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## Prospective Perspective

by Elizabeth Ziegler and Nikki Kauffman

The promotional video. The pizza party. The classes. All part of the exciting, adventurous weekend called Discover Rosedale. High School students “flock” to Rosedale to discover the seven wonders of this small college campus, in the booming metropolis of Rosedale, Ohio. 1) The Frisbee golf course, 2) The newly renovated chapel, 3) The mysterious basement, 4) The weight room, 5) The gym, 6) The Classrooms. . . (The final one is left unnamed because of the sheer lack of creativity in the minds of the authors.)

However, obviously, these aspects do not complete the list of what brings these highschoolers to Rosedale. It is the atmosphere that is promoted and the feeling of excitement in the air. This excitement is not brought on by the professors, faculty, or staff, although they do help contribute. A huge load of responsibility falls to those for whom this college was created: the students. The student body is the main reasons Rosedale exists. The prospective students that are coming this weekend are not here to admire the scenery, gaze at the architecture, or sample a five course menu. They are here to experience life at Rosedale and what it means to



Kevin Mayer waits to greet arriving prospective students

be part of our fun-loving, respectful, and energetic community. It is our job this weekend to adopt these younger brothers and sisters into the Rosedale family. While this does not mean you have to baby-sit them continually, it does mean that you are partially responsible in making them feel at home. One prospective student from last year remarked how she had not planned on coming to Rosedale at all, and had come to Winter Thaw to have fun and see friends from home. While here, the students were friendly; with smiles and encouragement at every turn. She went home, only to return to Rosedale the following year and is here today! Without the friendliness of the students she came into contact

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## The Classic Line

by Philip Troyer

If it's not the most boring thing in the world to discuss, let's talk about the weather. Yes, we all agree (mostly me) that the weather can be somewhat rotten in Ohio, but does it affect our attitudes? Is that why we think the weather is rotten? I for one think that the weather plays a major part in our outlook on campus and off. For those of you who were here at the start of first term, you may remember how bright and warm it was compared with the coolness we are now experiencing. Didn't it make you feel better? Weren't you happier with the bright sun and with being able to lie on the grass in the heat of the day with a refreshing breeze? Both Rebecca Troyer and Brittany Tull agree that overcast weather can present a problem to those who are accustomed to sunny weather or whose

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# Student Survey

**If you could get rid of the pig farm by any means possible, how would you do it?**

**Jonathan:** "Get Jesus to send all the demons from Columbus into the pigs so they run off a cliff."

**David (Ohio):** "Kestrel will take care of it."

**Brandon:** "Feed them liquid nail."

**Amber:** "Hog roast every night."

**Tirzah:** "Go over there with just a spoon and wreak havoc."

**Andrew:** Rosedale could buy it and change it into dorms or something."

**Matt S:** "Napalm."

**Jessica:** "I'd spike volleyballs at the pigs and kill them along with shooting .45 caliber handguns at their beady little, lifeless eyes. And then I would eat the bacon."

**Matt W:** "Give Hans [Beiler] and Dane forks and tell them to make bacon."

**Laura:** "I wouldn't because it's a good country smell."

**Reuben:** "I would use a plasma yeild nuclear weapon (it would turn the farm into ionized gas but not Rosedale)."

**Wendy:** "Why would I want to exterminate them? I like pigs."

"The Very Best"

by

Janell Miller

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with, she would probably be at home, without the wonderful friends and lifelong lessons she has learned.

We this to again, stress the importance of your role this weekend. Please, do everything you can to make this highschoolers feel welcomed and accepted. Include them in games of basketball, volleyball, Frisbee golf. Maybe invite them to play a round of pool. Encourage them in their spiritual walk with God. All these things can add up to a wonderful experience for them while here. Remember, these highschoolers are going to be watching you most of all, because they are considering being one of you sometime in the near future.

So the next time you find yourself being stalked by an adoring fan, remember that it is because they look up to you. Their decision of where to go, and what they want to be, may very well rest in your hands.



# Camel Cogitations

When I was little I used to take afternoon naps with my mom every day after preschool and kindergarten. Those were the days I looked forward to being a big kid--when I would finally be old enough to not take naps anymore. (This was also the magical age when I would have a big cup at the table and get to bring homework home from school.) I could not possibly understand why my mom, at her age, always took afternoon naps too.

Eventually I outgrew afternoon nap time. When I was nine, however, my parents instituted mandatory Sunday afternoon naps, despite our protests. (I was, after all, going into *fourth grade!*) My sister and I suspected that it was actually a ploy to keep us quiet so Mom and Dad could do the actual napping. What kind of weirdos take afternoon naps?

Rosedale, however, has changed my perspective. With 8:00 classes and midnight "study times," I look forward to curling up on the brown couch or on my bed and catching an hour or two of sleep. I once caught myself planning a nap in the middle of class. I think I'm becoming more like my parents every day. But I'll ponder that after my nap.

~From Your Editor

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spirits are usually high.

So, what do you think about when you see an overcast sky? The classic parallel is to sadness. The hum glum atmosphere is overwhelming, isn't it? Tied in with the gloom is the color. Colors are often associated with our attitudes, and they can be used to manipulate us to some extent. Think about the walls in a prison. They're not vibrant or colorful at all! They are this way to keep the prisoners relaxed, so they won't cause trouble. The same goes for stimulation. Brighter colors stimulate the brain causing people to feel more pleasant and active. Just think about the colorful walls of an art building; they invigorate the mind. Just as our minds are invigorated by color, so our attitudes are invigorated or depressed by the weather, but it has been different this time around. "Things have been better this year, however, compared with last year," commented Bethany Hochstedler. "This past year has yielded much more sunshine and caused an uplifting in the heart of the students that even the faculty can see."

Thinking about how the weather can affect our attitudes makes me wonder. If our spirits can be altered, can our spirituality? We are told to praise God in every circumstance, but how easy is it to praise Him when one feels like a soggy vegetable? Have you noticed that you're more tired when it rains? The rain, as well as the snow, plays a large role in how we spend our time. Devotion time, especially, can be affected by the weather. Also, days without sunshine influence how tired we can become. Attention in class becomes more difficult because of one's wavering eye lids. The rituals of homework also take a beating; both of these are due to the lack of sunshine. Devotions then become a hassle to do as one is so tired and downtrodden from the day, or lack thereof. The weather systems can definitely have an affect on how we manage our time.

Our walk with God may suffer when there is a lack of good weather; however, it isn't affected directly by the clouds. We are still able to have our devotion time; the weather doesn't take it away. I encourage everyone to continue building their relationships with God despite the lack of sunny days because if you think about it, even with our hardships, isn't everyday a sunny day with God in the picture?

# STUDENT PROFILE

**Name:** Matthew Jacob Schrock

**Age:** 18

**Hometown:** Greenwood, DE

**Place you wish was your hometown:** An igloo village in Alaska

**Favorite gum flavor:** My current girlfriend's favorite or mint ABC.

**What is your favorite song in the whole world?**

**Matt:** Right now it would be "Dandelions" by Five Iron Frenzy

**What was the best thing about your weekend?**

**Matt:** I got so tired my brain would shut off every few minutes.

**What's something about RBC that you weren't expecting?**

**Matt:** People aren't as conservative as I thought they would be.

**Tell us a nickname you've had?**

**Matt:** I've never really had a nickname...except maybe "ok, stupid"

**What's one of your talents?**

**Matt:** My ability to woo girls by singing the "What is Love" song.

**What's your least favorite thing that you have to do everyday?**

**Matt:** Wakin' up.

**Tell us about your mad harmonica playing skills.**

**Matt:** Well, I like to play old-fashioned folk tunes from the Irish land of Ireland.

**What's something you really want to do before you die?**

**Matt:** Go on a missions trip and see lots of people get happily saved.



## Rico's Top Ten Nine

*Top Nine ways NOT to welcome prospective students:*

1. Aboriginal war masks are not appropriate facial attire for first meetings.
2. A prospective student does not have to complete your cleaning duty to get the "entire Rosedale experience."
3. The use of mace, pepper spray, or tear gas while shouting "SUPRISE" is not a necessary introduction technique.
4. For the duration of the weekend, please refrain from muttering, whimpering, or generally conversing with yourself.
5. Do not show your prospective student the New Testament Survey syllabus and tell them it is their required coursework for the weekend.
6. When asked for directions to the cafeteria, do not point in the general direction of the men's dorm.
7. Regarding the Humanities Textbooks... CENSORED
8. It is not appropriate to encourage your prospective student to engage in a volleyball tournament with the Schrock Sisters, a wrestling match with Rueben, or a fiddling deal with Chris Yoder. Betting on the outcome is deemed unlawful and strictly prohibited.
9. Please do not falsely announce open dorm nights to your prospective student.



## SIDEWALK RAGE KILLS!

Every year hundreds of pedestrians are killed or seriously injured when average scooter users like you let their anger get out of control. Don't contribute to the problem, be the solution. If you feel yourself getting angry, pull off to the side of the sidewalk and let yourself calm down. The future of sidewalk safety starts with you. Be the difference.

