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Last class of the 1900's



The Rose-Hulman Insitute of Technology Class of 1999

Last of the 1900's first with four-year women

Beth Bateman
Staff Writer

In the summer of 1995, the first coed class began at Rose-Hulman. It was a major change for a school that had an all-male student body for over 100 years. Four years later, after many hours of hard work both in their classes and extracurricular activities, 54 of these women are on the verge of graduation. During their time at Rose, they received an excellent education in their majors, but they also had some very unique experiences. Nine women from the class of '99 took some time to reflect on their experiences at Rose.

When they first started at Rose, many of the women were glad to be going, but were nervous at the same time. They knew that Rose-Hulman would be challenging,

and some were concerned about being able to live up to the school's high standards.

At the same time, however, many women found this tension relieved when they found that there were many very friendly people around who could help them.

Kendra Itskin, a mechanical engineering major, commented, "The school's reputation was pretty intimidating and I was very overwhelmed with the amount and difficulty of the work, but I was also impressed by the helpfulness of my professors, RA's, SA's, and other staff."

Chemistry major Erin Gawron agreed, "I was nervous that I couldn't [succeed] at first, but that got better over time."

Lisa Carr, a mechanical engineering major, echoed this sentiment. "I thought it seemed like a really good school, and I was wondering if I would make it

through [because I was in the freshman integrated curriculum]." Carr also mentioned that the people and professors were nice.

As soon as they arrived on the Rose campus, many women received a lot of attention. There was a separate photograph taken of the first women in the freshman class, women were invited to luncheons with wives of alumni, and the first day of classes was a media circus. Video cameras and news crews were everywhere; they even videotaped some of the first classes while they were in progress.

Several of the women who were interviewed described the increased amount of attention and unusual treatment that they received when they began attending Rose.

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Dr. Jeane Kirkpatrick delivers 47th Oscar Schmidt Lecture

Don Cole
Editorial Staff

The Rose-Hulman community had one of the preeminent thinkers on foreign policy on campus last Wednesday when former United Nations ambassador Dr. Jeane Kirkpatrick delivered the 47th annual Oscar Schmidt lecture in the SRC.

Kirkpatrick's speech covered a range of topics, from her days as President Ronald Reagan's ambassador to the U.N., to relations with China and Russia, to the crisis in the Balkans.

She began by discussing how the free market system has changed the world. When the Reagan administration was voted into office in 1980, the United States and the world were in an economic crisis: inflation, non-existent growth, and a hostage crisis in Iran.

Although the American economy got back on its feet through

a series of tough economic reforms and through deregulation, when Kirkpatrick and other members of the administration tried "sharing the secrets of our success," many were unwilling to listen.

She related a story when she was told to deliver a speech to a committee at the U.N., the first speech she herself ever delivered. It was to expound upon the virtues of the free market system; the crowd was, in her words, "unenthusiastic."

One foreign ambassador even pulled her aside afterwards, and told her that many of the others thought that the free market system was out of date; she should stick to more "popular" subjects.

This idea did not sit well with her, and she refused to abandon something she and many others believed in.

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30	31	JUNE 1	2	3	4	5		
Indianapolis 500 Did you move out yet?	MEMORIAL DAY Forget everything you crammed last week to learn.	Find out that your mom won't cook chicken nuggets.	Procrastinator? Start looking for your summer job.	Your parents won't install a network connection in your room back home.	Turn in your final project in _____ engineering... ...due last fall.	Grades received. You failed graph comm; go back 3 spaces.		

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.

Surprise! Senior pranks leave many students "in the dark"

Craig Pohlman
Editor-in-Chief

The Rose-Hulman campus quickly learned that something unusual was happening Monday when professors realized that the overhead projectors weren't working and furniture was missing from the Commons and faculty lounge. Even the water was turned off to all restroom fixtures in Crapo, Moench, and Olin halls. According to members of the Rose-Hulman facility staff, the pranks were the result of graduating seniors' late night mischief on Sunday.

According to freshman electrical engineering major Ben Brunner, who works for the Audio/Visual department, every light bulb for each projector of all the academic buildings were removed sometime during Sunday night. "The phones here rang off the hook all day long," said Brunner. On Monday, Brunner helped replace some of the bulbs using all 35 projector bulbs that were in stock. There are over 40 projectors in the classrooms, each containing two bulbs.

Later on Monday, a call was received by campus security stating that something could be found in a locker on the bottom floor of Moench Hall. An officer retrieved a bag that contained the missing bulbs and a note. The typed note asked that Steve Cox (Rose-Hulman Audio Visual specialist) not get mad and that the bulbs were each cleaned in Isopropyl alcohol and carefully handled as to not destroy them.

The bulbs were returned to the Audio/Visual department by a security officer around 3 p.m. and student workers replaced most of the bulbs by 5:30 p.m. However, there were more bulbs returned than needed to replace the ones

ART EXHIBITS

First Floor, Moench Hall, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Weekdays

15 Works of Art
By West Terre Haute Artist

Bill Wolfe is displaying some of the personal work he has created over the past 20 years. Paintings and drawings of his two sons are on display, along with a large watercolor of his dog about to drift off to sleep on a winter day.

There are portraits of an old friend contemplating life or lost in thought as he gazes out a window. The watercolor "Jim Bell" received the Best of Show award at the Covered Bridge Art Association contest. Two oil paintings featuring Indians, "Cheyenne Magpie" and "Apache Watch," were inspired after a trip to the western United States.

Wolfe also works in sculpture and a photo of his latest work, "Korean War Memorial," is shown.

Australian Aborigines Abstracts
From The Collection Of Barry Farbrother

Six dazzling abstracts by Aborigine artists are displayed for Farbrother's private collection. Two artworks, "Wild Orange Awelye" and "Wild Orange Dreaming," feature the distinctive wild orange color of the Australian region. "Milaybuma - The Barramundi" showcases a multitude of brown and orange shades.

INDIANA THEATRE
7th & Ohio 232-8076

Out of Towners
Steve Martin and Gaille Hawn
7:00 & 9:00 PG-13

MEADOWS
232-5536

Saving Private Ryan
Tom Hanks
7:00 R

She's All That
Freddie Prinze, Jr.
7:15 & 9:15 PG

fixtures in every restroom in all of the academic buildings later turned off and were fixed early Monday morning by facility staff.

When asked how she felt about the yearly pranks, Gordon replied, "We know [the seniors] are going to pull something. We just don't know what or when. Actually, we would be kind of disappointed if they didn't do something."

facility staff member Frances Gordon, she arrived at work Monday to hear that furniture from the Commons and faculty lounge were relocated to the Moench Hall auditorium Sunday night. Most of the furniture has been returned, although "we wish they will be nice enough to bring it back down for us," said Gordon.

Gordon also informed the *Thorn* that all of the running water

This Week in History

330 - The capital of the Roman Empire is moved from Rome to Constantinople.

1502 - Christopher Columbus sets off on his fourth and final voyage from Spain

1671 - Irish adventurer Thomas Blood, better known as Captain Blood, steals the Crown Jewels from the Tower of London.

1765 - The HMS *Victory*, flagship of Lord Horatio Nelson, is launched.

1787 - The first fleet of prisoners being sent to the penal colony of Australia sets out from England.

1794 - Antoine Lavoisier, the chemist who first identified oxygen, is guillotined in Paris.

1804 - Lewis & Clark set out for the West Coast from St. Louis.

1828 - Jean-Henri Dunant, Swiss founder of the Red Cross, is born.

1846 - The United States, after weeks of fighting, officially declares war on Mexico.

1858 - Minnesota becomes the 32nd state.

1865 - Confederate President Jefferson Davis is captured by Union forces.

1869 - The U.S. Pacific railroad is completed when the Union Pacific and Central Pacific lines are joined in Promontory, Utah.

1884 - Harry S. Truman, successor to Franklin Roosevelt, is born in Missouri.

1899 - Actor and dancer Fred Astaire is born.

1904 - Surrealist painter Salvador Dali is born in Spain.

1904 - The first Olympics held in the United States begins in St. Louis.

1918 - Romania joins the Central Powers in WWI, but pulls out of the alliance in November as they are on the edge of collapse.

1921 - Sweden abolishes capital punishment.

1931 - Albert Michelson, the U.S. physicist who proved that light has a constant speed, died.

1945 - Germany surrenders, ending the war in Europe.

1954 - French forces surrender after heavy casualties in the siege of Dien Bien Phu, effectively ending French colonial control of Indochina.

1960 - The U.S. becomes the first country to legalize the birth control pill.

1968 - The U.S. and North Vietnam begin peace talks in Paris.

facts compiled from cnn.com

Diverse talents the hallmark of women graduates

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"I never had so many doors opened for me in my life!" exclaimed Abigail Garrett, an electrical engineering major.

In addition opening of doors for female students, male students also seemed very familiar with the female students' names. Civil engineering major Morgan Hawker explained, "All these guys knew my name, and I had never seen them before." Chemistry and chemical engineering major Liza Saunders recalled that "it made for some interesting situations," when unfamiliar Rose men approached her and started talking to her as if they knew her.

Several of the women believed that the professors, as well as the students, treated them differently. Marcie Kam, a mechanical engineering major, thought that the professors made an attempt to cater to the women. Garrett, who was one of the first women in Fast Track Calculus, said, "Everyone was walking on eggshells around us."

Many of the women also believed that the professors tried to act like they were not treating the female students differently, but still did on either a conscious or unconscious level. Jennifer Schroeder, a chemistry major, described the behavior as an "over-awareness" and said that the professors tried to make things as convenient as possible for the women.

Although most women in the graduating class believed that they were being treated differently, some did not believe that they received unusual treatment.

Kara Pritt, a mechanical engineering major, explained, "Professors still have the same requirements whether or not you are male or female.... A deadline is still a deadline and an 89.5 is still a B+, whether you are male or female."

Itskin commented, "[The faculty and staff] all seemed very natural and sincere and adjusted to the coeducation."

A number of unusual happenings arose out of the newness of having women on campus, sometimes making the transition a little rougher than usual. Some students and even staff members showed their misconceptions about women in engineering. Itskin described one experience she had while working on a group project. "I remember working

with a male freshman group member who told me, in all honesty, that the only reason I had been admitted to Rose was because I was female," stated Itskin.

Carr described a similar experience with a staff member, who believed that Carr was not capable of fixing her computer because she was a girl.

Kam described a negative experience with male students while they were flirting with her. "The come-ons were blatant and some-

clubs, sports, and with the underclass women.

Gawron agreed with this sentiment, and said that it "felt good to be a pioneer." She also was glad for the opportunity to be a charter member of her sorority, Delta Delta Delta.

Saunders also enjoyed her opportunities for leadership. "Every time one of us set out to do something it was new, so we didn't have any preconceived ideas about how we should do it

with so many men made her more competitive because she believes that men are more competitive than women are.

Hawker also felt that the experience would help her in her work. "There are a lot of women at the company where I will be working, but it's still male-dominated." Hawker explained that when she was growing up, most of her friends were feminine, so she believes that her experiences at Rose have helped her learn how to deal with working with men.

Some of the women interviewed did not believe that they were significantly affected, however. Itskin, for example, was outnumbered by men in her high school classes, so being at Rose was not a significant change for her. Gawron experienced a similar situation in high school.

The women of the class of '99 have very diverse plans after graduation. Some are going to work in various areas of the country, and some are going

to graduate school. Lisa Carr will be a quality analyst for Guide Corporation in Anderson, Indiana.

Erin Gawron is going to Purdue to study Chemical Education and hopes to receive her MS in Science Education. Jennifer Schroeder will attend the Mayo Graduate School in Rochester, Minnesota, where she will be studying Chemistry.

Abigail Garrett will work in the controls department at Rolls-Royce Allison in Indianapolis; she also plans to travel and be active in community theater. Morgan Hawker will be working on stress analysis for the design of refineries in the Civil and Mechanical department at UOP in Des Plaines, Illinois.

Kara Pritt will be marrying a Rose graduate this summer; she will graduate Rose in 2000, and she plans to work at Rolls-Royce in Indianapolis. Kendra Itskin will work for Guidant Corporation, a biomedical device manufacturer in Santa Clara, California. Liza Saunders will attend graduate school at the University of Minnesota, where she will study chemical engineering.

Marcie Kam will attend graduate school at George Washington University, where she will work under a NASA research assistantship to get her Master's in Fluid Mechanics. She would also like to start some campus ministry, and she will be planning for her wedding in the summer of 2000.



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COED!!!

121st freshman class first to include females

The historic issue of the *Rose Thorn*, September 1, 1995, that announced the first freshman class to include women. Although women have graduated in the past four years, the class of 1999 is the first to have women who have attended for at least four years.

times even rude. It amazed me how objectified women were and still are here."

The unique treatment and increased attention that many women received from male students manifested itself into something that was later dubbed the Rose Goddess Complex in a *Thorn* article written by Tim Beery. The article claimed that because Rose women received so much attention from Rose men, they eventually came to expect that attention from them all the time.

With the exception of Beery's article, the issue of women at Rose became less prominent after the class of '99's freshman year.

Now that the senior year of the first co-ed class at Rose has arrived, the attention is building once again. Graduating Rose women were again asked to pose for a group picture to record the historical moment, and several of the alumni who have visited Rose this year have commented on the event.

The women who were interviewed earlier took some time after reminiscing to reflect on their cumulative experiences at Rose-Hulman, and they all considered their final impressions of Rose to be very positive.

Most of the women perceived their time at Rose as part of the first co-ed class as a very good experience. They saw many opportunities for leadership in

or whether it could be done."

Schroeder commented about the social aspect of being part of the first co-ed class, saying, "we grew into the role of being female mentors" for the women in the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes. Kam agreed with this comment, saying that Rose women "just seemed to be looking out for each other; I never thought that girls could do that until I came to Rose."

In addition to the development of extracurricular and social activities, the first members of the class of '99 found a benefit to being at Rose which could be helpful to them in their careers. Most of the women expressed that being in classes with mostly male students was beneficial because it was a situation similar to what they would see in the workplace, so they would be more prepared for the environment when they entered the work force.

Kam agreed with this idea. She said that it was useful for her to work as a group leader, and she also believed that it helped to work in the machine shop. "...Showing guys that I could do just about anything as well as they could helped me to gain confidence I may see necessary to fight any gender barriers in the workplace."

Carr described a slightly different effect. In addition for preparing her for the work force, she explained that being part of a class

May Maui Madness: 5th Annual Rose-Hulman Spring Carnival

Jason Lucas Student Activities Board

May Maui Madness is Rose-Hulman's fifth annual spring carnival, sponsored this year by the Student Activities Board (SAB) and Rose's radio station, WMHD. It is open to all Rose students, faculty and staff.

This year's event starts at 2 p.m.

today and run until 5 p.m. Out on Speed lawn will be rides like the Airball Volleyball (a 28 foot mountain climb), Bouncy Boxing, the Bungee Run (an obstacle course), and a mini-basketball shootout.

In addition, Ray Seitz, author of the *Rose Thorn*'s "Roomies" comic strip will be doing caricature artwork all afternoon, and music will be provided by

WMHD. There will also be food, bound to be the main attraction of the afternoon. A concession stand will be selling food and drink for 25 cents, which includes popcorn, cotton candy, pickles-on-a-stick, hot dogs, frozen desserts, and drinks.

Following the events on Speed Lawn, sextet Johnny Socko will be playing on the Hulman Union Patio. Johnny Socko, who is from

Indianapolis, has been performing from coast to coast for the past seven years. Billed by their agents as a "ska/funk/rock/polka band," Johnny Socko currently has three albums out and has appeared on six compilation CDs.

The event will be held inside the SRC fieldhouse in the case of inclement weather. Come on out and enjoy the fun!

SPRING CARNIVAL '99!

2-5 p.m.: Speed Lawn - rides, food, music, artwork

6 p.m.: Hulman Union patio - Johnny Socko

WORLD and National NEWS BRIEFS

Thu Vu Pham
Staff Writer

Friday, May 7, 1999

Forty-one people died from tornadoes Thursday in Oklahoma. 14 people are still missing. Five others died in Kansas and one in Texas and the damages estimated over \$1 billion.

Two million people nationwide were estimated to observe the 48th annual National Day of Prayer.

Honda is planning to build a \$400 million plant to manufacture minivan and V-6 engines near Lincoln, Alabama. The new plant will hire 1,500 workers.

With Michael Jordan gone, the Bulls faded away and the Milwaukee Bucks and Philadelphia 76ers entered the playoffs for the first time since 1991.

Monday, May 10, 1999

U.S. ambassador and eleven other diplomats were trapped in the U.S. Embassy in Beijing as protesters demanded an apology

Free markets and Kosovo dominate Kirkpatrick lecture

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She used the analogy of two roads: that socialism was the wide, smooth, broad path, while capitalism was the narrow, hard bumpy trail. And yet, she said, "all the developed, affluent countries" of the world got that way through the narrow, bumpy path.

After a few years, the idea that the free market could bring the world out of its present economic stagnancy prevailed, and even those "unenthusiastic" members of the U.N. were talking favorably of it.

The speech went on to outline two cases of the road to the market from socialism: reforming the economy first, as in China, or reforming the political system first, as in Russia.

Even Deng Xiaoping, former chairman of the Communist party in China, began to realize that "people tend to work harder when they think they can profit from their labor," she said, of the economic reforms that China has taken. Now, because

for the accidental bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade.

Opening week for *The Mummy* set a new non-summer box office opening at \$44.6 million.

The Latin American stock markets are on the rise. Mexico's has increased almost 51% and Brazil's Bovespa index increased 80%.

Monica Lewinsky made a guest appearance on "Saturday Night Live," making fun of her involvement with President Clinton.

Larry Flynt might receive a 24-year prison term and a \$65,000 fine if convicted in Los Angeles for the sale of sexually explicit videos to a 14 year-old boy last year.

Tuesday, May 11, 1999

After 22 people died when a tour bus swerved off a highway and ran down an embankment in New Orleans, a federal watchdog agency is calling for seat belts on all buses.

The fastest tornado was clocked on Monday in the suburbs of Oklahoma City at 318 mph. Wind killed four people and destroyed 250 houses.

President Clinton apologized to China for the tragic bombing of their embassy due to outdated maps and bad guesses. But Clinton also reiterated that NATO wouldn't stop the air campaign until Yugoslavia ends the violence in Kosovo.

Mark Manes, a graduate from Columbine High School, was

charged for providing the TEC-DC9 assault pistol used by the two gunmen at the school.

Wednesday, May 12, 1999

America Online joined with DirectTV to offer programming guide, e-mail and interactive services such as electronic services. The new collaboration will increase AOL's customer base by seven million.

The House Intelligence Committee will hold closed hearings to investigate last week's mistaken bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade that killed three people and injured close to 20.

Boulders the size of cars fell on sunbathers at the 90-foot waterfall in Sacred Falls State Park, Hawaii. Eight vacationers died.

Over 50,000 Haitians were notified that they have nine months to apply for permanent U.S. residency if they claim political asylum.

Thursday, May 13, 1999

President Boris Yeltsin dismissed his prime minister, Yevgeny Primakov and his Cabinet as the Duma, the Russian parliament, was planning to impeach the president. The political upheaval could potentially delay the Kosovo peace process and damage the Russian economy.

The Senate rejected a proposal to force gun show dealers to perform background checks, but supported a measure to perform them voluntarily.

farmers essentially own their own land, China has an amazing surplus of food that it uses for global trade.

Kirkpatrick cautioned that "we don't want to destroy our relationship with China," referring to the

Turning to Russia, Kirkpatrick noted that when the Soviets gave up on socialism, it "lost its largest ideological supporter in the world," leading to the current market boom the world is currently experiencing.

However, she said, noting the current problems in the country, it is not easy to go from a top-heavy, centralized state to a democratic, free-market system. Russia, she said, is still one of the most important countries in the world, with its massive nuclear arsenal that could still reduce the United States to a pile of ash in a matter of minutes.

Neither country has moved to the democratic, capitalist system, she noted, but she thinks they both will work towards that goal.

The talk then turned to the Balkan crisis. Kirkpatrick praised the three captured American troops that were released last week, saying, "each comported himself with dignity" while in captivity.

While, she said, many military leaders did not expect to be

Campus Briefs

Chemical engineering department profiled

The Rose-Hulman Chemical engineering department was recently profiled in the spring issue of *Chemical Engineering Education*. The magazine is distributed among chemical engineering educators and high school counselors. Hossein Hariri and Jerry Caskey wrote the article.

New competition for Rose-Hulman

Rose has an opportunity to compete in TIAA/CREF's Hesburgh Award Program. The program honors outstanding undergraduate education initiatives. Hughes Medical Institute, one of the nation's largest foundations, has invited Rose to submit a financial proposal in the area of biological education.

Senior busted by security cameras

Surveillance cameras caught a senior stealing a laptop computer on campus. The student has been suspended and will not graduate this year.

More SRC floor problems

Those who want to play basketball at the SRC will have to use the hardwood courts in Hulbert Arena for the remainder of the school year. The floor in the center of the fieldhouse, made from the Mondo synthetic material, will be replaced after commencement. The indoor track is still available for use by students, faculty, and staff.

ABET symposium at Rose-Hulman

ABET has approved support for another national symposium on assessment on campus next spring. The next session, known as Symposium 2000, will be the third symposium of its kind held at Rose. The sessions bring educators from around the country to view the campus.

Solar Phantom V qualifies second

The Solar Phantom V team recently qualified for Sunrayce at the GM Proving Grounds in Milford, Michigan. The team had the second most miles in the eight-hour qualification period. They also received an award for the fastest lap (49.8 mph) and earned the Safe Driving Award (junior ME Pete Mobley). The Solar Phantom team was the only one of the 12 teams present to successfully pass all vehicle inspection stations on the first attempt. Eight of the 12 teams completed the 125-mile qualification standard and passed all inspection stations.

IHATESTARWARS.COM being noticed

Scharpenberg Hall residents Pete Webb, Jonathan Webster, Tim Kilbourn, Jason Walker, and RA David Fisher have received national recognition for their web site, WWW.IHATESTARWARS.COM. The students were featured in the Life section of USA Today on Thursday and have been mentioned in various newspapers across the United States and even Canada and Europe. Their humor site has received over 30,000 visitors since its inception less than two months ago. The site has since moved to an off-campus Internet service provider after discussions with Lans Carstensen of Waters Computing Center concerning bandwidth and legal issues.

embroiled in the Kosovo conflict, as far back as December 1992 former president Bush had issued his "Christmas Warning," saying that if the then Bosnian civil war spread to Kosovo, the United States would be forced to come in.

Kirkpatrick made a number of historical insights that shed some light on the region's instability, which has grown worse since Tito's death in 1981. Tito ran the former Yugoslavia as a federal republic, with six republics and two autonomous regions, one of which was Kosovo.

A rotating presidential council ran the system, with each republic or region's leader having a turn at running the country. However, after Tito's death, she said, a number of subordinates, Slobodan Milosevic included, began to vie for power.

Milosevic began denying other republics a turn at the head of the presidential council, which led to the breakup of the country and the wars in the early 1990's.

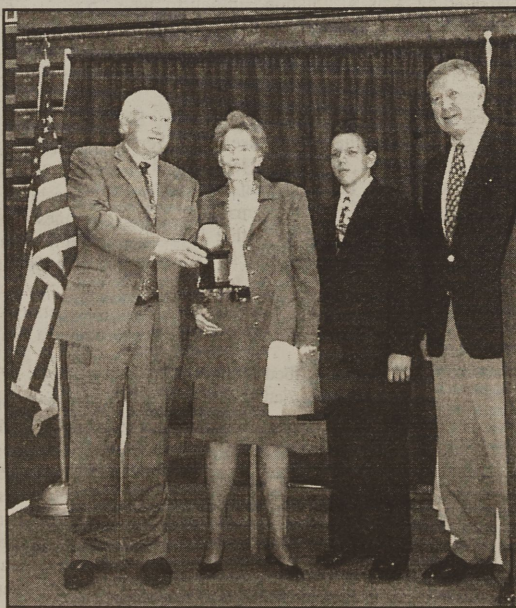
She outlined why the U.S. should be involved: "We have moral vital interests." Moral interests, intellectual interests, and

interests in preserving civilization are at least as important as economic interests are, Dr. Kirkpatrick stressed.

In order to keep Europe, a vital interest of the U.S. in general, stable, it is important, she commented, that the new Central European democracies be "shored up," and not allow dictators to take control again.

Kirkpatrick closed her speech by saying that the U.S. action in Kosovo was not simply a case of "Wag the Dog," a reference to the popular 1998 comedy, that many people in Washington that concern themselves with foreign policy would agree that ending the "massacre" in Kosovo is a vital concern of the United States.

Kirkpatrick is the 47th lecturer in the Oscar Schmidt series, which was created to "promote a better understanding of the free market," according to Rose-Hulman president Samuel Hulbert's opening comments. Former speakers included Senator Barry Goldwater in 1961, and, more recently, the presidents of Dow Chemical, Delco Electronics, and the CEO of Motorola, Inc.



Don Harrington
Jeane Kirkpatrick receives the Chauncey Rose Award from president Samuel Hulbert. She is joined by SGA Jason Zielke and Rose-Hulman Board member Don Scott.

What's Hot Movies

Weekend Gross (5/7-5/9)

1. *The Mummy*
\$43.4 million
2. *Entrapment*
\$12.3 million
3. *The Matrix*
\$5.9 million

Music

Album Sales (5/3-5/9)

1. Tim McGraw:
Places in the Sun
252,000 copies
2. TLC: *Fanmail*
174,000 copies
3. *Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace Soundtrack*
173,000 copies

TV

Nielsen Ratings (5/3-5/9)

1. ER (NBC) 18.4
2. Noah's Ark (II) (NBC) 17.1
3. Friends (NBC) 14.3

Video

Rental Gross (4/26-5/2)

1. *You've Got Mail*
\$8.61 million
2. *Stepmom*
\$5.06 million
3. *A Bug's Life*
\$3.16 million

Sources

USA Today
Billboard Magazine
VSDA (Video Software Dealers Association)

Compiled by Travis Holler

What's Hot

Election: a witty satire of high school life

Travis Holler
Editorial Staff

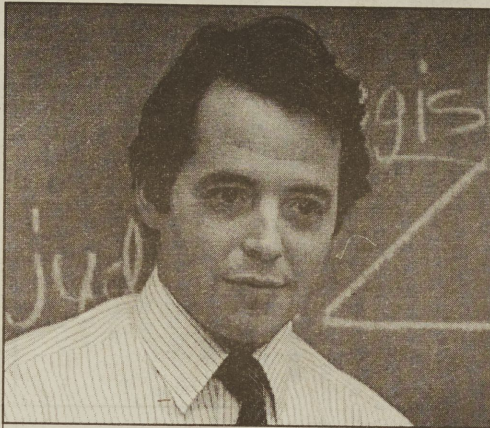
Election

Matthew Broderick
Reese Witherspoon
MPAA: rated R for strong sexuality, sex-related dialogue and language, and a scene of drug use
running time: 104 minutes
*** 1/2

Opening Notes: "Bueller... Bueller... Bueller..." Oops, wrong movie. I guess having Matthew Broderick in a movie about school just makes me think about Ben Stein's classic line from one of Broderick's best movies, the 1986 hit *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*. In the new movie *Election*, a witty and humorous satire of high school life, Broderick delivers an equally stellar performance in a reversal of his Ferris Bueller persona.

The Cast: Broderick is Jim McAllister, the ethics and civics teacher at Carver High School in Omaha, Nebraska. He loves his job, especially the ability to relate with the students. Reese Witherspoon (*Cruel Intentions*, *Pleasantville*) plays Tracy Flick, the ambitiously annoying high school student who is the president of just about every club in the school. Newcomers Chris Klein (who was actually a student at the school where *Election* was filmed) and Jessica Campbell are Paul and Tammy Metzler, two siblings who both end up running for president, but for extremely different reasons.

The Plot: Tracy is the only student running for student body president at Carver High, because, as she puts it, it's her "destiny" to win.



Above: Matthew Broderick is Jim McAllister, an ethics teacher who seems to have no ethics of his own.
Right: Reese Witherspoon is the perky "know-it-all" Tracy Flick, who believes it's her "destiny" to be student body president.



Since his friend and fellow teacher was fired for having had a relationship with Tracy, McAllister is not Tracy's biggest fan. Therefore, he persuades former star quarterback Paul to run against her, to "help the school" since his injured knee keeps him from playing football any more. Paul's younger (and sexually confused) sister decides to run for president as well after her best friend (and lover) dumps her to be with Paul. All the while, McAllister is having trouble dealing with his own extramarital urges adding yet another story to an already crowded mix.

The Good: Despite the numerous story lines, *Election* isn't ever really bogged down under its own weight. The action that has taken place before the beginning of the movie (like McAllister's friend's affair) is told through a nice set of

flashbacks. When McAllister begins to talk about Tracy and her past transgressions in voiceover, there is a freeze frame of her, except instead of the usual smile, we get her face in an odd, and hilarious, position, as the movie just freezes her mid-sentence. An unusual technique, but a nice one. The movie flows well throughout, and the filmmakers use nice camera techniques (like the aforementioned freeze frames) to make sure that the audience notices what they want them to notice.

Additionally, the entire cast did very well in their roles. Witherspoon nailed the role of Tracy, getting the art of being perky down to a science. However, the best characters in the movie were those of the Metzler siblings. Chris Klein was great as Paul, delivering his lines with the perfect amount of understatement to add to the comic effect, while Jessica Campbell's Tammy character offers just the proper amount of spice to the story. Great work from the young performers.

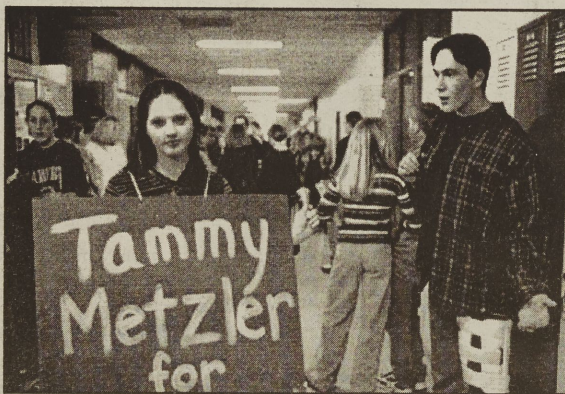
The Bad: I don't really know what parts of *Election* were bad. I guess there were scenes where you wish something hadn't happened

that did (like the scene where Broderick has an affair - I know I was rooting against that). However, I guess that's also what makes the movie good, in that it's not easily predictable like most Hollywood releases.

The Ugly: McAllister plans a rendezvous with the woman he's having an affair with, but when she isn't home, he walks around to her backyard and ends up being stung by a bee right by his eye. For nearly all of the remainder of the movie, Broderick suffers through different levels of swelling, which is not pretty.

The Bottom Line: *Election* is a good movie and is worth going to see. Broderick, as well as the teenage cast, give nice performances. Their efforts coupled with the filmmakers' innovative style and well-written script makes *Election* a biting satire on high school life and the personalities of the teachers and students therein.

On a scale of zero to 4 (with 4 being classic and zero being *Godzilla*, the last movie that Broderick was in), I give this movie a 3 1/2.



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Tammy Metzler (Jessica Campbell, left) starts her own presidential campaign, after the girl she loves dumps her for her brother Paul (Chris Klein, right) and becomes his campaign manager.

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1999

Professor of the Year

Dr. Roger Lautzenheiser
Mathematics

Dr. Lautzenheiser is "da man," according to Rose-Hulman student Jay Brotz, and we agree. Dr. Lautzenheiser receives the first Thorn Award for being the best professor in the eyes of the

Thorn. We feel that Dr. Lautzenheiser has exhibited great attitude and achievements in his teachings throughout the year.

Staff Member of the Year

Paul Wafzig
Facilities

Cleaning the halls of Crapo, Paul Wafzig sweeps home the first Staff Member of the Year Thorn Award.

Junior Matt Lepinski notes Wafzig on his nice personality

and continued efforts on helping keep Rose a cleaner place. People probably wouldn't notice his work unless he didn't do it. We are proud to give Wafzig a Thorn Award for his hard work all year.

Students of the Year

Dave McKinney
Junior, chemistry

"Singing Dave," as his friends refer to him, has earned enough credits in two years to attain junior status. He is well on his way to graduate in just three years.

McKinney is also active on campus in a variety of organizations such as AXE and the drama club.

Liza Saunders
Senior, chemistry / chemical engineering

Liza Saunders is the RA of third floor BSB Hall. She has shown great achievement in her hard work and dedication to Rose-Hulman, all while maintaining an excellent GPA.

Saunders has also won several awards in the chemistry department this year. Saunders well deserves to be recognized for her four years of hard work at Rose.

Resident Assistant of the Year

Dave Fisher
Junior, mechanical engineering
Scharpenberg Hall

Nominated by several residents, Dave Fisher is being recognized for his dedication to Rose-Hulman.

Fisher's room, not the lobby, became the central point for the hall. Residents always enjoyed

spending time with him and participating in hall activities Fisher helped organize.

Fisher currently has a perfect GPA which makes him a well-rounded individual who deserves this special recognition.

Most Active Student on Campus

Morgan Hawker
Senior, civil engineering

"It would take less space to list what she *isn't* in!" That is what one person told the Thorn when describing someone who has worked hard to help Rose.

It's very true, Hawker belongs to many different organizations such as, Circle K, Society of Women Engineers, Drama Club, and Rose Chorus.

Sophomore Advisor of the Year

Dan Costenaro
Deming Hall

Dan Costenaro is a busy man. Not only is he the secretary of SGA and a member of SAB, he takes time to help the first floor residents of Deming Hall. Cos-

tenaro has the electric personality that will let him succeed as an RA of Blumberg Hall next year.

Club of the Year

Solar Phantom

1990 - 20th Place
1993 - 15th Place
1995 - 14th Place
1997 - 5th Place

We predict that this strong organization will bring home the gold in this year's biennial Sunrayce. The group of students

of Solar Phantom managed time, talent, and textbooks well enough to maintain academic excellence and complete a project on schedule.

We hope the club members carry on its teamwork to the race this summer and drive home the point that Rose-Hulman is awesome.

Service Project of the Year

Blood Drive, the entire Rose-Hulman community

Many people are benefiting from the over 900 pints of blood that Rose-Hulman students, staff, and faculty have donated through the entire year. This is truly a project that involved everyone on campus and benefits

many. It is great to see the Kahn Room full of donors willing to give the life of blood.

Congratulations go out to RHA and the fraternity and pan-hellic councils for organizing this very successful project.

Female Athlete of the Year

Amanda Speich
Senior, chemical engineering

Amanda Speich excelled during her four years at Rose. She is an excellent athlete and a team

player that always contributed more than 100% no matter how well they were doing at the time.

Male Athlete of the Year

Phil Reksel
Junior, chemical engineering

Phil Reksel is unreal. He has already broken six indoor/outdoor school records in track and field. Reksel broke the confer-

ence 400M record and qualified for two events at the national level. Reksel also shows great sportsmanship.

Coach of the Year

Jeff Jenkins, Baseball

Coach Jenkins, in his first year as Rose-Hulman, help lead Rose-Hulman to the most wins ever in a baseball season.

AWARDS

Honoring those of Rose-Hulman

We're sorry we couldn't select everyone who was nominated, there are a lot of people that deserve recognition. We would now like to recognize those who have made this year special. The *Thorn* appreciates all of the input from readers. We now present the inaugural year winners:

Worst all.students E-mail

Dr. Antonio de la Cova
Humanities

"I have a Goodrich tire, in good used condition, with plenty of miles left, size 215/65R 15, that I will give away free to the first caller. Will serve as a good spare tire, or to replace a bad one."

That e-mail was promptly followed with the following:

"The Great Tire Giveaway has already been done. Disregard previous message."

HONORABLE MENTION:

Coach Greg Ruark unknowingly sending the "Happy99" virus when e-mailing all students about intramurals. Good thing WCC warned of the danger right away.

Prof Quote of the Year

Dr. Gary Sherman
Mathematics

"If my fly was down, you wouldn't be laughing, you'd be in awe." - April 22, 1999

This quote came from a response to a student's laughter and Sherman asking, "Is my fly down?" in class.

Moron of the Year

Greg's truck was only out of gas

Taking your entire truck apart when all it really needed was some gas? Really. You're an engineer. You're supposed to take the way out with the *least* amount of work! C'mon.

Best Prank on a Staff Member

Deming Hall, floor one
Making Ralph's door disappear

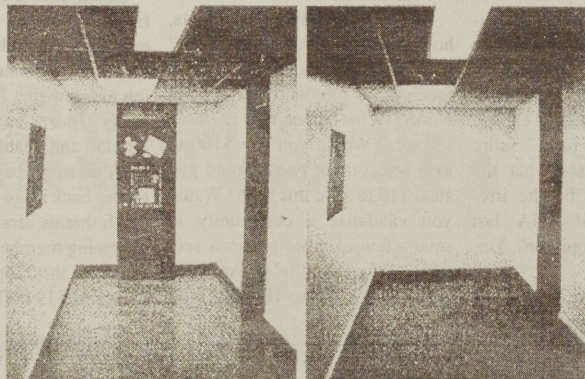
What happens when a residence hall's only female resident goes on a convention with students from the Residence Hall Association over a weekend?

Deming one residents answered by building an entire wall over the existing door to Raphaella Palmer's apartment.

The prank is a classic. The residents built a frame, added drywall, and a threw on coat of paint to make the wall look no different than any other in the hallway. They even put a baseboard on the bottom.

There is not doubt that this is the best prank pulled this year. Nice work, guys.

Where did Ralph's door go?



BEFORE

AFTER File Photo

Best Prank on a SA

Speed Hall, floor three
Filling room with packing peanuts

Speed floor 3 sophomore advisors Ed Grandstaff and Zyad "Ziggy" Abyad probably never thought that their living space could get smaller.

That was until residents filled their room with packing peanuts and other items. A bedsheet hung outside their window last Friday after the prank took place. It could have signaled surrender, but to the *Thorn* it looked like a sign of a great practical joke.

However, we do wonder just what they did with the packing peanuts after they cleaned up.



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Letters to the Editor

ETHICAL PUBLICATIONS

Dear Editor,

For the benefit of myself and any other students who are confused as to the purpose of *The Rose Thorn*, perhaps you could print a larger copy of your mission statement in the next issue. It currently reads, "Working to keep the Rose-Hulman community informed by providing an accurate and dependable source for news and information." With this in mind, I'd like to explore the difference between information and opinion.

All opinions included in a paper are, by law, required to be published in the opinion pages. These pages can include opinion-based articles and letters to the editor. The back page of a paper, on the other hand, is considered to be a more visible page, and therefore, holds no room for the opinions of the paper.

Do you know what libel is? Libel is published defamation, which is defined by Baskin, Aronoff, and Latimore in *Public Relations: The Profession and the Practice* to be "any communication which holds a person up to contempt, hatred, ridicule, or scorn." It is a punishable offense in a court of law, and has been upheld in courts as high as the Supreme Court. "Civil libel must be published, it must be damaging, and it must identify the injured party." Last week, you printed such classic lines as: "...buy everyone on campus a personalized 'I beat SGA' Louisville Slugger and let 'em take a few swings at them... hire a hitman to kill Andy Davis and put him out of his misery...smack around the members of SGA and beat some sense into them."

In regard to last week's published attacks on SGA and Andy Davis, that were highly opinionated and located on the back page of the paper, how do you, *The Rose Thorn*, wish to plea?

Eric Haenlein, CE
Class of 2000

Editor's Reply

Not guilty.

What you seem to be mistaken about, Mr. Haenlein, is your assumption that the back page contained the opinions of the newspaper staff. This is not so. I know that it is no longer advertised as such on the front page, but I would hope that everyone would know by now that the back page is the designated area for humor. Should Dilbert be moved to the opinion pages because it illustrates one man's opinion of his experience in the office place? No. Anything with humorous content is typically given its own section, just as in the *Thorn*. Opinions may be included in the written material, but should still be viewed as written in a humorous spirit.

Did I succeed last week? It depends on whom you ask. Of course there were people that would be offended by it, most notably members of SGA and Andy Davis. Others, however, did find it humorous. You can't please all of the people all of the time. But the fact that people were congratulating me throughout the weekend for a job well done leads me to believe that I did succeed. The highlight, however, was Friday night, when someone I only know as a friend of a friend shook my hand because he thought it was just that funny.

You ask if we know the meaning of libel. Do you know the meaning of satire? *Merriam-Webster* defines it as "trenchant wit, irony, or sarcasm used to expose and discredit vice or folly." Satire was used to illustrate what the authors believed to be the irresponsible nature of SGA last week. Was this an opinion? Yes. Does it matter? No.

If a comedian were held liable every time he or she made a joke at another's expense, there wouldn't be many comedians today. If we examine the other aspects of media, such as televi-

sion, I don't see programs such as *Saturday Night Live* or *The Late Show with David Letterman* or *Late Night with Conan O'Brien* being sued for slander against easy targets like President Clinton. One of my favorite lines from an old episode of *Late Night* involved an "interview with President Clinton" (which was nothing more than his face and a speaker's lips shown through a cut-out hole where his mouth used to be) during the Monica Lewinsky scandal. In it, the "President" was heard to say, "It ain't immoral, if it's only oral!" That definitely holds the President "up for ridicule", as your definition of libel states. Was the show sued? No. Why? Because it was obviously intended in the spirit of comedy.

Last week's back page illustrates the same principle. The writers and I had what seemed to be an easy target and took a few shots in the name of comedy. If anyone reading this didn't find it funny, I apologize and hope you find something more to your liking in this issue. If you did find it (even a bit) humorous, and I know many people who did, feel free to shake my hand the next time you see me.

Jason Walker
Humor Editor

The Grassy Knoll

Dear Editor,

As Rose-Hulman students, how much is your time worth? How much is an hour worth? How much is a minute or a second worth? What about two or three seconds? Would you pay \$100 to save a second or two? Would you steal \$10 to save this time? Would you vandalize a community to save a few of these precious seconds? You wouldn't? Are you sure? Some Rose-Hulman stu-

dents do vandalize Rose, every day, for a few seconds of their precious time.

Walk past the Library and see the vandalism in full swing. Some people are selfish. Some people are lazy. Some people are simply disrespectful. Turn the corner and follow the slightly scenic path of ill-conceived right angles. Behold the ugly sign of disrespect for our school. A hypotenuse exists that is far larger and far wider than ever seen before, during our time at Rose.

The entire Rose-Hulman staff work hard to maintain the campus of this top notch engineering school. The buildings and grounds community keeps the campus more beautiful than any other college. This is part of the reason people come to Rose-Hulman. Have any of you seen the abortion that we call our commons after 5 o'clock? Do you notice how it always looks great in the morning? Have you seen the hypotenuse? Are you trying to provide job security for the Rose-Hulman staff, or do the students just not care about the Rose-Hulman community? Of course, we could be mistaken. Maybe those three seconds of your time are worth that much.

Show some respect.
Chris J. Jackson, ME
Joseph Sacher, EE
Class of 1999

SGA Concert

Dear Editor,

Thank you, *Thorn*. Thank you for informing us that we have an evil SGA that will stop at nothing to waste our money. It is comforting to know that I can open up my trusty *Thorn* and find multiple articles and features blasting the SGA on every page. Why, turning to the back page I can even find death threats directed towards the menacing members of SGA.

I know the "Top 10 Better Ways to Spend \$19,000" is supposed to

be funny. I'm not a prude, don't get me wrong. I like to use sarcasm and joke around at least as much as anybody else, but there are some things you just don't joke about. The sanctity of human life isn't a laughing matter. Threatening to "Hire a hit-man to kill Andy Davis and put him out of his misery" isn't at all funny.

Individuals are entitled to their opinions, but as a newspaper I'd rather see the *Thorn* present both sides of an issue. Thu Vu Pham did a good job of reporting the whole story, but beyond that the May 7 issue of the *Thorn* was nothing more than personal attacks on members of the SGA.

I'm not in SGA, and I can't claim to know everything that is going on behind the scenes. But to me it seems like our representatives are trying to do everything they can to serve their fellow students and make them happy. I would love to see a concert at Rose. Nearly every person I've talked to has said the same thing. I'm glad the SGA is trying to do something. Someone had to take the initiative, and although there may have been better ways to do things, at least they're doing things. I'm tired of all the talk about having a concert and wasting money. Bring on Green Day.

Sincerely,
Dan LaBar, ME
Class of 2001

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Senior bids farewell to home away from home

Peter Anderson
Editor Emeritus

In a couple of weeks, I will cross that stage, shake hands with Sammy and close another chapter of my life.

Hard to believe that Rose-Hulman will soon be a part of my past and not my future. Through all the complaining and hard work, I've made it.

A mere four years ago, my high-school career ended. As I crossed the stage then, I realized that I would likely never see most of these people again. Hard to believe, since many of them I had known through elementary school. These friends, who had been such a huge part of my life up till then, were all headed down their own paths. Mine brought me here.

Sometimes, I reminisce about those care-free days and pull out my high school year book. As I read the

scribbles in the margins, I realize just how lucky I was. Even should I never see them again, I know that I will never forget them. Hopefully, I will always be in their hearts as well.

There is one comment in particular that brings a tear to my eye every time I read it. A rather simplistic sentence, it merely says "Bye, Pete." I guess it was this sentence that made me realize that this very well could be goodbye.

Anyway, I won't delve too far into my high school career. But now I find myself at a similar crossroads, with the same realization that many of the friends I have made during my time at Rose I will likely never see again.

What exactly is my point? Rose-Hulman has been more than a school for the past four years. It has been a home. The people I've met here have been truly special.

That is what drew me to Rose-Hul-

man: the friendly, small-school atmosphere. I think I made the right choice. Where else could you be on a first name basis with your profs and many of the deans? Where else would the president of the university join you for dinner?

I tend to measure success not only by my academic achievements but by good friends and a loving family. In that respect, I consider my four years at Rose to have been very successful. Many of the people who shared my experiences in freshman IC are still close friends of mine.

My involvement in organizations such as RHA, the *Thorn* and Alpha Chi Sigma have also led to many wonderful and meaningful friendships. I'll never forget the long Thursday nights or sleepless weekend conferences. But most importantly, I won't soon forget all the great people I have met at Rose.

I can't possibly thank everyone, and I'm not even going to try. There are, however, some people I would like to acknowledge.

First of all, I'd like to thank the *Thorn* staff. I couldn't have asked for a better, harder-working staff and I'm really proud at what we've accomplished this year. Keep up the good work.

I'd also like to thank all of those professors who pushed me to try harder and believed I was capable of more. They were right. I only hope I don't disappoint them in the future.

Finally, I'd like to thank the entire student body of Rose-Hulman for preserving the cordial atmosphere that made me choose Rose in the first place. In particular, to the senior chemical engineers who I have spent countless hours with in class and in the laboratory. Thank you all.

I know this probably sounds corny

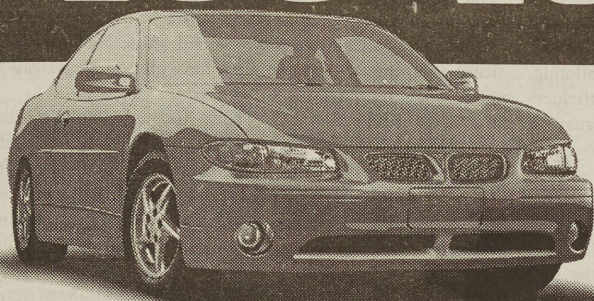
and sentimental, but I really don't care. I've gotten back from this school so much more than I put into it, and I will be proud to say I am a Rose-Hulman alumni.

I don't know about anyone else, but I for one will miss the friendly landscape that is Rose-Hulman. Sure, the work was hard and free time was sparse, and there isn't that much to do in Terre Haute. Overall, however, I found the experience very rewarding and even, dare I say it, enjoyable. It has certainly been four memorable years. However, all good things must come to an end.

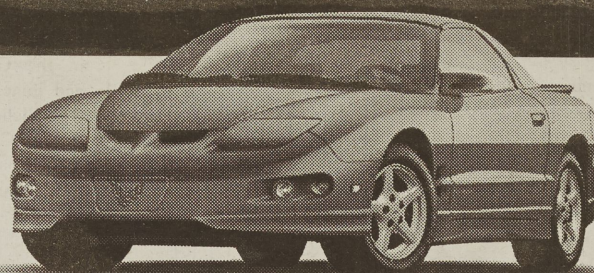
But even as I close one chapter of my life, a new one begins. I don't know where the next chapter will take me, and I'm in no hurry to read ahead. For the next two weeks I plan to bask in the triumphant final pages of this chapter. And that leaves only one thing to say.

Bye, Rose.

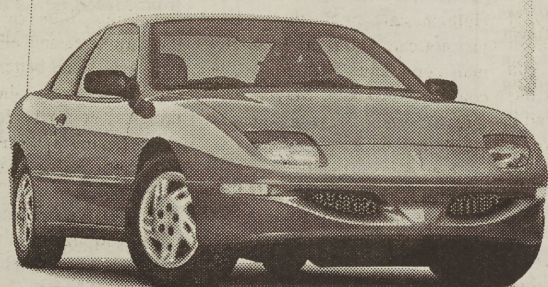
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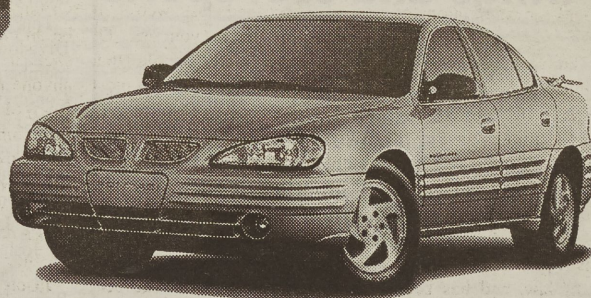
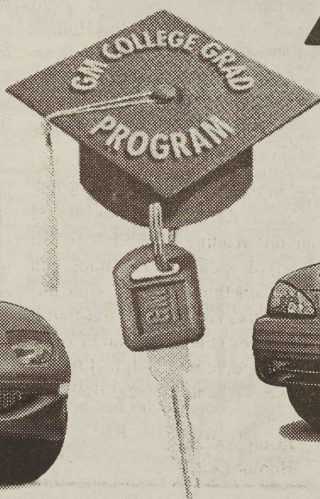
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Baseball goes for 30 wins, looks for national tournament bid

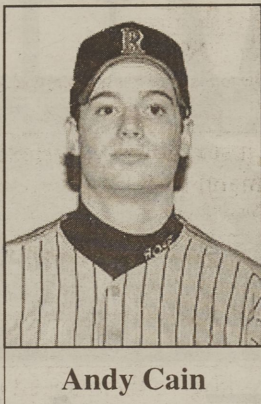
Don Cole Editorial Staff

Rose-Hulman will look to achieve a historical 30th win in a historical game against NCAA Division I school Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI). It will mark the first time in a long time that the Engineers will battle a Division I squad.

The Engineers, who finished third recently in the SCAC Tournament, will come into the game 29-13, having a split a doubleheader against Oakland City University last weekend.

In addition to this potentially historic win, Rose has been showered with accolades in the past week. Pitcher Andy Cain was honored twice this week. Cain won

the SCAC's Pitcher of the Year award and was named first-team all-district in GTE/CoSIDA academic All-American balloting this week.



Andy Cain

What this means is that now

Cain has the potential to be the ninth Rose-Hulman baseball player in the 1990's to earn Academic All-American honors. The national ballot will take place soon and winners will be announced on June 1.

Cain, however, was not the only hardball player to earn high honors. Infielder Eric Baer was named second-team academic all-district in the GTE/CoSIDA balloting, and joined Cain, and outfielders Rob Nichols and Wes Journey on the all-SCAC team.

The conference did not neglect to recognize head coach Jeff Jenkins, either, conferring upon him co-Coach of the Year honors. Jenkins, who won coach of the year honors in Rose-Hulman's previous conference in 1992 and 1996, shares the award with Jim Holland of Hendrix College and Tim Scannell of Trinity University.

Cain will be starting the game against IUPUI this Saturday afternoon at Art Nehf Field.

This year is IUPUI's first in Division I play. The Jaguars, members of the Mid-Continent Conference, have accumulated a 7-40-1 record this year, including a 20-1 drubbing of Hanover college, their only game against a Division III opponent this year.

The Jaguars are led offensively by Josh Cooper, who has hit .306 thus far with 19 RBIs. Tim Pirowski adds some pop to the lineup with a team-high three home runs and 15 RBI.

The Rose battery will be tested on the basepaths by Mike Mitchell, who has stolen eleven out of fourteen bases this year, and owns a team-high .419 on-base percentage.

The Jaguars pitching staff leaves something to be desired; no pitcher has an ERA below 7.00.

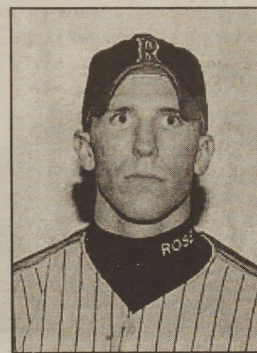
In fact, the staff has allowed 41 home runs, 454 runs, thrown 46 wild pitches and walked nearly as many as the have struck out (220 walks, 231 strikeouts).

In last week's action, Rose split a doubleheader with Oakland City University.

The Engineers were victorious in the opening match behind some good pitching by Cain, 10-4.

Rose took the lead in the first inning when Journey was driven on a Mike Kreuger single. The Engineers would add two more in the third inning when Andy Tochtermann knocked in two on a base hit.

Oakland City would take their only lead of the game and do all of their scoring in the bottom of the fourth inning. A single and a subsequent home run put the home team within a run of the Engineers, followed by a succession of hits and one Rose error that put them up by one.



Rob Nichols

Nichols quickly put any hopes of an Oakland City win to rest with a three-run blast the following inning, his eighth home run of the year. Nichols would up his RBI total to five for the game in the sixth with a one-out, two-run

double.

Cain, who started the game and completed it for his 14th complete game of the year, struck out nine, walked three, and scattered ten hits. The game brought Cain's record-breaking season tally of strikeouts to 122.

Oakland City would make short work of the Engineers in the second game, holding them to just two hits on their way to a 10-0 win.

Tochterman, the starter, took the loss after only two-thirds of an inning of work, breaking a personal three-game winning streak and taking his record down to 3-4. Three other Rose pitchers, John Bowen, Brad Fetters, and Robert Chandler, all saw time on the mound.

Oakland City scored four runs in the first two innings, manufacturing runs with a parade of base hits, sacrifices, and walks. A two-run home run in the sixth concluded the scoring for the home team.

The two Engineer hits came from Maceo Lewis in the second inning and Wes Journey in the sixth.

New Engineer Records

Career:

Batting Avg - .378, Rob Nichols
Home Runs - 18, Rob Nichols
RBIs - 116, Rob Nichols
ERA - 2.05, Andy Cain

Season:

Hits - 64, Rob Nichols
Runs Scored - 42, Rob Nichols
RBIs - 51, Rob Nichols
ERA - 1.53, Andy Cain
Wins - 13, Andy Cain
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Innings Pitched - 118, Andy Cain

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The 1999 Thorn Drunken Weiner Awards



The Procreation Award Dr. Mark Yoder

In his introduction on the first day of the quarter, he told us, "Number nine is in the oven!" If anything ever happened to China, Yoder could repopulate it. Here's a spelling lesson: C-O-N-T-R-A-C-E-P-T-I-V-E.

The "I Begged For It" Award Andy Kinley

Every single day in Artificial Intelligence, it was "I want to be rookie teacher of the year." Blah, blah, blah. Well I hope you're happy.

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The professor most upset about being mentioned in the *Thorn*, Dr. Sherman needs a hug. He needs a lot of hugs. Stop by his office and give him one. Come here you big lug, let me give you a hug!

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Buffy Woowoo

I mean, really, who wouldn't want to give a Drunken Weiner to this woman?



"Bear Bones" by David Berenson
(courtesy of U-Wire and "The Dartmouth")

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. If there has to be a concert, bring They Might Be Giants! Appease me! All quotes must be verified before publication.

"I'm doing a homo right now."

-- Dr. Mueller (5-6-99)

(Giving an example of how to make Highest Occupied Molecular Orbital images using Spartan in PChem III.)

"I'm not dyslexic, just randomly dyslexic."

-- Dale Oexmann (5-6-99)

(Random chatter in File Structures.)

"I was mentally retarded when I wrote that."

-- Dale Oexmann (5-6-99)

(After mistakenly writing that states are represented by 5 characters instead of 2 in File Structures.)

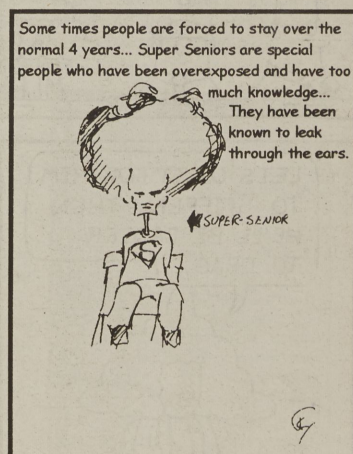
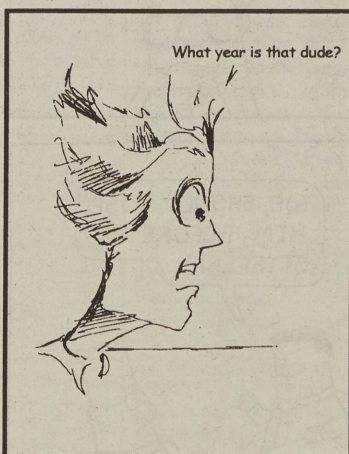
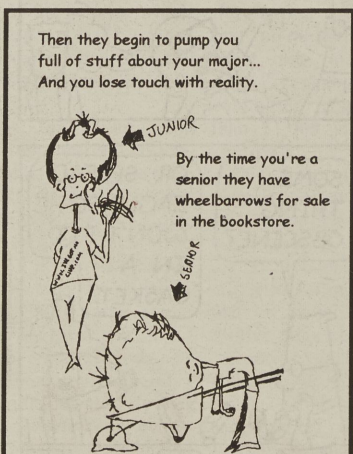
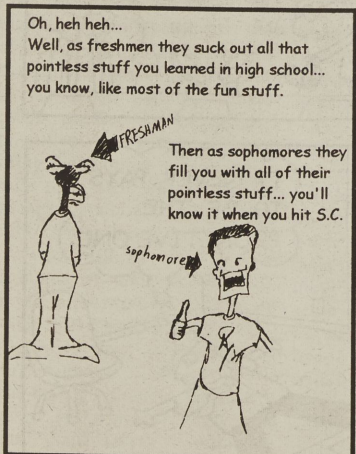
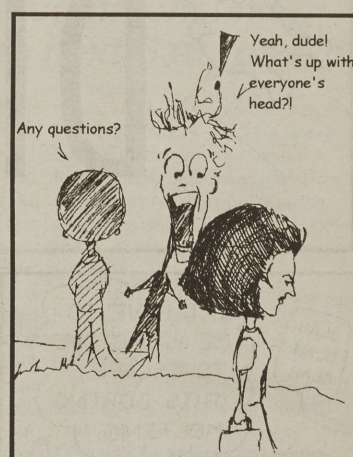
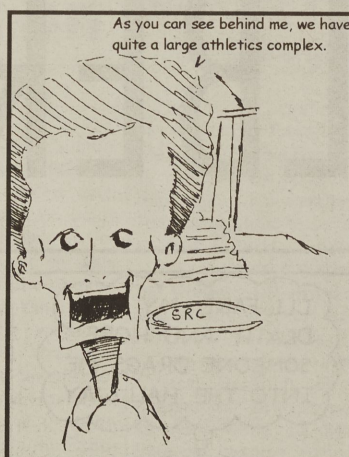
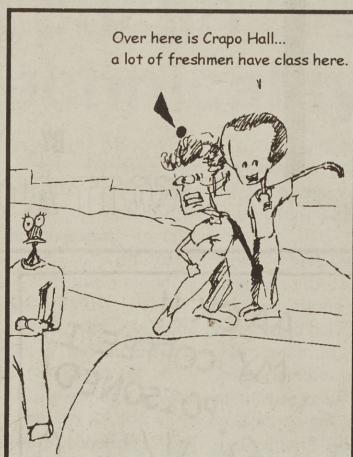
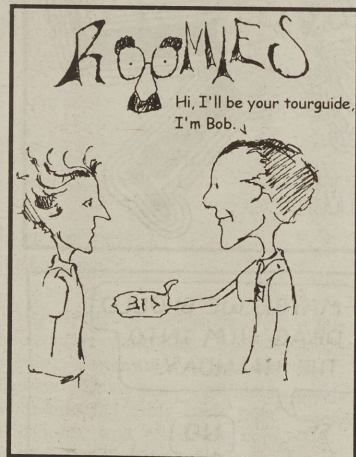
"Have lots of kids and give them speed or something so they grow up quick."

-- Dr. Thad Smith (5-11-99)

(Talking in America's Future about how to increase the workforce after Babyboomers retire.)

"Roomies" by Ray Seitz

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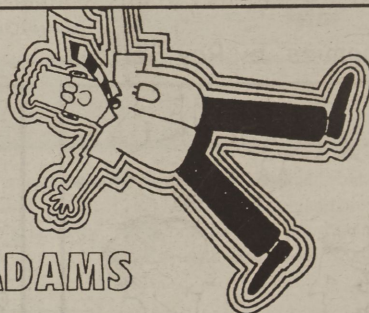
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