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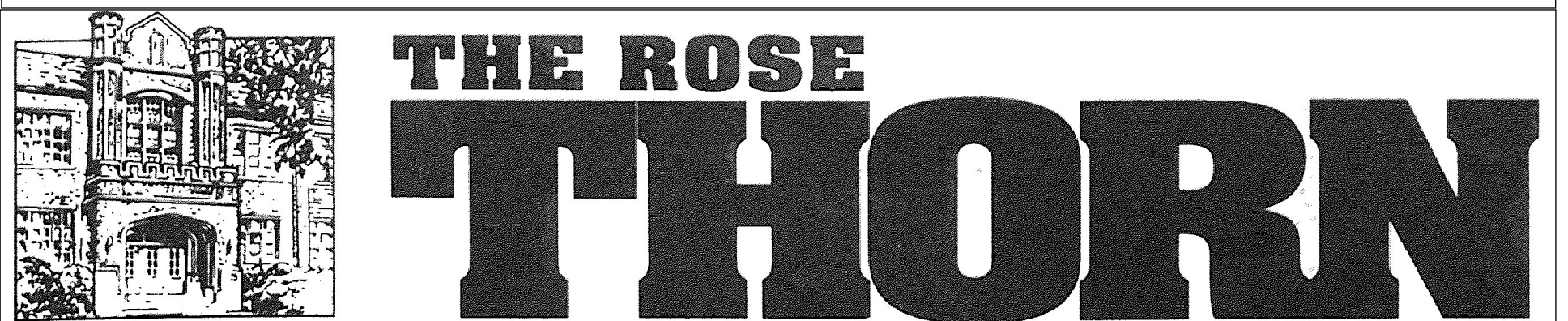
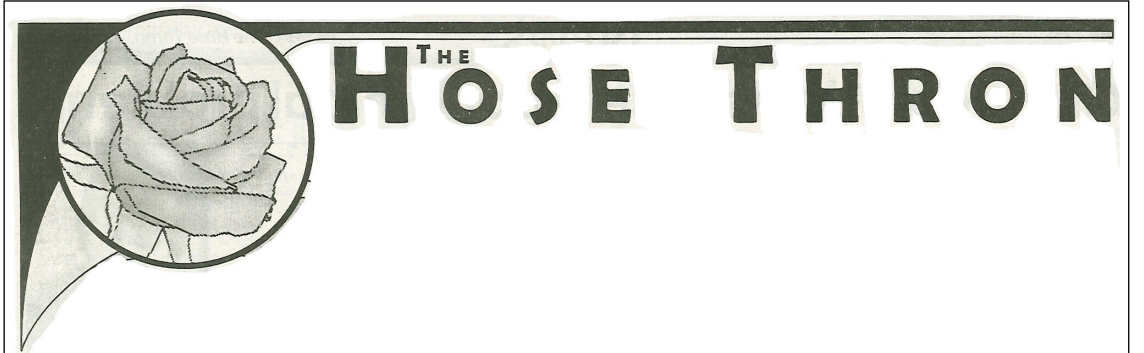
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Bethany Martin • editor in chief

I would like to present, with great pride, a special issue of The Rose Thorn commemorating our fiftieth anniversary.

Inside you will find articles from past publications of our newspaper since its beginning in 1964, as well as new articles written by past Thorn staff and Rose students turned faculty.

The Rose Thorn and its alter ego, Teh Hose Thron, would like to thank you for reading and responding to our publication for the last half of century. We hope to see you in another 50 years.



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NEWS BRIEFS

Marc Schmitt • staff writer

Cassius Clay Beats Sonny Liston for World Heavy Weight Boxing Champion (1964)

The reigning World Heavy Weight Boxing Champion, Sonny Liston, was defeated in seven rounds after Liston did not meet the bell for the seventh round. Clay is the first to win the title by technical knockout since 1919.

The result shocked the world as the intimidating Sonny Liston was thought to be one of the best heavy weight boxers the sport had ever seen. Many boxing champions, including British boxing champion Henry Cooper, have avoided challenging Liston to any match.

Boxing journalists were also skeptical of Clay's chances of beating Liston, who had successfully defended his title once before. 43 out of 46 boxing journalists had called predicted Liston to win by knockout. Many of the journalists were surprised to see during the referee's instructions that their favored boxer was several inches shorter than Clay.

Throughout the fight the commentators did not pick a clear winner, both Liston and Clay were evenly matched. However, Liston and Clay suffered injuries during the match. Clay reportedly lost much of his sight during the third and fourth round, and Liston was unable to continue fighting due to a torn tendon, according to Dr. Alexander Robbins, the chief physician of the Miami Beach Boxing Commission.

The fight has sent ripples through the world of boxing as Clay is named the new World Heavy Weight Champion. Liston has vowed to seek a rematch against the new World Heavy Weight Champion Cassius Clay.

President Johnson Signs Civil Rights Act into Law (1964)

President Johnson made history as he signed into law the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The controversial legislation bans the unequal treatment of minorities by federal and state governments and outlaws segregation.

The new law outlaws discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Under the new law discrimination in public accommodations, such as hotels, restaurants, theaters and retail stores is banned. Segregation is also banned in public education. The bill will also put an end to discrimination in employment, and unequal application of voter-registration requirements.

The signing of the bill into law represents the completion of an important goal of the late President John F. Kennedy. President Kennedy gave a speech before his assassination arguing for the necessity of a civil rights act to protect disenfranchised minorities from unequal treatment. President Johnson has carried on with Kennedy's crusade to pass landmark civil rights legislation.

Beatlemania Hits the United States as The Beatles Embark on US Tour (1964)

British pop stars, The Beatles, arrived in the United States for the first time as a band. The band was greeted by over 4200 people at the newly renamed John F. Kennedy airport. A live commentary of the bands arrival could be heard over the radio waves, hosted by disc jockey Murray the K.

On the 9th of February, The Beatles appeared on US television for the first time on "The Ed Sullivan Show". An estimated 73 million viewers, over two thirds of the US population, tuned in to watch the musical sensations perform at 8 p.m. eastern time. George Harrison, a guitarist for the musical group was ill with a fever of 102 degree Fahrenheit was bedridden for the group's first appearance.

Two days later The Beatles performed their first concert in the US, marking the beginning of their first two week US tour, which consists of three shows and a live performance to be broadcast on "The Ed Sullivan Show" from Miami Beach.

The Beatles are expected to embark on a second tour later this year, lasting for more than a month and consisting of over 30 live shows.

R-H tuition nears \$8,000

Gary Hall • editor in chief emeritus

Vol. 22, Issue 18, March 13, 1987

During their regular February meeting, the Rose-Hulman Board of Managers approved a \$11,500,000 operating budget for the 1987-1988 school year which includes a 7.4 percent increase in student fees, granted tenure to two instructors, promoted five instructors to full professor level and approved the proposed policy on acquired immune deficiency syndrome(AIDS). The Board also approved an eight percent increase in the amount of Institute funds that will be used for financial aid. With the addition of funds from auxiliary enterprises and financial aid, the total 1987-1988 approved budget will

exceed \$18,000,000.

The student fee increases hit in all areas. Tuition will be \$7,980 next year, an increase of \$660 (9 percent) over this year. Room charges will rise \$60 (4.65 percent) to \$1,350 per year. Board rates will rise \$10 per quarter (2 percent) to \$1,500 per year.

In addition to the five promotions to full professor status, chemical engineering instructors Carl F. Abegg and Stuart Leipziger were granted tenure.

The eight percent rise in the amount of Institute funds used for financial aid will raise the level of Rose-Hulman monies used for financial aid to \$1.93 million. In addition to the Rose-Hulman money, students

will receive an estimated \$2.54 million from government and military sources.

The Board also approved the AIDS policy drafted by Dean Lucas and approved by a committee of the faculty. According to an interview held with Lucas earlier this year, the policy now that is has been approved by the Board, will take effect immediately. The policy basically states that Rose-Hulman will not test students, faculty, staff or potential students, faculty or staff for AIDS. Person affected with AIDS will not be restricted from campus activities, except for blood drives, unless the restriction is deemed necessary by medical authorities.

COED!!!

121st freshman class first to include females

David Hile • news editor emeritus

Vol. 31, Issue 1, September 1, 1995

Rose welcomes a record breaking class in terms of size and academic achievements as the first coeducational class in school history begins classes.

A total of 465 freshmen began classes Thursday, approximately one hundred more than numbers in recent history. In addition to the large number of freshmen, 35 students have transferred from various institutions.

The first coeducational class includes 80 female students. In addition, fourteen women have transferred including members of last year's ISU-RHIT consortium program.

The class of 1999 has the highest Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) scores of any incoming class in Rose history. The median SAT scores were 570 and 700 for the verbal and mathematics sections respectively. Over 20 percent of the class ranked first, second or third in their high school class with 92 percent ranking within the top fifth of their class.

Much of the credit for the academic strength of the class is given to coeducation and the resulting increase in the prospective pool of students.

Chuck Howard, director of admissions, says that the pool of students not only increased with respect to females but males who wanted to attend a coeducational school. Last year, admissions hosted a record number of visitors, over 1400.

Beyond SAT scores, Howard was impressed that many in this year's freshman class took advanced courses in high school and further "went the extra mile in preparation" for Rose-Hulman.

Tom Miller, assistant dean of students, feels that this class has brought a rejuvenating attitude to campus in addition to its academic success.

"There is an atmosphere that is more

positive than its ever been," said Miller.

Miller added that excitement for the upcoming year has not only been prevalent through the new class but has been contagious to upperclassmen as well as faculty, staff and administration.

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While entering freshmen have given a positive outlook for returning students, staff and faculty the opposite is also true.

Freshman Kimberly Haden found that the friendliness of everyone on campus "really makes you feel like you belong here."

Scott Sikora had similar feelings stating simply, "I like it here, it has a family atmosphere."

Some of the positive feelings may soon change as freshmen begin a full slate of classes, homework and the usual Rose routine. Several freshmen began foreseeing these difficulties during orientation.

Ryan Vaught based on placement tests taken during orientation expects this quarter to be hard. "I feel like I haven't studied for a while."

For Kim Whitesell the difficulties of Rose will not be all the hard work but the material. This feeling came after a math test during orientation where she "couldn't remember how to do logs."

On the whole the class appears confident that it can succeed at Rose and make the transition from high school.

Keith Rinaldo expects he will be able to excel this year but states that "I might actually have to apply myself."

Real world man

The Daginot is back!

Dan Maginot • flipside emeritus

2010-2014

It's been a while, hasn't it? What is it, November? Holy cow. It's been 1... 2... 3... 5 months since the fateful paper-awarding ceremony at the end of May. See? They let me graduate, and I still know how to count! And use proper grammar!

For you freshmen who are slowly getting the hang of tying your shoes properly and slower still learning to read the weird foreign numbers at the bottom of your check book, I commend you for choosing such a gracious and valued institute of education. You are truly brave souls. If you have said that you can easily compare the parallels between the struggles and challenges faced in the past few months with the challenges and struggles of humanity over our existence, then you're absolutely correct. Your Kampf is equitable to the Kampf of our friends caught in the current Ebola pandemic war. I digress... (Yes, freshmen, that was sarcasm.

And if you must know, Kampf was also a relatable reference to the autobiography written by Adolf Hitler titled "Mein Kampf," which was a literary device I applied in order to reference Nazi Germany and the struggle within... but we'll get there... Rome wasn't built in a day.)

Nevertheless, you get the idea. Your lives are simple and easy as you've heard your generous upper-class counterparts recount to you time and

time again. But even for you upperclassmen whose shoes I've walked in, you probably have a perspective that life just ceases to exist after you graduate. If you were like me, you never really thought of life after graduation. What do

last one was just me, but you get the point. After preschool there came kindergarten, and then it was game over. We had our little cliques, which were honestly just fraternities for kids. We made fun of each other and threw par-

quiz bowl, academic super bowl, chess bowl, professional spell bowl... and with every bowl you get farther and farther from ever participating in your Rose Bowl dreams.

So now past high school, how many years is that?

after all; fall quarter isn't even over yet! However, there will come a day when you cannot put off real life for any longer. I would suggest the idea of preparation over procrastination. You can procrastinate an exam and cram right beforehand, at which point you must settle for your unremarkable grade. In the real world when you procrastinate, you have to settle with a job. Do you think that job you settled by cramming in ninth week of spring quarter senior year will turn into a career? I didn't think so.

Holy cow, this got real. I suppose I have to finally face the fact that I am in fact a cynical graduate who must believe that everyone listens and heeds their advice. I'm now the grandpa who keeps you cornered at the Thanksgiving table repeating the same Vietnam stories you've heard for the past 20 years. That is until you are finally able to find an unfortunate sibling to shove into the Lieutenant Dan-esque stories in order to escape the frenzy, head back to the counter, grab some more turkey and gravy to shove in your face, and finally find some couch space to enjoy the football game. I now release you to find an analogous activity to partake in after you choose against heeding any advice. I'm the same way, so why should you act any different than a formerly obtuse student?

TOP "10" TEN

Differences between life at Rose-Hulman and the real-world

1. You find out that engineers actually have a language, and you find it immensely comforting when someone speaks it.

2. Emails are not responded to within minutes. Real world people need about a week in order to give you a one sentence response.

3. Nobody outside of engineering actually knows what engineers do. Just act smart and you'll get by; no one will know the difference.

4. First year engineers don't do anything. The first year after you graduate and acquire a job, you won't have anything consistent to do. You may think that would be awesome at first, but then it gets really frustrating.

5. Everyone is older than you, which is weird. It will be very comforting to find someone to spend however you so desire.

I do if there's no school? No class? No rules! There really are no rules after graduation. Anything goes in the real world, except for like... that law thing, but we won't get into that.

We have all been in school for so long, we don't have any idea what else exists. Ever since we could walk, we were just dropped off at pre-school to learn how to draw crap and cut stuff out and learn how to pee... maybe that

ties and always tried to get the most girls to hang out with us... You guys know the drill.

Then middle school came around, and I immediately forgot that two years of my life passed by. And now... HIGH SCHOOL, where the nerds have their first opportunity to shine!

Advanced Placement (AP) classes up the wazoo. Hell yeah. They even have clubs for nerds! You've got

Counting exercise: 1... 2... 12! years of your life spent in school. (That is an actual exclamation mark and not a factorial... nerds!) Now as you are in your academic home stretch (we're going to ignore all of you attending graduate school because there will never be a light at the end of your tunnel), you can almost grasp the concept of the "real world."

However, it is still evading your line of sight over the horizon. It's only November

TOP "10" TEN

Things I'd like to see before I graduate

Matt Melton • flipside emeritus

Volume 44, Issue 18, March 13, 2008

10. A Career Fair company rep tells the truth: "we need you WAY more than you need us."

9. Admissions announce "the incoming class is 33 percent female!"

8. Some random guy at a frat party gets slapped unconscious for calling a female student "just some Rose girl."

7. The dorkiest, shyest, most stereotypical nerd at Rose tells a Rose goddess, "I'd rather date my female robot companion than you."

6. An MIT student comes to Rose and asks, "you have HOW much homework?"

5. A professor for E-mag Fields or some

other class cuts to the chase and says, "Yes, this class is meant to ruin your social life. Yes, I will teach as if it were your only class and I were your only prof. And yes, I do enjoy watching you suffer. Ha. Ha."

4. The Rose track team wins the Midwest Regional Track Championship with their new secret weapon: The Nerd Run.

3. A girl hotter than the sun walks through Speed Hall in nothing but a swimsuit—and not a single freshman guy steps out of his room to notice.

2. MAPLE Version 13: Actually Understandable.

1. A CS/SE softball team destroys the Civil all-star softball team and celebrates by programming a rope you can push.

WACKY

PROFESSOR

QUOTES

"It's a meat locker in here and you're still falling asleep. I like it when I can see your breath, so I know you're still alive."

-Dr. Morris

Like a good professor, he goes to great lengths to ensure his students are not dead.

Vol. 48, Issue 8, November 2, 2012

"How can I make this harder?"

-Dr. Cornwell

With possibly the greatest "your mother" joke ever.

Vol. 43, Issue 22, April 11, 2008

"Hi my name is Allen, and I have a thing for lasers."

-Dr. White

Combined with a love of shark-mounted weaponry, this could be terrifying.

Vol. 48, Issue 3, February 4, 2011

"You can lay a body any way you want."

-Dr. Letsinger

Yes sir!

Vol. 37, Issue 16, February 1, 2002

Rose professors say crazy things. These things just happen to be from the last decade. E-mail your new quotes to the Flipside at thorn-flipside@rose-hulman.edu.

Rose, then and now

A look back at Rose-Hulman over a quarter of a century ago

Dr. Thom Adams • faculty writer

1986-1990

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology was a very different place when I was a student.

When I entered Rose as a seventeen-year-old freshman in the fall of 1986, the student body comprised just under 1300 students, all of them male. Having been lulled by a flashy admissions brochure that promised a personal education for

“students

who take their Tinkertoys seriously,” the vast majority of these young men hailed from Indiana or the bordering states.

My being a Southerner therefore contributed to what small amount of diversity existed at the time. Not as much as did our one African-American student, but hey, it was something.

The Rose campus of the late 80s resembled a skeleton of its current incarnation: no Hatfield Hall, no White Chapel, no Myers Building, no Percopo Hall. I exercised by lifting 1950s era weights in an un-air-conditioned World War II airplane hangar. I was particularly fond of doing pull-ups on a piece of plumbing hanging from the ceiling.

Technology was primitive by today’s standards. We listened to music mostly on cassette or vinyl, and occasionally on CD if we could afford it. You could find a few televisions on campus in the so-called “lounges” at the end of the hall of each dorm’s floor. They were usually tuned to MTV, whose programming still consisted primarily of music videos. Though some of my friends had them, I never owned a computer in college.

I was one of the few students who sprang for a telephone in his dorm room. I used it chiefly for “Phone Date Night” each Wednesday in order to call my girlfriend back home in Georgia. Otherwise we wrote letters to one another—actual handwritten letters, delivered by the U.S.

Postal Service for all of 22 cents.

But one can make claims of this sort about most universities of that era. It was mainly Rose’s lack of coeducation that made its environment uniquely strange.

The general absence of the fairer sex seemed to heighten one’s awareness of its members’ infrequent presence, much in the way that blind people allegedly have a sharpened sense of smell and hearing. The slightest hint of per-

fume or the telltale cadence of the feminine gait would immediately launch students out of their dorm rooms and into the halls

in search of the source of the enigmatic stimulus.

Personal hygiene was wanting, and any sense of fashion was completely irrelevant. My wardrobe consisted mainly of hole-ridden T-shirts, cut-off sweatpants (with the legs cut to different lengths), mismatched tube socks, and cheap *kung fu* shoes. But I am sure that Tom Miller and his family, who lived in the apartment in Speed Hall where Erik Hayes and his family live now, much pre-

has just landed in Munchkin Land and the movie ceases to be in black and white, Dorothy opening her door onto a dazzling Technicolor-filled oasis. We could only handle so much, and would soon return to the begrudgingly familiar comfort of our caves to let our saturated senses slowly recover.

In those caves we largely insulated ourselves from the outside world as an academic and mental survival strategy. The Berlin Wall fell and communism along with it while I was blissfully unaware, awash in a sea of differential equations, AC circuits, and thermodynamics.

I do not exaggerate when I write that, upon graduation, I had to reintegrate myself into society, an insidious desocialization having happened slowly and subtly. Despite my consciously knowing better, my experience told me that not only was science, math, and engineering the purview of young white males, so was life in general.

There is one thing that has definitely not changed, however. Though that U.S. News & World Report number one ranking constantly eluded us, Harvey Mudd or Cooper Union usually just beating us out, I received an amazing engineering education at Rose, well rounded with a rich mix of humanities and the social sciences. Many of the best professors I ever had—Don Richards, Pat Carlson, and Jerry Fine to name a few—still teach here today.

Nonetheless, every time I stand in line on the second floor of Moench Hall awaiting a Mayan mocha made with soy milk, it forces me to ponder the vast differences between the student experience of the class of 2015 versus that of 1990.

As I stand there enjoying the sunlight coming through the skylight installed during the building’s massive remodeling of my freshman year; listening to the sounds of Mandarin, Portuguese, Hindi, and Arabic; and seeing Rose students walking arm in arm; I cannot help but think that if *I* received an amazing education, how much more amazing must that education must be now?

”The Rose campus of the late 80s resembled a skeleton of its current incarnation

”A trip to the mall would bring to mind a scene in The Wizard of Oz

ferred outfits in that vein to The Red Hot Chili Peppers getup some of us sometimes sported, an ensemble in which a mismatched pair of tube socks was necessarily distributed among two people.

Rose students rarely ventured off campus, not because of an apparent lack of things to do, but rather because doing so caused too much sensory overload. A trip to Honey Creek Mall would bring to mind the scene in The Wizard of Oz in which Dorothy’s house

Pursue your layup and your dreams

Kurtis Zimmerman • news editor emeritus

2009-2013

Two-of-three from the floor for four points. Any basketball player would be upset with an outing like that, but College of Mount St. Joseph freshman Lauren Hill is not any basketball player. Diagnosed with a rare form of brain cancer with a grim few months to live, Lauren Hill would have been no less ecstatic with just two points.

The crowd gathered in the Cintas Arena in Cincinnati let out a collective emotional roar when Lauren’s layup fell through the net. The wave of happiness, sadness, and excitement perfectly wrapped up the moment that Lauren lived her dream.

In countless hours of coverage over the past several months, Lauren explained how it was her dream to play college basketball. And whether it was said out loud or not, everyone read between the lines to realize that that dream may not be realized.

But thanks in large part to cooperation from the opposing Hiram College team, the NCAA, and Xavier University for opening up their court, millions across the world were able to watch with bated breath as a young girl’s dream came true.

I struggled for a couple of weeks to figure out what I wanted to write about for this special issue of The Rose Thorn. The newspaper was such a special part of my time at Rose, and I would not dare slap just anything together. As I watched the college basketball season tip off in such a spectacular way on Sunday, I knew there was a message in my head I wanted to get in print and -- if I were lucky -- in the minds of a few readers.

If you do not know Lauren Hill’s story by now, take a few minutes to look her up. Read her story, and watch her inspiring layup. If you feel so inclined, donate a few dollars or find some other way to contribute to the fight to find a cure for all forms of cancer.

But whether or not you give to the global fight, I beg you to take away some inspiration for your own personal fights.

Most of us are fortunate to not be staring down a terminal illness or even a nightmarish

past. Most of us have gone through life so far rather unscathed. We are most likely sitting on the couch watching a basketball game, taking the next few minutes (and the next few, and so on) for granted. Maybe not literally.

Anyone who knows me would probably say I am not one to step out on a ledge, like a lot of people. I am a calculated person, so it can take a lot for me to really go for something.

I went against type when I joined the school newspaper my freshman year at Rose. I went against type when I started filling the role of sports writer and later took on the responsibility of Sports Editor.

I contradicted some sense of pragmatism by staying an unnecessary fourth year to pursue independent study and research opportunities at Rose, and nearing graduation, I followed my gut to secure a job with a small company with a bright outlook. I could not be happier.

It is too bad that it often takes someone else’s setbacks to inspire us to make the most of the time we have, but the great news is that most of us still have years and years to NOT take for granted.

Let us face it: not every dream you chase is going to garner the same kind of worldwide attention as Lauren’s layup. Nor should that mean you stop pursuing it, because they still may bring you just as much satisfaction.

Finally, when you have worked hard enough and pursued long enough to achieve one of your dreams -- big or small -- do not let that be enough. Shortly after Lauren banked in her famous layup in the face of a dim prognosis, she summoned the moxy to insist during a TV interview that her dream be kept alive.

“Let’s not call this my last game,” she said. “Let’s call this my first collegiate game.”

Letters to the Editor

Vol. 6, Issue 9, April 2, 1971
Editor:

I wish to thank the school newspaper for changing its name from “The Institute Inklings” to “The Thorn.” I believe this change was very appropriate because the newspaper has not served the students of the Institute but has rather been a thorn in the side of the majority of students who have responsible moral values, who appreciate the education they receive here and do not continually emphasize the negative (sic) aspects of Rose, and who appreciate being given more than one viewpoint on issues.

On the last point I am eagerly awaiting the three and one-half column spread which was given to an article in “The Chicago Seed” being given to an article backing President Nixon’s Vietnamese policies. Or, perhaps, Reverend Carl McIntyre’s (sic) timetables which calls for victory in Vietnam by July 4. I might also suggest that the paper take articles backing their viewpaoint from more familiar sources that “The Chicago Seed”—like “The Daily Worker” (which agrees very closely with the paper’s foreign policy viewpoints anyway.) In view of this and the small number of choices submitted as names for the school paper I would like to submit “The Weekly Daily Worker” as an even better choice than your present title. Although it might seem that weekly and daily are incompatible terms I would like to point out that thorns and roses are not very compatible either.

--Keith Anderson

Editor’s Note:

We appreciate your letter, Kieth, and encourage any and all criticisms of our efforts. In addition, because of the broad philosophical generalities and hard-nosed manner in which you stood up for responsible moral values and the Right, we have decided to create a special issue in your honor, entitled the “Contented Cow.”

Vol. 6, Issue 23, May 7, 1971
Dear Editors:

Recent issues of “The Thorn” have been conspicuously unsuitable in my opinion to be shared with my family or anywhere off the campus. I am pleased with the attempt to provoke deeper thought on the issues as well as situations existing in our society and world that are questionable or wrong. However, I maintain that such expressions can be accomplished in a more desirable and effective manner rather than in the form of tasteless cartoons, which have always existed but were not in open circulation. I believe that if a person wishes to make a point worthy of open consideration, he ought to do it in an elegant manner rather than resorting to “gutter tactics.”

I am deeply concerned about the future and seek a better life and prevailing atmosphere for all, particularly children and youth for they have more of the future ahead of them. Much of the “freedom” and “reality” that youth claim as their own consists of the ideas and thinking emanating from the “establishment.” It is unfortunate that the baser influences seem to have had wider acceptance and adoption by young people. What I prefer is a higher level of thinking, expression, and living so as to make life as abundant and rewarding as possible. Any form of communication in poor taste or destructive in nature never adds constructively to the quality of any one’s life! I defend freedom of expression but will not always defend the expression itself. Freedom of any variety must be accompanied with a profound sense of responsibility if the real fruits of freedom are to be enjoyed at all. The choice is up to each individual. What kind of a choice will you make?

Sincerely,

-- Terry Ishihara

Editor’s Note:

As editors we agree that “freedom of any variety must be accompanied with a profound sense of responsibility,” but our primary responsibility is to communicate with our fellow students at Rose and not to those off campus – and the cartoons you have objected to have reached the students of Rose. Additionally, any “gutter tactics” have been employed in the usage of politically-satirical cartoons. The term “gutter tactics” implies that the satire is on a lower level than the act or institution is denounces. Therefore, we feel that the cartoon on page two of the last issue is not a “gutter tactic” because the “institution” this cartoon derides – the draft – is so reprehensible to us that this cartoon expressed that feeling as no “elegant” expression could.

Opinions on campus

What size of enrollment class is best for the future of Rose-Hulman?

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Joe Deselem
Sophomore Mechanical Engineering

I think it should stay at about 360 students. I don’t think it should get any bigger because then we run the risk, in becoming a larger school, of the whole society and community of the school changing, and I like the way it is now.

Mike Ober
Freshman Chemistry

I think that enrollment should be decreased. First of all, I don’t think they have enough space on this campus, and secondly, it increases the value of each student.

Chad Belshner
Freshman Chemical Engineering

I noticed there’s been a lack of housing, so a lot of seniors have to wait until underclassmen decide if they’re going to stay on campus if they want to get a shot. Also, I believe this is the right size for the school, so I think we can keep the same student/faculty ratio and have a little more student-teacher interaction.

I don’t think academic quality would decrease

with greater enrollment; I just don’t think that professors would be able to give as much attention to students who might need more help, as they can at this time.

Levi Barclay
Senior Chemical Engineering

I would like to leave everything sort of the way I found it. I mean I’ve had a really good experience here, and that experience was because Rose is a small school. I would not have come to Rose if it were a large school. So I think of course we should remain as small as when I got here. I don’t think there’s enough classes right now; we’ve had trouble scheduling German into a classroom. We need buildings, many bigger building; cover the campus with buildings.

Tim Lancaster
Junior Computer Science

I like it better with the freshman class enrollment size before this year, although the new residence hall will each some of the problems that are created by the present overcrowding. I wouldn’t want to get much bigger than we are right now, but I think a little growth wouldn’t hurt us.

Pavlov was right

I’m a slave to the bells

Frank Pfeiffer • editor in chief emeritus

Vol. 31, Issue 6, October 6, 1995

Bells. I wake to the bells and I sleep through bells and the bells do not care how many other bells lead me to the place where I am hearing more bells.

Can you tell how much sleep I have had lately that such things effect in me changes that only Pavlov could appreciate?

At 6:15 this morning, I awoke to bells. The chrome-plated bells sit perfectly still above the stalwart hands on the clock face. Strategically placed between them, however, is a small chunk of metal which is cantilevered to a rigid member whose job in-

cludes imparting a mechanical advantage to its own free end. Time to get up. If only the bells would wait until after the hands on the face went around just a couple more times!

I stumble down the stairs to the kitchen and fix breakfast. Two pieces of bread go into the toaster oven, and I pour myself some orange juice and wait. I get out the butter and wait. I put the pitcher back in the refrigerator and wait. And wait. And wait. Ding!

The truck wants to run, but seems to have a hard time of it. I guess it needs a few bells to wait it up. Poplar street, almost over the tracks, and then comes the bells. Loud ones, buried within the apparatus holding the flashing lights and the stripped gatem reach past the morning radio program to cause my pulse to quicken once more. The train rolls slowly by and soon I am on my way to the office at school.

No mail today. Mom and Dad never write unless someone died. Call the elevator. Nothing. Call again. Otis, where are you? A buzzer goes off somewhere high above in the eleva-

tor shaft, then the doors slap shut. Ring-ring! Someone found the button. Ring-ring! The car finally stops let me in. Just some freshman who cannot resist the button-pushing temptation. I will bet he takes the hypotenuse through the Root Quadrangle.

Sometime in the morning, between the almost-late homework and the almost written research paper and the almost-thought-about newspaper, the phone rings. The bells are not at all unlike those which first assaulted me this morning, so I sit and despise them, and will them to go away. Four good tries from the bells, and they give up and I have won.

Just leave a message, and I will get back to you which all these bells leave me alone. From far away, a bell

is ringing. I know this sound well by now; the bell is larger, and lives alone high up on a wall. The automaton awakens, and I go to class. English. Yuck. For all he knows, I have never written a thing in my life, much less edit a newspaper. The bell rings twice, and ties me to the seat for an hour of the infamous and ruthless English torture.

My presentation of the research paper. What do I care about the problems of some group in some country where I will never go? One minute. Two minutes. Done. Any questions? The silence is broken by the bells. Big ones- ones that know the tune that Big Ben plays in some other country where I will never go. Twelve times the bells peal, and once again fall silent.

The cycle continues-never ends. The bells control our entire existence. They hold you captive by their call. We wait for them, we wait because of them. The bells do not care about our troubles, they just make sure we get there on time. Gotta go-the bell is ringing.

Can you tell how much sleep I’ve had lately?

Football wins thrilling victory

Miriam Remmers • Sports editor

The Fightin' Engineers emerged victorious last Saturday, November 1, after an electrifying Hall of Fame game against Manchester University.

The game initially seemed to be no contest, as Rose-Hulman jumped out to a 31-0 lead before the end of the first half. Scoring was opened with an interception return by sophomore Kevin Nowak, followed by senior Greg Lee, sophomore Austin Swenson, and sophomore Alec Fisher. This was Fisher's 13th touchdown catch of the season and earned him the school record for touchdown catches.

Manchester began its comeback with two touchdowns in the last minute of the second quarter. By the time the fourth quarter was nearing a close, Manchester had rallied to score 37 points, gaining a 37-31 advantage over the Fightin' Engineers.

However, in the final minute of the game Rose-Hulman junior Aaron Abbott sprinted a deflected 36-yard touchdown pass from Swenson to the endzone to bring the score to 38-37 for the Engineers. Junior Chris Sander ensured the Spartans could not respond when he intercepted the final Manchester drive.

Swenson finished 33-57 through the air for a total of 318 yards and two touchdowns, leading the Fightin' Engineers offensive effort. Sophomore Alec Fisher garnered 12 re-

ceptions for 79 yards and one touchdown while Abbott added eight catches for 103 yards and the game-winning touchdown. Sophomore Joe Moehrle added seven receptions for 61 yards and Lee led the Fighin' Engineers ground attack with 77 yards on 19 carries for one touchdown.

The completion of this game earned several single-season records for Swenson, including passing completions (252) and passing yards (2,884). He also tied the record for touchdowns (24).

Nowak spearheaded the Rose-Hulman defensive effort with nine tackles, a 34-yard interception return for a touchdown and two tackles-for-loss. Freshmen Tyler Brutofsky and Elijah Lloyd each had eight tackles. Sophomore Marlin O'Neal had seven stops and three tackles-for-loss

and senior Josh Sonneberger added seven hits.

This victory improves Rose-Hulman to 6-2 on the season and 4-2 in Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) play while Manchester drops to 3-5 on the season and 2-4 in HCAC play.

The Fightin' Engineers will travel to Mount St. Joseph next Saturday, November 8 to take on the Lions.



Sophomore Kevin Nowak led Rose-Hulman's defensive effort against Manchester last Saturday with nine tackles and an interception return for a touchdown.

Rose-Hulman Athletics

Men's soccer earns spot in HCAC title match

Miriam Remmers • Sports editor

Rose-Hulman men's soccer will advance to the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) championship game as a result of their 2-0 victory over Franklin College on Wednesday, November 5.

Scoring was opened by sophomore Ben Lyon in the 44th minute of the game. The Fightin' Engineers outshot the Grizzlies 9-3 in the first half.

Although both teams fired an equal seven shots in the second half Franklin remained unable to score. Rose-Hulman freshman Austin Webb added another goal during the final minute of play, ensuring the Engineers would clinch a 2-0 victory.

Senior goalkeeper Drew Miller recorded his 34th career shutout with four saves, setting a new school record.

The Fightin' Engineers will travel to Transylvania University on Saturday, November 8 for their conference championship game. The winner of this contest earns an automatic slot in the NCAA Division III Tournament.



Sophomore Ben Lyon races to the ball followed by teammate Brent Kamer during the Fightin' Engineers game against Franklin.

Rose-Hulman Athletics

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PROFESSOR QUOTES

"If you like the feeling of lubricant, you might want to consider it."

-Dr. Gibson

What kind are we talking about here, professor?

"Don't get me started on poorness. We looked up to people on welfare."

- Dr. Gibson

No comment

"Your car is always talking to you. Turn down that radio."

-Dr. Gibson

But that's the whole reason I listen to the radio

"If your calculator shows a value that isn't an integer, then take that calculator and throw it against the wall. Or, better yet, just ignore it."

- Dr. Gibson

But professor! My calculator has been my only friend since high school! I can't ignore it now!

"Ball hits another ball, car hits another car, train hits another train..."

-Dr. Leader

Well, that escalated quickly!

"Anyone know? Anyone who was here in the first two weeks of this course? Anyone?"

-Dr. Leader

Professor, it's ninth week. Do you really expect us to remember what we had for breakfast?

"It really doesn't matter how long my fist connects with your face, just the power behind it."

-Dr. Leader

If this is about not answering the question before, can I have a do-over?

"Shame on all of you for making me get up for an 8 am."

-Dr. Leader.

Shame on you for offering a class at 8 am. You should really know better, professor.

"When the going gets tough, the tough use Taylor series."

Dr. Leader

I don't think that's how that goes...

"Why didn't anyone pick a fight with Denzel Washington?"

-Dr. Leader

There are just some people you don't mess with.

Rose professors say crazy things. E-mail them to the Flipside at thorn-flipside@rose-hulman.edu

TOP '10' TEN (ISH)

Headlines you will never see on the Rose Thorn

1. Tuition costs plummet

2. Geese exterminated

3. Female to male ratio now 2:1

4. Civil ranked hardest major

5. Rose-Hulman ranked goodest English college

6. CS Department hosting social/sporting event

7. Employment after graduation falls to 95%

8. Rose Students search desperately for ISU signif-
- icant other

9. Surplus of Thorn writers

10. Bonfire cancelled

11. Rifle team forced to disarm

12. Mascot changed to actual fighting engineer

13. Students agree: new stop signs are useful

14. Students complain about too much free time

15. Fraternity peace treaty
16. Terre Haute rated in Top 10 college towns

17. Rose Students rated most attractive

18. Rose Faculty rated most attractive.

19. Chik-fil-A joins campus selection

20. Finals cancelled and will never return

21. Rose offers bachelors of Liberal Arts

22. Humanities no longer offered.

