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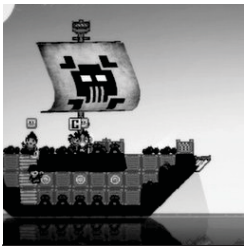
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## Battle of the Bands Rock Rose-Hulman

**Bethany Martin** • editor in chief

Type I Diabetes(T1D) is an autoimmune disease that causes a person's pancreas to stop producing insulin. Insulin plays a key part in getting the body energy from food. Type I diabetes is not determined by diet or lifestyle but by both genetic and environmental triggers. There is no way to prevent it, and as of now no way to cure it.

This disease strikes anyone at any age and can cause the person to become dependent on injected or pumped insulin for the rest of his or her life. Life as a Type I diabetic is a careful balance between insulin doses and everyday life. Even with constant vigilance over blood-glucose levels, it is still possible to reach dangerous high or low levels. This can be life threatening.

Three years ago a fundraiser was started at Rose-Hulman to raise money for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) after Ryland Hayes was diagnosed with Type I. Rock Out 4 Ryland is a battle of the bands that takes place every year to raise

money and awareness.

The contest has four different categories in which bands can achieve victory. The categories are Fan Favorite, Best Overall Band, Best Rock Band, and Best Alternative Band.

The event goal was \$2000 and by the end of the night the total donation reached almost \$4000.

The guest judges this year were Tom Miller, Dr. Glen Livesay, Dr. Jeremy Chapman, and Dr. Patrick Hartnett. The winners were The Foggy Isle Rovers (Marcus Willerscheidt and Robbie Mayhew) as the Best Alternative Band, Take Me Away (Daniel Powers, Eric Kercher, Toba Faseru, and Chad Jones) as the Best Rock Band, and Equinox (Kevin Dorn, Brad Beauchamp, Ethan Campbell, Lauren McLennan and Ronnie Shields) as the Best Overall Band. In addition to the free gifts these bands received, the Best Overall Band winners also win the chance to play at Ambrosini's on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 7 pm.

Ronnie Shields, one of the members of Equinox, had this to say: "I was just glad I could participate

especially when I can do something I'm so passionate about. My girlfriend and I have been dating for over three years, and I remember when she was diagnosed with Type I diabetes. She was a sophomore in high school at the time and for about a month or so she became extremely ill. It turned out she had Type I diabetes. Why it took so long for her to develop symptoms is unknown to us, but to have to suddenly deal with such a life changing experience is a big shock. Living with Type I diabetes is not fun. You have to constantly monitor and control what you eat, you have to take multiple insulin shots a day, and if you do not do these things you are going to feel it physically and it could have permanent impact on your body. I could not imagine to have to live through that as a child. To hear how much money was raised and how all those who came out to support the event really made me feel good because it is towards a cause that has impacted the life of someone I love dearly. Plus, winning is cool too, I guess."

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## Cats Go Meow

**Christopher Kodama** • staff writer

Last week, the Rose-Hulman Drama Club performed their spring musical, entitled "Cats," in Hatfield Hall. "Cats" is a musical originally produced by Cameron Mackintosh and with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, a British composer also known for works such as the music for "Phantom of the Opera" and "Jesus Christ Superstar." "Cats" was the longest-running show in Broadway history until later being surpassed by "The Phantom of the Opera."

The musical is based on the poet T.S. Eliot's short collection of poems on cat psychology, entitled "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats." The musical is a fantastical story about a group of cats named the Jellicle Cats who regularly convene in the "Jellicle Ball" to determine which Jellicle Cat will be the next to be reborn as a new cat in the "Heaviside Layer." All of the cats have eccentric names, which include: Rum Tum Tugger (Christopher O'Daniel), Old Dueteronomy (Devon Timaeus), Grizabella (Samantha Stazak), and

Macavity (Dan Untener).

The Rose-Hulman Drama Club's version of "Cats" featured extensive choreography, a variety of special effects, and a full pit orchestra.

"Cats" is the Drama Club's last production for this academic year. Senior Christopher O'Daniel, who played the part of Rum Tum Tugger, expressed his thoughts on his final production and experience with the Rose-Hulman Drama Club: "It has been one of the greatest experiences that I have had such a wonderful time doing! This show has been a lot of fun with a lot of wonderful people and Bunny and Nash have made this show even greater. This role in Cats has been a great way to go out."



The Rose drama presents a new production of the hair-raising, feline foray Cats.

Photo by Nate Montgomery

The Drama Club performed "Cats" last week on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. For those who have yet to see the show, there are two more upcoming performances this Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

## events

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### Stomp on Cancer

Come to this spirit competition to Stomp on Pancreatic Cancer.  
**SRC, May 10, 1:00 p.m.**



### Bowling Tournament

Participate in the tournament at Terre Haute Bowling Center.  
**May 10, 2:00 p.m.**

### Amazing Race

Help St. Jude Children's Hospital by attending Bill Murray's amazing race.  
**TBA, May 10, 4:00 p.m.**

## sports

**Baseball @ HCAC Tournament**  
May 9 • TBA

**Track @ Eastern Illinois Invitational**  
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**Baseball @ HCAC Tournament**  
May 10 • TBA



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# Rock Out For Ryland Interview

## Daniel D’Avello, Senior Electrical Engineering Student



Daniel D’Avello chairman of the Rock Out 4 Ryland Committee.

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Katrina Brandenburg • editor in chief

**Thorn:** What roles did you play in the Rock Out for Ryland event this past weekend?

**D’Avello:** I was the chairman of the Rock Out 4 Ryland Committee that runs this event every year. The committee was made up of Paige Cook, Sarah Hensley, Arda Tugay, Julie Byrd, Paul Park, Kevin Dorn, Brad Beauchamp, Eric Guilford, Dan Dugmore, Nick Aellen, Marcus Willerscheidt, and me. Erik and Mel Hayes were also a huge help to running this event; without them this event would not have been possible.

In addition to my responsibilities as chairman, I also organized my floor (Lakeside 4) to be the volunteers on the day of the event. Without them, this event would not have been possible.

**Thorn:** What were some of your responsibilities?

**D’Avello:** As head of the committee it was my job to organize and run the overall event. This included finding sponsors for raffle prizes and general fundraising, ordering food for the event, setting up the stage, and everything else that goes into running an event. However, just like with everything else, I could not have done by myself; it was a true team effort by the entire committee.

**Thorn:** What went well? What do you hope to see improved in future years?

**D’Avello:** This year the event has run the smoothest it ever has. This is largely due to efforts of Dan Dugmore, Nick Aellen, and Arda Tugay who spent their Friday night getting the stage ready so it would be ready for the day of the event. The few obstacles we hit on the day event were nothing major and we were able to raise almost \$4000.

**Thorn:** What are the goals of this event?

**D’Avello:** This event was started three years ago by Nadini Hettigei and Julie Byrd after Ryland Hayes was diagnosed with Type I diabetes. The event was started to give Ryland one day out of the year when it could be fun to have Type I diabetes. And so for the past three years we have been making this day special for him and raising money to donate to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation to help look for a cure for Ryland and others like him.

**Thorn:** How successful is this event in meeting the goals you’ve stated?

**D’Avello:** This year blew away all of our expectations. We had many new big sponsors, including Sonka’s who donated \$500 to the event, in addition to sponsors like Pepsi, Resident Halls Association (RHA), and Student Government Association (SGA) who have been giving us money since this event first started. These new sponsors plus a huge showing at the event helped us raise almost \$4000 this year for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). This blew away our goal of \$2000, and I am excited to see how this event will continue to grow.

**Thorn:** What did you think about the film crew attending the event?

**D’Avello:** It was really awesome to see the film crew at the event and to see that we actually made it onto the news. I’m excited that this event is continuing to grow and bring in people from the entire Terre Haute community.

# News Briefs

Elena Chong • news editor

### Boko Haram leader claims mass abduction

A video was released this Thursday showing Abubakar Shekau, leader of a radical Islamic group called Boko Haram claiming that they are responsible of the abduction of 276 Nigerian schoolgirls from their boarding school last April 14<sup>th</sup> in a remote town of Chibok in northeastern Nigeria. In the video, Shekau made the statement, “I abducted your girls,” “There is a market for selling humans. Allah says I should sell. He commands me to sell.”

The lack of rescue effort from the country has created a global outrage. It has sparked a movement demanding the rescue of the 276 girls. President Goodluck Jonathan in his speech thanked China, the US, the UK, and France for offering their help to rescue the girls. After his speech, President Jonathan told reporters that with the assistance of other countries, “we will be able to bring terror to an end in Nigeria.”

**88-Years-old Georgia man decapitated, wife missing**

Georgia man Russel Dermond, 88, was found dead in the garage of his mansion on Tuesday. His 87-year-old wife, Shirley Dermond disappeared around the same time. According to the investigators, Mrs. Dermond is not a suspect, there is a lot of evidence that shows she was taken from their home. Her belongings were still at their mansion.

Putnam County Sheriff Howard Sills described this case as “very unusual”. Russel Dermond was decapitated, and the investigators are still searching for his head. “I don’t think it’s a random incident. They live in one of the most exclusive neighborhoods in this county... They’re on a cul-de-sac in a gated, multimillion dollar resort community that we have no crime in,” Sills said. Their 3,300-square-foot Eatonton home is valued at around one million dollars and it sits on Lake Oconee, about 75 miles east of Atlanta.

So far, the investigation shed little light on the crime. There is little information about the New Jersey couple. The police and friends are confused as of why they were targets of such violence. The Rev. David Key of Oconee Lake Community Church who has known the couple for about eight years said, they were “beloved in the community” and “sweet as can be”.

Police are asking the community for assistance in finding Shirley Dermond, who is described as having gray hair and blue eyes, 5-foot-2 tall and weighs 148 pounds.

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# The Amazing Spider-Man 2

Bethany Martin • editor in chief

There does not seem to be a limit on foreshadowing or the number of ironic situations that one can shove into a super hero movie, especially a Spider-Man movie. The ending of this movie is a shocker but only to those who have not read the comics and have been living under a rock. If you are one of these people, worry not. There are no significant spoilers ahead.

Peter Parker (Andrew Garfield) has everything going for him. He has a beautiful girlfriend, Gwen Stacy (Emma Stone), despite her father's dying wish. He graduated high school second in his class (Gwen was valedictorian.) and he is on his way to college. The only problem is that he is haunted by the ghost of Captain George Stacy. The captain stands stoically and protectively around his little girl as he stares down the boy that would be her downfall. The guilt finally gets to Peter, and he breaks off his relationship with Gwen.

A couple of years pass and Peter is still hung up on his

old flame Gwen. He follows her around New York City as Spidey to make sure that she is safe. This is one of the times that the fine line between adorable and stalking is

Max's birthday (irony abounds). Due to some gross disregard for safety procedures, Max falls into a vat of super charged electric eels and ends up as a crisp mum-

starts to feed his glowing blue body through electrical wires that run through the morgue.

Electro's powers not only surpass biological possibilities but also the essence of electricity and physics. None of that matters because he looks absolutely fantastic. Shockingly, the flick was shot on 35mm film, which I cannot imagine was easy to integrate with computer-generated

originally Peter Parker's best friend Harry Osborn. Insert more irony here. The only real complaint I have about the Green Goblin was his metamorphosis scene. The strobe effect that was implemented was beyond disorienting; it was painful. I wonder at the practicality of using such an effect as all it did was take me outside the movie and leave me to wonder if there were any epileptics in the theater. It seems as though the biggest fault of this movie is the exaggerated effects, especially with its gratuitous use of slow motion as Spidey whips various objects around with his web slingers.

The movie was absolutely stressful. The foreshadowing and teasing that the director puts well-read fans through is excruciating. The story of Spider-Man is generally devastating as he loses those he loves one by one, and this movie is a perfect representation of that sentiment.

Rating: 3.5/5 elephants



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pushed but not crossed.

The first of many villains in this flick is Electro, formerly Max Dillon (Jamie Foxx). Max is a lonely and socially awkward electrical engineer at the illustrious and infamous Oscorp. Max also happens to be one of Spider-Man's biggest fans. This all changes on

my. Oscorp is still in hot water after one of their prominent employees tried to turn everyone in New York City into lizards and is reluctant to own up to another scandal, so they hide the evidence and bury the existence of the friendless man. Upon his rebirth, Max adopts the name Electro and

imagery (CGI). In fact, all of the graphics were beautiful, save the opening sequence of Spidey saving radioactive material from the back of a runaway truck and a stobe sequence to be discussed later.

Apart from Electro, the other dominating villain was Green Goblin (Dane DeHaan),

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"Pixel Piracy" - A Seaworthy Experience

Morgan Escalera • business manager

In a similar vein to its famous predecessor, "Faster than Light," "Pixel Piracy" is a strategy/simulation game. In this delightful gem, you control a crew of scurvy scallywags on the hunt for treasure. Created by indie developer Vitali Kirpu, this game is an excellent mix of combat and management.

Beginning the game, you are faced with a multitude of options on how you want your world to be ranging from the captain's appearance to the state of affairs in the land. Suddenly you are plopped in the randomly-generated world of "Pixel Piracy" with no more further instructions. The gameplay consists of you, the captain, raiding the surrounding boats and islands in the search for treasure. You start out alone in your quest for booty, but soon you will recruit other pirates to the cause.

One of the greatest strengths of the game is the art style. While rendered to whatever pixelation the player chooses, the sprites are forever pixelated as well as the 2D world around them. Added to this, each sprite, whether player controlled or NPC, has a generic pirate quip that they say intermittently. These sound bites were thrown through a voice modulator, giving each pirate a different voice. The design choice gives the game an honest appeal to keep coming back in both the aesthetic of the game and the attachment the player feels toward the little pirates almost immediately.

The combat system in "Pixel Piracy" is split into two components. Real-time combat, where the player can order the pixelated pirates to attack or move away from the target, is supplemented by an option for the player to pause the game. This leads to a more patient combat system, where movement commands can be executed by clicking and dragging to a point on the screen for the pirate to go. The game uses only the two mouse buttons and the arrow keys for the majority of the controls in the game.

As you and your crew move further and further from your starting position, the enemies become progressively more difficult. There is no "end game" as far as I can tell in "Pixel Piracy," and with 31 hours logged into the game I have experienced most of what the game has to offer. The game is still in its alpha stage, so some minor bugs are to be expected, but even in its current form the game is very playable and enjoyable. Future patches and updates will only serve to make the game more balanced and better for the long term.

Rating: 5/5 elephants



# The Other Side of the Desk

## Life lessons through investing

Dr. Sudipa Kirtley • faculty writer

Last weekend I took a trip to Omaha, Nebraska, to see and hear Warren Buffet at the annual Berkshire shareholders’ meeting, often called the “Woodstock of Capitalists.” I will remember this experience for a very long time. A group of about 40,000 members gathered. People started to congregate in front of the stadium doors at 4 a.m. on the day of the main event.

I met many people from different backgrounds from entrepreneurs to scientists, from hedge fun managers to librarians, and from all corners of the globe. Some big wig CEOs of companies such as Bill Gates as well as some well-known faces from national TV. What was amazing to me was that even though the common interest of the people who attended was about finance, the lessons that I soaked up in those two days were beyond the subject of finance.

Buffett, along with his partner, Charlie Munger, answered a series of questions from the attendees on Saturday. These questions ranged from specific ones about Berkshire Hathaway to other general ones. Being a novice investor myself, I learned more about the company, how partnerships with other

companies were formed, and what future moves the company is posed to make. It impressed me to see how succinctly they spoke and how powerful their memories are.

Munger mentioned at one point the importance of “ignorance removal” as we go forward in life. We strive to make judicious decisions in our lives, given the parameters that are available to us at that time. Yet, if we observe bad consequences from an action, we are not always consistent or quick enough to avoid the same mistake.

A fair amount of discipline is needed to do this every single day for every single false step taken consistently and quickly. Whether the decision is about health, relationships, work, or investing we get hurt by repeating wrong behavior often. If we do realize the benefits of removing these ignorance nuggets from our lives, we will be able to enjoy a much more enriched life in the future.

Another idea that resonated with me is what we choose to disapprove. If we focus on all the things that we criticize, we will be wasting our time and efforts, which can be better spent in other areas. We only need to disapprove of things that will affect us the

most in the long run. If we hone in on all of our “negative” actions, we will get exhausted. In the long run that may reap a small benefit if any.

Buffett and Munger have been partners for about 50 years ,and the rapport with which they operate is truly enviable. It seems that they sustain their partnership based on intelligent decisions triumphing over ego and jealousy. When they do disagree, they do so cordially, or else this would not have lasted this long. This understanding of each other was very evident when they were answering the questions on Saturday. One of the key points that they mentioned was not to let the other person down in a partnership. I thought that this was beautiful, and we could all learn to practice that in all spheres of our lives.

This weekend event gave me the opportunity to reflect on my own life, and the powerful messages that I construed from the different programs resonated in me during the trip back. I learned how to invest and met a lot of people, but most importantly this opened my eyes to a lot of ways I could make my life more enriched every single day.

# The Virgin Bahia

Amaryllis Biduaka • living editor

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# The Mega Burrito

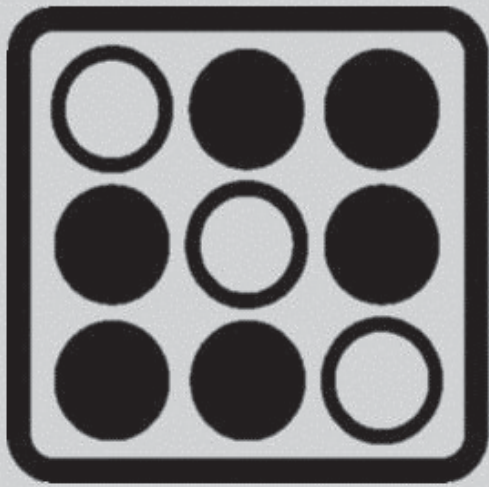
David Harvey • staff writer

Chavas is known for their burritos that are available late in the night and is very similar to Qdoba or Moe’s Mexican grill. They offer a large and varied selection of topping choices for the burrito. The normal burrito is a generous serving, which will fill you in one sitting. The super burrito is a larger version for times when you have not eaten all day or when you are planning to eat leftovers. Recently, however, Chavas has introduced the mega-burrito. This burrito is so large that it barely fits in the to-go bags. At a size of roughly one foot long, the super burrito presents a challenge to whomever takes it up. It is overwhelming and delicious in one sitting or multiple. The mega-burrito is by far the best value at Chavas in the department of price to food. Chavas dominates its competitors in all related food categories by offering multiple sizes of burritos and in a big way with the mega burrito. I know I will be going to Chavas for another.



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# The Other Side of the Desk

## Everyone should be a dutiful writer of thank you notes

Dr. Julia Williams• faculty writer

My favorite part of Jimmy Fallon hosting the Tonight Show is the bit he does writing thank you notes. At the right music cue, Jimmy is writing a note by hand to Caps Lock, slow walking family, microbreweries, Hamburger Helper Glove, and the word “moist.” Jimmy and I have something in common these days—my own task of writing a pile of thank you notes by hand on Rose-Hulman stationary.

“I was raised by good parents who thought that writing thank you notes was what all polite people did

As part of our recent institutional accreditation visit, groups of faculty, staff, and students met with two external evaluators and told them about what makes Rose a special place. I think that each person who participated deserves some additional recognition in the form of a note from me, since each person took time out of his day to help with this important work.

I confess that I have not always been a dutiful writer of thank you notes. I blame this on the fact that I was raised by a pack of Wolverines in the wilds of Tennessee. No, that’s not fair. I was raised by good parents who thought that writing thank you notes was what all polite people did, but I did not follow their sage advice.

It wasn’t until I arrived at Rose that I started to receive thank you notes and considered the impact they had on me. If I helped another faculty member with a class project or served on a special Institute commission or wrote a graduate school recommendation letter for a student, then many of these polite, well-brought-up people would send me a handwritten note expressing their gratitude. Because I liked being thanked, I figured I should thank others as well. Now I write thank you notes, and I think you should too.

So let’s assume that you were brought up correctly by parents who love you. Ask yourself the following questions:

Do you already send a note of thanks when the situation warrants it? If so, then you have my respect. Write your parents a thank you note, thanking them for bringing you up correctly.

If you do not already send thank you notes, then when should you? What situations seem appropriate? Let me suggest that there are several situations in which writing a thank you note can not only mark you as a polite person but also distinguish you in a professional context as well.

Consider the job search. You are invited for a site visit with a prospective employer. They show you around the site, introduce you to people, take you out for dinner, and maybe even give you a branded water bottle with the company logo. Should you, upon your return to campus, write your host a thank you note? You bet, and the sooner the better.

What should this thank you note say? Good question. How about this as a template to get you started? “Dear Ms. Smith, Thank you for hosting me during my recent visit to your company. It was a pleasure to meet so many of your talented engineers and to discuss with them the possible projects on which I could work. I feel that I have a much clearer picture of your company and of how I could contribute to your success. I look forward to hearing from you soon. All the best—Your Name”

Would not that sound insincere and hokey? It depends. Did you appreciate the time they spent on you? Did you enjoy meeting the employees? I do not think you need to lie. Instead express gratitude for the things you liked.

Is it okay to send the note via email? If the choice is between no note and an email note, then I say to email it. Think about it. An email requires 40 seconds of your time or maybe less if you use my template.

If your message to the company care about the is that you express that when you take job, then you write a note by sentiment will remember the time to as “that candi- hand. They you distinctly guess is that date who sent note.” My there will not be too many people who fall into that category.

Is spelling important? Next question. And punctuation and mechanics and grammar? Yes, they are all important.

What if my penmanship looks bad? Here are a few options: 1. Practice. 2. Use a good pen. 3. Find someone with better skills and ask him or her to write out your message. (This will probably require an exchange of services or goods like beer.) I would avoid using a handwriting font and printing your message.

Do I have to buy fancy stationary that says “Thank You” on it? Absolutely not. Almost any clean paper and envelope will do. I would avoid green engineering paper myself, but again, it would distinguish you from other candidates.

“I do not think you need to lie

# Clippers owner gets too many clips

Bethany Martin • editor in chief

On one of my occasional runs to the McDonald’s on Wabash, where the television is always showing the impeccable news of the Cable News Network (CNN), I noticed the jarringly unnecessary continued coverage of the racist comments of Donald Sterling.

We as the American community prize our perceptive privacy, but not our fellow citizens’ right to speak their mind behind closed doors. I am not condoning the views of Donald Sterling, I am simply defending his right to have his own opinions and not have the entirety of the CNN team air his dirty laundry for weeks on end.

The biggest thing that bugs me is that the banner running across the bottom of the screen was full of important political and dangerous situations in various volatile areas, and yet here we are talking about some random, rich, and bigoted lawyer like we have nothing else important in the world to notice.

This gives the impression that there is nothing but attitudes to fix. I am not trying to belittle racism; it is a problem and it needs to be addressed. However, this specific issue is not nearly important enough to rate a prime time slot with the top people in the field spending their precious time and our limited attention. We have issues like civil wars and corruption of which the general public needs to be aware.

As a part of this general public, I can feel my ignorance in these issues. Some of that ignorance may come from not having time to dedicate to my surroundings, and that is on me, but I should have no trouble finding out what is going on in the world. Instead, I find sensational stories that belong on an internet blog and not a national news station.

The American people are often ridiculed by how self-involved and oblivious we are, and I agree with them. I am not exempt, but I think we as a community and nation can rise above it. In order to accomplish a nationwide attentiveness revival, we need help, and that takes a better media—a media that is not obsessed with money, scandal, and intrigue.



Clippers owner Donald Sterling reclines comfortably to enjoy his view. Courtesy of nationsports.com

## 100 WORDS SHUT UP

Katrina Brandenburg  
editor in chief

Saying “shut up” might be too rude under normal circumstances, but sometimes it needs to be said. It is important to be told when something is bad enough to be interrupted. There is no reason to worry about being offensive in the face of blatantly ignorant, offensive, and inappropriate remarks. That is the case when someone is making racist, sexist, or bigoted remarks. If no one wants to hear it, then someone should interject. After that good deed is done, the next step is to put it in the past.

Tell him to shut up. Then shut up about it.



# Softball HCAC tourney run ends

**Matt Dierksmeier • sports editor emeritus**

After finishing third place in the HCAC regular season standings, the Fightin’ Engineers were paired against No. 2 seed Bluffton University in the opening game of the HCAC Tournament.

In an enthralling game, junior Chris Rolins delivered the excitement in the top of the seventh. With the score tied 2 – 2 Rollins hit

a two-run home run. Junior Carly Heibel would keep Bluffton scoreless in the bottom of the seventh to secure a 4 – 2 Rose-Hulman victory. Heibel would record her 12<sup>th</sup> win of the season.

The first Engineer run of the game came in the first inning as senior Allison Bowman scored senior Jenna Martinek with a bases loaded single. The other run was manufactured in the top of the seventh as senior Marissa Stout helped Martinek to score on a sacrifice fly.

In the second game on Friday, Rose-Hulman faced No.1 seed Anderson University. There was no stopping the Anderson of-

fense, and they would score seven runs in the second inning. Anderson would go on to win the game 12 – 3.

Rose-Hulman then battled Bluffton again on Saturday to determine who would advance in the tournament. Rose-Hulman would take a 1 – 0 lead as junior Jessica Ahlborn hit a home run in the first inning. Bluffton would be kept scoreless until the bottom of the fourth, during which they scored three runs to regain the lead. They would score again in the fifth and sixth innings to take the game 10 – 2.

Rose-Hulman finished their season 19 -16 and made it to the HCAC Tournament for the first time since 2008.

Five players from the Rose-Hulman squad were named to the All-HCAC team. Senior catcher Allison Bowman along with junior pitcher and shortstop Carly Heibel, sophomore second baseman Marissa Stout, and junior centerfielder Jessica Ahlborn all were named to the second team All-HCAC squad. Senior third baseman Jenna Martinek earned an honorable mention recognition.

Rose-Hulman’s two seniors, Bowman and Martinek finished their careers with the most games played in school history. Martinek played in 145 games while Bowman was right behind her with 144 played.



The Rose-Hulman softball team finished third in the HCAC regular standings, and five players were named to the All-HCAC team.

Rose-Hulman Athletics

## Rose-Hulman Regains Commissioner’s Cup

**Matt Dierksmeier • sports editor emeritus**

Given to the conference school with the most cumulative points based on 22 different sports, the Commissioner’s Cup represents the overall excellence of an athletic program. Rose-Hulman had previously won the cup in 2008 and 2010. With this year’s victory, the Fightin’ Engineers earned their third Commissioner’s Cup in eight years.

The overall cumulative score for a school is the total of the Men’s All-Sports Trophy standings added with the women’s All-Sports Trophy standings. For the men Rose-Hulman won by a wide margin, earning 75 points compared to second place Franklin College and Hanover College with 52 points each.

With the first place finish the Fightin’ Engineer men claimed the All-Sports Trophy for the sixth time in seven years. They accomplished this through top four finishes by every men’s athletic team. Over the course of the year, Rose-Hulman earned conference championships in football, basketball, and track & field.

The Rose-Hulman women claimed 53.5 points for an overall school total of 128.5. Hanover College finished second in the Commissioner’s Cup standings with 121 points.

The women’s athletic program was led by a second-place finish in golf and third-place finishes from both softball and volleyball. Rose-Hulman would end up fourth overall in the Women’s All-Sports Trophy. Rose-Hulman becomes the only school to win the Commissioner’s Cup three times.

## Sanders Park Wins HCAC Championship

**Matt Dierksmeier • sports editor emeritus**

After a breakout freshman season in which he finished eighth individually in the HCAC Men’s Golf Championship, Rose-Hulman student-athlete Sanders Park won it all this time around.

Park became the first individual

from Rose-Hulman to become a men’s individual champion since 1996. Park endured seven playoff holes after finishing the 72 hole championship tied with two other individuals. His overall score for the four day event, spanning two weekends, was 296.

Park shot 70 and 74 the opening weekend and followed it up with 76 and 76 this past Saturday and Sunday. On the season Park averaged a school-record score of 74.40 for 18 holes. Park also claimed two individual victories and four top-five finishes.



Sander Park finished an impressive season by emerging victorious after a seven hole playoff at the HCAC Men’s Golf Championship.

Rose-Hulman Athletics

As a team Rose-Hulman finished the HCAC Championship in fourth place behind Transylvania University, Mount St. Joseph, and Hanover College. Senior Travis Whithaus shot a combined score of 311 over the four days to finish 11<sup>th</sup> overall. Freshman Tapat Wittayakom recorded a 321, which was good for 15<sup>th</sup> overall individually. Sophomore Kent Kraus finished just outside the top 20 in 21<sup>st</sup>. He tied freshman Luke Peoples, who also shot a 327.

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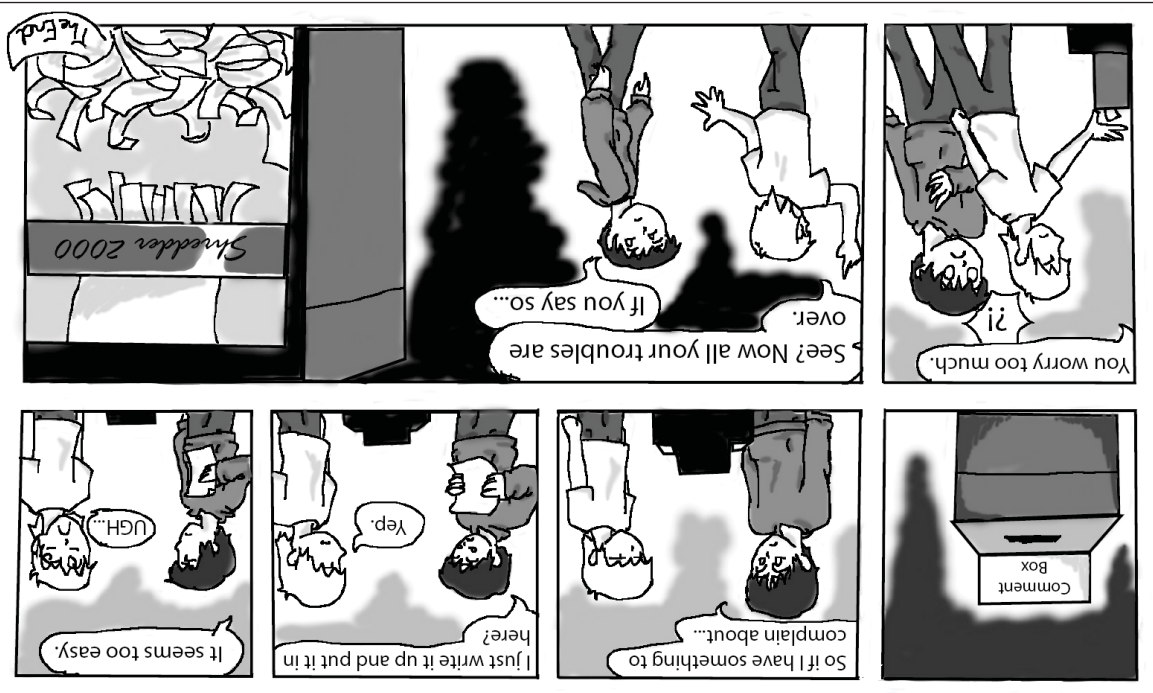
**Nervual Nechitnas** • Flipside editor

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“Why did it have to happen during the summer?”

“The decision in 2014 was a very interesting year. Analysis and Design of Engineering Systems (ADES) first quarter happened next year after anyone?”



## Reasons to move to Terre Haute

1. The memorable smells  
2. We have a rich history of questionable chemistry  
3. The weather  
4. The friendly people you meet on the street  
5. The socially adept college students  
6. #WOODSIES  
7. 15 minutes away from the cultural experience that is Brazil.  
8. Will Ferrel was here once  
9. That construction though  
10. The food.

## WACKY

“Are you cheating? Good, keep doing that.”  
-Dr. Tarrant

*Wait, for reals? Can I get that in writing?*

“I can’t control it when Grammy runs out into the road in front of me.”  
—Dr. Lovell

*Just use the force! She won't know what hit her!*

– Dr. Jeremy Chapman

questions to them a month ago! They're just busy!

“I am becoming a dinosaur.”  
— Dr. Rostamkholai

Is that an invasive procedure? In my heart, I am a stegosaurus.

"Because it was my special point, I wanted to put stars around it. Though it'd be cute."

*What about all the other points? Aren't they special?*

“Feel free to grow a beard too.”

Reality: Yes; my dream  
come true!

"No free lunches in English"

No? What about tuition?

rose professors say  
them to the Flipside at  
thorn-flipside@rose-  
hulman.edu

## Heard, Round

I'm sorry. My roommate bribed me with cookie dough.

*All the things you didn't want to know.*

ARIES:

are okay up to a point. Try not to sob into your test in the middle of Moench comments.

You take life way too seriously. Give yourself some perspective. Visit a homeless

You know you're right. I know you're right. It's every-

CANCER: Perhaps you feel like there isn't enough excitement in

LEO:

Things are coming to a dramatic climax in your love life

LIBRA:  
Life is not a videogame.  
Don't screw it up. You only

SCORPIO:

## SAGITTARIUS:

CAPRICORN:

AQUARIUS:

DOUBLE LATER:  
PISCES:

do anything if you put your mind to it. Trying flying first

In England,

the speaker of the house is not allowed to speak.

is LeWitt's *Random Walk*, but what's the most of the work that goes with other weeks? Anytime I think this week has raised on too long, all these projects and presentations are just beating me up. Seriously, I will be so happy for tenth week. It's