men's swimming and diving team took first-place in 13 of 16 events to handily win the HCAC Invitational.*  
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## Top "10" Ten

### Six Figure Reflections

1. Pack your snow luggage. Spain was all booked up honey, so we had to settle for the Alps.

2. No no please, Mr. Daginot is my father's name... You can call me Dr. Daginot.

3. Money is time? That's completely false. If money was time, my clock would have several more digits.

4. I was at some cancer fundraiser and the bartender was trying to be social. I can't believe he pronounced that painter's name Monet...

5. Darling, How are we going to fit our grandfather clock through those double oak doors?

6. Princess, the new horse is arriving today for your dressage lessons! If only we could get a pure blooded instructor as well...

7. It's okay that you got an 18 on your ACTs, we'll still get you into Harvard. Uncle Richard's on the review board... and he doesn't even know what licentious means.

8. You simply won't work for a living. No one in our family has ever worked... especially not for a living.

9. Our private jet is in the shop for repairs. I'm sorry, but we're going to have to ride first class.

10. The new summer estate does not have a bidet. Are you telling me that I'm going to have to wipe my own cheeks? What happened to our butler, did he break *both* his arms?

## Top "10" Ten

### Redneck Reflections

1. Pack your duffle bags kids! We won a trip to Holiday World. So, feed the chickens real quick and then we're off.

2. No no no, Mr. Daginot is my father's name... You can call me Bud.

3. Money is time? Dang! I should go out and get me one of them watches.

4. I was at the bar watching the game and Can you believe he pronounced that guy's name Fav-re?

5. Hey sweet cheeks, how are we going to fit the couch through the trailer door?

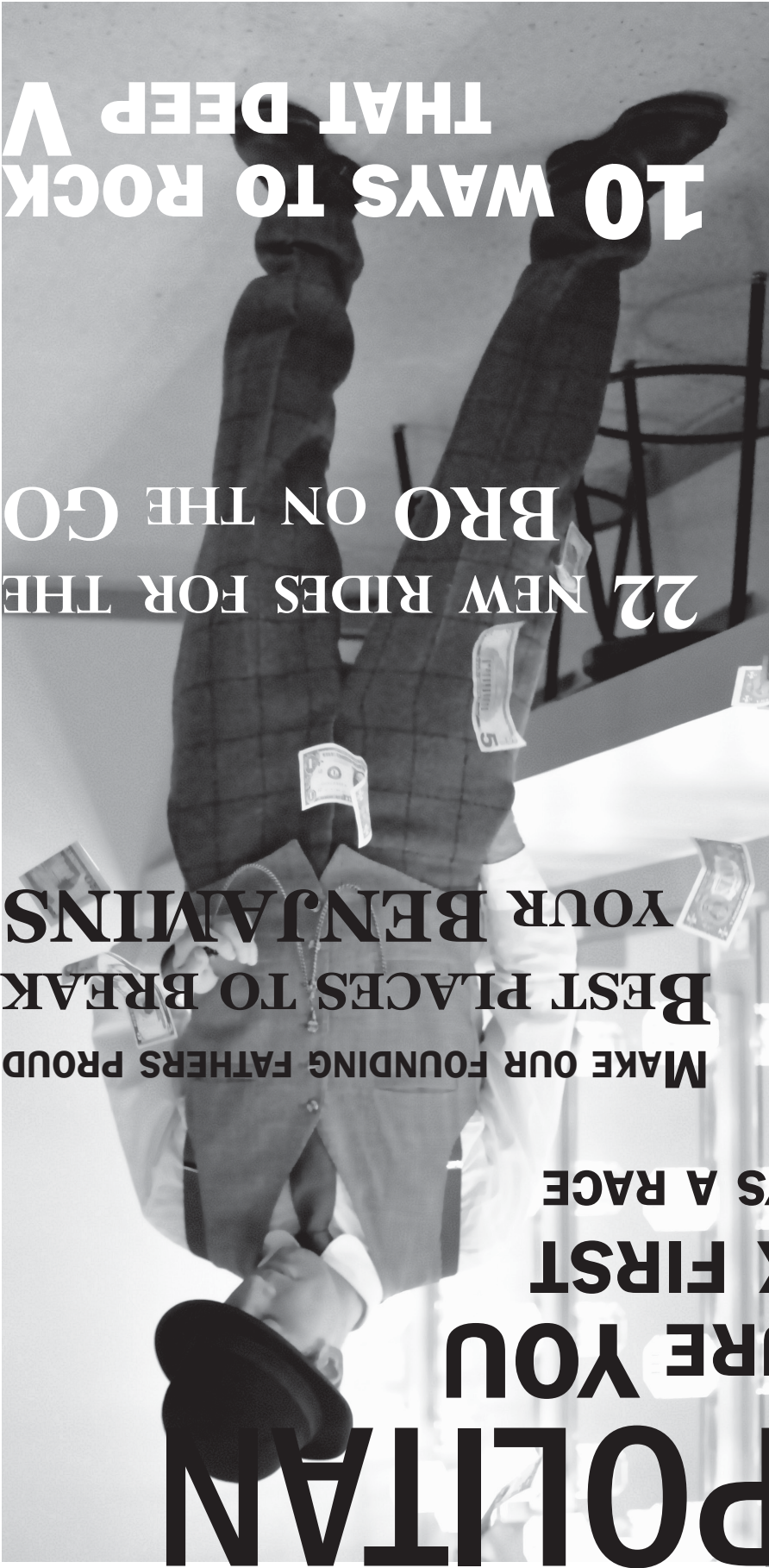
6. Hey Chuck, we've got to pack the trailer of horses for the state fair by noon today! We can fix the tractor later.

7. What's an ACT... and why are you spending time doing pointless activities?

8. You're going to work? But I thought today was Tuesday...

9. Uncle Jerry's crop duster is in the shop, so you're going to have to fertilize the entire field by hand.

10. Your brother's cabin doesn't even have an outhouse. Just go out back and dig a hole.



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