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News Briefs

By Kyle Kamischke

City wants to split Florida

The city of North Lauderdale has passed a resolution that divides Florida into two states. They are named North Florida and South Florida. The state boundary line would be between Jupiter in Palm Beach County and south through Broward and Miami-Dade counties and into Monroe County. The city did this because it's frustrated with paying more taxes than it's receiving. They said, "the state Legislature [is] ignoring the cities in South Florida." The city has gone as far as to direct its city clerk to send notification of their resolution to state officials, members of Congress, and President Bush. This resolution is meant to be a statement rather than a threat to the state.

Drivers paying for driving slow on bridge

China recently opened the world's longest cross-sea bridge with the intention of shortening the time required to travel between two major ports. Unfortunately, drivers are already being fined for driving too slowly on the bridge because they're enjoying the view it offers. The bridge is 22.4 miles long and is located in the province of Zhejiang. Already 300 drivers have been fined for driving slowly or parking in emergency lanes. One driver was quoted as saying, "I just wanted to drive a bit slowly and enjoy the sea breeze. Is that wrong?" The bridge will feature "sightseeing platforms," but they will not open for two years.

Man arrested for singing at Indiana convenience store

A man named Jay Weinberg, equipped with a guitar and megaphone, managed to climb to the top of a convenience store in Valparaiso, IN to sing in protest of gas prices. He continued to do this until police stopped him. He performed a song he called "Price Gouge'n" while gas was being sold for \$3.78 per gallon. He sang for 15 minutes before police arrested him and charged him with trespassing and disorderly conduct. The crowd watching him perform consisted of Weinberg's friends and some people pumping gas. Some of the people, including his wife, drove to the jail to bail him out.

The Indiana primaries

Rachel Howser
Staff Writer

Indiana's primary elections were held on Tuesday, May 6. The primary elections are elections that are held to choose a candidate for the general election. The Democratic race between Senators Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama was very close and resulted in Clinton winning by a very small margin. With 99 percent of the precincts reporting, Clinton beat Obama by about 14,500 votes. This resulted in Clinton winning 51 percent of the vote, while Obama won 49 percent.

Dr. Corey Taylor, an Assistant Professor of English in the Humanities and Social Sciences Department, feels strongly about Americans exercising their right to vote. He said, "It's foolish to squander a right for which people fought and died. It's especially vital that younger people get out to vote; sadly, they comprise the group that always turns out least and yet could make the most difference." As Dr. Taylor pointed out, the 17-29 year-old age group made up the smallest percentage of voters in Indiana, only comprising about 17 percent of those who

chose to vote in this past primary election. Fred Bauer, a former state legislator and a poll watcher for the Obama Campaign, also felt that it was important for people to get involved in the political process. Bauer said, "I think it's great when people get themselves involved. All too often people stay at home and complain about the results."

Dr. Taylor also explained, "I voted because voting is not just a way to speak your mind about American politics, but it's a chance to make an informed decision that could, in turn, make a difference. Voting also allows us to exercise our critical thinking skills, which are on the decline more and more—not just in academia, but in all spheres of American life. Of course, not everyone makes an informed decision on election day, which is both a blessing and a curse. Such is the nature of democracy."

Because this year's race for the Democratic nomination for president is very close, Indiana's primary elections were very important. Bauer stated, "This is the most exciting election we've had in Indiana since 1968, when Bobby Kennedy was a candidate. Since Indiana votes so



http://a.abcnews.com/

Hillary Clinton narrowly defeated Barack Obama in the Indiana Democratic primaries.

late in the process, Indiana's primary usually doesn't count. Indiana really matters this time."

Some Republican students on campus were not as excited about the primary elections. Junior chemical engineering major Marcus Zink stated, "McCain pretty much already has the Republican nomination, and I don't care about the Democratic race."

Dr. Taylor feels that the primary elections are not necessarily straightforward. According to him, "[The primary elections] have their uses for gauging interest and

voters' ways of thinking, but I also think they can be misleading, especially at the outset of primary season. Still, it was exciting to be part of a primary that mattered a lot this year."

Indiana's 2008 primary election results could be especially misleading because many Republicans chose to vote in the Democratic primaries to voice their opinions on the Democratic candidates. However, there is a chance that they will vote Republican in fall causing the primary data to be ambiguous.

Rose claims HCAC Cup

Tim Boyer
Copy Editor

With a stellar performance this academic year, Rose-Hulman athletes have collectively exceeded in their sports, earning Rose-Hulman the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) Commissioner's Cup.

The Cup comes from various teams earning points for the school based on their regular season finishing spot. Highlighting the achievement are four squads claiming top honors in the HCAC, including women's soccer, softball, men's swimming, and men's track and field.

The overall effort earned Rose a total of 103 points, outpacing the second place Anderson University by a large margin of 9.5 points.

The HCAC also awards an All-Men's Sports and All-Women's

Sports trophy, using the same system. Rose also claimed the All-Men's Trophy but fell 1.5 points behind Manchester University for the Women's All-Sports trophy. The scores from each of those categories is combined to decide the Commissioner's Cup.

"The Commissioner's Cup is a huge credit to our coaching staff, student-athletes and everyone connected with Rose-Hulman athletics. I can't say enough about the commitment and energy that our teams spent this year. This was a true team effort, with so many sports contributing to the award in a big way," said Rose-Hulman athletic director Jeff Jenkins.

Rose also earned second place honors in women's golf, women's swimming, and men's soccer, while also finishing third in men's and women's tennis, men's and women's cross country, foot-



Rose-Hulman News

From a combined effort from all Fightin' Engineers athletic teams, Rose was awarded the third annual HCAC Commissioner's Cup.

ball, wrestling, and baseball.

Many of Rose's efforts were accentuated by the individual efforts by some extraordinary athletes. Over the past year, three female athletes have been named Female Athlete of the Month, while many others have been recognized as players of the year in their respective sports.

Even more impressive was the feat accomplished by the women's soccer team, who captured the program's first conference title and tournament title, and was the first women's program to qualify

for the NCAA Division III National Soccer Tournament.

This is the third year the HCAC has awarded the Commissioner's Cup, after having only awarding the Men's and Women's All-Sports trophies.

Last year, the Fightin' Engineers almost won the Cup in the first year of being in the HCAC, falling short by only 0.5 points to Anderson University. Rose also previously won the Men's All-Sports trophy in 1996 when it was a member of the predecessor of the HCAC, the Indiana Collegiate Athletic Conference (ICAC).

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Data/Points

As part of Rose's effort to "go green," the Sustainability Team asked for your participation in a recent survey. Your feedback will be used to help plan sustainability efforts on campus.

91% of Rose-Hulman students are supportive of Rose-Hulman's continuing efforts to operate in a more environmentally friendly, sustainable manner.

(N=295)

Rose is the new Green



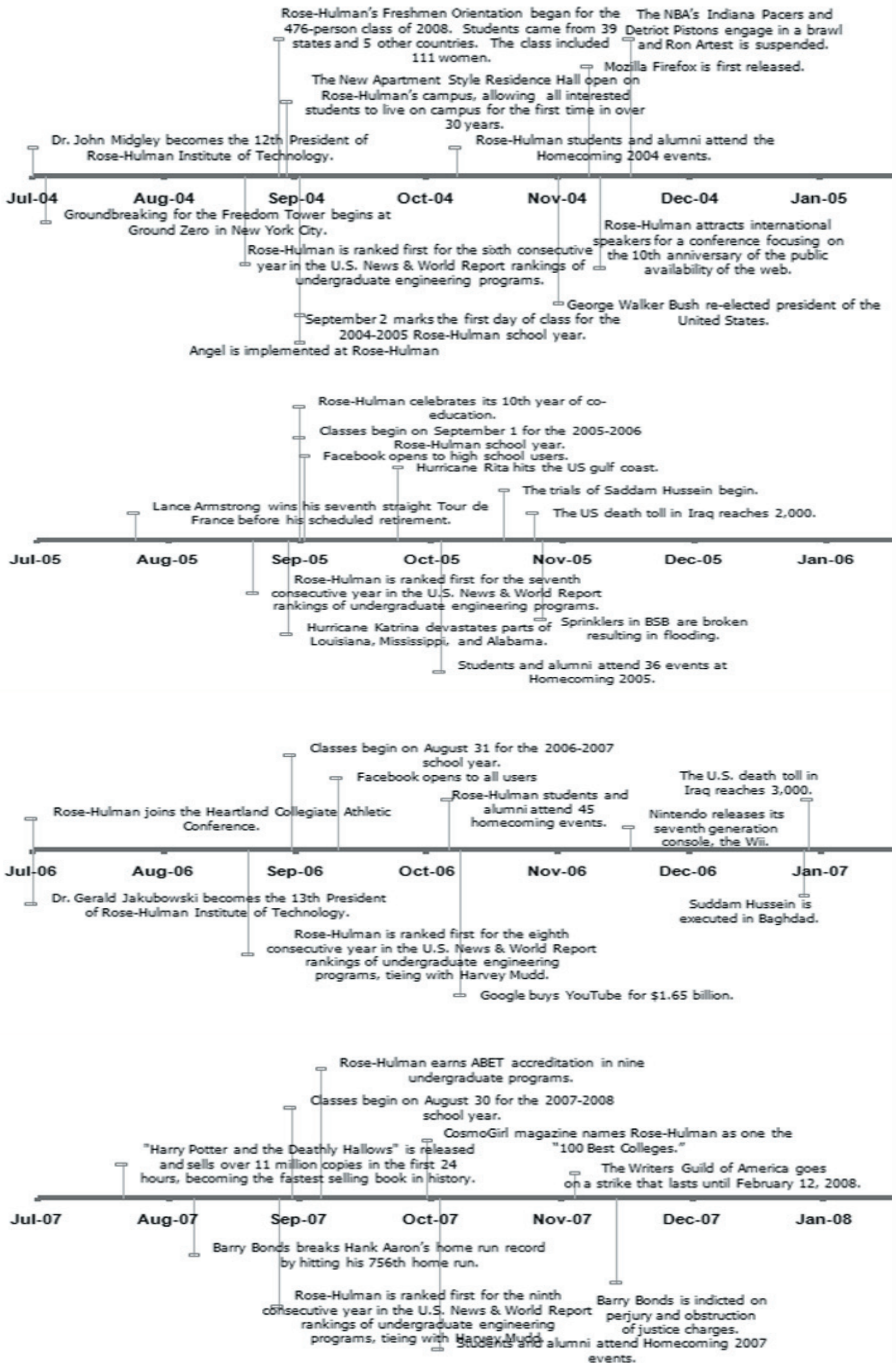
78% of Rose-Hulman students say they continually strive to conserve energy, recycle materials, and minimize their material consumption and waste.

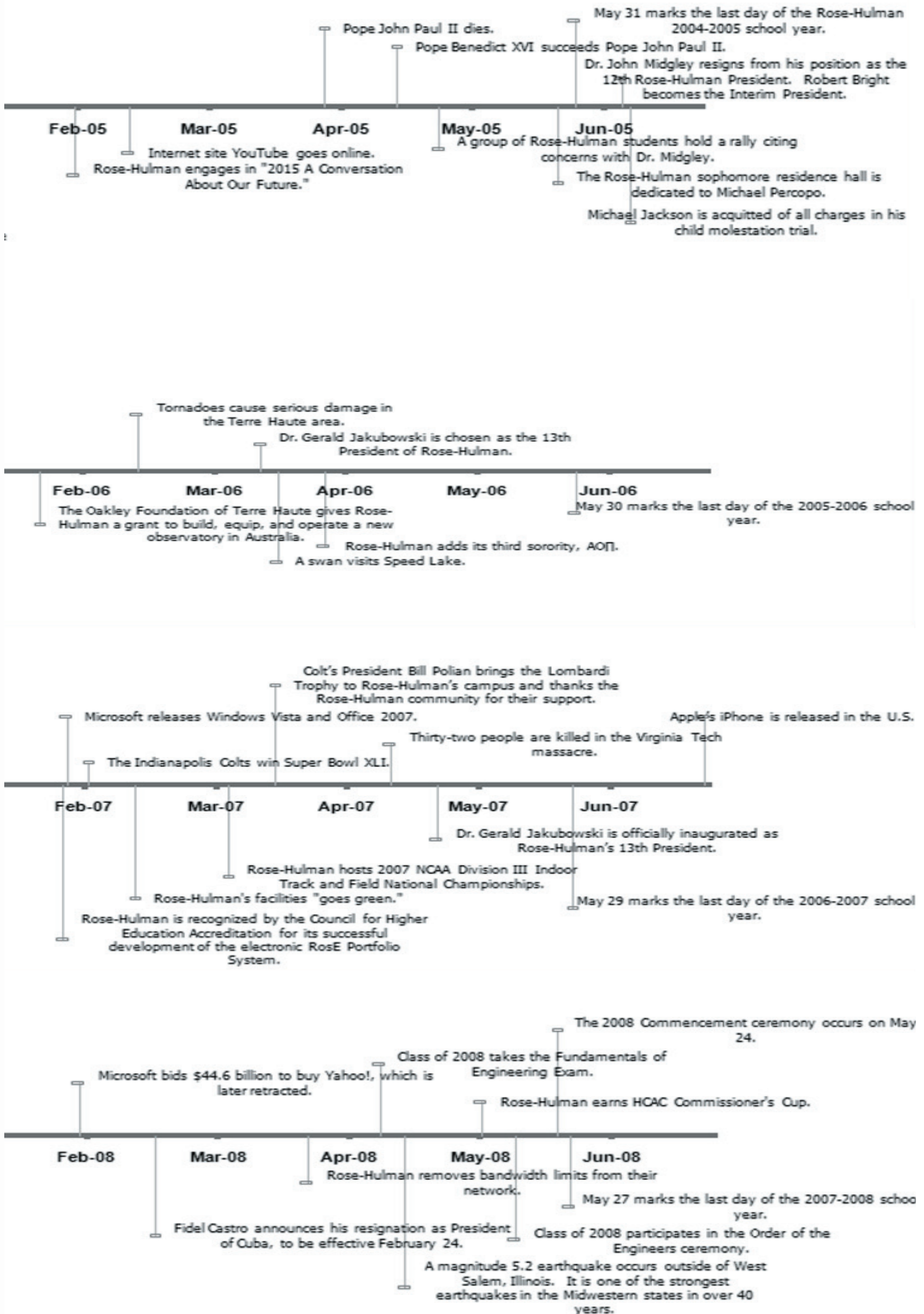
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For more information on the survey, contact Tuesday Strong, Director of Facilities Services, or the Sustainability Team.

Look for more Data/Points from the Office of Institutional Research, Planning and Assessment next year!

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A farewell address

Aaron Meles

Editor-in-Chief Emeritus

For seniors like me, next week will be our last week of classes at Rose-Hulman, and possibly our last full week in Terre Haute for the rest of our lives. While we all scramble to spend a few more hours together with our friends and prepare for what's to come, I believe that times of transition like these are perfect for examining how far each of us has come, and what direction we want ourselves to head as we change locales, social groups, and routines. I realize that it is impossible to make lists like this one not sound pretentious and that what I have to say here is merely advice coming from a person no older or wiser than you, but I ask you, as my friends, colleagues, and classmates to take my words for what they are worth: thoughts and ideas to consider and meditate upon as we begin our transition away from each other and toward the next part of our lives.

- Don't let your job define you. Nothing concerns me more than when I ask a person to tell me about themselves and he or she has nothing to say or talk about besides their work. You are a complete person, with the ability to learn, love, enjoy hobbies, pursue interests, and better yourself and the world around you. Don't let that potential be siphoned off by your employer; it's a recipe for being a miserable and boring person.

- Don't be afraid to say no. When asked to work more or sacrifice portions of your life for your job or some other activity, simply decline. The desire for

advancement for the sake of advancement has been programmed into American culture – resist it. Every task you undertake should be because you'll enjoy it; your time is too precious to spend it on anything else.

- Never turn down the chance to connect with someone. Find people with whom you can just make eye contact with and have an entire nonverbal conversation. Parts of life are inevitably going to suck, and friends like these are the ones who are going to help you through the rough times.

- Being willing to let yourself look stupid. Never take yourself too seriously. The people who won't appreciate and like you for this quality are not the kind of people you want to be associated with anyway, and knowing how to laugh and learn from your mistakes is a skill that will never wear out its usefulness.

- Be open to trying new things. With age, it becomes easier and easier to dismiss fresh ideas or new activities as something you won't like. Actively resist this temptation, as the benefits of a good experience can be just as instructive as the lessons learned from a bad one.

Finally, before I sign off, I'd like to end my last contribution to the Thorn by thanking and saying good-bye to all my friends and colleagues here at Rose-Hulman. It's been my exquisite pleasure to work, play, teach, learn, write, act, direct, produce, build, strike, laugh, and cry with each one of you, and I wouldn't trade our time together for anything. Farewell, and the best of luck to each of you.

That ol' wooden sled

John Pinkus

Staff Writer

Naturally, I have no idea what other collection of black shapes will grace this acid-filled page. Since I am a betting man, I would assume that there is another senior farewell article. This article, that is probably above mine, is most likely chock full of advice to younger students. (The fact that a majority of the money I spent during my freshman year was at New Res might explain that lack of another senior article, if that happens to be the case.) With those eighty three unnecessary words behind us, it is my turn to offer advice to the students who registered for classes this week. Where do I start . . . beef garlic extra spicy with the white rice and the . . . the BSB gaggle . . . you should listen to Richard Dawkins . . . and that is why you should always bring a towel.

Okay let's just pretend that didn't

happen and start again. There has to be some form of advice I can offer to the students younger than myself. Stay in school kids, uhm, develop a love-hate relationship with Taco Bell, ethanol is a noble ambition, let's see what else hmmm, it is convenient to "forget" to read e-mails at times, don't forget that you can print anything you want to almost any printer on campus, free stuff doesn't actually exist, if you find yourself studying on a Friday or Saturday night, ask yourself why, and the ARA is the [content removed to ensure publication]. That being said, chemical engineering is full of headaches and the largest paychecks (assuming the economy isn't in a year-long recession, sucks to be a junior). Also, making fun of a certain nice scenery major is the engineering pastime (those civil jokes started long before you got here, and will continue long after you leave). You can obtain many a leadership role by simply showing

up to the right meetings, it is always easier to ask for forgiveness than permission; finally, if you are late to class, blame the train.

SANTO VACA! you are still reading. Uhm, I didn't expect that to be the case, uhm, I am kind of at a loss for words. Well not really, but that would spoil the ending. I can't be that cynical about my time at Rose-Hulman, can I? This all must just be a defense mechanism, prompted by a realization that some of my best years in my life are almost over, that idea isn't trite in the least. Well maybe I am afraid that I am not the right person to give advice to others, yeah that must be right! (Come on John, just a few more words, go with that approach and you are done pretending you know how to write.) I mean, you should listen to people who have achieved more academically than I, they will tell you that you should study hard and always read the book before class. (Ugh, but grades

SERIOUSLY. *Mark Minster*

Last week the editors gave me most of a page, so this week I'll be brief.

It's been fun writing this column this year, lighting on topics from punctuation (gluts of quotes and a dearth of hyphens), to diversity and sustainability, to religion and ecology. If nothing else, I agitated my friend Terry Casey a few times, which tells me I'm doing something right.

Of all I've written here, there are three changes I'd like to make.

In a December article, I wrote, essentially, that there's nothing to be offended at if I wish you a Merry Christmas and you don't celebrate Christmas. After reflection and talking with others, I'd make that point differently. If I know for certain you're Muslim or Humanist, and I say "Happy Easter," then that's rude, or glib. Or it's just meaningless. If I don't know you're Muslim or Humanist, but we've known each other long enough that I ought to know, and still I talk as if you're Christian, I'm admitting I'm not a very good friend or colleague.

Is it such a big thing to change two words—one word, if you keep "Merry"? If friendship's at stake, or comfort, the least I can do is trouble to learn enough about you to know what to say.

Second, I'd request more pictures, especially of hippies.

Finally, I'd have made my dig at waterless-urinal complainers more transparent. My very first column joked that, maybe when some men gripe about the "splash-back" from waterless urinals, what they need is training in how to use their own "equipment." Were I to write that column today, I'd make that joke more explicitly, because

some people didn't seem to get it. A couple of pictures might help, perhaps with Goofus and Gallant relieving themselves at urinals. Goofus might have awkward torque on his wrist, and he'd aim his torrent in unsuccessful directions (e.g., $p < 90^\circ$ or $> 270^\circ$). Gallant would direct his own, more reasonably vellicated stream in more successful ways, each of which might be labeled with appropriate angles. (I should learn to use CAD just for this.) The picture would have a caption (as good visuals do, Tech Comm classes, in case you're reading this), maybe something like: "Slow and steady wins the race." I'd have to look into copyright regulations for "so simple a caveman could do it" and "just point and shoot."

Having read through an advance copy of the results of our recent campus-wide sustainability survey, it's clear that some people still have spleen to vent about these urinals. (They smell. They're toilets, not florists. Move on.)

These comments aren't nearly as worrisome as the one about how campus sustainability is the moral equivalent of allowing African children to die of malaria, a comment that treats logic like taffy. (How is reducing our electric bill and minimizing waste at all comparable to genocide? Come, now.)

For the most part, however, the results of the survey are heartening. By far, most of us are happy about changes that are occurring on campus, and most of us, by far, want to see even more concrete steps to clarify what smarter design means and why it matters. And by far most of the useful suggestions, most of the exciting ideas, come from students. It's exciting to see.

only represent, restrain yourself John, you are almost done). They are much better suited to tell you how wonderful of a place RHIT can be, without the risk of any statement appearing to be cynical in the least. (Those people would also never realize that college could be considered a simple continuation of youth, stop that, only one more sentence John). They would never wait

till the last sentence to get their point across, nor would they realize giving advice is pointless. (All right, that is a terrible way to end an article, people are going to think that you completely despised this place. They will never realize that trying to come up with a short concluding remark from four years of events is a task to great for me, rosssee-buuddddddd.)

Environmentalism starves

Tim Olmsted

Staff Writer

I would like to extend my coldhearted congratulations to those advocates of corn-derived ethanol as a sustainable fuel. After all, who could have guessed that using a food source for fuel could lead to increased food prices? There were riots in Haiti, as people could not afford to eat due to the increase in food prices. I salute the zealots who, in their quest to live a comfortable, "sustainable" life, have done so at the expense of others. There is no informed person who can advocate, in good conscience, the increased use of corn-derived ethanol as a positive good.

Corn-derived ethanol is no solution to sustainability. It is too useful a food to be wasted as fuel for transportation. Look on most food products and you will see that anywhere sugar is called for, high fructose corn syrup is usually used. It is used in a myriad of other foods in other forms such as cooking oil, the corn itself, corn meals and flours, et cetera. Not everyone in the world has access to vegetables that would give them the essential amino acids in place of meat, it is not too hard to figure out what feeds those animals that eat for survival.

The direct problems with using corn to

make ethanol notwithstanding, the complete and total lack of respect to people that the environmental movement is showing in its quest to reduce carbon emissions is unreasonable. Did anyone consider for a moment what the consequences of using corn for ethanol instead of food would entail? I have only heard the laud and praise of the almighty corn—the heralded new savior from the evil of global warming. As with all false messiahs, the façade will fall, and corn-based ethanol will be relegated to the trash heap of history, with all the decorum it deserves. It plays with the emotions, converts people to follow it unquestioningly, and ensures that all who dissent are condemned as the heretics to the preservation of the planet.

Those who are not willing to question the most basic of principles have fulfilled the definition of closed-minded. The environmental movement falls into this category, by its flat refusal to address people who disagree in principle or methods. People must be convinced that the path that everyone is so hell-bent on taking

is indeed licit. This means that the motives, the methods, and the underlying principle are indeed valid and widely acceptable. I applaud the Noble Prize Winners Al Gore and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) for convincing people that there exists a problem. I await an effective solution with an equally convincing argument.

Any proposed solution must be weighed on demonstrable merits and equally demonstrable costs. Ethanol loses the cost-benefit battle because the demonstrable costs, the voiceless human suffering caused by driving up the cost of food, outweigh the benefits easing the amount of carbon dioxide in an effort to prevent the future suffering of human beings who include those who have the ability to

address the problem. This is not to advocate that the solution should be pushed off, but the people most responsible for the problem should suffer the costs. All solutions are going to have costs; it is the responsibility of those who wade through these solutions to ensure that not only is the minimal suffer-

“I await an effective solution with an equally convincing argument.”

ing achieved, but also those who caused the problem bear the costs of the solution. The idea of a global carbon tax is a little hard to implement, but the idea of a national carbon tax with the tax money strictly going to cover the costs of collection and removal of carbon might be feasible and functional. Regardless of the solution, it must depend on the china shop principle—"you break it you buy it." The person who makes the errors should be the one to solve them.

The environmental movement must address the human rights issue of their own making. They failed to take into account an issue of paramount importance, and now they must come up with a solution. Anything less is gross negligence and worthy of condemnation. They must find a solution for the increased cost of food caused by an increased consumption of corn for ethanol. Solutions may already exist, like using luxuries like sugar beets and sugar cane in place of corn. As with the solutions to the original problem they were attempting to solve, it must address the concern that the problem-creators must be the problem-solvers. Let us hope that those as driven about solving the problem of global warming are as motivated to solve the problem of food shortage caused by their zeal.

Rose prepares for NCAA regional

Tim Boyer
Copy Editor

Next weekend, Rose-Hulman will welcome six or eight NCAA Division III National Baseball Tournament qualifiers. The double elimination tournament is the first step for teams looking to claim a national title. Rose is one of eight host institutions that will welcome a total of 54 teams.

This is not the first time Rose has hosted the NCAA Midwest Regional qualifier. Previously, Rose hosted the same bracket in 2005 and 2006. In 2005, Adrian College advanced to the national championships, while in 2006, Marietta College advanced to the national championships and eventually claimed the national title.

Perhaps what is interesting this year, Rose's own baseball team

has a good chance of qualifying for the tournament, and thereby claiming a home field advantage. This weekend, the team traveled to Cincinnati, Ohio to make a run for the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) tournament championship.

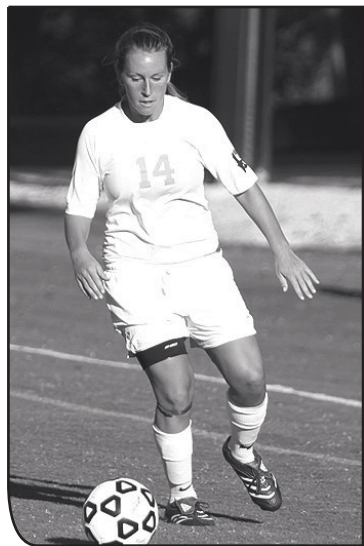
Tournament play begins today at 2 p.m. when the Fightin' Engineers take on Franklin College in the first round action of the double-elimination tournament. Fans can follow the game online on the Rose-Hulman sports page at <http://www.rose-hulman.edu/sports/>. If Rose makes the NCAA tournament, the Residence Hall Association (RHA) will cover the \$5 ticket charge for 35 people each day that Rose is in the tournament.

Sports Information Director Kevin Lanke commented, "It has

the potential to be a really interesting Regional. There are no 'unbeatable' teams this year like there have been in years past. It's wide open for anyone's taking — which is exactly why it would be cool for

Rose-Hulman to be in the field." The NCAA will announce the tournament field this coming Monday once all the participating conferences decide their automatic qualifier and the NCAA

committee decides the schools who will receive an at-large bid. Once the field for the Regional here in Terre Haute is announced, it will be posted on the Rose-Hulman sports page.



Rose-Hulman News

Jennifer Gordon helped the women's soccer team last fall to the program's first conference title.

Engineer Scoreboard

Baseball 28-11 (15-6)

May 3
Rose-Hulman 16
at Transylvania U. 2

Rose-Hulman 3
at Transylvania U. 5

May 4
Rose-Hulman 3
at Transylvania U. 5

Soffball 25-12 (13-3)

May 2
Mt. St. Joseph 0
at Rose-Hulman 1

Defiance College 2
at Rose-Hulman 1

May 3
Mt. St. Joseph 7
at Rose-Hulman 4

Men's Golf

May 2-3
HCAC Tournament
Rounds 3-4
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5th of 8 teams

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Flipside: the year in review

Matt Melton

Ruler Of This Here Land

My, what a crazy year it's been for us here on the Flipside. Between Facebook impersonations, international affairs, trying new segments, getting laked (multiple times), and always, always pushing the envelope, it's been one amazing year here on our upside-down piece of the paper. And man, did we push the envelope this year. Looking back at the older issues, I'm sometimes confused as to whether or not we ever had something to stop us, like, I don't know, a copy editor...editor-in-chief...staff advisor...moral sense of decency...So if you're bored and looking for the three things that actually got us in "trouble" this year on the Flipside, then look for a certain word that rhymes with witch that we snuck in the bottom line, the website we posted that no one has any business going to under any conditions other than hardcore pranking, and my personal favorite, a 4 letter anagram that just screams "How did we get away with that?" And as a headline too...and to think, I used to be scared to say "damn" on this page...damn...

So what are my favorite moments of the year? Well, to put them in my familiar style...

Top Ten Flipside Moments of 2007-2008

10.) New Segments. RoseView, Flipsideconomics, Thorn Office Quote of the Week...they all appeared for very short runs. Flipsideconomics is a recurring (albeit very rarely) segment now, while RoseView is currently on writer's strike. As for our quote of the week, we realized it just can't compete with the profs.

9.) Flipside Goes British. When the editor goes overseas on a Co-op, what do you do? Go international! An interesting twist on the Flipside that generated some fresh new ideas, along with one that kinda just died...

8.) Top...Seventeen? You thought ten was enough? Nay I said! Why not make it eleven? thirteen? seventeen? Title be damned! Wait for next year, I promise a top ten that goes into three digits.

7.) The Civil War. I still think this idea had amazing potential. Unfortunately, it turned out that conducting full scale military operations across 8 time zones during peace time while passing our classes is kind of hard. Who knew.

6.) Step-dad Darryl and Ryland Hayes. Let's face it: Hertz is done. We need new Flipside celebrities, and these two fill the part way better than Hertz ever did. The only question I have is whether there's enough room on the Flipside for both of them. I hope so, because if they fought to the death, I'm pretty sure little Hayes could kill Darryl with his mind.

5.) The Facebook Issue. Straight-up brilliant idea from the crazy mind of one Alex Clerc. Just don't look-up the movies...or the website...

4.) 5 bucks to Lake Goods! Perhaps it was the \$5 part, but I never knew one little offhand comment on the bottom line could actually get someone laked for me. And yes, they got their \$5...I didn't want to go swimming too...

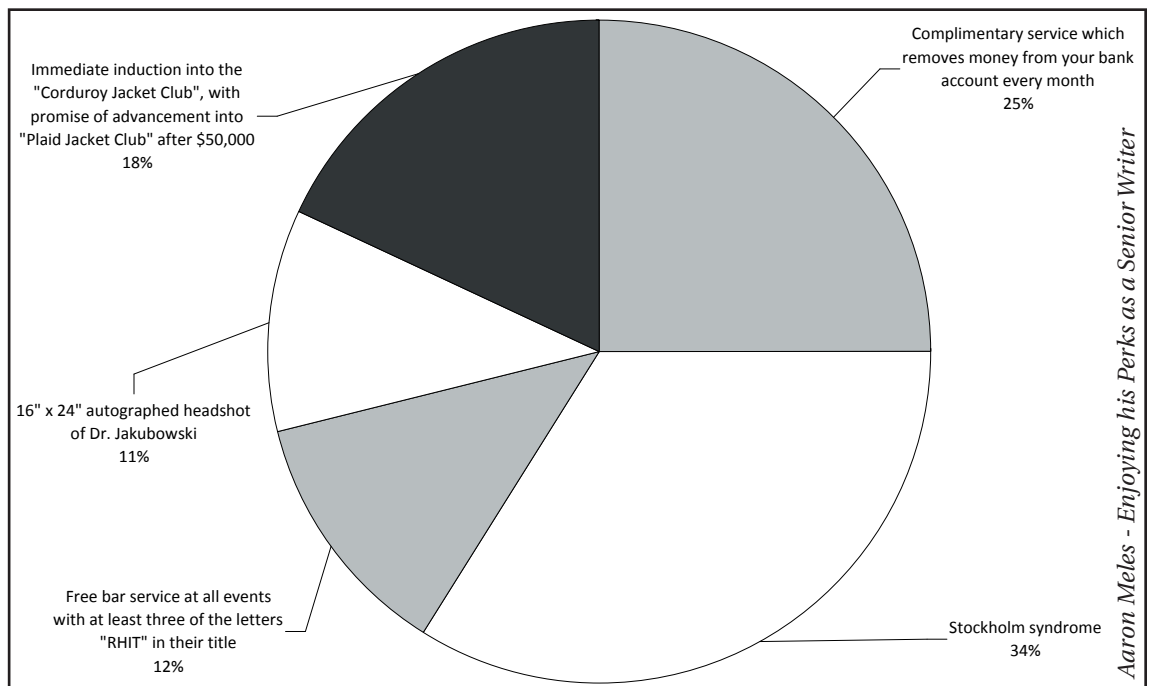
3.) Excel Graphics. Thanks to these, I now believe only 80 percent out of 105 percent of Excel sucks. A special kudos to graph master Aaron Meles for winning third place "Best Informational Graphic" at the Indiana Collegiate Press Association conference for his "My Happiness Level: Winter Quarter 2007-2008." Never has the award been given for so little work. (Seriously, he did get this award).

2.) 1,000 Words. How I stole the cartoon off the opinions page I will never now, but thankfully I did, as the cartoons by award-winning cartoonist Erin Zekis (She got a second at the ICPA conference for "Best Editorial Cartoon") were definitely a staple of the Flipside. A special thanks also goes out to Kevin Zekis, the subject of or main character in roughly 80 percent of the comics.

1.) The Night of 1,000 Lakings. Mistakenly blamed for an offhand remark making fun of freshmen and their lack of lacking, I was hanging around in my room one rather chilly Thursday evening to suddenly find myself surrounded by the thirty residents of Deming Zero. One car ride and gentle toss into Speed Lake later, I was back in my room after taking a shower to find six members of Speed two who had also arrived to lake me. (Unbeknownst to me, half of Speed one was also a few doors down, as it was their turn to lake me after Speed two). After two hours of avoiding a laking by running like hell, fighting off about seven members of BSB one for five minutes, jumping out of an RA Josh Cartwright's window after trashing his room, and running a lot more, the night finally ended thanks to the help of one RA I could only describe as being quite "upset" when a bunch of rowdy kids showed up in his room to lake me at 2 a.m. Never has anything written on the Flipside gotten such a response from anyone. Kudos to Deming Zero for being the most proficient lakers I've ever seen, Speed two for being the most persistent ones, and Alex Clerc for never getting laked despite being the only one that should have.

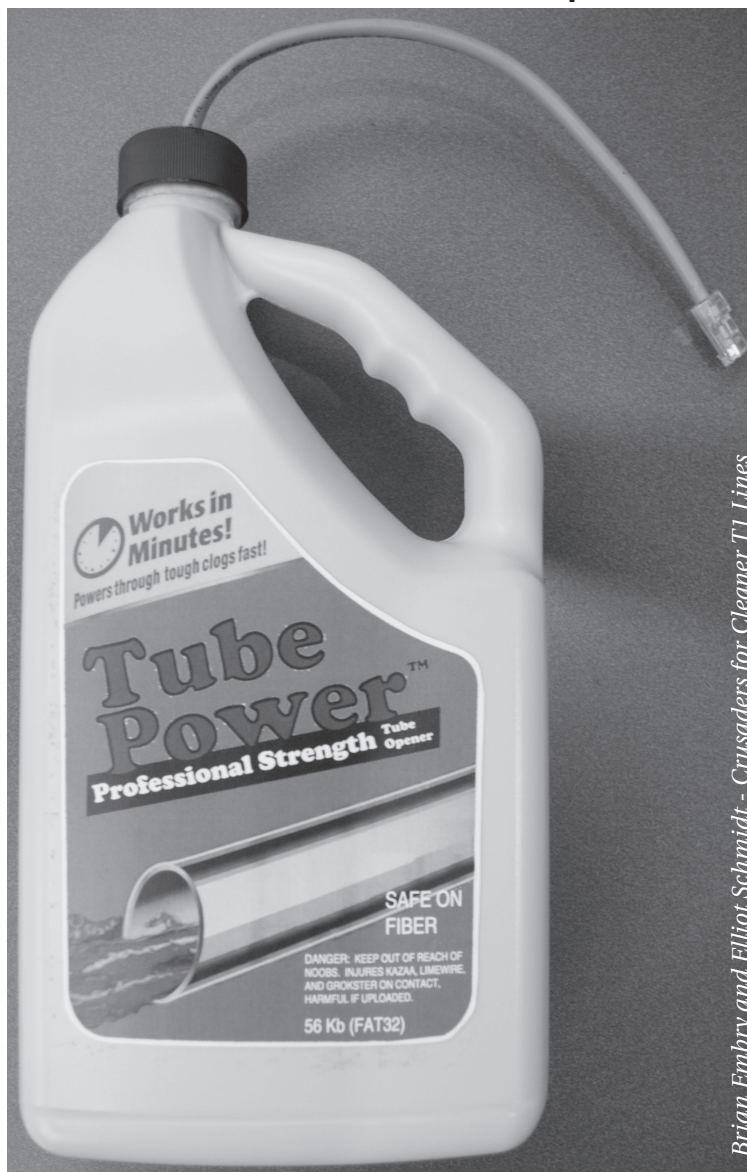
And there it is, the highlights of this year's Flipside. Some of our jokes were as tasteless as Carbon Monoxide, others were as bad as the preceding joke. Hopefully, you enjoyed reading us at the lunch tables on Friday afternoons between handfuls of curly fries. What's in store for next year? Honestly, no clue at this moment. The entire year's worth of Flipside was written by about eight people, four of which are graduating, and one of which was a guest writer. Thus, the current Flipside staff consists of wacky writer extraordinaire James Zhou, some help from Top Ten fangirl Molly G(illam), and the commander of a much smaller army, but one that can still take Canada, me. Thus, if you would like to write for the Flipside, next year is the perfect time! We need new people with new and absolutely ridiculous story and segment ideas. So until next year, enjoy the summer, stay sleep deprived, and keep laughing. Catch you on the...Flipside?

What perks will the seniors now be enjoying as alumni?



Aaron Meles - Enjoying his Perks as a Senior Writer

The solution to our bandwidth problems



Brian Embry and Elliot Schmidt - Crusaders for Cleaner T1 Lines

That's A-borin'

James Zhou

Lookin' for a More Italian in the ARA

(To the tune of a song sung in the background of two dogs eating spaghetti.)

In RHIT where work is king
When boy meets lab, here's what they say

When the math hits your eye with a big func of pi
That's a-borin'
When the words seems to drone because you haven't slept past noon

That's a-borin'
Bells will ring ting-a-ling-a-ling, ting-a-ling-a-ling
And you'll cry "Oh, Class - AHH!"

Keyboards will go clicky-clicky-kay, clicky-clicky-kay
Like a broken patella

When the requirements are cruel just to make you a fool
That's a-borin'

When you trudge down the street thinking of snow on concrete

You're in Rose
When you walk down in a stupor but you know you're not Learning anymore, eh?

Wacky prof quotes

"I usually just drop large amounts of acid when I try to visualize functions of many variables." — *Dr. Bryan. Note: The Flipside does not condone the use of any drugs. Except caffeine. And maybe alcohol.*

"What's doping? That has many contexts. I grew up in the 60s and know all about that" — *Dr. Bunch, master of physics, optics, and the 27 different meanings of the word "doping."*

"The best advice in life I can give you is to pick a doctor with skinny fingers" — *Dr. Sanders, hands down the best advice I've ever heard.*



Erin Zekis - That's Where Kevin's Laptop Went...