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Friday, December 11, 1998

Not in our house!

Quick-thinking Dean prevents laptop theft from Deming Hall

by Craig Pohlman
Thorn News Reporter

A former Rose student and his cousin allegedly attempted to steal a laptop computer from Deming Hall Friday, December 4, but the theft was prevented by the quick actions of Jess Lucas, Dean of Students, according to a Safety and Security report.

The names of the victim and suspects have been withheld by police pending further investigation.

Apparently, the individual was packing his cousin's vehicle in front of Deming Hall early on Friday morning, the same time a laptop was reported missing from the same hall.

According to Lucas, the cousin was at Rose to help the former student move out after having withdrawn from school due to academic problems.

Upon hearing of a stolen laptop, Lucas went to Deming Hall and noticed a vehicle being packed.

"When the laptop turned up missing, it was pretty obvious who was involved," said Lucas.

Lucas asked the owner if he could search the vehicle and was given permission to take a look. Upon searching the vehicle, Lucas found a laptop computer inside the vehicle which appeared not to belong to the vehicle owner or the former student.

Around 9:45 a.m., Safety and Security received a call from Pete Gustafson, Associate Dean of Students who instructed the officer on duty to contact Terre Haute police to come to the scene of an attempted burglary at Deming Hall.

Officer Stamper of the Terre Haute Police Department met Dean Lucas at 9:59 a.m. and evaluated the scene.

At 10:20 a.m. Officer Stamper requested that Terre Haute police detectives be sent to follow up on the investigation.

The laptop in question was recovered, and a full search and inventory of the vehicle occurred an hour later.

The former student and his cousin were named suspects in the



Terre Haute police detectives investigate the theft of a laptop computer. After three hours, the laptop was recovered from a vehicle that a former student was packing and ready to leave in.

Photo by Craig Pohlman

alleged crime. However, they were released at the scene after the laptop was returned to the owner.

The owner of the laptop now wants to press charges against the suspects. Terre Haute police are currently determining if there is sufficient evidence to extradite the suspects and formally charge them with possession of stolen property (a felony) and burglary.

According to Rose-Hulman Safety and Security, the cousin probably had nothing to do with the theft of the laptop and was there just to pick up the former student. It is unknown whether the current investigation by police agrees.

Equipment recovered in recent fraternity thefts

by Craig Pohlman
Thorn News Reporter

Terre Haute police officers recently have recovered stolen property from the Sigma Nu and the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternities.

One suspect is under arrest for the Sigma Nu fraternity break-in on Oct. 16 due in part to the keen eye of a Rose-Hulman student and a bartender in West Terre Haute.

An individual allegedly entered a bar in West Terre Haute with a laptop in his possession. The bartender supposedly noticed the Rose-Hulman logo on the laptop boot screen and immediately notified Indiana State Police.

The student witnessed the suspect leaving the fraternity house during the break. The information provided helped identify the suspect.

Equipment from the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity was recovered by police. The source of the items is unknown at this time.

Due to the current police investigations, no further information is available for the Sigma Nu and Pi Kappa Alpha recoveries.

Rose-Hulman president Dr. Sam Hulbert stressed in the President's Administration Council meeting that "the entire campus community needs to be alert and inform authorities of any possible criminal activity on campus."

Endowment grant: Part 2 of 2

by Craig Pohlman
Thorn News Reporter

The Lilly Endowment awarded Rose-Hulman a \$6 million grant, of which \$1 million has been designated for a program to use advanced computer technologies to improve Vigo County middle-school students' skills in science and mathematics.

Professor Patricia Carlson coordinated efforts with the middle-school teachers to develop the successful grant proposal. She will continue now to coordinate the new program.

The initial plan calls for a three-year grant to purchase used laptop computers from Rose-Hulman and use them in the middle school program. Summer workshops

would also be held to instruct teachers on effective use of computer technology.

The goal is to have teachers creating new curriculum and increase student motivation.

Rose-Hulman seniors have received e-mails to poll possible interests in selling their laptops for the program. It is unknown whether this will be for certain the source of computers for the new program.

Six grants of up to a maximum of \$28,000 each will be awarded each year for the next three years to teams of educators for use in the program.

Many details of the program are yet to be worked out as there are possible connections to the workload of Waters Computing Center and Rose-Hulman faculty.

Santa visits ARAMark



Every year, Santa seems to always find his way into our infamous foodservice line. Where's Rudolph?

Photo by Craig Pohlman

Students at both extremes of Fall Quarter Grade Spectrum

by Mike Oder
Thorn News Reporter

Although Pete Gustafson described fall quarter's grades as "above average", thirty students were dismissed for academic failure at the end of the quarter.

Faculty and staff members rushed to get grades out by the Monday before Thanksgiving, and FedEx was used in some cases to rush grades to students who were failing academic standards. Ten more students had to meet with the Admissions and

Standings Committee as a condition for continued enrollment.

Thirty-six freshmen have been put on academic probation after fall quarter. Sixty sophomores, along with thirty-two juniors and eighteen seniors earned less than a 2.0 GPA.

Grades did not come as bad news for all students though, especially the eighty-six students who earned a perfect 4.0. Among them were twenty-one freshmen, twelve sophomores, twenty-one juniors, and thirty-two seniors.

Men's Basketball
Currently 1st in
SCAC conference
(5-1 record)

See story on page 8

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Insert Residence Hall Here



The construction company has already set up stakes and construction material on the new residence hall. Foundation work is set to begin within the next few weeks.

Photo by Craig Pohlman

THIS WEEKEND
Saturday

Concert sponsored by SAB:
Life in General,
Auditorium, 7 p.m.

NEXT WEEK
Holiday Break
begins on
Friday, Dec. 18.**This Weekend****Friday, December 11**

- Wrestling, vs. Olivet College and Wabash College, Sports & Recreation Center, 6:30 p.m. (Mark Buti)
- Men's & Women's Swimming, at Vincennes Univ. Invitational, IUPUI, 5 p.m.
- Career Services' Interviews: General Motors, Babcock & Wilcox, M.C. Dean Inc., MagneTek Corp.

Saturday, December 12

- SAB Concert, *Life In General*, Auditorium, Moench Hall, 7 p.m. (Donna Gustafson)
- Men's Basketball, at Millikin University, Decatur, Ill., 8:30 p.m. Game Broadcast On WJSH-AM, 1300, At 5:45 p.m.
- Men's JV Basketball, at Millikin University, Decatur, Ill., 5:30 p.m.

December 13 - December 19**Monday, December 14**

- Army ROTC Holiday Lunch, Auditorium, Moench Hall, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (Lt. Col. Anthony Rojek)
- Rose Radio Tech Club Meeting, Hulman Union, 7 p.m. (Bruce Black)

Tuesday, December 15

- Biomedical Engineering Seminar, John Bizal of Tri-State Otolaryngology/ Evansville, GM Room, 10:50-11:40 a.m. (Dr. Hulbert)
- Explore Engineering Meeting/Computer Instruction, Dynamics Lab, Olin Hall, 7-9 p.m. (Dale Long/Fred Berry)

Wednesday, December 16

- President's Administrative Council Meeting, Hulman Union, 8 a.m.
- College Republicans Meeting, Hulman Union, 6 p.m.
- Explore Engineering Meeting/Computer Instruction, Dynamics Lab, Olin Hall, 7-9 p.m. (Dale Long/Fred Berry)
- Men's JV Basketball, Opponent To Be Determined, Hulbert Arena, 5:15 p.m.
- Men's Basketball, vs. Blackburn College, Hulbert Arena, Sports & Recreation Center, 7:30 p.m. Broadcast On WJSH-AM, 1300, At 7:15 p.m.

December 13 - 19 (cont.)**Thursday, December 17**

- Hulman Union Holiday Celebration, Kahn Rooms, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (Donna Gustafson)
- Women's Basketball, at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, 7 p.m. Broadcast On WJSH-AM, 1300, At 6:45 p.m.
- Explore Engineering Meeting/Computer Instruction, Dynamics Lab, Olin Hall, 7-9 p.m. (Dale Long/Fred Berry)
- Men's & Women's Track Scrimmage, Vincennes University, Sports and Recreation Center, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, December 18

- Start Of Holiday Break, 5 p.m.
- Deadline For RHA's "Christmas For Kids" Holiday Drive (Send Donations To Neil McCracken, Box 1583)
- Deadline For Registration For Intramural Indoor Soccer Leagues, Front Desk, Sports and Recreation Center (Greg Ruark)

Saturday, December 19

- Men's Basketball, at Eureka College, Eureka, Ill., 4 p.m. Broadcast On WJSH-AM, 1300, At 2:45 p.m.

December 20 - December 26**Monday, December 21**

- Rose-Hulman Soccer Camp, Sports and Recreation Center: (Greg Ruark)
 - For 9-12 Year Olds, 9 a.m. to Noon
 - For 13-16 Year Olds, 1-4 p.m.

Tuesday, December 22

- Rose-Hulman Soccer Camp, Sports and Recreation Center: (Greg Ruark)
 - For 9-12 Year Olds, 9 a.m. to Noon
 - For 13-16 Year Olds, 1-4 p.m.

Wednesday, December 23

- President's Administrative Council Meeting, Hulman Union, 8 a.m.
- Rose-Hulman Soccer Camp, Sports and Recreation Center: (Greg Ruark)
 - For 9-12 Year Olds, 9 a.m. to Noon
 - For 13-16 Year Olds, 1-4 p.m.

Friday, December 25

- Merry Christmas!

Future Events**Future Events (cont.)****January 2**

- Men's & Women's Basketball, vs. Centre College, Hulbert Arena

January 4

- Winter Quarter Classes Resume, 8:05 a.m.
- Men's & Women's Basketball, vs. Univ. of the South, Arena

January 6

- Women's Basketball, vs. Eureka College, Hulbert Arena, 7 p.m.

January 12

- Institute Meeting, E-104, 4:30 p.m.
- Women's Basketball, vs. Earlham, Hulbert Arena, 7 p.m.

January 15

- Men's & Women's Basketball, vs. Southwestern Univ., Arena

January 16

- Midterm Progress Reports Deadline, Registrar's Office
- Alumni Basketball Game, Hulbert Arena, Noon
- "Rosie's Winter Warm-Up" Wabash Valley Alumni Day, SRC
- Rifle, vs. Xavier University, Rifle Range, 8 a.m.

January 17

- Men's & Women's Basketball, vs. Trinity University, Arena

January 18

- Martin Luther King Day Program, Kahn Room, Hulman Union
- Admissions' On Campus Visitation Program, 1-4 p.m.

January 19

- Registration For Spring Quarter

January 21

- Men's & Women's Basketball, vs. DePauw University, Arena

January 23

- Men's Swimming, vs. Wabash College, SRC, 2 p.m.
- Rifle, vs. Morehead State University, Rifle Range, 9 a.m.

January 26

- SGA President/Vice President Primary Elections, All Day

February 6

- Mom's Day Candlelight Dinner, Hulman Union, 5:30 p.m.

Community Events

- Holiday Lights and Decorations in Deming Park throughout the Christmas Season
- Sheldon Swope Art Museum, art classes (All classes start in January 1999)
 - Basket Weaving/Egg Basket
 - Beginning Stained Glass with Copper Foil
 - Blind Contour Wire Sculpture
 - The Art of Handmade Tiles
 - Hand-Made Valentines

For details on class availability, contact Andrea Ondish (Programs and Exhibitions Coordinator) at (812) 238-1676

- Sheldon Swope Art Museum, "Wednesdays at the Swope" lecture series, January 20, "Terre Haute's Contribution to American Sculpture"

Future Events (cont.)

- Drama Club, "WILL 101: Shakespeare For Dummies," Kahn Room
- Rose-Hulman Invitational Track Meet, SRC, 1:30 p.m.

Art Exhibits

- All exhibits are available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays.

• "The Road to Bali: The Arts and Crafts of Indonesia"

• Second Floor, Hadley Hall
Art objects and handicrafts that Rose-Hulman faculty member Antonio de la Cova recently brought back from Indonesia are currently on display. The exhibit has replicas of the ancient temples of Borobudur and Prambanan and a traditional Sulawesi Tongkongan hut. There are various colorful and delicately carved and painted puppets and wooden items. These include representations of Hindu deities, Barong masks, cosmetic jars, a Bali cockfighter, and animal figures.

• Untitled Acrylic Abstracts By Brendan Thomas

• Second Floor Hallway, Moench Hall
A total of 17 untitled acrylic abstract paintings by Brendan Thomas, a 20-year-old art student at the University of Michigan's School of Art & Design, is featured along the second floor hallway of Moench Hall. The paintings were completed in the last two years by the budding artist. They show his experimentation with short brush strokes and vivid colors, like bright orange, green and blue. Brendan is the son of Rose-Hulman alumnus Michael Thomas ('64) and St. Mary-of-the-Woods College alumnus Carolyn Thomas ('65).

• Landscape Paintings By Terre Haute Artist Thea Johnson

• Second Floor Hallway, Moench Hall
Beautiful landscape paintings by Terre Haute artist Thea Johnson are also available for public viewing on the second floor of the Moench Hall. A total of 28 paintings are included in the exhibit. The paintings showcase a slice of Indiana's picturesque countryside -- Windmills, barns, pastures and even covered bridges!

**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 Thorn*.

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

**Fifteenth
Annual Ski Trip**

Ski Cooper, Leadville Colorado
March 1 - 5

\$450

5 days lift tickets, 5 days ski rental, 5 nights
lodging, 4 evening meals

You provide your own transportation to Leadville.
\$100 deposit due to Dr. Ditteon (CL108 or x8247)
by December 18.

Balance due by January 22, 1999.

World and National News Briefs

by Vu Thu Pham
Thorn News Reporter

Friday, December 4

In Morgantown, W.Va., an anonymous donor dropped \$1000 into the Salvation Army kettle. The donor has performed this charity for the last 25 years.

The U.S. Department of Transportation reported that 5,355 people died last year in highway accidents with big trucks.

States reported 1,221,585 abortions in 1996.

Faulty pumps in 747 jet fuel tanks could cause explosions, according to the FAA.

Venezuelans want to elect Hugo Chavez as the next president to the country. If elected, Chavez vowed to scale back oil investment. Venezuela is the number one supplier of foreign oil to the U.S.

Monday, December 7

The DNA of burglars has been linked to suspects in murder and rape cases.

Space shuttle Endeavour's crew connected the U.S. built module, Unity, with the Russian built module, Zarya, on Sunday. This was the first step in the assembly of the International Space Station.

U.S. farmers blocked the borders between Canada and the U.S., demanding that Canada raise their domestic grain prices above the cost of production.

Brian Stewart of Columbia, Ill., is convicted of first-degree assault for injecting stolen HIV-infected blood into his 11-month-old boy to avoid paying child support.

Tuesday, December 8

More than five million people in the U.S. experience infertility. Agencies are considering arranging for these people to adopt the 100,000 frozen embryos left over from the vitro fertilization period.

Researchers said that cholesterol levels in teenagers fell 4%; this means that in the future there will be a lower risk of heart disease.

Derrick James, a former Army paratrooper, was convicted of scaling a high-rise condo and theft of over \$6 million in cash, jewelry and credit cards. For his wonderful acrobatic feat, Miami pegged him as the "Spider-

man Burglar"

The FBI released Frank Sinatra's files spanning 40 years of careful documentation of Sinatra's involvement with mobsters.

Wednesday, December 9

The Supreme Court ruled that police cannot search a car after stopping it to issue a ticket.

Nearly one million people were disrupted when electrical workers accidentally created a citywide blackout on Tuesday in San Francisco. The blackout caused major traffic gridlock, shut down transit and left businesses inoperative.

The National Association of Counties reported that public safety systems such as the emergency 911 system could be at risk for the Y2K bug and need to spend \$1.7 billion to solve the problem.

Drug giants Zeneca from Britain and Astra from Sweden are close to merging in a \$30 billion deal.

A skeleton known as *australopithecus*, estimated to be 3.2 million to 3.5 million years old, was discovered in a cave in South Africa. Researchers said this distant ancestor of humans must have fallen to its death in the cave.

Experts advised the use of methadone for heroin addicts to relieve their cravings as well as treating their addiction.

Thursday, December 10

The \$369 Palm III computerized organizer was discovered to be able to intercept an infrared car-lock signal and open the locks.

Representatives from over 80 nations converged in New York at the United Nations international conference to address the effect of the Y2K problem on a global scale.

Gas station owners and fleet operators across the country are scrambling to meet the Environmental Protection Agency December 22 deadline to upgrade their underground fuel tanks to meet federal rules. Failure to comply will cost each owner \$11,000 per day.

Hasbro promised to donate \$3.6 million in toys to Toys For Tots as a settlement with 44 states over an antitrust lawsuit.

Service Learning approach adds interest to Humanities classes

by Vu Thu Pham
Thorn News Reporter

The Humanities Department began to incorporate "service learning" into their teaching curriculum to increase student interests in writing.

This new curriculum was started in the fall semester Freshman Composition class taught by Professor Patricia Carlson. In Professor Carlson's classes, the students were told to write a proposal to improve both the Rose-Hulman community and outside community. In the "service learning" curriculum, the purposes were to expand students' awareness of the community and be able to contribute to the environment.

"Service learning' is an idea approximately fifty years old, and it is gaining acceptance in learning environments," said Carlson.

Many schools such as Indiana University, Stanford University and the University of Washington have classes using

the service learning philosophy. First-year Stanford students work with a community service agency writing everything from news releases and grant proposals to researched reports.

Carlson said incorporating "service learning" to her classes taught students the power of the written word.

"[The students] seemed much more empowered--seeing themselves as competent and persuasive writers," stated Carlson.

The Freshman Composition students were asked to propose an idea to improve the community. Their idea must only cost \$50,000. Carlson said that the small amount of money gave the students a chance to be creative in their plans. The curriculum taught the students how to investigate, evaluate, respond, explain, and pursue their plans.

Some of the ideas that were proposed last quarter included helping the Children's Museum

in town, making a walk through gardens featuring Indiana's plants to improve community relations, and creating a crime awareness program.

The students even worked with Dick Boyce from the Development Office and learned about grants and the grant foundation. Professor Carlson said after Boyce's talk, the students had new appreciation for how Rose acquired grants each year and how the money is being used at Rose-Hulman.

Aside from incorporating the "service learning" to Rose-Hulman's classes, Literature Professor Caroline Carvill and Carrie McKillip of the Vigo County Homeless Coalition started the service learning project that allows students to volunteer at various service agencies in town. Some of these agencies are the Light House Mission, the Council on Domestic Abuse, the American Red Cross and Habitat for Humanity.



Many students attended the Career Fair on Tuesday and Thursday this week. More than 110 companies attended the event in search of potential employees and summer interns. The Career Fair is held annually in the Moench Auditorium, and Rose students help with the organization of the fair.

Photo by Craig Pohlman

CLUB OF THE WEEK

Aerial Robotics

by Nick Hurlburt
SGA Publicity Director

The recruiters at this week's Career Fair were looking for students with many qualifications: performance in classes, personal skills, and experience, to name a few.

There are several students at Rose that could tell those potential employers they developed a robotic helicopter that placed third in the International Aerial Robotics Competition, and are currently building Rose-Hulman's first ever autonomous helicopter. How's that for qualified?

The Aerial Robotics Club provides an exciting and interesting supplement to a Rose-

Hulman education.

The club, which meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m., participates in an international competition every summer. During the year, members design, build, and modify their automated helicopter. They also display the aerial wonder at public shows, where everyone from young to old may observe their solutions to complex engineering problems.

Members of the club have a chance to both gain practical experience from their classroom education and learn things they might not be taught in class, while showing what Rose students can do in competition with other famous engineering schools.

The Aerial Robotics Club is

open to anyone who is interested in learning about the project and helping out. No experience is necessary to join. As one member said, "If we knew how to do this, we would be done by now."

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Gotta be the first to know?
Join the *Thorn* news reporting team! x8255

Model UN Team in Action

The Rose-Hulman Model United Nations team traveled to Butler University in Indianapolis on November 12 - 14 to participate in the Butler Model United Nations Security Council Conference. Rose-Hulman delegates represented the United Kingdom, Bahrain, Brazil, Sweden, Costa Rica, and Japan. Fourteen Rose team members participated, along with 11 other universities from Indiana and Illinois.

In this United Nations simulation, participants utilize their knowledge of international relations through debate on current issues of concern in the international arena of foreign affairs. Delegates gain skills in diplomacy and negotiation, and they acquire first-hand knowledge of the difficulties encountered in forging comprehensive multi-lateral agreements.

Representing Rose-Hulman were Michael Black, Marina Mondello, Marques Kirsch, Bryan Evenson, Ana Witaszczyk, Ian Myers, Janet Trimm, Kyle Allen, Matt Youngs, James Inge, Jason Shery, and Scott

Himes. Stephanie Cohen and Ted Gould were selected to serve as presiding chairs of two of the Security Councils.

The Rose team will compete in the Midwest Regional Model United Nations Conference in St. Louis, Missouri on February 24 - 27. This conference will simulate the major bodies of the U.N.: the General Assembly Plenary and four GA Committees, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, two U.N. Specialized Agencies, and the International Press. Delegations have an opportunity to participate in the deliberations of each simulated U.N. body. The Rose team will represent the nation of Egypt.

Participation in the Model United Nations is open to all Rose students. Meetings are held in Room 202A of Moench Hall on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. More information about this activity can be secured from team members or Dr. Thad Smith, faculty advisor. The team is coached by Martha Cornelius.

RHA celebrates holiday season by giving back to the community

by Pete Anderson
Thorn Editor-in-Chief

With just two weeks left before Christmas, the holiday spirit is in the air. The Residence Hall Association has some service projects going on for the holidays.

Members of RHA will help the Salvation Army with its bell ringing tomorrow from noon to 4 p.m. This is an annual event performed by RHA.

New this year is a program called "Christmas For the Kids." The goal of this project is to

involve the entire campus community in giving small gifts to less fortunate children in the Terre Haute area.

Each residence hall has been given four shoe boxes which are gender and age specific. The students, that live in those residence halls are asked to contribute new toys, clothing items, candy, and hygiene products for a child in the given gender and age group.

The shoe boxes will be collected and delivered to the Ryves Hall Youth Center on Dec. 18, where the collected gifts will be distributed to the children there.

The toys need not be expensive. RHA recommends that \$2 per person be spent, though more may be spent.

The project is loosely based on a national program, "Operation: Christmas Child," which takes the donated gifts and send them to other countries. According to service coordinator Neil McCracken, it was decided to give them to area children to make a bigger impact on the community.

Hopefully, Rose-Hulman can make the holidays a little brighter for some area children.

Life in General hits Rose-Hulman



By Beth Bateman
Thorn News Editor

Rose students can enjoy a free evening of music on Saturday, December 12 when the college band Life in General comes to perform on campus. The SAB sponsored event will begin at 7 p.m. in the Moench Auditorium.

Life in General band members Jason Levasseur and Jerry Chapman play music they describe as "happy aggressive alternative folk pop". The band has played more than 200 shows per year for the past few years in locations across the U.S and in Australia. They have played with many

well-known bands, including Ben Folds Five, The Wallflowers, Barenaked Ladies, Violent Femmes, and Eddie Van Halen.

When the band was not busy touring the country, they produced four CD's which have sold more than 13,000 copies. Their first CD, "Long Forgotten Toys," was released in 1994. Their next CD was "Gee," released in 1996. "One Door Down," the band's third CD, was released in 1997. Life in General's most recent work, "No Need to be Lonely," a double CD, was released earlier this year.

The success of Life in General

can be measured not only in their CD sales, but in the numerous music awards they have received. The National Association of Campus Activities has selected them as Contemporary Music Artists of the Year for 1996, 1997, and 1998. The magazine "Campus Activities Today" voted the band as the top club act for 1997.

Life in General has also played at Rose-Hulman in the past, during the 1998 Spring Carnival.

More information about the band can be found on the web at <http://www.lifeingeneral.com>.

"Evening with Industry"



Students and company representatives had a chance to meet and interact both Monday and Wednesday evenings during Rose-Hulman's "Evening with Industry," which coincided with the annual Career fair, which was held on Tuesday and Thursday. "Evening with Industry," which was held in the Kahn Room, attracted so much interest, that many students were not able to get reservations to the event.

Photo by Susan Hare

SGA Bureaucrat

by Nick Hurlburt
SGA Publicity Director

The first SGA meeting of the Winter quarter was held on Tuesday, December 8. Vice President Alyssa Riley announced Senators of the Week Nicholee Page and Weeks Heist. Nicholee and Weeks have been very active in the Publicity Committee, especially in organizing SGA contests and events during Rose basketball games. Students can expect great activities and lots of prizes at every men's and women's basketball game this season.

Andy Davis, Chairman of the Special Events Committee, asked for input on the upcoming concert sponsored by SGA. Current issues are whether the concert should be scheduled for this year or be held during the Rose-Hulman celebration of the 125th anniversary next September. Other considerations included how much student

money should be allocated for the concert and how that will affect club funds. There will be an open meeting for all students next Tuesday, December 15th at 5:30 p.m. in the GM Room to discuss these issues.

Senior Class President John Rivard reported that his next goal will be to get t-shirts for the senior class. The shirts will either be free or sold for a minimal price.

Evening with Industry Chairman Kyle Smith said that Monday's SGA-sponsored event went exceptionally well.

The Commuter District Newsletter will be sent out by February 1, as reported by the district representative.

The Senate approved the Pre-Med Club for full SGA recognition. A funding request of \$1961 was approved to serve as the club's operating budget.

Fredrick Hieman was approved as a replacement senator for Skinner Hall.

Security Update

November 10, 1998

A laptop computer stolen from the Sigma Nu Fraternity house on October 16 was recovered by the Indiana State Police. For details on the recovery, see the laptop story on page one.

November 17, 1998

A student advised that he parked his vehicle at 4 a.m. on November 15 on the west side of Speed parking lot. On November 17 at approximately 10 a.m. he returned to his Jeep Wrangler and found the door unlocked and the back window unzipped. The complainant reported a missing radar detector and broken console lock.

November 19, 1998

A resident of Deming Hall

reported a bike missing from the east stairwell.

November 21, 1998

A student reported that while she was on a flight to Chicago, her luggage was rerouted to Dallas, Texas. Upon receiving her luggage back approximately 12 hours later, she found that her laptop was missing.

November 24, 1998

Students returned to their home at 10 Home Ave., Terre Haute on November 24 to find that their residence had been burglarized. Multiple thefts were reported.

November 27, 1998

Entry was gained by forcing an air conditioner window unit in and crawling through the window. Items

noted missing were a laptop computer, VCR, and 30 VCR tapes. The unauthorized person was seen leaving the house, and this information was given to the Vigo County Sheriff's department. A possible suspect is known. No other details were released at this time due to the continued investigation by VCSO detectives.

November 29, 1998

An off-campus student residence at 1909 College in Terre Haute was reported to have been burglarized during the Quarter Break.

December 4, 1998

A resident of Deming Hall reports a stolen laptop. It is recovered later that morning. See the story on page one.

Intel and Microsoft: Are they monopolies?

by **Craig Pohlman**
Thorn News Reporter

In June, the Federal Trade Commission filed an anti-trust lawsuit against the Intel Corporation, one month after the Justice Department filed a suit against Microsoft. These similar lawsuits brought up the question if the two companies are comparable monopolies. David Patterson, a computer science professor at Berkley, does not think that is the case.

According to Patterson, it is hard to think that a company that designs computer hardware can be seen as a threat to a company that designs software applications.

Intel's reign in the microprocessor realm spawned from an IBM decision to build computers running Microsoft software on old school Intel processors. Hence, the "Wintel" era was born.

Intel deserves recognition for the design of the Pentium processor series and their ability to produce processors in sync with the latest microchip technology.

Every 18 months, the power of a processor is said to double, according to Moore's Law named after Intel co-founder Gordon Moore in 1965. Microprocessor companies have been forced to continuously upgrade their equipment to keep up with the technology.

New processors usually reach market at

about the same price level, which means more processors have to be sold to cover the new production costs. This rise in costs prompted companies like Silicon Graphics and Hewlett-Packard to stop producing microprocessors.

Currently, complete computers systems are available for under \$1,000. Unfortunately, for Intel to continue producing high-end processors, they had to produce low-cost ones as well. Therefore, Intel started manufacturing the Celeron chip.

However, companies like Cyrix and

Advanced Micro Devices (AMD) have been able to design and sell cheaper processors with decent benchmark results.

How can Intel be viewed as a monopoly like Microsoft? The computer hardware is changing at a faster rate than the software and the number of companies producing widespread processors is growing.

Microsoft has held control on the operating system market for over a decade now. It is hard to envision that a new company can enter the market with a new operating system and force millions of users to

become accustomed to a new user interface, considering Microsoft has legally protected many of the common visual components. Computer users have already been using various new computer chips from new manufacturers while still running basically the same operating system since the get go.

Apparently, the time has come to realize that the true monopoly of Microsoft has kept new developers from the market. Intel, by contrast, possibly faces difficulties with the competitors producing more economical products.

Rose-Hulman Horoscopes

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Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)

With Boxing Day quickly approaching, many of you freshman will be in for the experience of your life. The first step to controlling the situation is to start up the old laptop and play solitaire. That's also the only step, by the way.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

They say that the Chinese are pretty strange sometimes. Regardless of what they say, you're going to have a fine time next Monday. Finally, you'll get a chance to use all of that deodorant you've been hoarding.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

Guacamole and frioles will be on your menu this weekend. Also, beware of traveling down Wabash tonight. There will be people dining, and they don't take kindly to folks without a pickup truck.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

It's that time of year when you start to bathe again. That'll be a big relief to your roommates, not to mention your significant others. Also, you should cut your toenails tomorrow.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)

Do the words "leave me the hell alone" mean anything to you? Well, if they don't know, just wait until the courts get a hold of you. While you're behind bars, say hello to "Bubba" too, loser.



Aries (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19)

Want to go to California for spring break next year? Why wait until then? Now is the perfect opportunity to catch a plane out there. Before you go, finish your macaroni art.



Taurus (Apr. 20 - May 20)

Three suggestions for this upcoming week: (1) Don't die. (2) If you die, do it really quickly so you don't suffer. (3) Don't wear a black belt with brown shoes—that's a fashion faux pas.



Gemini (May 21 - June 21)

Nothing goes better with cabbage than caramel! This and many other cooking delicacies will be at your mercy next week. Remember to cook your pork all the way through— you don't want your girlfriend to get a tape worm.



Cancer (June 22 - July 22)

Some people may think you're a fraud, but your friends really know who you are. Make sure you tie up that mattress tight when you go to move in a couple of weeks. Also, drink some milk.



Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)

The stars have told your fate already, dear friend. Too bad it's in sanskrit, as I can't interpret one word of that stuff. However, the basement stairs not only go down, but they also go up.



Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

Is it your own superior wit that get you through the day, or do you cheat everybody? My mother told me to watch out for people like you. You better just watch your back, twerp.



Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)

Man alive, are you going to have fun next week? I'm not talking about your usual, everyday, "hey, I'm crazy with a big knife" fun. I'm talking about Old Milwaukee, a potato gun, and some innocent 4th graders fun.

From the Editor:

This week's issue of the *Rose Thorn* marks a stepping stone, as we begin the transition towards a full 12 pages each week. Why? We do it because we care for you, the home viewer.

The *Thorn* has come a long way since its inception and we're proud to continue the *Thorn's* evolution.

So, if you notice that during some weeks the stories are spread a bit thin or that there is a little more white space than usual, I can only say "I didn't see you helping me at 2am last night, so BACK OFF!!!"

Anyways, we on the *Thorn* staff hope you enjoy the new look *Thorn*. Look at it this way, it can't be any worse than the old one was.

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Junk mail wastes time, kills trees

By Patrick Friel

Daily Bruin

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(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES, CA-

I wanted to write something snide about the Student Association of Graduate Employees (SAGE), but I decided against this. I may have discovered something even more irksome.

I do not own a pager, a cellular telephone or a modem. I have no plan to acquire any of these technological marvels. Despite my quasi-Luddite tendencies, however, I am obsessed with communications. On campus I check my e-mail quite regularly and on my way home, my top priorities are to check the answering machine and the mailbox. I love knowing that people might be trying to get in touch with me.

Lately, I have come to question my enthusiasm in checking for messages and mail. I rarely find my little red light blinking, and even more rarely is the message for me. The mail is a different story. I get plenty of mail, but the bulk of it is what we would call (for lack of a better term) "junk mail."

Not all of the mail is junk. I do get my share of bills. These are not usually welcomed, but they are not quite junk. I subscribe to a number of periodicals and a few of these arrive each week. Once in a while, I even get a card or letter. Still, the junk seems to overshadow the rest.

In a recent four-day period, I

received six pieces of legitimate mail and 12 pieces of junk. I will not even bother to count the ultra-junk addressed to "Resident."

The junk mail I receive comes in a variety of forms: credit card offers, subscription offers, messages from political organizations, pleas from charities, advertisements and catalogues. Each piece is, in its own way, just a request for money. Rarely do the senders of this junk see any of my cash.

They do, of course, try their best to find ways to separate me from my dough. The credit cards give great introductory interest rates. The magazines offer free trial issues. The political groups offer this perk or that. My favorites are the charities and their mailing labels.

Various organizations send me preprinted address labels bearing my address (they already know it, of course) and their insignia. The idea may be for me to think that my \$35 contribution is a fair trade for their two-bit labels. I recently received nearly identical sets of such labels (from the same organization) on the same day. One envelope announced, "Your personalized mailing labels are enclosed - and they look great!" while the other proclaimed, "Your personalized 1998 holiday mailing labels are enclosed ... and they look great!" I suppose the regular labels just would not do for the holiday season. Both sets of labels have

found their way to my recycling pile.

Most of the rest of the junk likewise finds its way to this pile, usually with the envelopes still sealed. Some of the junk is, however, good junk.

I have occasionally subscribed to the magazines and ordered from the catalogues. Sometimes the letters, if I bother to read them, are quite funny. Sometimes I can actually get cool stuff. As a result of junk mail, I am now a card-carrying member of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). I sent them nothing, but they sent me a card with my name and a membership number. "Card-carrying member of the ACLU" is such a ridiculous cliché that I was utterly shocked to find out that they actually issued membership cards. (How exactly would the card be useful?). I felt compelled to keep that little paper gem.

Do not get me wrong. The "junk" modifier in "junk mail" is well-earned. I would rather not bother with this mail. How is it that I get so much junk?

Well, the suspects have already been mentioned. My magazines may be to blame.

My recent subscriptions have included a couple of book reviews, a couple of left-of-center political and cultural periodicals and one archetypically bourgeois magazine that I need not mention by name. These publications provide me with sesquipedalian reviews, accurate

news summaries, insightful cultural criticism and droll cartoons. In exchange, I provide modest subscription fees and I suffer through their advertisements (these range from mundane book announcements to frightening ads for swim-at-home systems and mail-order lobster tails). This seems like a fair arrangement. The magazines, however, seem to disagree. They have taken my address and sold it to all takers.

I admit that I do not know this for sure. I do know, however, that magazines often do this sort of thing and that as my subscription list grows, I get more junk mail. Also, most of my junk-mail items (credit card offers excluded) are things which would appeal to the stereotypical reader of one of my magazines. Dana Milbank of The New Republic magazine recently wrote of an experiment in which he used four different versions of his name to see who sold his address to whom. I wish I had thought to do this. Then each piece of junk mail would announce the responsible party.

Some people would now start railing about the right to privacy and how disgusted they are to know that their "identities" (as if mere name and address constitute an identity) are being traded like any other commodity.

I have no desire to go down this road. I do not mind that my address is being circulated. After all, any dork with a phone book could quickly find my address. I am not bothered by the privacy

issue; I am bothered by the representation issue. As I said, each piece of junk mail seems to be geared toward a particular stereotype of a magazine's readership. By combining the stereotypes for my various magazines (as suggested by the junk mail's target groups), one can create a composite description: I am a magazine subscriber, a frequent book buyer, an extravagant spender, a politically active fellow and a bleeding heart. As far as I can tell, only the first of these descriptions is applicable. These broad generalizations grossly misrepresent my delightfully nuanced personality.

All generalizations are bad.

My other big problem with junk mail is environmental. I thought we were trying to reduce our paper consumption. The junk mail I am receiving is not serving much of a purpose, and it just keeps on coming. Ordinarily I might not think much of this problem, but since so much of this junk mail comes from left-wing organizations, I cannot help but notice the irony. I do my part, at least, by recycling the junk.

I have produced a few reasons to feel bad about my junk mail. I have almost convinced myself that I do not want to get it anymore. The problem, of course, is that without junk mail, I would get almost nothing - and I often look in the mailbox not just for mail, but for validation. The junk mail senders may not know much about me, but they are, in their own way, interested in me. Junk mail may be junk, but it is still mail.

Internet has little effect on plagiarism, experts say

By Karen Eschbacher
The Daily Free Press
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(U-WIRE) BOSTON, Mass. --

Despite a slew of information available on the World Wide Web, cheating and plagiarism are no more common now than they were in the pre-Internet age, experts said yesterday.

"My inclination is that the level of plagiarism has not increased dramatically with the availability of information on the Internet," said Sally Cole, executive director of the Center for Academic Integrity, a collaboration of about 200 North American colleges based at Duke University.

Cole said she has heard very few cases of students who get papers from the Internet. Cole was the judicial affairs officer at Stanford University until 1986 and said students there often recycled friends' papers.

"If you can get a good paper from a roommate, why spend money to buy one?" she asked.

When the Internet first

emerged as a resource tool, many professors nationwide feared it would be difficult to keep tabs on student work, she said. But as they became more familiar with the technology, they learned the Web can be used to detect plagiarism, too.

Rochelle Robbins, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, serves on the CAS Academic Conduct Committee. She said professors who come across suspicious papers can enter key words into Internet search engines and pull up lists of related papers.

It is easier to catch plagiarism that way than by sifting through books, she said.

Robbins agreed she has seen few instances of students purchasing papers. Instead, she said, most cases involve students who rip off information in journals and other academic materials.

For example, a case landed on her desk yesterday in which a professor didn't think a paper matched the assigned topic. The professor went on the web and found the information was lifted from a speech, Robbins said.

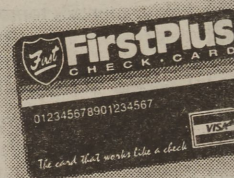
Forty-two percent of students surveyed at 31 colleges reported falsifying a bibliography, turning in someone else's work or failing to cite sources, according to a 1995 study by Rutgers University Professor Donald McCabe.

The Center for Academic Integrity, founded by McCabe, has a search engine on its site that members can use to track down commonly copied papers, Cole said.

Aside from that, the center provides professors with helpful hints to reduce cheating.

Cole encourages professors to assign topics of narrow focus, require students to submit an outline, insist on footnotes that include page numbers, give periodic pop quizzes and talk to students about the importance of academic honesty. Students should not be allowed to make last-minute changes in paper topics, she said.

"It's ironic to me that the steps that discourage students from plagiarism on the Internet are the same as the ones that discourage students from traditional plagiarism," she said.



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American society, a television-altered reality

By Molly Robinson
Daily Princetonian
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(U-WIRE) PRINCETON, N.J. --

Have you ever done something while others were watching that you would never have fathomed doing while alone?

Most of us would probably answer this question with a sheepish "yes." In some rare cases, humans have been urged on to great and noble deeds by the presence of others, such as storming the beaches of Normandy or, on a more attainable scale, delivering a top-notch class presentation.

More often, however, the acts we commit only because others are watching are acts we would gladly relegate to obscurity: unseemly deeds such as drinking too much, smoking a cigarette for the first time or mercilessly teasing an unpopular peer.

When other people are watching what you do, their reaction takes on a certain importance. Being the social creatures that we are, we are naturally influenced by others, wanting them to like and approve of us, or in some cases, just to notice us.

Sometimes, the desire to elicit a response in others becomes quite powerful, overwhelming other

considerations such as health or morality. Sometimes (and we've all been there once or twice), the gaze of others can become the staggeringly forceful standard by which decisions are made and lives led.

This has doubtless always been true. But the advent of television has gradually created a world based increasingly on the standard of being watched. Television began with entertainment as its primary objective; this has remained true. In addition, as technology progressed, TV was used increasingly as a means to share information. The news went live, and the gaze of the camera began to capture reality as it happened.

Real people, caught by this gaze in their real lives, realized that their actions were being watched by countless others through the medium of television. Like any self-respecting social creatures, their behavior began to reflect the fact that others were watching, and a television-altered reality started to take shape. The interplay of reality and television's increasingly present gaze began to change our world.

Signs of this change are sometimes subtle. For example, if enough Americans hear on TV

that "the American people" think that perjury about sex doesn't rise to the level of an impeachable offense, many will begin to believe just that. Politicians, and the Clinton White House in particular, are masters of using television to spin stories which are then understood by many as truth. When enough people think a story is true, it becomes a reality, and voil?: a new, television-induced world view is born.

In the same way, many teenagers believe that "Dawson's Creek" represents a reality and behave in emulation, thus creating a "real-life" reality which is based on a fabrication. Thus, TV creates a sort of hall of mirrors, in which it is difficult to distinguish the original reality from its many reflections.

Sometimes, signs of realities created by television are considerably more blatant. Abject talk-shows on the model of Jerry Springer routinely showcase people who have behaved in revolting ways. TV's validating gaze-- the ultimate peer pressure-- not only causes them to take pride in their repugnant behavior but also no doubt encourages others to behave in manners equally base.

Even more disturbingly, people have occasionally committed acts

of violence, at least in part, because they were on TV. An instance of this occurred last year, when news helicopters followed a man who was engaged in a high-speed car chase. The man knew the cameras were there and finally came to a stop. Before anyone realized what was happening, he got out of his truck and shot himself in the head.

The news stations, caught unaware, broadcast his suicide live. This live broadcast of a real death was an accident, and the stations apologized for it. We'll never know if the knowledge that he was watched on TV encouraged this man in his dramatic gesture, but we can guess that it did not leave him indifferent.

Two weeks ago, in an uncanny parallel to the accidentally broadcast suicide, the respected news series "60 Minutes" televised a segment which showed Dr. Jack Kevorkian administering a lethal injection to his "patient."

No one took television by surprise this time: the assisted suicide, and its broadcast, were planned in advance, accepted and desired by both the patient, the producers of "60 Minutes" and, of course, the doctor himself. Through the gaze of television, the young man's death became a

spectacle for all the world to watch.

I don't know for certain if the young man was influenced in his decision by the knowledge that his death would be witnessed by an audience of millions. But it is difficult to imagine not being affected by such a thought, moved by such a moment of fame. Probably, performing this assisted suicide on TV was also an added incentive for Dr. Kevorkian, for whom notoriety is assuredly not distasteful.

What motivated the producers of "60 Minutes" seems clearer still, for viewers are always in search of something new and different to stimulate their dulled sensitivity. And what could be more novel than a real, live televised death?

Of course, death on TV is nothing new. Most children have seen hundreds of people "die" on TV, most often violently, before the age of ten. But in purposefully broadcasting a young man's all-too-real suicide, television raised the stakes in its little game with reality. Instead of sticking to make-believe stories, it began to play with real life and real death. With these as its game pieces, television's hall of mirrors may turn dangerous indeed.

Faces we'd like to see on the new one-dollar coin

Staff Editorial
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(U-WIRE) PITTSBURGH, Penn.

In an effort to properly redress the staggering gender disparity in American currency, the U.S. Mint set forth on a mission: to find the perfect woman for the new one-dollar coin. The discussions went on for months, battles were fought, tears were shed, all in the name of honoring just one of the many American women who have made this country

great.

No doubt names are already popping into your head: Harriet Tubman, conductor on the Underground Railroad, who helped many slaves find freedom; Sandra Day O'Connor, first female chief justice of the Supreme Court, who paved the way for others; or even Eleanor Roosevelt, the first lady who transcended the role of president's wife to become a role model for mid-century women.

The U.S. Mint chose Sacajawea. Sacajawea?

Yes, Sacajawea, the Shoshone

woman who, at the age of 16, guided Lewis and Clark through the Louisiana Territory. She carried her two-month-old son on her back, endangering his life as well as hers.

That's just not very glamorous. It's not very patriotic or awe-inspiring, either. The U.S. Mint needs to realize that teen mothers with risky lifestyles are just too depressing to put on a coin.

This is a brand-new American coin. It should really represent American society. America doesn't want to think about the Louisiana Purchase every time it

buys a Coke; historical information makes America's head hurt.

Certainly, the government wants the public to accept and maybe even enjoy the new currency. Who knows, it may even make people happier about spending, thereby boosting the economy. The U.S. Mint should therefore give America what it wants: famous people.

What American housewife would not like to be able to pay for Oprah's book club selections with Oprah dollars?

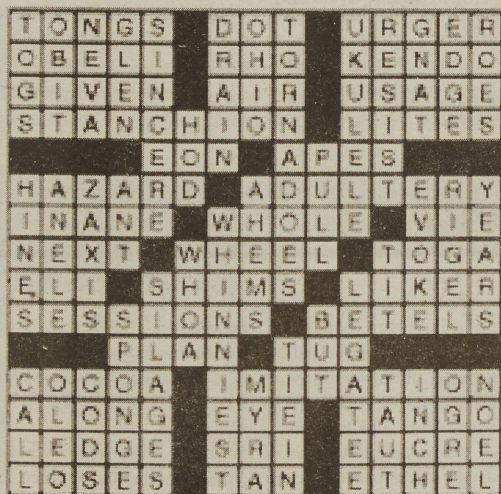
Sex and nostalgia drive America like no other force known to

man. Coins featuring popular 1980s sex symbols such as Ms. Pac-Man, Smurfette or Mary Lou Retton would draw "oohs" and "ahs" until the '90s become popular.

And if the point is to provide role models for young girls, the Mint should simply tap into the existing bevy of female stars they already look up to, such as Hanson, Courtney Love or the WB prime-time lineup.

They may not have explored the Louisiana Territory, but they have found a place in our hearts-- and perhaps our pockets.

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First-place Engineers to tangle with Illinois squads

By Don Cole
Thorn Sports Editor

The Engineers have lived up to the expectations thrust upon them by the preseason poll earlier this year that picked them to finish second. This past weekend's road trip resulted in two conference wins for the Engineers, putting them in a tie for first place along with Rhodes, also 2-0, and Centre, 1-0 in the conference.

The Engineers have had the week off thus far, but will travel to Decatur to take on the Millikin Big Blue this Saturday and will return home next Wednesday to continue their rivalry with the Blackburn Beavers.

Rose has had a somewhat limited history with Millikin, as the schools have only met twice. The two met last year in a game Rose lost in Hulbert Arena last year, 75-68.

The Big Blue come into this contest at 4-1. Millikin does not have the upperclassmen leadership the Engineers have, as only three of the teams' returning players are above the sophomore year.

Among those that the Big Blue bring to the court include senior point guard Adam Provance, last year's team MVP despite limited playing time. Provance averaged 17 points and just above 5 assists per game last year.

By far the leader of the team, however, is sophomore forward Brad Skwronski, all-CCIW third-team selection last year. Skwronski has lit up his opponents this year for a 24.7 scoring average, 11.3 rebounds per game, and a

total of nine steals, all of which lead the Big Blue.

Millikin has two others averaging double digits in scoring every game in Todd Kelly and Chris Rice.

The Big Blue appear to bring an all-around solid attack despite the fact that they have no dominating presence in the post. Opponents have outrebounded them by about two rebounds per game this year.

Perhaps the greatest weakness of the Big Blue is the fact that they are relying heavily on a few freshmen to come through for them this year. Unfortunately, two of them, Rice and Mike Steers, have stepped up to the challenge.

Rose also plays host to Blackburn College next Wednesday. The two have met 67 times since the 1950-51 season, with Rose winning 56 of the meetings, although the Engineers did suffer a defeat at the hands of the Beavers last year, 72-69.

First-year Blackburn College head coach Joe Ramsey certainly enters the game with a rich pedigree. After being named Southern Illinois' MVP in 1964, he was drafted by the NBA's Baltimore Bullets in 1965. Since 1967, he has been coaching in some capacity, including a stint at Millikin University, where he is the all-time winningest coach in their history.

Other than that, however, it does not appear that the Beavers bring many offensive weapons to the court. Their top returning scorer, J.T. Furnish, only managed 10.4 points per game last season.

A hotly contested double-overtime win sparked off the Engi-

neers' play in the SCAC, as they beat Millsaps 88-85 in Jackson, Mississippi. The contest was the first ever meeting between the schools.

"Our guys played with so much pride and effort," praised head coach Jim Shaw.

"I've never coached a team that left everything out on the floor like that."

Bryan Egli continued his hot scoring, burning the Majors for 28 points. Over half of his scoring came on five three-pointers. Egli also led the squad with a career-high nine assists.

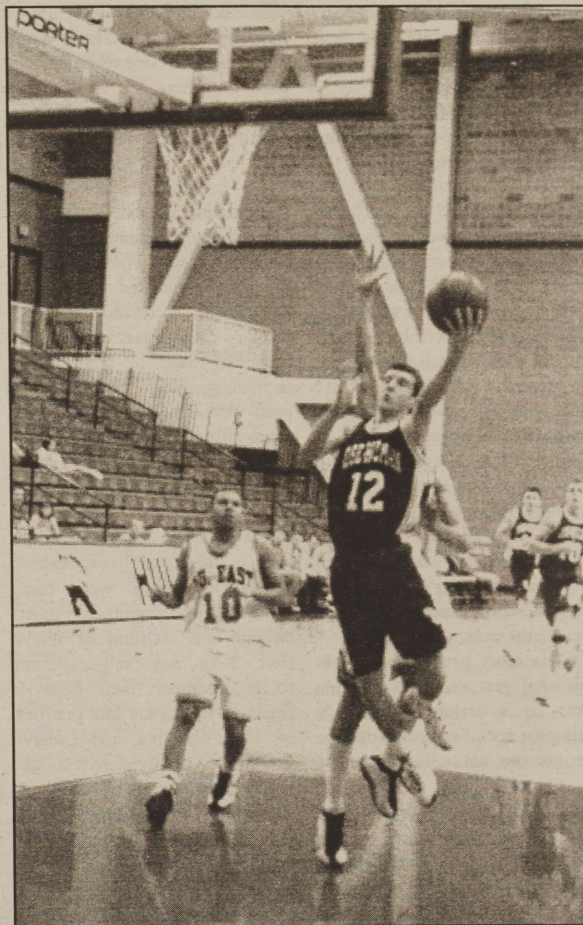
Three other Engineers also broke into double digits during the game. Sam Johnson shot nine of twelve from the floor for 18 points and also pulled down six rebounds. Joe Puthoff banged in three from beyond the arc on his way to 19 points. T.J. Holmes, a sophomore, contributed 12 to the winning effort.

Other notables for the Engineers included Michael Harris, who notched three blocks in 25 minutes of play, and Matt Millington, who led the team with eight total rebounds.

Rose had a slightly easier time against Atlanta's Oglethorpe Stormy Petrels, carrying a five-point halftime lead to an 84-69 win.

"We played tremendously," said Shaw of the game. Shaw was particularly impressed with how Egli, Puthoff, and Holmes stepped up while the Oglethorpe defense shut down Johnson.

"The Oglethorpe team will be in the conference championship hunt, and I could not be more



Patrick Grace prepares to lay one up in a home game against IU-East. Grace is a member of the JV team.

photo courtesy Kevin Lanke

pleased with the way we played." rebounds with seven along with Egli again led the team in scoring, once again notching 28. Both Holmes and Puthoff reached into double digits with 17 points each. Holmes also led the team in

Chris Unton got the team's only two blocks of the afternoon, while Millington led the team with three assists.

Rose women seek first win against cross-town rival

by Pete Anderson
Thorn Editor-in-Chief

The Rose-Hulman women's basketball team (0-5 overall, 0-2 SCAC) will duel St. Mary-of-the-Woods College Thursday for the Clabber Girl Trophy at St. Mary. The Pomeroy's will visit Hulbert Arena on Feb. 3.

The Pomeroy's have owned the Engineers in the young series, winning all seven of the meetings.

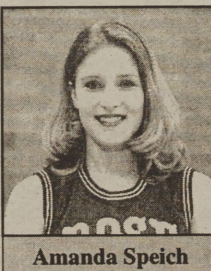
Last year, however, the Engineers gave St. Mary's a run for their money over across the river, losing by four, 82-78.

This year the Pomeroy's return a pair of top scorers in Angie Mut-

terspaugh and Ginger Griffin, who averaged 13.7 and 12.0 points per game, respectively.

The game comes nearly two weeks since they dropped their first two Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) games Dec. 4 and 6.

The Engineers first visited Millsaps, where poor shooting (12-59, 20 percent from the field) and rebounding (Millsaps outrebounded the Engineers 55-38) allowed Millsaps to take a 33-22



Amanda Speich

halftime lead and build it to a 62-38 victory.

"I'm very disappointed with our effort tonight [Dec. 4]. We didn't do the little things correctly tonight and that cost a chance for victory," coach Brenda Davis said.

Senior Amanda Speich led the Engineers with 13 points and four steals. Freshman Christina Forsyth led with 10 rebounds, including seven off the offensive glass.

Things started out slightly better Sunday as the Engineers built a

32-28 halftime lead against the hosting Oglethorpe. Rose padded their lead to 38-33 before Oglethorpe went on a 9-0 run to take the lead, 40-38.

The Engineers would bounce back and score five unanswered points on a three-pointer by Speich and a layup by Forsyth, giving the Engineers a 43-40 lead.

Another three by Speich gave the Engineers a 50-49 edge with 8:45 left to play, but an Oglethorpe 14-2 run put the game out of reach for Rose, 65-52 with 2:32



Tarelle Van Dyk

remaining. Oglethorpe would go on to win the game 75-58.

The Engineers shot considerably better, hitting 22 of 50 (44 percent) from the field, but were greatly outrebounded by Oglethorpe 52-31.

Speich would once again lead the Engineers with 17 points.

Sophomore Tarelle Van Dyk would finish with 16 points, seven rebounds, five assists and five steals.

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Rose athletes earn national recognition

by Don Cole
Thorn Sports Editor

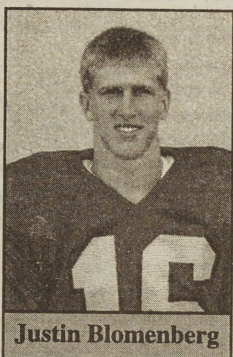
If anything can characterize the athletic season thus far in 1998, it is that many athletes have earned a great deal of individual honors.

This week, two Rose athletes continued that success. Justin Blomenberg, a defensive back for the football team and Bryan Egli, a guard for the men's basketball team, were both recognized nationally this week.

Blomenberg, who has already earned much recognition for his exploits this season, was named to the 1998 NCAA Division III Hewlett-Packard All-American Football Team, earning third-team honors.

"I am shocked to be a third-team All-American," commented Blomenberg, "I didn't expect it to happen."

Maybe he should have. Blomenberg tied a school record by intercepting four passes during an October 31st game



Justin Blomenberg

against Earlham. He tied the record held by Gary Ellis, who is one of only two other defensive backs other than Blomenberg to earn All-American honors, in 1976.

The other defensive back honoree was Phil Meiss in 1985.

Twice this season, Blomenberg earned SCAC Player of the Week honors, once against Earlham and the other against Millsaps.

He was also named National Defensive Player of the Week by Don Hansen's Football Gazette and by USA III Football for his play against Earlham.

It was a banner year all-around for the sophomore mechanical engineering major. He tallied 81 tackles, two blocks, nine interceptions, five pass-breakups, and a blocked kick during the season.

The nine interceptions also tied a single-season school record previously held by Ellis.

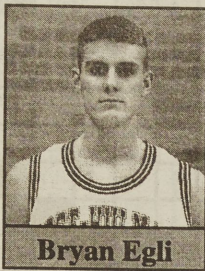
Egli earned national recognition not by stopping the other guy from scoring, but by doing it himself. NCAA Division III Basketball Online selected Egli to the National "Team of the Week" for his performance last weekend.

Egli scored 56 points in two SCAC games last weekend. He scored 28 in a double-overtime win over Millsaps, while at the same time tallying a career-high nine assists in the contest.

Egli also scored another 28 points and pulled down seven boards against Oglethorpe on Sunday.

Egli has made a career out of scoring. Last year, he led the ICAC in scoring with 21.9 points per game and right now sits at 11th place all-time with 1,266 points in his career. He needs 29 points to crack the top ten.

For his efforts over the weekend Egli was also named SCAC Player of the Week and a Regional Player of the Week by Columbia Multimedia.



Bryan Egli

Thorn Athlete of the Week

Christina Forsyth, women's basketball

by Don Cole
Thorn Sports Editor

There are six freshmen basketball players on this year's women's basketball team. This makes up two-thirds of the team.

This puts a lot of pressure on these rookies to perform, and one that has stood up to this pressure is Christina Forsyth.

In five games this season, she has averaged 9.8 points per game, third on the team behind veterans Amanda Speich and Tarelle Van Dyk. She is also averaging 6.0 rebounds per game, again third on the team behind the same two.

Her rebounding ability is now very important to the team after Becky Smith's injury. Smith was the team's leading rebounder a year ago.

Last weekend against SCAC

foes Millsaps and Oglethorpe, she came through big, pulling down ten boards against Millsaps, while

grabbing six rebounds and scoring ten points against Oglethorpe.

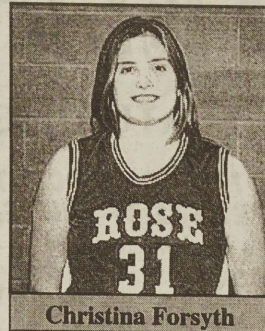
While these may not be spectacular numbers compared to Van Dyk and Speich, they are very promising.

Forsyth has been around

basketball for a while now. She earned four varsity letters in the sport at Whiter River Valley High School, and was her team's top rebounder in each of her four seasons.

She has also proved she can score; she led her team her sophomore year in the category.

"Christina is a true post player with a lot of potential," commented head coach Brenda Davis of the future star. "I am pleased with her all-around toughness."



Christina Forsyth

Indoor track off and running

Mark Dudley
Thorn Sports Reporter

Yesterday witnessed the start of the Engineer indoor track and field season as fifteen athletes trekked to Eastern Illinois University.

Although there are a number of new faces this year, several returning athletes are expected to give an outstanding performance this year.

Among those coming back are seniors Sean Stoughton, Mike Kosloski, and Mark Dudley. Stoughton is a standout in the sprinting events, while Kosloski excels in the long distance events. Dudley prefers to go vertical in the high jump event.

Junior Phil Reksel, last year an NCAA Division III All-American along with Ryan Loftus and Nathan Subbert, is expected to have yet another strong year to vault him back into Nationals. Reksel excels in the sprinting events as well; he earned fifth-place in Nationals a year ago in the 400-m intermediate hurdles event.

The action comes home next week when the men's and women's teams host a dual meet against Vincennes University.

Engineers swim their way to top ten finishes

By Don Cole
Thorn Sports Editor

The Rose-Hulman men's and women's swimming teams got the season started off on the right foot with strong performances at last weekend's DePauw Invitational.

The Alma College women's team took home first place honors by a scant 18 points over host DePauw, while the Wabash College men's team ran, or rather swam, away with a 47 point lead over the host school.

Several individual swimmers and relay teams came away with good finishes in the event for the Engineer women.

The relay team of Juliana Van Winkle, Kelly Sullivan, Becky Merow, and Tammy Misuinas came away with fifth-place finishes in the 200-m freestyle relay and the 200-m medley. Merow, also a cross-country standout, also took home a seventh-place finish in the 100-m breaststroke, a 12th-place finish in the 400-m individual medley, and a sixth-place finish in the 1650-m freestyle.

The effort won Merow a 32nd-place overall finish, but Van Winkle paced the women with an overall 17th-place finish. She accomplished this with a sixth-place in the 100-m freestyle, an eight-place in the 50-m freestyle, and a fourth-place tie in the 200-m freestyle.

There were plenty other notables for the women's team. Both Misuinas and Holli Krumbein garnered top-16 finishes in the 200-m backstroke, while Sullivan pulled out a 12th-place in the 100-m freestyle, an 11th-place in the 100-m backstroke,

and a 13th-place in the 100-m butterfly. Kate Titsworth rounded out the top finishers with an 8th-place in the 1650-m freestyle.

The men also had a number of top finishes, paced by Matt Smith with an overall 28th-place finish. This was accomplished with a 14th-place finish in the 200-m individual medley, a sixth-place in the 100-m breaststroke, and a third-place tie in the 200-m breaststroke.

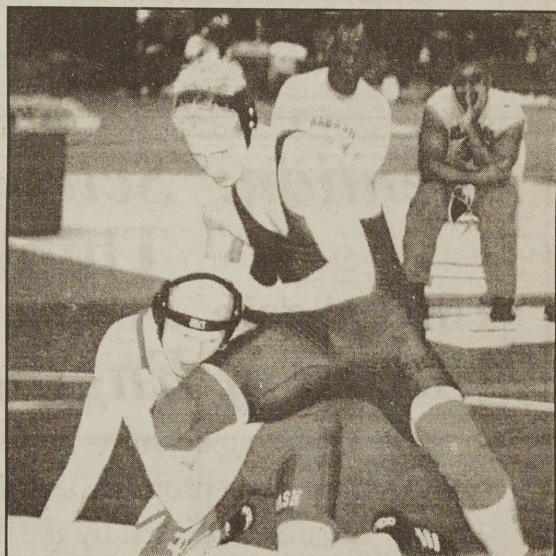
Also getting into the action was the relay team of Smith, J.P. Lewington, Chris Slaughter, and Matt Jackson. The group took home fifth-place finishes in the 200-m freestyle and 200-m medley relays, while Dan Pearis replaced Slaughter to guide the team to a sixth-place finish in the 400-m medley relay.

Lewington got a 16th-place finish in the 200-m backstroke and a 14th-place finish in the 100-m backstroke. Jackson swam to a 15th-place in the 100-m freestyle, while Pearis tallied a 10th-place in the 200-m freestyle and a 13th-place in the 1650-m freestyle.

Sean Valentine picked up a couple of high finishes as well: a fourth-place in the 50-m freestyle and an eighth-place in the 100-m butterfly.

The swim teams have been in action since late October. November 13 witnessed a historic occasion, the first ever dual meet win in school history, over visiting Vincennes University. The men have also beaten Illinois Wesleyan and Principia earlier this year.

The swim team returns to action today at the Vincennes Invitational in Indianapolis, and will return home for a men's meet here against Wabash College earlier next year.



An Engineer wrestler struggles with his Wabash College counterpart as part of the Little State Wrestling Tournament, hosted here last weekend. Aaron Rausch and Martin Floreani, both freshman, paced the Rose-Hulman team. Rausch scored a seventh-place finish in the 197-pound class, and Floreani finished eighth overall in the 165-pound class. The team also competed Tuesday in Crawfordsville at the Triple Dual. Rose defeated Carleton but lost to Wabash and Millikin. Winners against Carleton included Rausch, Andy Steen, David Kemp, Ricky Arnold, and Joe Boyle. Steen scored the Engineers' lone win against Wabash, while Arnold, Floreani and Boyle scored wins against Millikin. The team competes in its last home meet of the season today.

Engineers in Action

Today

Wrestling vs. Olivet & Wabash, 6:30 p.m.
Men's & Women's swimming at Vincennes Inv., 5:00 p.m.

Saturday

Men's basketball at Millikin, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Men's basketball vs. Blackburn, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday

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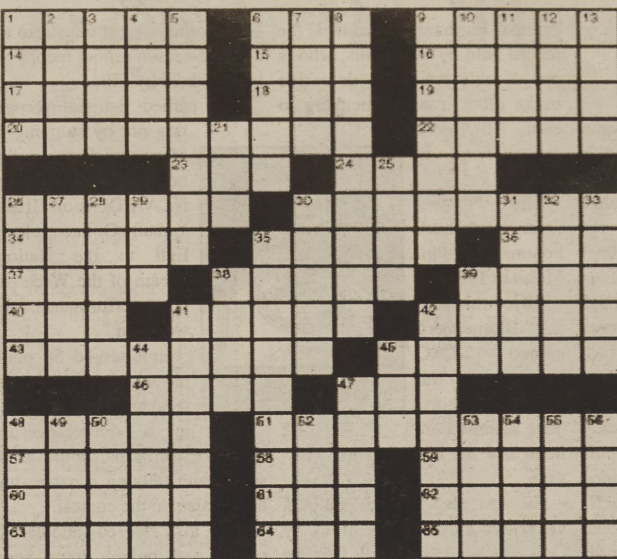
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- 17. Specified
- 18. A mixture of N and O
- 19. This may be common
- 20. Upright bar
- 22. Low caloric food
- 23. One billion years
- 24. Mimics
- 26. Sand Trap

- 30. Seventh Commandment
- 34. Stupid
- 35. All the parts
- 36. Compete
- 37. Near to
- 38. Old instrument of torture
- 39. Roman Dress
- 40. Yale
- 41. Slivers of wood
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- 43. Sitting of justices in court
- 45. Pepper plants
- 46. Prepare

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- 51. Sincerest compliment
- 57. As a companion
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- 59. It takes two for this
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- 2. Final notice
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- 7. Phonetic Japanese hello
- 8. Funnels
- 9. Hawaiian Guitar
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- 12. Border
- 13. Fish eggs
- 21. Brick center
- 25. Muscle Strain
- 26. Jerome ___
- 27. Give extreme uncton
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- 31. Call to mind
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A Moment For Us, As If I Care

Okay, fine, so I lied. Actually, I had a change of heart, moment of brilliant insight, or whatever you want to call it. I guess that's what editors are supposed to do, not that I would know. In case you don't know what I'm talking about, I got ahead of myself last week. I mentioned the new layout for pages 11 and 12, but they've changed somewhat since then. My bad. However, Roomies is back, so don't get too mad. Yes, this is filler. Why do you ask?

So my mistake came from underestimating the amount of ... stuff that I would have to put on these two pages. I had no idea that these two pages, alone, would hold twice

as much content as page 8 did! Twice as much! I figured one and half, tops, but I was aiming for less than the old amount. At least that's what I got by using the abacus here in the office. I've learned my lesson. Next time, I'll hire a math major to do the calculations. After all, isn't that what we're supposed to use them for?

So if you think I'm an idiot (and you should -- earlier tonight I was wearing a hat made from a frisbee and a keyboard wrist cushion), then write something funny and send it in. If I can do it, then what's your excuse? I'm waiting, punk.

-- Jason

Those Wacky Profs!

Blah, blah, blah. Disclaimer: These quotes are *real*. All quotes come from the indicated (or not) professors. Feel free to submit your "Wacky Prof" quotes to thorn@rose-hulman.edu, along with name, class name (including section), date, and setup. All quotes must be verified before publication.

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-- Dr. Sherman (12-7-98)

(When asked why he wasn't saying anything at the beginning of his Discrete Math II class. See last week's Thorn for more details.)

"Before we start masking, let's strip a little bit."

-- Dr. Morris (12-9-98)

(While talking about metal ion extraction.)

"We are now going to find the length of a meter stick of unknown length."

-- Dr. Joenathan (12-3-98)

(Exactly.)



(Above: Homicidal professors attack students. Story on page 12.)

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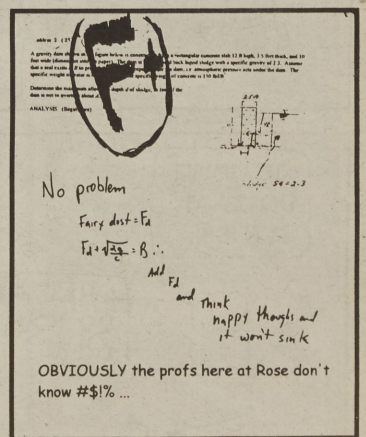
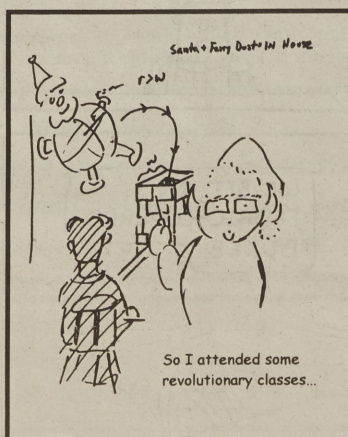
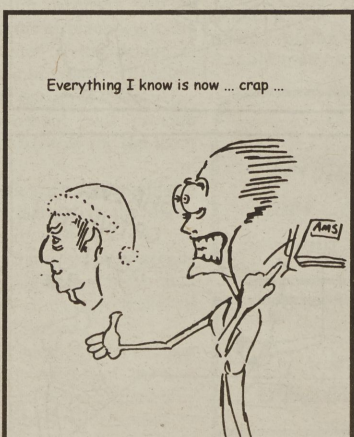
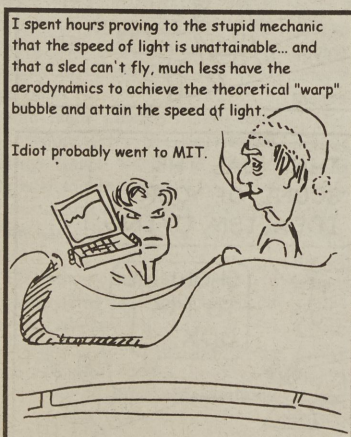
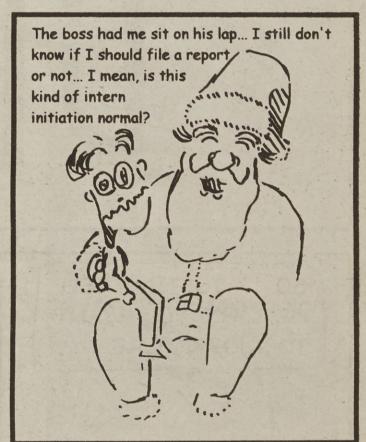
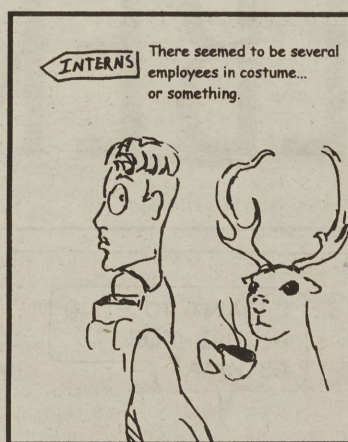
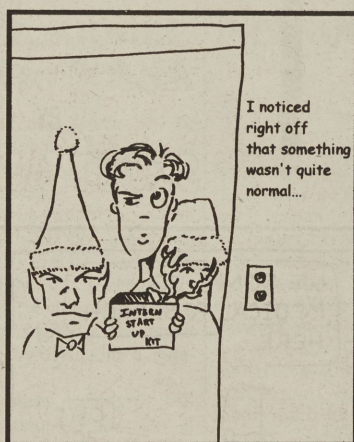
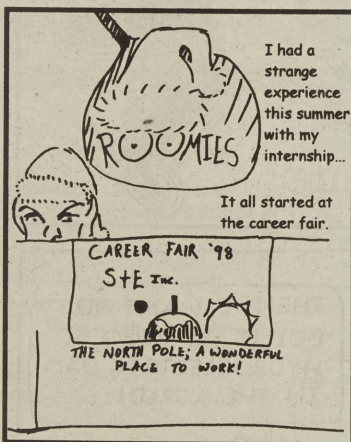
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Roomies by Ray Seitz

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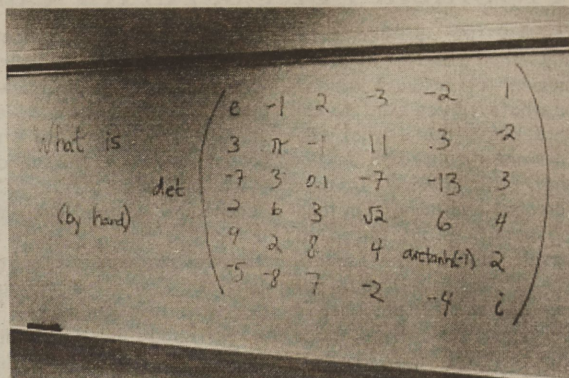




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Slackers beware, vengeful teachers on the prowl

by Jason Walker
Thorn Humor Editor
turned Investigative Reporter

Mass hysteria gripped the campus this week as professors began to fully realize the power of *The Thorn*. After being quoted last week, Gary Sherman refused to say anything at the beginning of his Discrete Mathematics class on Monday. (See related quote, page 12.)

Dr. Sherman has now refused to let students take notes in his classes. Of course, that does not matter at all, considering that he is too paranoid to even give a lecture. Any student caught writing anything down in his class will immediately flunk the course.

Other professors have taken a similar approach, while some have refused to even show up to teach their classes. One student commented, "Now I can sleep in the comfort of my own bed, in-



One PISSED individual punishes a slacking student in class, while the body of his slain classmate rots on the floor.

stead of those hard plastic chairs." Another was heard to say, "Now I have more time to study the material on my own." That student was immediately

beaten senseless by the first. In light of these recent developments, a group of teachers have founded "Professors Initiating Slacker Student Extinction

and Decimation" which has been called by an anonymous teacher to be "an appropriate response to the situation at hand".

On Wednesday afternoon, a group of six masked teachers burst into a chemistry lab in E104, shouted "We're PISSED!" and took the lives of 10 slacking freshmen before running back to the dark corners of Crapo Hall.

This dark turn naturally has many students worried. Perhaps not surprisingly, many seniors have begun fearing for their lives. One panicked senior said, "I'm already suffering from senioritis! I'm as good as dead!" Sure enough, within 5 seconds, he was decapitated by a protractor.

Many speculations have arisen as to the base of operations for the PISSED group. All teachers in Crapo Hall have been interrogated and had their offices searched by Rose-Hulman security, but to no avail. Many students were not

surprised by this outcome, with one student yelling, "Yeah, where's your hidden security camera now?" That student was taken into custody by a disgruntled security officer.

The only other feasible option suggested has been the Sports and Recreation Center, considering that 70% of the complex is unavailable to student use. When asked to comment, Matt Sinclair replied, "Why does everyone always blame me when something bad happens on campus? I'm not a bad or evil guy, per se. But now, people think that I'm hiding a group of murderous teachers behind the secret passageway in the Faculty/Staff locker room. Why me?"

Security is still investigating the possibility of PISSED members hiding in the SRC. Since their reign of terror began on Wednesday, the Rose-Hulman campus is 42 slackers lighter.



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