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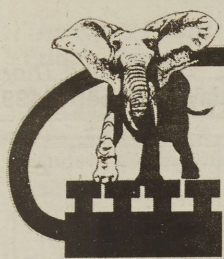
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Terre Haute, Indiana

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Drought, vandals threaten bonfire

Craig Pohlman
Editor-in-Chief

Will it burn tonight?

That question has been asked around the Rose-Hulman campus all this week following the news that the bonfire is currently postponed due to a no-burn ban for Vigo county and a recent destructive act on the bonfire construction.

Between 8 p.m. and midnight on Tuesday, vandals destroyed the inner ring of ties of the bonfire and filled the central area with various debris.

Groups of students have guarded the bonfire nightly. However, the vandalism occurred before the watch crew arrived at midnight.

Ed Grandstaff, chairman of the bonfire committee, placed hand-signed letters around campus Wednesday denouncing the cruel act which had set back the hard work of many Rose-Hulman students.

There is currently no indication who may have caused the destruction.

On Wednesday night, with an enormous help from students, the debris was cleared and the bonfire was reconstructed to a height

taller than before the incident.

A large amount of support came from BSB, Deming, and Mees halls.

Rain earlier this week has brought new hope that the ban will possibly be lifted as early as today.

As of Thursday evening, the ban is still in effect for Vigo county.

According to Grandstaff, if the ban is lifted today, the bonfire should go on as planned. If the ban is not lifted, Grandstaff stated that he will support the ban as it stands.

On September 16th, Governor Frank O'Bannon imposed a ban on all open burning in several counties in Indiana due to the current drought.

According to Dan Reynolds of the WTWO Weather Center, less than a tenth of an inch of rain has fallen in Terre Haute during the month of September. In July, 2.72 inches of rain fell and, in August, only 1.60 inches of precipitation was detected. Compared to the 7.41 inches that fell in June, the last few months have been unusually dry.

Reynolds said that Terre Haute



Ken Patricio

Cruel intentions - Even though vandals tried to harm the bonfire on Tuesday, students retaliated by restoring the bonfire to a taller height the very next day. Work on the bonfire will continue throughout today.

should have seen about twelve inches of precipitation by the end of September.

According to Jess Lucas, dean of students, the homecoming bonfire will be postponed until the ban is lifted. Lucas also mentioned that

high schools in the ban region have had to put off their bonfires as well.

If the bonfire does not go on as planned tonight, security will be present to guard the structure until the bonfire can go at a later date.

Supreme Court agrees to examine legality of Virginia Tech rape case

(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. -- The U.S. Supreme Court will hear a rape case involving two former Virginia Tech football players which challenges whether Congress has the power to legislate private matters.

The U.S. Supreme Court announced Tuesday it would hear the case, which questions the constitutionality of the 1994 Violence Against Women Act, legislation that allows rape victims to sue for damages in federal civil court.

The case was initiated when a former Virginia Tech student, Christy Brzonkala, sued Virginia Tech and two students, Antonio J. Morrison and James L. Crawford. Brzonkala reported to Virginia Tech officials that the two students had raped her in her room in October of 1994. The officials turned over the case to a campus judiciary panel, which never charged Crawford, and suspended Morrison for two semesters for "abusive language." The sentence was never enforced because he maintained "good behavior."

Brzonkala then sued Virginia Tech for discrimination under Title IX of

the Education Amendments of 1972 and sued the two students under the Violence Against Women Act.

Virginia Tech spokesman Lawrence G. Hincker said the lawsuits were originally thrown out of a federal district court because the "judge said he did not see any evidence of discrimination."

But Brzonkala appealed to the 4th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in Richmond, which declared parts of the Violence Against Women Act unconstitutional. The lawsuit against Virginia Tech was remanded to the local federal district court where it still is pending.

Virginia Tech is not named as a defendant in the case being brought before the Supreme Court, and the constitutionality of Title IX is not being challenged, Hincker said.

Instead, the issue before the Supreme Court is the constitutionality of the Violence Against Women Act, which permits "victims of [rape] to bring lawsuits in federal court and recover damages," said David Paxton, lawyer for defendant Antonio Morrison.

Paxton said his argument is that Congress has overstepped the bounds of its power when legislating private matters.

"This case is a test case, a lot of people are waiting to see how this case will go," said Robert O'Neil, University of Virginia School of Law professor and director of the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression.

The Supreme Court recently has moved away from using the 14th Amendment to reach in to local matters of racial and civil rights, O'Neil said.

The Court likely will decide that "whatever the merit, however serious, Congress does not have the power to provide relief" for women in such cases, he said.

Virginia Tech is confident that it will succeed in the lawsuit pending against it in district court because prior knowledge of an offense or situation is needed in order to determine that Tech was discriminating against Brzonkala, and the school had no prior knowledge, Hincker said.

Campus Briefs

Blood drive begins next week

The Central Indiana Regional Blood Center will once again be coming to campus for a blood drive next Tuesday and Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Hulman Union. Donors should weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, be in good health, and have a photo ID. Results from cholesterol screening done on each unit of blood drawn will be made available as a health service to the donor.

Honor Alumnus Award winners

Nelson Havill of Terre Haute, Tom Butwin of Detroit, Michigan, Dale Helms of Bloomfield, and Todd Royer of Louisville, Kentucky will receive the 1999 Honor Alumnus Awards from Rose-Hulman. All four are being recognized for their volunteer efforts on behalf of Rose-Hulman and its alumni association.

Alumni activities planned for Homecoming

A potential lack of a bonfire will not completely kill the fun surrounding homecoming activities. More than 40 activities have been planned, which have helped attract a record number of alumni to return, including a group of 61 foursomes slated to play golf today in Terre Haute. In addition to the coronation of the queen and the pep rally, some new events have been organized, including "Back to Class," which gives alumni a chance to attend a Friday class with a current Rose student. A number of reunions have been planned.

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CAMPUS					October 1	2
					Homecoming	Homecoming FB vs. University of Chicago 1:30 p.m.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Company Information Session: Eli Lilly & Company PA Room 7-9 p.m.	Blood Drive - Kahn Rooms				Gershwin/Joplin Concert With Richard Glazier Kahn Rooms 7:30 p.m.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Women's and Men's Soccer vs. Trinity University Noon		Registration for Winter Quarter Volleyball vs. Franklin College 7 p.m.		Fall Break - No Classes		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Last Day to Drop a Class without Penalty		Career Fair Sports and Recreation Center All Day			Women's Soccer vs. Blackburn College Noon

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Homecoming Events
October 2nd, 1999

- * Alumni Rifle Match, Rifle Range At Cook Stadium, 8 a.m.
- * Alumni Awards Breakfast, Main Dining Room, Hulman Union, 9 a.m.
- * Alumni Baseball Game, Art Nehf Field, 9 a.m.
- * Alumni Association Meeting, Kahn Rooms, Hulman Union, 10:30 a.m.
- * Men's Cross Country, Vincennes Univ., Phil Brown Track, 10:30 a.m.
- * Alumni Cross Country Meet, Phil Brown Track, 10:30 a.m.
- * Academic Department Open Houses, Throughout Campus, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- * Student Project Displays, In Front Of Sports and Recreation Center, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- * Alumni Soccer Match, Jim Rendel Field, 11 a.m.
- * Women's Volleyball, Fontbonne (11 a.m.) & Lakeland (3 p.m.), Hulbert Arena, Sports and Recreation Center
- * Women's Cross Country, Vincennes Univ., Phil Brown Track, 11:15 a.m.
- * Residence Hall Assistants Reunion, WORX, Hulman Union, 11:30 a.m.
- * Drama Club Reunion, Moench Hall Auditorium, 11:30 a.m.
- * Class Agent Reception, Near Cook Stadium, Noon-2 p.m.
- * Homecoming Mums Sale, In Lobby Of Hulman Union, Noon-2 p.m.
- * Lunch With Rosie, Near Cook Stadium, Noon
- * Rosie's Kid's Zone, Near Cook Stadium, 1-4 p.m.
- * Football, Trinity University, Phil Brown Field, 2 p.m.

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.

NSBE: Who they are and what they do

Lindsey VanSchoiak
Editorial Staff

The Rose community has rather silently been playing host to several great organizations over the past few years. In an effort to bring the great accomplishments of these clubs to light the Thorn has chosen to spotlight some of them.

The National Society of Black Engineers is the largest student run national organization in the United States according to L'Netta Moss, president of the Rose-Hulman chapter. The NSBE branch here has been in existence since 1993. Since then the group has grown to 25 members and become a very valuable asset to the Terre Haute and Rose communities. NSBE's mission is "to increase the number of culturally responsible Black Engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally, and positively impact the community."

In an effort to reach this goal NSBE has been running a PreCollege Initiative Program. In this program middle and high school age students come to Rose and get to see examples of several of the disciplines at Rose. The Computer Science, Physics and Applied Optics and Chemistry/Chemical Engineering demonstrations are always a big hit.

NSBE also holds a clothing drive in the winter and last year held a fashion show. Yvette Tyler, secretary of NSBE says that the group's main purpose is to get the word out to young African-Americans about engineering so that

they will be able to use their explorative curiosity to do something productive.

"When people don't have a dream or a vision they'll take the first opportunity that comes along, and in the communities we are reaching out to often those opportunities are crime, drugs, and or promiscuity," explained Tyler.

Tyler has also taken this goal to a more personal level by starting a program at her church called "Becoming Long Term Thinkers." The program "encourages kids to develop a dream or vision for their life. This vision will then give them a strong incentive to separate themselves from bad things."

The members of NSBE here think of everybody as a community helping those in need. They also see themselves providing support to each other in dealing with the ethnic mix here at Rose. Membership is not limited to African Americans and meetings are held on even-numbered class weeks Monday at 7pm in the Music Room. L'Netta invites the Rose community to come hang out with NSBE, and welcomes any questions you may have about the group.

Fees debated at U. of Wisconsin

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wisc. - In a public forum, University of Wisconsin-Madison alumnus Scott Southworth defended his Supreme Court-bound case to UW-Madison students and the media.

The lawsuit against the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents calls for an end to mandatory funding of student organizations through segregated fees.

"No student, regardless of his political or ideological beliefs, should be forced to fund a political or ideological organization on this campus that they disagree with," Southworth said.

Associated Students of Madison Chair Adam Klaus said without segregated fees, organizations will cease to exist, and women, students of color and LGBT students will suffer. Klaus defended the funding, calling it democratic.

"Student groups are funded on a viewpoint-neutral basis," Klaus said. "Anybody can apply for these funds. It's open to any registered student organization."

Southworth suggested the current fee system was not a realistic model.

"If I have a right to take your money to support free speech, we're going to see church groups suing the government to build a church to exercise freedom of religion," Southworth said. "We're going to see people suing the government to buy them guns to exercise the right to bear arms."

Southworth said there were two acceptable alternatives to the current system that would be more democratic.

"The most direct democracy is me writing a check to the person I want to give it to," Southworth said. "The second most direct democracy is me writing a check to the university and letting me tell them what to do with it."

ASM Vice Chair Amelia Rideau said the student body should not decide where the money ought to go. She said the student body consists of 40,000 white students who don't know the value of students-of-color organizations.

UW-Madison sophomore Hsindy Chen said she fears a check-off system will lead to underfunding for minority groups.

"I feel like [for] the majority of students, because this campus is predominately white, race is not present in their everyday lives, so if they were to check things off, their agendas wouldn't serve the needs of students of color, LGBT and other historically marginalized students on campus," Chen said.

Multicultural Issues Director for United Council Michael Franklin countered Southworth's point of view that all students have an equal opportunity to have their voice heard, a scenario best ensured by the presence of segregated-fees-funded student organizations.

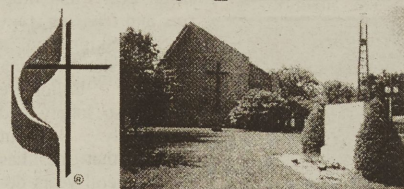
"You usually won't hear a person of color saying anything like that," Franklin said. "You will not hear any women actively fighting sexism saying that. You usually will not see anyone who is openly gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender saying that."

After being accused of being racist and sexist, Southworth said, "God carries me through it. ... It's very difficult to be called a racist. It hurts so much to be told that just because I'm white, I'm racist. I wanted to respond on the same level of vindictiveness."

"I must respect their rights and their First Amendment rights to speak their minds, and I hope they respect mine. I am not racist. One of my mentors is a black woman. She helped me with my ideology. I respect the way she handles things, like racism."

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Ensemble cast propels Lawrence Kasdan's *Mumford*Robert Kober
Staff Writer**Mumford**Loren Dean
Jason LeeMPAA: rated R
for sex-related images,
language and drug content
running time: 111 minutes

Opening Notes: *Mumford* is different from many other comedies. It's probably one of the most shrewd, quiet, and charming films to come out in a while, yet it has an uplifting, feel-good kind of atmosphere like *Pleasantville* and *The Truman Show*. *Mumford* is set in a small fantasy town called Mumford, filled with smiling people greeting each other on a daily basis. Writer and director Lawrence Kasdan portrays the town as a great place to live and actually makes you start to believe it. The characters are so convincingly real with their little problems that you just start wondering what is going to happen to them next.

The Cast: *Mumford*, played by Loren Dean (*Enemy of the State*), is the most popular psychologist in the city that shares his name. Sofie Crisp, played by Hope Davis, is nearly bedridden after a severe and almost permanent loss of energy. Henry Follett, played by Pruitt Taylor Vince, is the local pharmacist whose mind is overflowing with wild and erotic sex fantasies

featuring him as a younger, buffer guy. Jason Lee, from *Mallrats* and *Chasing Amy*, is Skip Skipperton, a young, skateboarding corporate billionaire who is so lonely and completely without friends that he has spent several years designing robots that fulfill an individual's sexual desires. Alfre Woodard plays Lily, a witty and overly wise, but lonely restaurant owner. Jeremy Brockett, played by Ted Danson from TV's *Cheers* and *Becker*, is a successful, self-indulgent professional who treats his family members like dirt. His wife, played by Mary McDonnell from *Dances with Wolves*, deals with incessant unhappiness by cultivating a compulsive shopping disorder. Martin Short portrays Lionel Dillard, a lawyer who doubts Mumford's credentials. Dr. Ernest Delbanco (David Paymer) and Dr. Phyllis Sheeler (Jane Adams) are the other mental health professionals in Mumford.

The Plot: *Mumford* does not really

have a normal plot development. Each character has his or her own problems that are all tied together by their conversations with Mumford. They each come to him for help with their problems and proceed to tell him their most intimate secrets. Mumford avoids asking the typical psychiatrist questions like "How does that make you feel?" Instead, he maintains a much more conversational tone, and just listens to what they have to say, occasionally prodding them with cutting commentary. He even asks the libidinous pharmacist to stop with the racy details of some of his fantasies.

The Good: *Mumford* has many good aspects. The laid-back comic atti-

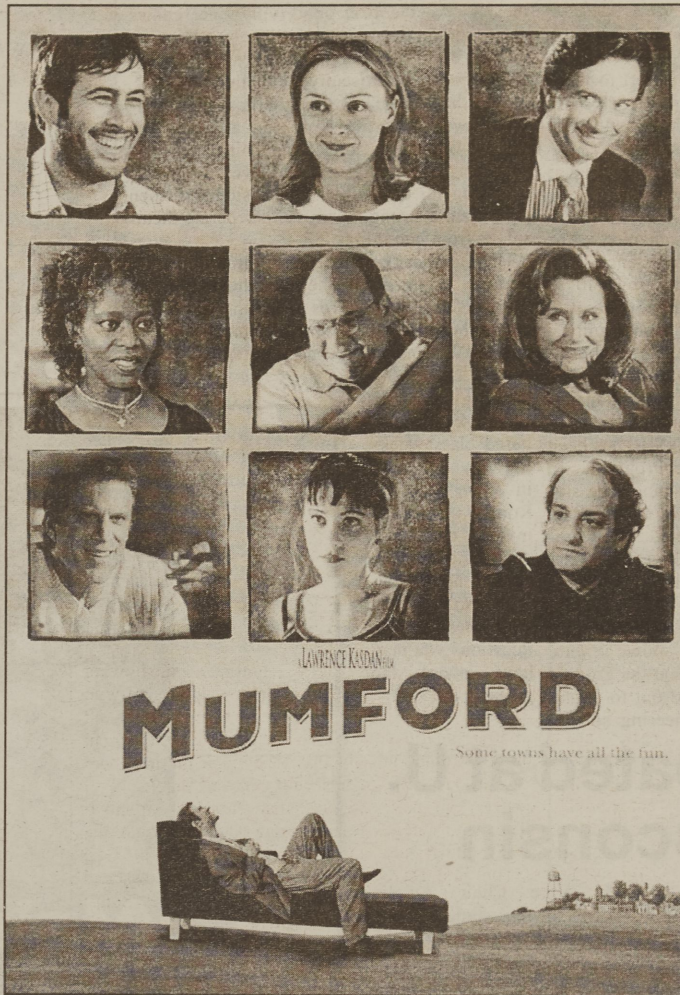
tude of the film is a welcomed contrast to many other recent releases in the genre. It does not take itself too seriously. Some of the characters are a little exaggerated, but they are all played out in a very convincing manner. This may be the best part of the script, the great character development. It makes you start to care about the characters. I even felt like I could identify with Mumford throughout much of the film.

The Bad: There is not really not much bad about this movie. If you come to the theater expecting to laugh out loud as though this were *There's Something about Mary* or *American Pie*, then you're probably going to be disappointed. *Mumford* is a comedy, but it's a little different. There are parts of the movie that are funny, but that is not *Mumford*'s strong point.

The Ugly: There is one scene where the pharmacist actually takes part in one of his fantasies... Let's just say it's not pretty.

Closing Notes: *Mumford* is a great film, but if you only like fast-paced action-comedies, then go see *Blue Streak* for a second time. However, if you're a film-buff who likes quality work, *Mumford* is a must see.

On a scale of zero to 4 (with 4 being classic and zero being *Billy Bathgate*, the last time that Loren Dean played the title character in a movie), I give this movie a 3.



photos from movieweb.com
Mumford is both the name of the town and the name of the interesting new psychiatrist (played by Loren Dean) who moves there.

WHAT'S
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MOVIES

Opening this Week:

American Beauty
(Spacey, Bening)
Drive Me Crazy
(Melissa Joan Hart)
Elmo in Grouchland
(Elmo, Big Bird)
Mystery, Alaska
(Crowe, Reynolds)
Three Kings
(Clooney, Wahlberg)

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Now Available:

Garth Brooks
The Life of Chris Gaines
Paula Cole
Amen
Creed
Human Clay
Sting
Brand New Day
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David Bowie
hours...
Melissa Etheridge
Breakdown
Live
The Distance to here
Paul McCartney
Run Devil Run

VIDEO

Available this Week:

Lost and Found
(David Spade)
Pushing Tin
(Cusack, Thornton)
The Thirteenth Floor
(Gretchen Mol)

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What's Hot

Movies

Weekend Gross (9/24 - 9/26)

1. *Double Jeopardy*
\$23.2 million
2. *Blue Streak*
\$12.5 million
3. *The 6th Sense*
\$8.4 million
4. *For Love of the Game*
\$6.4 million
5. *American Beauty*
\$5.9 million

Music

Album Sales (9/20 - 9/26)

1. Nine Inch Nails: *Fragile*
229,000 copies
2. Backstreet Boys: *Millennium*
166,000 copies
3. Santana: *Supernatural*
153,000 copies
4. Christina Aguilera: *Self-titled*
146,000 copies
5. Eve: *Let there be Eve*
146,000 copies

TV

Neilsen Ratings* (9/20 - 9/26)

1. *Friends* (NBC)
17.8
2. *Frasier* (NBC)
16.6
3. *NFL Monday Night Football* (ABC)
15.2
4. *Third Watch* (NBC)
14.1
5. *Saturday Night Live: 25th Anniversary Special* (NBC)
14.0

* A ratings point represents 994,000 households

Video

Rental Gross (9/20 - 9/26)

1. *Forces of Nature*
2. *Analyze This*
3. *Prince of Egypt*
4. *Payback*
5. *Message in a Bottle*
6. *Cruel Intentions*
7. *The Other Sister*
8. *8mm*
9. *The Corruptor*
10. *True Crime*

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What's Hot

So, you want to be a Hautian...

Dan LaBar
Staff Writer

The radio stations in Terre Haute suck. There, I said it. I'm sorry, but those of you who can't live without Mix FM can take your Backstreet Boys posters and shove them... Anyway, the point is that if you want to listen to good music in Terre Haute, you'll need a CD player.

Picture this scenario... It's Friday night. You're already feeling pretty good since you got the best spot on the 'Bash. You're hangin' with your homies, chillin' an' maxin' and relaxin' all cool an' all, when you spot a fly honey across the street. She makes eye contact. You have to find a way to impress her, fast. The only logical choice is to pop a CD into the boombox you're lugging on your shoulder. You tried Ricky Martin

last week, but you need something that's hip, something that's with it. Fortunately, you remembered to bring "Ice Ice Baby" tonight. Just as Vanilla starts to lay it on hard-core, your girl disses you for another guy with an '83 Camaro cranking out Jackyl.

Ok, back to the point. And I do have one. (Note: Technically, this article has no point. A monkey had been trained to write an article about the Linux Club's Installfest '99, but when he got tanked and decided he'd rather run away to Mexico with Sammy's dog, well, we were desperate for filler.) Sooner or later, you will need to buy some new CD's. You may be asking yourself, "Gee self, I have no clue what to get - which CD's should I buy?" That's where I come in. From now on, you will not buy a new album unless I give

you the go ahead. I am the CD Nazi. You are getting sleepy, verrrry sleeeeeepy. Your eyelids are getting heavy. When I snap my fingers three times and do the Chicken Dance you will run to Honey Creek and buy the latest Britney Spears album. You will remember nothing...

<snap, snap, snap... Chicken Dance>

But seriously folks, I hope to review new CD's throughout the year, when I can find time to break away from the rigors of Rose. So look to this space in the Entertainment section from time to time. Maybe you can use my humble opinion to make an informed decision before you realize you paid \$15 for one good song and got 12 crappy ones for free. Maybe you

won't read any of my reviews, and maybe you'll mysteriously find yourself living in a van down by the river, eating a steady diet of government cheese. In any case, enjoy your new Britney Spears album.

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New album from Big Tent Revival

Nat Bowe
Staff Writer

There are not many bands that can claim a Grammy Nomination for every album they produce. Big Tent Revival, however, can make such a claim. The band (Steve Wiggins, Spence Smith, Randy Williams, Steve Dale, and Dave Alan) has released three acclaimed albums including songs such as What Would Jesus Do? Big Tent Revival (BTR) can claim numerous number one radio hits and numerous Dove (Christian music society) awards.

BTR's new album, *Choose Life*, should bring more awards from the various music societies. The album starts begins with Living off Your Love, which is in BTR's traditional soft rock style. The title track opens with a plain acoustic opening and soft singing intro from lead singer Steve Wiggins. Through this lighter rock song, the band tells the listener to choose life (i.e. eternal life through Jesus).

The CD continues on, showing BTR's versatility as a band with their short keyboard intros and background synthesized organ playing. The music on the album deals with some of the issues of the Christian church from salvation by grace (Choose life), to the inspiration of the Bible by God (This is the Word of God), and evangelism (One More Song) (source: Pipeline BTR brochure).

The band rocks the word of God throughout the album and lets listener know that Christianity is more than just tradition; it is also about having fun. BTR delivers the gospel to the audience in a fun, interesting way wrapped in acoustic style. There is no doubt that Christians and non-Christians alike will enjoy this album with its upbeat tempo.

The new album is available in stores now. You can get a coupon on the Internet and learn more about what BTR is doing at <http://www.chooseternalife.org>. Get a great Christian rock CD and



choose Big Tent Revival's *Choose Life*.

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Sonic shows why he's still Sega's Franchise

Donnie McGaughey
Staff Writer

Sega's back in blue with *Sonic Adventure*, the new game featuring their franchise character, Sonic the Hedgehog. If you thought the Genesis versions were fast, you are in for a treat. This time out, Sonic's arch-nemesis Robotnik has the full arsenal: from a new airship straight out of Star Wars movie to a Water monster called Chaos. I can't even begin to describe the different places that Sonic will go in this adventure. However, you'll probably be running too fast to look at details any way.

So what makes this game so great? First of all, it's the graphics. *Sonic Adventure* sports some of the silkier graphics ever seen in a platform game and puts Zelda 64 to shame. The fact that the programmers used the game engine to do cinema sequences when they could have used full motion videos speaks worlds for how good this game looks (Zelda used its game engine to do the cinema scenes, but it was because it was on a car-

tridge).

Secondly, the sheer speed of the game is incredible. One stage features Sonic grabbing a helicopter, and then running straight down the side of a building. Another has Sonic running through a tornado that destroys the entire stage. Each new twist has that "Wow!" feeling that usually comes only once in most next generation games.

Real nice, so the graphics are great, you say, but how about the game play. That's what matters, right? Not to worry. Sonic is probably the only 3D platformer that totally retains the feel of the old game. While this may make the people who never liked Sonic in the first place unhappy, old fans of the series should eat it up. The blistering speed often makes the control sensitive, de-

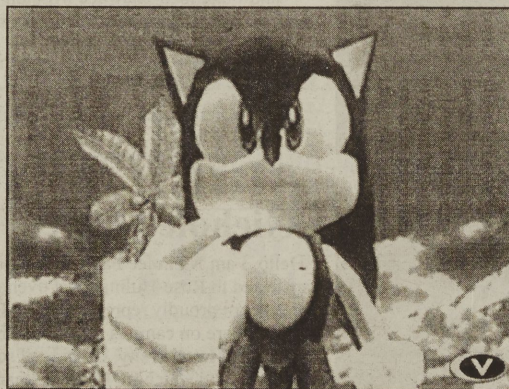


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Sonic stands tall once again in his latest game, *Sonic Adventure*, available now for Sega Dreamcast.

spite the fact that you don't feel like you're in control. However, if you played the original Sonic games, then you are all too used to the style and shouldn't be confused by the dimensional transition.

For those of you who don't like the speed, *Sonic Adventure* comes with a total of six characters (seven if you include SuperSonic), and

each has their own adventure. If you have the memory unit, the game also has a "tama-gotchi" type sub-game as well.

So what's wrong with the game? Not much. The camera angles sometimes goes haywire, but it is worlds better than it was in the Japanese version. Also, if you have to slow down to avoid obstacles, control becomes relatively touchy and thus difficult. Finally, one character (Biggs the Cat) has a fishing game that I found completely use-

less. Unfortunately, you must play it in order to completely defeat the game and get SuperSonic. It would have been nice if this were a side game (like the fishing game in Zelda 64) but it was really annoying that I had to play it.

Other than those small problems *Sonic Adventure* is amazing and is another must buy if you decide to purchase a Dreamcast.

Queens of the Court

The following homecoming queen candidates won the primary election and will represent the homecoming court at the pep rally.

The homecoming queen will be crowned at the pep rally tonight, 8:30 p.m., Cook Stadium.



Sharon Foltz

Sharon Foltz is a senior chemical engineering major from Carmel, Indiana. She is the Resident Assistant for the awesome women of BSB 3. Sharon is involved with the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and is a student representative to several Student-Faculty committees. She has also been very actively involved in Society of Women Engineers of who she is representing for queen. In SWE she has assisted with fundraising, the Girl Scout Rose-Hulman Badge program, and many other supportive roles. This past year, Sharon organized the High School Engineering Day to introduce junior and senior females to engineering and science.



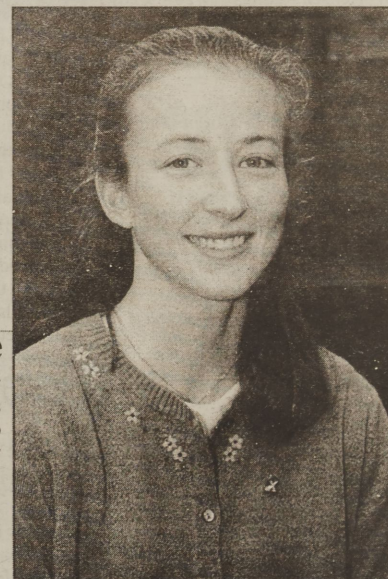
Karen Hill

Karen Hill is a cheerful and caring kid from Blumberg. She grew up in Maryland, but since then has moved to California. This identity crisis doesn't seem to bother her too much though, because Karen's heart is from Rose now. She's a lovable RA on the fourth floor of her house in Blumberg-always ready to lend a hand and share a smile. Her happiness and dedication spills over to affect the lives of many Rose friends and faces. Karen supports our Rose Pride by running on the cross-country team and maintaining an extensive collection of Rosie-Mascots in her room. She'll be a graduating mechanical engineer in the class of 2001, and a beautiful representative of what Rose-Hulman likes to call "The Best."



Melva Lucas

Melva Lucas is the homecoming queen candidate nominated by the Circle K Club. She is a sophomore chemical engineering major from Evansville, Indiana and a Sophomore Advisor in Mees Hall. Melva is an active member of several organizations here at Rose. She is the Vice-President of Membership for the Circle K Club, and the finance chair of the National Society of Black Engineers. She also is a member of the Pre-Med Club and writes an advice column for the Rose Thorn. Melva enjoys shopping, go-kart racing, watching movies, and helping others.



Jenny McGuire

I am Jenny McGuire. I am a junior Computer engineering major and I stay busy with varsity volleyball and Chi Omega. I am from Prairie Village, Kansas and I attended Shawnee Mission East High School. In the future, I would like to be a consultant and maybe even own my own business. I would like to thank my sisters for nominating me!



Nicholee Page

Hello, I am Nicholee Page. I am from the small town of Canton, Illinois and transferred to Rose-Hulman just over a year ago. I am a junior here at Rose-Hulman and am proudly representing Phi Gamma Delta. I am very involved in many activities here on campus including Chi Omega, Junior Class President, Cheerleading, and Intervarsity. Outside of school I enjoy riding my bike, studying astronomy and watching Rose-Hulman sports. My plans are to become an aerospace engineer and I hope to be involved in the NASA Space Program in the future.



Rebecca Vinson

Becca Vinson is a junior mechanical engineering major from Indianapolis, Indiana. Becca is currently a Resident Assistant in Blumberg, is secretary for the Residence Hall Association, is a rush counselor for Panhellenic, and has been a member of Admissions Team. In her three years at Rose, she has also been involved in many organizations and groups. Becca is active in her sorority, has been president of Alpha Lambda Delta, and is also active in intramural sports. Becca hopes to one day pursue a career in the field of biomedical engineering.

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Engineers football earns first win this season

Don Cole
Editorial Staff

The fourth time turned out to be the charm for the Rose-Hulman Engineer football team, as they made the long trip to Kalamazoo, Michigan to defeat the Hornets 20-15 in their first win of the year.

Rose faces a daunting task this Homecoming weekend, when they face conference powerhouse Trinity University, recently ranked second in the American Football Coaches Association Division III poll.

In addition, the team was ranked second in the preseason in a NCAA Division III poll conducted by CNN and Sports Illustrated. The Tigers have won the past six conference championships and were beaten by eventual champion Mount Union in the semifinals of last year's NCAA Division III playoffs.

In addition, the Tigers are 4-0 to start of this year, having clobbered DePauw last week in their first conference matchup, 44-0.

Last year, the Tigers made mincemeat out of the Engineers deep in the heart of Texas, scoring 37 unanswered points in the first half and winning 58-3.

The Tigers have many weapons both on offense and defense, starting first and foremost with quarterback Michael Burton. Burton leads the conference in overall

offense (239.8 yards per game) and is second in quarterback rating (153.88).

Burton's favorite target this year has been receiver Adam Coffman, who is third in the SCAC in receiving with an average of 82 yards a game. When Coffman is covered, Burton throws to Bo Edwards, the school's all-time touchdown leader with 29 in his career. Edwards is fourth in receiving in the conference with 64.8 yards per game.

Key to the Tigers' offensive prowess has been their defense's ability to totally de-rail opposing offenses. The squad has given up a conference-low 219 yards per game, 9.8 points per game, and held enemy quarterbacks to a miniscule 79.74 rating.

The defensive unit is led by linebacker Jeremy Day, who has racked up 33 tackles, 22 of them solo, including one sack. He is aided by linebacker John Paul Visosky, last week's SCAC Defensive Player-of-the-Week, and Preseason Defensive Player-of-the-Year.

A pair of defensive backs round out the Trinity defense. Joel Reichling ranks second on the team with 29 tackles, while team co-captain Andy Peoples has snatched three interceptions.

The Engineers ride high into the Homecoming weekend, having beaten Kalamazoo College 20-15

despite surrendering 236 yards on the ground.

Kalamazoo scored first following a Rose-Hulman punt, mostly on the back of running back Jason Barnett, who led his offense on a 12-play, 69-yard drive that culminated in a field goal. A fumble on the subsequent Engineer possession resulted in another Kalamazoo field goal shortly after, putting the home team up 6-0.

The second quarter started out with Kalamazoo threatening to score again, but fate intervened on the Engineers' side when opposing kicker Tom Hillemeier missed a field goal from the 37.

Now with the ball on their own 20-yard line, the Rose offense began to awaken from its slumber. Ricky Arnold sparked things with a six-yard run and a subsequent 13-yard catch, giving Rose only their second first down of the game.

After that, a balanced attack of passing and rushing led to a 16-play, 80-yard drive, ending with a one-yard touchdown dive courtst Ricky Arnold. With the point after, the score was now 7-6 in favor of Rose.

The Engineers would attempt a late second quarter drive, but Joshua Martin was unable to connect on a long, last-minute field goal from the 44-yard line.

The second half opened with a key defensive stop for the Engi-

neers, forcing Kalamazoo to go three-and-out on their own 17-yard line.

Following the punt, a long rush once again sparked the Engineer offense into action; this time it was Timothy Swan's 15-yard dash that started a Rose ground assault that resulted in Arnold's second touchdown of the game. The Engineers led, 14-6.

Following an exchange of punts, Hornet running back T.J. Thayer finally broke through the Engineer defense for a 35-yard run that would result in a six-play, 66-yard touchdown drive. The Hornets failed, however, in their two-point conversion attempt, allowing the Engineers to keep a precarious 14-12 lead.

The fourth quarter opened with a 55-yard bomb from Eric Hyten to receiver Jon Harris for another Rose touchdown. Martin's point after attempt failed, however, putting the Hornets down 20-12.

It appeared as if Kalamazoo might be making a comeback, as on the next drive they went 41 yards in only 3:28 to score another field goal and close within striking distance of their first win of the year with plenty of time left in the game.

Rose was forced to punt on the next possession, giving the Hornets the chance they needed. Driving down to the Engineer 22 in ten plays, fate intervened on Rose's

side when Jeremy Sewell came down with the interception of the year, running it back 61 yards to the Hornet 27.

Following another failed field goal attempt, the Engineer defense came up with a huge stop, forcing the Hornets to punt it away and end the game.

Hyten put together another good performance, rushing for 88 yards on 15 carries, and completing 12 of 20 passes for 146 yards and no picks. Hyten became only the second player in Engineer football history to amass 3,000 rushing yards.

He might become the all-time leading rusher this weekend, as he only needs 58 yards to pass Kevin Kingery, who set his record in the 1973-1976 seasons.

Also notable on the ground were Arnold, who gained 36 yards to go with two touchdowns, and Swan, rushing for 40 yards on only 9 carries.

Jacob Yoder led the receiving corps with four catches, but Harris, thanks to his 55-yard catch, led in yardage with 71.

The usual suspects came up big on the defensive side; Justin Blumenberg led the team with nine tackles, with both Jon Hulsman and Ryan Hoerst at eight. Hulsman dropped Thayer twice on his own, while both Hoerst and James Munafò racking up a sack each.

Thorn Athlete of the Week, Eric Hyten, football

Kenneth Patricio
Editorial Staff

An athlete can accomplish a lot in four years. Each sport and each player has their own goals to accomplish in their careers. You have got to believe that Senior Eric Hyten is close to reaching those marks set for him.

In last weekend's victory, he became the second Rose-Hulman football player to gain 3,000 career rushing yards. Homecom-

ing could be quite a memorable experience for him as he is only 58 rushing yards shy of becoming the school's career rushing leader. With 198 more yards this season, he will become the all-time leading rushing quarterback at an NCAA Division III institution.

Last week, Hyten showed the complete quarterback that he is, completing 12 of 20 passes for 146 yards and one touchdown, and rushing for 89 yards on 14 carries.

Says head coach Russ Mollet, "Eric is a load to bring down. He is definitely part of the offensive success with his capability to run."

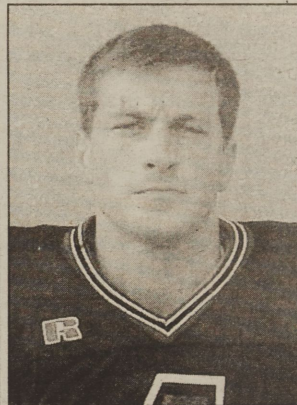
Hyten is no stranger to helping create a balanced attack for Rose. In his first year, he became the first freshman and first quarterback in school history to rush for over 1000 yards, producing 1,172 yards on the ground that season.

This balanced attack was most evident his next year in 1997 when he passed for 1,550 yards,

and ran for another 734. During a game against Millsaps that season, he ran for two touchdowns and passed for three more.

Hopefully, Hyten can create another season similar to his past years here, though certainly he can already lay claim to a successful college career.

Hyten is a two-time all-metro selection and academic all-state player at Ben Davis H.S. in Indianapolis. His parents are Bruno and Monty Hyten.



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Women's tennis clinches winning season

First women's athletic team to claim a winning record

Women's Tennis Team Guest Reporters

Rose-Hulman's women's tennis team improved to 7-5 by defeating Illinois College last Sunday, securing a winning record for the first time in school history. The tennis squad also became the first women's athletic team to record a winning record in Rose-Hulman's five-year coeducational history.

Wins against Illinois College came from Shilpa Lad and Alison Bailey at #1 doubles, Becky Smith and Sarah Wruck at #2 doubles, and Christine Winters

and Cathy Francis at #3 doubles. Winning their singles matches were Winters (2), Wruck(3), Smith(4), Bailey(5), and Amy Hentz(6).

Rose finished their season with a loss to University of Southern Indiana on yesterday evening. Their final record stands at 7-6. Rose's lone victory was from Wruck at the #3 singles position who set a team record for a tie-breaker win. After winning the first set 14-12 in a tie-breaker, she easily finished the match winning 6-2 in the second set.

Said head coach Dan Hopkins,

"I thought that Rose-Hulman would be a great opportunity to start a new team and see if I could help make them competitive. With only a few setbacks we have accomplished in four years what I expected to take six to seven.

"They have played up to the original schedule, added tougher opponents and ultimately defeated teams that walked over us just four years ago."

Rose-Hulman finished last season with a 6-12 overall record, after winning just four matches in the program's first two seasons.

Volleyball keeps winning

Donnie McGaughey Staff Writer

After a huge past week, the women's volleyball team is certainly looking forward to it continuing at home in tomorrow's games against Fontbonne College at 11, and Land Lake College at 3. Last week, the team moved above the fifty percent winning mark to 10-9. This marks the first time they have been in this position moving into the second half of the season. Despite the hardships of the preseason, the team seems to be doing quite well. Brenda Davis, the head coach states, "I am very pleased to see the team fighting when the going gets tough."

The first win of the week came against Sewanee. It was an action-filled match as the team won 3-2, pulling off a major upset against a regionally ranked team.

Davis states, "I am pleased that my girls pulled this one off in rally scoring. We needed a boost, so this was a good one for us." Among the leaders for the game were sophomore Jennifer Krause, junior Jenny McGuire, and freshman Gina Kulas.

The Sewanee game seemed to increase the team's confidence going into the next match as the team swept Oglethorpe University, 3-0. Senior Molly Lambert led the game along with Krause and McGuire. "The intensity and focus is improving all around", stated Davis.

To finish off the SCAC East tournament Rose-Hulman went up against the host, Centre College. The girls dominated the match,

again winning 3-0. McGuire and Krause led this game as well and put the girls at 3-1 in the SCAC, and second place in the tournament.

The final game of the week came against Lincoln Christian College in another close match. Krause, Kulas, and Barney led the game. The match was marked by several very close games, which seemed to favor Lincoln Christian.

In game two the Engineers came back from being down 1-5, scoring 14 of the last 16 points to earn a 15-7 victory.

They rallied more impressively in the next game, coming back from a 5-0 deficit, and scoring 15 consecutive points for the win.

In game four the Engineers brought the score to 14 to 14 after being down 2 to 7, but lost.

The girls finally defeated Lincoln with a close 15-13 final score in game five to win the match and more ever closer to the first ever winning season for women's volleyball.



Jenny McGuire

Women's soccer has ups and downs

Kenneth Patricio Editorial Staff

The women's soccer team took another stride yesterday, defeating Marian College 3-1 with the help of two impressive goals.

Junior Juliana Van Winkle scored to break a 1-1 tie with four minutes remaining in the first half, making a steal in the mid-field and sprinting toward the goal. Her eight-yard shot tickled the left side of the net to give Rose-Hulman the lead.

Rose-Hulman scored its final goal in dramatic style. Sophomore Christine Gouthro retrieved a loose ball in front of the Rose-Hulman bench and centered a pass toward the net. A diving Van Winkle headed the ball into the right side of the net, giving the Engineers an insurance goal and 3-1 margin of victory.

"We are very happy with this win. We took advantage of some opportunities that Marian gave us and were pretty fortunate. The name of the game is how many times you put the ball in the net, and we were the successful team today," said head coach Greg Ruark.

Freshman Alicia Hetrick scored her first collegiate goal to give the Engineers a 1-0 lead in the 14th minute, courtesy of a pass from Van Winkle. Marian answered with a goal from the top of the box in the 39th minute, tying the contest at 1-1.

"We beat a talented team today. I am more than pleased with our effort," added Ruark.

Rose-Hulman will host the Indiana State University women's club team at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Last Friday the women faced Southwestern University, losing

5-0 in a game controlled by the Panthers.

Brackmann had 14 saves for the Engineers but it wasn't enough to stop Southwestern, who scored four times in the first-half.

The second half was better for the Engineers as they held the Panthers to one goal at the 67th minute. Van Winkle had two shots on the Panther goal but both failed to convert.

Sunday, the team fared no better, losing to Trinity, 7-0, in a game decided early on.

All told, Trinity recorded 30 shots on the Rose-Hulman goal, compared to the lone shot of Rose by freshman Cassandra Mateo.

Junior Megan Switzer had 13 saves, coming in for the injured Brackmann who had eight for the Engineers but it wasn't enough to hold the Tigers.

Men's cross country places 5th

Brent Vieck Guest Writer

Rose competed at the Danville Invitational on Saturday and finished 5th in the seven team meet. Wabash dominated the meet by putting its top five runners in the top twelve to score 30 points.

Senior Brian Wickham led the Engineers by placing 24th with his season's best time of 28:33. The rest of the Engineers placed as the following: Nate Peterson, 32nd; Kyle Smith, 38th; Brian Smith,

43rd; Richard Hale, 48th; Todd Goldfinger, 58th; and Phil Ressel, 62nd.

Coach Welch had the following comment, "We were in pretty good shape at the two

mile mark with 48 seconds between our top five people, then we fell apart with a 2:09 spread."

Finishing 16 points ahead of the Engineers was Vincennes. We need people to get out and cheer on Rose this Saturday as they do battle with Vincennes this Homecoming weekend.

Attention all players!!!

Do you know somebody who you feel needs to be recognized for their athletic achievements? Perhaps it was someone named Curtis, a.k.a. Chewy, who made a few key tackles and had a pair of interceptions in your B Level IM football game. Well, from varsity sports to Speed Lawn pick-up games, in order to more readily capture that Rose spirit, the Thorn sports page is announcing a new weekly column:

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Look Forward not Back

Ian Myers
Staff Writer

With Rose's 125th anniversary just behind us, everyone has seemed concerned about the history of Rose and how we have come such a long way in improving the school. And that is a good thing. It is important to take time to reflect on what has happened as preparation for the future.

However, I think that we shouldn't concern ourselves too much with the past. There is nothing you can do about it now. It happened how it happened and it can't be changed. You can't make the past better by observing it.

I don't think that anyone has concerned himself or herself too much with Rose's history. However, I can foresee it happening. It is a bad idea to worry so much about the past that you no longer try to make the future better by actions in the present.

Concerning all of the projects that are underway to improve Rose, I think that they are all great. We must always be trying to improve ourselves and help others improve themselves, and the projects underway endeavor to do both of those.

However, we must be sure that we are improving the right thing. We must be sure that we aren't

neglecting things that aren't so great here. Rose is a very good school, but it is far from perfect. We have problems here just like any other school.

It would be a waste to improve things that don't need improvement. As the old saying goes, "Don't fix it if it's not broken." We can't go around putting money into something that isn't needed or possibly not even wanted.

Also, I think that the students should take an active role in shaping the future of this school. If you don't like something that is going on, stand up and say something. If you feel that something is needed, take action to see that it is acquired. Lack of action is the worst excuse for letting something wrong go on.

Everyone who cares about this school should take the time to reflect on the past and plan for the future. Voice your opinions and do what you think is right. Without people working to improve Rose, we will fall behind. All of the former and present glory of Rose will mean nothing if the future is bleak.

Ian is a CS major who aspires to rule the world in his free time. We wish him good luck, and want to know what free time is.

The PC Spartan Debate Fighting against the Man

Jason Koch
Staff Writer

A wise man once told me, "80% of all questions that begin with the word 'why' can be answered with the simple sentence 'people are stupid'." In my all my 19 years of life, I've found this statement to be fairly true. I've often asked myself, "Why is there suffering, why is there war, why do people kill one another?" This quarter, I've happened upon a new question to ponder, "Why do we have to buy Spartan?"

Now I know the majority of you are reading this and wondering what this vile thing could be, inspiring me to write a whole article about it. Well, Spartan is, in a few words, one of the best pieces of molecular modeling software out on the market today.

Everyone, who has had Organic Chemistry, past or present, can verify this fact. So why am I so irked about having to buy it? Well, simply put, its three digits: \$230. This software is pretty much required for Organic Chemistry, and I spent more money for this one piece of software than I did for all my books combined this quarter. (Oh, and for all you pirates out there, no we couldn't just burn 100 copies of the CD-- there is a pesky hardware lock that prevents the program from running without it; and of course it would also be unethical. *wink wink*.)

So, with all that said, I pose the question again: why do we still have to buy Spartan individually

at the bookstore? -- because people are stupid. Ok, well stupid is kind of harsh, unmotivated and ignorant is better in this case. These people (to which I will now refer to as "the man" from now on) I am talking about, are the people in control of what the student is required to purchase for class. I can't imagine that "the man" has researched a more cost-effective alternative to this \$230 piece of software. I am a civil major, with a chemistry and environmental minor, yet I have researched for a few weeks on my own and I have found a more cost efficient alternative. So all you freshmen and chemistry people out there, listen up, this is mainly for your benefit later on in your academic career.

I started my journey to screw "the man" by calling around to places I thought might handle software and licensing issues. The first place I called was Waters. They were very helpful and informative... the guys there were the ones who helped me initially find out about a few alternatives. I even went as far as calling the manufacturers of the software. I talked to the sales rep for our region, and told her that all the students must buy the software for their own personal computers. If only I could have seen the expression on her face, a mix of amusement, disbelief, and horror by the sounds of it. She told me that most schools do not require students to own their own copy, rather, they buy about 20 copies and put it in a centralized

computer lab. I told her that was pretty much out of the question here at Rose. Well then she told me that some schools even buy just ONE copy and put it on an X-server over the school's network. Bingo, I said to myself, even the man at Waters said something about an X-server on Slidrule. But of course, my complete and utter lack of computer knowledge left me in the dark about X-servers and what Slidrule was. So I take this info and talk to a friend of mine, one of the CS department's student managers, and he told me that Slidrule is the huge computer that runs the whole network around here. He also informed me that an X-server is a graphical user interface that allows your personal laptop to access a copy of the program from a centralized computer such as Slidrule. Boom, here is one answer to our \$230 problem! Set up Spartan on Slidrule and give the students access to the X-server. So simple, and yet so effective. If I can find these kinds of alternatives, why can't "the man" with all his power? Nah, not because he's stupid, because he doesn't really care. All you freshman and chemistry people, this ball is in your court, do you want to pay \$230 for something that you could get most likely for free? Talk to your chemistry Profs, talk to the Waters staff, heck even talk to your senators; changes have to start somewhere, we can make all the difference.

Tell me why do we do this again?

Nat Bowe
Staff Writer

One of the things that makes Rose a great school is the long-lived tradition that the school fosters. From the old traditions of beanie wearing and freshman/sophomore brawls to the long-lived tradition of lighting a huge bonfire every year, this is school has great traditions.

Being a school that is 125 years old, Rose has staked itself in the Terre Haute, and on a larger scale engineering, community. Tradition is something that is important to not only schools but also families. Have you ever sat down and thought about all the silly traditions that we observe every year out of normal habit?

First off, every year around the end of November, we all sit down with our family and pig out on all kinds of food: turkey, stuffing, ham, yams, potatoes, corn, and cranberry sauce. This is supposedly to remind us of the time that the settlers first came to America. I want to know the last time any family has even thought of the Pilgrims.

I love the food and all, but the tradition is a little shaky. A few months later some of us all gather around a pine tree and give presents to each other to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Jesus wasn't even

born in December. The actual holiday taking place in December is because pagan celebrations took place during this time for centuries and Christians decided that they liked the idea of a winter holiday. Besides the fact that it doesn't take place on the day it should, we give presents. Is that supposed to symbolize Christ's gift to us? If it is, then sorry wrong holiday, we should give presents on Easter (not the real date again) to celebrate Christ's real gift for us when He was crucified and rose from the dead.

Along with the fact that we give gifts at this time, many families have their own peculiar holiday traditions. My dad and I (along with whoever else in the house we can drag to the TV) sit down and watch National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation. It is a silly tradition. We started it about 5 years ago and it has continued.

I am not trying to bash holiday traditions or even say that we should change them. I am just simply saying that sometimes we need to rethink the logic behind our traditions and really investigate where they came from. As I said, tradition is good and we need to keep the worthy traditions alive.

Why do brides wear white at weddings? Why do we throw rice at weddings? Why do we eat lamb

on Easter? Why do we eat corned beef on St. Patrick's Day? Why do we eat black-eyed peas on New Year's Day?

These are all odd traditions that we normally don't think about and just DO blindly. Tradition is good, but we should really understand where they come from, being practical mathematicians, scientists, engineers and such. Too often in life we take things with a grain of salt, when I think we should be more inquisitive and curious.

I am glad to know now how we got the Elephant as our mascot. I don't really understand the whole bonfire thing, except bonfires are traditionally at homecoming games, but that really doesn't matter because it is just cool to see that much wood burn just to celebrate the Homecoming of this school's fabulous alumni.

Nat is a Freshman here at Rose and he is still searching for the meaning behind our bonfire. Unfortunately now he will have to wait until the no burn declaration is over. Hang in there Nat there is nothing like getting your eyebrows singed from 100 feet away.



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Real News

NASA, still recovering from it's last big embarrassment (read: the Challenger explosion), discovered Thursday the cause of the missing Mars Climate Orbiter. The reason? The metric system.

Long known for causing a rift in-between cultures for centuries, the metric system has finally gotten the piece of bad press it needs to finish it off, once and for all.

NASA utilized the metric system for some key spacecraft operation. Meanwhile, it seems that Lockheed Martin, which provided the navigation commands for the orbiter, used the highly superior English units in the calculations.

The result? When the orbiter's engine attempted to set the probe into orbit, it overshot the target altitude by

coming 36 miles above the planet's surface, which was about 60 miles closer than planned. In addition, this altitude was about 15 miles beneath the altitude at which it could continue to properly function.

So what's the moral of this story? The metric system is to blame! As engineers, I think we should know better than to trust it. Frankly, anything that uses a "kilo" is just plain bad.

Therefore, I encourage all of you to boycott the metric system in all of your classes, whether it's chemistry, physics, differential equations, Spanish III, Gerbil Torture I, or Shakespeare.

-- The Management

(The information for his article was gathered from cnn.com.)

Those Wacky Profs!

[Student] "What if I find filth?"

[Prof] "Well, you can append that as an attachment for the professor."

-- Dr. Hoover (5-13-99)

(Talking about accidentally finding porn on the internet while doing research in EC331.)

"I'm going to make people use their little finger a lot!"

-- Dr. Anderson (9-16-99)

(Claude, being the "evil language designers," who make you put a ';' at the end of every command.)

"Friends can touch your privates."

-- Andy Kinley (9-29-99)

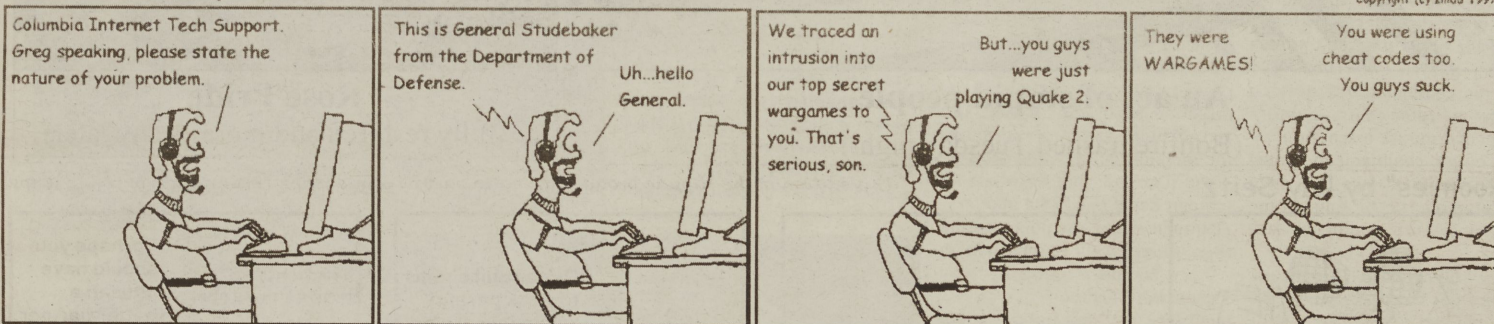
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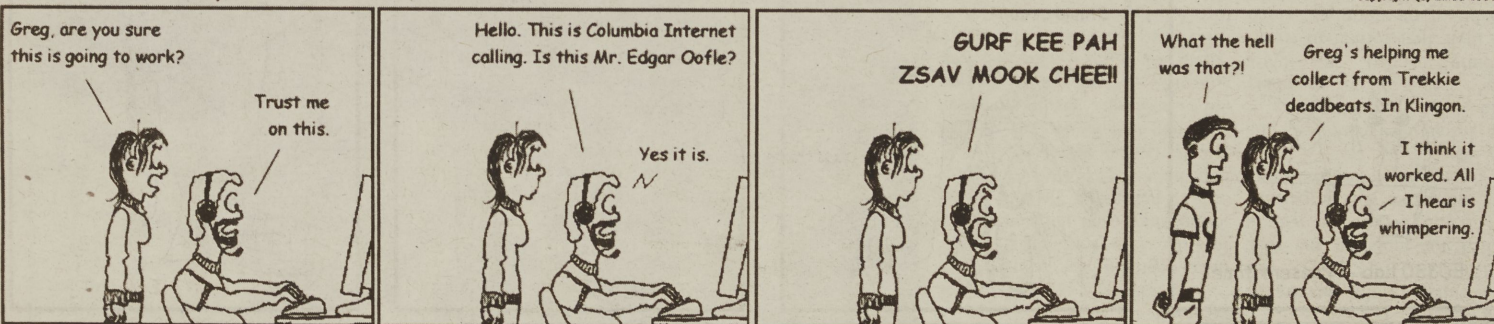
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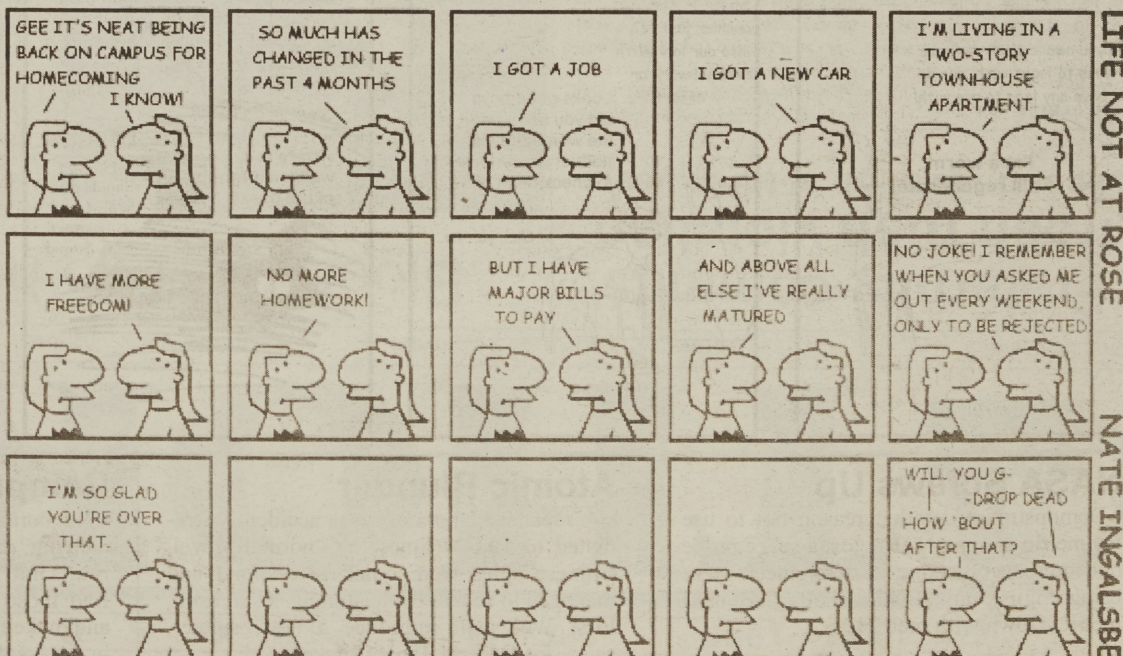
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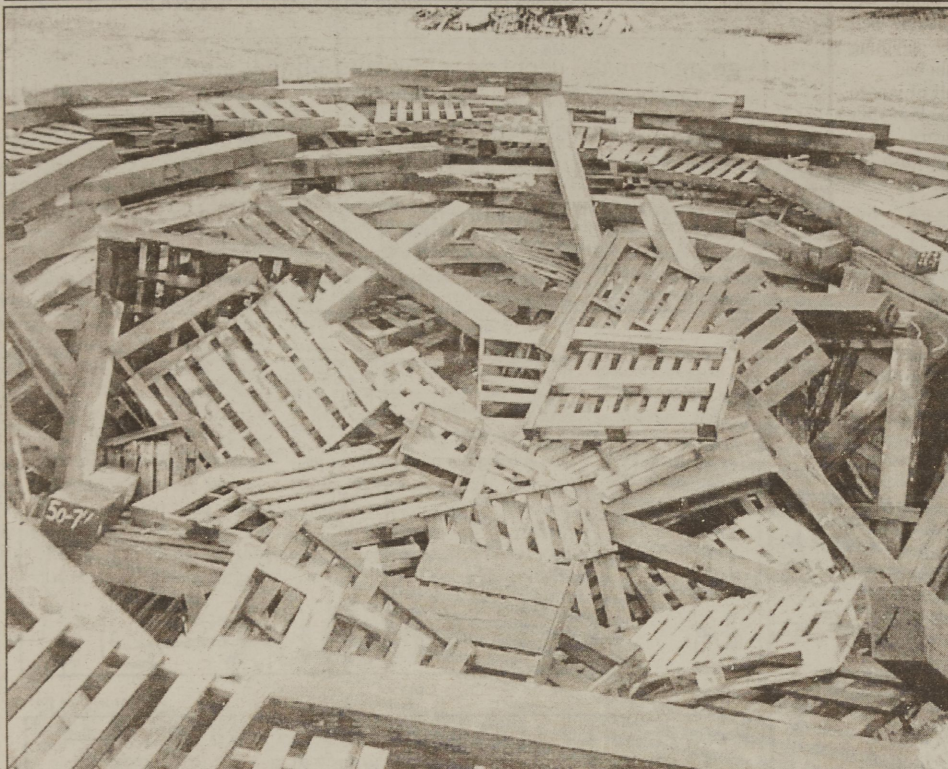
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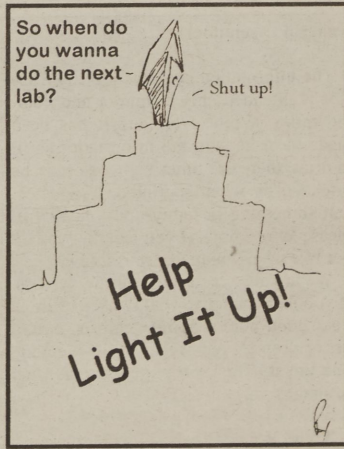
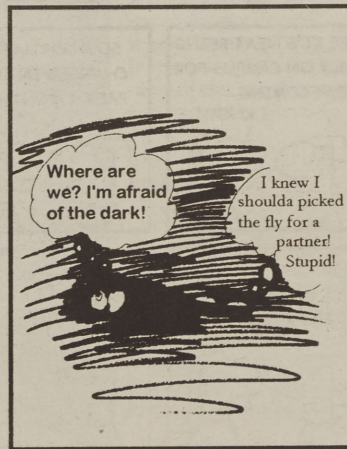
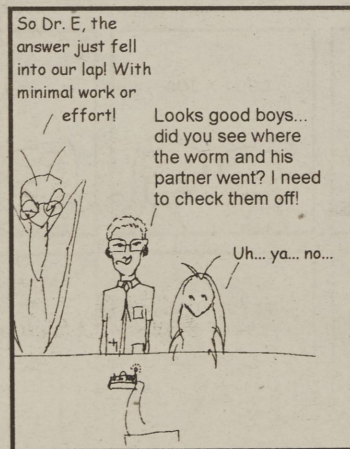
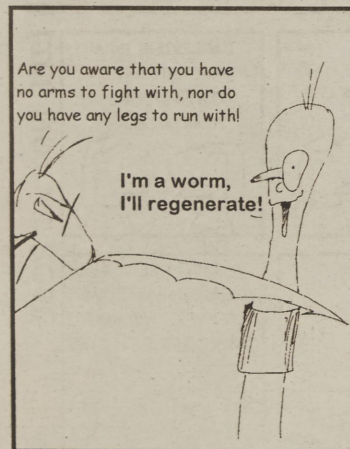
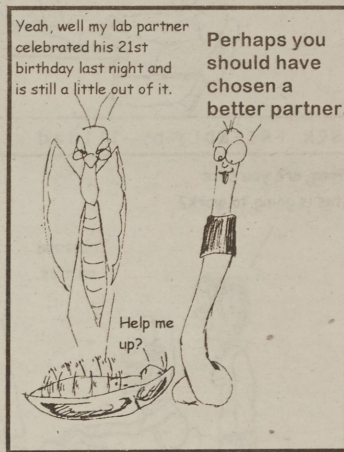
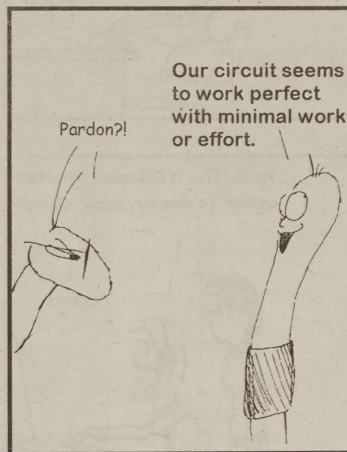
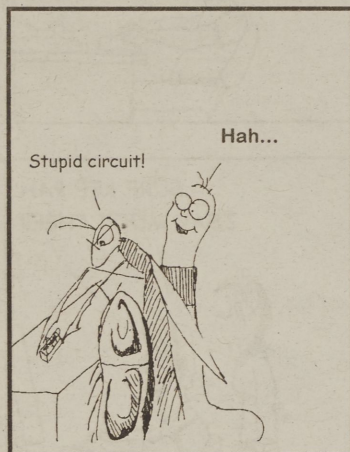
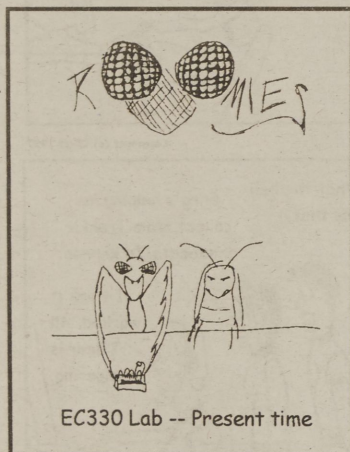
An act of stupid people
(Bonfire trashed Tuesday night)



Rose Pride
(fully restored and more, 1 day later)

"Roomies" by Ray Seitz

This edition of the Flipside brought to you in part by comic strips. Lots and lots of comic strips.



NASA Screws Up

Demonstrating another reason not to use the metric system, NASA lost a space probe due to the fact that one set of engineers were using english units, while another set used metric. Down with metric!

See "Real News", Page F2

Atomic Blunder

A Japanese laboratory was accidently irradiated to 10,000 times the "normal" level. Chinese spies were quick to respond and managed to secure the technique. As a result, First Wok will introduce a new, spicier, sauce for General Tso's Chicken.

See "Finger Lickin' Good", Page 7

Campus Event

No bonfire Friday night? Don't feel like dancing? Start a good ol' fashioned street riot! Grab your friends, push people down, find those jerks who destroyed the bonfire and make them pay! Just like they used to do in the good old days!

See "Riot Plans", Page 8