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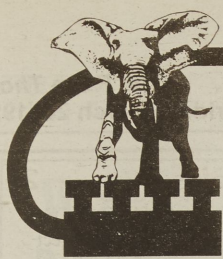
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Three Rose professors earn Fulbright Fellowship honors

Ted Chan
News Reporter

Three Rose-Hulman professors, Peter Parshall, LeRoy Franklin, and Scott Clark, have been named recipients of the annual Fulbright Fellowship.

The Fulbright Award is a great honor to receive and is considered an accomplishment for any institution to have a teacher to be awarded this honor.

Former senator J. William Fulbright established the Fulbright Program in 1946. The program increased the mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries through the exchange of personal knowledge and skills. Grants are made to citizens of participating countries primarily for university teaching, advanced research, graduate study, and teaching in elementary and secondary schools.

It takes a lot of work and preparation to apply for a Fulbright Award. One has to fill out an application, get three recommendations, and pass through the American Board, which filters the applicants and forwards them to the country which is asking for the assistance in education. After that, the application filters down to the school, and then to various department heads.

It is a great accomplishment to be able to pass through these numerous filters and be accepted. Not only does the applicant have to pass the filters, but also he or she has to be able to contribute to the college, the community and the country.

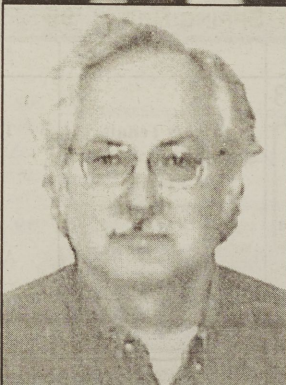
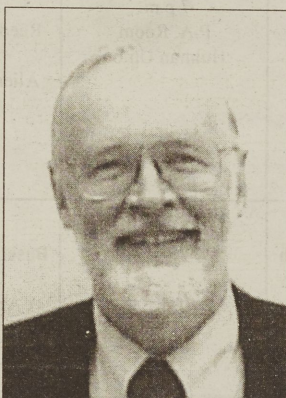
Franklin, from the mathematics department, was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to teach for half a year at the University of Iceland. He will be teaching two out of the following courses: Statistics, Quality Control, and Experimental Design.

Franklin will be in Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland, from January to June. Other than the responsibility of teaching classes, Franklin will learn about the community and try to help in industry wherever he can apply his doctorate skills.

Another professor who had the honor of receiving a Fulbright Award was Clark, of the humanities and social sciences department. Clark will be going to the Kanazawa Institute of Technology in Japan for the Center of Applied Ethics and will be doing research on engineering ethics in large Japanese corporations. He will be gone for the academic year of 1999 until 2000, where he will be collecting data by going to companies and using anthropological research methods of how the Japanese make ethical decisions in engineering. Also, he hopes to be able to compare the data he collects to the data that is known for the United States.

The third professor who had the great honor of receiving a Fulbright Fellowship was Parshall, also of the humanities and social sciences department. He will be going to the Technical University of Dresden in Germany and will be there for the fall semester, from the beginning of October to the end of January. Parshall will be working in the department of American Studies, teaching American Film as a way of looking at American culture. He will be teaching his classes in English, although he wishes to brush up on his German skills.

The Rose-Hulman community is honored to have three professors who have qualified for the Fulbright Fellowship. Hopefully they will bring back ideas that will give them new insights to their teaching, and contribute to the campus and the community.



Professors Parshall, Franklin, and Clark. File Photos

Colts may hold summer camp at Rose-Hulman

Thu Vu Pham
News Reporter

For the last eight months, Wayne Spary, director of facilities and many executives of the school board had been involved in negotiations with the Indianapolis Colts to have them coming to Rose for their summer training. The negotiations have been on and off with rumors both confirming and disconfirming the arrival of the team.

The latest development according to Spary confirmed that the school executive committee would make a final decision by next week to accept or decline the latest proposal by the Colts.

In February, the school board flatly declined a proposal by the Colts because of space control.

"The Colts wanted exclusive use of all facilities. It would make them have control of all the space and we can't have that," commented Spary.

While Spary was not able to disclose the full details of the latest proposal, Spary said the Colts had met many of the demands by the school, including limiting use of the school facilities and even agreeing to have all their players in bed by 11 p.m.

According to Spary, if the deal goes through, the players will be housed in Mees, Sharpensburg and Blumberg. The coaching staff will be housed in Speed Hall and all meetings will be in the Union.

No facilities conflicts should arise.

"[The players'] primary use will be outside in the field," stated Spary.

The conflicts in previous proposals stem from the many programs the school runs during the summer. Fast Track and Catapult students as well as various athletes need to use the same facilities that the Colts previously demanded total control over. The new proposal will allow the school to coordinate the programs to minimize conflicts for all parties involved.

One thing the Fast Trackers and the Catapults students will inherit is the beefed-up security the school will employ. Spary said

the security staffs will be increased and that there will be 24-hour security on campus at all the halls the Colts will be staying in.

The sports program should not encounter much conflict. The school teams will arrive on campus August 16 and the Colts should leave four days later. Spary said he will work with the coaches to coordinate the use of the field, however the student-athletes don't generally suit up for the first week so there should not be much conflict.

Throughout these negotiations many faculty and staff had mixed enthusiasm for having the Colts on campus. Some members commented on the increase in traffic, lack of parking spaces and increased red tape from security on campus as nuances. Others believe the excitement will be worthwhile for the school.

Whether there were objections or not, Spary commented that the final decision won't be affected by the faculty and staff but hinge upon the approval of administrative officials.

"Having the Colts will benefit the community. It will be something new for parents and kids to come see. Overall it will be a good public relation for the school," commented Spary.

If the Colts come, there is a good chance the national media will also come to report on them.

"If ESPN will come here, we will have national attention, also," said Spary.

If next week's decision gives the Colts a nod, Spary said there would be a meeting set up to involve faculty and staff on the development for the coming summer. Even the bookstore might be invited to jump on the Colts bandwagon to sell Colts merchandise.

In the meantime Spary won't confirm the school's acceptance of the new proposal. Further details will be limited because the Colts are also considering another school. But until then Spary said the school would continue negotiations to iron out all the details.

"We want this to be a very positive relationship for everybody," commented Spary.

Blood Drive strives for new record

Mike Reavey
News Reporter

Next Wednesday and Thursday, March 30 and 31, in the Kahn Room the third and final blood drive of this academic year. The RHA, APO, IFC, Pan Hellenic Council, and ROTC will sponsor the event to be held on both days between 11 AM and 5 PM.

Prizes will be available as usual. Every donor gets a T-shirt as usual and gift certificates will be given out. The grand prize is two tickets to the Indy 500. The

floor, fraternity, and sorority with the highest rate of participation will also receive cash prizes. The blood drive is even a Greek Games event to sweeten the deal.

The push for participation is especially strong this year. The goal to reach 333 pints next week would put this year's donations at 1000 pints. That would be the highest in Rose-Hulman history, topping last year's record of 865. Last year's total was 15.5% of all the blood donated outside of the blood center in Vigo County.

This year a number of seniors will graduate who have truly given their share of blood while

at Rose. Aaron Abercrombie, William Bennett, Brian Duggan, Morgan Hawker, Christopher Jackson, Christopher Slaughter, James Teeter, and Sarah Waite have perfect or near perfect attendance at these events.

They set a good example for us all to follow. We all have a chance to make history and, more importantly, make a big difference in someone else's life. In fact, every time you give, you make a world of difference in four other people's life since every pint given can help four people. When it's so easy to do, how can anyone say no?

Don't forget to donate blood!

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

TREE PLANTING PROJECT FOR DOBBS PARK

Saturday, March 27 - 7:45 a.m.
meet at Hadley Circle

Sponsored by: Alpha Phi Omega

28 Baseball @ Centre Noon WJSH 1300 AM	29	30 SGA Meeting 5:30 p.m. GM Room Climbing Club 8 p.m. P.A. Room Hulman Union	31 N.S.B.E. Meeting 7 p.m. P.A. Room Hulman Union	APRIL 1 Astronomy Club 8 p.m. Reeder Observatory Aliens Invade Rose	2 Baseball @ DePauw 1 p.m. WJSH 1300 AM Admissions Visits SPRING BREAK STARTS AFTER CLASSES!	3 Baseball vs. Univ. of the South Noon Art Nehf Field
4	5	6 Baseball vs. Wabash 2 p.m. Art Nehf Field	7	8 Baseball vs. DePauw 3 p.m. Art Nehf Field	9	10
SPRING BREAK '99						
11	12 CLASSES RESUME	13 Comedian Rich Ramirez 8 p.m. Moench Auditorium	14 Men's Tennis vs. Hanover 3 p.m. Tennis Courts	15 TAXES DUE Baseball vs. Millikin 3 p.m. Art Nehf Field	16	17 CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION DAY 9 - 11:30 a.m. Free Pig Roast and Prizes Afterwards

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Waterboy

7:15 & 9:15 [PG-13]

The Prince of Egypt

7:00 & 9:00 [PG]

CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION DAY

Saturday, April 17

Followed by a free pig roast

Ideas? Contact Pete Gustafson
877-8257

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.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD UPCOMING EVENTS

On April 13, comedian Rich Ramirez will perform at 8 p.m. in the Moench Hall auditorium.

The Kelly Jay Orchestra with a swing instructor will play on April 20 in the Moench Hall auditorium.

The annual Amateur Talent Night will take place April 29 at 7 p.m. in the Kahn Room. See page 10 for a sign-up form.

All Student Activities Board activities are free for everyone in the Rose-Hulman community.

SAB meets 7 p.m. every Thursday in the Conference Room of the Hulman Memorial Union. For more information, call the SAB office at 877-8448.

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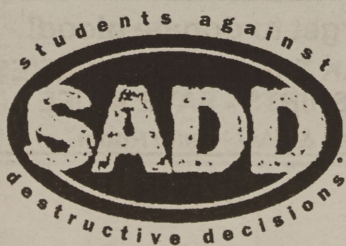
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PRESENTS:

Speaker Steve Troglia
Tuesday, March 30th
7:30 P.M.
SRC Multipurpose
Room

Steve is a national tri-athlete that will be giving his talk on "A Road Kill is Still a Road Kill." The entire Rose community, including fraternities and faculty, are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, contact Wes Bolsen at 877-8680.

Do you have hidden talents? Can you sing? Can you dance?
Have you always wanted to be a standup comedian?
Would you like to win \$1 50?
If you answered yes to any of the above questions....

you should start getting
ready for SAB's 4th annual

Amateur Talent Night

Thursday April 29th Kahn Room of HMU
<http://www.rose-hulman.edu/Users/groups/sab>

WORLD and National NEWS BRIEFS

Vu Thu Pham
News Reporter

Friday, March 19

More reports from the Department of Energy showed cover-ups and lack of reports to the White House during the mid-1990s concerning security at top weapons facilities across the U.S.

In a 315-105 vote, the House elected to create a national missile defense system to counter foreign threats. Clinton included up to \$10.5 billion over the next six years to create the new system by 2005.

The U.S. trade deficit reached \$17 billion in January. Cheap imports from foreign producers continue to pour into the U.S. while exports are down.

Ford Motor Company and Daimler-Chrysler plan to retire their Mercury and Plymouth brands. In the next few years, the two companies will produce Ford and Dodge models only.

Monday, March 22

Steven Spielberg won his second Academy Award for Directing for his World War II film *Saving Private Ryan*. The Academy Award for Best Picture went to the comedy *Shakespeare In Love*.

The third time was a charm for Bertrand Piccard of Switzerland and Brian Jones of Britain, who became the first dual to circle the globe in 19 days in a hot-air balloon. The team began their flight on March 1 from a Swiss Alps village and landed the Breitling Orbiter 3 - 26,000 miles later in the desert south of Cairo, Egypt.

President Clinton conferred with the French, British, and German heads of state Sunday on the potential NATO air attack on Serbians for their actions in Kosovo.

Scientists along the New England coast are puzzling over the death of 47 white-sided dolphins washed ashore since last Thursday.

The FBI is trying to identify the charred remains of two bodies found in the trunk of the red sedan driven by three women missing in Yosemite national park. Carole and Julie Sund and exchange student Silvina Pelosso were last seen on February 15. Investigators believe at least two people were involved in the crime.

Michigan State joined the Final Four on Sunday defeating defending champion Kentucky. Saturday, Michigan State will meet Duke and the University of Connecticut will clash with Ohio State.

Tuesday, March 23

U.S. envoy Richard Holbrooke reported that his talk with Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic showed no progress. NATO planned to send in 28,000 troops to keep the peace in Kosovo. Ethnic Albanians, 90% of Kosovo's two million people are fighting for their independence or autonomy from the Republic of Yugoslavia.

U.S. trade officials are warning Europe to lift the 15 year old ban on U.S. beef exports. The EU banned U.S. beef because it is treated with growth hormones. The EU has until May 13 to lift the ban or \$900 million in European imports to the U.S. will have 100% tariffs imposed on them.

Crystal Seifferly, a self-proclaimed witch, was allowed to wear the five-pointed star symbolizing her Wicca faith to her high school, Lincoln Park High School, after a judge ruled that she had the right to wear the symbol.

Wednesday, March 24

Of the 97,376 missing cases, the FBI reported that 38,209 of the cases involve people 18 or older. Since 1995, missing adult cases have risen from 32% to 39%. Only about 1% of the cases never get resolve.

A freight train carrying car parts to Mexico collided with another freight train at a rail intersection less than 20 miles from last week's Amtrak crash.

In San Francisco, Mayor Willie Brown is proposing handing out credit card accepting machines to homeless people so donations can be made from VISA, American Express or bank ATM cards to the "Benevolending Box Program" to run the community homeless programs.

Thursday, March 25

Air fares from major cities such as New York, Boston, and Los Angeles beginning April 4th will be reduced. Booking ahead of time and following several restrictions can get you a round-trip ticket for less than \$200. United Airlines' Boston to London round trip is \$198. The low price is because of low fuel prices and extra seats.

President Milosevic's refusal to an 11th-hour attempt to negotiate a Kosovo peace plan led NATO to authorize air strikes against military targets in Yugoslavia. The U.S. Senate voted 58-41 to support military action as well. A Gallup Poll showed that 46% of Americans favored the attack. Over 2,000 people have died since the conflict began last year.

Financial advisers must soon take a national skills test proposed by the North American Securities Administrators Association. The test will make sure the financial advisers have at least demonstrated basic understanding of investing and money managing. Over 40,000 people took the test last year.

Campus Briefs

Funding received for new observatory

A new observatory will be built soon, thanks to a donation of \$500,000 for its construction and the purchase of new equipment. The observatory will be ready for use by the winter quarter next year. The plans call for \$360,000 to be spent on construction.

Rose to receive historical structure

Rose will soon receive a gift of a small historic structure. The structure will be moved to an area near Art Nehf Field on the west side of campus from its Wabash Avenue location. Local members of the Indiana National Road Association and the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana have been very interested in the building due to its historic nature.

Student projects to be displayed in science museum

Fred Berry, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, is coordinating students' project work to help make new exhibits for the Children's Science & Technology Museum of Terre Haute. Juniors began to work with museum officials last week on ideas for the exhibit, but seniors or others may also create the exhibits.

Math Modeling teams receive national honors

A team from Rose placed among the top five out of 400 squads who competed recently in a national mathematics modeling competition. "Essentially, the team tied for first place," explained Allen Broughton, head of the Mathematics Department. Members of the team included Jon Matthews, Jim Meyer, and Fred Franzwa. Two other teams from Rose also earned recognition in the competition; they received meritorious honors for finishing in the top 16% of the competitors.

Scholarships for overseas study available

Students may be able to obtain a \$23,000 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial scholarship to study overseas. The scholarships are available for one academic year, and they can be used to study in one of over 150 countries where Rotary clubs are located. Interested students can contact Jack Kinney, Professor of Mathematics, for more information.

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Applications for 2000-2001 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships are now available from the Rotary clubs of Terre Haute

The scholarships, which are designed to further international understanding and goodwill, provide for study abroad in more than 150 countries where Rotary clubs are located. Some 1,300 scholarships of various types will be available from clubs worldwide.

Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships are for one academic year abroad and provide funding for round-trip transportation, tuition and fees, room, board, some educational supplies, and language training, if necessary, up to a maximum award of US\$23,000 or its equivalent.

During their studies abroad, Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars act as "ambassadors of goodwill." Through appearances before Rotary clubs and districts, schools, civic organizations, and other forums, the scholars represent their homelands and work to further international understanding.

For an application, please contact Dr. John Kinney, address below. Applications are due by April 16, 1999.

Dr. John Kinney
877-8390
Box 134

New York U. scientists discover HIV inhibitor

Rose Payyapilli
New York U.

(U-WIRE) NEW YORK, N.Y. -- Research conducted by New York U. scientists and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has identified a potent anti-HIV agent that is present in humans. Specifically, the agent is located in a beta subunit of lysozyme, a protein found in all bodily fluids.

The scientific analysis, headed by Dr. Sylvia Lee-Huang, a professor of biochemistry at NYU, and Dr. Hao-Chia Chen, a research chemist at the National Institutes of Child Health and Human Development, led to a discovery which clarifies often misunderstood methods of HIV transmission. It was oft believed that HIV could be transferred through all bodily fluids including saliva and tears. But researchers were quick to express doubts about this belief, and now they have solid proof.

Lysozyme is not a newly discovered enzyme. Alexander Fleming, also credited with discovering penicillin, first identified the protein in 1922 as an agent that breaks down the cell walls of bacteria and causes them to burst. This enzyme is especially prevalent in bodily fluids during pregnancy.

The relative abundance of lysozyme during pregnancy is theorized to play an important role in protecting an infant from contracting HIV from its mother.

Lee-Huang and Chien published their intensive five-year examination in The Proceedings of the National Academy of

Sciences.

Close study of the urine of pregnant women revealed that a protein, human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG), could inhibit the development of HIV-infected cells in vitro. High levels of hCG are produced by the placenta during the first trimester of pregnancy and function to stabilize the pregnancy and protect the rapidly developing embryo from rejection by the mother's body.

But the research did not find clear-cut evidence that this protein directly inhibited the development of HIV. Crude preparations of the protein demonstrated an inhibitory effect on the HIV-infected cells, but did not demonstrate similar results in purified form. Examination of the crude mixtures revealed a secondary substance, a beta subunit, as the cause of the inhibition.

The beta subunit of hCG is identical to those of human lysozyme and ribonucleases. After discovery of this link between the proteins lysozyme, hCG and ribonuclease, the researchers tested lysozymes found in breast milk, white blood cells and chicken egg whites as well as the ribonuclease found in the pancreas of cows. All of these proteins were highly effective HIV inhibitors.

There is work left to be done before this promising information can directly make an impact on the war against AIDS. Dr. Lee-Huang was quoted in Dr.'s Guide saying, "We look forward to the next phase of our work, which will further determine how these proteins can best be used against HIV and other viruses."

Massachusetts man banned from all U.S. colleges after soliciting female students

Jennifer Zeis
U. Connecticut

(U-WIRE) STORRS, Conn. --

A convicted sex offender who solicited female students on campus was banned from all college campuses in the United States, a Superior Court judge ruled on Tuesday.

John Urban, 38, of Billerica, Mass., is free after posting \$150,000 bail. Under the conditions of the bail, Urban was ordered to stay away from all female college undergraduates.

"The bond conditions are our efforts to assure the citizenry of UConn that they are safe, and that Mr. Urban is not a threat to them," said defense lawyer James Sulick.

Urban was arrested March 9 on weapons charges after a sock filled with rocks, a brown lockblade knife, handcuffs with a chain, rope and two condoms were found in his vehicle.

On March 18, Urban was charged by UConn police with three counts of stalking and two counts of disorderly conduct after he appeared at the police station to pick up his impounded vehicle.

According to police, 57 female students have come forward to say that Urban asked them to baby-sit his children or watch his dogs. Some of the women said they accepted rides from Urban.

Police Chief Robert Hudd said he is

grateful for the decision. On multiple occasions police asked the prosecuting attorney and bail commissioner for Urban to be banned from UConn, Hudd said.

"I think that [the ban] is a good thing," said Kathleen Holgerson, director of the Women's Center. "It is an important recognition that it was not only our campus he was a threat to, but other campuses as well."

Liz Erhardt, USG president, was also pleased with the judge's ruling, saying that it will give other universities an immediate reason to arrest Urban if he is found on their campus.

Marisa Nadolny, an 8th-semester English/anthropology major, said she was uncertain of how effective the ban would be. She said Urban may try to alter his identity should he ever try to come back to UConn, and a ban should have been implemented from the beginning of the investigation.

Urban was convicted in 1982 of raping a child, stalking and kidnapping. He was sentenced to life in Bridgewater State Hospital, a psychiatric institution in Massachusetts, after he plead guilty to several incidents, including rape, attempted rape and assault of minors. Urban spent 15 years in Bridgewater and was released in 1998. He is scheduled to appear in court April 7.

Wire reports were used in this story.

The desire to learn should guide attendance

Wesley B. Nugent
West Virginia U.

(U-WIRE) MORGANTOWN, W.V. --

By revising West Virginia University's official attendance policy, the Faculty Senate seeks to end fraudulent excuses and provide a framework for professors to pass judgement as to an excuse's legitimacy -- to promote academic fitness -- a noble cause and the primary responsibility of the University.

The West Virginia University Undergraduate Catalog outlines my responsibilities as a student. The first sentence provides the ultimatum, "as a student, you are responsible for your academic well-being." The University provides no clause that an attendance policy has been enacted to ensure my academic well-being. Never in my undergraduate catalogue is an attendance policy mentioned.

I understand and respect the ideals behind an official University attendance policy. Since the University exists to educate, and class attendance and participation can only aid in the learning process, class attendance is crucial to learning. Attendance policies provide administrators and professors with the satisfaction that a written code outlines measures to ensure academic well-being; in short, it makes administrators feel well.

Consider the attendance policies of other Universities. Virginia Tech outlines that "class

meetings are an integral part of most courses and the central component of many," and puts the topic to rest. Even the creme de la creme, Harvard University, only provides its students with this decree: "regular attendance at academic exercises is expected of all students." Yes, a few institutions call for mandatory class attendance, but overall academic institutions share similar blanket attendance policies that encourage attendance; search your favorite university's website for further specific policies.

These samplings indicate that many universities endow a blanket attendance policy, but seemingly believe that mandatory attendance benefits no one: not the student who does not wish to be in class, not the professor and not the class of whole.

How many times have you noticed a student who is paying little to no attention to the lecture? Key indicators that a student is paying minimal attention include: reading the newspaper, working the crossword puzzle, chatting with friends, sleeping, playing solitaire on their laptop, even talking on a cellular telephone. In addition, how many times have you also experienced that uncomfortable moment when a professor pauses in the lecture to obtain the attention of students or ask individuals to leave? Furthermore, how many times have you been the student who would rather be elsewhere? Be it because the

room is too hot or cold, because you are not feeling well, because the professor's lecture is boring you to sleep, what gratification did you get from the lecture?

One of the best courses I have had the privilege of experiencing at West Virginia University was from an honors professor who had no attendance policy. It was the belief of the professor that sometimes one can learn more knowledge that is valuable outside of the classroom than from within, therefore attendance policies should be nonexistent. Amazingly, students rarely missed the professor's lectures. Why? Students wanted to attend the lecture, because the professor made the lectures captivating.

Since that experience, I have actively challenged all attendance policies, even when faced with the threat of a lowered grade. My honors professor was correct. I have come to find that I often do learn more about various topics, ranging from foreign politics, to West Virginia History and culture, to molecular biology, by talking with several friends over a glass of beer at The Boston Beanery rather than in the confines of a classroom.

Perhaps the University administration should look introspectively at the attendance question. I extend this challenge to professors: Make your lectures entertaining enough to merit my attendance. I am not expecting you to put on a cabaret, perform

stupid pet tricks or tell jokes, I want to be entertained with the knowledge that you supposedly possess. I want to be excited to learn from a master. Please do not bother me with regurgitations of assigned readings -- I take the time to read the material outside of class, since I am genuinely interested in learning.

In return, I will come to class without reservation, in the hopes of fostering a high quality debate. Furthermore, I will come to class with enthusiasm, seeking to question your knowledge -- be prepared and open to debate. In such a setting, I will entertain you by providing alternative thought patterns that could result in you looking at a topic from a different perspective.

Furthermore, I offer this challenge to administrators: Work to ensure your faculty creatively challenges students in the aforementioned setting. During my tenure at West Virginia University, I have yet to witness an administrator, such as a department chair, a dean or the president, unexpectedly stop in my classroom to take in a lecture; and I am an honors student! (With the exception of when a special guest appears on the scene, such as a visiting professor or the governor.)

Instead of relying on exit surveys taken at the end of each semester as an attempt to provide comments on the effectiveness of professors and courses, the

administration should seek to evaluate their professors attempts to captivate students and provoke thought in a different manner. The exit questionnaires are unreliable, since many students unfortunately do not take the time or effort to accurately and honestly evaluate the course and the professor.

I believe that administrators should review their faculty on a first person basis, by randomly sitting in on a lecture. The University Policies and Procedures for Annual Faculty Evaluation, Promotion and Tenure outline the current criteria and settings used. Not once in the manual do evaluating committees judge faculty in the natural setting, the classroom; rather, the reviews occur before the committee in a business meeting format.

If the University administration wishes to pursue an official attendance policy, perhaps contemporary attendance policies from other educational institutions should be considered, along with alternative plans. An unusually creative approach would be for the University to develop an attendance policy that stresses the importance of class attendance and participation, and then develop a positive reward system for attendance. Coerced attendance however, is detrimental to the academic psyche and must be avoided to protect students and professors alike.

Dress for Success

Joel Ericson
Columnist

As I walk around campus, I think to myself, "This is a great school." Sure I pay lots of money, but after all, this is one of the leading engineering schools in the nation.

As much as we complain, the ARA is so much better than other schools. Almost every person who teaches here has their Ph.D. I could go on for quite some time about Rose's merits, but that isn't the point.

There is one other thing I notice as I walk around campus: the current state of the landscape. Quite frankly, it is lacking. When I was here for Operation Catapult, during the summer of '97, the grounds were in great shape. This place was so beautiful. All of those worn paths that we have on campus were non-existent. The counselors told us not to walk on the grass because Rose students didn't do that. As unbelievable as that sounds, it was true. There wasn't one worn path on this whole campus during Catapult.

What happened to that respect for the grounds? What has changed that so many students now walk on the grass? Or how

about the parking lot in front of Speed. Has anyone else noticed the broken off tree trunk standing up in the southeast corner? I'm sure that I'm not the only one that has noticed that. In fact, I'm sure that all of those prospective students and their parents noticed.

Then there is the front lawn (this is my last gripe). One of my classes this quarter is Surveying, and we've been spending lots of time on the front lawn. That place is a total wreck! Whenever it rains, the place turns into a swamp for days. Honestly, I don't know how much, if anything can be done about that. I'm also curious as to why the city hasn't come back to clean up their dirty work from putting that pipe in along the 40.

To finish up, I just want people to know that I'm not trying to slam the maintenance and grounds people that work here at Rose. They all do a great job, maybe we could just use more of them. I don't have the answers to these problems, but I think that Rose-Hulman should pursue a solution as part of its "Vision to be the Best." No matter how close Rose gets to being the best, and even if this school does become the best, we should look like it too.

Alarm Clocks and other things I don't want to listen to in the morning

Nathan Froyd
Columnist

Have you ever had the experience of anxiously waiting for a phone call? I mean squirm-around-wanna-scream-if-she-doesn't-call sorta deal. And then - finally! - the phone rings and you set a new world record in the hallway dash getting to the phone, leaping heroically before the answering machine picks up.

Of course, it's Aunt Ethel and she's calling for your mother. But she talks to you and ties up the phone line, all the while potentially eliminating any chance you might have had.

Nevertheless, you still like getting phone calls. I do too; especially at Rose, where that nice two-rings-from-off-campus thing takes effect.

However, I'm starting to revise my opinion. The other day, I was slumbering peacefully in bed, thinking very hard about not getting up for third hour (yeah, it's rough). Piercing wails jarred my happy countenance, causing me to bolt upright, smashing my head on my roommate's bed above me. Flinging myself out of bed, I grab for the phone, thinking it could be something important -- Aunt Ethel died, perhaps.

"Hi, we're a bank and we'd like to give you a credit card." Click.

OK, so I'm not that mean. But I was ever-so-slightly peeved. I had to get out of bed for nothing (third hour's not that important). Plus, I had already gotten five or six of the very same calls within the past week. I do not need a credit card -- one needs money to

pay for it first. If I did need one, I would be motivated enough to go looking for one on my own, thanks. I try to explain this, but apparently these telemarketers that deliver exactly the same spiel every time don't communicate in a rational way with each other.

So I'm subjected to a relative barrage of phone calls -- I think they've called me more times than my parents have (this quarter, anyway). Listen, people, I understand that this is what you do for a living, but you'd be a lot more successful if you were half-way systematic about calling potential customers. Keep records of who you've called, let some time elapse before trying again, general common sense things like that. And please stay off my back.

But let me know when Aunt Ethel dies.

End the Fraudulent Social Security Program Now

Jack Letourneau
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Since 1935, the United States government has been operating a program that would be illegal if run by a private citizen or company - tarred as a fraudulent Ponzi scheme. Social Security, a scheme both impractical and immoral, is a smear on America's principles of free enterprise. To defend the liberties which have enabled our country to prosper, we Americans must unite with a clear voice and end Social Security.

In 1920, Charles Ponzi devised a scheme by which he promised to return a fifty-percent profit on investors' money in forty-five days. Of course, this was not actually possible, and the returns on investments came from money Ponzi was receiving from new clients. It was an obvious con game, and his scheme eventually landed Ponzi in jail. The idea has borne his name ever since.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt started a similar program in 1935; he called it Social Security. Most people do not realize this because of the common misconception that a person's Social Security taxes go directly into his or her own retirement fund. The truth is that Social Security is a "pay as you go" system, i.e., the benefits

paid to retirees from the program come directly from taxes collected that same year. Any surplus funds are disbursed as a government slush fund. The U.S. government took Ponzi's plan, magnified it, and backed it with the muscle of law: just as Ponzi paid old investors with the money coming from new investors, the government pays off retired workers with money taxed from young workers.

As a Ponzi scheme, Social Security cannot last forever. When it finally does self-destruct, all the money paid in taxes will be lost. Around 2010, the Baby Boom generation will begin to retire and the working population will be shrinking. The program will be in the red by 2025, still supporting millions of boomers and putting an intolerable strain on those of us who are still working. People starting their careers now have no hope of collecting the money they will pay in Social Security taxes. The program will accumulate a deficit of \$3.1 trillion over the following seventy years, crashing under the weight of its own fraudulent nature. Baby boomers' children will then be cut off from their past "contributions" to the program. This program would be contemptible if it was privately run and participation was voluntary. How much worse is it, then,

as a government project in which tax money is collected under threat of force?

More importantly, as a Ponzi scheme forced upon the people it defrauds, Social Security violates every American's property rights. Tax payment is certainly not optional; a jail sentence is the stick the government wields to force remittance from the person refusing to surrender his money to the income tax collector. This is an initiation of force, a fact that cannot be washed away regardless of what the government does with the stolen money. A thug who mugs people in the park but then gives his loot to the poor is still a thief violating people's rights. No matter what sound bites or false claims the government uses to rationalize Social Security, its essential nature remains unchanged. It is a fraudulent Ponzi scheme that is coercively imposed on all of its victims.

Social Security has been a leech on the wallets of Americans for over sixty years. As citizens of the freest nation on Earth, we should be outraged that we have been defrauded for so long. To defend the freedoms guaranteed to us by the Founding Fathers, we must raise our voices to those who lead us: "End Social Security now!"

Letters to the Editor

I've heard discussions about extending the time between classes to ten minutes instead of the five we are allowed now. I used to attend a large university where the passing period between classes was ten minutes. It was necessary for this so that someone walking all the way across campus could have enough time to make it to class.

I don't think that RHIT's campus is large enough to need ten minute passing periods. I have discussed an idea with some people about a way to redistribute time here. Instead of having classes be fifty minutes they should be fifty-five minutes long. This could make life better.

One reason for this is that it is easier to remember that classes begin at the start of every hour. For example first hour could begin at 8:00 and then second hour at 9:00 and so forth. Now for the best reason of all. Both of the colleges I've attended have had 50 minute class periods. I am not sure if this is some sort of standard. I know I have a class that is 66 minutes long right now so I guess it's alright to extend classes. If classes were fifty-five minutes, every ten classes would

contain enough added information to eliminate an entire class period from the quarter.

Consider a class that meets five days a week for 50 minutes, that is 50 class periods in a quarter and a total of 2,500 minutes spent in class. If that class were offered five days a week for 55 minutes it would take 45 class periods to total 2,475 minutes in class.

The only problem I can see is that a five credit hour class, in the fifty-five minute system, will take 25 minutes off the total time spent in class for a quarter. A four credit hour class will take 20 minutes, three cr. hr. will take off 15 mins. Two cr. hr. class will take off ten minutes and a one cr. hr. class will lose five minutes. Maybe tuition could be revised with a new system?

What could be done with the three weeks of added free days in the year? Maybe extend Christmas break or end the year a little earlier? I wouldn't mind getting out of school a little earlier for summer. Any suggestions?

Matthew Egenolf
ME '01

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Gonzaga!

Yes, I know they lost and, yes, I know that no one knew who they were before they made it into the NCAA playoffs. I just have one thing to say about them. First, this Cinderella team was from Washington state, aka, my wonderful home, and I am proud of them. I can't take it anymore, I have had to sit and listen to so many people slaughter the name of this great team I had to do something. It is said "Gone-zay-ga", where the "zay" is like "jay" but with a z sound. I feel much better now. Having your name slaughtered by countless sportscasters can't exactly be fun. And it was slaughtered by more than one. My message? Do your job and learn how to say the name you Jerks!! -Lindsey

Ending of *Forces of Nature* a Natural Disaster

Travis Holler
Features Editor

Forces of Nature

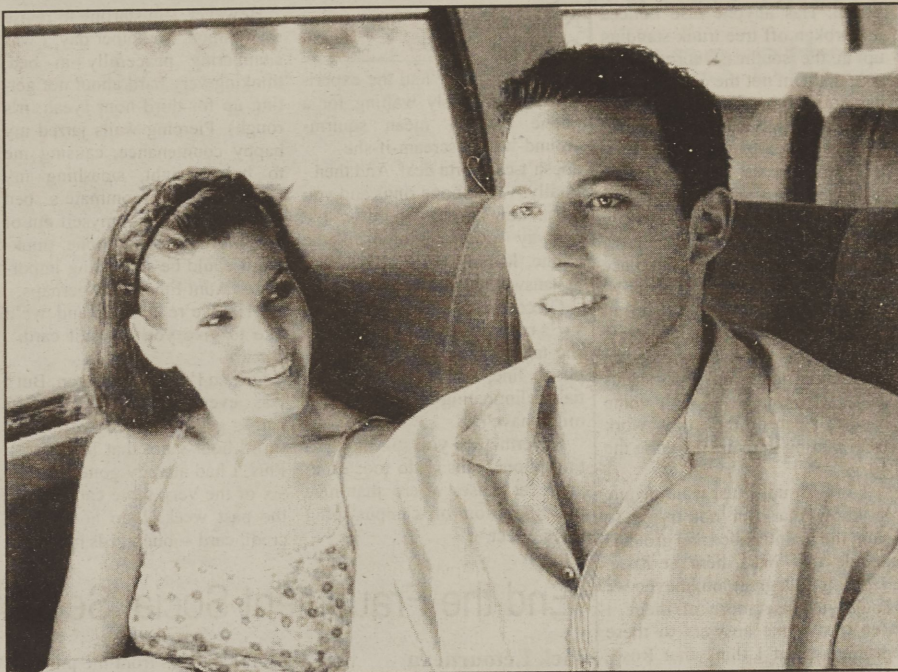
Ben Affleck
Sandra Bullock

MPAA: rated PG-13 for
sensuality, language and a
scene of drug use
running time: 104 minutes
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Opening Notes: When was the last time that Sandra Bullock made a movie that was actually worth watching? *While You Were Sleeping*? *Speed*? Her acting resume of late has been filled with some movies I'm sure we'd all like to forget (can someone say *Speed 2* or *The Net*?). Thankfully (for her sake), it appears as though her string of worthless movies has come to an end with the new Dreamworks film *Forces of Nature*, which, although not great, is entertaining for the most part.

The Cast: Ben Affleck (*Armageddon*, *Good Will Hunting*) plays Ben, a very conservative New York "cover-writer" (he writes the blurbs on the back of book covers). Affleck, as is usually the case, does a fine job with what he is given, showing once again why he is one of the best young actors today. Sandra Bullock (*Hope Floats*, *Speed 2: Cruise Control*) plays the free-spirited Sarah, Ben's seatmate on the plane and erstwhile friend. Bullock gives her best performance in years. Although her character is a little annoying and flaky, Bullock gave a fine performance in the role.

"NewsRadio's" Maura Tierney leads the supporting cast by playing Bridget, Ben's fiancée. Steve Zahn (*That Thing You Do!*) and



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Sarah (Sandra Bullock) and Ben (Ben Affleck) bum a ride on a senior citizens' bus on their way down to Savannah Georgia. The two had to pretend to be married here, just one of the many obstacles the two had to deal with in the new movie *Forces of Nature*.

Meredith Scott Lynn (*A Night at the Roxbury*) are the best man and maid of honor, respectively. David Strickland ("Suddenly Susan") plays Steve, Bridget's old boyfriend who her parents would prefer she'd marry. All of the supporting cast (with the possible exception of the bride and groom's parents) did well in their roles. However this movie was really about the stars, so the supporting cast wasn't as involved in the storyline.

The Plot: Ben seems to be the

kind of uptight guy who could easily fit in here at Rose-Hulman. He is on his trip down to Georgia, where he is going to be married, when several mini-disasters strike. He is forced to try to make it down to the wedding amidst threat of a hurricane, along with Sarah, the woman he met on the plane. Along the way, Sarah tries to get Ben to loosen up his straight-laced attitudes. Basically, the plot is pretty contrived. Just about anything you could imagine that could go wrong to keep them from mak-

ing it down to Georgia does go wrong. From wallets being stolen, to cars being wrecked, to being arrested, *Forces of Nature* runs the gamut of dopey plot add-ons. It was really pretty stupid that all these things happened. Way too predictable.

The Good: The acting was good, especially Ben Affleck's performance, and the movie was entertaining. Aside from that, I can't really single anything out about it, because there just wasn't anything that stood out. They did

film some of the rain sequences in slow motion, and digitally added in the rain. It looked cool, but wasn't anything special.

The Bad: The worst part of this movie by far was the ending. It really makes you wonder how someone could write a movie that for the first hour and a half or so was decent, and then throw it all away by making the stupidest ending imaginable. I've wracked my brain trying to think of a movie with an ending as terrible as this one was, and I haven't been able to come up with one that even comes close. This is undoubtedly the worst ending to a movie that I've seen in the last five years.

The Ugly: One of the scenes in the movie that is shown in most of the previews is the scene where Ben Affleck does a strip show. He and Sarah need money and they go into a bar offering to strip dance, and it just happens to be a gay bar. It's funny, but also pretty gross, but the filmmakers handle it well enough, so it's not really that bad.

Closing Notes: I really went in to *Forces of Nature* expecting it to be bad. I mean, I'd read some reviews of it, seen the previews, and basically, it just looked bad. I really don't know what even possessed me to see it. I guess it was just a way to procrastinate on homework a little bit longer (as though I need an excuse for that). Anyway, *Forces of Nature* was surprisingly entertaining. Unfortunately, the ending was one of the worst I've ever seen, which kind of ruined it.

On a scale of 0 to 4 (with 4 being classic and 0 being *Armageddon*), I give this movie a 2. It wasn't nearly as bad as I expected it to be, and it was actually entertaining until the ending spoiled it.

Ravenous offers heaping helping of quality horror

Jeremy Wickett
Oklahoma Daily (U. Oklahoma)

Ravenous

MPAA: rated R for
gore and violence
running time: 101 minutes

(U-WIRE) NORMAN, Okla. --

Just when you think you've seen it all, along comes *Ravenous*, a horror film about cannibalism. While it may turn some off, it's a very fun time at the movies. It fea-

tures a great cast and solid direction.

An act of cowardice leads Capt. John Boyd (*LA Confidential*'s Guy Pearce) to a small outpost in California. There he meets a small but very odd group of soldiers led by the eccentric Hart (Jeffrey Jones). Of course, just as Boyd starts to settle into his new home, trouble arrives.

It comes in the form of Robert Carlyle (*Trainspotting* and *The Full Monty*), who plays Colqhoun. While snowed in a cave with the

rest of his company, Colqhoun turns to cannibalism. He believes in the power of windigo, a Native-American legend that says if a man eats the flesh of another, he will gain his power. He soon wipes most of Outpost's soldiers and takes over the fort for himself. He leaves Boyd alive to



It's eat or be eaten for Pearce in *Ravenous*.

be his companion, and, in classic movie tradition, all hell breaks loose.

Ravenous may look like another dumb horror movie, but it has a lot going for it. Screenwriter Ted Griffen and director Antonia Bird make a clever and downright creepy film. The dialogue is top quality, and Bird proves to be a master

of suspense.

Ravenous also has a heck of a great cast. Carlyle once again proves he's one of the best actors working right now. He is one of the main reasons this film rises above the level of *Urban Legend*.

The film does suffer from a few flaws. Way too much of the great supporting cast is consumed as the first course of the meal.

Still, finding a good horror movie is like trying to find a good Pinto, and *Ravenous* is the best Pinto to come along in a long time.

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Dear Melva,

I have a roommate who sleeps almost 24 hours a day. It really doesn't bother my studying or sleeping or anything. But should I be concerned?

D-Zero Resident

Dear D-Zero Resident,

I am happy that the sleeping habits of your roommate don't interrupt your daily routine, but you should be somewhat concerned. You should ask your roommate to consult a physician in order to make sure that he doesn't have some kind of a sleeping disorder. If he becomes irritated by your efforts, just let him know that you were concerned about his health. Keep me updated on the progress of your roommate.

Melva

Norm MacDonald returns to television

Jie Lin

Michigan Daily (U.Michigan)
(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich.

If you are still shedding tears over Norm MacDonald's departure from "Saturday Night Live," you can put that box of Kleenex away. After trying his hand as the news commentator on "Live" with no luck, Norm returns to television on a new network with a different date and time. They say practice makes perfect and in this case it seems to be true.

In "The Norm Show," MacDonald plays Norm Henderson, a former professional hockey player who is more famous for his gambling and tax evasion practices rather than his hockey talents. During his probation period, he must perform community service as a social worker. That is where Norm meets Laurie (Laurie Metcalf), better known as Roseanne's neurotic sister Jackie on "Roseanne."

Originally Norm's social worker, now she is his co-worker.

Other stars in the show include Danny (Ian Gomez), another social worker and Mr. Curtis (Bruce Jarchow), the office boss who is just waiting for the day to come when Norm leaves his office.

"The Norm Show" allows MacDonald to showcase his comedic abilities, which was something he was unable to do on "Live." In the premiere episode, Norm is on a mission to stop one of his clients, Taylor (Nikki Cox), from working at a "massage" parlor. With Laurie's help, he must persuade Taylor to quit her job at the parlor.

The best lines and the funniest moments from the show come in the exchanges between MacDonald and Metcalf. The two have great chemistry on scene and the verbal repartee continues without missing a beat. At the "massage" parlor, when Taylor tries to explain to Norm why she chose her job,

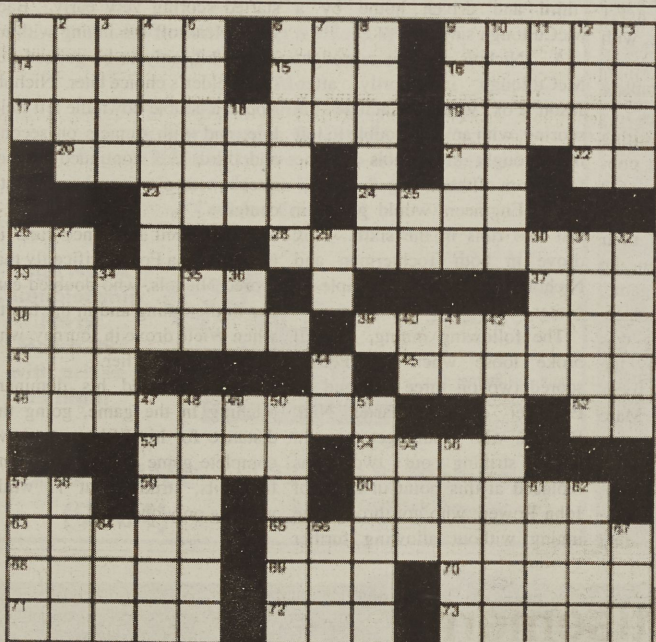
Norm says, "Must have been some career day at your school." Laurie responds right back with, "There's nothing sadder than a 70 year old prostitute, other than her customers."

The other characters on the show, however, are standard. Danny is the sidekick--the friend who is always there no matter what. Mr. Curtis is the nasty boss whom everyone talks about behind his back. He hates Norm and uses every opportunity to insult him, while Norm just sits there and takes it. These two are just there to fill the empty desks in the office.

"The Norm Show" works as a showcase for MacDonald and Metcalf to shine and prove their comedic abilities. So tonight while the WB airs reruns, tune into the "The Norm Show." It's a show worth checking out, whether you're a die-hard "Saturday Night Live" fan or just looking for a good laugh.

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Stormy Petrels swept away, Rose regains top spot

Don Cole
Sports Editor

Rose swept a doubleheader with Oglethorpe and won three of four last weekend to regain sole possession of first place in the SCAC Eastern Division. The Engineers are 5-1 in the conference and 12-6 overall.

The Engineers were aided in their efforts by the University of the South, who defeated the DePauw Tigers 11-10 on Sunday, dropping them to a 5-2 conference record and 11-2 overall.

This weekend, Rose faces a daunting three-game weekend at Centre and another battle with DePauw in Greencastle on Wednesday.

Centre College is currently fourth in the eastern division standings, with a 4 conference mark and 3-9 overall.

The Colonels hover near the bottom of nearly every team category, including hitting (.292, 7th) and fielding (.900, last). One thing the Colonels do seem to do is score; they currently sit fourth with 6.83 runs per game.

Unfortunately, their pitching has consistently let them down. Their pitchers have a combined ERA of 7.14 and a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 1.33. Adding insult to injury, opponents are hitting an incredible .329 against them.

Chad Cadle is the team's offensive star. The sophomore infielder is hitting at a .353 clip with three home runs, seven RBI, and an impressive .511 on-base percentage.

Assisting Cadle at the plate are Ken Wilkerson and Dan Rall. Wilkerson is hitting .333 with two homers and 11 RBI, while Rall is hitting .293 with two homers and 13 RBI.

In addition, Rall, who won his first start of the year against the University of the South 9-3, is 1-0 with a 6.55 ERA and nine strikeouts. Another possible starter for the Colonels is Josh Elliott, who is 0-4 with a 9.16 ERA and 16

strikeouts.

A far more challenging task awaits the Engineers on Wednesday, when they must face DePauw for the third time this season. Rose split a doubleheader with them a week and a half ago here at Rose.

In contrast to Centre, DePauw is the most dominant team in the eastern division.

They lead the league in hitting (.380), fielding (.938), and are second in scoring (11.69 runs per game).

The one thing that Rose has on the Tigers is pitching, albeit it is not much of an advantage. Currently, the Engineers have the lowest team ERA in the league at 2.79 (DePauw is third with 4.45) and a marvelous strikeout-to-walk ratio of 3.13 (DePauw's is 2.80).

The Tigers are rife with star players. The one that seems to be shining brightest right now is Nick Horvath, who is hitting .342 with six home runs, 20 RBI, and a .947 slugging percentage. Horvath not only drives them in, he crosses the plate plenty of times himself. He leads the team with 18 runs scored.

DePauw has a couple of speedsters in Brad Heizman and Dan Jones, who have combined to steal 14 bases on 16 attempts. Heizman is hitting .467 with a home run and 13 RBI, while Jones is at a .472 clip with a home run and 12 RBI.

Adam Dill, the team's leading hitter at .500, is another player the Engineers need watch out for. Dill has racked up to 22 RBI this year, tops on the team.

The pitching staff, not to be left out, also fields a couple of stars. One of them is Kent Works, who gave up six runs to the Engineers in their last meeting, but got 17 in support for the win. Works is 4-0 with a 4.33 ERA and 23 strikeouts. Works has three complete games and one shutout.

Matt Walker, however, is argu-

would score McCullough. Another error by the catcher allowed Travis Soyer who had singled earlier, to score. Eric Baer then rapped a double to right center that brought in Miller.

McCullough would drive in a run in the third as well, this time off a single that would score King. Then, in the fifth, the Engineers exploded for four more runs, thanks once again to McCullough, who hit a two-RBI double that drove in Tochtermann and Rob Nichols.

The game was to last nine innings, but was called in the seventh with one out and a runner on.

McCullough had a great day on the mound to accompany his day at the plate. He went the distance for the win, scattering seven hits and striking out eight.

The Engineers had to fend off a late-inning Petrel rally to cement their sweep of the SCAC foe.

Rose drew first blood in the first when Tochtermann drove in Baer, who had previously bunted his way on and stolen second.

Tevin Wiete led off the second inning with a double to center, followed by a bunt single and stolen base by Wes Journey. Wiete would score on a sacrifice fly by Baer, and Journey would steal third and driven home by a McCullough single.

A Nichols triple brought McCullough in shortly after. Jason Fox would conclude the scoring, with an RBI double to left that brought in Nichols for the fourth run of the inning.

The Engineers would get their last two runs in the sixth. Fox drove in both Tochtermann and Nichols with a two-out triple to center field.

The following inning, all hell broke loose when the Petrels scored two on three hits and an Engineer error. Starter Nick Balmes, who would get the win while striking out two, was replaced at this point in favor of John Bowen, who got through the inning without allowing further

scoring.

Bowen would have some trouble in the final two innings, however. One run would score in the seventh thanks to an error by Bowen himself, and two more scored in the eighth and final inning before Bowen could wrap up his first save of the season.

Manchester, one of the Engineers' old ICAC foes, claimed victory in a pitcher's duel last Sunday, 3-2.

Both teams scored in spurts in the game, with Manchester going up early in the third. A parade of hits against Rose starter Tochtermann, who otherwise had a decent outing, striking out four and walking one, would result in all three of Manchester's runs.

Manchester starter Matt Sollenberg carried a no-hitter into the fourth, when Phil Munzer dropped a single into left field.

The Engineers finally started their rally in the fifth. Mike Krueger drove in McCullough, who started the rally rather quietly with a walk. Krueger would then cross the plate on a Wiete single, but a double play would kill Rose's hopes of a win.

Rose rebounded to defeat visiting Thomas More later in the day, 4-1.

Once again, the Engineers started scoring very early. Baer would lead off the inning with an infield hit, only to be gunned out on a fielder's choice later. Nichols ripped a double down the left field line, and with runners on second and third, Fox continued his hot streak with a two-run single into center.

Rose added insurance runs in the third on a Fox sacrifice fly that scored Nichols, who doubled earlier in the inning and in the fourth when Wiete drove in Journey, who had a bunt hit earlier.

Cain continued his dominant pitching in the game, going the distance for his fifth consecutive complete game victory, scattering four hits, striking out 11 while walking only one.



Don Harrington
Marc McCullough delivers to the plate against Oglethorpe

ably the staff ace. He has a 3-1 record, that one loss to Rose, with a 2.33 ERA and 22 strikeouts. Walker also has three complete games and a shutout.

Rose took two from visiting Oglethorpe to improve their conference record last Saturday, 16-2 and 7-5.

The Engineers delivered their deathblow to the Petrels in the second inning of the first game, scoring five. After Andy Tochtermann singled and Matt King was hit by a pitch, an error by the Oglethorpe catcher enabled Tochtermann to score. Marc McCullough singled in King in the next at-bat.

A couple of batters later, Zachary Miller ripped a single down the right field line that

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Golf is back in the swing of things

Peter Anderson
Editor-in-Chief

The Rose-Hulman golf team will try to continue the success they enjoyed last season, when they won the ICAC championship and first-year head coach Jim Shaw was named ICAC Coach of the Year.

The team is led by senior Joe Miller, who will try to make the All-Conference squad for the fourth consecutive year. Senior Sam Giordano will be shooting for his second All-Conference team honors.

Other returnees include seniors Sean Ames and Gavin Smith and sophomores Jason Chaille and Adam Summerlot. The team also sports some new blood, with six freshmen on the roster.

The team opened the 1999 season March 20 with the first day of a Ryder Cup style dual match against Wabash at Crawfordsville, Ind. The Engineers will take a 5-1 advantage into the second day, at

Hulman Links April 18.

Miller shot 72 to win the number one individual match. Freshmen Micah Beaver and Kyle Allen also won individual matches at the number three and four positions.

The team of Giordano and freshman Jeremy Roehm were victorious in the first four-ball match while the duo of Chaille and freshman Lee Pescia won the second four-ball match.

The team also competed at the Franklin College Invitational Tuesday, where they finished seventh of 12 teams despite entering the tournament as a junior varsity team.

Beaver shot a 77 to tie for third in the individual standings, and Giordano scored a 78, good for a tie for sixth. Other Rose competitors were Summerlot, 85; Maupin, 90; and Pescia, 94.

The team outscored four varsity teams in their seventh place finish.

The golfers are competing at the Prairie Fire Classic at Knox College this weekend.

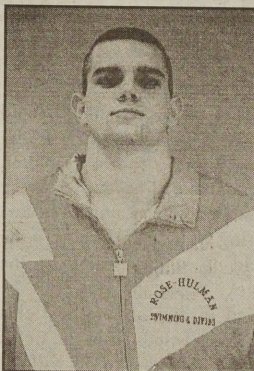
Thorn Athlete of the Week Sean Valentine, Swimming

Kenneth Patricio
Sports Reporter

Few sports require nearly every muscle in your body to work to their utmost. Swimming however is such a sport, and Sean Valentine has been working to his utmost to make several huge strides.

Valentine had his latest showing at the NCAA III Swimming National Championships at the University of Minnesota. There, he recorded a career-best and Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference record time of 20.50 seconds in the 50-meter freestyle. This placed him fourth in the nation and he became the school's first ever swimming All-American last Thursday. He had finished with a 20.53 second-time earlier in the day's preliminaries to obtain the third seed for the finals.

Valentine then went on to the 100-meter breaststroke competition finishing with a school-



Sean Valentine

record time of 56.35 seconds, good for sixth in the nation. He had qualified fifth for this event with a preliminary time of 56.69 seconds.

Valentine also finished 14th in the finals of the 100-meter freestyle, with a 46.35-second time, earning honorable mention All-American honors. He was seeded 11th after recording a school record time of 45.84 seconds in

the 100-freestyle preliminaries.

Due solely to Valentine's accomplishments, Rose-Hulman finished 26th in the team portion of the NCAA III Championships with 31.0 points. This was good for second among SCAC schools at the championships, behind 24th place University of the South with 35.0 points. Other SCAC totals were Trinity University who finished 31st with 18.0 points and DePauw University who came home 45th with 6.0 points.

Valentine finished second in the 50-m freestyle at last month's Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference championships, and took first-place honors in the 100-m breaststroke competition.

Valentine became the first Rose-Hulman swimmer to qualify for the NCAA III Championships last season, finishing 14th in the 50-m freestyle and recorded 30th place finishes in the 100-m butterfly and 100-m freestyle competitions.

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Tennis teams drop off strong pace

Travis Holler
Features Editor

After a strong four match winning streak to open the spring season, Rose-Hulman's men's tennis team struggled last weekend, dropping two of three matches.

Saturday's double dual match at Franklin saw the Engineers gain a 7-2 victory over Anderson University. However, the team came out on the short end of a 5-4 count to rival Franklin College.

Against Anderson, Rose swept the singles matches, winning five times in straight sets. However, the doubles teams continued their slow start, with only the team of Jake Isenburg and Kris Chaney earning a victory.

The Engineers were unable to dominate the singles matches against Franklin that same day, as

the teams split the six matches. Craig Clark, Tyson May, and Chaney notched wins for the squad. The doubles matches decided the outcome against Franklin, as the Grizzlies took two of the three doubles matches to gain the hard-fought victory.

Both the men and women's teams were in action against Lindenwood University here Sunday afternoon. Unfortunately, both teams were defeated 5-4, marking the first losses for both squads on their new courts. Clark, May, and Chaney capped off good personal weekends with victories, as they each went undefeated in singles action over the weekend. The men's doubles teams again struggled, dropping all three matches, with the number one team of Clark and Robert Kober dropping their first dou-

bles match of the young season.

The women's team followed last Friday's 9-0 shellacking of Greenville College, their inaugural match at Rose's new facility, by notching victories in all three doubles matches Sunday. The teams of Melissa Reading/Marcie Kam, Shilpa Lad/Kendra Martin, and Sarah Wruck/Kelly Barney all defeated their Lindenwood counterparts.

However, only Becky Schenk won on the singles side as Lindenwood clinched the 5-4 decision. The women's team will be back in action next Tuesday against DePauw University.

Rose-Hulman's men's team will face Manchester College today, and will be involved in the Wabash Kerry Seward invitational tomorrow and Sunday. They finished third in this same tournament last season.

Track and field in the blocks for outdoor season

Mark Dudley
Sports Reporter

The start of the spring quarter not only means the beginning of new classes but the start of the outdoor season for the men's and women's track and field teams.

Both the men's and women's teams finished the indoor season combining to set an outstanding ten new school records and almost twenty personal best performances throughout the season.

Junior Phil Reksel, who set four records in the 200, 400, 500, and 600-meter dashes, was the only Rose athlete to compete at the NCAA Division III Indoor Championships. Reksel qualified for the 400-meter dash and finished fifth in the country.

Hannah Rumpf led the charge on the women's side, setting school records in the 500, 1000, 1500-meter and one mile runs.

Senior Jeanne Hudson also had a spectacular indoor season, setting two new records in both the 400-meter run and in the high jump.

Overall, head coach Bill Welch says that he is very pleased with both the performances and the efforts of both squads throughout the indoor season.

Welch was also grateful for the efforts of all who helped at the meets throughout the season. The track team would not have had such success without their efforts.

While most of the events remain the same from the indoor season to the outdoor, athletes will be able to compete in more events like the discus, hammer throw, steeplechase, and the javelin throw.

Both the men's and women's teams will be participating in their first outdoor meet of the season at the University of Indianapolis tomorrow.



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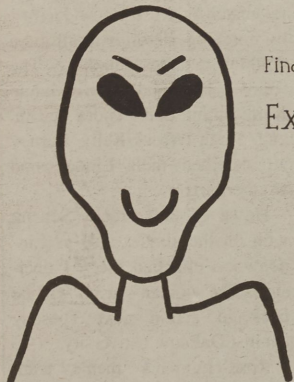
IM fields being worked on

This week I do not have a very rough and unsafe. question that was asked by a specific person, but I have heard a lot of rumors about the IM fields. Some people think that the students are not going to be able to use the IM fields this spring because the Indianapolis Colts might be coming here. This is not true.

It is true that the fields will not be available this spring, but it is for the benefit of the students, not anyone else. If you have been on the IM fields lately, you know that they are in poor condition. One of the main problems is the drainage for the fields. It is not sufficient, which causes the fields to be a mess after it rains. If you have ever played on them after it rains, you know what I am talking about. You slip and slide everywhere and build up a thick layer of mud on the bottom of your shoes. This has caused the field to become

Do you have questions you want answered about what is really going on at Rose and why? Here is your chance to ask. If you submit your questions, SGA President Jason Zielke will do all the work to find the answers. If you have a question you want answered, talk to your district Senators or send e-mail to Jason at Jason.L.Zielke@Rose-Hulman.edu.

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THIS WEEK:

Dr. Carl Leo Mees

Don Cole
Sports Editor

You can see his portrait hanging in the hallway that links Moench Hall to Hadley Hall, where all the former presidents of the Institution are pictured: Carl Leo Mees, President from 1895-1919. He even has a residence hall named after him.

The unfortunate thing is that most students here can't even pronounce his name right.

Carl Leo Mees, pronounced MACE, was born in Columbus, Ohio, on May 20, 1853. Mees went through the public school system in Columbus and gradually became interested in the fields of chemistry and physics.

Mees obtained a medical degree from Stark Medical College in 1874 and quickly made a name for himself in that field. Mees developed a method of identifying blood and tissue samples that became widely respected in the field of forensic science.

The future Rose Polytechnic president continued his studies at both Ohio State and in Berlin under such well-known scientists as Helmholtz, Kirchhoff, and Hoffman. Then, in the fall of 1887 in London, Mees came to Rose at the behest of Dr. Thomas C. Mendenhall, who was then the

president of the school.

What made the invitation so, well, inviting, was the fact that it was Mendenhall who first turned Mees' fancy toward physics and chemistry.

for 24 years, longer than any other president.

While Mees was president, the campus was moved from its old location on 13th and Locust (where Chauncey Rose Middle School is now) to its current location. While serving as president, Mees wrote the first formal history of the school, Polytechnic Institute Memorial Volume - 1874-1909.

Among other things, Mees would serve as president of the Indiana Academy of Science in 1904 and would be made honorary member of the fledgling chemistry fraternity Alpha Chi Sigma in 1910.

In the days when freshman class sizes were much smaller than they are today, Mees would make a concerted effort to know each one of them vis a vis his teaching an introductory physics every year, even while president.

In fact, Mees was so influential with the students that it was rumored that he had more power of a student than the boy's father did.

After his retirement, he lived out his years quietly as president emeritus.

The residence hall that bears his name was dedicated so in 1966, 34 years after his death.



Two years later, Mees would be promoted to full professor of physics, and would receive an honorary Ph.D. four years later.

Twice would Mees be named acting president of the Institute. The first time was in 1890 after the resignation of president Henry Eddy, and again in 1895. Later that year, Mees would ascend to the position of president, a position he would hold

What do you want to know about the history of Rose-Hulman? Is there a professor or alumni you would like to see profiled? How about an event or tradition? Send us your questions or suggestions to thorn@rose-hulman.edu.

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Job prospects

With all the buzz around town that a Rose student will be a Festival Princess at the Indy 500, other organizations have begun trying to snag up yours truly to be a celebrity guest for local festivities. Here are the offers:

Cub Scout Troop No. 306 has offered me the position as Festival Princess for the annual Pinewood Derby race. I've explained the concept of the "Princess" to them several times, but they just don't seem to get it. I don't think they're old enough to quite understand the requirements.

President Clinton has offered to let me become an honorary intern for a day. He tells me that he's turned over a new leaf, but I don't really want to take that chance. And I wouldn't want to find out that there's another reason why they call him "Slick Willie" (IYKWIMAITYD).

The Terre Haute Water company has offered me a position as the spokesman for their new water ad campaign. The new slogan is: "Terre Haute water -- at least it's cleaner than the Rose Thorn's humor pages!" I would have taken the offer, because the money was good, but I would have had to drink the water everywhere I went, and I gag on that sludge way too easily.

Instead, I've chosen to accept the offer as the new face of Slappy's Fine Malt Liquor. The money's good, and I get all the Slappy's I can drink whenever I stop by Bubba's Fine Liquor and Hubcaps of Buddha, Indiana. I sign the contract next week with Bubba over a nice cool mug o' Slappy's. It's all about the free Slappy's, baby, it's all about the free Slappy's. That, and the dress I get to wear.

--Jason

Those Wacky Profs!

Disclaimer: These quotes are *real*. All quotes come from the indicated (or not) professors. Feel free to submit your "Wacky Prof" quotes to thorn@rose-hulman.edu, along with name, class name (including section), date, and setup. They make pre-packaged sausage, but they don't make pre-packaged bacon! Can you blame them? Yeah! All quotes must be verified before publication.

"I don't have a very firm figure."

-- Dr. Bowden (2-19-99)

(In response to a student asking if he could reveal their grades in Meatballs 2.)

"Kevin, I don't care if you die tomorrow."

-- Dr. Harmening (3-8-99)

(Remark made to a student on the first day of Death and Dying. Apparently, Kevin's no Dr. Abegg!)

"The guys who stick these together should get their asses kicked!"

-- Dr. Lopez (3-15-99)

(Expressing frustrations about whiteboard markers being stuck together end to end.)

"I really would like you guys to practice safe probing. ... It's one of those things that makes me turn red in the face and jump up and down and scream."

-- Dr. Hoover (3-16-99)

(Talking about fragile scope probing in Embedded Systems.)

"I really got off on doing that proof."

-- Dr. Carlson (3-19-99)

(Talking about spans of vectors in Linear Algebra.)



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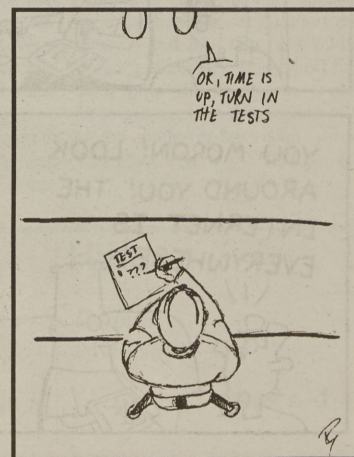
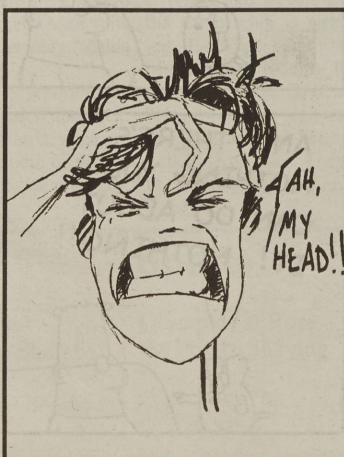
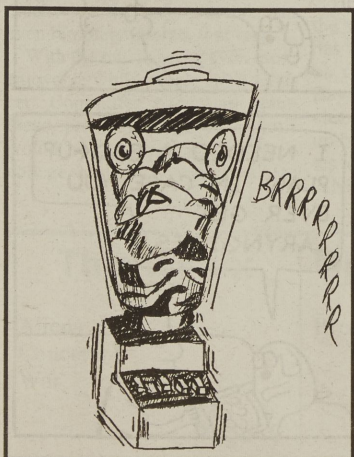
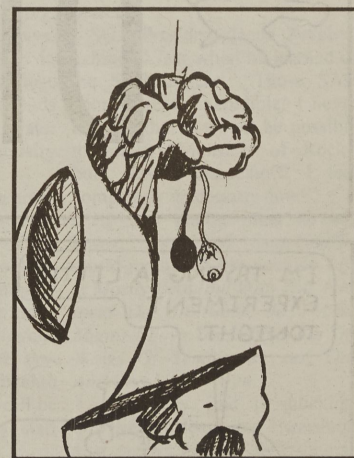
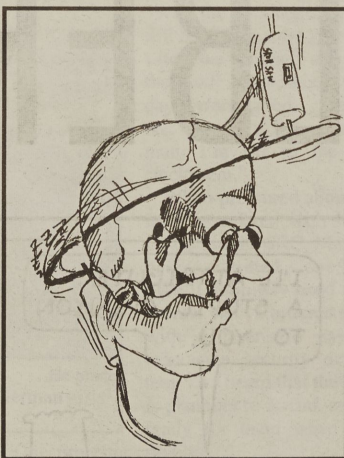
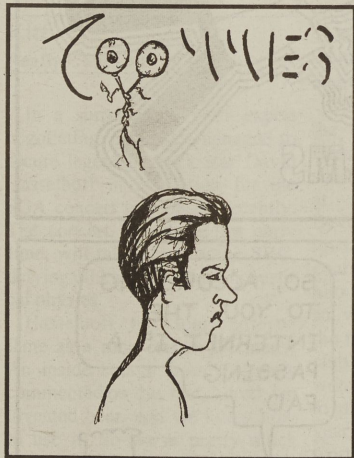
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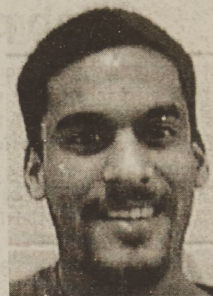
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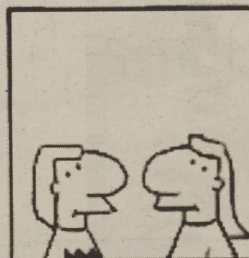
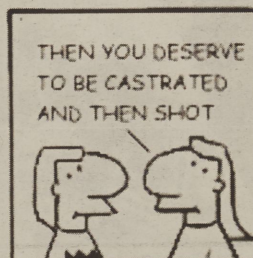
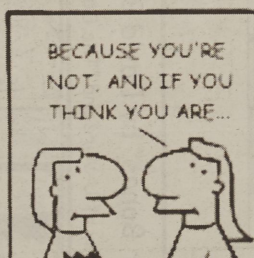
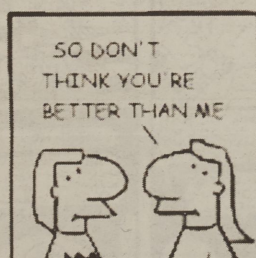
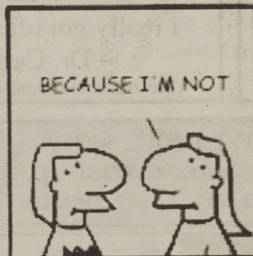
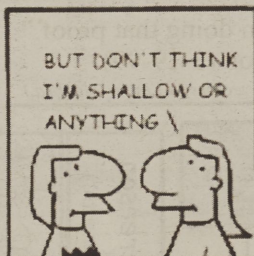
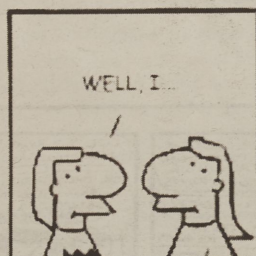
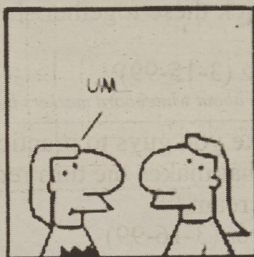
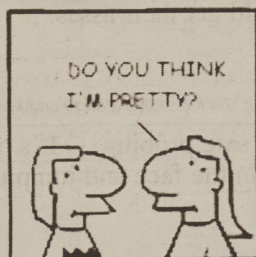
Top 10 Reasons We're Blowing Up Another Country (yet again)

10. We'll take any chance we can get to scare the French
9. Weasels
8. Clinton's gettin' jiggy with another intern
7. Our missile's "Best if used before" date expires at the end of the month
6. Bill Gates
5. The generals are overcompensating for their ... shortcomings
4. We love the smell of napalm in the morning
3. Ferrets
2. Because we can!
1. Just passing the time until *Star Wars: Episode 1* is released

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"Because I'm not getting any, anyway!"



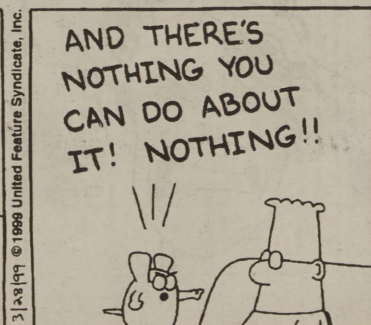
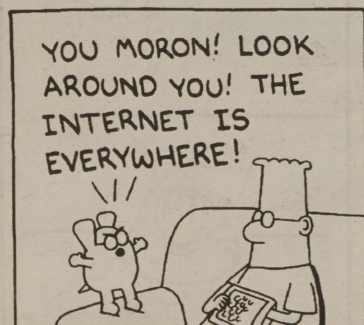
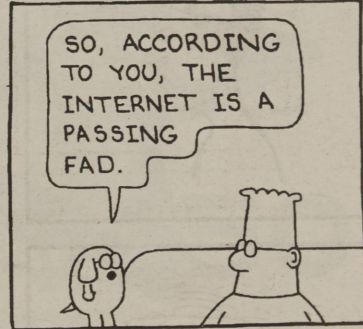
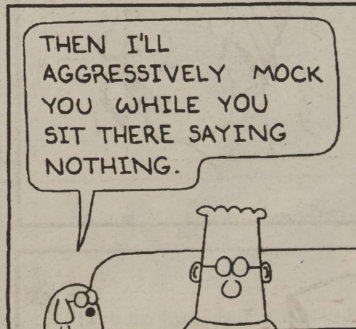
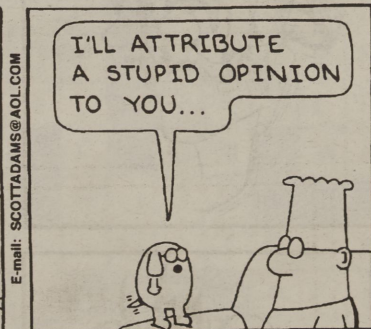
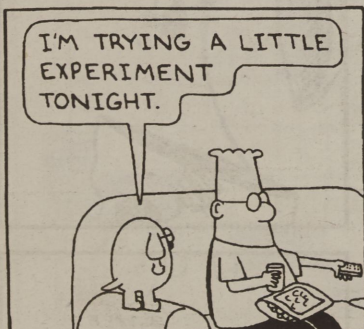
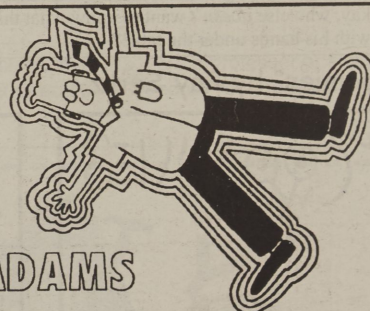
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