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## New athletic center reflects vision for future

by Jay Shannahan  
Thorn Reporter

A Ground breaking ceremony for the new Alumni Center for Athletics and Recreation held April 4, follows the successes of many improvements at Rose-Hulman, including coeducation and the introduction of laptops.

The ground breaking also suggests the success of the Vision to be the Best campaign.

The center is slated to replace Shook Fieldhouse and the E.E. Black Recreation Center.

The new Alumni Center is designed to have more extensive and higher quality facilities than Shook Fieldhouse.

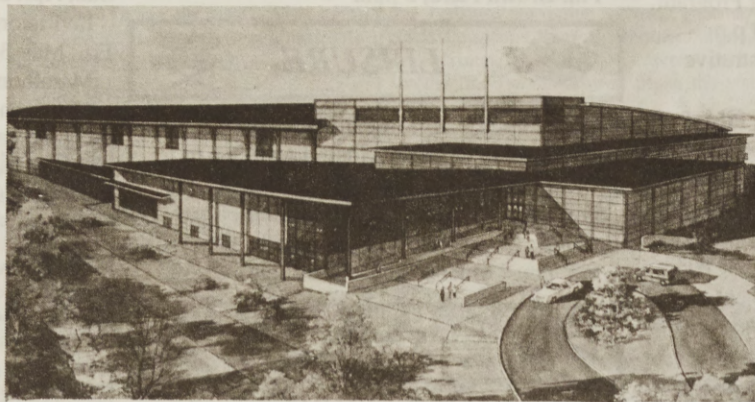
According to Wayne Spary, director of facility services, the new center will cost approximately \$34 million and it will have approximately 168,000 square feet of floor space.

The new building is scheduled to be completed in August 1997. After the new building is constructed, the old buildings will be demolished and replaced with a parking lot and tennis courts.

A 200 meter track made with the latest technology will enclose a 60,000 square foot recreational area including three basketball courts and a tennis court.

Many other features will be adjacent to the track. There will be setups for the long jump, high jump, and shot-put.

Also, there will be a sports medicine facility, two racquetball/volleyball courts and a large exercise room including free weights and weight machines. Two multipurpose rooms will be available, one of which



An artist reflects his vision of the new Alumni Center for Athletics and Recreation (above). The facility should be ready by August 1997.

President Hulbert (left) helps to pave the way for the new center by helping with the task of dirt removal. Hulbert participated in the April 4 ground breaking, as work officially began on the replacement for the aging Shook Fieldhouse.

Photos by Chris Dolphy

will have pull out bleachers.

In addition to this recreational area, the competition gym and swimming pool are in the high ceiling area that occupies most of the athletic center building.

The competition gym will have two courts and new bleachers for varsity basketball and volleyball. The indoor swimming pool will have eight 25 yard lanes.

Glass-walled viewing areas will overlook the competition gym and a balcony will overlook the swimming pool from the upper floor of the two-floor section building. The upper floor will also contain various offices, the Hall of Fame, and public reception and recreation areas.

New needs driven by coeducation will be accommodated with the 15 separate locker facilities designed for men and women of both home and visiting teams, coaches and referees.

All facilities will be NCAA sanctioned enabling Rose-Hulman to host NCAA meets.

The old grandstand at Brown Football Field will be replaced with a new grandstand seating about 1500 people, by August 1997.

The new grandstand will include concession stands, restrooms. The new grandstand will house an indoor rifle range. The old football field bleachers will be relocated to the visitors side of the football field, the Art Nehf Baseball field and the Joe Rendell Soccer Field.

In addition, the new Center will become more accessible after the addition of two new two-lane vehicle bridges and two new pedestrian

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## Women excel in engineering, overcome stereotypes

by Thomas Hill  
News Editor

A Woman's Place, the conference on women in engineering, sciences and the humanities will have 100 attendees at events this weekend.

Attendees include faculty, staff and students from colleges spanning the nation including GMI Engineering and Management Institute, M.I.T., Texas A&M University, the University of Connecticut, the University of Illinois, the University of Wisconsin and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Also there are attendees from Qualcomm, Inc. and the HNTB corporation in Boston.

Rose-Hulman president Samuel Hulbert said the conference is "One of the most important conferences we've ever held on our campus because it concerns one of America's most unutilized resources, which is the lack of women in engineering and science."

Julia Williams, professor of English and conference coordinator explained, "We're going to make more people aware of women's status in engineering, and hopefully give our students a better sense of women's status."

A variety of speakers will focus on the role of women in engineering and how to increase the interest of women in science, engineering and mathematics. Keynote speaker Ethlie Ann Vare is expected to be entertaining for both students and faculty.

Kathleen Knabe, an ME graduate student from former East Germany, is the third woman in her family to pursue a career, following the

footsteps of her mother who also became an engineer. Knabe will discuss economic problems in Germany that are forcing women out of engineering jobs.

Tamar Elkeles from QUALCOMM, Inc of San Diego will discuss her concerns about a study at a California company that suggests men don't perceive women as exceptional engineers.

Catherine Riordan, a psychologist from the University of Missouri at Rolla, has studied how women engineers are perceived in the workplace. Riordan will lecture about impression management, a technique that women can use to handle professional environments where they encounter stereotypes.

Anne Bratach, also representing the University of Missouri at Rolla, will lecture about the history of women in medicine.

Bratach will describe how Lady Mary Wortley Montagu observed the inoculation of Small Pox while traveling in the Middle East. Although Lady Mary wasn't a science professional, she capably imported the Small Pox medical treatment to England.

Director of the Rose-Hulman learning center and professor of English, Susan Smith will explain how to develop a program like Fast Forward. Fast Forward is a summer program devoted to exposing middle school girls to math and science.

Smith noted that 85% of Fast Forward participants surveyed agreed that Fast Forward had an impact on their interest in math and science.

Smith stated that active learning such as laboratory exercises, group work, project work and problem solving increased the Fast Forward participants interest in science and engineering.

Professor Ann Raymond from Indiana State University will also discuss an interactive hands-on learning approach she used for a Girl Scouts program.

Caroline Carvill, professor of American literature at Rose, will moderate a panel discussions which will include Christine Buckley, professor of mechanical and biomedical engineering, Sean Eads, SGA president, Donald Richards, professor of mechanical engineering and John Robson, Rose-Hulman librarian.

These panel members were important advocates of coeducation at Rose-Hulman. The panel will also include Rose-Hulman freshmen

Leland Keyt and Kara Pritt.

William Pickett, Professor of History at Rose, will moderate the humanities and technology session of the conference.

Pickett commented "It's too bad more women students aren't here to benefit from the conference. Male students can benefit from it because they can learn about stereotypes and the many contributions women have made to science and technology [while also encountering] special challenges, because they were female. This is a story of women finding a more satisfactory place in society and ways of realizing their potential."

All conference events are open and free to all Rose students and faculty. Conference programs are located at registration tables in Hadley.

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**GATHERINGS**

- Apr. 19 - 20 — Conference, "A Woman's Place," Throughout Campus:  
 Mon., Apr. 22 — Physics & Applied Optics Colloquium, "Laser Cooling Of Solids," Carl Mungan of Los Alamos National Laboratory, CL-119, 4:20 p.m.  
 Tue., Apr. 23 — Explore Engineering Program, Power/Control Laboratories, 7-8:30 p.m.  
 Wed., Apr. 24 — President's Administrative Council, North Room, 8 a.m.  
 Wed., Apr. 24 — Graduate Seminars, GM Room, 10:50 a.m.  
 \* Feasibility Of A 100% Biodiesel Fueled Engine," San Yun Han  
 \* "The Concept Of Force Flow And Its Application In Engineering Design," Wei Wang  
 \* "Position Determination Via Time-Of-Arrival Of Tapping Sound," Xiaojie He  
 Wed., Apr. 24 — ACM Lecture, "Visualizing Abstraction: The Role Of Multimedia," David Sallach, Swiss Bank Corp., G-221, 4:30 p.m.  
 Fri., Apr. 26 — Thesis Defense, "Patello-femoral Joint Study Via Image Processing," Xuejing "Jean" Gao, O-203, 4:30 p.m.  
 Fri., Apr. 26 — Army/Air Force ROTC Military Ball, St. Mary-Of-The-Woods College, 6 p.m.  
 Sat., Apr. 27 — President's Appreciation Dinner, Main Dining Room  
 Sat., Apr. 27 — Gun Club, Range Work Day, Gun Club Room, 8 a.m.  
 Wed., May 1 — President's Administrative Council, North Room, 8 a.m.  
 Wed., May 1 — Graduate Seminars, GM Room, 10:50 a.m.  
 \* "Modeling NACA Submerged Intake Performance," Jay Bernheisel

- \* "Applications Of Liquid Crystal Spatial Light Modulator In Optical Systems," Wei Li  
 \* "Design Of Low-Noise Helical Gears," Guanghei Cai  
 Thur., May 2 — Oscar Schmidt Lecture, George Ryan of Sara Lee Corp., Moench Hall Auditorium, 11 a.m.  
 Thur., May 2 — Army ROTC Awards Parade, Phil Brown Field, 5 p.m.

**LEISURE**

- Wed., Apr. 24 — Electrical/Computer Engineering Cookout, South Lawn, 5 p.m.  
 Fri., Apr. 26 — Drama Club Musical, "Crazy For You," Moench Hall Auditorium, 8 p.m.  
 Fri., May 3 — Drama Club Musical, "Crazy For You," Moench Hall Auditorium, 8 p.m.

**SPORTS**

- Fri., Apr. 19 — Golf, at ICAC Championships, Batesville, Ind., 7 a.m.  
 Sat., Apr. 20 — Track, at Indiana State Univ. Invitational or DePauw Invitational  
 Sat., Apr. 20 — Golf, at ICAC Championships, Batesville, Ind., 7 a.m.  
 Sun., Apr. 21 — Baseball, Washington University, Art Nehf Field, 1 p.m. (DH)  
 Sun., Apr. 21 — Tennis, at ICAC Tournament, Greencastle, 8 a.m.  
 Mon., Apr. 22 — Tennis, at ICAC Tournament, Greencastle, 8 a.m.  
 Mon., Apr. 22 — JV Baseball, Wabash Valley College, Art Nehf Field, 2:30 p.m.  
 Tue., Apr. 23 — Tennis, Manchester College, Rose-Hulman Courts,

- 3:30 p.m.  
 Wed., Apr. 24 — JV Baseball, at Wabash College, Crawfordsville, 2:30 p.m.  
 Fri., Apr. 26 — Baseball, Wabash College, Art Nehf Field, 2:30 p.m.  
 Sat., Apr. 27 — Baseball, at Wabash College, Crawfordsville, 1 p.m. (ICAC)  
 Sat., Apr. 27 — Track, at ICAC Championships, Anderson, 10 a.m.  
 Sat., Apr. 27 — Tennis, at Augustana Invitational Tournament, Rockfort, Ill., 8 a.m.  
 Fri., May 3 — Delta Sigma Phi Basketball Marathon, Shook Fieldhouse, 6 p.m. (Through 6 p.m. on Saturday)

**Submissions To Campus Events**

Events may be published in *Campus 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 Bush*, by campus mail to the *Thorn*.

All submissions must be made by Wednesday, at noon, in order to be published in *Campus Events* in the *Rose Thorn* on Friday.

**Challenge Problem**

Congratulations to Mark Lancaster, the winner of \$10 for turning in 1,000,000 apocalyptic powers. The first solution was found by Patrick Swickard and turned in slightly before noon on the first day of the contest.

This month's challenge problem: A Niven number is a positive integer divisible by the sum of its base 10 digits. For example, 21 is a Niven number because 21 is divisible by 2 + 1. Your challenge is to find as many consecutive Niven numbers larger than 10 as possible. The person who turns in the longest string will be awarded \$10. All others will be awarded \$ (n - 2)/2 for turning in a longest string of length n.

The first tie-breaker goes to the sequence containing the smallest values. Thus, the submission (2, 20 - 21) beats the submission (2, 200 - 201). The second tie breaker is next longest sequence followed by sequence containing the largest values. Further tie-breakers follow this format. For example, The submission [(2, 20 - 21), (2, 200 - 201), (2, 110 - 111)] beats the submission [(2, 20 - 21), (2, 200 - 201), (2, 80 - 81)].

Bonus: It's possible to show that there is no sequence of K consecutive Niven numbers. If anyone can produce a proof of this fact for some value of K, then the smallest value of K that can be shown will be awarded \$5. The tiebreaker will be the elegance of the proof.

Solutions should be submitted to Dr. Rickert, Box 141, G215A, rickert@nextwork.rose-hulman.edu by 5PM EST, Friday, May 10.

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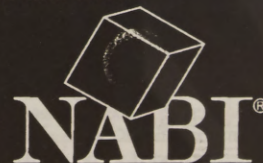
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## Olin expansion underway

by Jay Shannahan  
Thorn Reporter

Construction projects grew by one this week as work began on the addition to Olin Hall.

This week, workers were involved with the removal of most of the old trees in the path of the proposed addition.

The Olin Hall expansion will feature two floors, each with four new classrooms noted for their flexibility and access to network facilities.

The new section of Olin will have network and power jacks in the floors for laptop computers and projectors on

three walls to aid professors in presentations.

The expansion will connect Olin Hall to the Templeton Alumni Center and include entrance facing BSB residence hall.

Construction plans include a glass courtyard facing the front of the campus which is intended to aesthetically blend with the rest of Olin hall.

The Olin Hall expansion is scheduled to be completed near the beginning of 1997.

Anyone wishing to tour construction sites, may contact either Wayne Spary at Extension 8241 or Bruce Carter at Huber Hunt and Nicols, Inc.

## Scharpenburg under rain delay

by Michael Pruett  
Thorn Reporter

Scharpenburg residents returned from spring break with a flood of new problems.

The radiator pipe in Resident Assistant Leonard Clark's room ruptured early on the morning of April 12 creating a minor flood.

Leakage from the ruptured pipe covered the second floor of Scharpenburg with approximately 2 inches of water. A portion of the flood water flowed down the stairwell to the first floor.

Clark contends that, "The damage to the hall was not too bad. There were about three rooms that lost their carpets, but the school reimbursed the students for the carpet and anything else that was damaged."

Maintenance workers repaired the rup-

tured pipe on April 12. The workers utilized water vacuums which helped them soak up the flood water in an hour. Fans were placed in the halls to expedite the drying process. All traces of the flood were gone by April 13 except for the smell of mildew.

Clark commented "They actually [fixed the flood] really quickly; everybody was really happy about that. By Monday, you couldn't tell that anything had happened."

Clark's room was the site of a broken water pipe two years ago. The first rupture in Clark's room was caused by extremely cold weather. A faulty welding job on a pipe in Clark's room resulted in the recent rupture.

## "Sunrace '96" part of third Fast Forward

by Peter Anderson  
Thorn Reporter

The popular Fast Forward program is preparing for its third annual summer of operation.

The program is a summer camp for seventh and eighth grade girls interested in science, mathematics and engineering.

The program is run by Susan Smith, director of the Learning Center and professor of english, and has sessions taught by faculty members, including Professor Christine Buckley, and Professor David Stienstra.

During the one week session, the students will participate in a number of projects. The projects were suggested by interested faculty members.

The major project this summer involves building a solar-powered vehicle. Teams of three or four girls will design, build and test a solar-powered vehicle in a project culminating with "Mini-Sun-

race '96" at the conclusion of the program.

In addition to the solar-powered project, many projects will be worked on within the camp.

The physics of the lie detector and how it works will be discussed. Each Fast Forward participant will be involved in the hands-on experience of building a lie detector.

President Samuel Hulbert will give a discussion on engineering advances in the medical field, concerning his vast expertise with prosthetic devices and artificial organs such as artificial hearts, pacemakers, implantable defibrillators, total hips and total knees.

There will be an "On-the-Spot-Design" where the participants will use their creativity to build something out of common materials. The design project demonstrates the entire design process while allowing an opportunity for creativity.

An environmental project will involve

the participants in designing a waste management system for a hypothetical city and view the impacts it has on the people's lives using a roleplaying case study.

Participants will also learn how a battery works as they build their own. They will study the physical properties of plastics and they will be introduced to fractals. Participants will see engineering in action as they tour a local industry.

"We hope the participants develop an increased interest in math, science and engineering; that they feel more confident in their abilities, and that they realize the need to take a lot of math and science classes as they enter high school so their career options are left open to them so they can go to places like Rose," Smith said.

For more information contact Susan Smith at (812) 877-8319.

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bridges.

A gravel railbed has been set up in the rear for construction traffic. The gravel railbed will provide general access to the center after August 1997.

Rose-Hulman president, Samuel Hulbert said the ground breaking signified "one of the greatest days in the history of our school. We believe in the total education of a person at Rose and this new recreational facility will allow us to provide that total education in a manner we have never been able to accomplish before."

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# A Woman's Place:

## A Conference on Women in

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# Escaping reality: one man's quest not to believe



**Michael Bickel**

*Thorn*  
Columnist

Everyone needs a vacation once in a while. Some of us spend our vacations "catching up" on things that should have been done before. Some of us do things that we "didn't have time for" before. Some of us do nothing. Some of us take time to think, while others jump at the chance to avoid thinking.

Most of us use a vacation as an opportunity to deny the reality that we live in. We take our trips, play our games, ignore, and forget. This is considered to be not only healthy, but necessary.

Do people really NEED vacations? Of course! Nobody's life is so satisfactory that an escape can't help. A break gives

people a chance to rest and to move on. Without vacations, people will turn to other means of escape, such as drugs, apathy, or mindless computer games.

Why is reality so oppressive? Could it be that we only perceive it to be so that actual reality is happy and flowery?

Are people's "real" lives miserable because they are in denial of the true positive reality? That could make a vacation a rejection of denial, or a recursive (nested) denial. This is a matter of perspective. Since most people will get a headache just thinking about this possibility, there is no need to argue about it.

Reality is oppressive because it is solid. Touching a solid thing can hurt your hand if it is rough. And even if it is smooth, it will hurt if you hit it

hard enough or often enough. Handling reality takes great care, as it is often heavy or sharp, and always close.

Because a vacation is considered so healthy, it must follow that denial is healthy. After all, what else is a vacation about? It is good to take vaca-

sive. Singing along with music is a good start if this is difficult for you. But that is only the beginning. Practice saying things such as, "Everything will work out," "I LIKE this computer," "Deadlines don't bother me," and "I think I'll sleep in tomorrow." It is easy to be relaxed and optimistic when you live in denial.

Of course, too much of anything can be bad. It is advisable to think about reality once in a while. This

can be done shortly before a vacation, in case you need time to recover. Try to minimize these as much as possible. In the meantime, be sure to do plenty of irrational things. Leave the heat low in the winter and refuse to eat or throw out leftovers. And there's no reason to stop there. Ignore dirty dishes, dirty clothes, bills, phone messages,

and homework (if applicable). When you feel like you can handle a little stress, come back and do something.

So many people load themselves with exorbitant amounts of unnecessary stress. They actually try to deal with all the adversity around them. And when vacation time comes, it is never enough. Life doesn't have to be all stressful. When lived correctly, it's almost a permanent vacation. When you do this, a real vacation gives enough time to "catch up" to total relaxation, optimism, and tranquility.

*Michael Bickel is an eternal optimist who thinks too much for his own good. He is a lousy chess player, a pathetic housewife, and an absent-minded student. He has many opinions and features, that is why he is an opinions/features columnist, duh. His goal in life is to finish college more idealistic than he was when he started.*

## It's easy to be relaxed and optimistic when you live in denial.

tions regularly, so it must also be good to ignore reality regularly. Some people have difficulty doing this, such as Alice of *Alice in Wonderland*. However, anyone can, as the red queen explains in the sequel.

Regular escapes from reality can help you get through times with no vacation. They don't have to be big, long, or expen-

# Spring break filled with culture, learning



**Kent Bye**

*Thorn*  
Columnist

The more new and different things you do, then the more you'll be able to relate what you already know with what you learn. This means that more dendritic connections will be created in your brain which translates into a better memory and faster thinking. A stronger mind is less likely to suffer from Alzheimer's disease and is more likely to survive longer.

With this in mind, I had an interesting and diverse spring break '96. I caught up on sleep, played some table tennis, basketball, and tennis. I went to a local rock concert, a jazz piano competition, a baseball game, a Pacers game, two museums, and three movies. Despite doing all my usual break stuff, I spent a lot of time going to eleven different lectures and presentations.

I heard a Professor of Neurology from the IU school

of Medicine talk about the latest research on Alzheimer's Disease. I heard the executive director of the Hoosier Salon speak about this prestigious art competition, and then the Indiana State Museum fine arts curator talk about restoring and conserving paintings. I went to hear the famous poet John Ashbery read some of his recent poems, and then the next day I went to hear a critic Majorie Perloff speak with John about why he is the "greatest living poet" as well as interpret some of his poems. I then went to hear professor Elizabeth Weber at University of Indianapolis read some of her poetry. I then heard Randall Tobias who is the CEO of Eli Lilly and Company speak about managing change and leading a business into the 21st Century. Next, I went to hear a Stanford University law professor speak about the recent developments in tobacco tort litigation. Then I went to go see a multimedia presentation about Tibetan culture, history and dances performed by the Lamas of the Sera Je Monastery. I went on a field trip to Wishard Hospital with my mother and her pregnant teenage students to see the delivery and recovery

rooms. Finally, I went to hear Catherine Weber talk about the intriguing life of Fanny Van de Grift Stevenson.

I planned everything out that I wanted to do for the week by looking at the events listing in *Nuvo* magazine along with the *Indianapolis Star*. I made up a schedule with a budget of fifty dollars that I was able to stick to for the week. In doing all of these different things, I was exposed to a diverse and large amount of information with the majority of it seeming quite useless to the average person. I usually discover something unique and interesting at each event, and I know that the stuff that I learned will come up sooner or later.

I don't go to these things solely to see the presentation or hear a lecture, but I also like to observe the people present. I stuck out like a sore thumb at most of the things that I went to over the week, and I got a lot of strange glances from the people present. It is fun to be completely different than everyone else once in a while, and enables me to expand my comfort zone.

At some of the things that I attended I was amongst a crowd

of retired and elderly people. Some had relatives suffering from Alzheimer's Disease, and some were volunteers for the Indiana State Museum while others were members of the Indianapolis Historical Society.

I wore a T-shirt and blue jeans around entrepreneurs and MBA students in suit and tie to hear the CEO of Lilly. It was pretty awkward being one of three guys spending the afternoon on a tour with thirty pregnant inner city teenagers ranging from 12- to 16-years-old. I was out of place with the lawyers and law students at IUPUI, but felt completely comfortable around the Butler and University of Indianapolis students at the poetry readings and with the diverse crowd at the Tibetan Monk presentation.

There were some times in the week where I didn't feel like going to something, but I did anyway because I wanted to complete my goal to do as much as possible. I was glad that I did everything that I planned because I learned a lot over the week, and it felt good to accomplish my goal.

I tried to watch as little television as possible because I know that there are so many

other alternatives to wasting time sitting in front of the tube. I had a nice conversation with a retired architect who told me the invention of electricity has caused the membership of local and national clubs from the boy scouts to the historic society to go on a vast decline. There are too many other options for entertainment for Americans these days. We are so dependent on electricity in our lives that many people couldn't live without it. Take a look at the Amish lifestyle to see how the lack of technology brings their community closer together. The next time you find yourself sitting in front of the TV to pass time just think how you could be out making a difference by getting involved in your community. It will benefit society and it will benefit yourself.

*Kent Bye (EE '98) now has his writings on his homepage at ~byeka. He is a Pike from Beech Grove, IN and enjoys inspirational writing, skiing, table tennis, basketball, softball, tennis, baseball and trying new and different things.*

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# Quit begging and make a choice



**Dan West**

*Thorn Columnist*

Beggars can't be choosers . . .

We've all heard this age-old maxim, but what does it mean?

Often we are forced to take what we are given, without being able to change our situation. But what if we do refuse?

A classic example of an active choice to reject a less-than desirable situation was the American Revolution. The colonists wanted to extend their lands beyond the Appalachian Mountains, but edicts from London forbade this. They wanted to be free of unreasonable taxation. They wanted to be free of the constant presence of British troops in their cities and homes. Eventually, they arrived at a point where they refused to accept British rule, and as a result the American Revolution, followed by the United States of America.

Today, a number of people have refused to accept what they saw as unbearable intervention on the part of the government, namely the Communications Decency Act of 1996. At present, more than thirty plaintiffs are involved in a class action suit against the US government, claiming that the internet censorship portion of the CDA is illegal.

Other examples of people who have refused to be beggars and have chosen what they want instead of what they were dealt include environmental activists, political

activists, and Rose-Hulman students. The first two are obvious, as reflected by the word activist. But Rose students?

When you chose to come to Rose, what were the factors which influenced your decision? Did you have any other options? I would be willing to wager that any student at Rose could have earned at least a half-tuition scholarship to another school, many were probably offered full-ride scholarships to one college or another.

Disregarding these other options, we chose to attend Rose-Hulman. Why? Because we refused to beg. We refused to have our futures routed, and

to improve it. As members of the Rose-Hulman community, it is our right and our responsibility to improve Rose for ourselves and those who will come after us.

An excellent example of this is the movement towards coeducation. In 1991, when the decision was made, the students who worked to make coeducation real would never really see their work manifested. They would be graduated before the first woman attended classes at Rose. They supported and worked to implement coeducational policy, knowing they would improve Rose for future classes.

Obviously, we currently are not in a situation where we can make such a large difference in the future of Rose. However, contributing to many different factors will improve Rose-Hulman overall. Your joining the Solar Phantom team could be that little

bit to put them over the edge to place or win. This would give Rose more national recognition, which would improve Rose. It could even get you a job when you graduate!

This is just one way you could improve Rose. Other ways include getting involved in one of the many organizations, such as SGA, which actively works to improve Rose. Or you could contribute to a student-faculty group, such as the Laptop selection committee. Any way you do it, contributing to Rose's future improves your own future as well. Instead of begging for what is already in place and letting it run you, think for just a moment about how you can use Rose for your own benefit.

Why are you still begging?

*Dan West (CH '99) is from Fenton, Mich. He enjoys hiking and camping and playing tennis very badly.*

## We do not challenge a professor's policy, but accept it without question.

instead chose the more difficult, more expensive route of studying at Rose. We wouldn't accept the route that society suggested, that of getting a free ride to a school that wouldn't challenge us. We sought out what we wanted: a challenging education.

I haven't seen that drive, that desire recently. We accept things that come our way without questioning them, without challenging them. We go to class, sit through an hour of lecture that seems to have no practical application, and we do not question its validity. We do not challenge a professor's policy, but accept it without question.

When I speak of challenging a professor's policy, I am not speaking of blatantly disregarding the instructor, nor am I calling for an open rebellion against the establishment. Instead, I propose that we work with the system from within

## For the innocents



**Eric Schmidt**

*Thorn Columnist*

As you may already know, today marks the one-year anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing. I will always remember that terrible act, as it shook the nation's confidence for a long while.

All the terrorism and senseless killing which had before only been a part of the nightly news were suddenly brought home to the nation's heartland. America's view on that kind of action was suddenly transformed, as the victims were not just meaningless names, but our own loved ones.

The day after the bombing, I wrote Cowardice to express the sentiments of most of the country at that time. I feel that this kind of action must not be forgotten. Life is too short already to have someone take it away, and only through remembering how such a terrible act affects us is the best way of preventing it from happening again.

*Cowardice*

Children die through actions of a coward  
Helpless souls crushed out without a care  
Families are broken, torn, and shattered  
While a nation feels their mourning and despair

Why are people dying in our heartland?  
What is it they've done that was so wrong?  
The victims of a madman's dark agenda  
And the servants of our country, now are gone

Avenge the men and women of our nation  
Avenge the children never to grow old  
Refuse to be so supple to the actions  
Of a coward who would kill our brothers cold.

*Eric Schmidt (ME '99) hails from Colorado Springs, Colorado. He believes in sunrises, hope and an occasional base hit. He hopes to one day publish his poetry, but he doesn't feel that anybody reads it anyway. Do you?*

# Moving elections will help us profit from our tax losses



**Pete Papavasiliou**

*Thorn Columnist*

I have an idea. Its a pretty good one too. When I first came up with it, I thought I was joking. Now I'm not so sure. Its so simple and it would solve so many problems. It would change American politics forever.

The idea came to me during a friendly discussion about taxes. Yes, tax time has passed and the aggressions we all felt toward our mooching Uncle Sam have begun to subside. All the anger we felt when trying to scrounge up the money to pay him his yearly allowance is giving way to spring-time enthusiasm. Pretty soon, we'll forget how much he stole from us. By November, taxes will be a faint memory.

If only there were some way

to harness that rage that American taxpayers feel on April 15 when they mail their hard earned pennies to the IRS ... but wait, there is! Why not move Federal elections to April 16? Give those angry taxpayers a voice on the day after!

The political backlash would be staggering.

Politicians would be held more accountable to their tax policies. After all, it's a lot harder to convince a voter that you're his buddy when you're robbing him blind. It would be hard to convince him you're his buddy at all.

In hindsight, it's no surprise that April 15 is the magic tax day; how much further from election time can it get? Seven and a half months pass after IRS day and election day. Most of Congress' politicians get re-elected in the fall, enact budgets in the winter, and safely avoid the fallout in the spring when the bill comes to our mailboxes. What a racket! If elections were on April 16, however, Congress would not have so easy a time of hiding

their thievery. It would amuse me to see them try.

Extravagant campaign promises would likely come to an end. When a politician promotes a new program, the benefits of the program are weighed against the costs. Well, after tax day, politicians and taxpayers alike would have a new respect for those costs. The value of taxpayer dollars would rise to new highs in Congress. Many of the most prominent "tax and spend" politicians would be kicked out of office. Once again, I would be entertained.

How about voter turnout? A major concern in the US today is that too small a percentage of the population actually votes. Well, let's get them out there when it matters. I'll bet that voter turnout doubles if April 16 was ballot day. We'd probably have to double the number of polling places. They'd break down the doors to get in.

Who needs turn limits? With the voter anger that tax time brings, re-election will be next to impossible. Only those politicians who have demonstrated

a devotion to serving the needs of the people, instead of extracting the wealth from them, would stand a prayer of being re-elected. Viola! A fresh Congress every two years.

Just by changing the date of Election Day, the government would be brought closer to the people, the people would be more involved in their government, and I would be incredibly entertained! Now there's incen-

tive. I say we, as a nation, get moving on this right away!

What an idea!

I'm glad I thought of it.

*Pete Papavasiliou (EE '97) is a member of the Rose-Hulman chorus and swimming team. He enjoys skiing, reading, and playing guitar. Peter is an adamant capitalist, a lover of freedom and a fighter for the free market.*

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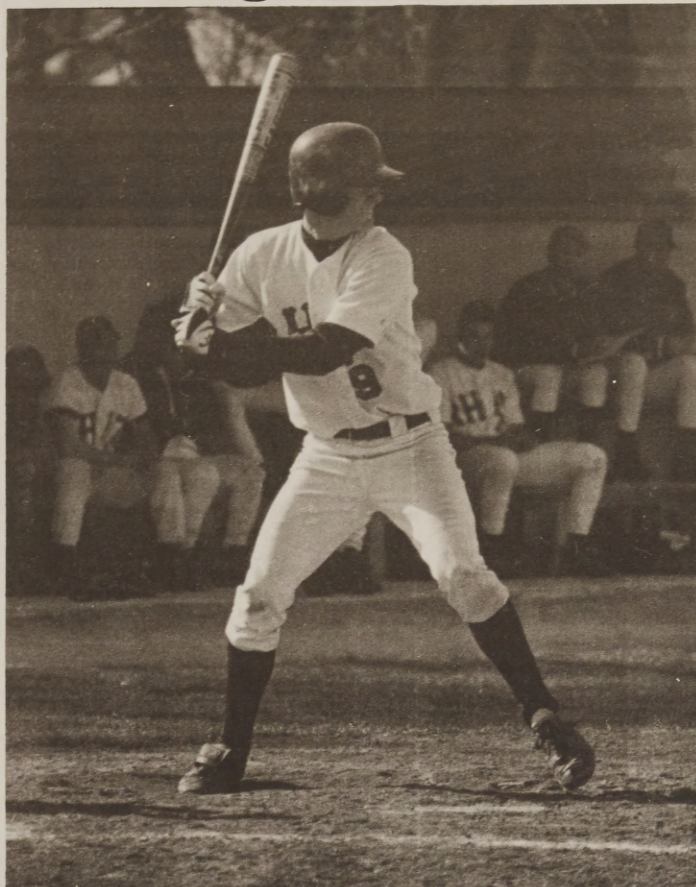
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# Pitching and late homer lead to Anderson sweep



Freshman center fielder Bryan Egli stands in against tough Anderson pitching Thursday.  
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by Joel Gillespie  
Sports Editor

After a sweep of Anderson in a Thursday doubleheader, Rose-Hulman and DePauw are all alone atop the ICAC standings with one loss apiece.

A non-conference double dip against Division III power Washington (Mo.) awaits this Sunday. The Bears (20-7) are the Engineers only competition this week.

Rose swept two twinbills against Manchester and Kalamazoo (Mich.) over spring break. Since the last edition of the *Thorn*, the Engineers also dropped a non-conference game to DePauw and split a conference doubleheader with Hanover.

The Engineers (19-9 overall, 7-1 ICAC) benefited from brilliant pitching and late-game heroics from Ryan Pownall in the Anderson twinbill.

Rose won the first game, 3-0, on the strength of a three-hitter from mound ace Eric Tryon.

Tryon went to 7-0 on the season with the victory. Freshman Bryan Egli had two of the Engineers' five hits.

In the nightcap, sophomore fireballer Matt Sims kept the Engineers in the game with a matching three-hit shutout, but the game was still scoreless in the bottom of the seventh.

Pownall, who had pinch-ran earlier in the game and remained in the outfield, stepped up and slugged a two-run shot to left-center field, giving them the 2-0 victory.

It was Pownall's first career home run, and it couldn't have come at a more opportune time.

### ICAC Baseball Standings

Team	ICAC		Overall
	W	L	
Rose-Hulman	7	1	19 9
DePauw	3	1	17 3
Anderson	3	3	18 7
Wabash	4	4	11 14
Hanover	2	4	No rec.
Manchester	1	3	8 15
Franklin	0	4	8 14

Kalamazoo was the victim of a Rose twin killing this past Sunday. The Engineers pounded the Hornets, 13-0, in the first game. The game's only drama came late in the game when freshman Andy Cain had his no-hitter broken up.

Cain finished with a two-hit, five-inning shutout, raising his season mark to 2-3. Jeff Schwegman was 3 for 3 for the Engineers in the game, including a double.

The second game was a little more interesting, although the Engineers won that one also, 7-4. Sophomore southpaw Jimmy Costa went the distance for Rose, winning his first game of the season. Leftfielder Chfis Gates had a stellar game for the Engineers, scoring three times on 2 for 3 hitting. Shortstop Brian Bajgrowicz tripled to aid the Rose cause.

Rose's excellent pitching overcame a sub-par offensive output in the Manchester sweep.

Tryon pitched his fifth complete game of the season in the opener, striking out 14 in the 3-2, tenning Engineer victory.

Manchester's shortstop dropped a Clinton Hiatt pop in the tenth inning to allow the winning run to score.

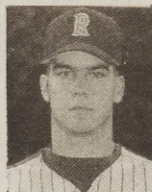
Junior Matt Sims needed some relief help from Bryan Egli and some stellar defensive work from Tryon to pick up the 4-3 win in the nightcap.

Sims went the first 6 2/3 innings, and Egli was brought in to get the final out.

Tryon, playing center field, made a diving grab to preserve the Engineer lead.

Egli was credited with a save in the game, and Sims upped his record to 6-1 with the victory.

Tryon, catcher Kyle Curry, and Gates all had two hits apiece for the Engineers.



Ryan Pownall

## Track at ISU Saturday

by Mark Law  
Sports Reporter

Spring break robbed Rose-Hulman's track team of most of its participants in Little State meet, resulting in a low finish. The Engineers also finished fourth in a meet at Anderson before the break.

The Engineers will send split squads to both the Indiana State meet and DePauw this Saturday.

Rose-Hulman's men's track team finished fourth of eight teams at the Anderson University Invitational in very poor weather conditions on April 4.

The team was led by Ryan Loftus in the pole-vault placing first with a vault of 13' 5 3/4". Shawn Walton picked up two strong second place finishes in the two hurdles races plus running a leg on each of the fourth place relay teams.

John Tomic also picked up a second in the 800 meters, while Tony Hinkle finished fourth in the 400 and 200 meters.

Violet Batten led the women's team to

a 6th place finish with her third place in the triple jump. Kathy Hoffman and Nikki Overman picked up 6th place finishes in the long jump and hammer throw, respectively.

Rose-Hulman took seven men and one woman to the Little State Championships Meet this past Saturday at Indiana Wesleyan.

The Engineers came away with a first and second place by Ryan Loftus and Troy Ricklefs in the pole vault and hammer throw, respectively, to score a team total of 18 team points.

Ricklefs, Rose's senior thrower, led in the qualifying rounds throwing his best for the season, 162' 1". Loftus won the pole vault for the second straight year with a season best vault of 15'6", which provisionally qualifies him for the outdoor nationals.

Nikki Overman for the Engineer's women's team placed seventh in the hammer throw with a toss of 108'5".

## Golfers shooting for ICAC title

by Gavin Smith  
Sports Reporter

The Rose-Hulman golf team, led by Joe Miller, continued its strong performances over spring break. The Engineers competed in three tournaments over nine days, and hope that has prepared them for this weekend's ICAC Championship in Batesville.

Hillcrest, the site of the conference tournament, is a tight, challenging layout which should test the Engineers' resolve.

Rose has been competitive with other ICAC teams in other tournaments this spring, and they hope to pull everything together this Friday and Saturday.

The Engineers began their break with a rather disappointing twelfth place finish at the Millikin Intercollegiate meet in Decatur, Illinois.

Miller paced Rose with rounds of 7574=149, which was good enough for third place in the tournament. The Engineers shot 329-332=661 for the 36-hole

tournament, 55 strokes behind first-place St. Ambrose.


Rose rebounded with a third-place tie at the Franklin Invitational. On a very windy day at the Legends course, the Engineers shot a 338, only eight strokes more than victorious Indiana Wesleyan.

Miller shot 80, placing him in a tie for third, and fellow freshman Gavin Smith tied for tenth with a score of 83.

Next up for the Engineers was the Denison University Classic, held in Columbus, Ohio. In a competitive field of mainly east-coast Division III schools, Rose placed 14th out of a field of 19.

Miller tied for 16th with a two-day tally of 81-77=158. Smith, freshmen Sam Giordano and Brad DeBruler, and senior Brad Mickschl all contributed for the Engineers, shooting two-day totals between 169 and 176.

Miller hopes of competing in the NCAA national meet later this spring would be solidified by a strong conference showing.



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# Davis ready to pilot Rose volleyball's inaugural season

Brenda Davis was named today as the first head women's volleyball coach in the history of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. Davis, who will begin her duties on June 1 of this year, will also serve as Rose-Hulman's assistant women's basketball coach.

Davis has served as an assistant women's volleyball and women's basketball coach at Washington & Lee University for the past two years. Davis, 23, helped the NCAA III school based in Lexington, Va., to a 29-6 record in 1995 and an Old Dominion Athletic Conference title. The 1994 graduate of Guilford (N.C.) College will guide Rose-Hulman's first women's volleyball team in the fall of 1996.

"I am very excited to have my own team to coach, and even more excited to

be building a new program," said Davis.

"I can't wait to meet the student-athletes and find out what their goals are on and off the court. It was tremendous to witness the campus support and excitement for the women's athletic program, and for the addition of volleyball when I visited in March," Davis continued.

Davis was a two-sport standout at NCAA III Guilford College. She was the Old Dominion Athletic Conference women's basketball Player of the Year in 1993 and '94, and the league's volleyball Player of the Year in 1993.

The middle hitter was a three-time, first-team All-South Region volleyball player, and was a three-time, honorable mention Kodak All-American as a center on the basketball team. She was awarded the North Carolina Collegiate Award in 1993.

"Brenda will be a great addition to our staff, and we are confident that she will get our volleyball program off to a great start," said Rose-Hulman Athletic Director Scott Duncan.

"She is coming from a Division III school that recently added women's athletics (1993-94 was the first year for women's basketball, and volleyball began in 1989 for the previously all-male Washington & Lee University), and has quickly built a very successful volleyball program.

Brenda was also an excellent two-sport athlete, and we feel that experience will prove very valuable, as well," Duncan said.

Rose-Hulman will play its volleyball matches in Shook Fieldhouse in 1996, but will move into the brand new Alumni Center for Athletics & Recreation for the 1997

season.

"The new athletic facility is a terrific addition for Rose-Hulman. It is already a great recruiting tool, and it will be a great opportunity for all the students, faculty, and staff to have a firstclass facility readily available to them," Davis said.

Davis will also assist Engineers' Head Coach Wanda Schwartz with the women's basketball program.

"Brenda will be a great help to our basketball program as both a recruiter, and someone who can coach our post players," said Schwartz.

"I think she can be very successful recruiting for both basketball and volleyball on a national scale, and it is great to find someone who is very willing to help with both programs," said Schwartz.

Davis earned a degree in physical education from Guilford College in 1994, with minors in sports management and sports medicine.

April 21 Sunday	IM Ultimate *All Times p.m.	April 23 Tuesday	IM Softball	April 24 Wednesday	IM Softball	April 25 Thursday	IM Softball
<b>Division A</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Level B, Division A</b>	<b>Time Field</b>	<b>Level A</b>	<b>Time Field</b>	<b>Level A</b>	<b>Time Field</b>
Pike vs. Mees	1:00	Skinner vs. Speed 3	5:30 SE	SN vs. DSP	4:30 SW	Home Ave. vs. SN	4:30 NW
Skinner vs. Tro!	2:00	Deming 2 vs. Pike	5:30 BB	Fiji vs. UAW	4:30 SE	DSP vs. UAW	4:30 SW
Likda vs. Deming 2	3:00			ATO vs. LCA 1	4:30 BB	Fiji vs. LCA 1	4:30 SE
<b>April 22 Monday</b>	<b>IM Ultimate</b>	<b>Level B, Division B</b>		<b>Level B, Division A</b>		<b>Level B, Division A</b>	
<b>Division B</b>	<b>Time</b>	DSP vs. Big Red	4:30 BB	Shaft vs. Blumberg	4:30 NW	SN vs. Skinner	5:30 NW
Runners vs. IVCF	4:30	SN 1 vs. All-Stars	5:30 NW			Speed 3 vs. Pike	5:30 SW
Speed 3 vs. Huck	5:30	Felter vs. Prime	5:30 SW			Deming 2 vs. Blum	5:30 SE
		<b>Level B, Division C</b>		<i>All Ultimate Frisbee games are played on a field adjacent to the baseball field</i>		<i>NW, SW, and SE refer to the new intramural fields east of Shook Fieldhouse.</i>	
		Bomb vs. Mees	4:30 NW				
		Fiji vs. Bombers	4:30 SW				
		Greys vs. Balzac	4:30 SE				

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### Get Out of Class Free Card

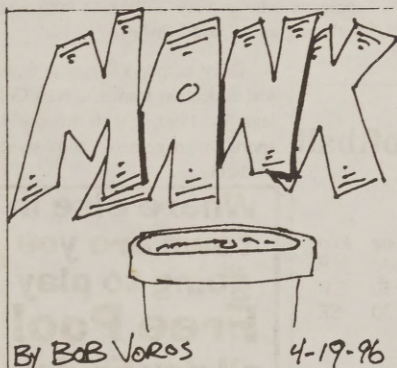
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Go ahead, pass Go, collect \$200, try your card out today.

Void in states that have no class.

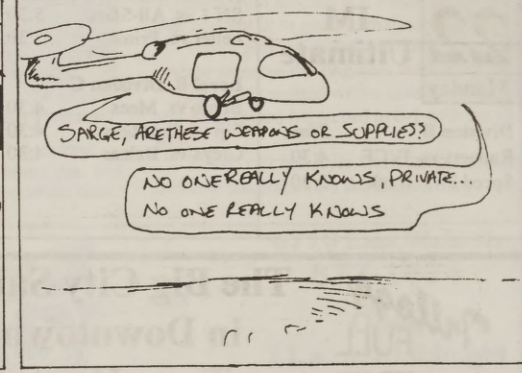
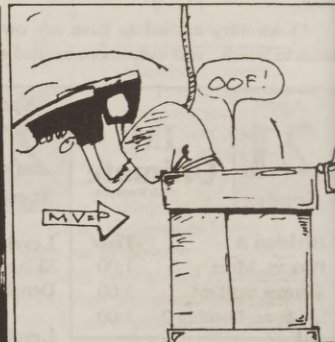
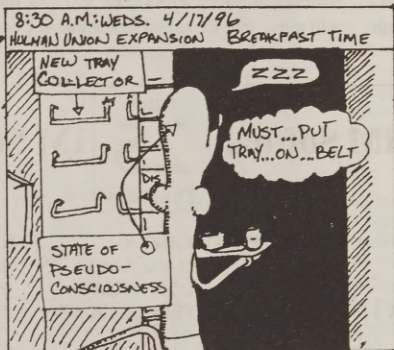


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