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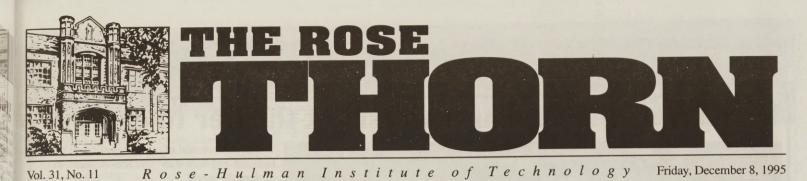
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Construction plans build as Union nears completion

by David Hile News Editor

As Hulman Memorial Union construction continues to progress, efforts are underway on other major construction projects which will reshape and modernize Rose-Hulman.

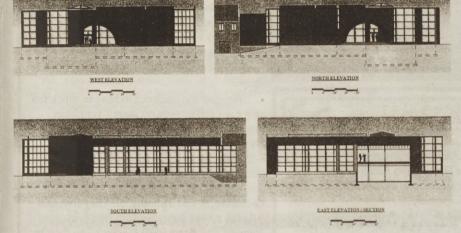
The first of these projects, the Alumni Center for Sports Recreation, has already begun. The 156,000 square foot complex will house a new basketball arena, natatorium and 200 meter indoor track.

In addition, this spring, the addition to Olin Hall will be underway. The addition centers around eight state-of-the-art classrooms.

Wayne Spary, director of physical plant services, said that workers are preparing to raise the ground upon which the Alumni

Center will be built. To avoid potential flooding problems, the building will be constructed nearly four feet higher than the ground's existing elevation. This higher level takes the building out of the 100year flood plain.

The actual construction of the building will not begin until the beginning of April under the management of Huber, Hunt and Nichols.



The latest proposal for the Olin Hall expansion.

Money, size, character among concerns for future enrollment

by Michael Pruett *Thorn* Reporter

As a result of this year's record enrollment, President Samuel Hulbert has requested the formation of a committee whose purpose is to look into the school's path of increased undergraduate enrollment.

The committee will make its recommendation to the Board of Directors at their May meeting.

In the past fifteen years, Rose-Hulman has gained an average of approximately fifteen students per

"If we are going to [continue to grow at our present rate], we ought to make a conscious decision instead of just letting it happen," stated Hulbert.

The committee is developing three financial models: one corresponding to the enrollment fifteen years ago of 1,200 undergraduates, one with the present enrollment of 1,400 undergraduates, and another with 1,600 undergraduates.

The 1.600 model results from a growth of approximately fifteen program. students per year for the next fifteen

review by the board committee no later than January 19.

number is, but in higher education when you go over approximately 2,000, the character of a campus changes." According to Hulbert, there are no plans for Rose-Hulman to grow to that size.

Hulbert cites several factors for Rose's phenomenal growth in recent years, including: a higher retention of students, a modest growth in transfer students and the development of a graduate

years. The models are scheduled for the three different enrollment the campus representative.

scenarios do not differ greatly. "Either way, we're talking about "No one knows what the only modest changes." he said.

The \$19.5 million recreation

center will have an arena for

basketball and volleyball with

seating for 1,500 fans, an eight-lane

natorium with diving well and a

200-meter indoor track enclosing

up to four additional basketball

contain one large multi-purpose

room capable of hosting wrestling meets, an exercise and free weight

area, two racquetball courts, a

sports medicine area, athletic offices and locker rooms for varsity

athletics, students, staff, and

After completion of the Alumni Center, Shook Fieldhouse and the

Black Recreation Center may be torn down in favor of parking for the new facility.

replacing the two existing bridges leading to the fieldhouse and

increasing the floodway on the

completed by August 1997, Spary

square foot addition to the west end

of Olin Hall will begin in March

north side of the river.

Additional work includes

The project is projected to be

Construction of an 18,000

The project centers around

In addition, the building will

courts.

faculty

said.

1996.

Hulbert asked faculty earlier this year for their input on the enrollment strategy, and he notes that the responses have been very objective.

Hulbert states that the current feeling among most faculty is that the current enrollment is the ideal size for the school.

The committee is comprised of members of the Board of Hulbert maintains, however, that Managers, with Hulbert serving as

Hulbert says that additional residence halls will be needed even with a decreased enrollment.

eight large, state-of-the-art

classrooms. The new classrooms

will average between 1300 and

1500 square feet as opposed to a

laptops this year, these classrooms

will have network and electrical

access through the flooring,

making the classrooms much more

making all four walls of each room available for instruction, with

multiple projectors for teacher use.

important in designing the new classrooms to avoid problems associated with older classrooms in

Olin Hall. Different methods for achieving this goal are still being

The Olin Foundation is supplying over \$2.5 million for the

building and equipment. Rose will

have to cover certain expenses

which are not considered a part of

the building but will be necessary

The project could be completed by April 1997, according to Sparry,

but it will not be ready for the start of spring quarter classes that year.

during the project, Spary said.

The flexibility is enhanced by

Spary said that acoustics will be

flexible.

considered.

Unlike the rooms equipped for

normal room size of 900 sq. ft.

The primary advantage of a small enrollment is the campus's warmer, more family-like atmosphere, according to Hulbert. Conversely, along with a larger enrollment comes economies of scale; Hulbert believes that several new staff members are needed even at the school's current enrollment.

The student-faculty ratio has decreased from 16.6 in 1981 to this year's 12.5. Hulbert believes that it would be possible to decrease the student-faculty ratio even further with a greater enrollment.

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Women's conference met with cold reception in China

by Kent Bye Thorn Columnist

Taxis were warned not to pick up the naked women strippers. Security guards were armed with bug spray for protection against the insects carrying the airborne AIDS virus. The The citizens of Beijing were warned of the lesbians who were going to be populating their town.

These were some of the propaganda statements released communist China to their citizens in preparation for the gathering of over 39,000 women from countries all around the orld for the Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing.

On December 6th, Joyce Keenan visited Rose-Hulman to share her experiences of this United Nations conference. Keenan was one of seven delegates representing her nongovernment organization for the United States of America.

Keenan discussed the discouragement which was felt on holding this conference in a communist country where free speech and demonstration was actively restricted. The participants were met with the tightest security ever at an United Nations' conference.

Speaking out on a street corner about events of human cruelty in their native countries has been impossible for women in China. Keenan discussed the

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Joyce Keenan discusses her experiences at the Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing. Photo by Chris Dolphy

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Dr. Tom & Seus bring semi-silent theater to campus



MEETINGS / GATHERINGS

Tues., Dec. 12 — Biomedical Engineering Seminar, Dr. Robert Kaufmann, Chief, Maternal Fetal Medicine, University of Southern Illinois School of Medicine, O-105, 10:50 a.m.

Tues., Dec. 12 — ASCE Banquet, "Restoration of the Terre Haute House," Jim Kienle, Vice President of Architectural Division of HNTB/Indianapolis, Palmer House, 2150 N. Third St., 7-9 p.m.

- Wed., Dec. 13 President's Administrative Council, PA Room, 8 a.m.
- Mon., Dec. 18 Biomedical Engineering Seminar, Dr. Terry Trammell, Orthopedic Surgeon, O-105, 10:50 a.m.

SPORTS

Wed., Dec. 20 - President's Administrative Council, PA Room, 8 a.m.



Sat., Dec. 9 — Women's Basketball, at Hanover College, Hanover, Ind., 2 p.m. (ICAC Game)
Sat., Dec. 9 — Men's & Women's Swimming, at DePauw Invitational, Greencastle, 1 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 11 — Men's Basketball, Eureka College, Shook Fieldhouse, 7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 14 — Rifle, Western Intercollegiate Rifle Conference Postal Match, Local Rifle Range
Sat., Dec. 16 — Women's Basketball, Elmhurst College, Shook Fieldhouse, 6 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 16 — Men's Basketball, at Centre College, Danville, Ky., 3 p.m.
(Broadcast on WSDM-AM 1130, 2:50 p.m.)

Mon., Dec. 18 — Men's Basektball, at Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, 7:30 p.m. Wed., Dec. 20 — Women's Basketball, Earlham College, Shook Fieldhouse, 7 p.m.



The silent world of mime has allowed the husband-and-wife duo "Dr. Tom & Seus" to explore the world.

Last week, Tom and Seus Pierce were performing their elaborate comedy sketches to audiences in Matanzas, Cuba. This Saturday, they'll be on stage in Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology's Moench Hall Auditorium for a 7:30 p.m. show.

"We're international," laughed Tom Pierce during a recent telephone interview. "The audiences in Cuba were very appreciative of the craft. They have a high respect for mime. I hope that's the same case in Terre Haute."

"Dr. Tom and Seus" use humor, subtle wit, complex themes and artful gestures to take their audience into a world where anything can — and usually does — happen. One sketch centers around how television can turn a viewer into a vegetable — a real-life "Couch Potato," so to speak.

Audience participation is a big part of each show.

"We want the audience to have as much fun as we are performing on stage," said Seus Pierce, who met Tom at his mime school in Florida.

Several years later, the professional relationship turned personal. The couple was married in 1981 and now have two sons, Zechariah, 9, and Timothy, 5. They live near Atlanta, where they appear in television commercials and direct local theater when they're

not performing more than 100 shows at colleges, theaters and churches throughout the country.

"The emotional tendencies we express on stage are very real," said Seus Pierce about the husband-and-wife team. "Over the years, the act has grown as the relationship has grown. Every show is different because we're different."

"Dr. Tom & Seus" is part of Rose-Hulman's 1995-96 Fine Arts Series. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for senior citizens.



SENIOR T-SHIRTS

Designs for the Senior class t-shirt are wanted. Please submit designs to Gabe Ferland, at Box #1428.

ART EXHIBIT

Rose-Hulman student Mike Finney will display a collection of his works, including drawings and paintings. This exhibit will be on the first floor of Moench Hall through January 1st.

Submissions To Campus Events

Events may be published in *Campus Events* by any organization or individual. Simple announcements of times and locations may be submitted to *Campus Calendar*, in care of Dale Long, associate director of communications, at Box 14 or extension 8418. More detailed articles containing plans, agendas, and specific information should be submitted to the *Rose Bush*, via Karen Pershing in the mailroom.

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

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The Rose Bureaucrat

by Craig Miesse

The Student Government Association met Tuesday to hear the progress of new construction projects and to discuss the new no-bell policy.

The keynote speaker of the evening was Wayne Spary, Director of Physical Plant Services, who reported on the progress of the Alumni Center (the new athletic complex), the Olin expansion, and the construction of the new Sigma Nu house. The Alumni Center will now be completed in one phase instead of four. Spary noted that the fate of Shook Fieldhouse is still up in the air.

President Ashvin Lad asked for a brief showing of hands for approval or disapproval of Rose's new no-bell policy.

Senior Class President Gabe Ferland reported that senior class T-shirts are being designed. Matt Warn, sophomore class president, announced that he is planning a class trip and is also working on class T-shirts.

Progress of the Engineering Ad Hoc

Committee was reported by Janet Balasiri. The committee has received an "E-Week" planning kit and is deciding on whether Rose-Hulman's first E-Week will be during this school year or next.

Due to a vacancy in the Senate, Vice President Leonard Clark proposed Mike Breadhold as senator for Speed Hall. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to appoint the new senator. Clark also proposed Aaron Huntsman for the position of SGA parliamentarian. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve Huntsman.

The next item of business on the agenda was a funding request for the Aerial Robotics Club. This new club was granted \$5,500 dollars to purchase equipment to compete in a nationwide contest.

Finally, during the ceremonial "Passing of the Gavel," Senator Jeff Turk moved that an Ad Hoc Committee be formed to look into the new no-bell policy. The motion was seconded but was voted down.

Cwik finished as the tournament's

Pape also finished among the

The team's next tournament will take

The debate team is open to all

place in early February at Anderson

first-place speaker. Hicks finished in

tournament's top ten speakers.

Debate team rolls to first-place finish

The Rose-Hulman Debate Team of senior Marc Cwik and junior Scott Hicks took first place in the DePauw University Debate Tournament on December 2.

The team finished with a perfect record of three wins and no losses.

Sophomore Mike Pape entered as a one-man team and placed third with a record of two wins and one loss.

Udall helping future environmentalists

University.

students.

Students interested in a career related to environmental public policy are invited to apply for the Morris K. Udall Scholarship.

Scholarship. In order to be eligible, a student must be a current full-time sophomore or junior pursuing a baccalaureate degree and intend to pursue a career in environmental public policy. The scholarship will be awarded during the 1996-97 academic year.

Students must be nominated by their institution no later than March 8, 1996.

The scholarship covers expenses up to a maximum of \$5,000 per year.

The Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation was established to honor Congressman Morris K. Udall in 1992.

Interested sophomores and juniors should contact Sharon Jones, assistant professor of civil engineering, no later than January 26, 1996.

SAB presents the hypnotic magic of Wand

Jim Wand will test his mesmerizing abilities on engineers tonight in Moench Hall Auditorium beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Wand's background in hypnotism includes 20 years of in-depth training in the areas of psychology and hypnosis.

Wand has been nominated for ten to consecutive years as one of the top acts in the college market.

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Over his career, Wand has performed for 4,000 audiences, having hypnotized over 500,000 people.

Wand has frequently called upon to mesmerize the stars. Cheap Trick, .38 Special, The Statler Brothers, Jay Leno, the Chicago Bears, George Strait, the Seattle Supersonics and The Judds have all called upon his expertise.

Help the Lighthouse Mission!

NSBE, in conjunction with the Rookies, are sponsoring the 2nd annual clothing drive. Boxes are located all around campus. Please help us with your donations.

Do something good. Feel something real.

NEW FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Sharon Jones

Title:

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Assistant Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering

Jones' research and conference costs are funded by the Clare Booth Luce Program.

The goal of the Clare Booth Luce Program is to encourage women to study and enter science and engineering fields.

Home:

Jones is originally from Trinidad in the Caribbean.

Education:

Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh • Ph.D. in Engineering and Public Policy expected in December 1995. Jones will finish the requirements for her degree in mid-January.

University of Florida • Masters of Engineering in Civil Engineering, spring 1991.

Columbia University, New York • Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, spring 1986.

Experience:

Jones has limited experience teaching undergraduate environmental courses. Jones has taught engineering students as well as environmental science majors.

She has also worked with high school and junior high school students in various summer programs.

Jones has five years of work experience in environmental engineering. Jones is a certified engineer in both California and Oregon, where she was previously employed.

Professional Interests:

Jones' main professional interests lie in the area of engineering and public policy decisions. Jones said that her research attempts to look at how engineering and technology impact society.

In graduate studies, Jones researched salmon management in the Pacific

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amount of Chinese red tape which made her question why it was even held there in the first place.

There were 39,000 international women present, but only 7,000 of those were declared observers who could actually attend certain events. Keenan was one of those 7,000 observers.

Keenan stated that even with the lesser number of designated observers, some of the meeting rooms only had a capacity of 150. There was also a case where 1,500 people were stuffed into a theater with a capacity of only one thousand.

There was a huge stadium reserved for the conference which was declared "structurally unsound" for the conference by the government, but yet was fine for the citizens of China to hold two athletic competitions there that same week.

Instead of the stadium, the conference was relocated to another town. There were plenty of buses sitting in a parking lot which could have easily transported the attendees; instead, they were forced to use the most expensive taxi cabs as



Professor Jones

Northwest to analyze the impact of climate change on policy decisions.

In addition, Jones is interested in risk management and environmental management in developing countries.

Personal Profile:

Jones is married and has two sons, four and six years old. Her family is living in Pittsburgh until her husband can find work in this area.

Jones said her family enjoys outdoor activities, sports and movies.

Impressions of Rose:

"The emphasis on teaching is exactly the experience I was looking for," Jones said.

When asked about her students Jones replied, "They're the most polite, respectful and hard-working group I've ever worked with."

Schedule:

This quarter Jones is teaching two sections of EM 101, Statics, and one section of CE 361, Environmental Issues.

Compiled by David Hile, News Editor

transportation. Keenan theorized that this could boost China's economy.

Once at the convention, there was still, mass confusion. The convention book, with all meeting times listed was claimed, to be incomplete because of a pending speech by Hillary Clinton.

As a substitute for the book with all of the meeting times, the less efficient method of posting and handing out fliers was used to keep everyone informed. In actuality, all of this was unnecessary, since the convention books were already printed and could have been used.

In spite of the setbacks caused by the Chinese government, women across the world still had the opportunity to share their personal struggles within their country.

Keenan was one of the 150 womens who listened to Hillary Clinton's speech emphasizing that "Women's Rights" should be replaced with the term "Humans Rights," since the fact that women are humans seems to be overlooked in some countries.

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Should the Internet be handled with kid gloves? heavy-handed gering tactics of these right- access to graphic material over

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Thorn Columnist

Something is afoot in Washington that directly affects every student and faculty member at Rose-Hulman. Yet, virtually noone on campus seems all that concerned about it. No, I'm not talking about the Republican balanced-budget proposal, with its changes in student loans (including the end to the successful Direct Student Loan program). I'm talking about the end of free speech.

A piece of legislation currently being debated on Capitol Hill as part of a telecommunications reform bill, the Communications Decency Act, would, in part, forbid all communications tronic mail can be intercepted by on the Internet which can potentially be viewed by children from containing material that is inappropriate for minors. The way that the legislation is worded, anyone that posts a message to a Usenet newsgroup (an Internet-wide "bulletin problems of its own).

board", for the uninitiated) containing "inappropriate" material approach to "protecting chil- wing extremist groups. There is current telephone lines is so could be fined up to \$100,000 dren", which is what the Chrisand sent to prison for up to two years. According to the Center for Democracy and Technology, the legislation's definition of "inappropriate" not only the First Amendment rights of

This bill is nothing less than a violation of the **First Amendment**

includes the already-illegal material deemed "obscene", but also constitutionally-protected material classified as "lewd, lascivious, or indecent".

Furthermore, because elecminors with relative ease, private communications which are deemed "inappropriate" could also fall under this statute. unless they are encrypted with a cryptologically-secure algorithm (which presents legal

This tian Coalition and Family Research Council believe this legislation would achieve, is nothing less than a violation of every American citizen.

There already exist numerous ways to protect children from the adult material on the Internet, including programs like "SurfWatch" for people who connect to the Internet through independent providers, and "kids-only" restricted computer accounts available from the large commercial service providers such as Prodigy and America Online. In addition, most adult-only companies on the Internet are being pro-active by registering their sites with companies like SurfWatch as a matter of course.

being lured in by the scaremon- for private individuals, and

no denying that the contents of slow that almost all children some Usenet newsgroups is inappropriate for minors.

not be permitted to access Usenet newsgroups like alt.sex.fetish.feet and alt.binaries.pictures.tasteless. But I also believe that it is the responsibility of parents, not that of the

It is the responsibility of parents, not Congress, to decide

United States Congress, to decide what is appropriate for their children to see or not see.

Furthermore, the traditional arguments regarding children being unsupervised simply don't Unfortunately, too many of apply in the case of the Internet. our elected representatives are Access is relatively expensive

simply cannot afford to view it.

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This legislation would essen-I agree that children should tially require that all of the content on the Internet be screened before being made publicly available, lest it offend someone three thousand miles away. In addition, since not all of the Internet lies within the United States, it would require everyone else in the world to either be cut off from America. or every link between America and the rest of the world would have to be censored in real time, lest anything inappropriate from Europe or Asia leak into America.

> The Internet is an extremely useful tool for millions of people all over the world. To cripple it for the sake of some money from groups opposed to freedom of choice and a few votes on election day would be irresponsible.

Restrictive elective requirements eliminate course diversity

by Michael Bickel Thorn Columnist

According to Webster's Dictionary, diversity is "1: the condition of being different: variety", or "2: an instance or a point of difference." Diversity is the strength of a gene pool, the weakness of cafeteria food, and the backbone of education. Most universities pride themselves for their diversity. Many celebrate it to the point of ridiculousness. Diversity is important. Diversity is life.

Rose-Hulman is a leader in demonstrating diversity from other schools. With the integration of computers and a focused environment, Rose is very different from any school I know of. Also, a great effort is made to recruit students from many different areas with many different interests. Club participation is encouraged and sponsored. Students are even allowed to paint on their dorm walls.

But Rose has weaknesses in this area, too. Because the curricula are so focused, there is little room for manipulation of schedules. Because the class list is so limited, there is often only one "elective" students can take to fit their requirements. Because courses are offered only one quarter per year, some students must plan

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their whole four years around two or three classes

Such an environment hardly fosters a diverse education. It would be better if students had greater freedom to choose which areas to study. What we have is a seller's market with respect to classes. Students enroll because they have to. What we need is a buyer's market, where most students enroll in classes because they want to.

What stands in the way of this? Several things: the small size of the college, the importance of taking courses in sequence, limited time in schedules, etc. Most of these things are very difficult to change. However, one thing that would be easy to change is one of the biggest factors: the requirements themselves.

There are four kinds of electives required by Rose. They are: free electives, technical electives, science electives, and humanities/social sciences electives. Free electives are true electives - they include any class offered. Unfortunately, my four year schedule, like many others', does not provide these. Technical electives are almost free electives. They include all courses excluding social science and humanities. Science electives are very limited. A science elective must be in one

computer science, or life science.

The most limiting electives are humanities/social sciences. Nine of these courses must be taken for graduation, and there are exactly nine slots on my four-year plan. Three must be at least junior level, three must be social sciences, three must be humanities, at least one of each must be 300-level, and two are required humanities courses. Because I have no choice in these and very little choice of when I take them, it is nearly impossible for me to study a foreign language without overloading.

My principal problem is this: because of the two required humanities classes, I only need to take one actual humanities elective. However, I still need to take three social science electives. This means the maximum number of humanities electives I can take is four, while the maximum number of social science classes I could take is six. Since all the electives I really want to take are humanities, I feel cheated by the prefix. Conversely, there are many students who are really only interested in the social science electives.

The school requirements were made in good intentions. A diverse student should have a diverse schedule, right? But the effect of this is that all students come out the same. Everyone has an economics

of the departments of physics, chemistry, class, everyone has a literature class, everyone has a psychology class, etc. If this is the intent, the school should admit its communist plot to transform us into clones. If not, the school should open the lines between the most similar areas

> The easiest way to do this is simply to make the humanities and the social science prefixes interchangable. In addition, science should be expanded to include mathematics. No longer would taking more than two language courses involve overloading. No more would getting a psychology minor mean a maximum of one economics course. No more would registration be a choice between apathy and terror. And yes, the student body would be more diverse than ever.



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Flurry conjures up more than memories

by Frank Pfeiffer Editor-in-Chief

The brief flurry Wednesday evening brought back the memory of something that happened to me last year around this time. The things I saw then shall remain with me forever.

The snow was falling harder than I'd seen in years, and as I left Moench Hall I made sure that my scarf was tucked tightly around my collar. The radio in the Thorn office had warned motorists to use extreme caution, as even the main highways were quickly becoming hazardous. We could expect an additional six inches overnight.

I remember clearly the size of the flakes; the term flakes fails to describe the giant puffs which left streaks where they hit the sidewalk. It seemed as though God had broken a great pillow and was intent on spreading a counterpane of down across the world. The walks still retained enough heat from the day to keep them clear, but this evening I was in no hurry anyway.

The lights in Deming were blurred to a dull tallow as they poured like butter frosting onto the sleeping lawn

and trees. There was no wind to be felt, so the snow took the initiative to come from whichever direction it chose. The silence of the falling snow was broken only by the distant voices of the few who had ventured into this wilderness of white.

As I came around the north side of Deming Hall, I met a group of people with their makeshift sleds. I didn't recognize anyone in particular, but as I

It seemed as though God had broken a great pillow

approached, one of them met my gaze and asked, "You next?"

"I guess," I nodded, and climbed onto what appeared to be the lid from a steel drum fitted with a leather belt for reins. In a blast of snow I plowed down the hill, lighting at the bottom, just above the creek. My smile made me suddenly aware of how cold my cheeks and nose were becoming, as I plodded back up the hill carrying my vehicle

At the top again, I handed the sled back to its owner. "The main building looks neat with all the snow," he said. The windows of Moench Hall glowed warmly, and the rank of lamps outside tried vainly to light the walks below. The snow now fell so thickly that what little light did escape nourished the shadows, leaving every tree visible in the swirling night.

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"Yeah, it really does," I replied, turning to my new acquaintance. But he was gone. The whole group was gone, and had left no tracks behind. I looked down the slope where I'd just ridden, and saw the babbling creek beyond the road, the snow on the hill as clean and smooth as silk.

The snow stopped falling. God's pillow must be empty, I thought to myself, and turned back to face Moench Hall. There stood the library, obscuring almost completely the view of Moench. Through a narrow window I could see a student studying inside. A car drove by on the road below, as high overhead stars began to show through the parting clouds.

The most heinous crime

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by Eric Schmidt Thorn Columnist

Well, if you read this column religiously, you know that I try to avoid the serious issues as much as possible, for they often invite controversy and nasty letters to the editor. Last week, however, I realized that sometimes, the real issues are too important to be skirted.

important to be skirted. Late last week, a friend informed me that a Rose student was raped earlier this year. It bothers me that I only recently was informed of this, for it makes me think that it was more than a random occurrence. Rape is a crime, and should be exposed as such. It does not belong at this institute, and should not be tolerated.

I wrote the following poem years ago, when a friend of mine was raped by a stranger. I thought that when I came here, I wouldn't need to show it to anyone. I guess I've been proven wrong. Even if you don't like poetry, stick with me. This one's important.

Helpless

The greatest sin conceived by man Has found a way to reach you And how to find your soul again Is something I can't teach you I've always held the pillow That is waited by your tear That is wetted by your tears But nothing I can do for you for now Can ease your fears. I know my words won't reach you As the night begins to fall —

Any man who rapes a woman Can't be called a man at all.

'Tis the season for combat: a guide to Christmas shopping by Doris Woo

Thorn Columnist

Most human beings have an affinity for procrastination. This does not necessarily imply that it is a bad trait to possess; many people who swear by this lifestyle, past and present, do in fact lead somewhat normal lives after a while (read: after therapy). It only becomes a problem when many procrastinators congregate at the same time. This leads to the problem of the Christmas-shopping season.

Because many of us don't plan ahead and shop for gifts in April, the preface to a season of giving, sharing et al. give way

to a plethora of real-life Mortal Kombat simulations with America's favorite (sad, but true) pastime: the mall.

Forewarned is fairwarned, so don't hesitate to be aware of the atrocities I am about to describe. The mall and its vicinity can be a very dangerous place if you honestly believe that:

1) Finding a parking spot is hasslefree, because mall developers were sincere enough to build spaces for everyone:

2) You will have little or no trouble finding the gift (or its equivalent) for that special someone.

A handicap we can overcome together

by Kent Bye

Thorn Columnist This is a short story about a lifechanging experience that I had over the summer. I spent a full week at a camp where I was responsible for a mentally impaired adult. Instead of watching summer reruns at home, I took a week off work and became a friend to someone who has been chastised his entire life for being born different from everyone else. My camper's name was Kevin, and he was from inner-city Indianapolis.

It was a miracle that Kevin ever found his way to this camp. When he came home from work each day his parents were not at home, so he had nothing else to do but wander through the streets of Indianapolis. For some unknown reason, Kevin one day decided to knock on the front door of a church where a lady decided to take him under her wing. She became one of Kevin's few friends, and suggested that he come to this camp.

This was Kevin's second time at this "Handicamp", and my first as a counselor. I had a lot to live up to, since I was informed that Kevin had not touched and who have touched me

stopped talking about his first camp experience for a full year. I knew that this was going to be the best week in Kevin's and all of the other campers' lives

Imagine living your life looking forward to one short week - during which all pain and suffering caused by the cruelty of mankind would stop - in a place where any person with a disability would be accepted with open arms. It is amazing how much a little love will do for a person, and it was a unique experience to watch these people open up and display qualities that have been previously blocked by their disabilities. I learned to see past the disability and search for the hidden treasures they all possessed.

We all have little hidden treasures inside us waiting to be revealed, and we all have disabilities which we hide in our lives. I had taken a week's vacation time to go to this camp, but I walked away with experiences that would last a lifetime, with new friends whom I have

received a bludgeon to the skull. Provided that a nuclear holocaust leaving only you and a cab driver in Laos alive isn't going to occur in the next three weeks, count on exerting a bit of that fightin' spirit to get as close as you possibly can to either condition above. This is not to say there is any hope for you, though, to actually achieve those things.

Parking lots are usually not looked upon as a curse on humankind, but things change around Christmas time. It boggles the mind to think that each and every spot within a three-mile radius of the mall becomes filled, with of all things, cars! Not to fret. If you anticipate that parking near the mall is futile, you may consider the option of walking to the mall ... and quickly lose a dimension after being hit by those who decided that walking was not a good idea in the first place

So we've returned to finding a way to park near the mall. A well-used technique, known as stalking, has no better place than during the holidays. There may be some guilt involved in following happy, unsuspecting shoppers from the time they step out past the fire lane to the time they reach their respective automobiles. Forget the guilt; if for any reason this feeling prolongs, you will fall victim to shoppingmall Darwinism (survival of the fittest parking-spot seeker).

A callous, devious shopper is a good shopper. Keep this credo in mind as you make a turn for the umpteenth time into another parking row about the same time as another car. If animals in the wild (as well as many adolescents, but that goes without saying) have the ability to demonstrate the lack of common courtesy. so can we. Because time is money is a wool cardigan for Grandma Buzz, there is no time to play Mama Theresa when you've circled the parking lot for 18 minutes and you finally see a SPACE!

At times, you may have to give up the fight if the opposing car turns on its blinkers, which is akin to dogs urinating

Congratulations! You have just on your furniture to mark territory. Otherwise, it's fair game. Ta-da! After many laborious minutes of spot-seeking and cursing, you have placed your vehicle in the miracle parking spot and are ready to shop.

> If the people on your list don't include brides, geriatrics, or aliens, chances are that you will be shopping for something that hundreds of other people want. This includes just about anything that is made of plastic and/or requires electricity. It is possible to think, with so many things in the mall, everybody can get what they need, and if it's a hot item, the store will stock more of it, right?

Another whack on the head for you. It's true that the mall carries oodles of items, but how many people actually want "anything wicker" and EasyRider, that machine that simulates a very dirty thing that might be deleted if I mentioned it? Let's face it, there is a good number of crap-carrying stores, boutiques and kiosks in the mall, and non-crap stores are so few in number that every shopper rushes these stores like the Running of the Bulls in Pomplona, Spain. After hours of searching for the latest Power Ranger gadzook, yet another WonderBra from Victoria's Secret, and Sega Saturn, and realizing that they have all been bought by other shoppers who went there five hours before, you throw your arms in the air with exasperation and you proclaim your woes to the Mall Santa.

Now only a shell of who you were before you entered that forsaken shopping establishment, you carry back to your car the only items not already captured by your opponents: parallel cables from Radio Shack and used underwear from the Goodwill Store. Unfortunately, your car is no longer there because you failed to notice that you parked in the baby blue area for the handicapped. Another battle in the mall begins for you when the presents your friends and family gave you have to be returned to get your car out of the pound. Better luck next year!

Engineer men win three straight in Shook Fieldhouse

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by Joel Gillespie **Sports Reporter**

Shook Fieldhouse was a homesweet-home for the Rose men's basketball team this past week. The Engineers swept through the fourteam Rose-Hulman Invitational over the weekend and knocked off traditional rival Centre College (Ky.) on Wednesday to raise their season mark to 5-2.

Eureka College (Ill.) is Rose's next opponent, and the Engineers hope to improve their home record to 4-0 against the Bears. The game will take place Monday. December 11, at 7:00 p.m. in Shook Fieldhouse

Indiana University-Northwest was Rose's 1st round opponent in the invitational, and the Blast proved to be an unworthy foe. The Engineers started slowly, but they soon gathered momentum and took a 53-19 halftime lead.

All fifteen players on Rose's roster scored in the game, led by Zack Johnson and Troy Halt with 14 apiece, as the Engineers coasted to a 104-32 victory.

The final game on Saturday night proved to he more of a challenge for the Engineers. The University of the South (also known as Sewanee), who had outlasted Marian in the first round.

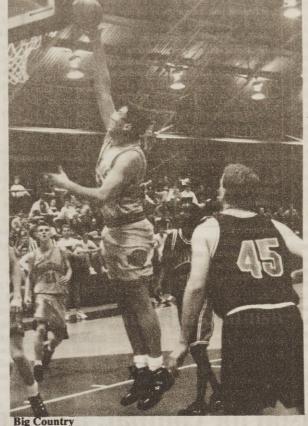
awaited Rose in the final. Rose shot well in the first half, opening an eight-point lead at halftime. However, Sewanee came charging back and evened the score. Then, a bizarre chain of events occurred which turned the tide of the game.

Johnson was lunging after a loose ball near the Sewanee bench and tried to control the ball while teetering over the sideline. The Sewanee coach, in full view of the crowd, tipped the ball away from Johnson, normally grounds for a technical foul and ejection. However, no violation was called, despite vehement protest from Engineer coach Jim Shaw.

Johnson, still fuming over the incident, committed a foul on the next possession and went chest-tochest with a Sewanee player. Both players were ejected, and Johnson tossed both his jersey and a table on his way to the locker room. Shaw continued to holler at the officials.

This seemed to serve as a wake-up call for the Engineers, who promptly went on a streak and pulled away to an 87-70 win. Sewanee played timidly during the remainder of the game, while Rose asserted itself and upped its level of play

After Zack's ejection and me going nuts on the sideline with the



Engineer center Kent Murphy goes up for two sure points in the Rose-Hulman invitational tournament. Photo by Bill Hardin

ROSE-HULMAN INTRAMURAL INFORMATION DECEMBER 8- DECEMBER 14

		IM Volleyball			
Date	Level/Division	Teams	Time	Court	
Dec. 13	B Level - Division A	Faculty vs. Bears	7:00 p.m.	1	
		Hoosiers vs. Pike B	7:00 p.m.	2	
Dec. 13	B Level - Division B	ATO vs. Wambats	8:00 p.m.	2	
		Beavis vs. Mees	8:00 p.m.	3	
		BSB vs. SOS	9:00 p.m.	1	
Dec. 13	C Level - Division A	STAFAC vs. Dogs	7:00 p.m.	3	
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Dec. 12	B Level - Division A	Real Deal vs. Pike 2	8:00 p.m.	2	
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Dec. 14	B Level - Division B	B-ville vs. SN2	7:00 p.m.	1	1.76
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		LCA 2 vs. Deming 2	8:00 p.m.	2	
Dec. 14	C Level - Division B	Dreams vs. Karnage	8:00 p.m.	3	
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		Cunning vs. SOS 2	9:00 p.m.	1	
Dec. 14	C Level - Division C	D292 vs. TRI	9:00 p.m.	2	
		Bomb vs. Sharp	9:00 p.m.	3	
1 5		Buffalo vs. Midget	9:00 p.m.	4	
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Dec. 12	D Level - Division B	Meat Squad vs. Racers	7:00 p.m.	4	
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Women's hoops debut draws and large crowd; SMWC wins 77-38

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Some newspapers called it the "Game of the Century." And aybe it was, as close to 2,200 cople packed Shook Fieldouse to watch the Lady Engieers play their first ever game ainst their cross-town rival, e Pomeroys of St. Mary-ofe-Woods College.

Although the Pomeroys won e game 77-38, and the Claber Girl Trophy, for the six ngineer players it was an sperience they will never for-

The Pomeroys (3-7) won anks to depth and a balanced coring attack that had five layers scoring in double figres.

The Engineers played the omeroys evenly for the first en minutes of the first half. But scoring drought led to a 31-13 eficit for Rose.

Then, Rose went on a run of heir own, outscoring St. Mary's 10-3. Capping the run a basket by Amanda as

officials, the team responded with d lot of poise in a very volatilital situation," Shaw praised

Kiley Gwaltney, who wasw named the tournament's MVP, lealing the Engineers with 20 points.

Centre faced off against Ros of in the first game of Rose-Hulman m first-ever men's - women' doubleheader Wednesday night.

The Colonels had no starte day taller than 6' 5", and the Engineer our recognized their size advantag immediately

Shaw commented, "Exploiting and a team inside is always are important part of our game plan is Against Centre, it was something and we thought we could exploit."

Center Jason Kear was on their receiving end of several nice passe inside, scoring ten first-half point as the Engineers took a 39-215halftime lead.

Gradually increasing its lead in the second half, Rose neves relinquished control on their way to a 82-61 triumph.

Kear led the Engineers with 141 min points and six rebounds. Johnsoroante had 13, Halt had 12, and Gwaltney antita had 10 points and 9 assists to rouncies of out the double-figure scorers for any

Spiech, with six seconds left in the the half that brought the crow was to its feet. The Engineers wen

In the second half, the Engi and neers couldn't get much going niog since the Pomeroys were able to aid use substitutions to keep freshort players in the game against i Jani tired Engineer front five.

into the locker room down 34

Rose managed to put jus up five points on the board in the second half, while the visitin mit team scored 26 on route to the ha victory.

Holli Knumbein ando Amanda Speich contributed ter at ba points each to the Engineers Sophomore Jodi Barcus addees eight points. Michelle Eash had an 19 rebounds.

The Engineers will have rad another chance to claim that Clabber Girl Trophy and everage up the series on January 2 when Rose will travel to \$ Mary's

INTRAMURAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Entry Forms for indoor soccer are available form Coach Ruark in the fieldhouse. A sign-up sheet is also located on the IM board for a singles/doubles racquetball tournament.

Deadline is Dec. 19.

Student accused of cheating on SAT is sueing

CPS — When University of track scholarship. Southern California athlete Kenneth Haslip, Jr. was accused of cheating on his SAT test last year, he took the unusual course of fighting back.

And he won. An arbitrator ruled last summer that the Educational Testing Service lacked "substantial evidence" that Haslip cheated.

Now the sophomore is suing the SAT administrator for defamation and breach of contract. He wants \$8 million to compensate for losing his track scholarship last spring, as well as for damage to his reputation and for suffering "shame" and "mortification

ETS declined to comment on the case while it's being litigated.

The football and track recruit had taken the test four times and scored 480, 490, 510 and 780. The cut-off score for NCAA eligibility, known as Proposition 48, is 700. And although his score increased 270 points between the last two tests, ETS typically doesn't investigate unless there's a jump of at least 350 points

Out of 1.8 million students who take the SAT each year, ETS challenges about 1,800 of their scores. About 540 of those scores are cancelled. The ACT, taken by 1.5 million students, doesn't release similar information.

An anonymous caller accused Haslip of cheating and, after an investigation, ETS ruled that he had copied his answers from another student. In February, the test company cancelled his score, group critical of ETS, Prop 48 which resulted in him losing his

Most students accused of

cheating take the test again to prove their innocence, but Haslip hired Anthony Willougby, a Beverly Hills lawyer.

Willoughby also represents two-year college football player Christopher McAlister, who charges he was passed over by UCLA recruiters after ETS accused him of cheating on his SAT test. He has plans to sue ETS for \$5 million this week, also for defamation and breach of contract.

In yet another case, University of Colorado recruit Clyde Sanders was accused of cheating during pre-season football prac-

to sacrifice kids to look like they're being tough."

- Bob Schaeffer

tices. Sanders, who has since left said his college, scores improved after taking a test preparation course.

Although Haslip's case has been the most widely publicized, there have been more than six similar cases involving studentathletes this year, according to Bob Schaeffer, public education director for FairTest, a Boston and standardized testing.

Two years ago, before colleges started getting nervous about the higher NCAA eligibility requirements, Schaeffer said, there were no challenges of scores.

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Although it lacks concrete proof, FairTest suspects that most anonymous tips come from jilted college recruiters or athletic administrators who want to make sure they won't waste their scholarship money on students not assured of finishing their four-year programs.

None of this year's cheating claims originated with the test proctor or another student taking the same test, Schaeffer said. All complaints were lodged months "They've chosen after athletes took the SAT, around the time they were recruited or about to be, he said.

> At the NCAA's annual January convention, FairTest will propose that Prop 48 be repealed—or at least that it's increasingly strict rules be relaxed-because it says studies have shown that the tests discriminate against minority students and girls, and that the rule keeps out students who would have made likely graduates.

"There was a perception at big-time college athletic programs exploited kids, so the NCAA put hurdles in place that eliminated kids who were fully capable of doing the academic work," said Schaeffer. "They've chosen to sacrifice kids to look like they're being tough.

Sports Briefs

Gwaltney assaults record books

Senior guard Kiley Gwaltney continued his assault on the Rose-Hulman record books this past week. Gwaltney became the 20th player in school history to score 1,000 points in his career with his 22 points against Illinois Wesleyan. He also moved into tenth on the school's career assist list the same evening. Gwalmey currently ranks 19th in scoring with 1,031 career points, and tenth in career assists (231).

Valentine breaks own record

Rose-Hulman freshman swimmer Sean Valentine broke his own school record in the 100-meter breaststroke at the DePauw Invitational. Valentine touched the wall at 1:00.68 to finish fourth overall. His time is less than one second away from making the NCAA III provisional cut.

Wrestling

Double Dual at Wabash College - Rose-Hulman split the double dual with a 25-15 win over Carleton College and a 26-10 loss at Wabash College. Freshman Mike Kosloski (142), freshman Donnie Stash (150), and sophomore Paul Drury (Heavyweight) each won two matches on the night.

Little State Invitational - Junior Andy Horton went 4-2 to place fifth at the 18-team Little State Invitational. Three of Horton's wins were pins, and his only two losses were to the third-place finisher. The Engineer results from the 18-team invitational were:

Name	Class	Record
Mike Kosloski	142	0-2
Donnie Stash	150	0-2
Travis Ihnen	158	0-2
Andy Horton	167	4-2, 5th
Ryan Davis	177	0-2
Jason Riddle	177	0-2
Paul Drury	HWT	0-2

Swimming

The Rose-Hulman men's swimming team finished eighth at the De

Name	Event	Time	Place
Sean Valentine	100 Breast	1:00.68	4th
Eric Panhorst	200 Back	2:14.45	8th
Mike Rubin Kevin McPeak Brian Rogers Todd Smaka	400 Med Rel	4:03.76	6th
Jeff Somers Aaron Lindsey Eric Panhorst	800 Free Rel	8:00,19	8th



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breakfasts, 5 nights lodging, 4 evening meals and tips and gratuities. You must provide your own transportation to and from Leadville. Lunch is available at Ski Cooper. If you have never skied before, there is no better place to learn than Ski Cooper. They have great instructors and no crowds. \$100.00 non-refundable deposit is due December 15, 1995. Balance due January 15, 1996. See Dr. Ditteon, room CL-108, for additional information information

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