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Nicole Hartkemeyer
Staff Writer

The nationally recognized Engineers Week took place the week of February 17-23. Unfortunately, this week is already "celebrated" by our Rose-Hulman peers as Finals Week. Due to this fact, the students of Rose are moving the E-Week celebration to next week, March 17-23. The main attraction: a weeklong competition between the Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, Chemi-

Rose site for NCAA Final Four showdown

Crystal Landreth
Staff Writer

The NCAA Championships Committee has selected Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology as host for the 2002 - 2003 NCAA Division III Women's Basketball National Championships. This is not the first time the recently built Sports Recreation Center has had the opportunity to host a nation championship. In 1995, Rose-Hul-

man held the NCAA Division III Golf National Championships and served as host for 1997 NCAA Division III Cross Country Regional. Also, Rose serves as the site for the Indianapolis Colts summer training camp.

A total of 2,000 tickets are available for each session of the championship; however, half of the seating will be reserved for the four participating teams. Approximately 1,000 tickets are available to the general

public. According to Ticketmaster, there are a few tickets left and can be purchased at <http://www.ticketmaster.com> and <http://www.ncaa-championships.com> or at the Hulbert Area Box Office the night of the game, if tickets are still available.

The popular Washington University (Mo.) team, who has won the past four NCAA Division III women's basketball championships was defeated by UW-Stevens, leaving DePauw, St.

Lawrence, Marymount, UW-Stevens to advance to the finals. Marymount and DePauw were both picked as favorites prior to the tournament; however, UW-Stevens' triumph over Washington University (Mo.) has turned the spotlight.

The semi-finals begin Friday, with Marymount vs. UW-Stevens and DePauw vs. St. Lawrence. The third place game will happen on Saturday at 5:30pm and the championship game at 8 pm. This weekend's games will prove to be one of the most intense and competitive Women's Division III championships.

According to Gregory Ruark, the Athletics Director, Rose has been preparing for the last two years for this prestigious event. Therefore, a great deal of preparation has gone into the event.

Not only is Rose-Hulman being affected by this championship, but all of Terre Haute is seeing the results. Gas prices have risen to \$1.34 and many of the local hotels are booked.

According to Ruark, not much profit is expected from ticket sales. The money made is going to offset the cost of hosting the event. However, the athletic teams are planning to work the concession stands. The profit from those sales will be split between the participating sports.

Once again, Rose-Hulman is honored to be hosting a national event. Not only will the excitement of the championship be experienced this weekend, but also next year. While the expected number of Rose students that will attend this weekend's tournament is unknown, a great opportunity exists for the student body. "These are the four best division III women's basketball teams in the country," says Ruark, "It is high quality basketball right in our own backyard."



Grant Hoffman / Thorn

The Sports and Recreation Center prepares for the upcoming NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Final Four games.

Engineers Week creates exciting student competition

cal, Optical, and Software Engineering departments. All that is at stake is each department's reputation on campus.

SGA is funding the event, which adds up to a total cost around \$1500. This was used to buy E-Week T-shirts, a trophy, prizes, and supplies for the various competitions. T-shirts will be given to all students who participate in the event, and the final winners of the competition get a grand prize (TBA) and the trophy to be displayed in the winners'

associated academic department.

The way the competition works is that each specified day of the week, starting Monday, will have a certain department's competition. Students who are majoring in that field are allowed to participate simply by showing up to the announced place and time. Best of all, students will work together in groups, with the size of each group depending on the competition. If you don't have a group by the desired time, go anyway and the competition over-

seers will provide you with one. The winners of each competition, during the week, will get a small prize and the chance to move on to the final competition held on Saturday (Mom's Day) from 2-4 p.m. in the Hulbert Arena.

On Monday, March 18th, the Civil Engineering Department will hold their competition at 4 p.m. in Olin. Civil engineering majors will try to build a structure solely out of food. They will have to meet certain criteria, such as having it be a certain height using

the fewest pieces possible and holding the most amount of weight. The materials will be marshmallows and either pretzels or toothpicks. The group of students that creates the best structure out of these materials will move on to the final competition on Saturday, and everyone who tries will get a free E-Week T-shirt.

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Hatfield Hall adds new depth to campus

Natalie Morand
Staff Writer

When entering or leaving Rose-Hulman through its main entrance, it would be difficult for anyone to miss the Hatfield Hall construction site which has taken over the East side of campus. Since the groundbreaking, last May 6th, construction workers have been working diligently to build the 40,000 square foot facility.

According to Wayne Spary, vice president for facilities, the new Hatfield Hall will house the fine arts/ theater productions, offices for the Development and External Affairs department, and an alumni room. However, that is just a description of the building in the broadest of terms. Even though the building is not yet complete, one can see the huge potential that its presence will have on the Rose-Hulman campus.

For 75 years, the only venue to

house the fine arts productions held at Rose-Hulman was Moench Hall Auditorium, a 300-seat multipurpose room. Now, imagine 2 grand staircases leading to a balcony which seats 177. The balcony overlooks 425 floor seats along with 4 box seats. Every seat in the house has a perfect view of the proscenium and not one detail was left unconsidered.

The backstage of the theater includes a dressing room, a green room, band and chorus rehearsal

rooms, an office, instrument storage, a practice room, a scene shop with 14-foot ceilings, and costume storage. Engineers might find it interesting that the designers decided to heat and cool Hatfield Hall by using a four pipe system, which allows you to cool and heat a building at the same time.


All of these details are expected to be completed by October 12th, however, the Office of Development and External Affairs will move into its new Hatfield Hall

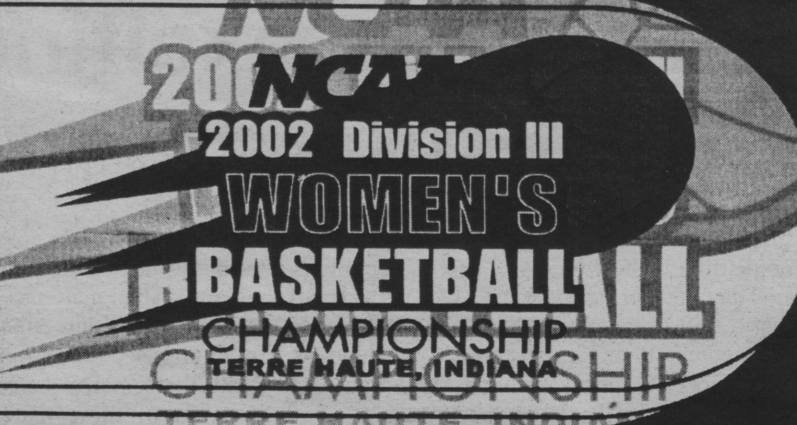
offices at the end of July. Spary says that due to the mild winter that we recently experienced, everything is going well and on schedule. Upcoming projects for the building include the installation of sheet rock on the inside walls, and pouring concrete for the balcony of the theater. Spary hopes that in the next couple of weeks, "People will really see the building take its shape."

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

MARCH 1516						
NCAA Women's Basketball SRC						
Undergraduate Mathematics Conference						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Deadline SA Applications Civil Engineering Competition 4pm O-222	Mechanical Engineering Competition 4pm Root	Software Engineering Competition 4pm Kahn Optical Competition 4pm CL-116	EE Competition 2:30pm D-115	Jekyll & Hyde Aud 8pm Chem Engineering Competition 4pm Chem Lab	Mom's Night Final Competition 2-4pm Hulbert Arena
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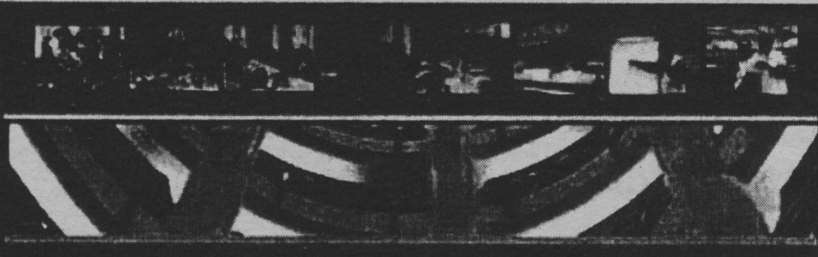
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E-Week continued from page 1: MATH CORNER PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Tuesday's competition will be held by the Mechanical Engineering Department at 4 p.m., weather permitting, by the Root Quadrangle. There, mechanical engineering majors will try to construct the best paper airplane. Judging will be based on which airplane flies the furthest. Also, on Tuesday afternoon there will be a student-faculty luncheon in the ARA. All faculty members are invited to attend and eat with the students, free of charge.

The week continues with Wednesday's competition held by the Applied Optical and Software Engineering Departments. The software students' competition will take place from 2:30-4 p.m. in part of the Kahn Room. These students will be given a pre-programmed robot, designed to do something, and they will have to first write a plan to test the robot to see if it completes the required tasks, and then run the plan. If it does not, the students will be responsible for debugging it to make it work properly. The applied optics students' competition will take place at 4 p.m. in room CL116. These students will get the chance to play with "edible optics" where they will use Jello to bend light.

Thursday, the electrical engineering majors will meet in D115 at 4 p.m. for their logic competition. Each group will be given a logic problem and materials with the goal of creating the most efficient logic system with the least materials. The students will first have to work the system out on paper and move to the actual construction. Judging will be based on which group can meet the required goals with the least expensive method.

The final departmental competition will take place on Friday, March 22, for the chemical engineering majors. The competition will be held at 4 p.m. in the general chemistry lab. These students will be given a solution. They will have to identify all the ions present and find how many of each ion is in the solution.

After the Chemical Engineering Department's competition, the finalists will emerge; one group of students from each department will be recognized. The final competition will be held on Saturday in the Hulbert Arena from 2-4 p.m. This competition will be something like a cross between a Jeopardy-Quiz Bowl and Nickelodeon's Double Dare. The finalists from each department will compete for points in several ways. Points will be awarded for answering some basic engineering and science questions, Rose-Hulman trivia questions, and other more physical contests such as shooting free throws, etc.

The winners of this competition will receive a grand prize and a trophy with their names to be displayed in their academic department. Matt Price, coordinator for the event, says that this E-Week festivity is mainly to give the students a fun chance to celebrate with fellow students, where the nationally recognized week was founded mainly for the recognition of professional engineers.

For those who are interested in the event, flyers will be posted and campus wide e-mails will be sent to remind students of their department's competition informing students of when and where the competitions will be

Problem:

3 on 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT: You are invited to submit a team to play in a mathematical 3 on 3 basketball tournament. To model the abilities of basketball players, we will use three categories offensive, defensive, and team. We will also say there are three types of players centers C, forwards F, and guards G. To build your team you are given 100 recruiting points, where each recruiting point used on each player will determine the players raw abilities, see table below. You also will have 20 coaching points which can be used to increase a players abilities. Each coaching point used will increase one ability of a player by one point.

Player Type	Offensive Ability	Defensive Ability	Team Ability
Center	1	2	1
Forward	1	1	2
Guard	2	1	1

Games will be decided in the following manner. The score for team 1 is determined by totaling the offensive points for the players in team 1 then subtracting the defensive points for the players in team 2 and then adding the team points for team 1. Likewise, the score for team 2 is determined by totaling the offensive points for the players in team 2 then subtracting the defensive point for the players in team 1 and adding the team points for team 2. Highest score wins, and in case of a tie a coin is flipped to determine the winner. Follow this link to see an example team.

The winner of the tournament will be awarded a five dollar prize. Note, for this problem all that needs to be submitted is a team, no explanation of why it is the best team is necessary. (In the next few weeks, all problems will have a basketball flavor due to March Madness and the NCAA tournaments.)

Contest Rules:

1. Contest is open to all students at Rose-Hulman.
2. The best solution as judged by members of the math faculty will be awarded. (See solution criteria below)
3. Solutions must be submitted by 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday to David Finn at G 213.
5. If no correct solution is submitted. No prize will be awarded.

Solution Criteria:

- Solution must be correct.
- Solution must be documented or explained.
- Clarity of solution. Solution should be easily understood.
- Elegance of solution. Number of steps should be minimized without affecting clarity.

Available on the web at
<http://www.rose-hulman.edu/~finn/mathcorner/pow.html>

held. Everyone will walk away with something!

Hatfield Hall continued from page 1:

Funding for the new facility has been made possible by a \$15 million donation from 1984 graduate Mike Hatfield. Hatfield, 37, is the founder, chief executive officer, and president of Calix Networks, a company that creates fiber optics and large-band-width network products for use in telecommunications, in Petaluma, California. He graduated with honors from Rose-Hulman and received a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering and mathematical economics. Hatfield is donating the money in honor of his parents and plans on naming the building Larry and Pat Hatfield Hall.

V.O.A. architects, a firm based in Chicago, is the same firm that has designed the last nine new buildings on campus, and they have also designed Hatfield Hall. The only constraints placed on the design by the Hatfield family were no oak wood, because Mike Hatfield thinks it is too grainy, and limited stainless steel. With

these stipulations in mind, V.O.A. architects came up with a building that had cherry wood and Earth tones. Spary says that the Hatfields were wonderful to work with and really allowed the architects to design a beautiful facility.

A ribbon cutting ceremony along with the unveiling of a portrait of Larry and Pat Hatfield will be held on November 9. Included in the ceremony will be a dinner and a performance by the Terre Haute Symphony. Mark Richter, vice president for development and external affairs, explains that there will be limited seating at the grand opening ceremony of Hatfield Hall; however, he expects that there will be student representatives, the board of Trustees, faculty, staff, the Hatfields, and many others in attendance.

Along with the ribbon cutting in November, a weeklong celebration is planned for the first week of February 2003. Richter describes a series of events that

are planned to showcase the different uses of the building, such as a performance by the Rose-Hulman Drama Club and Engineers in Concert, which is a variety show with faculty, staff, and students.

All of these inaugural events are just a taste of what is to come for the performances and uses of Hatfield Hall. Richter speculates that there will be a high demand for use of the facility by individuals outside, as well as inside of Rose-Hulman. Yet, Richter also made it clear that Hatfield Hall was built strictly for the Rose-Hulman community.

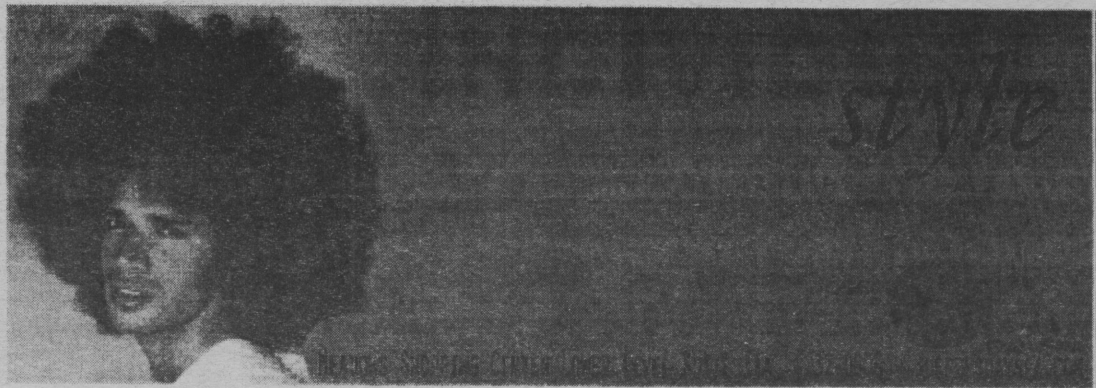
While Rose-Hulman may be a science and mathematics school, the building of a facility such as Hatfield Hall shows both the community and the nation that Rose-Hulman is about more than just engineering, science, and mathematics.

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New majors help Rose keep up with changing times

Ted Chan
Staff Writer

Are you interested in biology, genetics, and chemistry? Do you wish there were some degree that would allow you to study in these areas? If so, then your prayers have been answered. Last week on Tuesday, March 5, two proposals regarding curriculum changes were approved. The first was a Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Engineering. The second was a Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Major B.S. degree that will be offered as a secondary degree.

The proposal for a B. S. degree in Biomedical Engineering was passed at the Institute Meeting. The process for this is a bit complex because it is a proposal to start a new degree program.

The next step in the process is to wait for the proposal to be approved in the next board meet-

ing, which will be in May. After the proposal is approved it can be implemented, provided there is enough faculty, classroom space, and the proper laboratories.

There is a need for Rose to offer this major, because there has been major growth and there is much more growth potential in this field. "In 1997, about 30 students would take biology, now about 200 students take some kind of biology," said Dr. Waite, the head of the Applied Biology and Biomedical Engineering Department.

According to the U. S. Department of Labor, the "number of biomedical engineering jobs will increase by 31.4 percent through 2010---double the rate for all other jobs combined." Other schools such as Milwaukee School of Engineering, Marquette, Case Western, Northwestern, Vanderbilt and John Hopkins already have programs for B. S. degrees in Biomedical Engineering. In addition, Purdue and

many others will be establishing programs in a few years. Rose currently offers a Masters Degree in Biomedical Engineering, and it is one of the largest graduate programs that Rose offers.

The proposed curriculum will follow the same general courses for engineering in the freshman and sophomore years (sophomore curriculum). The junior and senior years will be mostly devoted to biomedical engineering courses. Many of the courses, such as biomaterials, biomedical instrumentation, and biomedical optics, are already offered.

The earliest that the program would be in able to start would be the fall of 2003, but it is more likely that it will not begin until 2004 or 2005. There still needs to be work done to determine the number of labs necessary and to find space for the extra classrooms and labs. However, all this will have to wait until the next board meeting in May.

The proposal for a Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Major

at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology was passed at the Institute Meeting. This program will be offered only as a second major in biochemistry and molecular biology (BCMB).

What this means is that students must be working towards a B.S. degree in engineering, science or math such as chemical engineering, chemistry, physics or computer science; and can take additional classes to obtain this second major. It will be easiest for chemistry and chemical engineering majors to complete because they only have to take 38 and 42 additional hours, respectively. In contrast, a computer science major would have to take 66 additional hours. Students who are majoring in applied biology will only be able to obtain a minor rather than a second major.

The program consists of courses that are already part of the curriculum; therefore, it will not cost anything to implement the program as far as additional

faculty or courses. Additionally, there will be a single seminar course of 1 credit hour that will be required. Since the courses are already in the curriculum, the next major step is the preparation for the implementation of the proposal.

The new major is groundbreaking for Rose-Hulman, because it is one of the first interdisciplinary majors that include courses from two departments (biology and chemistry). This program will allow students to augment their interests in biochemistry and molecular biology as well as receive an additional major for their work. It is hoped that the program will emphasize and encourage research among students. The program will most likely be implemented in the fall of 2002.

In conclusion, there is a lot of growth and development occurring in the biochemistry, biology, and biomedical fields. Rose has a vision to be the best, and these fields will be included in this vision sooner or later.

Undergraduate Math Conference evolves the mind

Chris Scribner
Staff Writer

The 19th Annual Rose-Hulman Undergraduate Mathematics Conference will be taking place March 15 and 16 in Moench and Crapo Halls. Undergraduates from 12 schools, including Rose-

Hulman, will speak on the mathematical research they have conducted.

Talks will range from Rose-Hulman student Nathanael Berglund's "How to Solve A Rubik's Hypercube (Rubik's Cube)" to David Maduram of Illinois-Chicago's "Ion Channels and Spontaneous Oscillations: The Effects of Stochastic Noise on a Subcellular

Mathematics Model." Further talks by Rose-Hulman students include Lucas Beverlin, presenting "The Optimality of Morse Code" and Stephen Young, on "Graph Colorings with Restrictions."

For a detailed list of the presentations and an itinerary, visit the official web site of the conference at [http://www.rose-hulman.edu/](http://www.rose-hulman.edu/Class/ma/HTML/Conf/UndergradConf.html)

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Along with the student presentations, two invited faculty will give presentations. Harold Boas, professor of mathematics at Texas A&M University will speak on "Reflections on the Arbelos," Friday at 7 pm in E-104. The next day, Boas will present "What Can You Say Absolutely About Power Series?" at the same location.

Liz Jessup, associate professor of computer science at the University of Colorado will lecture on "Matrices, Vector Spaces, and Information Retrieval" on Friday at 1:35 pm in E-104.

Students and faculty from over 20 schools will attend the conference will be, including Wabash College, the University of Evansville, Greenville College (Ill.), Illinois State University, John Carroll University (Ohio), College of Mount St. Joseph (Ohio), Greenville College (Ill.), Northern Kentucky University, and Taylor University.

This year's conference is organized by Professor Muir and Lautzenheiser of Rose-Hulman's mathematics department with support from the Pi Mu Epsilon mathematics honor society and the Mathematics Club.

First Rose Open huge success

Brandi Soggs
Jess Gunn
Guest Writer

The Rose-Hulman Fencing Club has started a new tradition. Rose-Hulman's First Annual Fencing Open took place this past Saturday, March 9. Members from the Rose-Hulman, Indianapolis, and Summit City (of Fort Wayne) Fencing Clubs gathered in the back courts of the SRC for a full day of stabbing each other with pointed metal sticks (more formally known as "weapons"). Over the course of the day, 25 people of all ages competed in the three events: epee, sabre, and foil, by vigorously stabbing and slashing at each other for the coveted honor of first place.

The first event, epee (eh-pay), involves a pointed sword and simple rules. Basically, the only objective is to stab your opponent, but try not to get yourself stabbed. With no right-of-way or target area, it is by far the most free-form of the events. Of the 14 who competed, Jeff Champa of Summit City walked away with first place, followed by Rob Holloway (Summit City) in second, and Tom Mackel

(Rose-Hulman) and Steve Koehnke (Summit City) tied for third.

The second event, sabre, limits the area that can be attacked, adds a few right-of-way rules, a target area, and also the right to slash instead of just hit with the point of the sabre. Of the 9 who duelled it out, Rob Holloway of Summit City took the won. Steve Koehnke (Summit City) was awarded second, and Tom Mackel (Rose-Hulman) and Sara Jones (Summit City) received third.

The third event, foil, gathered the highest turnout of the three, with 17 fencers. After a close final duel (score of 15-14 after several simultaneous attacks--a rarity in foil), Stephe Blansette of Indianapolis emerged the most successful at stabbing his foe, a single point ahead of Steve Koehnke (Summit City). Jason Segal (Rose-Hulman) and Dan Davis (Indianapolis) both claimed third.

The tournament was considered a huge success by all involved. With 25 fencers representing 3 clubs, it was a great turnout for a first event. The Rose-Hulman Fencing Club hopes to continue this tradition in grand style next year, hosting the 2nd Annual Rose Open in the spring as well as a USFA sanctioned tournament this fall.

The Rose Drama Club

presents:

Jekyll & Hyde
The Musical

March 22, 23, 29, & 30 2002

Moench Auditorium ~ 8:00

Matinee ~ 2:00 p.m.

Adults: \$7.00, RH Students: Free, Kids: \$5.00

Alanis Morissette's emotional venue

Jason Caron
Staff Writer

Alanis Morissette

Under Rug Swept

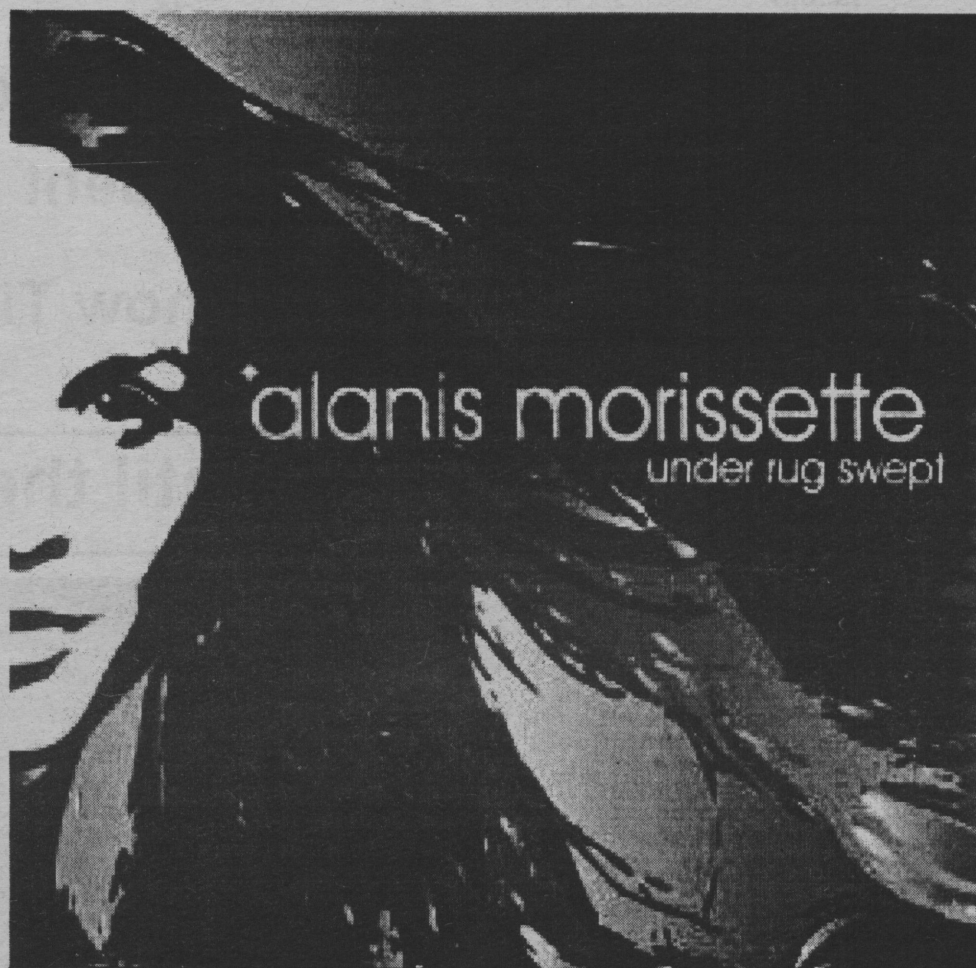
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Alanis Strikes Again

On Tuesday, February 26, Alanis Morissette released her third album, titled "Under Rug Swept." While most have probably heard of her and most likely have listened to her songs back in high school, it may come as a surprise that she only has three albums out. Alanis tries to shoot for quality more than quantity, and seems to hit the mark most of the time.

Success is no stranger to Alanis, who is a native of Ottawa, Canada. Considered to be the Canadian equivalent of a teen pop princess, she won her first Juno Award (Canadian equivalent to a Grammy) at the age of 10. But her true success did not start until she came to the U.S. and linked up with veteran musical collaborator Glen Ballard. She had written all of the lyrics for her debut album by the time she was 19 years old. Joining up with Madonna's record label, Maverick Records, she was given the opportunity with the help of Ballard to produce it. In 1995, at the age of 21, Alanis released her debut solo album, titled "Jagged Little Pill." She had no idea of the success this album was to bring her.

Since it's release, it has sold over 20 million copies, won countless awards, and been labeled the best-selling album by a female artist of all time. Not what you would have expected from the little girl who once popped out of a locker on many



In her third album Alanis still hasn't lost her touch.

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an occasion on the old Nickelodeon comedy show, "You Can't Do That On Television." The album produced many hits such as "All I Really Want," "You Oughta Know," "Hand In My Pocket," "You Learn," "Head Over Feet," and "Ironie." With over half of her album topping the charts, it was inevitable that the album would be heard on the radio for a long time.

While this album had many convinced that Alanis was a battered man-hater, she admitted that most of the lyrics on her songs were derived from observations and her knack with poems rather than from direct experience. But, like many other inspirational artists, she be-

came a symbol for all women who have ever been emotionally stricken in their lives. And to everybody else, her music was something new and fantastic with vocals ranging from screaming to thoughtful conversation to careful reflection.

After a soul-searching trip to India, she wrote the lyrics to her highly-anticipated follow-album. Her sophomore album, titled "Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie" was released in 1998, over 3 years after her initial debut. While the popularity her first album generated was able to carry her, the album still did not fare as well.

Her only hit was "Thank U," for which the music video gained more

attention than the actual song as it showed Alanis posing naked (censored, of course) in the streets of a bustling city. Most agree the video would have been much better with her clothes on. With over 17 songs on the album and one or two making it to the public radio and television waves, this was a definite disappointment.

And so, nearly four years later, Alanis finally puts out her third album. The

first song, "21 Things" starts off with a break from the trend with a set of hard guitar riffs leading to a moderately-paced percussion and vocal introduction. The beat combination with the lyrics is enough to make this song worth placed as the lead song. The second song, "Narcissus," starts out rather bland, with a slower pace and common beat, but the chorus is catchy as the back-up vocalist work done by Alanis herself presents a twist that helps the song out immensely.

The third song is her debut single from the album, "Hands Clean." This is purely a lyrical-powerful song with a lot of thought behind listening to it. The beat kicks in and the chorus

chords remind me of some of her older tracks from her more successful times.

The next song that strikes any kind of emotional approach is not until later on in the album with "You Owe Me Nothing." The soft piano playing in the introduction is a change to the harder beats, but the beats are quickly introduced after a few moments. The chords during the chorus are some of her better ones and her vocals go beautifully with them. My favorite, by far on this album, is the last song, titled "Utopia." This song is slower, starting up with Alanis singing softly to an acoustic guitar. During the chorus, she hits various emotion-provoking chords, making this a truly "beautiful" song.

Going on a decade after her initial debut in the U.S., Alanis is still feeding off of the success of her first album. While her second album didn't perform as well as her first, her third fares much better, in my opinion. It still doesn't live up to her first, but then again, it can't be expected to compare to the "best-selling album by a female artist of all time." This is the main problem with a stunning debut album in that an artist can rarely live up to the reputation expected. Alanis still continues to pen down her emotions and feelings on to paper and put into words what many have thought but have never found the words to express.

So, for her effort and determination devoted to around four years of work versus the quality of this album, I will give "Under Rug Swept" a C+. Aside from the debut single off of this album, no other songs seem to be waiting to make their way up the charts, although a few of the better ones may make an appearance. Fans should pick this one up and set in for another long wait for her next album.

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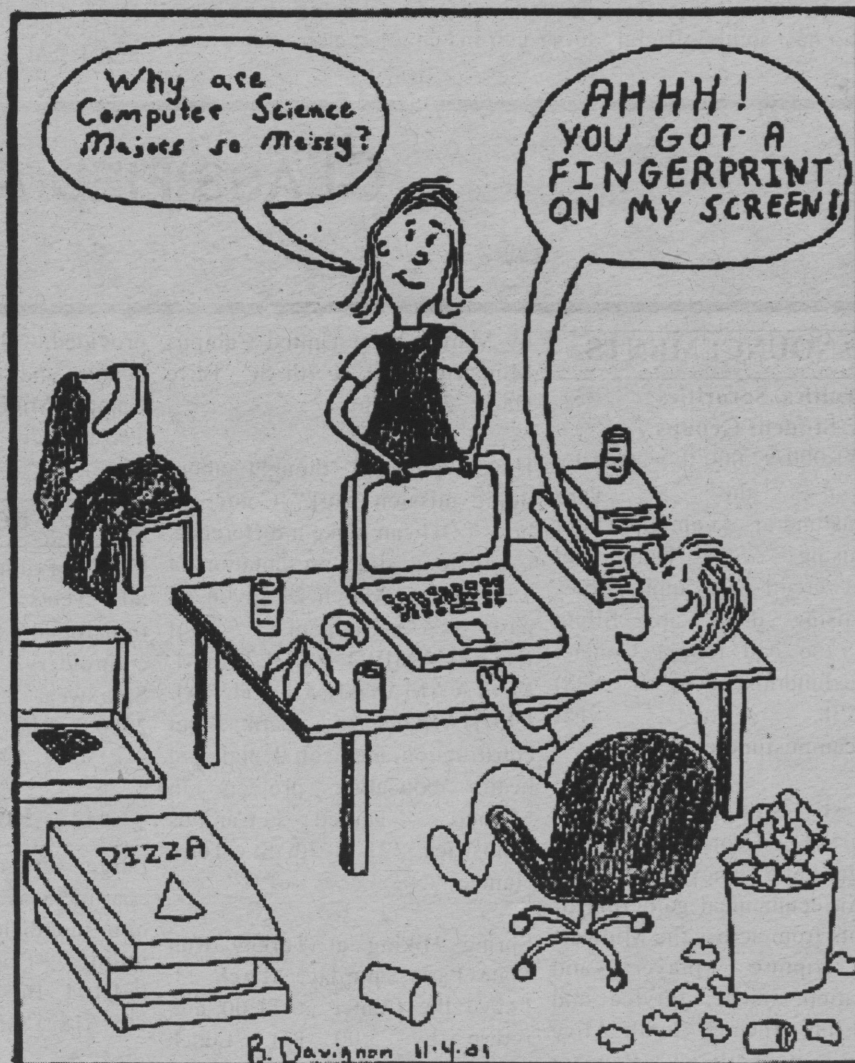
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2 We Were Soldiers	14.2m
3 All About the Benjamins	10.0m
4 40 Days and 40 Nights	7.0m
5 John Q	5.9m
6 Return to Neverland	4.4m
7 Dragonfly	4.0m
8 A Beautiful Mind	3.8m
9 Big Fat Liar	3.4m
10 Fellowship of the Rings	2.6m

This Week's Release:

Ice Age
Resident Evil
Show Time

Hart's War: fighting the battle until the end

Peter Smith
Staff Writer

Hart's War
Rated PG-13

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Starring
Bruce Willis

Many films have come out recently that have shown the horrors of war, that make the viewers feel as though they are in the heat of battle, and really excites the audience. Hart's War is not one of these films. Hart's War is about a group of soldiers at a Nazi prison camp with truly inept guards. In the end, this film truly disappoints where it could have been great.

Colin Farrell (American Outlaws) plays Lt. Thomas Hart. He is a soldier who was a law student before the war, and his father is a senator, so he has been kept away from action. He finds himself thrown in the middle of action for a good minute and thirty seconds and then he is okay again, but a prisoner of the Nazi army.

In the prison camp, he meets the ranking US officer in the camp, Col. William McNamara, played by Bruce Willis (Die Hard). Bruce Willis, for some reason, has some official duty

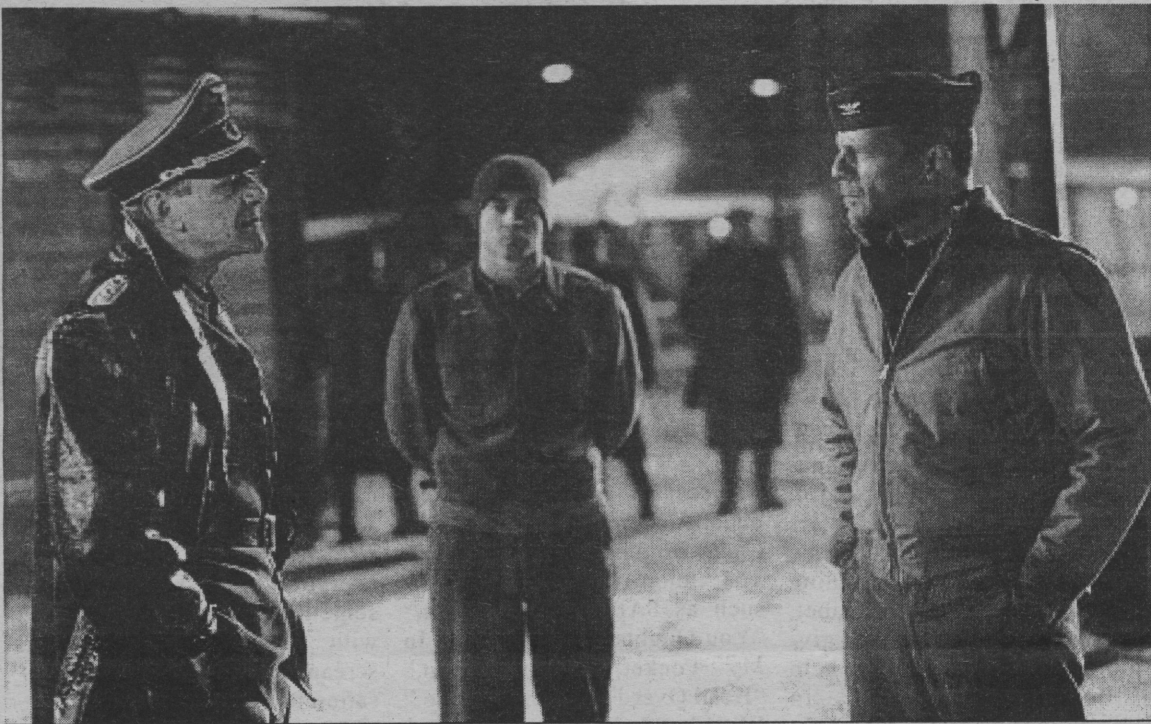
over the other soldiers in the camp.

Allowing this to happen seems sort of ridiculous, but hey the Nazi's ended up losing. The soldiers can easily sneak out at night and regularly trade with the guards. It's all a little shady, but if it weren't this way the plot just wouldn't work.

I thought this movie was going to be more of an action film, but yet it's the exact opposite. It's more like watching a bunch of kids playing "courthouse" in their tree house. The soldiers hold a military court to try a black soldier who they claim killed another white soldier after sneaking out one night.

This complete set-up is created presumably because all of the soldiers are huge racist bastards. They try to cover emotion in this film, but you never really feel like the set-up soldier is all that upset. Lt. Hart is assigned as council to the accused and is generally disliked by the other soldiers. This is the only reason you can pick up on the racism of the group. They never use racial slurs or act violently toward the black soldiers, but it is the general consensus that they are racists.

The thing is that this could have been an absolutely great film, but it just isn't good. I feel that the reason is due to the interactions among characters; they



Hart's war is far from Heart warming

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don't act right. People that should be mad seem mildly displeased, and soldiers who should be completely destroyed emotionally seem to be having a bad day. I was really disappointed that the director accepted the poor performances from the actors. Also, the writer wasn't willing to go all the way and show the violence of the whole situation. Instead, we get the Disney version of World War II, and I feel like that this is more

distasteful than the worst violence possible.

The director has been very good in the past, but he really dropped the ball on Hart's War. Gregory Hoblit, the same director that brought you "Frequency" and "Fallen," really let his fans down with this film. I absolutely loved "Fallen," a film with an evil spirit who enters other people's bodies to use them to create havoc; starring Denzel Washington. I really wanted to

like this film also, but it just wasn't in the cards.

So, now I am supposed to give you some actual numbers to guide you in your future movie seeing endeavors. All right, on a scale of zero to four where four is a classic and zero is warm diet coke, I give this film two stars. It is a decent distraction, but it just doesn't have anything that will make you feel very impressed or even very excited. I'd wait to rent this one.

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Get yourself some new gear

Jason Caron
Staff Writer

Metal Gear Solid 2

Konami

BUY IT!

The Metal Gear series has been out for a while, frequenting game systems as far back as the old Nintendo. The latest twist in the series started with the release of Metal Gear Solid for the Playstation back in October of 1998. The newest in the series is titled Metal Gear Solid 2: Sons of Liberty for the Playstation 2, released in mid November of last year. Having never played a single Metal Gear game in my life, my only attraction to this game without knowing anything about it is that it involves a lot of guns and the use of your own skill in controlling the game.

As I get down to play it, I make a few other observations. The first, of course, is the excellent CG, or computer graphics, quality of this game. Everything down to the individual rain droplets have been articulately made, so much that switching to a first-person viewpoint is difficult with the rain hitting the screen. My next observation is that, while a good deal of game play is involved, the majority of this game is made up of a combination of movies, cut scenes, and dialogue sequences that add to the general storyline and keep a sort of mystery in the game.

The first question you ask when reading

this is what the heck is a "Metal Gear?" Well, according to the description, a Metal Gear is a bipedal, nuclear-capable robot. With this in mind, the main character in the game is named Solid Snake, a former member of an elite FOX-HOUND team and now a member of a group called "Philanthropy," which is devoted to the destruction of all Metal Gears.

As the game begins, the U.S. Marines have developed a new version of Metal Gear which is supposed to surpass all others. As it turns out, this is only the first part of the game to help you familiarize with controlling the character. The story unfolds and the Metal Gear is stolen from its transport ship by another former member of FOXHOUND, basically blowing everything up in the process.

The story then twists to an off-shore environmental station taken over by terrorists. Then, you take control of the other main character, who is called Raiden. Most of the game is spent as this dude; although you meet up with the supposedly deceased player you played for maybe ten minutes as well as a host of other characters who help you out as the story unfolds.

Knowledge of the other games in this series is a plus, but not required. Be prepared to be stunned, by the amazing AI of the computer, including the tricks that you will learn how to do using your surroundings and the amazingly detailed movie sequences. This is no doubt a must-have as it is without a doubt one of the best games currently on Playstation 2.



Metal Gear Solid 2 has the style of a great movie, yet still delivers an amazing gaming experience that you will remember.

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Sonic blasts the Game Cube

Peter Smith
Staff Writer

Sonic Adventure 2 Battle

Sega

Rent it

Once fierce competitors in the home console business, Sega and Nintendo now do business together. As Sega dropped out of the console business, their development teams decided which next generation consoles to use for their games. The Sonic Team rushed to support the Game Cube. They recently brought Sonic Adventure Battle 2 to the Game Cube. Though this isn't the first Sega game to hit Nintendo's newest console, it is the first game that proves that Sega is actually out of the hardware business with its flagship characters appearing on a competitors system.

Sonic Adventure Battle 2 is a port of the Dreamcast version. It features some upgraded texture work from its predecessor and link ability with the Game Boy Advance Sonic game, Sonic Advance. This is the first Game Cube game to feature the ability to link to the Game Boy Advance. I would love to see how well this works, but I unfortunately don't own a copy of the Sonic game for the Advance.

If you are well-versed in the Sonic game universe, you will find that the game plays like you would



Sonic Adventure Blasts its way into the hearts of Nintendo fans after years of jilting them. I think they will forgive him.

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expect any Sonic title to play. For those of you that are not familiar with Sonic, you can expect fast-paced action right from the start. The levels are fairly linear and don't allow for as much exploration as you would see in a game like Mario 64.

There are a few larger levels, in which you are expected to find sev-

eral hidden jewels to complete the level. These levels take some time to beat and add variety to the game. When you do start a new game, you have the choice to choose between hero and evil mode. Each mode has a different set of characters and a different story line. This adds to the single player replay value.

There is also a two-player battle mode. Short games such as races and one-on-one battle are some of the games available in two-player mode. The variety of multiplayer modes greatly increases the replay value of the title and continues Sega's multiplayer gaming philosophy.

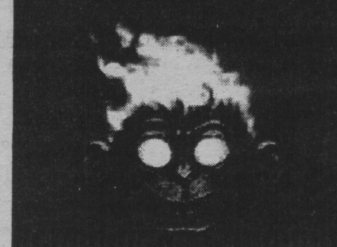
Because Sonic is a port, graphi-

cally it doesn't really shine. It looks just like its Dreamcast counterpart with some upgraded texture work, which is not that noticeable. The upgrades don't really even matter at all because the levels move so fast that you don't spend much time seeing them.

The textures used are vibrant, which translates well to the Game Cube. Geometry varies enough to keep a refreshing feeling when going from stage to stage. I can't wait to see what an original Sonic game, with features optimized for Game Cube, will look like.

I enjoyed playing through the game. The two-player mode certainly adds replay value. I would recommend this as a buy for those who love the Sonic series. For those who aren't fond of the Sonic franchise, I would recommend this as a rental. The first-player mode would definitely give a few good hours of play in a weekend. Sega didn't do a bad job bringing their second Dreamcast Sonic game to the Game Cube. Now, the wait is on for an original Sonic game for the Cube.

Bad Monkey...
No Banana.



Animal lovers not giving up protest against U. Colorado dog labs

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(U. Colorado)
(U-WIRE) Boulder, Colo. -

It is said that animals bring out the best and worst of human nature. In the ongoing debate over dog labs at the University of Colorado medical school, that adage is proving to be a big understatement.

Students, teachers, concerned citizens and canines took on the snow and chilling temperatures March 8 as they stood in front of the University of Colorado's President's Office with banners that read "CU Dog Kill Today."

The group, sporting hats, gloves, boots, and anti-dog lab paraphernalia, was protesting the first day of the 2002 dog labs.

"As we are speaking right now, there are dogs dying in the labs," Rita Anderson, one of four protest coordinators, said Friday.

This truth hit all protestors hard, and some personally.

One sign read, "Man's best friend, not a life to spend."

"We have to come out here and protest because these animals can't speak for themselves. This is the only way to say it's wrong," Chalyn Fitzgerald of Loveland said.

Fitzgerald, her husband Brian and their two dogs, Barney and Tucker, drove down to Boulder from Loveland for the protest. Brian left work early just to attend.

Chalyn said she would stand out in the snow however long it takes. "It is not too cold if it means saving even one life," she said.

Barney and Tucker, the couple's English Setter and Chocolate Lab mix, also joined in on the protest by "letting President Hoffman know what they think of her," as Brian said.

The dogs "marked" the trees on the front lawn of the presi-

dent's office.

Another protestor, three-year Boulder resident Mary Sampsel, didn't have her dog with her. Sampsel said her dog Pete, named after the dog in the old television show "Little Rascals," was stolen when she was 9 or 10 years old.

"The neighbors saw them take him, and they told us he was stolen for use in a dog lab," Sampsel said. "The reason I remember it so well is because my father was a calm person, and he was not calm when it happened. There were five of us kids, and we were all crying," she said. "But, the sheriff said there wasn't anything he could do about it."

Activists say that a few years ago, the same fate could have awaited pets that might have ended up in CU labs. In January, CU Health Sciences Center changed its dog-purchasing policy. Now, the center only buys dogs from "Class A"

dealers -- those who raise, breed, and sell animals specifically for medical research and education.

In the past, the center bought the animals from "Class B" dealers, who, traditionally, obtain their animals from a variety of sources including auctions, pounds, other dealers, and in cases such as Sampsel's, allegedly the black-market animal trade.

But, according to protesters, getting the dogs from "Class B" dealers still does not make the labs right.

"It's not necessary, and it's not humane," Anderson said. "They are sent to puppy mills, caged, and then cut open. That is not a life."

Anderson says her feelings about the labs being unnecessary come from her knowledge of the alternatives to the labs. Ninety-four out of 126 universities have stopped using dog labs, including the top 10 med-

ical schools in the nation, according to Anderson.

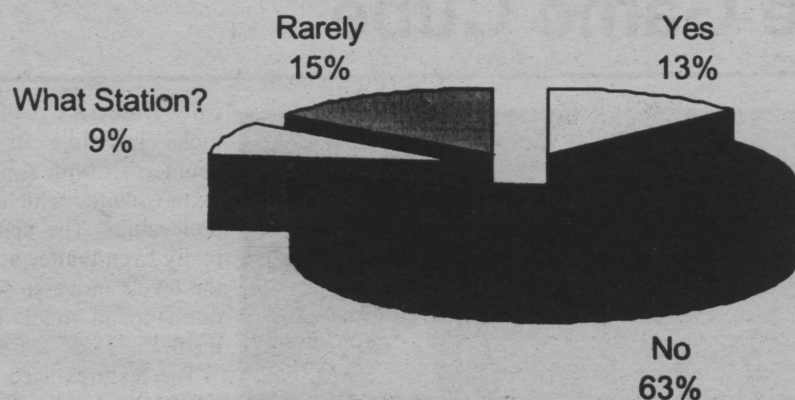
CU so far is not showing signs of changing the policy.

In a letter responding to last Friday's protests, CU President Elizabeth Hoffman said, "I respectfully disagree with the protestors. At this time, I am neither planning nor am prepared to make a recommendation to the Chancellor or the Board of Regents to no longer offer the labs at the Health Sciences Center."

CU Health Sciences officials have said that the protesters are good-hearted but misguided, failing to recognize the importance that live experiments give students over computer models.

Protesters last week were apparently not discouraged by Hoffman's or UCHSC's stance. They held a candlelight vigil in front of the Health Sciences Center later Friday night.

Question of the Week:



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to WHMD?

"Did that start
last quarter?"

"I don't
think so."

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Patriotic ad campaigns have gone too far

Staff Editorial
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(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa -
In the past, advertisers and marketing specialists worked hard to develop eye-catching sales campaigns. They slaved away, attempting to create ads that people remembered when shopping at local malls. The commercials were humorous, heartfelt or just plain cute. But now, every advertiser is fighting for their piece of the patriotic pie. Ads are saturated with red, white and blue. And even though it's been happening more and more since Sept. 11, the Super Bowl was the saddest

example of patriotic ads going too far.
One of the worst examples was the Anheuser-Busch commercial that featured Clydesdales making a pilgrimage from their St. Louis homes, over the Brooklyn Bridge to New York City, where the horses stopped to bow their heads at Ground Zero. This clever ad managed to make drinking beer a patriotic event. After all, it's Budweiser that's American. Drink Miller Lite and the terrorists have already won.
In addition to beer companies using patriotism, automotive companies are also falling over each other trying to get people

to buy "American" when they buy their next vehicle. It's unbelievable how well patriotism can be packaged with products purporting a "if you hate terrorism, you'll buy this car" attitude.
One example is the General Motors commercial, in which the company sells the point of its partnership with the United Auto Workers Union for the "donation of time, parts and labor" for new vehicles for the New York Fire Department.
Maybe the worst example of the overboard advertisements was the 30-second public announcements funded by the White House suggesting that buying and using illegal drugs is

financing terrorism in places like Afghanistan.
This blatant misinformation is political propaganda at its absolute finest. Apparently, the "either with us or against us" argument now pertains to the occasional pot smoker among us. The list goes on. Just look closer to home.
Every time a reader views The Des Moines Register's Web site, a pop-up advertisement drowned in red, white and blue greets the viewer before any news. The ad features a cozy coffee mug with an American flag on one side and a red "United We Stand" with the Des Moines Register logo on the

other. By paying an electronic subscription, the reader gets a free USA mug.
So next time you pick up a Des Moines Register, remember how proud you are to be an American. And if you're not American, maybe you can just remember how much you wish you were.
In the past, patriotic promotions were left to the government news services.
But now companies across the nation are using the fact that the country is fighting a war on terrorism to win an economic war between companies.
Sex doesn't sell anymore. Flags do.

AmeriCorps volunteers up 50 percent after Bush makes call to action

Jamie Meltzer
(DC BUREAU)
(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON -
The number of college-age volunteers involved with AmeriCorps has jumped 50 percent since President George W. Bush announced a plan to increase funding of the federal volunteer program by 56 percent during his State of the Union Address on Jan. 29.
Bush called for 25,000 new volunteers in 2003 to "rebuild our communities" and prevent more terrorist attacks.
According to a statement released by AmeriCorps this month, the organization's Web site has had a 95 percent increase in the number of visi-

tors since the speech.
Deputy Secretary of Education William D. Hansen announced his support for Bush's budget proposal earlier this month.
"We firmly believe that many of the 15 million students enrolled in colleges across the country are prepared to answer the president's call to service and will carry with them a renewed sense of responsibility, service, and citizenship," Hansen said at a spring student financial assistance conference.
But some political analysts are leery of the president's plan, citing a history of poor management within the organization.
Brian Riedl, senior budget

analyst for the Heritage Foundation, a conservative thinktank, said AmeriCorps has a poor track record. Riedl said mismanagement by the organization and the nature of volunteer work should prevent the government from subsidizing AmeriCorps.
"It is expensive," Riedl said, "and America has a proud history of (volunteering) without government assistance."
A better allocation of government funds would be to offer direct financial assistance to AmeriCorps members, Riedl said. For the price of one AmeriCorps volunteer, the government could issue eight Pell Grants, Riedl said.
Pell Grants are given to stu-

dents who have not received a bachelor's degree yet. The maximum amount given during the 2000-01 academic year was \$3,300. This grant, unlike some other forms of financial aid, does not need to be repaid, making it a foundation for financial assistance.
AmeriCorps was created in 1994 to improve American communities through a variety of programs. Members tutor children, build and renovate homes, provide immunizations, preserve parklands, respond to disasters and help meet other "critical needs."
To receive AmeriCorps funding, community-based organizations can apply for a grant and

receive financial assistance for up to five years.
Money also is given to individual AmeriCorps members. An average of \$24,000 is spent on each volunteer in return for 1,700 hours of service with the program. According to Brian Miller, an AmeriCorps member at George Washington University, of these 1,700 service hours only 900 are "direct service." The other 800 of Miller's hours were spent in paperwork, travel times and other areas.
Miller said considering the substantial increase in funding for AmeriCorps, there should be added "provisions for accountability."

Sept. 11 patriotism fad will soon end

Aaron Donati
Daily News
(Ball State U.)
(U-WIRE) MUNCIE, Ind. -
The guys are no longer standing on the corners selling bum openers. "Bum opener" is a term I created to describe the flags you can hook on the window of your car. You leave your car parked with your flag neatly displayed. A bum walks by and notices your car would make a great shelter for the night. All he or she has to do is grab the flag, pull down using a little body weight, and your window will pop right out.
I am happy these people are gone because it means the patriotism fad is finally coming to an end in Los Angeles. This means that in another two to four months, it will be over in the Midwest. I only call

it a fad because it is. I will tell you why.
How many of you now own a flag that you did not already own before Sept. 11? Did you go the extremist route and try to outdo your neighbors by buying the largest flag you could find?
Did you paint the U.S. flag on the side of your house, shed or other large object on your property? Do you even know how to properly fold and fly a flag? How many of you had to wear as much red, white and blue as possible? Did you go the extra step and buy the pins, hats and neckties with the old stars and stripes on it?
While I am on the subject of the flag, how many of you call the U.S. flag the "American Flag." It is a little arrogant of you, don't you think? Canada has a flag, the

United States has a flag and Mexico even has a flag, but I have yet to see a flag that represents all three countries on the North American continent as one entity.
So, by now you have already told your friends and family that it's people like me who are the problem with this country. I would like to say it is you.
Most of the U.S. flags available for purchase in the United States were not made here, or even by people from here. The pins, ties, sweaters and other clothing were most likely made by some sweatshop workers in China or Mexico. So, during a tragedy that has affected so many people, both morally and economically, you are supporting other countries rather than your own.
I know you probably donated

blood to help out the cause in New York. I applaud you if you did. But how often do you usually donate blood? Hospitals perform operations every day that use blood supplies. Blood banks are always having shortages because there aren't enough people who donate regularly.
When I look at myself, I find I am glad I was born in United States. There are so many freedoms I'm afforded by being born here. I'm glad I had a chance to travel to Manhattan last October. Although I was there on business, I supported local business owners by spending my money in their stores. I am not in the military, but I do support our troops who are traveling abroad to fight for our freedoms.
As for buying goods made in

this country, much of my wardrobe was made in Texas. I didn't go out and buy clothes or a flag, because I already own them. I didn't donate blood, because they were telling us not to. I didn't donate money because I didn't have any.
I didn't write this to tell you I'm better than you, although it may have come across that way. I wrote this because I am sick of how obsessed people have become lately about patriotism.
When people are calling me asking if I know where they can buy a flag (because the places they checked were sold out) it tells me that patriotism, as we know it, has become a fad.
If you want to be truly patriotic, don't let it be a fad. You can do this by supporting your country all the time, and not just in times of war and tragedy.

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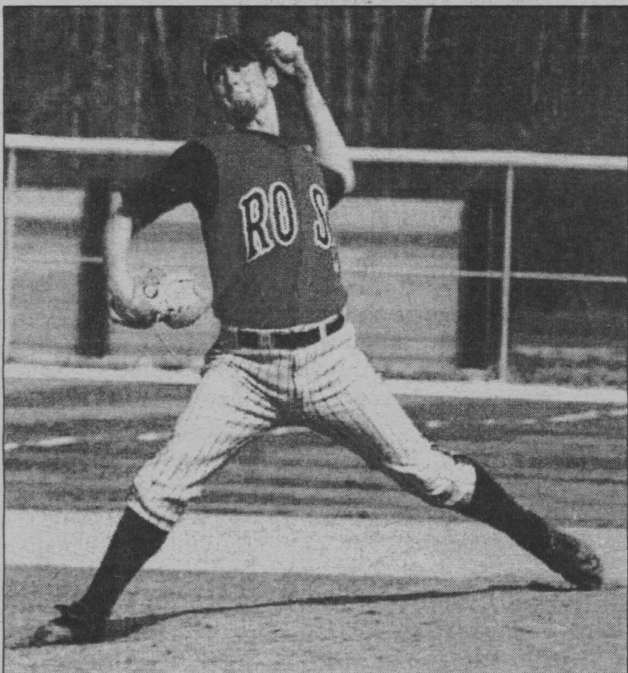


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Senior Robert Chandler was named all-conference during the preseason poll. Out of the 14 innings he has currently pitched this year, he has earned a total of 16 strike outs.

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Easten Division						
Rose-Hulman	0	0	0.000	10	1	0.909
U. South	0	0	0.000	5	1	0.533
Oglethorpe	0	0	0.000	5	2	0.714
DePauw	0	0	0.000	0	1	0.000
Centre	0	0	0.000	0	4	0.000
Western Division						
Southwestern	7	0	1.000	16	0	1.000
Milsaps	7	1	0.875	12	2	0.857
Trinity	6	1	0.857	11	3	0.786
Hendrix	0	8	0.000	7	9	0.438
Rhodes	0	8	0.000	1	8	0.111

Softball						
Team	W	SCAC L	Pct.	W	Overall L	Pct.
Easten Division						
Centre	0	0	0.000	4	2	0.667
U. South	0	0	0.000	2	4	0.333
DePauw	0	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Rose-Hulman	0	0	0.000	0	10	0.000
Western Division						
Rhodes	4	0	1.000	4	1	0.667
Trinity	2	0	1.000	9	5	0.643
Millsaps	0	0	0.000	0	8	0.000
Hendrix	0	6	0.000	0	17	0.000

Tired of homework and have nothing to do this weekend?

Attend the NCAA Division III Women's Basketball National Championship this weekend in the Hulbert Arena!

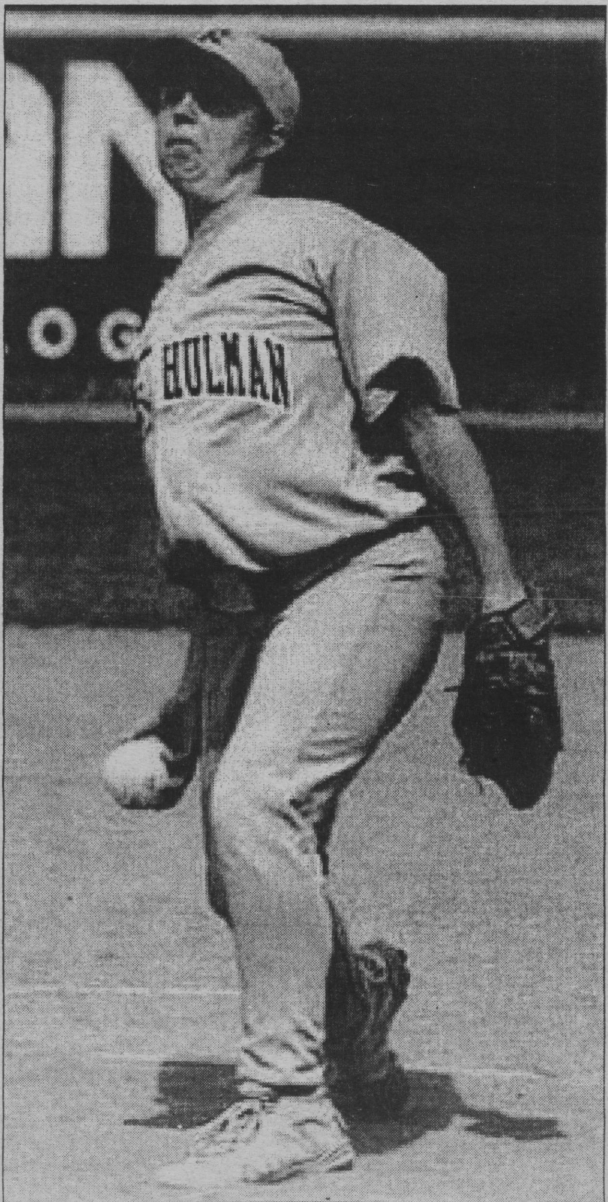


Photo courtesy Rose-Hulman

Sophomore Nikki Rosenow winds up for a pitch.

Sports shorts

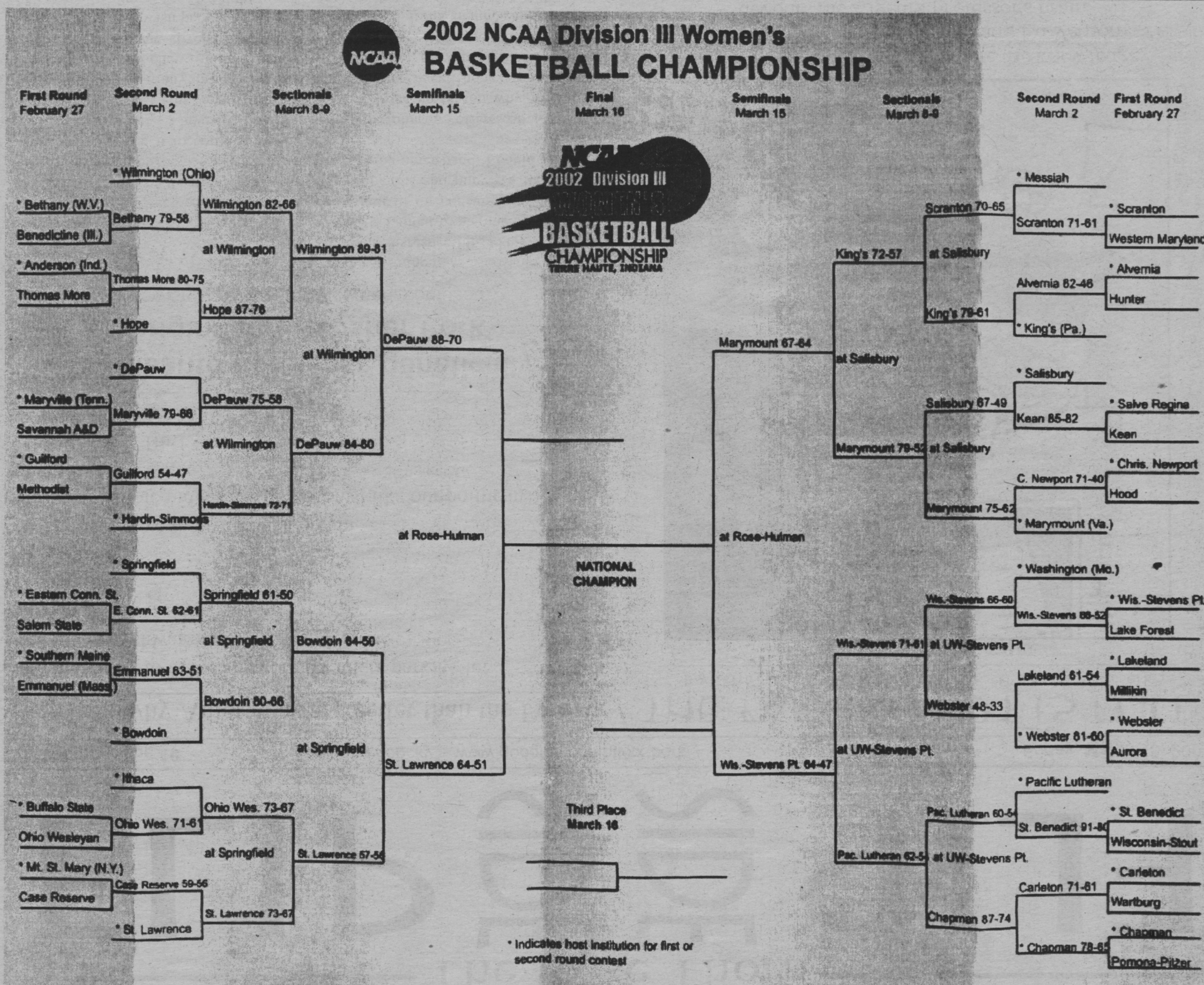
The Engineers return to action next Saturday, March 16, at Art Nehf Field when they face MacMurray College in a double-header that begins at 1 p.m.

At the NCAA Division III Indoor Track & Field National Championships, **Andrew Schipper** cleared 15'5" in his first pole vaulting attempt, allowing him to receive 5th place and earn a total of four career All-American honors.

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Upcoming athletic events

* Events in bold denote home games



Top Ten why Americans are better than the French

- 10 The ability to make any country into a parking lot
- 9 General Schwarzkopf
- 8 WWI
- 7 WWII
- 6 Vietnam
- 5 Can't achieve the American dream
- 4 Our Olympic judges are honest, just like our politicians
- 3 Socialists
- 2 George W. Bush
- 1 Hair, much less hair

Monsanto to release genetically engineered 'Kosher Pork'

Jewish community concerned, confused

St. Louis, MO

Monsanto geneticists announced their creation of a new breed of Kosher pig at a press conference on Tuesday. The new species incorporates the cow's 'cud chewing' gene, allowing it to conform to the strict letter of Jewish dietary law (Kashrut). Until now, pigs fell afoul of the 'you may eat any animal that has cloven hooves and chews its cud' clause in the longstanding covenant between Yahweh and the Jewish people.

"It's really quite the breakthrough," said the project's lead geneticist Howard Firestein. "Up until now the Jewish community has never been able to enjoy the great taste of pork chops in apple sauce. Or pork fried rice. Or pork egg rolls. Or BLTs. Or bacon bits... mmm. Bacon. What? Oh! Yes. We realized that we might be able to change that by using the latest in recombinant dna technology. The hard part, of course, was isolating the cow's cud-chewing gene. We did so in late '99, when we were able to create a cud-chewing tobacco plant as a proof of concept. Strictly speaking that wasn't really... necessary, but our director of research insists on putting all newly isolated genes in tobacco plants. He also claims that he lives in 'flavor country,' wherever that is."

The reaction of the Jewish community to the news has been mixed.

"This succulent animal is an abomination," said vocal opponent Rabbi Raskowitz. "The Laws of Kashrut are not meant to be read with the intent of finding loopholes! They are meant to promote healthy eating in both the physical and spiritual sense! They are meant to set us apart from the rest of the world, to continuously remind us of the burdens we take on as the chosen people of God!"

Toying with them, as Monsanto has tried to do, is disrespectful. This tasty new animal is tainted by its unclean heritage, and is not fit for consumption no matter how delicious and juicy it's flesh might be. On the other hand, I could kill for a BLT."

Rabbi Johnson offers an opposing view: "I see no reason why we should avoid eating sweet, honey roasted parts of this animal, provided it meets all other requirements. It is true that any animal that is bred from an unclean animal is unclean, but it was not 'bred' in the traditional sense. If it is birthed by a cow could it not be considered clean? As long as the delicious animal is healthy and killed in the traditional kosher fashion we should have no problems eating it for dinner. Or lunch. And maybe with breakfast. Mmmm.... Ham...."

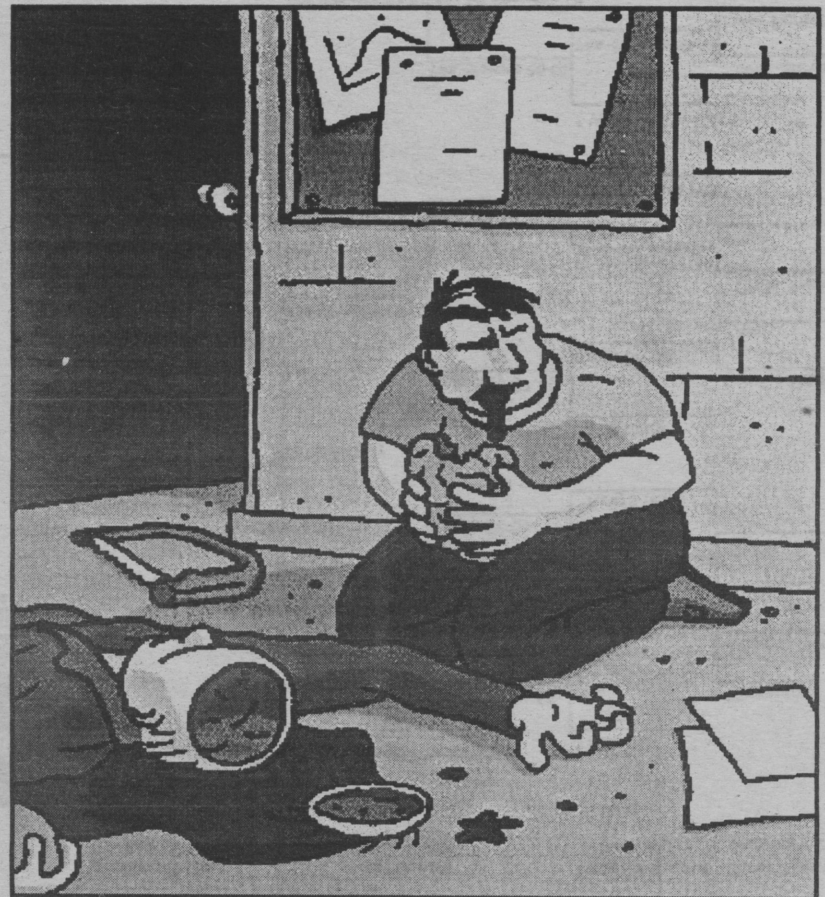
As usual, God was unavailable for comment on the issue. In lieu of divine guidance, proponents of both sides were forced to beat each other about the head and neck with copies of the Torah while shouting 'Schmuck' at the top of their lungs. The steel-cage Talmudic debate on the topic will appear on pay-per-view in early April. Check your local listings for time and date.

For the most part Monsanto is unconcerned by the high level of debate surrounding their product. Oblivious to the meat of the issue, most of their concern is directed at the nascent marketing efforts. A comprehensive TV, movie, billboard and infomercial campaign is planned to help raise product awareness in the Jewish community. However, only time will tell if the effort will be successful. Without consumer awareness of the product the kosher meats are doomed to failure, as Jews won't know it's not bacon!

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In a desperate attempt to acquire the knowledge necessary to pass his final exam, Ed Vernon devours his Algebra professor's brain.

Wacky Prof Quotes

"Did I tell you I wrote a book? The author is Oexmann..."

--Dr. Oexmann, just being Dale

"If you're ever wondering in class, 'Why is this stuff important?' You need the credit and I need the job."

--Dr. Bremmer, letting us in on a dark secret of the faculty

"When I come to that situation... I cheat like MAD!"

--Dr. West, on hard math problems

"But if I had the Maple programmers here, I'd strangle 'em!"

--Dr. Lopez, about how everything Canadian is "upside-down and backwards"

"So... this equation doesn't work any more. But we don't care!"

--Dr. Mellor, keeping it simple for the CS majors

"We can do the study session any time you want, except Saturday night. That's mine... or at least my husband's."

--Dr. Hudson, working out a plan

Have your profs said something wacky lately?

Well, stay awake for once and jot it down!

Then, e-mail it (or any other humor) to:

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This Week in the News

Rosie O' Donnell tries to use her media influence to support the rights of Gay couples regarding the adoption of children. For a moment I was suprised that O' Donnell was gay, then I realized I didn't care.

This Week in History

1300 A.D. - China

Chang San-Feng incorporates gentler elements of existing aggressive martial arts into kung fu. The not-so-gentle elements were collected into Karma Sutra.

This Week's Bad Jokes

Once, a cement truck collided with a paddy wagon. Twelve hardened criminals escaped.

How are the elephant and the plum the same? They're both purple, except for the elephant.