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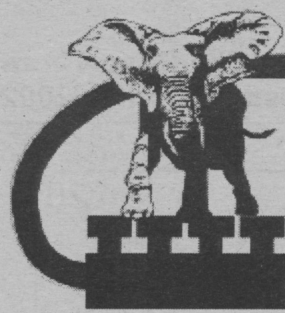
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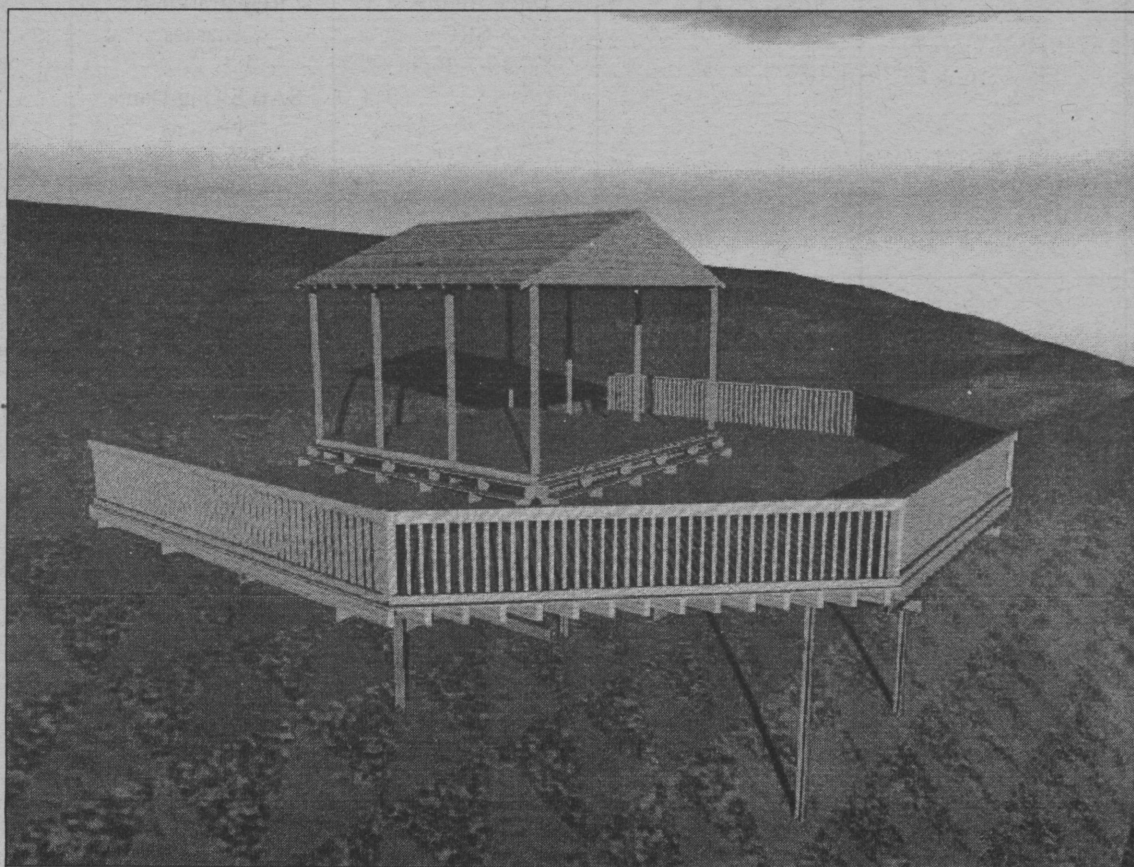
Civil students win state honor

Nicole Hartkemeyer
Staff Writer

Four civil engineering majors have received top honors in the American Society of Civil Engineering (ASCE) Meeting Senior Design Competition. They received first place for their presentation of a design for an observation deck that overlooks the Wabash River in Merom, Indiana. The seniors, John Bowen, Robert Guratzsch, Kevin Hendrickson, and Rebecca Richardson were assigned the task of designing the observation deck as their senior design project.

The competition was held in Indianapolis on April 4 with the goals of providing student engineers with the opportunity to present their project in front of a large crowd of their professional counterparts and receive feedback from them. The three representative teams that came from Purdue University, the University of Evansville and Rose-Hulman all three tied for first place.

The team actually had three designs, one included a multi-level deck and another with a platform with decorative stone wall, but the final design selected by Merom consists of a 50 foot by 40 foot rendering with a raised center portion covered by a roof. The students are working together with State Senator John Waterman and



Courtesy Civil Team

Rose-Hulman student design that was selected by Merom, IN to be built overlooking the Wabash River.

the Merom Town Board to have the structure built this summer. When complete, the deck will sit 100+ feet above the Wabash River on top of Merom Bluff.

The students' presentation did very well in the competition because of the excellent graphics on their designs. They included an animated construction of the deck that added to their presentation. All the seniors were able to present their individual parts very well,

and were prepared for the questions asked to them, but the graphics "were a big plus."

The students that worked on the project had very positive things to say about the experience. "It was great working with a real client that had real wants and needs, and we had to adjust to that. As far as the design goes, it was a great review of what we had already learned in most of our design courses. Of course, we also learned

a few new things about different materials and design methods, but all in all the real learning came into play when we had to bring everything together into a product - a design that our client wanted. It was great, challenging, and a little fun," commented Robert Guratzsch, project member.

The seniors are all very excited that their design will actually be constructed this summer, a rewarding end to a challenging project.

Relay For Life
brings cancer
awareness to campusNatalie Morand
Staff Writer

Rose-Hulman, in coordination with the Vigo County Cancer Society, will host the third annual Relay For Life. The event, centered around a constant 12 hour walk, is organized to raise money, celebrate life, and create awareness. All three of these aspects, according to Rose-Hulman head football coach Russell Mollet, are going to be seen at tonight's many events.

Last year, a total of \$87,000 was raised with 61 teams participating in the 12 hour constant walk. This year looks to be even more spectacular. Already, donations total \$83,000 and Mollet speculates that over \$100,000 will be raised by the time the event is over. Additionally, with 124 teams signed up, the Relay For Life will be the largest it has ever been here at Rose-Hulman. Almost every organization on campus is planning on either walking in the relay or helping out in some other way.

The Relay For Life will kick off at 6:30 p.m. on the indoor track of the Rose-Hulman Sport and Recreation Center with a "survivor lap." Throughout the evening, live entertainment will be provided by a number of acts, including a magician, a steel band, and karaoke. Other activities will include a silent auction, a 16 team basketball tournament organized by the Rose-Hulman women's varsity basketball team, a 16 team volleyball tournament organized by the Rose-Hulman women's varsity volleyball team, a children's carnival, a talent contest, a pie eating contest, a movie room, line dancing, a scavenger hunt, and much more!

Currently, luminaries are on sale for \$10 and can be bought in honor of a cancer survivor or victim. On Friday evening at 9 p.m. the luminaries will be placed around the outside of Cook Stadium track and lit.

So, come to the Relay For Life this evening, or early tomorrow morning, and support a good cause while having some fun

Possible enrollment increase

Crystal Landreth
Staff Writer

Spring quarter enrollment at Rose-Hulman Institute is currently at an all-time high with 1,506 undergraduate students and 154 graduate students. The record setting enrollment is due to a great reputation of the Institute and excellent student retention. Last fall, 93 percent of the freshman class returned to begin their sophomore year.

According to Erik Hayes, Director of Resident Life, there is some discussion about increasing the total number of undergraduate students from 1600 to 1800, a 12.5% increase. However, the Institute must first look carefully at many different factors regarding the expansion.

"Obviously a lot of things would be affected by having an increase of 200 students," acknowledged Hayes. More classrooms, professors, resi-

dence halls, and other faculty and student staff would be a necessity to accommodate for the increase.

According to Arthur Western who is the Vice President of Academic Affairs, Clyde William, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, has formed a task force to examine the issue of the size of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. Members of the size task force include: Niles Noblitt (chair), James Baumgardt, Bruce Cahill, Jack Farr II, William Fenoilio, Holly Gerace, Donald Scott, Michael Thomas, Ronald Artigue, Frederick Berry, Robert Bunch, Patsy Brakin, Robert Coons, Peter Gustafson, Julia Williams, and Western.

Pete Gustafson, Rob Coons, and Western have each been asked to prepare a preliminary assessment impact of letting the enrollment drift to a total of 2000 students over the next decade for the Task Force's

organizational meeting on May 8.

A number of events have occurred in past years, suggesting that the student enrollment should be reviewed. According to Western, one factor is the great success of the master's program in Engineering Management.

Another issue is the establishment of baccalaureate programs in the life sciences. The Applied Biology program began admitting majors this past fall. Also, the faculty recently approved the curriculum for an undergraduate degree in biomedical engineering, which the Board of Trustees will be considering at the May meeting.

While expansion seems necessary, many preparations must first take place on the Rose-Hulman campus. Whether the Board of Trustees decide that Rose-Hulman is prepared to raise the student cap at this time or not, expansion will be seen in the future.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

					19 Final Date to Drop without Penalty Spanish Tertulia Lunch Vonderschmitt Din- ing Room 11:45am-1pm	20 FE Exam
21	22	23 Step Aerobics SRC 6:30-7:30pm	24 Registration for Classes SAB Swing Dance Lessons Mutlipurpose Room 8 pm	25 Step Aerobics SRC 6:30-7:30pm	26 Spanish Tertulia Lunch Vonderschmitt Din- ing Room 11:45am-1pm	27 ASCE Golf Tournament
28	29	30	1 Graduate School Admisions Program Hulman Union 6:00pm On Campus House- ing Forms Due	2 Weight Watchers Meeting Hulman Union 1:00pm	3 Delta Sigma Phi Basketball Marathon	4 Campus Beautification Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

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Saturday

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Letter to the Editor

Rose-Hulman Thorn Staff,

On April 4, 2002, I visited the campus of Rose-Hulman to meet with several faculty and administrators on a host of issues. I was shocked and disappointed at the content of the April Fools edition of the Rose-Hulman Thorn I found. Specifically, the "City of Gary High School Math Proficiency Exam" was both insulting and offensive. You see, I happen to be the following:

* A graduate of the Gary Public School System.

* A 1977 graduate of Rose-

Hulman.

* A 1982 graduate of Harvard University.

* An active Rose alumni who also serves as a member of Rose-Hulman's Board of Trustees.

This service provides no benefit to me, but costs me time and money. But it is a responsibility I take seriously because it allows me to give back to one of the institutions I feel I owe for a significant part of any successes I have achieved.

A review of the aforementioned article found it in extreme poor taste, ignorant at

best, and racist at worst. The stereotypical descriptions of AK-47's, cocaine usage, pimps, and welfare queens are things I (along with my relatives and acquaintances) have no experience in nor any ability to accept as "just good natured humor." The bad taste was magnified by the anonymity of the writer.

For many years I have worked to persuade several corporations to recruit Rose graduates. These efforts were often in the face of severe criticism that they lacked the "social skills and ability to work in diverse cultural arenas" required to be successful in

today's corporations. If the attempts at humor represented in the previously mentioned Rose Thorn accurately portray the Rose community's taste in humor, then I have erred and can no longer offer this type of support in the future. In most corporate environments (where most Rose students plan to spend their careers) the offending article would have been dealt with harshly. The author would have been terminated immediately for violating any of several corporate policies. Any claims of "We were just joking!" would have fallen on

the deaf ears of an angry human resource administrator.

If the staff of the Rose Thorn insists they are being judged unfairly or "censored," then I suggest they attach the April Fools issue of the Thorn to their resumes as they pursue summer and career employment opportunities. If it is your best work, then be proud of it. I am sure you will receive a rude awakening in the real world.

Warren Mickens
Rose Class of 1977

Letter from staff

To the Readers of the Rose Thorn,

We would like to apologize for the offensive content in recent issues of the Thorn, more specifically the Gary Indiana Math Proficiency Exam that appeared in the April Fools' Edition and other inappropriate humor. Although it in no way makes reparations for the action, we meant no offense or disrespect to anyone.

To those members of the Rose-Hulman community who were offended, we offer our sincere apology. We are very sorry that the article was published and that the reputation of the Thorn has suffered. We lost sight of the fact that the paper belongs to every member

of the Rose-Hulman community.

The staff of the Thorn has agreed that the humor section has been too abrasive and we do not want to further damage the reputation of the paper by continuing the current trend. To combat the problem, we have decided to discontinue the Flipside including the Wacky Pro Quotes until we receive feedback from you, our readers, regarding the appropriate content for our student newspaper.

Please fill out the Thorn Content survey on the last page or email us at Thorn@rose-hulman.edu with your suggestions.

Sincerely,
The Rose Thorn Staff

Letter to the Editor

Dear Rose Family,

I cannot tell you how much your gift to our family has meant.

Being forced out of our home for 5-6 months is not fun. We quickly realized that cataloging our destroyed items and making plans for the rebuilding of our home was and is a full time job for me, Mom. We have always home schooled our children until now.

Your gift, through Give Up A Meal, made it possible to send them to the school of our choice, thereby giving me more time to work on our

home. This one change has been a huge and difficult one for our family. Having been solely responsible for the education of our children for the past six years, handing that responsibility over to someone I don't know is very hard indeed.

I know many of you saw us in the cafeteria 3 evenings a week for a long time. This was due to the tremendous generosity of the faculty and staff in the Mechanical Engineering Department. Not having to take the time to plan, buy and prepare a meal for all 8 of us has helped my emotional well being most of

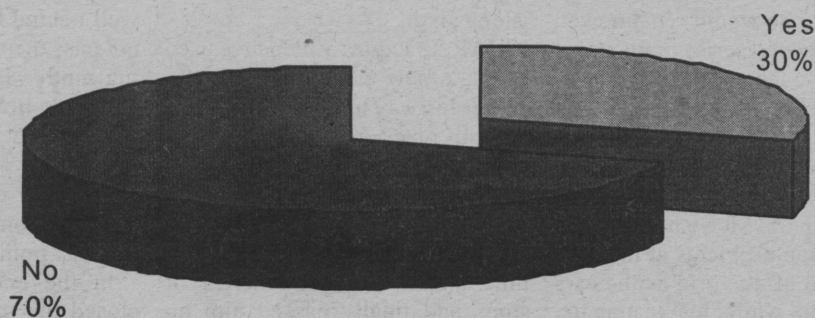
all.

The expected completion date of our home is June 15th, perhaps early July due to recent unfavorable weather. We are currently living in Dr. Wayne Padgett's home while he is gone on sabbatical.

Truly the whole Rose Family has come to our aid. We can't possibly put into words how much your help has meant. From the bottom of our hearts, God bless you!

Sincerely,
Brad, Carol, Tabitha, Claudia, Lydia, Miriam, Davis and Nate Burchett

Are the Cubs going to the World Series?



"Yes, and I'd pay \$120 per ticket"

"They won't see a playoff game for 20 years"

**Note: Percentages are taken on a random sampling of 74 students attending Rose-Hulman.

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Top Gun fights for the PS2 flight sim crown

Jason Caron
Staff Writer

Top Gun

PS2

Rent It

Many of you remember when the first Top Gun game was released for the original Nintendo. Although the game sequence was a tad repetitive, it featured challenges such as reducing speed for landing and refueling (which I never seemed to accomplish). Since its original debut, Top Gun has come a long way with several reincarnations. Its latest version is Top Gun: Combat Zones for the Playstation 2.

Overall, the game handles great once you get used to the controls. The left analog stick is used to control the flight of the aircraft while the right moves the pilots head quickly to either side in order to look behind. The left buttons change the viewpoint while the right buttons do basic functions, such as fire missiles and guns, scroll through weapons, and scroll

through targets. The top trigger buttons control rudders and the bottom control the throttle.

Once you have mastered the controls, they are the same for each aircraft and your performance will increase with that of your aircraft. In all, there are 3 main aircraft that you play the game with through each set of missions: the F-14 Tomcat, the F-18 Super Hornet, and the F-22 Raptor.

After you complete the game, you have the opportunity to go back and earn medals by scoring more points, which are awarded for various tasks ranging from performing cool stunts to using unguided weapons to hit targets far away. In all, there are 5 bonus craft to unlock: the F-4 Phantom II, the Joint Strike Fighter (Boeing Version — they obviously released the game too early), YF-23 (the competitor to the F-22 in the earliest testing trials), the V-22 Osprey, and the AV-8B Harrier.

The game play is such that you must complete all training missions first before proceeding to actual combat missions; however, there are only 6 various levels of difficulty. The AI on this game is amazingly hard, as fighters will dodge missiles, perform their own defensive maneuvers, and track your position. Once ground fire is trained on you, it is impossible to shake it until you are out of range or the target is destroyed.

The computer employs several accurate foes ranging from Mig-21's to the brand new (relatively) Su-35. The terrain is laid out nicely from a higher altitude but gets rather blocky up close, as do most of the computer ground forces. The planes are drawn nicely but rudders and ailerons move rather unnaturally.

One of the small details that impressed me with this game was the accuracy of the small things, such as the movement of missiles (pretty much forward with minimal maneuverability) with attention to smoke trails and such. Also, the unlimited cannon fire was unrealistic, but nice if you expend all of your ordinance.

Another thing that impressed me was that the designers placed the origin of the cannon fire accurately on each aircraft to where the cannon was located. Also, for some of the more recent aircraft such as the F-22, the internal weapons bay pops open each time a missile is fired, lending to the more accurate aspects of the aircraft.

Many of these missions may take some time and patience, as some are quite difficult. But the satisfaction of pulling it off will be worth it. There are a number of training and combat missions to complete, and the game is only for a single player. Other fighters and options



ps2.gamezone.com

Top Gun is a pretty good flight sim that you will at least provide you with a lot of play time.

can be unlocked through scoring of bronze, silver, or gold stars in each mission. This is the hard part and may take some time and effort.

If you feel as if you are trying to hard without accomplishing anything, find a code on the internet such as "SHPONGLE" in the call-sign section (don't save) will unlock everything. I would recommend doing this to experi-

ence the most without frustrating yourself.

Unless you spend the time and effort to win medals and unlock everything, this game can be completed in a short amount of time. Despite its excellent graphics and game play, I would only recommend renting this game. That is, unless you are a true Top Gun fan and just need to add to your collection.

F1 returns to Italy for round 4

Jason Caron
Staff Writer

Where:

Italy

What:

F1

Who:

FIA

Italy. Home of beautiful cities, beautiful women, and of course, beautiful cars. Home to such exotic car manufacturers as Ferrari and Lamborghini, Italy also sports a pair of tracks for the Formula One Championship.

The first thing most seasoned Formula One fans think about when they hear the San Marino Grand Prix is the death of F1 Legend Ayrton Senna during this race back in 1994, bringing about many changes in safety for the cars. The first of which would be the site for Round 4, the Grand Prix of San Marino in Imola, Italy.

In the few weeks following the Brazilian Grand Prix, the teams have undergone their usual combination of testing and refinement, as F1 is ever-changing with technology and time. McLaren-Mercedes debuted its new Mobile Communications Center, which will be the center of all of its operations at each grand prix. It has been nicknamed "The Disco" by McLaren personnel due to the various colorful lights around the entrance. McLaren follows the tradition started by BAR by their completion of this expensive new unit.

Another highlight was the announcement that Ferrari's Rubens Barrichello would join his teammate, Michael Schumacher in

driving the new F2002 car for Round 4 of the championship. This is a great relief to Barrichello, who has yet to finish a race. After being involved in the first corner melee of Melbourne, his car expired in the following two races while his teammate has finished with a podium position at each race.

Friday and Saturday practice sessions in Imola were hampered by rain, forcing teams to switch to intermediate tires for their runs. This produced various results in regards to fastest times and left the qualifying edge open to all. Qualifying was more favorable, with the rain clearing leaving the track slightly damp causing many teams to remain on intermediate tires for qualifying.

As the qualifying session ended, the grid saw Ferrari dominate with Schumacher on the pole and Barrichello in second. Williams-BMW was behind them with Ralf Schumacher in third and Juan Pablo Montoya in fourth. The third row belonged to the McLarens of Kimi Raikkonen in fifth and David Coulthard rounding out the top six. Minardi experienced a rough session as Mark Webber qualified 20th and his teammate, Alex Yoong, did not qualify a lap time within 107% of Michael Schumacher's pole position lap time.

The time until race start expired and the drivers roared off the grid. Michael Schumacher jumped to the lead and began to pull away from the field while his brother Ralf pulled ahead of his teammate, Barrichello, to take second position. Those looking for another Michael vs. Montoya clash would be disappointed this round as the two were nowhere near each other

in the first corner of the circuit.

Michael continued to pull away from the field, putting a staggering ten-second lead on his brother by lap 12, setting fastest lap after fastest lap. By lap 21, he was already lapping the field (passing slower cars). The first series of pit stops placed Barrichello back ahead of Ralf where he would remain even after the second series of pit stops. Most of the teams were on a two-stop strategy.

The mechanical problems began at the beginning of the race and continued for most of it. Toyota's Allan McNish suffered transmission problems at the start and pulled off the grid as the cars accelerated while his teammate, Mika Salo, retired on lap 26 after losing fourth gear. Both Arrows drivers retired with Heinz-Harald Frentzen retired also on lap 26 losing power and his teammate, Enrique Bernoldi, went to the gravel on lap 50 with mechanical problems.

With a reputation for reliability, Jaguar suffered a DNF as Pedro de la Rosa stopped just outside the pits after his first stop while Eddie Irvine retired on lap 47. Jordan also suffered a DNF with Takuma Sato out on lap 7 with gearbox issues and Giancarlo Fisichella out on lap 20 with hydraulics failure.

Other retirements included BAR's Oliver Panis, who has yet to finish a race, with technical failures on lap 24 and McLaren's Kimi Raikkonen on lap 44 when his team called him back to the paddock when his exhaust broke sending hot air over the engine.

With the exception of retirements, the rest of the race went on schedule. The BMW's were unable to catch up to Ferrari and finished the same positions that they

started, Ralf on the Podium in third and Montoya in fourth, trailing his teammate by nearly 25 seconds. McLaren's David Coulthard was rather humiliated as he was lapped by race leader Michael Schumacher. He tried to take fourth place from Renault's Jenson Button but could not, finishing sixth.

BAR's Jacques Villeneuve used Honda's new evolution engine to power his way to his best finish of seventh place, just outside of the points range. A battle raged between Sauber's Felipe Massa and Renault's Jarno Trulli. Massa had been running with Trulli for some time after the second series of stops and finally passed him on lap 59 to take eighth place away from him.

Minardi's sole driver this race, Mark Webber, rounded out the finishers in 11th place. At the end of 62 laps, the race clearly belonged to hometown heroes Michael Schumacher and Rubens Barrichello, as Ferrari pulled off a 1-2 victory at the San Marino of Grand Prix.

At the end of Round 4, Michael extended his lead over his brother to around 14 points in the drivers standings while Montoya remains two points behind his teammate. Fourth place belonged to Jenson Button who is now being referred to as "the best of the rest" in reference to the teams other than the big three of Ferrari, Williams-BMW, and McLaren-Mercedes. Rubens Barrichello entered onto the board with his placing into fifth and David Coulthard rounds out the top six.

In the Team Championship, Ferrari pulled ahead of Williams-BMW with a 3-point lead. McLaren, Renault, Jaguar, and

Sauber round out the top six teams in the Constructor's Championship. Next up in the Championship is the Spanish Grand Prix at Barcelona.

Jordan's Giancarlo Fisichella lost his wing in the first lap and ended up retiring six laps later. His teammate, Takuma Sato, ran well behind the Jaguars but could not pass them and ended up finishing ninth. BAR's Jacques Villeneuve retired on lap 70 but rounded out the top ten in tenth place, his partner, Oliver Panis had his car die with transmission problems on pit lane around the midway point of the race.

In the end, Ralf Schumacher closed the gap between him and his brother to a mere two-tenths of a second near the end, but could not pass him. He finished in second place with Coulthard third to give Michael Schumacher the F2002's debut win at the Brazilian Grand Prix. A surprising Jenson Button finished fourth place to give Renault more points.

In the point standings, Michael pulled away as leader in the points. His brother passed his teammate to take second place. Fourth place in the points belonged to Jenson Button, far behind Montoya. He is followed by the McLarens of Coulthard, then Raikkonen to round out the top six, both teammates tied in the point standings. In the Constructor's Championship, Williams-BMW maintained the lead over Ferrari as Barrichello has yet to finish a race. McLaren, Renault, Jaguar, then Sauber round out the top six.

Next up in the championship is Round 4 in Imola. The drivers return to Ferrari turf at the San Marino Grand Prix in Italy.

Star killer

Bob Schulein
Staff Writer

Star Wars: Jedi Knight II:
Jedi Outcast

PC

9.0/10

A long time ago (1977) in a galaxy far, far away (Hollywood), George Lucas unleashed a little movie called Star Wars upon an unsuspecting world. He then proceeded to take over the world with a legion of merchandising and sequels. The public never seems to regret giving the man money for his movies, toys, and video games. Like Episode 1, most recent Star Wars games have rested on the Star Wars universe's laurels giving very little innovation and not enough fun. People haven't been so happy with Star Wars lately. They want something better than Jar-Jar Binks. Apparently someone at LucasArts has been listening to the outraged public, because Star Wars: Jedi Knight 2: Jedi Outcast restores quality, adventure, and most importantly FUN back to the beloved universe. The player reassumes the role of Kyle Katarn, hero of Outcast prequels Dark Forces and Jedi Knight. Picture Han Solo, add Jedi powers, and you've got Kyle Katarn. Outcast starts 9 years after the events of Jedi Knight. Katarn has given up the Jedi way because of temptation by the dark side of the force and is stuck doing reconnaissance missions for the new republic.

The game starts out slow, with Katarn and his partner Jan Ors on a mission for the first few stages of the game. These levels are kind of boring, and play no differently than any other Quake3 engine-based game. After Ors is apparently killed at the hands of a dark Jedi, Katarn vows revenge and goes to Luke Skywalker to reclaim the Jedi way. Upon receiving his lightsaber and force powers, Katarn sets out on his quest, and the true depths and fun of the game opens up. Wielding the lightsaber is a dream. With lightsaber in hand, the game shifts to a third-person perspective. This sets the game apart from the run-of-the mill shooter. Atmosphere is what draws the player in, but the solid level design and compelling gameplay is what keeps the player there. I don't want to spoil the much of the game, because most of the fun comes from experiencing it. The lightsaber battles bring some of the most memorable game moments in recent PC gaming history. Fighting two dark jedi with force powers blazing and lightsabers clashing is simply exhilarating. Once a player gets used to the controls, they come easy. All controls are customizable so a player can make everything just the way they would like. Although the majority of the game is amazing, there are some minor things that keep it from being perfect. Some of the puzzles are overly complex and seem out of place. Why would someone need to go through one tiny hole in a wall to get to the other end of a Star Destroyer? The lightsaber has a high learning curve. Because movement



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Intense lightsaber duels persist throughout Jedi Knight II, LucasArts' hot new Star Wars game.

keys also control the direction of the lightsaber, it can be hard to move and fight on the games numerous catwalks. Some enemies are frustratingly hard to kill because of the game's odd sense of hit-detection. That said, the game is HARD, which is good sometimes, but gets frustrating. Whereas the original Jedi Knight allowed players the option of following the light or dark side of the force when selecting force powers, Outcast restricts players to predetermined powers. The

player is not restricted in how to use these powers, however. So fans of the darkside can still lift an enemy in the air, force choke him, smash him into walls, and then throw him off a cliff. On the topic of violence, there is no blood to speak of, but a well placed lightsaber slice can make a stormtrooper's arm go flying away. The game carries a Teen rating, and as such is much less gory than Quake 3. The plot was a typical revenge story with elements of love and

friendship mixed in. Although I could see most of the plot shifts coming a mile away, I somehow got very engaged in the storyline. Unlike the previous games in the series, the cut scenes in Outcast are told in the in-game engine. Familiar characters from the Star Wars universe such as Luke and Lando join the cast from the previous Jedi Knight games. While Billy Dee Williams (Lando) is the only actor from the original, I was very impressed by how authentic other voices were. The music of the Star Wars universe is something that walks hand in hand with the epic themes and fights. Music is handled exceptionally well in Outcast, with music backing down during puzzle time and intensifying during hot action. Sounds are also very faithful to movies. Hearing the familiar hum of a lightsaber for the first time brought a shiver to my spine. Graphics are very strong. The developers nailed the look and feel of the Star Wars universe here. Upon completion of the game, I felt like my time was well spent. The subtle flow of the storyline combined with the excellent level designs and the feelings of reliving the movies through excellent battles left me wanting MORE. Aha, but the game doesn't end upon completion of the single player campaign. Multiplayer options are very deep and varied. More force powers (both light and dark) are opened to the player here and many different games bring much needed refreshment to the typical death match style. Put simply, Outcast IS Star Wars. It's Star Wars on the magnitude of "I am your father." Get the game, play it to death, and hope Episode 2 is near the quality.

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Weekend Box Office Summary

Title	This Weekend
1 Changing Lanes	17.1m
2 Panic Room	10.6m
3 The Sweetest Thing	9.4m
4 Ice Age	8.5m
5 The Rookie	8.0m
6 High Crimes	7.4m
7 Clockstoppers	4.6m
8 Blade II	4.3m
9 Frailty	4.2m
10 Van Wilder	4.1m

This Week's Release:

Murder by Numbers
The Scorpion King
Lucky Break
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Changing Lanes will not change your life

Peter Smith
Staff Writer

Changing Lanes
Rated R

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Starring
Ben Affleck
Samuel L. Jackson

Think back to the last day that truly affected your life in a profound way. One of those days when you learn a little more about who, and what you are. The day you chose what college you would attend, the day a friend died, the day there was a birth in your family, or maybe a day you met someone who made you think a little differently about life.

Changing Lanes is a movie about one of those days for two New York City residents. One is a rich Wall Street lawyer, and the other is a man struggling to keep his family together. They meet in a car accident one morning and they have one of those days that change their lives forever.

I initially thought that this film would be a fast paced action thriller. However, it is much more intellectual than other films in the genre. The two main characters in this film are strikingly different in social status, but both are tortured by the same emotional calamity that would not have surfaced if not for their chance encounter on the highway.

Gavin Banek, played by Ben Affleck (Dogma, Good Will Hunt-

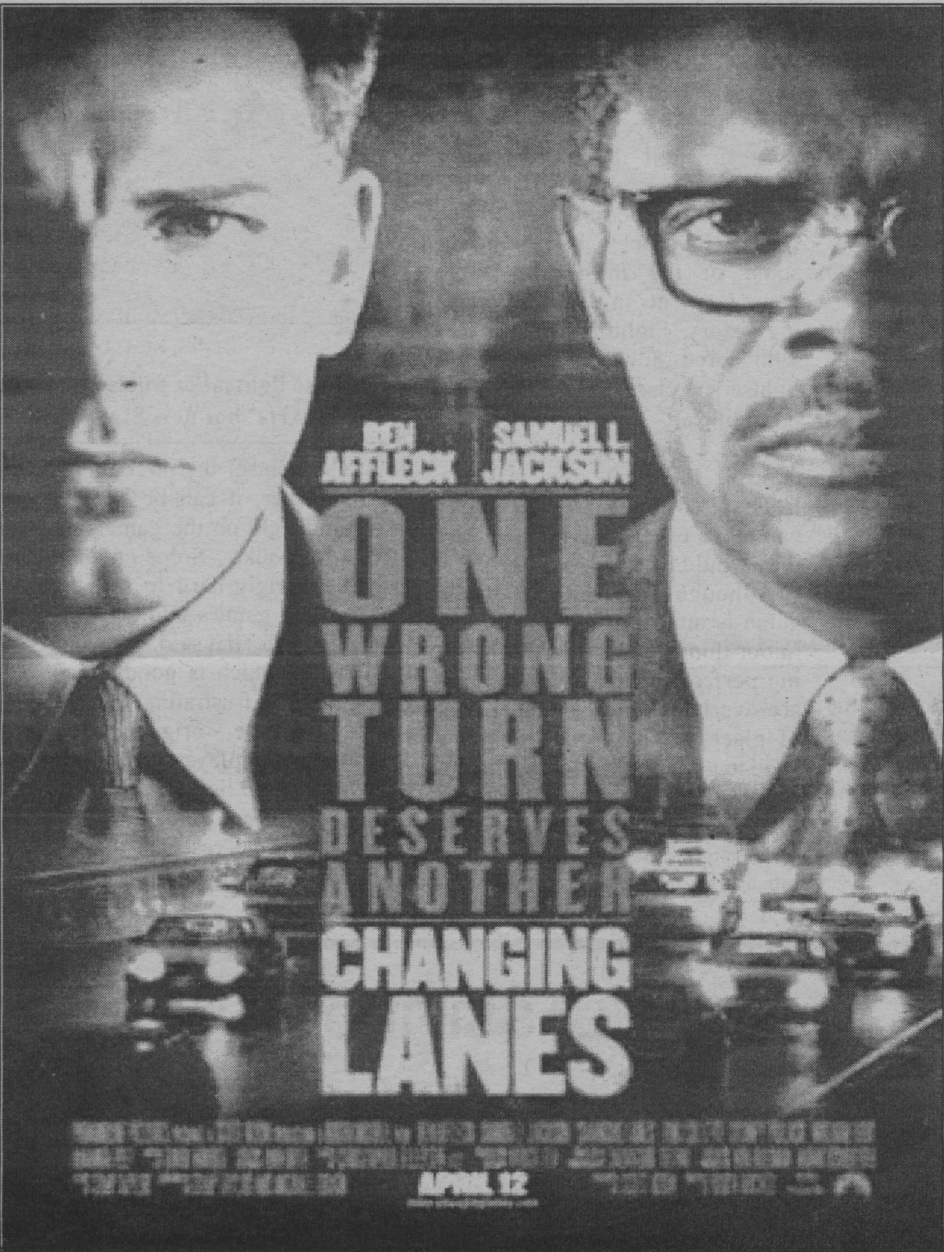
ing), is a wealthy man, but he is rot with guilt for helping to scam a charity out of money and for adulterous behavior on his part. He has masked his guilt with his life style, but when he encounters Doyle Gipson, the façade that he hid behind comes crashing down as he is forced to face the reality of what he has become.

Doyle Gipson, played by Samuel L Jackson (Shaft, Pulp Fiction), is held up by the accident and misses his custody hearing, and loses his children. He does, however, find a file that Banek needed near the accident, and holds it ransoms for revenge.

The two then take turns ruining each other's lives. Some of the stuff they do is really smart, but all of it is incredibly illegal. While dodging and attacking each other, both find themselves learning things about their lives that they never would have realized without the chance encounter.

The true problem with the film is there just isn't enough going on all the time to keep your interest. There are a number of good opportunities to take bathroom breaks, but that is not what makes a good movie. I just found much of it way to slow for a thriller type of movie. Also, some of the big secrets that get revealed are too obvious. However, overall the movie is good.

The best things about this film are the actors. Samuel L Jackson and Ben Affleck are both amazing actors and de-



Changing Lanes is good, but runs long www.imdb.com

serve all of the praise they have gotten. None of these roles in this film could have been easy to play, and the way they approached the situation was superb. They seemed to work as a team, showing how alike two people from completely different social backgrounds can be. I was impressed by both of them.

Roger Michell did a good job directing this film, even with its shortcomings. The director is mostly to blame for the slow pace, but with his best previous credit being Notting Hill, it seems like he did a good job of switching genres and I expect future films of this type from him to be more engaging.

So, it's now time to give you some numbers. On a scale of zero to four where four is a classic and zero is Rollerball, I give this film two and a half stars. Everything about this film is great except the pace. If thirty minutes were cut, it would be shorter than most films today, but it would have been great. As it is, it is only good, but compared to many other films that is rather amazing.

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Ron Apple	Indianapolis Colts Prize Package	Roger Lautzenheiser	Two free Applebee's Dinners
Andy Nuetzel	\$20 to Ambrosini's	Bill Kessler	Sprint Headset
Amanda Martin	\$10 to Big Apple Bagels	Brian Marchino	Flower Arrangement from Poplar Flower Shop
Kathy Stevens	\$10 to Black Angus	Donna Becca	Cookie Package from Cookies By Design
Travis Gross	Bogey's Family Fun Pack	Jim Herring	\$10 to Texas Roadhouse
Steve Dodron	Bogey's Family Fun Pack	Jane Nuetzel	Free Massage from HealthTouch
Matt Pawey	Bogey's Family Fun Pack	Mark Farmer	Four free Willy Jak's Dinners

Ryan Keefer adding versatility to Rose-Hulman baseball team

Susan Snider

Intern, Rose-Hulman Sports Information office

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology junior Ryan Keefer has many fond memories of playing sports as a child. He can remember playing wiffle ball with his dad, Kevin, in their back yard in Fort Wayne. He can also remember playing football with his sister when they were younger.

"When my friends came over to play football, we wanted to play tackle football, but Shannon, my sister, wanted to play too. So, my mom would make us play flag football. It used to annoy me, because I wanted to play with my friends and she was always bugging us. She was such a tomboy. However, once we started growing up, I wanted her on my team because she was a tough player," Keefer said with a smile.

Those experiences and memories inspired Keefer to be a three-sport athlete at Northrop High School and continue his education and athletic career at Rose-Hulman. Now, in his third year of college, Keefer is a two-sport athlete earning varsity letters in baseball and football.

"I knew that I wanted to study math and science when I went to college because I was good at

them. When I came to Rose-Hulman for a visit, it seemed like a perfect fit because I could get a great education and have the opportunity to play sports," Keefer said.

Keefer's versatility as an athlete attracted head baseball coach Jeff Jenkins to the 6-0, 190 pound outfielder. He began his baseball career at Rose-Hulman as a pitcher and compiled a record of 4-2 with a 4.10 ERA while recording 30 strikeouts in 37.1 innings. However, a shoulder injury, received as a sophomore in football, limited his pitching ability and moved him to the outfield where he remains today.

In football, he also has the ability to fill a variety of roles. As a freshman, he was a wide receiver. He then moved to the defensive back position as a sophomore. During his junior campaign, he returned to the field as a wide receiver while filling in as a quarterback. He has made 16 receptions for 189 yards, booted 14 punts for 472 yards, and has made 27 tackles as an Engineer.

"Ryan did an outstanding job for the football team as a freshman, but he was limited on his contributions as a sophomore due to his shoulder injury. I think he plans to come out this fall and I look forward to seeing his contributions to the team during his se-

nior season," head football coach Russ Mollet said.

Keefer's versatility equates to depth on the playing field.

"I think having versatility as an athlete helps the team because sometimes the team needs help in a certain position due to injuries or a player having an off-day. By being versatile, you add depth to the team and ultimately add to their potential," Keefer said.

Keefer's ability, natural talents and work ethic have all been noticed by the Engineers coaching staff.

"Ryan is a very tough kid. He was back from shoulder surgery in four months, which meant he had to change positions on the team. He was a great pitcher and catcher, but the surgery have limited what he can do in that aspect. We had a need in the outfield and he was very willing to fill the position. I think he has had a great year," head baseball coach Jeff Jenkins said.

While Keefer enjoys playing both football and baseball, his first love is baseball.

"My love in life is baseball; it is the sport I really like the best. I enjoy the challenge of the game and the fact that the game is a team sport, but it is also an individual sport. It is an team sport in the aspect of having your team behind you defensively, but it is also an

individual sport when you step up to the plate. Then it becomes a game between you and the pitcher," he said.

"I also like it because it is the only sport where you fail six out of 10 times and you are named an All-Star. The challenge of being consistent is what I like most," added Keefer.

Consistency is one thing Keefer has been able to accomplish during the 2002 baseball season. He is one of the team's leading hitters with a batting average of .379 with 33 hits, 21 runs, while leading the team in RBI's with 23 in 87 at-bats. He has a slugging percentage of .632, an on base percentage of .411 and a field percentage of .922. Keefer leads the Engineers in extra-base hits with nine doubles, two triples and three home runs this season.

"I think we've had a good season this year, but we have to stay mentally focused on the game and our goals. We have the potential to be really great. It isn't always the other team beating us. Sometimes it is ourselves letting things get in between us and our abilities. If we all don't have our heads in the game, we hurt ourselves. However, our versatility and depth help us when we all aren't working together," Keefer said.

Keefer attributes the team's success, with a season record of

21-9 and a conference record of 7-5, to increased team dynamics and comradery.

"We have a lot of team comradery this season, there are no cliques on the team. We are a true group. When things go wrong, we pick each other up and keep moving forward," Keefer said. "Anyone can step up in the game and come up with a good hit or a good defensive play."

The mechanical engineering major is glad that he has the opportunity to participate in college athletics. He is also glad to have the opportunity to attend Rose-Hulman.

"The challenge of going to school at Rose-Hulman has helped me in my life. It is such a hard school that if I can get through here, I can get through anything. Especially considering I've been involved with sports during my entire collegiate career," Keefer said.

"I think I get more attention at Rose-Hulman because it is a small, private college. Rose-Hulman has a reputation of being tough, but it also has a reputation for training well-informed engineers. I think my future employers will be impressed to see that I graduated from Rose-Hulman and was a two-sport athlete."

Baseball and softball standings

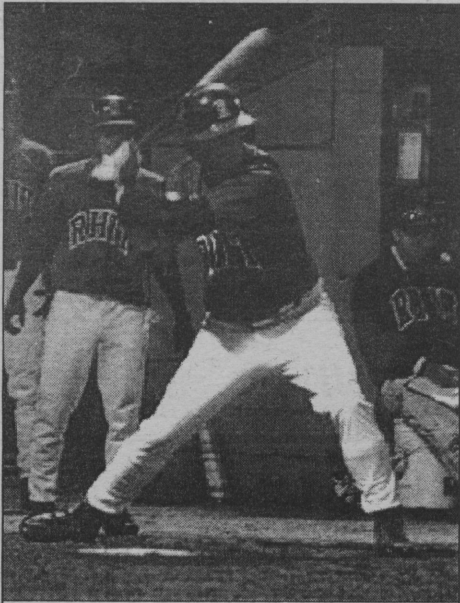


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Sophomore Matt Moore was recently named SCAC Baseball Player of the Week.

Baseball						
Team	SCAC			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Easten Division						
Oglethorpe	5	3	0.625	16	14	0.533
Rose-Hulman	7	5	0.583	21	9	0.700
U. South	7	5	0.583	16	15	0.516
DePauw	5	5	0.500	6	13	0.316
Centre	4	10	0.286	6	18	0.240
Western Division						
Trinity	14	3	0.824	28	7	0.800
Southwestern	12	6	0.667	29	8	0.784
Millsaps	11	7	0.611	22	12	0.647
Rhodes	4	13	0.235	13	17	0.419
Hendrix	4	16	0.200	20	19	0.513

Softball						
Team	SCAC			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Easten Division						
U. South	9	3	0.750	13	13	0.500
DePauw	5	5	0.500	11	22	0.324
Centre	4	6	0.400	14	17	0.452
Rose-Hulman	4	8	0.333	8	25	0.242
Western Division						
Trinity	7	1	0.875	24	12	0.667
Millsaps	7	1	0.875	13	14	0.481
Rhodes	4	6	0.400	4	15	0.200
Hendrix	0	10	0.000	0	29	0.000

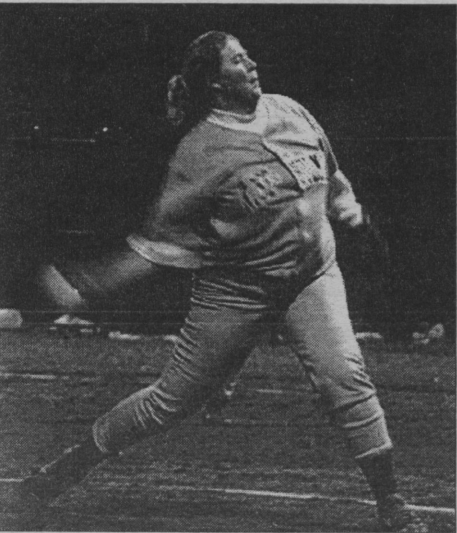


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Freshman Lauren Clark had her eighth win on last Tuesday's game against DePauw.

Upcoming athletic events

Friday, April 19
·BASE vs. Oglethorpe University, 6 pm
·GOLF at Millikin University Invitational, TBA

Saturday, April 20
·TR at Millikin University Invitational, 10 am
·MT, WT at Centre College (with Earlham), 8 am
·BASE vs. Oglethorpe University, 6 pm
·GOLF at Millikin University Invitational, TBA

Sunday, April 21
·MT vs. Sinclair Community College, 11 am
·BASE vs. Oglethorpe University, Noon

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