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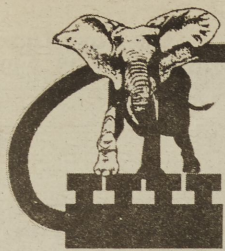
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TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2001

Prickel named as new Registrar

Travis Holler
Editor Emeritus

There are few positions at a university more important and more demanding than that of the school registrar. With the impending retirement of current registrar Louis Harmening this summer, Rose-Hulman recently named Tim Prickel, associate director of Admissions, to be his replacement.

Prickel started at Rose-Hulman in August of 1980 and has spent his entire career in the Admissions Office. Although it was never his "ultimate goal" to become registrar, he said, "When the opportunity arose, the encouragement of his friends and colleagues piqued his interest in trying to take on the new challenge."

Prickel believes his experience at Rose-Hulman will be key to his success as Registrar. "There's an inherent link between the Registrar and Admissions that a lot of people don't think about," he said. "Especially with regards to incoming students, transfer credits, AP classes, and transfer students."

"The Registrar has to understand all of the academic rules and procedures, like grade replacements and adding or dropping a class," Prickel continued. "I've been on the committee of admissions and standing for eighteen years, so I'm familiar with the process."

Prickel's vision for the future of the registrar's office is technology-based. "I want to 'tech up' the registrar's office," he said. "Obviously online registrations is a top priority, but I'm also looking at having faculty submit grades online, as well as having students be able to look at their grades online within hours of their posting."

"I also want to make sure that the office maintains it's human side," he continued. "I want the registrar's office to be more proactive to incoming freshman, since most students don't know who and where we are until it is absolutely necessary."

"I'm hoping to become involved in College and Life Skills classes, so that freshman know who we are and that we're here to serve the students."

As far as the inherent difficulties

in being registrar, namely complaints from disgruntled students about their schedules, Prickel was sympathetic. "Obviously, not many students or teachers want to have to be here first hour, but someone has to spread [the classes] out so that it's even," he said. "As far as students not getting into all of the classes that they want, well, that's just a fact of life."

"Our staff will be open to suggestions at all times though," he emphasized, "not just when someone has a problem."

Since April is traditionally one of the busiest times in the Admissions Office, Prickel will continue to focus on that department for the time being. However, he does "anticipate being involved" to some degree in the upcoming registration for next fall, he is not sure to what extent he will be involved.

Ultimately, Prickel's main goal is to continue to improve the Registrar's office. "I want to continue the 'World's Friendliest Registrar's Office' attitude," he said, "and make it more so."

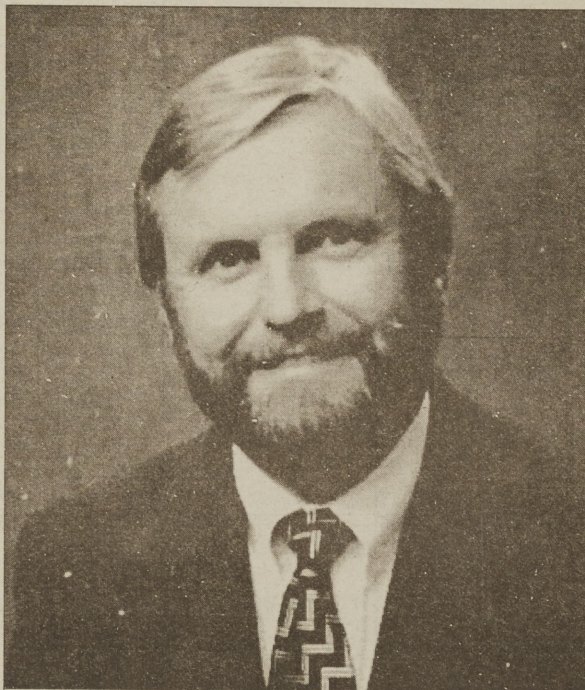


Photo Courtesy of Rose-Hulman

After over twenty years at rose Tim Prickel will now serve as the school's registrar.

Solar Phantom VI
cruises Historic Route 66Travis Holler
Editor Emeritus

After more than a year in development, the Rose-Hulman Solar Phantom team finally got to see the Solar Phantom VI in action, when they performed road testing on the car last week.

"After a year and a half of grueling design work and modeling, it's an awesome experience to finally be out on the road," said Jake McKeegan, Chief Operations Officer of the team. "As the upcoming race draws near, solar car fever is rapidly spreading throughout the team."

The team treated the test run like a mock race, setting the car up in racing conditions. The test run began in Chicago and traveled along Historic Route 66 through Springfield, Illinois, St. Louis, and Tulsa, Oklahoma, before ending in Oklahoma City, a distance of nearly 900 miles. The route the team traveled is the same that they will follow during this year's American Solar Challenge.

The car was driven primarily by

Don Harrington, junior, Chris Nicholson, junior, and Patrick Duffy, senior. "The car performed even better than we expected," Harrington said. "We are the defending champions of the Formula Sun Competition, and we're up to the challenge of defending our title."

The Solar Phantom VI now has accumulated over 1000 miles since its unveiling during a special campus ceremony on April 5. Thirty-seven television networks across the country covered the unveiling.

The team's first competition this year will be when they defend their Formula Sun Grand Prix Title at Heartland Park Raceway in Topeka, Kansas this May. Later that month, they will participate in Indianapolis 500 ceremonies, where they will circle the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

The American Solar Challenge is scheduled for July 15-25 from Chicago to Los Angeles, Calif., along Historic Route 66. An estimated 40 cars are expected to enter the competition this year.

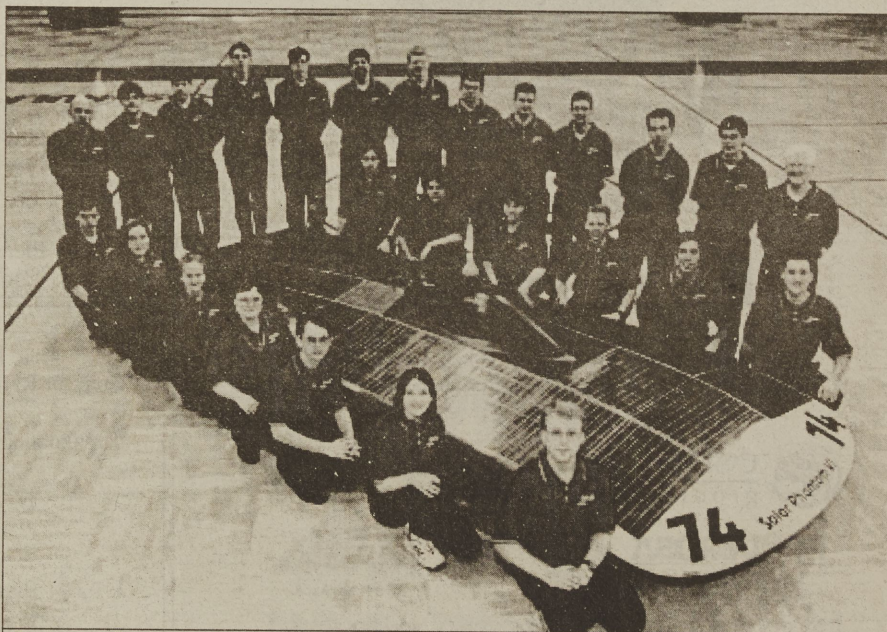


Photo Courtesy Solar Phantom Team

The Solar Phantom VI will compete in the American Solar Challenge mid-July this summer traveling from Chicago, IL to Claremont, CA. The team will also defend its title in the Formula Sun Gran Prix ninth week of Spring quarter.

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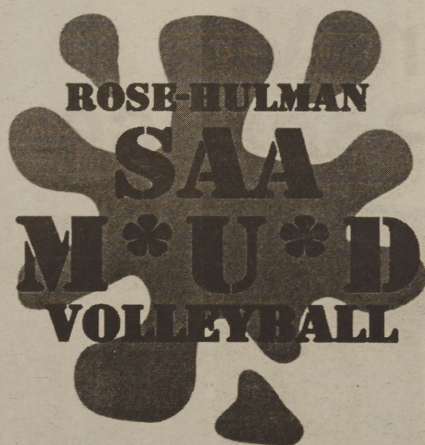
SATURDAY

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

					20	21
					Final Date to drop a class w/o penalty	Fundamentals of Engineering Exam Chi Omega Dance-a-thon
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Pike Mountain Bike Challenge First race @ 10am				SCAC Conference Tournament	Upperclass Housing Deposits Due Swing Lessons and 3 hours of Swing in the Main Dining Room 7pm	Campus Beautification Day Tri Delta Teeter Totter-a-thon Delta Sigma Phi Basketball Marathon Fri. 6pm to Sat. 6pm
29	30	MAY 1	2	3	4	5
		Registration for Fall Term SAB Amateur Talent Night			Family Weekend Drama Production Skinner Fest and a movie in Skinner lot	Family Day Rose Show Honors & Awards Banquet
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Delta Delta Delta
would like to announce
Dr. Tom Adams as Faculty Member
of the month and
Mrs. Sue Dayhuff as Staff Member
of the month for April.
Thanks for everything!

Congratulations to the softball team
for being #1 in the conference!

ΛΧΑ

Run For Kids Sake Results

The Men of Lambda Chi Alpha wish to thank the Terre Haute and Rose-Hulman communities for donation to our cause. With your help, we raised \$2089 for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Vigo County. Thank you for your kind donations and support. In addition, we also ran a total of 169.7 miles and would like to announce the following winners who correctly guessed the total number of miles:

Shane Caldwell	\$10 to Jimmy John's
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Sarah Goodridge	Cingular T-Shirt and Thermos
Greg Van Dyk	Cingular T-Shirt
Carrie Amt	Bogey's Family Fun Pack
Toni Shell	Bogey's Family Fun Pack
Tonjua Toon	Talking Scooby Doo Doll
Bria Welch	\$10 to Ambrosini's
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Zack Miller	Dinner for Two at Sycamore Grove
Karen Gross	Cingular T-Shirt and Duffle Bag
Matt Pavey	Cingular T-Shirt
Chris Craig	Cingular T-Shirt
Debbie Rubinacci	Bogey's Family Fun Pack

MATH CORNER PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Problem:

A hole is cut in a piece of wood so that a square peg just fits through the hole in every orientation. In other words, no matter how the peg is oriented (label the corners ABCD of the square peg, no matter how the corners are rotated), all four corners of the peg must touch the edge of the hole as the peg is pushed through the hole. Must the hole be a circle? Why or why not?

Contest Rules:

1. Contest is open to all students at Rose-Hulman.
2. The **best solution** as judged at the next Math Club meeting will be awarded two new dollar coins. (See **solution criteria** below)
3. In case of a tie, each winner will be awarded a new one dollar coin.
4. Solutions must be submitted by 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday to David Finn at G 213.
5. Eligible Voters: All students at the Math Club meeting during 10th period on Wednesday in G 220.
6. If no correct solutions is submitted. No prize will be awarded.

Solution Criteria:

- Solution must be correct.
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Who is McVeigh's death for?

Brandi L. Ball
Daily O'Collegian
(Oklahoma State U.)

(U-WIRE) Stillwater, Okla. -
On April 19, 1995, our great state was the target of a terrible act of terrorism. The convicted "brains of the operation," Timothy McVeigh, is currently on death row.

I am not going to sit back, open up a Coke and say effortlessly that the death penalty is correct. You will also not catch me marching in a protest against it either. This is a subject in which I will probably never be completely comfortable. Leaning in one direction makes me feel guilty, while taking the opposite side leaves me feeling somewhat barbaric. I suppose there will never be a right answer in this argument, so for now I choose to straddle the fence.

When approached with the subject of crime and punishment, I choose to take a different road. I know that if the sole decision were up to me, I could not push the button, flip the switch, or prepare the toxins. Even with overwhelming evidence and a confession, such as

in this case, I still don't think I could do it.

Murderers will have to answer for their actions. Whether they rot to their death after 60 years in prison or perch on the ledge of death row soon after the crime, they will have to pay. Their real sentence won't come from federal court, or have FBI witnesses, but they will stand before the real judge of character, the creator of life.

Most of me feels as though McVeigh should suffer the consequences of his actions. The man knowingly, ruthlessly and heartlessly murdered people he didn't even know.

For McVeigh, death may be the answer, but again, I am not the one to decide.

I do believe God will take the reins one day and decide the fate of those such as Timothy McVeigh. Still, there are a few other things that bother me about the buzz from Oklahoma City.

As we all know, U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft recently visited and met with many surviving victims and family members of those lost. On Wednesday, Ashcroft agreed to

allow those people to witness McVeigh's execution, via closed-circuit television. Hundreds of people are choosing to look death in the eyes.

I knew no one involved in the death toll. My mother wasn't there. My father wasn't there. My siblings weren't there. My cousin had an office in the Murrah Building, but he was not there either.

I do not know the pain felt by those who lost loved ones. I do not know what it is like to hurt the way they are hurting.

I can only hope that I will never directly experience anything of that capacity in my life. I also pray that I am never filled with the same vengeance and spite like those who will be sitting in front of the television on May 16.

Vengeance? Spite? You read my words correctly. The consolation for those who believe McVeigh should die for his crimes should be consoled. He will die.

However, 250 people are fighting for 10 seats in the death chamber itself. They want to watch the killer pay. They want closure. They want peace of

mind. Somehow, they will find a calm and serene release watching the lethal chemicals invade his body as every vein shrinks, every muscle shrivels and as he gasps for his last breath.

They want to watch the man responsible for their pain cower at death's door. With these wishes, those people show their lust for death and they become equally as hardened as the man they damn. There is a public outcry for McVeigh's blood and an even louder voice yelling, "We want to witness him fall!"

Some say it will provide the last piece of the puzzle they so desperately need. But those of us who stand at the outside looking in can see that the hate and corruption from within Timothy McVeigh is seeping into the cracks of the broken hearts in Oklahoma.

An eye for an eye, isn't that what it says? Wait a minute! Whatever happened to, "two wrongs don't make a right?"

Watching McVeigh as he is poisoned to death will not make the pain go away. The little boys and girls will not come back. The wives and husbands will still be gone. The hourglass

won't turn over, the time will not turn back. By being a part of this act of punishment, it will not dry the tears, nor will it take away the hurtful words said by McVeigh. The vengeance that is present in his evil acts is fooling people to believe that turning on the tube will soften the heartache.

If you step on a grape, what happens? Grape juice, right? If you proceed to put pressure on something, it emits whatever is inside. If McVeigh is full of hatred and evil, why do some wish to watch as he is being crushed, only to soak up what comes out?

Knowing that he will die for his actions should be comfort to those who weep. I suppose he does deserve to die -- he took precious souls from the earth and in doing so, likened himself to God. I just don't understand why those who condemn him also mimic him.

Hateful actions are easily counteracted with more hateful actions. But it takes real people, the kind of people that are rampant in this state, to say a prayer for the victims -- and for the soul of the enemy who will die.

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Music that's hot

Jason Caron
Staff Writer

What's Hot

Ani DiFranco
Revelling
Reckoning

blends bits and pieces of punk, folk, jazz, blues, and pop, quite an interesting mix if I might add. Each song bridges the gap between personal emotions and politics.

Ani is quite the gunner in the music industry. Forming her own label in 1990, she proceeded to release eight albums in seven years, the first merely in cassette form out of the trunk of her car. Her seventh album, Not a Pretty Girl, finally caught the attention of the general public in 1995, with hits like "Hour Follows Hour," "The Million You Never Made," and the title track to the album.

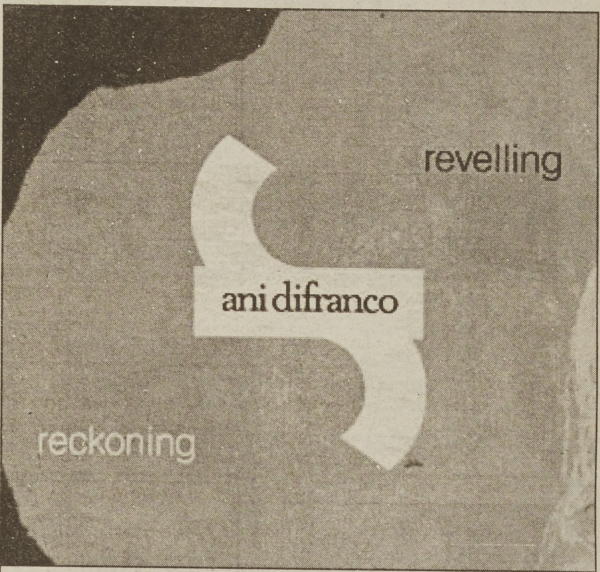
Her eighth album, Dilate, released in 1996, debuted at 87 on the Billboard Hot 200 chart. Although she still has yet to take an album to the platinum level, her six-member label has sold over 400,000 copies of her work and continues to sellout many concerts.

Truthfully, I have never really listened to Ani DiFranco before.

Most of her music is not on the airwaves or music television stations. One has to marvel at the fact that she can sell so many albums merely through word of mouth.

If I were to listen to her without knowing her name, I would say that her voice reminds me of a cross of Fiona Apple and Sarah McLachlan. She is a definite hit among young women (no, not the boy-band ones) with her powerful words in her songs. Some of the songs that peaked my interest were "Marrow," "Fierce Flawless," "Rock Paper Scissors," "Your Next Bold Move," "So What," and "School Night."

DiFranco fans will find most of the types of songs that they have been used to. Ani once again does most of the guitar and vocals in her music and those that like acoustic songs will not be disappointed. Fans should be sure to invest their money in this double-set, as they will not be disappointed.



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Rose-Hulman Softball 2001 SCAC Eastern Division Co-Champions

The Ladies Vs. The League



Jen Clevenger
.233 BA
.353 OBP
.934 Fielding



Molly McKeown
.219 BA
.278 OBP
.952 Fielding



Stacy Gonya
.339 BA
.554 SLG
2 HR



LaTisha Arroyo
.261 BA
.433 OBP
5 SB



Lynsey Hart
.273 BA
.273 OBP
4 Games



Janise Chaney
.258 BA
.378 OBP
19 Runs



Ann Owistek
4 PO
5 Games



Jen Phelps
.190 BA
.433 OBP
19 Asst.



Tabatha Doughty
2.45 ERA
6 Wins
.354 BA



Nikki Rosenow
.517 BA
.767 SLG
9 2B, 18 RBI
2.75 ERA, 6 Wins



Amy Stutler
.188 BA
.350 OBP
.950 Fielding



Christine Trossman
.426 BA
.521 OBP
15 RBI



Jen Shafer
2.51 ERA
3 Wins
13K's



Sarah Sanborn
8 Innings
2 K's



Erin Phelps
.174 BA
.441 OBP
1.00 Fielding



Sarah Bireley
.421 BA
6 2B
1.00 Fielding



Megan Switzer
Team Manager



Scoreboard

Baseball		
(24-12, 5-7 SCAC)		
DePauw	11	
Rose-Hulman (Friday)	7	
DePauw	22	18
Rose-Hulman (Saturday)	14	10
*HR: Miller, Fox, Tochterman, King, Moore, Chandler		
DePauw	15	
Rose-Hulman (Sunday)	13	
*HR: Moore, King		
Wabash	3	3
Rose-Hulman	6	7
Oglethorpe	1	9
Rose-Hulman (Friday)	4	7
*HR: Lewis		
Oglethorpe	0	8
Rose-Hulman (Saturday)	10	7
*HR: Keefer, DeMarco, Severns (2), Fox (2)		
Softball		
(21-16, 15-3 SCAC)		
Goshen	10	9
Rose-Hulman	11	3
Manchester	1	7
Rose-Hulman	2	2
DePauw	6	4
Rose-Hulman	1	2
Sewanee	4	1
Rose-Hulman (Friday)	6	4
*Game 1 Goes 9 Innings		
Sewanee	3	
Rose-Hulman (Saturday)	4	

Upcoming Events

Friday	
Baseball vs. Sewanee--	6pm
Tennis vs. Transylvania --	6pm
Golf @ Millikin --	TBA
Saturday	
Baseball vs. Sewanee --	6pm
Tennis vs. Earlham --	3pm
Track @ Millikin --	11am
Golf @ Millikin --	TBA
Sunday	
Baseball vs. Sewanee --	Noon
Golf @ Franklin --	TBA
Monday	
Golf @ Franklin --	TBA
Thursday	
Baseball @ SCAC Tournament -	TBA*

*Pending outcome of weekend contests

Class Highlights

Senior Jason Fox batted .500 with 10 hits, 10 RBI's, and 2 home runs to lead to power Rose-Hulman's baseball team in wins over Wabash College and Oglethorpe this past week. Fox's efforts earned him SCAC offensive player of the week honors.

Junior Robert Chandler pitched a two-hit shutout against Oglethorpe last Saturday. Chandler struck out eight in the complete game win to improve to 5-0 on the season. His efforts earned him SCAC pitcher of the week honors.

Sophomore Andrew Schipper defended his Little State pole vault championship last week clearing a height of 15' 5 1/2." Schipper has already qualified for the NCAA division III outdoor championships.

Freshman Cort Severns blasted two home runs including a grand slam and 6 RBI's in Rose-Hulman's 10-0 win over Oglethorpe last Friday. Severns also drew three walks and scored three runs on the weekend series.

Golf team takes vacation to birthplace of golf

Dan Gallagher
Sports Editor

While many of us chose to relax stateside last week, the Rose-Hulman golf team had a different idea. Coach Jon Prevo lead a thirteen man expedition to the home of golf, Scotland.

"Our expectations were exceeded and everything worked out extremely well," commented Prevo.

Golf in Scotland is different than in the U.S. For instance, the grass on the fairways is kept shorter, and the ground is harder. Courses also feature

fewer trees, and the wind requires a bump and run style of play.

The team played nine courses in eight days, and also took time for sightseeing, including three courses in St. Andrews. The Old Course is the site for the British Open, and holds special meaning in the hallowed halls of the golf world. While in St. Andrew, the team caught up with Bill Brown, a 1962 alumnus living in Scotland.

The golf team returns to action this Friday and Saturday at Millikin before traveling to Franklin College for a Sunday-Monday match.

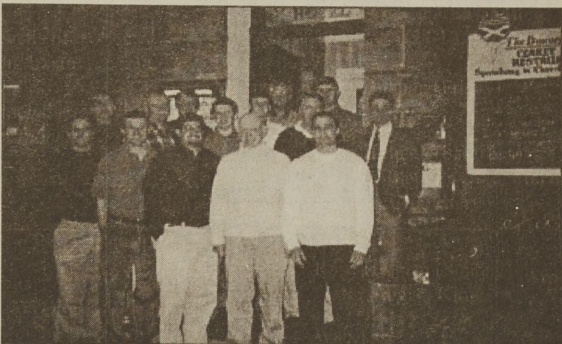


Photo Courtesy RHIT Golf Team
Rose-Hulman golf team members and supporters gather outside the Dunvegan Hotel in St. Andrews. 1962 alumnus Bill Beaver joined the team for dinner. (Far Right)

Softball claims share of SCAC East, prepares for postseason

Dan Gallagher
Sports Editor

A weekend sweep of Sewanee and wins over Goshen College and Manchester have lead the Rose-Hulman softball team into uncharted waters. The ladies wrapped up the first conference title in program history, and are the first women's team to post a winning record in Rose-Hulman history.

"I'm very proud of them. They worked hard for this. I can't say that this isn't expected, the ladies all wanted this, and played hard for the wins," commented coach Jody Prete.

The ladies squared off with Goshen College on April 7th. Senior Christine Trossman lead the offense going 5-8 from the plate with a double, three runs, and three RBI's. Freshman Nikki Rosenow picked up the win on the day, 11-10. The ladies dropped the second game of the set by a score of 3-9.

Freshman Tabatha Doughty and Sophomore Jen Clevenger each provided key hits in the Engineers 2-1 win over Manchester College. Rosenow picked up the win, scattering three hits over eight innings. Manchester rallied to beat the women in game two by a score of 7-2.

After dropping both games of the doubleheader on the 10th, the Engineers traveled to Sewanee, Tennessee for a three game set with the Tigers. A sweep would ensure a share of the SCAC Eastern division title.

Freshman Jennifer Shafer and Rosenow each picked up wins on the mound, and Doughty picked up the first save in program history, relieving Shafer in the second game. Clevenger scored the game-winning run in the ninth to help with the game one win by a score of 6-4. Freshman Stacy Gonya went 2-3 from the plate in game two with two RBI's to help the ladies to a 4-1 win, completing the sweep.

In the third game of the set, Rosenow, Freshman Janae Chaney, and Gonya each slapped key hits to power the engineers to a 4-3 win over the Tigers. Doughty picked up her ninth win on the season, and the team's 21st. The wins on the weekend solidified the program's first winning season.

In order to break the tie with DePauw for the division's top seed, a coin was tossed Monday afternoon. The Engineers won the toss, and will square off against Rhodes College on Friday April 27th at 2:30pm. The game will be played at DePauw University in the Spring Sports Festival.

Thorn Athlete of the week: Cort Severns



Mike Lanke/RHIT SID Office
Freshman Cort Severns holds up at third.

Freshman Cort Severns has had quite a first year with the Rose-Hulman Baseball team. His determination on and off the field has illuminated him as a stellar Rose-Hulman athlete.

Number 14, Cort Severns, is starting shortstop for the Engineers. He has started in 34 of the team's 36 total games played this season. Although his batting average is not out of this world at .305, Cort holds the number 4 spot on the team in RBIs. The freshman responds to his batting average by saying, "When you're in a slump, it's almost as if you look out at the field and it's one big glove. I keep hitting lines drives and they keep catching them."

The Rose-Hulman Baseball Team
Would Like To Congratulate
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Good Luck in The Post Season!

Baseball set for key games this weekend

Travis Holler
Editor Emeritus

The Rose-Hulman baseball team had an up-and-down week over spring break leaving them at 22-14 heading into this weekend's four-game set with the University of the South. The Engineers head into this weekend's games needing three wins over the Tigers to assure themselves a spot in next week's Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) tournament, which will be co-hosted by Rose-Hulman and DePauw starting next Thursday.

The University of the South comes into this weekend's action with an 11-19 record and is currently last in the SCAC Eastern Division. The two teams will open the series tonight at 6 p.m. in a game that will be broadcast on WSJX-AM 1300, and will play again tomorrow night, before completing the series with a doubleheader on Sunday afternoon.

The Engineers opened break by dropping four straight home games to DePauw including the first night game in the history of Art Nehf field. In games where the scoring resembled that of a football game, the Tigers notched victories. Freshman outfielder Matt Moore and junior catcher Matt King led the Rose Hulman offensive attack, notching three and two home runs respectively. Moore now holds the school's single season home run record for freshman. DePauw now stands at 22-14 on the season and has clinched the SCAC Eastern Division title.

Wabash traveled to Terre Haute for a midweek doubleheader with the Engineers, and strong pitching from freshman Scott Otto in the opener and senior Nick Balmes in the nightcap led the Engineers to victories in both halves of the double dip. Otto came on in relief and held the Little Giants to no runs on four hits the rest of the way to notch his second victory of

the season by a 7-3 count.

Balmes, making his first start in two seasons, hurled a complete game four-hitter as the Engineers pulled out a 6-3 victory to complete the sweep. Senior Andy Tochterman led the Rose-Hulman attack with five hits, including two doubles, and three RBI's.

The Engineers ended their spring break activity by traveling to Atlanta, Georgia, where they split a four game set with host Oglethorpe. Senior Travis Soyer pitched a complete game three-hitter as the Engineers took the opening game of the series 4-1, but the Stormy Petrels took advantage of a 6-run fifth inning to win the second contest 9-7 despite the Engineer's Jason Fox's 4-5 performance at the plate.

Junior Robert Chandler hurled a complete game, two-hit shutout in the third contest, while Thorn Athlete of the Week Cort Stevens launched two homeruns, including a grand slam, to lead the Engineers to a 10-0 shellacking over the Stormy Petrels. However, Oglethorpe raced out to a 6-1 lead before holding off a desperate Rose-Hulman rally to notch a 9-7 win in the final game of the series to salvage the split.

"We played well at Oglethorpe," Jeff Jenkins, baseball coach, said. "Travis Soyer and Robert Chandler both pitched great games. We hit well, but our defense did not do so well."

Off the strength of their late week heroics, the Engineers swept this week's SCAC awards, as Fox was named player of the week, while Chandler took pitcher of the week honors. Fox led the Engineers with 10 hits, 10 RBI's, and 2 home runs over their last six games, while Chandler notched eight strikeouts in a two-hit shutout over Oglethorpe, his fifth win of the season. Fox currently ranks second in the SCAC in batting average at .449-for the season.

FLIP SIDE

Volume 36, Issue 23

"Ever since the cue ball, he checks everything for size"

Oh Yeah!, OR

Friday, April 20, 2001

Top Ten Spring Break Memories We'd Like to Forget

- 10 The speeding ticket from Tennessee
- 9 Being packed into a Winnebago with 56 other guys
- 8 Getting drunk and beating up Mickey Mouse
- 7 Eating the worm
- 6 Going directly to jail
- 5 Cleaning vomit off of your bedspread after your roommate drank a bit too much, and ate the worm
- 4 The horrible touch of the yellow face, it burned us! (CS only)
- 3 Memories? What memories? I slept for 14+ hours a day, fool!
- 2 Explaining your nudity to all the identical officers melting in front of you
- 1 Driving back to campus



Join IVAF: Intervarsity Atheist Fellowship



Regular dinner meetings held on Tues and Thurs at First Wok

Rose to offer new Economics degree: Convenience Store Economics

Rose Hulman

The Rose-Hulman humanities department proudly announced the creation of a second degree program: Convenience Store Economics. The new degree will give graduates the skillset necessary to succeed in the fast paced world of convenience store clerkery.

Students of the program will be instructed in the following topics. How to say, "I don't know the combination to the safe," in 14 different languages, bulletproof vest placement, vest maintenance, lavatorial sciences, care and upkeep of the "Hot Dogs of Purgatory," and basic customer hatred 101.

The business office and Bigfoot have teamed up to offer a discount program to make the

course more affordable to the average CSE major. Any CSE major who buys a full tank of gas at Bigfoot automatically gets a 4 credit hour enrollment for free! (Students who wish to graduate with honors should buy more premium gas).

Co-op opportunities will also be made available through Bigfoot stores across Indiana.

Ham Sulbert commented on the situation, "It's just another day in the history of the institution. It's just another da-ayyyy! Watchin' girls on the street, well that's all right with me, cause it's just another day."

He then broke into a furious series of air guitar riffs, and ignored all subsequent questions.

Mutterings from the Dark Lord

Silence!

Would you blithering fools keep your voices down? Some of us are still recovering from spring break.

I've had to kill two score of my humor slaves for screaming in anguish too loudly. My head throbs. All I can clearly remember from the past week is wrapping a beach towel around my head and running around screaming "I am uncountable infinity!"

The humor monkeys will never let me live this down.

Turning back to the point ... be quiet! If you must laugh this week, I strongly suggest you keep your laughter quiet. That is, if you ever want to see your pets again.

Slaves! Fetch the aspirin!

-Dark Lord of Humor

A satellite picture of Wyoming at night. No, this isn't just a black box put in to fill space, it's WYOMING! Cripes, you jackals are impossible to please. Would you believe me if I told you it was Kansas? No? How about Montana? Alright, fine... it's something else entirely, it's ath... umm... porn! Yes, porn in the Rose Thorn for the first time. Boy she's flexible. Yep... enjoy it while it lasts.

Freshman ME's agree:

CS100 really does suck

TERRE HAUTE, Ind.

In gangland-style violence of a nature that is unprecedented here on the RHIT campus, the entire population of Freshman ME's banded together to raid the CS department in anger over the nature of the mandatory CS100 curriculum.

Astounded by the department's lack of size, they were forced to stand outside while lining up for their chance to take down the Wollowski spawn, which proved difficult due to his Physics henchman West.

In related news, Thorn editing staff has made drastic attempts at lowering the offensive content of The Flipside, as such, the Naked Hugging Snowmen screenshot to the left has been censored.

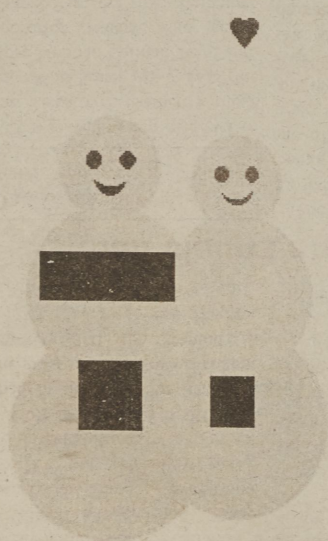


Image was mercilessly lifted of the RHIT CS department webpage

World news



Arr their spyprane are berong to us!

Image courtesy of the "Look, we're being topical" department

Ted Turner to revamp classic movie titles as part of evil plan

"Gone With the Wind" to be retitled "Gone With the Fish." Mr. Turner is still laughing.

See "Gone with the fish"- Page 9

This Week In History:

-1774, New England

Ben Franklin invents the "Beer Bong." The invention factors heavily in the revolution.

See "We hold these beers to ..." - Page 10

My prof can beat up your prof

Student demand causes institute to recind ban on prof vs. prof steel cage matches. Student body rejoices.

See "So there!" - Page 11

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