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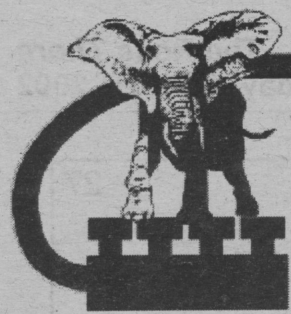
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## WEATHER WATCH

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Information courtesy The Weather Channel

## Soller, Shi win top awards at Rocky Mountain Bioengineering Symposium

Grant Hoffman  
Staff Writer

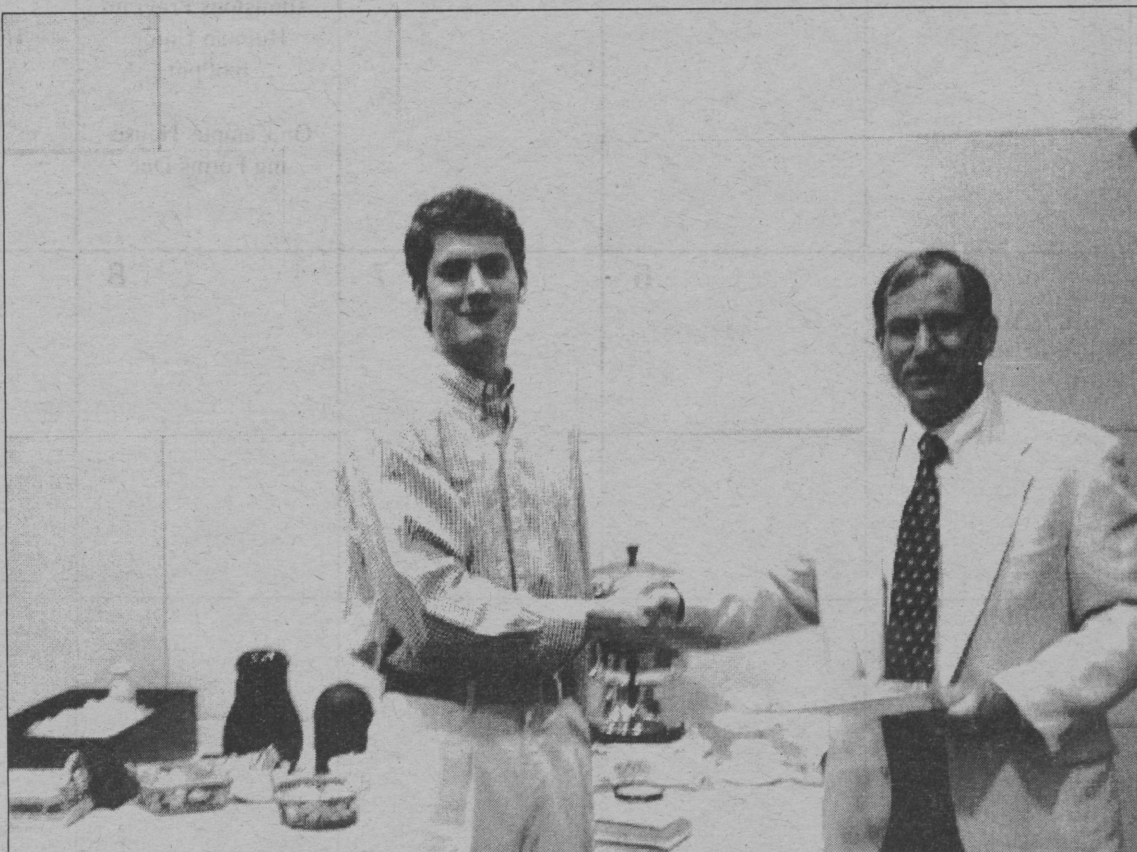
Over break, 13 Rose-Hulman students attended the Rocky Mountain Bioengineering Symposium (RMBS) in Copper Mountain, Colorado. During the 4-day event, the Rose students gave 11 presentations and 2 poster presentations on their technical papers.

The awards presentation on Sunday was an example of how well Rose-Hulman students are prepared for this type of event. Eric Soller took top honors in the poster presentation, winning a first place plaque and a \$500 check from RMBS.

Xinfeng "Charlie" Shi also won top honors in the technical paper section, his paper receiving first place out of the 83 technical documents submitted, entitling him to a plaque documenting his award and a \$500 check as well.

Other Rose students receiving awards were Grant Hoffman, Matthew Kuester, and Travis Gilmore. Hoffman and Kuester received first place in their presentation sessions, both winning \$250 each from RMBS.

Gilmore received the conference chair's choice award and a \$300 check for his achievements as well.



Professor Lee Waite awarding Eric Soller for his poster presentation.

Grant Hoffman/Thorn

## A possible change to the faculty handbook

Crystal Landreth  
Staff Writer

A change to the faculty handbook will possibly occur, changing the nondiscrimination clause of the handbook to include sexual discrimination.

All of the Rose-Hulman handbooks contain an "Equal Opportunity Employer" statement (EOE statement). The statement currently reads, "Discrimination based upon race, sex, religion, handicap, age, or national origin is prohibited," only specifying those specific classes identified as protected classes by federal law. According to Arthur Western, vice president of academic affairs, "The purpose of these statements is to acknowledge the Institute's compliance with these laws."

At the March Institute meeting, Professor Mark Ball introduced a motion to add "sexual orientation" to the list in the EOE statement. In accordance with standard procedures for amending the faculty handbook, the motion was discussed and then tabled for one month.

According to Western, the faculty sought input from the Institute legal council, who advised that the Institute could have only one EOE statement in all its handbooks.

Therefore, at the April meeting, a motion was presented that the Board of Trustees alter the official Institute EOE statement to include "sexual orientation" in the list. The friendly amendment was passed.

The request has been presented to the Executive Board of the Board of Trustees. The earliest action could take place when the Board of Trustees meets on May 24, 2002.

Western also added that the handbooks already include other fair-treatment policy statements. "In particular, it is the Institute's policy to treat all employees and applicants equally according to their individual qualifications, abilities, and experiences and other employment standards."

Nicole Hartkemeyer  
Staff Writer

This year the admissions office has been working hard on attracting a more varied freshman class. The result: the most diverse class Rose-Hulman has seen thus far could come to campus next fall. Definite numbers aren't available yet because high school seniors thinking about Rose have until May 1 to make their decisions.

Although women and African Americans have been targeted hard by the admissions office staff, students from a wider variety of places are also expected to be represented in the incoming freshman class. Even though the population remains highly Midwestern in origin, students from the West Coast, and big cities like New York City and Chicago are increasing in number. Charles Howard, vice president of admissions, attributes this to the new biology major, and of course, the #1 ranking for the past three years.

There have been a total of fourteen visitation days for high

school students interested in Rose-Hulman to see what the school is really like. About 1,400 students have attended these specially planned days. Typically, the program consists of a greeting by President Samuel Hulbert, followed by an introduction on Rose-Hulman philosophy by its professors.

After the introduction, the students have an opportunity to explore the campus by taking tours before they are brought together again for a discussion on financial aid, placement tests, and other important topics they will encounter while attending Rose. The students will then get an opportunity to ask questions to a Rose-Hulman student panel on whatever they have concerns about. Finally, they split up and meet with professors representing the department they are considering joining.

Although the last visitation day occurred on April 5, the admissions office is still hosting high school students. These students are typically either seniors looking at the campus for the first time, seniors wanted to

take another look to before making their final college decisions, or juniors wanting to get an early start on looking at their college options. When a student is hosted, the student and their family get a chance to tour the campus, and are open to do whatever else they wish. This can include eating lunch in the ARA, talking to professors, etc.

Throughout the year there have also been a few specialty programs sponsored by the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) and the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) focused solely towards attracting more women and African Americans to the Rose-Hulman community. These programs have met with great success this year and are mainly responsible for the improved mixture of the incoming class.

There have also been few off-campus presentations in several areas of the country with the goals of getting students that live too far to visit information about Rose. Some of the places they have visited this year are Washington D.C., Minneapolis, Cincinnati, and Chicago.

## Chi Omega supports local charities through dance-a-thon

Chris Scribner  
Staff Writer

The Rose-Hulman chapter of Chi Omega sponsored a day of fun, games, eating, and dancing at their dance-a-thon. This largest dance-a-thon held by the sorority

to date, boasting an attendance of about 100. Over \$2000 was raised to benefit the American Cancer Society and the Make a Wish Foundation.

Festivities began around 5:00 p.m. continued until midnight.

The third installment of the

dance-a-thon contained food and drinks donated by several companies including ARAMark, Blondie's Cookies, Big Apple Bagels, Spaghetti Shop, Papa Johns, Maurizio's Pizza, Pizza Hut, Dominos, Pepsi, Taco Bell, and McDonalds.

A date auction was held, allowing Rose-Hulman men bid on women to take out. A date package was provided by Chi Omega to help cover the cost of the date.

Rose-Hulman student band Keyed played free of charge. Rose's radio station, The Monkey,

provided DJs free of charge. A DJ from Lafayette also donated his time.

Chi Omega Community Service Director Alana Burke was the main organizer of the event. The sorority looks forward to putting on the event next year.



CAMPUS CALENDAR						26	27
						Spanish Tertulia Lunch Vonderschmitt Dining Room 11:45am-1pm	ASCE Golf Tournament
28	29	30	1	2	3	4	
			Graduate School Admissions Program Hulman Union 6:00pm  On Campus Housing Forms Due	Weight Watchers Meeting Hulman Union 1:00pm	Delta Sigma Phi Basketball Marathon	Campus Beautification Day	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
Greek Games						Skinner Fest Skinner	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	





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Rose-Hulman 3 on 3 Basketball Tourney

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Games start Friday, May 11 at 5:30 pm.  
Games will run into Saturday if necessary.  
Double Elimination

\$2 fee per person  
(money will be refunded on tourney day)

**Captain**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Player 3**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Player 2**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Player 4**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign-up sheets are due Saturday, May 4.


Schedules will be handed out 3 days before tourney time to captain. (May 7)

Contact Beau Parks for questions. (872-6111 or beau.parks@rose-hulman.edu)

Turn in sign-up sheets and money to box 1675 in mailroom.

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SUBMISSIONS

Events may be published in *Events* by any organization or individual. Information on club meetings, lectures, speeches, and athletic events, including announcements of times and locations may be submitted to *Campus Calendar*, in care of Dale Long, associate director of communications, at Box 14 or extension 8418. More detailed articles containing plans, agendas, and specific information should be submitted to the *Rose Thorn*. All submissions must be made by Wednesday at noon in order to be published in *Events* in the *Rose Thorn* on Friday.



## Your laptop just got slower

Chris Scribner  
Staff Writer

Recall the first time you powered up your Rose-Hulman laptop. It was a nimble black box primed to perform. Megahertz-wise, it was likely the fastest laptop you had ever laid hands on.

Freshmen, the year is nearing its end, and your laptop is already feeling the pains of aging. You have begun to notice how long it takes to launch Maple and that the newest 3D games are unplayable. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors have long forgotten the era of the speedy laptop. It's not going to make you feel any better knowing what's in store for next year's freshmen.

A recent proposal from Acer for the next generation of Rose-Hulman laptops includes a 1.6 GHz Pentium 4 processor, 256 MB RAM, 40 GB hard drive, CD-RW / DVD drive, PCMCIA, USB 2.0, 56k modem, 10/100Mbps Ethernet, wireless Ethernet adapter, 4X AGP VGA video with 32MB RAM, and a 15" SXGA+ LCD active matrix display.

The new laptops will come pre-loaded with Windows XP. Steve Jones of IAIT and the laptop committee commented that Windows XP was selected because it is more stable and robust than Windows 98, includes superior driver support compared to Windows 2000, and consumes fewer

resources than Windows 2000. Windows XP deployment to current students has already begun. It is expected most students will upgrade to XP. Next year, it might be possible for seniors to obtain a free upgrade to 128 MB RAM from IAIT to accommodate the new operating system.

The wireless network on campus is under construction. When completed, students will be able to connect to the network without jacking into a port in all academic buildings. This poses a problem for examinations that require the use of a computer, but prohibit the use of the network. Students would be able to inconspicuously communicate with each other using the wireless network or use other online resources.

Ed Doering, laptop committee chair, addressed the issue in a wireless networking bulletin. In the bulletin, Doering mentioned there is no easy solution to the problem. Even without a wireless access point, students with wireless network cards may initiate machine to machine connections and communicate.

Doering recommends that teachers proctor exams requiring the use of laptops from the back of the room so the screens are visible. Teachers may even go a step further and require students taking the exam to run a screen capture utility. The utility essentially records a movie of what is displayed on the student's laptop screen.

## MATH CORNER PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

### Problem:

*A DOLLAR AUCTION: Consider the following bizarre auction on EBay, a crisp new one hundred dollar bill is being sold to the highest bidder. However, the second-highest bidder also has to pay the auctioneer what he/she bid, although the highest bidder gets the prize. In a sense, the second-highest bidder is paying for the opportunity to bid.*

*Suppose that there are only two bidders at the auction, each of whom has \$250 (all one dollar bills), and each bidder is rational meaning that they will not bid if it is not in their best interest. How much should the first bidder bid on the \$100 bill, so that it is in the second bidder's best interest not to place a bid? [It is in the first bidder's interest to place a bid, as a \$1 bid (if the second bidder decides not to place a bid) gives a \$99 dollar profit.]*

### Contest Rules:

1. Contest is open to all students at Rose-Hulman.
2. The best solution (see solution criteria below) as judged by members of the math faculty will be awarded two new dollar coins.
3. In case of a tie, each winner will be awarded a new one dollar coin.
4. Solutions must be submitted by 1:00 pm 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>

Write for the Thorn. Meeting O-101 Wed. 5:10

Photos courtesy  
Spanish Club

## Mexican expedition huge success

Rachel Lukens  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Thousands of college students flock to Mexico for spring break, but this year fourteen Rose students actually got four credit hours for going! GL399 Ancient, Colonial and Modern Mexico, is treated like a regular humanities course, even though it is much more concentrated than a typical class.

Latin American Studies Professor Antonio de la Cova headed up the third annual weeklong expedition, that traveled 1,200 miles through the Mexican states of Yucatan, Campeche, and Quintana Roo. Arising at 6:30 a.m. daily, the group visited the cities of Merida, Cancun, and Izamal, stopping at many indigenous villages and at a 19th century henequen plantation.

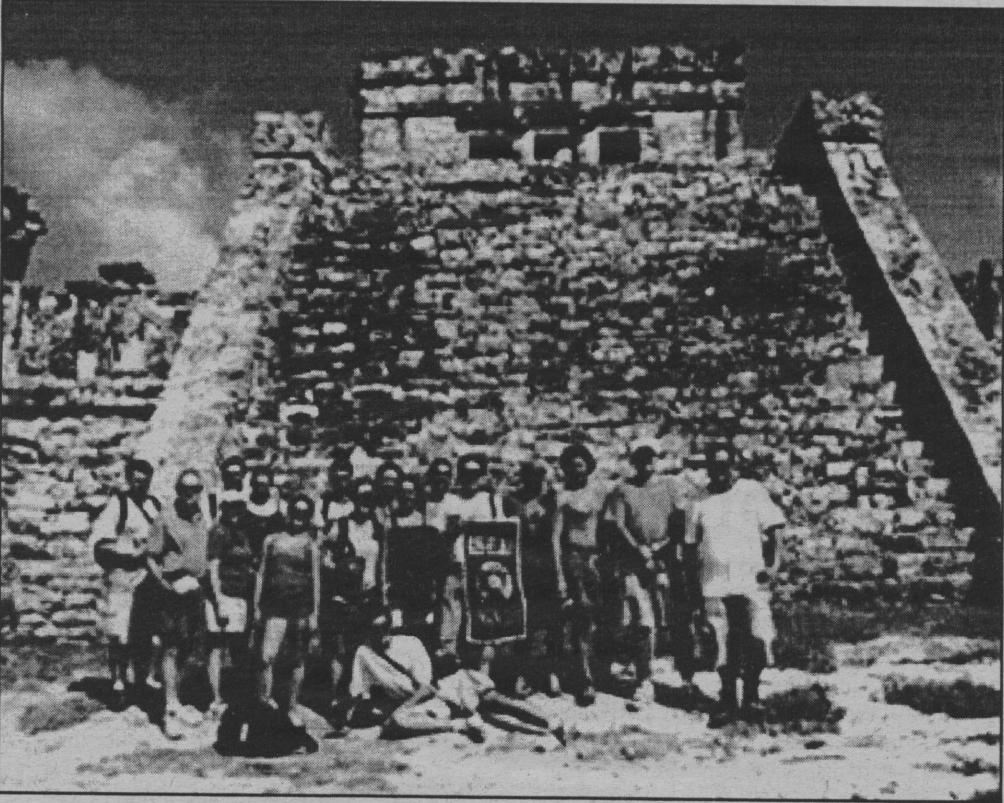
The participants were Jay Brotz, Matt Domoradzki, Emily Holzkecht, Matt Isbell, Jason LaBella, Maggie Lowry, Valerie Sharp, Matt Pavey, Sara Podolsky, Lex Seneff, Casey Stephenson, Richard Thacker, Travis Troyer and

Brent Weigel.

They paid for their own air fare, four-star hotels, breakfast and dinner, totaling \$676. The Spanish Club, with Student Government Association funding, covered the van rentals, gas, tolls, site admissions and lunches. The excursion gave students a chance to practice their Spanish-language skills and see how people from other cultures live and interact. These unique learning experiences were daily annotated in individual journals as part of the course.

The group also went to the Merida History and Anthropology Museum and the Maya archaeological sites at Chichen-Itza, Coba, Edzna, Ek-Balam, Itzamatul, Kinich-Kakmo, Oxkintoc, Ake, Tahcok, Tulum, Uxmal, and Xtampak. They met up with vacationing Pete and Donna Gustafson, the vice president for student affairs and the associate dean for student services, who rode with them to Tulum and Coba, and contributed to transportation expenses.

The class will soon be giving a presentation on their experiences to the Rose community.



Tulum photo: Left to right: Brent Weigel, Pete and Donna Gustafson, Jason Labella, Sara Podolsky, Valerie Sharp, Jay Brotz, Maggie Lowry, Travis Troyer (seated), Emily Holzkecht, Casey Stephenson, Matt Pavey, Professor Antonio de la Cova, Matt Isbell, Richard Thacker, Matt Domoradzki, Lex Seneff.

Pete and Donna Gustafson joined Professor Antonio de la Cova and fourteen Rose students for a tour of the Tulum ruins.



The 140-foot Nohoch Mul pyramid at Coba is the tallest in Northern Uucatan.



## Weekend Box Office Summary

Title	This Weekend
1 The Scorpion King	36.0m
2 Changing Lanes	11.0m
3 Murder by Numbers	9.3m
4 The Rookie	6.4m
5 Panic Room	6.0m
6 Ice Age	5.9m
7 The Sweetest Thing	5.1m
8 High Crimes	3.9m
9 Clockstoppers	2.8m
10 Frailty	2.1m

## This Week's Release:

Life or Something Like it  
Dogtown and Z-Boys  
The Salton Sea  
Jason X

## Nickelback comes to the Midwest

Jason Caron  
Staff Writer

Nickelback  
with  
Default, Injection, and  
Starsailor

Nothing special but  
enertaining

As most of us seniors were trying desperately to recover from the tiring 8-hour FE exam, I decided to relax by making a small hour-long journey across the border to Champaign, Illinois for the MTV Campus Invasion Tour, headlined by none other than Nickelback. Also on the card for the evening was Default, Injection, and Starsailor.

Campus Invasion in most cases usually means a location on the campus of some university. In this case, the site was the Assembly Hall of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. When you think of "assembly hall," you probably think of something like the GM room or E-104. This is definitely not the case here (or probably at other universities).

Out front, a mobile stage was set up and Starsailor was playing. I had never heard of them before, but they seemed decent for a relatively new band. We then waited in a fast-moving line to get inside. After the usual ritual of purchasing concert t-shirts (usually paying the same price as the concert ticket), we moved to our seats.

Shortly after, the next opening band, Injection, took to the stage. I've never heard any of their music before this night. None of their music really did anything for me, interest-wise. The rock genre was the same as the others, slightly harder rock. But bassist Steve Slovisky seemed to contrast with his mohawk and punk guitarist movements of jumping up and down and running in place. He began to get on my nerves and I was happy when the band left the stage.

My hopes were better as Default came on. They at least had a song on the radio, but I was again disappointed. Their songs, while keeping with the rock genre, really did nothing to spark my interest. Lead singer Dallas Smith instantly reminded me of Johnny Bravo when he was talking and not singing.

They began to wind their session down by playing their hit single, "Wasting My Time," at which



[http://www.geocities.com/nickelback\\_europe](http://www.geocities.com/nickelback_europe)

Nickelback performs in front of a live crowd in Europe before their recent concert at the University of Illinois.

point they received a reaction from the crowd, pretty much the first reaction of the evening. They ended with their second and newest single, titled "Deny."

Finally, Nickelback took the stage to the cheering of all attending. The setlist combined a sample of both of their albums, "The State" and "Silver Side Up." Surprisingly enough, they decided to break out their second single off their new album, titled "Too

Bad," relatively early in the concert line-up, about the third song on the list.

They then followed soon after with a brand new unrecorded song which will be off their next album, which follows the same beat and rhythm trends as their usual style, although raising some eyebrows with its rather risqué lyrics. Following their new piece, they switched back to their fast and hard pace with "Never Again,"

the first song off their newest release.

Before the night was done, they had played hit songs such as "Leader of Men" and "Breath" as well as some of their decent tracks off their newest album, "Silver Side Up," like "Hollywood." They finished up with an encore presentation of "How You Remind Me" first as a sing-a-long with the audience, then on their own.

Overall, the concert wasn't too bad. With the exception of the opening bands, the concert sported decent music and bright lights, but not a whole lot of stage presence at this concert. The bands did little to motivate the audience other than play their set-lists, with the exception of Nickelback. Their lead singer Chad Kroeger did produce a video camera from one of the roadies at one point in time and ran around videotaping the audience, then proceeded to leave the stage and roam around amongst the crowd.

Other than a spotlight in the middle of the eye of their banner (which was really the cover of their new album), there was no real stage effects that sparked my interest. Still, if you are a true Nickelback fan (or fans of any of their opening bands), you should probably see them at least once.

## DVD Spotlight: Mulholland Drive

Bob Schulein  
Staff Writer

Mulholland Dr.  
Rated R

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Written and Directed by  
David Lynch

Intrigue, illusion, lesbian sex. Mulholland Drive, the latest DVD release from dilettante director David Lynch, weaves these elements around a complex plot structure to form a cinematic masterpiece.

The movie starts out with a woman, played by Laura Harring (Little Nicky, John Q), in a red dress being told to step out of a limo at gun point. "This isn't where I usually stop," she says. Before anything can happen, an out of control car crashes into the limo. Everyone is dead except for the woman.

She makes her way down some hills into Beverly Hills, where she wanders into an apartment for shel-

ter. The next day, a wide eyed Betty, played expertly by Naomi Watts (Tank Girl, All For Love), arrives in LA, anxious to start her acting career. She goes to her aunt's house and finds the woman there.

The woman remembers nothing of who she is or what she did, except for 'Mulholland Dr.' the street where the accident occurred. Betty decides to call her Rita. With that, Rita and Betty set off to find out Rita's real identity.

What results is one of the most confusing, and mind boggling tales in cinema history.

The first 3/4 of the movie set up a story that is in itself more confusing than *The Usual Suspects*. The remainder of the movie proceeds to distort its constructed world, leaving the viewer with questions of what happened and what didn't.

Lynch originally planned Mulholland Dr. to be his return to television. After rejection from TV executives, Lynch decided to turn his project into a full theatrical release, and found backing from the French company StudioCanal.

During and after watching, my

mind went through a simple pattern of: Wow, what?, wow, WHAT? Lynch's imagery continued to amaze me, while each proceeding flashback continually perplexed me.

At the end, I had no idea what to think about what I had just seen. Though I didn't understand it, I was

amazed by how everything seemed to tie together. Looking up info about the movie on the internet, I was led to several different ways the movie played out.

That led me to realize why the movie is so great. None of the big questions are ever explicitly an-

swered during the course of the film. The beauty of it is that enough hints are dropped throughout so that the puzzle may be pieced together upon further research. The moment everything came together for me gave me a sense of awe I've never had from watching a film before.

This is a film that truly rewards the viewer based on how much effort he or she is willing to put into it. As such, it is perfectly suited for the DVD market.

The disc is pretty sparse, with special features comprising of only trailers and cast/crew biographies. A list of 10 clues is included in the liner notes, so confused audiences may be prodded in the right direction while trying to figure the movie out. Lynch likes his DVDs barebones, so chances of a special edition in the future are slim.

A spotless and lush video transfer coupled with rich DTS and Dolby Digital 5.1 audio mixes make the film a joy to behold. The movie itself is what counts, and the nearly flawless presentation let me forgive Universal for the lack of special features.




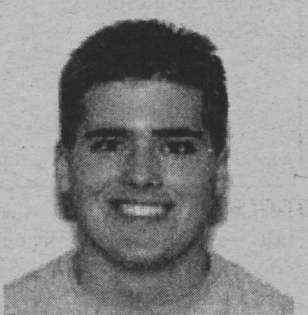
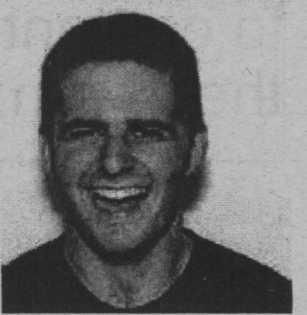



<http://www.imdb.com>

Rita (Laura Harring) and Betty (Naomi Watts) look at what could be Rita's house in a scene from Mulholland Dr.



# Meet the class presidential candidates

Class of 2005	Class of 2004		Class of 2003	
				
<b>Jake Klug</b> ME from St. Louis, Mo  Goals: assure the stability of the Sophomore class, get the class to take advantage of opportunities, grow together as a class. I decided to run for sophomore class president because I wanted to be able to have a reason to talk to everyone in my class and to be able to express their viewpoints on various topics.	<b>Andrew John Courtice Jr</b> ME from Centerville, OH  Goals: present and carry out all wishes and questions of the Junior class, move Rose to a better active-state around campus, make activities around Rose meaningful and fun. I feel I represent my class in the manner it needs to be represented with, and enjoy being a part of Senate and being active in major decisions around campus.	<b>Jennifer M. Porter</b> ChE from Midland, TX  Goals: increase on-campus Junior class involvement and opportunities. I decided to run for the position because I have always been interested in student government and I would like to represent the junior class to the best of my ability.	<b>Ryan Brown</b> EE from Georgetown, IN  Goals: increase Senior involvement, combat Senior apathy, address the needs of the Senior class, do whatever I can in the best interest of my class. I will take the position of senior class president and do the best I can with it, making use of the large budget we have and the leadership within out class to really have a positive impact on out senior class and SGA	<b>John Stoner</b> MA from Delphi, IN  Goals: be a person any constituents feel they can go to when-ever needed, gather information on where each member will be so that we can remain in contact. I will gather information on where each member will be so that we can all keep in touch after graduation. I enjoy helping my fellow Rose students any-way possible.



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**BLOOD DRIVE** Wednesday, May 1, 3:00-6:00 pm, Centenary United Methodist Church, 301 N 7th St, Terre Haute. Your donation could save a life! Call 232-2319 to reserve a time. Co-sponsored by Indiana Blood Center, Centenary United Methodist Church, and United Campus Ministries.

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### FOR RENT

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### WANTED

I am wanting to buy a good used laptop computer. Please call 232-7198 or e-mail [sunbear@yahoo.com](mailto:sunbear@yahoo.com)

### HELP WANTED

Need experienced line cooks at the Outback Steakhouse. Call 232-6283 or come in and fill out application.

### PERSONALS

I know all you Rose guys would like to meet females on campus. So give me a call! Here's my number: 8576. My name is Jenny.

Fun loving. 5'0" Looking for girl shorter than I am. Give me a call. Steve 8574.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Responses to content in the Thorn:

I would like to respond to the letter from Warren Mickens about the "City of Gary High School Math Proficiency Exam." It was a hyperbole, a joke having fun with people's conception of a fictitious crime filled area, and should be treated as such. No one would actually believe that it was an accurate description of Gary. I've see it before on the internet making fun of other fine cities such as Los Angeles and Detroit. I imagine that the name was changed to Gary because of its proximity to Terre Haute and how bad a reputation Gary has acquired over the years due to its murder rate. So what if you're from Gary? Tough luck. The world has a lot of stupid stereotypes running around, so you might as well get used to them, or make a real attempt to try to change them.

Is the Thorn's Flipside offensive and inappropriate? Quite possibly if you are in the sterile, politically correct corporate environment. But bear in mind that it is written for the amusement of college students, who are interested in weird and interesting comments on day to day life. I can't believe that people think that the Flipside reflects our "social skills and ability to work in diverse cultural arenas." At best, it's a little amusement for poor Rose students at the end of week. At worst, it's not read at all. Most people that I know only read the Wacky Prof

Quotes and wonder about what those professors' were really talking about.

Tom Schneider  
CS '03

"Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press." -First Amendment, Constitution of the United States of America

This is one of the most fundamental rights that were given to us, the people of the United States of America, in possibly the most important document in the history of our country. Due to what has been printed in recent issues of the Rose Thorn, this unalienable right has been placed in jeopardy. There have been issues of appropriateness in regards with some of the material printed in the paper, mainly on the Flipside. Many people have spoken their disgust and abhorrence in response to the material in question, and for that, I applaud them. However, the response of the paper does not receive the same applause. The staff (or someone of authority, whoever it may be) has decided to censor all material that could possibly offend anyone - cartoons, quotes, and jokes from the April fool's issue of the Thorn. Okay, you go do that. In that case, I find the movie reviews offensive (no disrespect to the critics), so those need to be taken out too. Will that happen? Highly doubtful, since that would only leave about four pages of print for people to read, however numerous they may be.

While I do agree that some of the material might have been

somewhat over the line, I feel that there better ways to deal with the current problem than complete censorship. Maybe the jokes or cartoons can be toned down a bit. Maybe some of the more sensitive subjects can be avoided. Maybe even get professors to sign waivers to have their quotes put in. There are many more possibilities out there. To whoever reads this, I strongly urge you to speak out about the problem, and present other options. It is up to us. We take up action and speak out, or we can be apathetic and ignore the problem. Should this every happen, "if you want to imagine a future, imagine a boot stamping on a human face forever." - George Orwell, 1984

Justin Woo  
CPE '05

There is only one thing that I have ever seen in the Flipside that offends me: The fact that the editors have even considered discontinuing the Flipside based on student complaints. I would like to draw attention to two basic rights, one of which is explicitly guaranteed in the Constitution, the other a simple application of common sense. The first is the right to freedom of the press, guaranteeing that the publishers of a periodical such as the Thorn can print anything they desire. The other basic right is the right of the readers to not read any material they find offensive. In other words, those who may be offended by some article published in the Flipside can easily choose not to read the Flipside at all, or to stop reading an article if it becomes objectionable.

Naturally, if no students read the Flipside, then it would make economic sense to discontinue the page entirely; but it should be the decision of each student whether or not to read that page, rather than the organization as a whole caving in to the demands of a few students. Of course there will be students who don't read any given page - I myself never frequent the sports page, since I have no interest in sports. But I am hardly going to demand that it be removed from the paper entirely, since I am aware that other readers benefit from it. To those who have complained about offensive content in the Flipside, I say this: Other readers, myself included, are capable of deriving enjoyment from its humor regardless of offensive content. If you would shut down the Flipside, then you might as well shut down the Thorn entirely. If that idea doesn't suit you (and I would hope that it doesn't, if you care enough about the rest of the content of the paper that you would complain about a particular page), then simply don't read the Flipside and let the rest of us laugh.

Matt Katinas  
CS '02

"I love the Flipside. It is the first part of the paper I read each Friday. The wacky prof quotes are hilarious."

Al Morrison

Help with the Thorn. Meeting in O-101 Wed. 5:10 pm

## Response to enrollment increase:

Some of the major idiosyncrasies that set Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology apart from other technical colleges center on the maintenance of low enrollment. Financial advantages and greater exposure of the college resulting from a 12.5% increase of the student population must be secondary after the interests of students. Small class size and accessible professors is a major public relations selling point of the Institute that would quickly dissipate with expansion. Per "Possible Enrollment Increase" Erik Hayes sustains "a lot of things would be affected by having an increase...of students." Landreth expands to state that "more classrooms, professors, residence halls...would be a necessity to accommodate for the increase," but there is no possible way that a 25% increase of the total student population could be accommodated in a decade. It not only seems implausible but impossible to develop the school to accommodate such a great expansion. This is because there is not time enough to make a decision to expand as well as hiring professors and building classrooms and obtaining housing enough to maintain the feeling of being at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, the feeling of being a person and not a number. If the objective is to depersonalize Rose, to become a large school with limited personality that concentrates on masses over individuals, then expansion on this level is a good idea. But if an objective is to retain the quality of a Rose-Hulman education, then a 25% expansion in 10 years should not even be a consideration.

Amanda Lynn Stephens  
CE '03

## Delta Delta Delta's Teeter-Totter-A-Thon

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6 pm to 6pm at Walmart

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# Rose-Hulman baseball qualifies for SCAC tournament after winning Sunday doubleheader against Oglethorp

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology scored four runs in the fifth inning to earn a 4-1 victory over Oglethorpe University, securing a doubleheader split that lifts the Engineers into next week's Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Tournament.

Rose-Hulman dropped the nightcap 7-5, but qualified for the SCAC Tournament due to DePauw University's doubleheader sweep over the University of the South in Greencastle on Sunday. The Engineers face off against the No. 1 Western Division seed Trinity University (32-7) at 11 a.m. on Thursday at Smith Wills Stadium in Jackson, Miss.

"We got some help from DePauw in the second game, but

we took care of business to earn our way into the SCAC Tournament in the first game. We hit the ball hard and did a much better job of pitch selection in game one," said Rose-Hulman head coach Jeff Jenkins.

Trailing 1-0 entering the fifth inning of the opener, sophomore Cort Severns (Manito, Ill./Midwest Central), senior Matt King (Franklin, Tenn./Battle Ground Academy) and sophomore Matt Moore (Evansville/Harrison) blasted consecutive doubles to give the Engineers a 2-1 lead. Freshman Brad Jones (Jeffersonville) slapped a single to score Moore and push the lead to 3-1. After a pitching change, junior Saylan Lukas (Bloomington/North) added a single before senior

Nate Myers (Terre Haute/North) walked with the bases loaded to cap the rally.

The four runs gave freshman Shawn Smith (Wabash/Northfield) the needed support to earn the victory. Smith scattered five hits in 6 2/3 innings of work with seven strikeouts. In the seventh, Smith yielded to John Bowen (Charlestown), who recorded the final out with the bases loaded to secure Rose-Hulman's 4-1 victory.

"Shawn pitched the game of his life today. The sky is the limit in terms of his talent and ability. He gave our team a huge lift when we needed it most," said Jenkins.

King led the offensive charge with three hits, including two doubles, one run and one RBI.

Jones also added two hits, one run and one RBI for the Engineers. Shortstop Ryan Meehan led the Oglethorpe offense with two hits in the opener.

In the nightcap, Rose-Hulman rallied from a 4-1 deficit to knot the contest at 4-4 with three runs in the third inning. Oglethorpe added single tallies in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings to secure the victory and clinch the regular season SCAC Eastern Division championship.

Moore paced the Engineers with two hits, scored once and had one RBI. Sophomore Drew DeMarco (Long Grove, Ill./Stevenson) added two hits and one RBI for the Rose-Hulman offense in game two.

The remainder of the SCAC Tournament draw was finalized

on Sunday. The six-team double-elimination tournament also features first-round contests between DePauw University and Southwestern University at 3 p.m. on Thursday and Oglethorpe against Millsaps College at 7 p.m. Rose-Hulman's SCAC Tournament games will be broadcast on WSJX-AM 1300 in Terre Haute and on the Internet at <http://www.rose-hulman.edu/sports>.

"Our kids have to put everything out on the field now in the conference tournament. Everyone now has a 0-0 record, so it's a new ballgame for everyone. It should be a wide-open and exciting tournament," said Jenkins.

## Baseball and softball standings



Photo courtesy Rose-Hulman

Freshman Shawn Smith pitched 6 2/3 successful innings during Sunday's doubleheader against Oglethorpe. He allowed only five hits and produced seven strikeouts.

Baseball						
Team	W	SCAC L	Pct.	W	Overall L	Pct.
Easten Division						
Oglethorpe	8	4	0.667	19	16	0.543
DePauw	9	5	0.643	20	14	0.588
Rose-Hulman	8	8	0.500	22	12	0.647
U. South	7	9	0.438	17	20	0.459
Centre	4	10	0.286	7	21	0.241
Western Division						
Trinity	17	3	0.850	32	7	0.821
Southwestern	14	6	0.700	32	8	0.800
Millsaps	11	9	0.550	22	14	0.611
Hendrix	4	16	0.200	20	20	0.500
Rhodes	4	16	0.200	13	20	0.382

Enjoy sports? Write for the *Thorn* sports page!

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Softball						
Team	W	SCAC L	Pct.	W	Overall L	Pct.
Easten Division						
U. South	9	3	0.750	13	13	0.500
DePauw	6	5	0.545	12	22	0.353
Centre	4	7	0.364	14	18	0.438
Rose-Hulman	4	8	0.333	8	25	0.242
Western Division						
Trinity	7	1	0.875	24	14	0.632
Millsaps	7	1	0.875	15	14	0.517
Rhodes	4	6	0.400	4	15	0.200
Hendrix	0	10	0.000	0	29	0.000

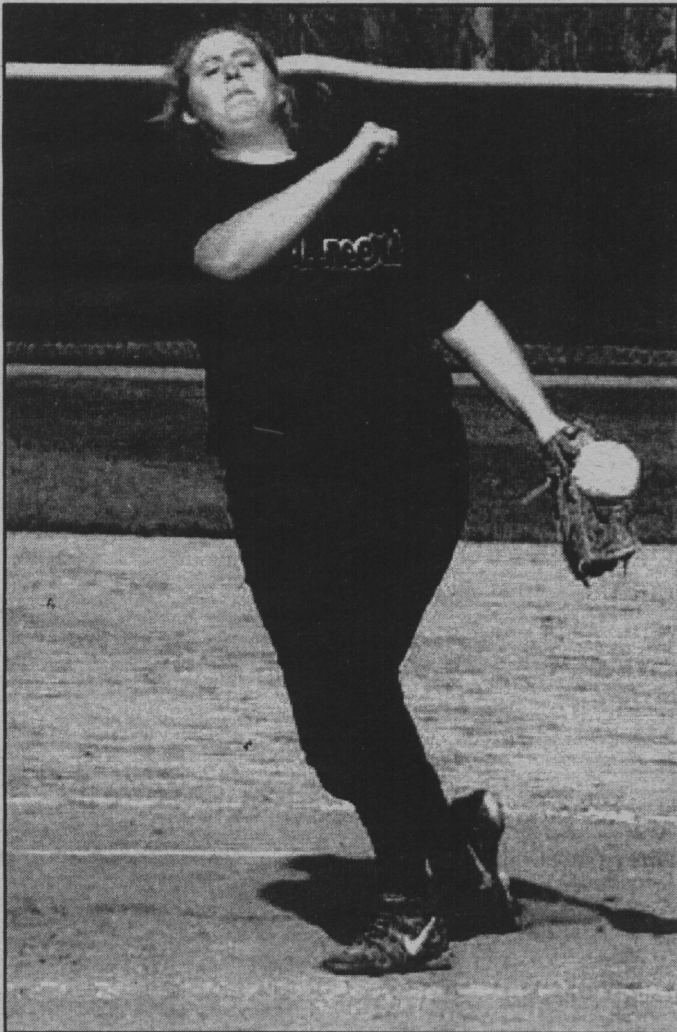


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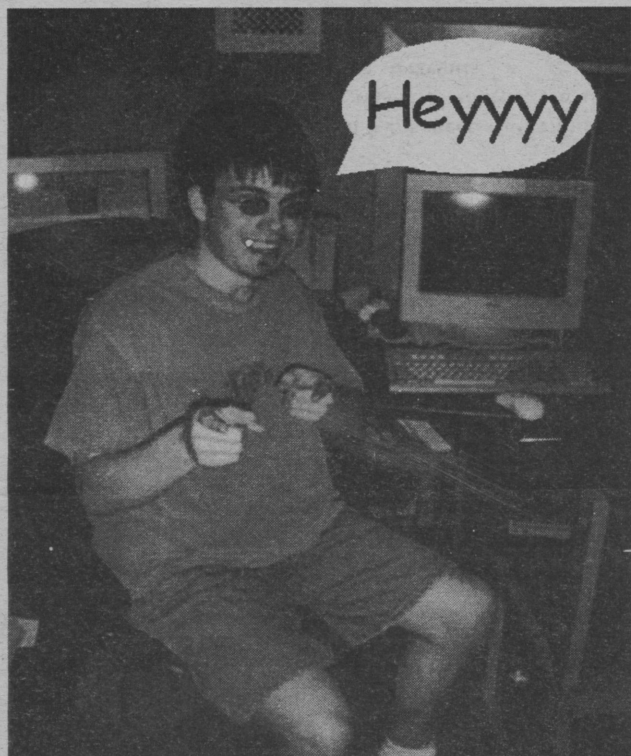
Freshman Lauren Clark pitched well in both games during last week's doubleheader against Depauw. In the first game, she only allowed six hits and produced three strike outs.



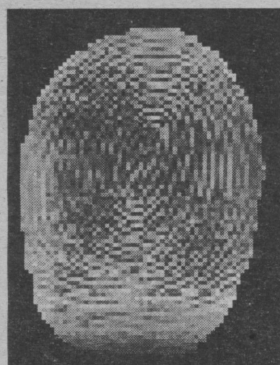
## Top Ten Reasons I'm Not Wearing Pants

- ✂ Because my legs are sexy.
- ✂ My pants seem to deeply offend people for some reason.
- ✂ I'm mooning the humor editor, because I'm Luke Davis, worst RA ever.
- ✂ I'm mooning the humor editor, he write too many dumb inside jokes.
- ✂ Because I'm Dirty and I only have gay pants.
- ✂ 'Wow, the Flipside turned into hardcore porn so slowly I hardly noticed.'
- ✂ I started writing this Top Ten, and just had to finish it.
- ✂ Because I'm Hertz, and they clash with my Berkenstocks.
- ✂ Kilts are definitely better. At least stat-wise.
- ✂ Well, it's warm out now, shorts are definitely better.

## Because they asked for it



Well, since some people have started demanding a stop to the anonimity of the writers of our humor, I thought I would waste this space introducing myself, Steve Hoelle, the Humor Editor. In case you missed my name in the staff listing, I thought I'd try and make you really sure it's me. See, here's my thumbprint:



Sadly, due to the fact that this is a newspaper, it'll look blurry, and it's really just a bootlegged picture of some random shmuck's fingerprint on the internet, I guess I'll take further steps to 'mark my territory.' Here's my SSN: 620-91-7132. And my Visa number: 0691 1132 1411 6207. It expires on August 2003. The cardholder's name is, of course, Steven D. (for Daniel) Hoelle.



My car, or close enough, anyways, mine is really black, and there's no snow by it.

Some of you still might not be sure it's me, after all, I did generate those numbers randomly, I'm a CS, we can be toolish like that. Well, there's a picture of my car to the left, go ahead and slash the tires if I make fun of you and you're too immature to laugh it off. Since that's not really my car, and I won't give you my real licence plate number, I guess you're outta luck.

Regarding attaching all my work to my resume, Ms. Anderson strongly suggests keeping it to one page, so I've shrunk every Flipside I've ever written to all fit one page, colored the text gray, and made it the background. No sweat.

## Wacky Prof Quotes

"Here's the recipe for a Bremmer Cold: Take a glass, fill it with water and a thimble of Jack Daniels. If that doesn't work, reverse the quantities."

--Dr. Bremmer, on health care

"I shave in the morning, and I'd rather not chop an ear off when doing that."

--Dr. West, nobody was quite sure what he meant

"Let's draw in the window... ooh. Pretty pictures! Pretty pictures! Let's solve!"

--Dr. Merkel, getting a little to excited about Maple

"Sit around. Have a beer. Do ES205 problems."

--Dr. Merkel, making suggestions for Spring Break

"You don't go on icebergs, or near icebergs, 'cause they're dangerous critters."

--Dr. Lopez, confusing the animate and the inanimate

"Another comment I wanted to make about your book: Every picture in Chapter 35 is wrong."

--Dr. Ditteon, making the class wonder why they even chose that book

"If you're really brilliant, and you want to become famous, and your name is Maxwell..."

--Dr. West, dashing our hopes of becoming famous

"Don't call me an alcoholic, just say my demand of alcohol is inelastic."

--Dr. Bremmer, making an acceptable request

"I'm an economist. We don't measure, we estimate."

--Dr. Bremmer, on why his crutches are uneven

**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

Verant Interactive, makers of the highly addictive online only game EverQuest, has announced that EverQuest 2 should be out by fall 2003. EQ2 is planned to be much more effective at driving its fans suicidally insane.

### This Week in History

800 BC, Middle East.

The camel is domesticated. Man finally decided he could be good buddies with any animal that could spit so far.

### This Week's Random Thought

"Facts are like Doritos. Getting them in your head is either very painful, or results in them getting crapped out the next day."