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Campus News Briefs

New counselor to be interviewed

A candidate for the new position of counselor and part-time women's varsity coach will be interviewed in early April. Dean Lucas characterizes the woman as an outstanding candidate. According to Lucas, "she is completing her doctorate in clinical psychology at the California school for Professional Psychology and is serving a one-year internship in the counseling center at Kansas State University." The candidate was a two-sport athlete at Concordia College in Minnesota where she received her coaching certificate. She was one of five candidates Lucas interviewed at a recent national conference.

New Graph Comm...

Heidemarie Heeter, Lee Waite, and Jerry Fine propose to create a new course in graphical communications what will require students to communicate through e-mail to students in Japan and Germany. Students will receive a written description of a part from their colleagues in Germany or Japan. Rose students will have to e-mail back to Europe or Asia a drawing of the part.

Did you know?

- Mike Brown, Rose-Hulman pole vaulter, set a school record and achieved all-American status during last weekend's national NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships. Brown cleared 16' 3 3/4" to finish fourth in the national competition.
- Fast Forward is the name chosen for Rose-Hulman new summer program for seventh- and eighth-grade girls. Brochures about the program will soon be available. Dates for Fast Forward are Aug. 3-7.
- The Rose-Hulman team that competed in the annual Putnam Mathematical Competition finished 31st among 291 teams. A total of 2,356 students competed.
- Voluntary gift income as of March 16 totals \$3,162,672.

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Rose security buckles down on campus crime

by Ben Crawford
Thorn Reporter

A recent rash of petty crimes at Rose-Hulman has made the student body nervous about the prospect of being victim of crime on campus. However, while Rose isn't invulnerable to crime, it hasn't become Gotham City either.

The worst incident involved seven cars in the west side of Speed parking lot on Monday, March 7. The perpetrators successfully broke into five cars, attempted to break into another, and robbed another unlocked car. Security's evidence indicates that, because the perpetrators had come from the poorly lit hill towards the hollow near Art Nehf field, the crime was committed by an off campus group.

This is hardly unique. Nearly all of the "major" crimes of late of been committed by off-campus groups or were committed off campus. Three other "notable" crimes were committed on campus in the past year. In March of 1993, a student vandalized several plants and pieces of art in Hadley hall. The student was caught and paid restitution. This past January, two Purdue students previously enrolled at Rose stole a fragment of the Berlin wall on display by the registrar's office. The students were caught by Purdue security, and are currently out on \$5000 bail.



This piece of the Berlin wall was finally recovered after having been stolen by two ex-Rose students. From left to right: Detective Lt. Linda Stump, security director Gary Flora, and Detective Lt. Joe Pelotte.

Also, on the tenth of this month, some clothing was stolen from the athletic department. The perpetrator turned out to be an ARA employee who has since left the service.

Most crimes committed by Rose students have been petty thefts committed off-campus, and most have been solved. The Big Red Bookstore at IU was robbed by two Rose students, who were caught with \$1200 of stolen merchandise before IU police were aware of the crime. In a similar incident, the A/V department at a high school in French Lick was burglarized early in the school year, and the

five televisions stolen were quickly recovered and returned from Rose students. Similarly, a rash of lawn ornament robberies here in Terre Haute during the Christmas of '92 apparently ended when the stolen elves and other celebratoria were returned to two families in the past nine months.

However, though it seems like it's been a banner year for crime, this year was not much worse than the usual Rose year. Rose Security Head Gary Flora says, "I think that, realistically, we are only experiencing a trickle effect of what we read about on the national level."

Officer Flora also notes that one of the major causes of crime at Rose is the fact that students at Rose do not expect to be robbed. Several petty thefts, such as stolen wallets, books and calculators, are due to Rose students leaving their items in a place where someone had an easy opportunity for robbery. On a similar note, two of the cars broken into had "detachable face" car stereos stolen with the face still on — primarily because the students did not expect to be robbed.

Another factor which Officer Flora thinks is important is the attitude most Rose students seem to have towards crime. Several of the cases which would have been otherwise nearly unsolvable have been solved by Rose students calling security. The security office urges anyone with any information about a crime to call security with said information. Security does accept anonymous tips.

In short, the primary message is that students be practical. Officer Flora feels that nearly all on-campus petty thefts could be prevented by simple common sense. If people would lock their cars, keep their wallets out of the open, and not leave valuables just lying around, most robberies could easily be avoided.

College Mathematics Scholars Get Top Billing At Rose-Hulman Conference

by Lisa Young

This weekend's Conference on Undergraduate Mathematics at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology will focus on the future of mathematics -- by putting college students and their research on center stage.

The 11th-annual conference is unique due to its focus on collegiate mathematicians. A total of 17 student-led programs will be presented during the two-day event which begins at 1:45 p.m. Friday and continues through noon Saturday in Crapo Hall.

"Students enjoy this opportunity to share their research and mathematics experiences with their peers," said Rose-Hulman Mathematics Professor Lynn

Kiaer, this year's conference organizer.

And, the event continues to gain in popularity and prestige. More than 95 people from 11 states -- from as far away as California and Pennsylvania -- are expected to attend, including students from St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, DePauw University, the University of Indianapolis and, of course, Rose-Hulman.

The only non-student to address the conference will be Gene A. Berg of the National Security Agency in Fort Meade, Md. The former college professor will present three programs: "Mathematics of the CD Player," a topic of considerable interest in Terre Haute, where Digital Audio Disc Corporation is one of the

world's largest compact disc producers; "This is the Golden Age of Mathematics"; and "Mathematics of Digital Modems," which will center on the improvement of voice grade telephone lines, from 9600 bits per second in 1983 to 28,800 bits per second in 1994.

Local students presenting programs include SWMC's Billie Cormican, "Models For The Spotted Owl," and Rose-Hulman's Nick Tallyn, "Scheduling Final Exams"; Jeff Swartz and Steve Akers, "AMST Algorithm"; San Han, Rick Mohr and Tony Ragucci, "Making A Molehill Out Of A Mountain"; Justin Gallagher, "Robot Space Coordinate Representation Of Objects In The Cartesian Plane"; David

Mott, "Rocket Trajectory Tracking Functions"; and Jonathan Atkins, "Balanced Spanning Trees."

Students and faculty from other colleges planning to attend include Carthage College (Wis.), Colorado College, Culver-Stockton College (Mo.), Hendrix College (Ark.), Illinois Wesleyan University, John Carroll University (Ohio), Lakeland College (Wis.), North Central College (Ill.), Pima Community College (Ariz.), Santa Clara University (Calif.), Siena Heights College (Mich.) and West Chester University (Penn.).

For more information, persons can contact Lynn Kiaer at 877-8393 or the Rose-Hulman Mathematics Department Office at 877-8391.

Student Leader of the Month

by Sean McPeak

Tom Tyson was chosen for Student Leader of the Month for March. Tom is a senior EE from Indianapolis and has done revolutionary work as the Treasurer of SGA. He has reorganized the accounting process for the SGA.

He has computerized the entire system by programming spreadsheets. This has enabled SGA to keep up-to-date records of clubs' accounts to prevent overspending. It also allows the SGA Treasurer to make accurate account reports to the Senate. SGA is now able to check records with the business office due to the new system. This system has decreased the time required to update the records.

Tom is also responsible for investing SGA Reserve Funds in a mutual fund that returned over three times what was being received in the past from CD's.



Tom's career in SGA began his freshman year when he was the Business Manager. He held this position through his sophomore year. He was Vice President his junior year and Treasurer his

senior year. Tom is a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. He is also a member of Eta Kappa Nu, Blue Key and Tau Beta Pi. Tom has received a honor key for his work in SGA.

Weekend Weather Forecast

| Today | Saturday | Sunday |
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| | | |
| Partly Cloudy, Cool High in the mid 40's | Chance of late afternoon showers Low around 30, high around 50 | Showers likely Low around 30, high in the upper 40's and 50's |

Campus Calendar

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

Rose-Hulman Undergraduate Mathematics Conference,
Crapo Hall, All Day

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

Rose-Hulman Undergraduate Mathematics Conference,
Crapo Hall, Until Noon
Baseball, at Hanover College, Hanover, 1 p.m. (ICAC DH)
Tennis, University of Chicago, Rose-Hulman Courts, 9 a.m.
Track, at University of Indianapolis Invitational, Noon

WEEK OF MARCH 27-APRIL 2

MONDAY, MARCH 28

JV Baseball, at Indiana State University, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

SGA Senate Meeting, GM Room, 4:30 p.m.
Track, Wabash College, Phil Brown Field, 4:15 p.m.
Night Exam, Computer Science 100 (All Sections), 7-9 p.m.
RHA Give Up A Meal
Career Services Interviews: Major Tool & Machine
EIT Review Session, Chemistry, E104, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

President's Administrative Council, PA Room, 8 a.m.
Baseball, Olivet Nazarene, Art Nehf Field, 1 p.m. (DH)
Solar Phantom Team Meeting, B-109, 7 p.m.
Career Services Interviews: Osram Sylvania

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

Start Of Spring Break, After Last Class

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

Good Friday
Tennis, at Kerry Seward Invitational, Crawfordsville, 9 a.m.
Golf, at Prairie Fire Classic, Galesburg, Ill.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

Baseball, at Wabash College, Crawfordsville, 1 p.m. (ICAC DH)
Tennis, at Kerry Seward Invitational, Crawfordsville, All Day
Golf, at Prairie Fire Classic, Galesburg, Ill.
Track, at Indiana Intercollegiate, IUPUI, 9 a.m.

WEEK OF APRIL 3-9

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

Easter

MONDAY, APRIL 4

JV Baseball, Olney Central College, Art Nehf Field, 1 p.m. (DH)
Tennis, vs. Davis & Elkins College, at Hilton Head, S.C., 11 a.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

Fencing Club Meeting, Shook Fieldhouse, 7 p.m.
JV Baseball, Vincennes University, Art Nehf Field, 2 p.m. (DH)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

President's Administrative Council, PA Room, Hulman
Union, 8 a.m.
Baseball, Earlham College, Art Nehf Field, 1 p.m.
Tennis, vs. John Carroll University, at Hilton Head, S.C.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

Track, at Eastern Illinois Univ. Invitational, Charleston, Ill.
JV Baseball, DePauw University, Art Nehf Field,
3:30 p.m. (9 inn.)

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Baseball, Manchester College, Art Nehf Field, 1 p.m. (DH)
Track, at Eastern Illinois Univ. Invitational, Charleston, Ill.
Golf, at DePauw Invitational, Greencastle

The Rose Bush

Campus News and Information

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

There will be an organizational meeting on Wednesday, March 30, 10th hour, to discuss the Habitat for Humanity project. Feel free to come to the GM Room to learn more about what Habitat for Humanity does. Contact Chris Capshaw at 877-1575, ext. 229, if you have any questions.

MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

The Model Railroading Club will hold a meeting on March 30 at 6:30 in the Union. Everyone is welcome. If you wish to come, but are unable to attend, please call an officer.

John Havron - X-8615
David Rauhut - X-8521
Scott Allen - X-8867

ASTRONOMY CLUB

The Rose-Hulman Astronomical Society will hold a meeting on Tuesday, March 29, at 7:00 in the Union. Please feel free to attend, as we will be discussing plans for the eclipse in May. Any questions can be directed to an officer.

Matthew Cole - X-8688
Adam Staley - X-8615
Scott Allen - X-8867

EIT REVIEW SESSIONS

This is a list of scheduled review sessions brought to you by Pi Tau Sigma. All sessions are from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

3/29 E-104 Chemistry
4/12 GM Fluids, Heat transfer,
Thermodynamics
4/14 E-104 Eng. Economics

PACKING BOXES

Logan Library has 80 binding boxes to give away. The size is 16" wide x 12" deep x 10.5" high. They are rated for 65 pounds. If you need a packing box, please inquire at the library.

FANNY PACKS FOR FIELDHOUSE USE

Fanny packs for carrying personal articles while being strapped to the waist have been provided by the Security Department for your use when using the athletic facilities in Shook Fieldhouse. They should be beneficial to keep wallets, keys, and other small valuables on you while working out and needing to keep your hands free.

See the attendant to check one out for your use during hours the equipment room is open.

SWITCHBOARD HOURS

The switchboard will be open during the following hours over Spring Break.

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|----------------------|------------------|
| Thurs. 3/31, | 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. |
| Fri. 4/1 - Sun. 4/3, | Closed |
| Mon. 4/4 - Fri. 4/9, | 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. |
| Sat. 4/9, | Closed |
| Sun. 4/10, | Noon - 11 p.m. |

SUBMISSIONS TO THE ROSE BUSH

Submissions to the *Rose Bush* should be made through the mailroom before noon each Wednesday. Submissions may also be made to the Campus Editor at the Thorn office.

FUTURE FILE

APRIL 10-11 -- Rose-Hulman Midwest Classic, Hulman Links
APRIL 11 -- Spring Quarter Resumes, 8:05 a.m.
APRIL 12 -- Institute Meeting, E-104, 4:20 p.m.
APRIL 12 -- Tennis, DePauw University, Rose-Hulman Courts, 3:30 p.m.
APRIL 13 -- Army Aviation Day, Front Lawn, 8 a.m. to Noon
APRIL 16 -- EIT Examination
APRIL 16 -- Baseball, DePauw University, Art Nehf Field, 1 p.m.
APRIL 16 -- Deadline For Midterm Progress Reports
APRIL 20 -- Army ROTC Spring Awards Ceremony, Phil Brown Field, 5 p.m.
APRIL 22 -- Last Day To Drop Course Without Penalty
APRIL 22 -- Army ROTC Military Ball, SMWC, 7 p.m.
APRIL 23 -- Campus Beautification Day
APRIL 30 -- Rose Show/Parent's Weekend
MAY 3 -- Registration For Fall Quarter, 1994
MAY 23-26 -- Final Exams For Spring Quarter
MAY 27 -- Army/Air Force ROTC Commission Ceremony, GM Room, 2 p.m.
MAY 28 -- Commencement, Shook Fieldhouse, 11 a.m.

ORGANIZATION NOTICES: Information on club meetings, lectures/speeches, and athletic events must be received before noon each Wednesday. Please contact Dale Long, associate director of communications, at Box 14 or extension 8418.

Three-strikes law based on mythical statistics

You know it by now. It's been in all the papers and, implicitly, at least in the president's State of the Union speech. It has shown up in virtually all the arguments for the proposed three-strikes-and-you're-out legislation.

Six percent of America's criminals commit 70 percent of its violent crimes.

The problem is, it probably isn't true. It may not even be close to true. The source of this remarkably persistent statistic is unknown (at least by me), though the usual reference is to a "recent" government report.

A recent San Francisco Chronicle piece attributed what might be called the "six percent solution" to Rep. Jim Chapman (D-Texas), chief sponsor of another crime bill. Said the Chronicle: "A core group of offenders, about 6 percent of convicted criminals, Chapman said, commit 70 percent of all crimes. 'Target that 6 percent, and we can make a dramatic impact,' he said."

Sen. Joseph Biden (D-DeL.) called last month for a modification of the three-strikes bill that, he said, would target the 6 percent of violent criminals who commit 70 percent of the violent crimes.

A Feb. 27 piece in The Orlando Sentinel offered a hint as to the source of the numbers. "An end-of-the-year crime statistic report released by the FBI revealed the following facts: Seventy percent of all violent crimes are committed by just 6 percent of all criminals."

But a spokesman for the FBI said his agency was not the source of that end-of-the-year report. He said he didn't know where the numbers came from. Another Justice Department official suggested that the reference may have been a mischaracterization of a recent California study.

And maybe not. And, anyway, the numbers were in circu-

lation long before any end-of-1993 report. In fact, at least two years earlier—in December 1991—the Minneapolis Star Tribune reported a proposal from Gov. Arne Carlson's commission on violent crime that could mean life without parole for the "6 percent of criminals who commit 70 percent of the state's crime."

Nor was Minnesota the only state that happened to track

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Washington Post
Syndicated Columnist

exactly the mythical national figures. A scant three months later, The Seattle Times quoted an official of the Bellevue-based Washington Institute for Policy Studies as saying 70 percent of the state's serious crime is committed by 6 percent of the criminals.

None of this would matter, of course, if the percentages were anywhere close to accurate. If, as Clinton said in January, "most violent crimes are committed by a small percentage of criminals," the three-strikes legislation might still make sense.

But what if that well-known fact isn't true. Marc Mauer, assistant director of the D.C.-based Sentencing Project, is convinced it's not. "The 6 percent figure," he told a House hearing earlier this month, "is based on a misreading of well-known criminology studies conducted by Dr. Marvin Wolfgang of the University of Pennsylvania many years ago"—on one set of Philadelphia boys born in Philadelphia in 1945 and another set born in 1958—to determine how many of them became involved in crime. The finding: 6 percent of all boys in the first group (not 6 percent of the criminals) committed over half the serious crime com-

mitted by the entire group. (The second study showed 7.5 percent of all boys in the cohort committing 69 percent of the serious crimes committed by that group.)

The difference is enormous. Imprisoning 6 percent of known criminals for life might stretch current prison capacity, but it is doable. Life sentences for 6 percent of all young men of peak-crime age is neither doable nor thinkable.

A second mistake in dealing with these dubious data is to suppose that the 6 percent (or whatever small proportion) of violent offenders is a fixed group who

could be incarcerated and done with. In fact, young men grow into and out of the high-crime age range. A 28-year-old mugger or housebreaker is likely by the time he's 35 to be relatively safe. But the three-strikes legislation would have him still in prison when he's 70—costing taxpayers enormous amounts of money and taking up space sorely needed for an entirely different generation of violent offenders.

The facts, though, probably won't matter. That 6 percent-70 percent statistic is so easy to remember, and conjures up such an easy solution to public vio-

lence, as to prove both irresistible and irrepressible.

The earliest citation turned up by a computer-aided search of the nation's major newspapers and wire services was a September 1984 report from States News Service which had Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) citing "studies" that show 70 percent of the crimes are committed by just 6 percent of the criminals. "The statistic is startling," Specter said, "but the implication is evident. By targeting our resources on this 6 percent, we can dramatically reduce crime."

Sure.

You can prick your finger, but...

by Chris Lawrence
Thorn Columnist

Two recent events on television, both on live programs, have stirred a debate on censoring TV. The first event, Martin Lawrence's monologue on *Saturday Night Live* about feminine hygiene, was deemed tasteless, and Lawrence was banned from NBC programming.

The second was during Bono's acceptance speech for Best Alternative Album at the Grammy Awards, when he promised the "youth of America that we will continue to f--k the mainstream." Bono wasn't banned from CBS, but local affiliates were barraged by angry callers. And it is doubtful that Bono will be invited to present an award at next year's Grammys.

For reference, I have compiled some handy-dandy rules that seem to govern censorship on network television.

1. The Context Rule.

You can say some words in some contexts but not in others. Here's an example, contributed by Late Night and Late Show bandleader Paul Shaffer after David Letterman explained why a word had been bleeped out of an interview:

"So, you can prick your finger, but you can't finger your pr--k."

2. The "Sounds-Like" Rule.

If in doubt, say something that sounds like the word you want to say. After Sandra Bernhard said the f-word on *Late Show*, Dave took advantage of a comedy situation:

"How nice of you, on our first night in Germany, to mention their old airplane, the Fokker."

3. The "You can't say that to the host" Rule.

Here's an example from the old *Late Night* program, after Dave asked Cher why she hadn't been on the show before:

Cher: "Because I thought you were an a--hole."

However, you apparently can use this term in the third person, as it is quite a popular phrase on some programs.

4. The Almost-Obscene Gesture Rule.

The finger gets cut, but what about the old right-hand rule?

Of course, the truly stupid part of television censorship is that it is completely inconsistent and, more importantly, you can hear the words they cut out on TV at a straight PG movie. Yes, that means that you can go to the Indiana and hear the words you can't say on TV for a buck. You can subscribe to a premium channel, like Showtime, and hear those words and even see naked

people. You can hang around a class at Rose for a while and hear such dangerous phrases as "hairf--k" uttered by professors. We can even print those words in this newspaper so someone else can read them out loud to you, and probably not receive a letter because of it. So why can't Cher call Dave an asshole at one in the morning?

Could it be that the FCC is (gasp) out of touch? I don't advocate turning every show on television into some combination of *NYPD Blue* and *HBO's Def Comedy Jam*, but I think adults can hear these words without going out on mad shooting rampages -- adults in other countries with more liberal television regulations seem to be able to restrain themselves. And with the advent of the so-called V-chip, which parents will be able to use to protect their children from shows with mature themes, the FCC should lighten up a little, or at least allow the use of these words in moderation during "adult" viewing hours, say from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. Reasonable regulations would allow Bono to make his point and keep Lawrence's amateur gynecology off the air.

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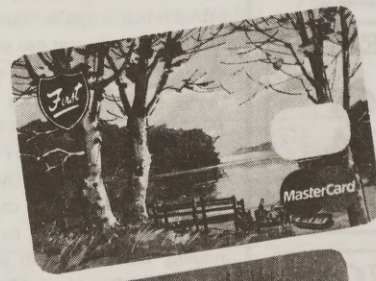
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Report shows minority enrollment drop

by Jeffrey Goldfarb
Special Correspondent
College Press Service

WASHINGTON -- Although minority enrollment in college has grown appreciably in recent years, Hispanics and blacks remain significantly under-represented in higher education, according to a report by the American Council on Education.

Even more disturbing has been a 5 percent drop in university enrollment by black men over the last two years, ACE reported Feb. 28 in its 12th Annual Status Report on Minorities In Higher Education. The rate for Hispanic men also has remained low over the past 20 years.

In 1992, 33.8 percent of black high school graduates ages 18 to 24 and 37.1 percent of Hispanics were participating in higher education. Whites in the

same age group enrolled at a 42.2 percent rate.

"The evidence in this report indicates that postsecondary institutions have a lot of work to do in terms of creating environments and strategies that encourage students of color to persist until they earn a degree or certificate," ACE President Robert H. Atwell said in a statement.

The report stressed that all universities, regardless of size, location or type, can improve minority recruitment efforts "when one coherent, comprehensive, and integrated process is institutionalized from the boardroom to the classroom."

Faculty involvement in retention efforts is key, as is an integrated academic support service mechanism, the report said.

ACE highlighted the efforts of Mount St. Mary's College, a

private four-year, relatively restricted admission institution. Mount St. Mary's has a student body that is about 57 percent Hispanic, 18 percent black and 10 percent Asian. The college has committed leadership from top administration with regard to student retention and has established programs designed specifically to reach such goals, the report said.

About 21 percent of the nation's black male high school graduates in 1972 enrolled in college. The rate fluctuated throughout the 1970s, reached a low of 17.3 percent in 1980, rose through the decade and then dipped to 18 percent in 1988.

By 1990, 26.1 percent of black males had enrolled in college. In 1992, the figure slipped to 21.2 percent.

College enrollment for black women, on the other hand, has almost doubled in the past 20 years. In 1972, 15.7 percent of black women who graduated high school enrolled in college; 1992 figures show a 28.8 percent enrollment rate.

Hispanic men also have experienced unimpressive gains since 1972, when the college enrollment rate was 15.1 percent. After hitting a peak of 18.5 percent in 1987, the rate fell to 17.8 percent in 1992. Hispanic male college matriculation hit a low of 14 percent in 1991.

But Hispanic women have more than doubled their college enrollment, reaching a 20-year high of 24.8 percent in 1992; the rate was 12.1 in 1972, according to ACE.

Enrollment at historically black colleges and universities has grown substantially since 1982, the year ACE started reporting such figures. Total enrollment has jumped 21.8 percent in the past 10 years with white (non-Hispanic) enrollment at historically black colleges and universities growing 36.3 percent in the same span.

The report pointed to the University of Michigan as a source of commitment to minority retention. President James Duderstadt pledged that his university's ability to "achieve and sustain a campus community recognized for its racial, cultural and ethnic diversity will in large part determine our capacity to serve successfully our state and nation and the world..."

POP CULTURE BEAT

"Amateur gynecologist" can't wait to make people laugh

by Ian Spelling
Special Correspondent
College Press Service

Martin Lawrence, you so crazy.

Well, maybe and maybe not.

The popular comedian, who stars in his own hit TV show "Martin," is following in the footsteps of idol Richard Pryor and friend Eddie Murphy with the release of the concert film, "You So Crazy."

In this age of cable TV and home video, releasing a concert film seems risky, especially with repeats of his hosting HBO's "Def Comedy Jam" airing virtually every night. So what does Lawrence, relaxing in a suite at Los Angeles hotel, believe moviegoers can get for \$7 that they can't at home?

"This is in your face," explains Lawrence, almost instantly. "'You So Crazy' is a movie. You feel you're a part of this. You're right up there in my eyes, in my mouth. You see my sweat, every little drip I'm pouring out to the audience. You can get up when .. you're watching me on TV. Yeah, you can get up in a theater to get popcorn or go to the bathroom, but I'll grab you, you won't want to get up."

And grab you he does. For 90 minutes, director Thomas Schlamme's cameras capture Lawrence in constant motion, running back and forth across the stage of Brooklyn's Majestic Theater, as he tackles such broad topics as racism, then hones in on such personal issues as relationships.

It's a tour de force that's as true as it is funny and, most importantly, it tickles the funny bone of both sexes and all races. "That makes me feel good. You know why?" he asks.

"These are people who aren't afraid to say, 'I can hear you and take what you have to say for what I can get out of it. I love that. I really do.'"

Lawrence reveals that his humor reflects his life and the people he has met since growing up in Maryland. As a kid, family and friends always noted that he had huge eyes, and the comedian, 28, says he uses those eyes to absorb everything.

"Nothing really gets by me, and I talk about it," he says. "I try to think what is funny to me. It starts in the house, with the women in my life, my grandmother, mother and my sisters. These women have been my mother and father.

"At home I was always humorous. They were always humorous. So, we were able to sit around and find something humorous in whatever was happening. When I saw Richard Pryor, I said, 'Man, here's a guy like us!' He found something humorous, something serious, and knew how to say it in a humorous way. I kind of adopted that for myself and it just works."

After finishing high school, Lawrence, who has three sisters and an older brother, took odd jobs to make money. Then, after an outing at an open mike night at a Maryland comedy club, he pursued comedy in Manhattan. A 1987 appearance on "Star Search" led to a recurring role on "What's Happening Now!", an update of "What's Happening?" A move to Los Angeles and work as a regular on the comedy club circuit resulted in an HBO special and roles in the films "Do The Right Thing," "House Party I & II" and "Boomerang."

Then came "Martin," Lawrence's often controversial Fox sitcom on which he plays the lovelorn host of a Detroit radio talk show, as well as his own mother and Sheneneh, a neighbor. Since its 1992 debut, the show has attracted a large fan base and an army of critics, among them Bill Cosby and Charles S. Dutton (of "Roc"), who find Martin sexist and demeaning to African-Americans.

Lawrence has heard it all.

"They call me a buffoon, They call me a clown and everything," he says. "I'm named after Martin Luther King. My name is Martin Fitzgerald Lawrence. So I'm named after John F. Kennedy, too. King said, 'When I die, don't tell them about the Nobel Peace Prize I won. That's not important. Don't tell them about all the other accolades. Tell them Martin Luther King tried to help someone along the way. If I have done that, then my living is not in vain. I make people laugh every day. I make people smile. For people to say 'He's shucking and jiving, he's a clown...' There's more than that behind this clown."

Since taking over as "Martin's" executive producer this season, Lawrence says he has tried to improve the show, address some of his critics' more justified complaints and make Martin more suitable for the millions of kids who watch it every Sunday at 8 p.m.

"I'm enjoying 'Martin,'" he says, "and I'll do it as long as it's funny and a challenge. But if you think I'm funny on TV, wait until I get to do some movies. I can go really crazy, really be in your face. I can't wait, man."

"I can't wait."

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Rose wins four straight to offset weak start

by Chad Zigler
Editor-in-Chief

After struggling at the plate since the beginning of the season, the Rose-Hulman baseball team finally put together an impressive offensive attack, winning all four games last weekend over Wilmington College and Albion College.

Now coach Jeff Jenkins' squad will prepare to open the Indiana Collegiate Athletic Conference season on the road in a double-header against Hanover College this Saturday. The first game is scheduled to start at 1 p.m. in Hanover, Ind.

Rose defeated Wilmington twice by scores of 4-1 and 3-0. Junior righthander Shaun Miller won the first game for the 8-3 Engineers and junior Alan Eller got the victory in the second game.

Against Albion College,

senior hurler Shawn Brainard picked up his third win of the season as Rose defeated the Britons 5-1 in the first game of the double-header. In the nightcap, freshman lefty Eric Tryon won his third game of the season by a score of 3-1, defeating the only team that has beaten number one ranked Marietta College.

Offensively, the Engineer bats finally came alive as Rose knocked out 21 hits for the weekend, ten of them coming in the second game against Albion College. Leading the way for the Engineers were freshman Jeff Schwegeman (3 hits, two run-scoring doubles), senior Brandon Hollis (3-4 against Albion) and juniors Aaron Junkersfeld (.364 batting average, 1 HR) and Brian Maryan (HR against Wilmington).

Defensively, the Engineers continue to improve. Rose committed only three errors in four games, and they boast a .958 fielding percentage. Jenkins gave a lot of credit to his pitching staff and his team's overall defensive effort. "One of the reasons our pitching's been so good is our defense."

Jenkins also said, "Our outfield play has been better than it's been since I've been here. We've had five assists from our outfield through 11 games, which isn't bad. There have been whole seasons in the past when we haven't had five assists from our outfielders."

The Engineers, who were unranked in the latest NCAA Division III poll for the first time in over a year, were picked to finish sixth in the ICAC pre-season poll.



Shawn Brainard ups his record to 3-1 Sunday as he tossed a complete game in Rose's 5-1 victory over Albion College

Photo by Jim Mann

Rose competes well at Wabash relays

by Brady Neukam
Sports Reporter

Several athletes of the Rose-Hulman track & field team stepped up to the challenge of moving outdoors. A number of good performances were turned in by the Engineers at last Saturday's meet in Crawfordsville, known as the Wabash Relays. With the events dramatically changed from a regular track meet, there were also a number of athletes chartering some unfamiliar territory among the track & field events.

In all, 12 teams competed in the chilly weather which, surprisingly, refused to warm up as the day passed. Included was Wabash, Depauw, Franklin, Vincennes, St. Joseph's, Illinois Wesleyan, Albion, Parkland, Chicago U., Elmhurst, and Western Illinois.

Overall, the Engineers had 10 personal bests. Among some of the bright spots were senior Alan Keuneke, freshman Harry Pearce, and the Hammer Relay team. Keuneke ran an impressive 49.7 seconds for his leg of the 4 x 400. Pearce competed consistently well in two relays, by clocking 51.2 seconds for each of his 400 legs. The Hammer Relay team of Greg Meyne and Troy Ricklefs launched a couple of personal bests to win that event. All-American pole vaulter Mike Brown did not compete.

Rose will run at the University of Indianapolis tomorrow, and at home against Wabash on Tuesday. After an off-year, Rose should compete well against the Little Giants. The last time the two teams met

a couple of years ago, the meet came down to the 4 x 400 Relay. A repeat of that scenario is possible again this year.

Rose-Hulman Results

4 x 100 Relay- 5th - 43.7 (Mike Riley, Jay Cress, Alan Keuneke, John Welliver)

4 x 200 Relay- 9th - 1:39.8 (Mike Riley, Randy Johnson, Andy Denlinger, Wade Schwartzkopf)

4 x 400 Relay- 5th - 3:31.0 (Harry Pearce, Brandon Verbrugge, Brady Neukam, Alan Keuneke)

4 x 800 Relay- 5th - 8:17.0 (Dave Sandquist, Bryce Clark, Mike Miller, Joe Head)

Sprint Medley- 2nd - 3:39.3 (Alan Keuneke, Jay Cress, Harry Pearce, Brady Neukam)

Distance Medley- 3rd - 11:04.0 (Dave Sandquist, Greg Roberts, Mike Miller, Joe Head)

Open 5000- 3. Eric Wind (16:14), 8. Ken Anderson (16:43), 12. Jason Shaefer (17:27)

Hammer Throw Relay- 1st - 271' 4 1/4" (Greg Meyne, Troy Ricklefs)

Pole Vault Relay- tie for 2nd - 12' 0" (Doug Kaltenmark)

Discus Relay- 6th - 234' 8" (Ken Bedel, Troy Ricklefs)

Javelin Relay - RH "A" - 4th - 299' 10 1/2" (Mark Wolfe, Shannon Roehrich)

- RH "B" - 9th - 198' 8" (Ken Bedel, Ryan Kinn)

Long Jump Relay- 7th - 32' 11 1/4" (Marty Malberg, Jay Cress)

Shot Put Relay- 7th - 79' 5" (Ryan Summers, Greg Rosinski)

High Jump Relay- 6th - 11' 6" (Marty Malberg, Bryce Clark)

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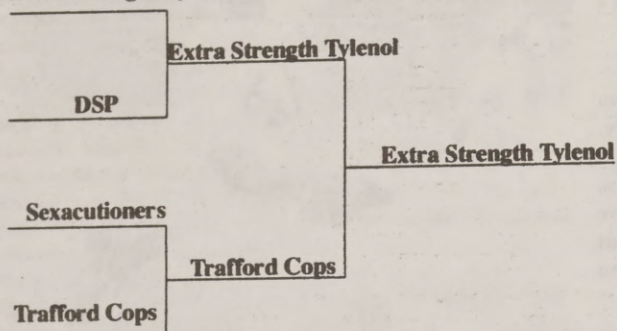
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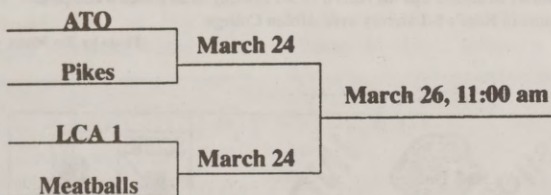
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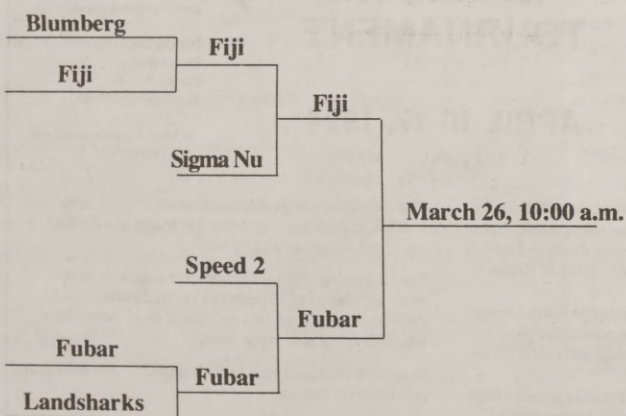
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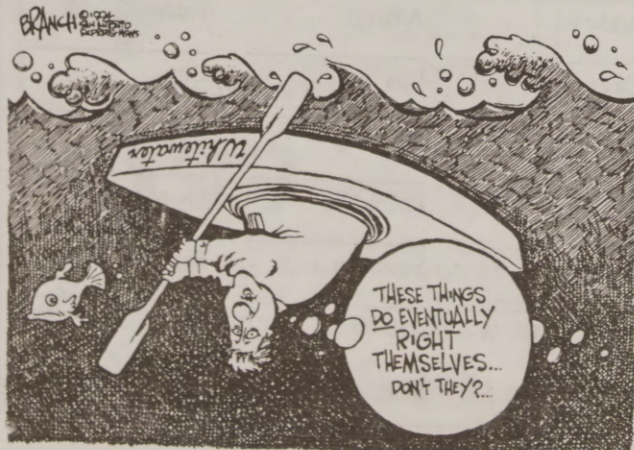


Minor League Indoor Soccer Tournament



Intramural Notes

- If you are interested in umpiring intramural softball games this spring see Coach Ruark at your earliest convenience. His office is located on the top floor of Moench Hall, room D-223, or call him at extension 8496.
- The minor league basketball tournament was won by Scharpenberg.



Intramural Schedule This Week

Monday, March 28

| Time | Sport, League (Division) | Teams | Field |
|-----------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| 4:30 p.m. | Softball, Minor (Division C) | PDP9 vs. Blumberg | 1 |
| 4:30 p.m. | Softball, Minor (Division C) | Skinner vs. Pikes | 2 |
| 4:30 p.m. | Softball, Major (Division A) | Gator vs. SN Srs 2 | 3 |
| 5:30 p.m. | Softball, Major (Division A) | Triangle vs. Emerson B.T. | 1 |
| 5:30 p.m. | Softball, Major (Division A) | LCA 1 vs. C.F. | 2 |
| 5:30 p.m. | Softball, Major (Division B) | SN Srs 1 vs. LCA 2 | 3 |

Wednesday, March 30

| Time | Sport, League (Division) | Teams | Field |
|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| 4:30 p.m. | Softball, Major (Division B) | Fiji vs. SN Jrs | 1 |
| 4:30 p.m. | Softball, Minor (Division A) | Deming vs. Wanna Be's | 2 |
| 4:30 p.m. | Softball, Minor (Division A) | BSB 3 vs. Bats | 3 |
| 5:30 p.m. | Softball, Minor (Division A) | Scharpenberg vs. LCA | 1 |
| 5:30 p.m. | Softball, Minor (Division B) | Speed vs. BSB 1 | 2 |
| 5:30 p.m. | Softball, Minor (Division B) | IGFBOS vs. SN Sophs | 3 |
| 7:00 p.m. | Ultimate Frisbee | BSB 1 vs. Skinner | NA |
| 8:00 p.m. | Ultimate Frisbee | Quack vs. Hucks | NA |
| 9:00 p.m. | Ultimate Frisbee | Fiji vs. CBPS | NA |

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Single-sex science education can be beneficial

Thank heaven it's not a public school, or St. Stephen's and St. Agnes would be in trouble. No, the private Episcopal school in Alexandria, Va., is not overcharging kids, or abusing them, or oppressing them. It's educating them very well indeed. But it is doing so by (among other things) operating single-sex classrooms for math and science in sixth, seventh and eighth grades. The rationale for this gender separation is the well-documented fact that, in math and science, girls tend not to do as well as boys of equal intelligence. Whether the difference is the result of nature or merely of socialization, of male-oriented teaching styles or of lowered self-esteem for girls, the result often is that girls have their subsequent academic and career choices curtailed. I've heard all manner of explanations: that girls learn more efficiently by listening, boys by mental and physical manipulation; that girls deliberately underperform (in mixed settings) to avoid the social cost of being as good as the boys; that

teachers (inadvertently, of course) pay more attention to boys than to girls; that girls prefer cooperative learning, while boys turn learning--and everything else--into a competition.

Some of the explanations may not be true. This is: If the St. Stephen's and St. Agnes experiment were taking place in a public school, somebody would be out to stop it.

They just stopped one in Philadelphia, where John Coats, a teacher at Stanton Elementary School had initiated a model five-year program for a group of 20 first-grade boys who had had learning problems in kindergarten.

The program was working--indeed was the subject of a documentary, "I Am a Promise," that won an Oscar. Nine of these erstwhile slow-learning boys made the honor roll. But the program is dead now. The American Civil Liberties Union threatened to file a lawsuit against it on the ground that boys-only classes are unconstitutional, and the school district folded. Detroit's attempt to

establish all-male academies as a way of rescuing boys at risk of becoming dropouts (and worse) ran into similar legal opposition, as did an earlier effort in Miami in which I, quite indirectly, had a hand. My limited involvement was a column I had written on Spencer Holland, then with the D.C. school system and now at Morgan State University in Bal-

WILLIAM RASPBERRY
Washington Post
Syndicated Columnist

timore. Holland, an educational psychologist, had told me of his dream to establish all-male kindergarten and primary classes headed by male teachers. Particularly in the inner cities, where young boys may go for days at a time without directly encountering a literate adult male, he thought it might make an important difference.

Willie Wright, a Miami elementary school principal, saw

the column, and asked me to help him get in touch with Holland. In the fall of 1987, the two men implemented Holland's idea. As Wright told me later, "It was a total success, academically and socially. There were no fights, no kids sent out for discipline. They not only improved academically, they became their brothers' keepers, something not generally found in low socioeconomic schools. Not a single parent complained. In fact, virtually all of the parents of boys wanted their sons in the classes." But, after two years of unquestioned success, the Department of Education's regional office killed the experiment--said it was a violation of Title IX (of the federal Civil Rights Act) guarantees against gender discrimination. Where do they get these people who are so solicitous of disembodied "rights" that they are willing to do demonstrable damage to actual children? The explanation, always, is that the way to meet the academic needs of these real-life children is not to segregate them by gender but to

make the classrooms fair.

Of course. But it isn't entirely clear that the problem is classroom unfairness of a sort that can be readily corrected. Most elementary school teachers (sixth grade is where girls' self-esteem begins to take a downward slide) are women and are unlikely to be deliberately undercutting the self-confidence of girls. Philadelphia's Coats, like Holland before him, thought the boys weren't learning because of the near-total absence of positive male role models in their lives. How do you make the classrooms fair enough to compensate for that?

There's a lot we don't know about educating children. That's what makes it so sad when these self-righteous monomaniacs are willing to kill a program that clearly works for actual children out of deference to the possibility that somebody's theoretical rights might somehow be damaged.

Where, I ask, is the societal gain if our children wind up academically dead to "rights"?



Wild Kingdom

By Anthony Rubino, Jr.

"I'm not against half-naked girls—not as often as I'd like to be..." —Benny Hill

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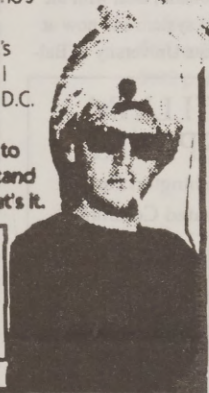
A. Dear Dawn: I'm sorry. I don't understand your question.

Q. Dear Mr. College: Half the time someone asks you a question, you don't answer it. You'll print it in your silly little column, then you respond by going off on your own little tangent, or making what you think is a funny joke. Some people are really relying on your advice, and you just blow 'em off. Is this a question and answer column or what man? —Jay, Providence, R.I.

A. Dear Jay: Did ya ever eat corn on the cob, and get a little kernel of corn stuck between your teeth? And you're someplace where there's no dental floss, and for some reason there aren't any toothpicks, and you can't get that little piece of corn out no matter what you do or how hard you try. So you do that thing where you, like, suck on your teeth and that doesn't work either, then finally you just have to give up and wait for it to fall out by itself. Man, that happened to me the other night. I hate when that happens. Anyway... thanks for writing!

Q. Dear Mr. College: There's this girl in my physics class who's obsessed with me. She's really attractive, but I'm seeing someone else. She won't take no for an answer. Now she's even started mailing me nude photos of herself. How do I convince her I'm just not interested?—Gary, Washington, D.C.

A. Dear Gary: You poor bastard! You must be going through hell! Before I can help you, though I'll need to see those photos. You know, so I can better understand the uh... agony your experiencing... yeah... yeah, that's it.



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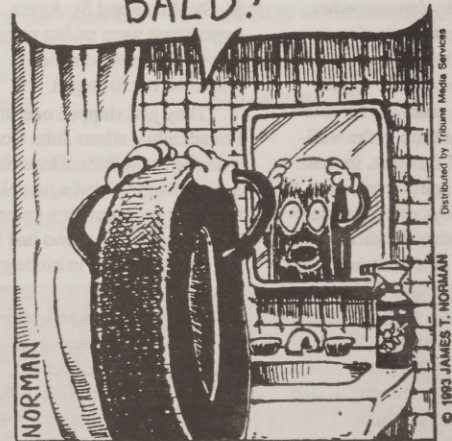
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