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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Class elections marred by ballot error

by Gary Hall

Due to an error on the ballot, the original results of the election of class officers for the class of 1990 was rerun yesterday, May 7, from three to six p.m. in the lobby of the Union Building. Andrew Conru, who wished to run for vice-president, was mistakenly listed as a candidate for president. Results of the second election will be posted by SGA after the votes have been tabulated.

For the class of 1988, Chris Mandeville ran unopposed for president. In the vice-presidential race, Jon Molander won with 43 votes (56.5%) with Steve Press garnering 33 votes (43.5%). Todd Kost won

the race for treasurer with 44 votes (57.9%) with Steve Turpin getting 32 votes (42.1%). Bart Bretsch ran unopposed for secretary.

For the class of 1989, Robert Benning won the presidential race with 39 votes (40.6%), followed by Kurt Lengacher with 29 votes (30.2%) and Steve Meyer with 28 votes (29.2%). In a very close race, Matt White won the vice-president job with 45 votes (51.1%), just outdistancing Kent Agne, who pulled in 43 votes (48.9%). Floyd Yager ran unopposed for the treasurer position as did Tim Hofer for the secretary position.

### Parties erupt into riots at two campuses

Street parties erupted into large riots at two campuses last week.

At California State University at Chico, a street party "two or three blocks off campus" abruptly turned rowdy as 1,000 to 2,000 students rioted April 24.

Police eventually arrested 37 people.

At Colorado State University, the annual "College Days" weekend, April 24-26, was marred by almost continuous rioting in which 124 were arrested and 100 were injured.

Chico State President Robin Wilson quickly cancelled the remainder of the annual "Pioneer Days" fest, while Colorado State President Philip Austin said he was "very pessimistic" he'd allow College Days to be celebrated

next year.

CSU officials blamed the disruptions on too much student drinking without adequate supervision.

Chico State officials, on the other hand, placed some of the blame for their riot on MTV, the cable music channel, says Bob Pentzer, the campus' spokesman.

MTV, adds Dr. Herman Ellis, the school's director of student activities, had been urging viewers to go to Pioneer Days at the school, which Playboy magazine recently called the top party school in the country.

Pat Kopp, Chico's coordinator of public events, thinks such urgings may have brought an unusual number of outsiders to contribute to the rioting.

### SGA votes on proposed budget

by Gary Hall

Yesterday, the Student Government Association met to vote on a proposed \$47,492 budget for student clubs for the 1987-1988 school year. The proposed budget is to be split among 26 clubs.

The proposed budget was prepared by the Executive Com-

mittee after averaging ballots cast by SGA representatives. The proposed budget was prepared after the clubs gave presentations requesting a total of \$103,424.

Due to the fact that the meeting was held after press deadline, it is not known if the

proposed budget was accepted by the congress as a whole. However, the budget was expected to pass with no problem.

The results of the budget vote will be printed in the commencement issue of the "Thorn" and will be posted on the SGA bulletin board.

### 'Private' loan for middle-class students

Some private companies and colleges have come up with a new kind of student loan that, they hope, will help keep middle class students in college.

Last week, a group of colleges and private financial firms — calling itself the Consortium of Universities of the Washington, D.C. Area — introduced a new loan called "ConSern."

Students nationwide can borrow up to \$15,000 a year under the program, which carries a higher interest rate — currently 9.5 percent — than the federal Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL) it is meant to supplement.

Many students from families earning more than \$30,000 a year can no longer get GSLs under new regulations that went into effect this year.

The ConSern loans, in fact, are aimed at "the middle 70

percent" of students who now have trouble getting GSLs, explains Janice Moyer of the consortium.

"The 15 percent at the top don't need financial aid," she says. "The lower 15 percent have access to other programs. This is for the middle group that has difficulty. This is the alternative for the family that would otherwise have to take out a second mortgage (to pay for college)."

It's not the only program aimed at making up for strict new federal aid regulations and cutbacks that first made it harder to get grants, and now have made it harder to get federal loans.

"Several supplemental programs have been developed to fill the gaps that the federal programs can't meet," notes Jean Frohlicher of the National

Council of Higher Education Loan Programs in Washington, D.C.

The new programs, she says, "are in response to the changes and limitations in the federal laws."

Massachusetts, Texas and several other states have developed their own programs designed to help people being eliminated from federal aid programs.

The U.S. Dept. of Education, moreover, also is pushing similar programs — called the Income Contingent Loans and Parent Loans — which, unlike GSLs, carry a high interest rate, require a credit-worthy co-signer on a loan and have the student begin repaying the loan 30 to 60 days after getting the money.

### Foreign study opportunities

Are you bored with classes and ready for a change of pace? Need something that could bring back a little motivation to your monotonous life? Look no farther, the cure is here — foreign study. The possibilities for extending your education with a touch of international flavor are abundant at Rose. For the student truly interested in study abroad, the opportunity is more possible than he might think.

The newest foreign study program to be developed at Rose is the exchange program between Rose-Hulman and the National Institute of Higher Education, a technology and science institute in Limerick, Ireland. The program has been around for a couple of years and has brought several students (Ian Cullen and Enda Sheridan) from Ireland to

study here. Presently, Peter Fortman, an electrical engineering major from Rose, is participating in the mutual exchange.

The National Institute accepts all majors offered at Rose-Hulman. Their three-quarter system makes it convenient for a student to transfer during any quarter, but, it is advised that a student spend an entire year.

Located on the western coast of Ireland, distant from the sometimes separatist violence of Northern Ireland, the surroundings offer the student a full experience of the Irish country and culture. Most important, however, is the price. For a fee of only about \$900 per quarter (depending on the exchange rate) the student pays his tuition at Rose. All he must worry about are the plane fare and a place to live when he arrives. The differ-

ence in tuition should easily take care of both. Due to a recent change in policy, a student will be allowed to use outside loans and scholarships to help pay for the foreign study.

Information on other foreign programs of study is on reserve in the library. Junior Year abroad programs at schools such as Exeter, Bath and Queen Mary College (plus many others) are explained in detail. Programs for students with a foreign language are also available in such countries as Spain, France, and Poland. Several excellent programs are already established here at Rose in the German and Russian Departments. These programs offer students a chance to practice language skills developed in the classroom.



There was not as much alcohol at this year's Springfest, due in part to an Institute-sponsored campaign. However, with security clustered at the main area of activity, many students were able to keep their "coolers" well out of sight.



Last Saturday, Rose-Hulman held its annual Springfest concert. Featured performers were the Renovators, Kool Ray and the Polaroldz and Henry Lee Summer. Here, a sun-soaked group of students finish the day off while listening to Henry Lee Summer and his group perform the latest and the greatest in rock and roll.

Photo by Allen Hackney



Opinions and Columns

EDITORIAL

Since this is the last regular issue of the "Thorn" for the 1986-1987 school year, we thought we'd get it out of our system and write several mini-editorials covering a wide range of topics.

The first subject of conversation is our favorite, SGA. After a budget hearing process that resembled an inquisition at times, SGA has come up with an operating budget for next year. The noteworthy part is that "service" clubs occupy the top eight positions on the distribution list.

The top eight moneywinners for next year include SAB, WMHD, the "Thorn," Rose Bands, Drama Club, Rose Technic, Glee Club and Modulus. These clubs, which exist primarily to provide a service to the student body, are scheduled to receive approximately three-fourths of the SGA funds next year.

It seems that SGA has decided to give more support to clubs that serve the student body and place special interest groups on the backburner. I'm glad to see that SGA is putting the money where it will reach the most students.

Another good mark for SGA. It is my understanding that after careful thought, the Executive Council decided to count "zero" votes. In the past, representatives who allocated no money for a club had that vote altered or discarded when it came time to average the ballots. Thus, SGA appears to have decided that a vote is a vote.

Now we get to pat ourselves on the back. Although people don't like Bloom County, it appears that those higher up think quite a deal about the strip. We have been informed that Berke Breathed was named the winner of the 1986 Pulitzer Prize for political cartoonist. It's just another service we provide.

Time for bad news. After careful thought, the current editor suggested to the incoming editor that the "Thorn" should no longer sell subscriptions. Incoming editor Steve Ufheil has agreed. The decision is based on the fact that declining subscriptions have restricted us from obtaining bulk rates, which caused our per issue postal rates to rise.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:  
I want to thank you for devoting a page to Greek games in the Parent's Day issue of the Thorn and for printing the names of our new initiates.  
However I think it was in poor taste that you printed the article "Greeks Drink More" in the same issue.  
Not only did the article indirectly degrade the fraternities here at Rose, it also failed to report on the service projects, charitable contributions, and other worthwhile activities Greeks do.  
If anything, Rose's fraternity system is certainly an exception to your article. Last quarter, four fraternities had GPA averages of 3.0 or better. Also, the

projects and charitable activities done by Rose's fraternities benefit the campus and community as much if not more than any club — without any SGA funding.  
Overall, I think the article you printed wasn't really relevant to the Rose community. We could read articles like that in the Tribune-Star or some other publication. If you wanted to print something relevant to Rose-Hulman, you could write an article about our own fraternities and what they do — even though it may not grab the reader's attention like drinking, sexual assault, and hazing does.  
Sincerely,  
Chris Mandeville,  
President of Lambda Chi Alpha



Questions arise concerning Dept. of Education

(CPS) — While Education Secretary William Bennett has provoked all sorts of controversy and debate with his remarks about the quality of college education, student aid fraud and even the relationship between aid and tuition, criticism has been mounting that the U.S. Dept. of Education itself has not been doing a good job getting money to schools, investigating complaints or lobbying in Congress.  
Most recently, department officials admitted there had been delays and document backdating in probes of civil rights complaints at a number of schools.  
But it was just the most recent incident in a long line of questionable administrative snafus:  
\*Apparently looking for evidence to back up a Bennett claim that colleges needed to raise tuition in part because administrators misused funds, the department hired a private firm to find examples, the American Council on Education (ACE) found in April.  
\*In March, the department reprimanded R.E. Butler, one of its own financial aid officers, for preparing a report linking bilingual education with communism and terrorism.

\*In January, college officials around the country loudly complained the department was late in publishing new regulations for getting federal student aid, causing students to wait up to six weeks to get money for this term.  
\*In October, a routine meeting with 90 black college leaders turned into a series of angry denunciations of the department for failing to provide adequate warning of complex new rules for verifying the information on student aid applications.  
\*In prior months, a variety of educators also peppered Washington with complaints that the department published new aid rules too late, causing enormous amounts of extra paperwork on campuses and sometimes delays in getting students grants and loans.  
Congress, moreover, held up debate on the then-pending Higher Education Reauthorization Act in fall, 1985 while it waited for the department to submit its own proposals for the act. The proposals never came.  
One education lobbyist doesn't understand why the principal

proponent of higher ed also should be its principal antagonist.  
"We don't see why the Secretary of Education should be the source of attacks against higher education," says Chuck Saunders of the ACE. "The department and Bennett have failed to support us and instead are asking for drastic cutbacks in education programs."  
"They go out of their way to suggest students are ripping off colleges and vice versa."  
In each cabinet department, of course, the president appoints the top officers, who are supported by career employees who stay on regardless of who is in power.  
"(Political appointees) get the publicity," Anderson says, "but things don't always go that way. There's a lot of day-to-day stuff that gets done that has nothing to do with Bennett."  
"We're as effective as any other major department," he asserts. "New initiatives, such as drug education, are being turned around quickly. We're getting the money out the door."

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Top Ten College Albums

1. U2  
*The Joshua Tree*
  2. Siouxsie and the Banshees  
*Through the Looking Glass*
  3. Julian Cope  
*Saint Julian*
  4. The Saints  
*All Fools Day*
  5. Psychedelic Furs  
*Midnight to Midnight*
  6. Los Lobos  
*By the Light of the Moon*
  7. Killing Joke  
*Brighter Than a Thousand Suns*
  8. Chris Isaak  
*Chris Isaak*
  9. XTC  
*Skylarking*
  10. The Smiths  
*Louder Than Bombs*
- Taken from the Gavin Report

Heavier Than Air - Farewell

by Ron Dippold  
Savatage, Sirens  
Let's face it . . . most of the albums that Combat Records produces, with a few exceptions, could be called pathetic. When the rare exception comes along, though, it can be a real winner, as is Sirens by Savatage, released in 1985. Keith Collins lays down a heavy and melodic bass line while the guitarist and drummer produce some speedy metal, and Jon Oliva, the group's lead singer, definitely has talent. I'll say it again - Savatage is good! They are also versatile, as the range of songs attests, from the driving beat and rock of "Twisted Little Sister" to the Metallica-like "Holocaust" and the speed metal of "Rage". Go get this album.

Never Say Die  
This is the last Heavier Than Air for the 1986-87 season, so here's a rundown of what's good, what's bad, and what's just plain ugly:  
Recommended: Warlock, Angus, Whitesnake, Yngwie J. Malmsteen, Savatage, Metallica, Flotsam and Jetsam, W.A.S.P., Alcatrazz, Riot, Dokken, Accept, Iron Maiden and Giuffria.  
Keep away: Abbattoir, Impaler, Piledriver, Hiram, Exorcist, Bathory, Venom, English Dogs and most things from Combat Records or Metal Blade.

Corrections

In last week's issue of the Thorn, two students had their names misspelled.  
In the story on "Langley Aerospace Research summer scholars," Kent Wallace was incorrectly identified as Kurt Wallace. Wallace is the recipient of a \$2,500 stipend under the program.  
In the story entitled "Students honored during Parents' Weekend," Mark Schulz's last name was incorrectly listed as Schultz. Schulz won the CRC Press Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award.  
We regret any inconvenience these errors may have caused.



Sports

# Tennis on the upswing

by Mark Crowder

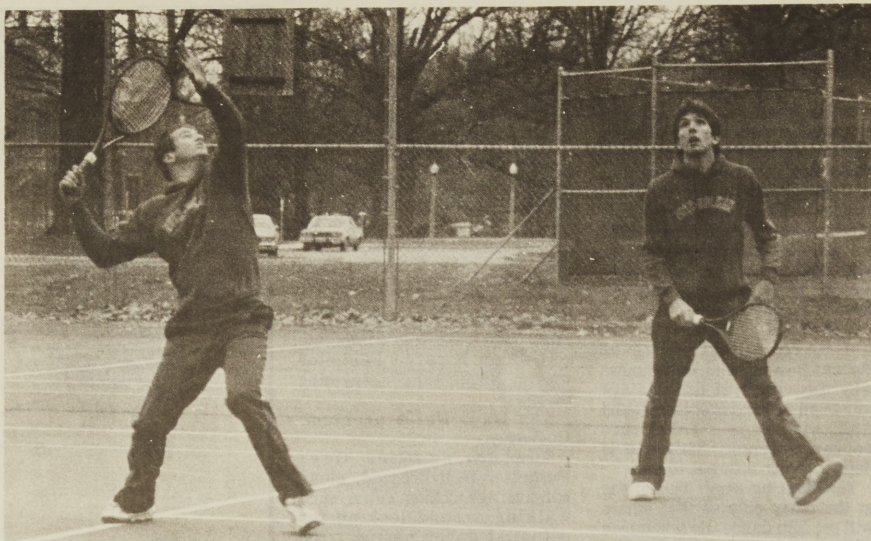
Rose's tennis team has been gaining momentum these past two weeks, and is really psyched up for the CAC Spring Tourney which is being played as you read this article.

The team's upswing began on Parent's Day as they defeated the University of Indianapolis, 6-3. The following Tuesday Rose lost to a tough Wabash team, 4-5. This score showed a marked improvement over the Engineers' 1-8 loss to Wabash one month before. The Wabash match was highlighted by some excellent tennis played by No. 1 John Puckett and an amazing upset by Rose freshman George Farber, who is filling in at No. 3 singles. Most recently, Rose travelled

to and defeated Earlham College, 7-2. This victory gives the team a big boost of confidence as they enter the CAC Tourney which is being played this weekend at Earlham.

Coach Gene Mitz says that most of his team is peaking now and he is quite pleased. Unfortunately, No. 5 singles player Neil Petroff has been suffering from shin splints and will only be able to play at No. 3 singles in the Conference. Jay Eiler is out with a more disabling injury as he incurred a serious cut to his foot.

The netters concluded their regular season — which pitted them against some of the best Division III teams in the nation — with a record of 4-8.



Sophomore Evan Kokoska sets up for a return while Jay Eiler looks on.

Photo by Matt Morris

# Diamondmen sweep Principia

by Jeff Myers

After a week of rainouts, the Engineer diamondmen got back into action last weekend by sweeping a double-header from Principia at Art Nehf Field. Sunday's twin-bill at MacMurray was washed out.

Rose-Hulman, now 16-17, is in Richmond this weekend taking part in the College Athletic Conference Tournament. The three-day event began yesterday and concludes tomorrow.

The Engineers held Principia to four runs in each game of the twin-bill last weekend winning 8-4 and 5-4.

Bruce Clusky went the distance on the hill in the opener to lift his record to 3-5. He scattered 11 hits in seven innings. Seven Engineer batters collected seven singles to support Clusky on offensive and win the opener.

In the nightcap, all three of Rose's hits came in the first inning to score four times. Senior James Yoakum led off with a safety and stole second. Scott Johnson followed with a RBI single. Kyle Thompson drew a bases-loaded walk and Steve O'Keefe hit a two-RBI single to conclude the inning for the Engineers.

Joe Wituski, now 5-2, won the second game with Brian Glaze providing fifth-inning relief help.

During Parent's Weekend the Engineers gained a split with the Little Giants from Wabash College.

James Yoakum singled to tie the second game and John Dowell hit a sacrifice fly to win it as Rose rallied for two seventh-inning runs to come from behind to edge Wabash 9-8. Trailing 8-7 in the bottom of

the seventh in the second game, three straight Rose batters drew walks before Yoakum singled, his second hit of the game, and Dowell lofted the winning sacrifice fly. Aaron Murray picked up the win for the Engineers in relief.

In the first game, five errors by the Engineers contributed to an 8-6 loss. Mark Mayfield had a double, scored two runs and had one RBI to lead Rose at the plate. Scott Johnson added two hits and two RBIs.

# Rose outruns Wabash

by Jason Lueking

The Rose-Hulman track team competed in two meets last week, a dual meet with Wabash College on Tuesday and the Indiana Intercollegiate meet last Saturday.

On Tuesday, Rose destroyed arch rival Wabash by a 101 to 53 count. Leading the destruction was junior sprinter Chris Cook.

He won the 100 and 200-meter dashes as well as running a leg on the victorious 400-meter relay.

Saturday's Intercollegiate meet in Indianapolis was a different story for the Rose track team. Only three Rose-Hulman athletes were able to place in the meet as schools such as Indiana, Purdue, Notre Dame, and

Indiana State took most of the placings. John Hanger was outstanding as he won the javelin while teammate Brett Starr took fifth. Miles Fletcher rounded out the scoring for Rose as he took fourth place in the high jump.

The next meet for Rose is this Saturday's Little State meet at the University of Indianapolis.

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## Humor/Satire

## More dating tips

by Dippy

It has come to the Rosem Torn's attention that the "Rosem Dating Guide" published last week has been too successful, and that women are helpless before men who have taken this guide to heart. To even the odds, we proudly present a guide for the ladies on the different species of males at parties and how to avoid them.

**The Nerd:** Luckily, we do not have any of these at Rosem-Hosem. God only knows why this one is at the party at all, as all he does is stand around and sip Pepsi from his pocket-protector. This one is definitely not a threat to you.

**The Dancing King:** This one is at the party only so that others will see him dance. He will dance with a different girl for every song, even "You can call me Al." The only reason he might ask you to dance is so that the other guys will think he is a real ladies man, and he will be looking in the mirror the whole time. To deflate his ego, ask if he's from North Vigo High.

**The Apathetic Drinker:** The only thing he has assaulted in the last year is a keg. If you venture near him he may make some lewd comments or gestures, but he is too drunk to do anything. His favorite nickname is "Bud", for obvious reasons.

**The Pick-Up Artist:** Easily the best looking guy at the party, he dresses casually, because he knows his great looks will carry him in any situation. Never dancing, but scanning the room from the edge of the dance floor. He is probably a fraternity member, and his room comes equipped with a waterbed, a dimmer switch, and a guest book

(remember to sign in). To avoid him, keep telling yourself that looks aren't everything.

**The Unsuccessful Artist:** A Pick-Up Artist ripoff, he also looks good, but he is generally overdressed and will usually have a large, ugly, gold medalion suspended from his neck. Found in the same locations as an Artist, but eye contact is much more obvious and blatant. His room looks like something out of an X-rated bachelor movie. Never believe anything he says!

**The Gay:** Not a problem. Obviously.

**The Boring Nice Guy:** Pathetic. Well dressed, clean cut, average looking. Often found walking around looking for potential dance partners, he often travels in groups. He's sincere, honest, concerned, but he's BORING AS HELL! Yawn and say you need to wash your hair.

**The Funny One:** While everyone is trying to at least look decent, he will be wearing camouflage pants, a ratty Purdue T-shirt, and a Copenhagen painter's cap. He may ask you to dance, but don't worry, because to him, getting a laugh is more important than getting a girlfriend.

**The God Squadder:** Extremely clean cut and fairly good looking, he will usually be wearing an article of "fad" clothing, showing that he can "relate" to the college scene. He is friendly, talkative, and usually interesting, until he gets around to religion, and then it's all over! Has read *How to Pick Up Girls* for Christ seven times. Excuse yourself to "go get high."

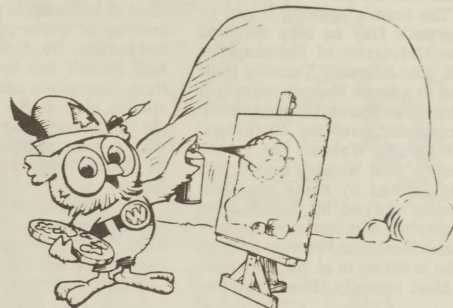


### WOODSIE OWL BEGINS LOOKOUT FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN

#### Top Ten Reasons Why Our Lamb Chop Chapter is Better than the Rest

1. They plan to produce an attractive, black 'n' white Woodsie Owl calendar to pay off five-digit "delivery" debt.
2. These guys live by the motto, "One-third the scholastic effort, three times the beer."
3. They have HBO and the Weather Channel courtesy of "grateful" little sisters.
4. They maintain decorative pyramid o' kegs behind the house.
5. They maintain a two-week, non-stop killer party at the end of every school year.
6. These highly motivated individuals control SGA, the Technic, intermural refereeing, and many other worthwhile activities.
7. They follow ALL of the Christian principles in their charter.
8. Not one, but one-and-a-half little sisters for every member.
9. Our chapter doesn't rent, but owns their own beer truck.
10. The brothers take the time to send well-written, well-planned responses to the Thorn.

## 1986-87 Page 5 Hall of Fame



### Woodsie Owl The Morning After

Woodsie Owl taking  
3 credit art class

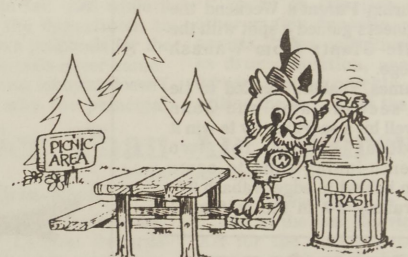


## WOODSIE SAYS

"Not one-third the calories -  
it's three times the beer!"



### Woodsie Owl Turning in Homework



### Dieting Woodsie Owl Sneaks A Snack

#### Top Ten Reasons Why Student Attrition is Good

1. Empty dorm rooms can be reserved on an hour-by-hour basis for those special "overnight guests."
2. Improve student/faculty ratio.
3. Tom's failing mind can't remember as many names (he won't have to use "Bud" as much).
4. Gives Rose that close-knit family feeling.
5. Every Rose students will be able to marry a Woodsie.
6. Rose will be forced to lower admission standards, raise tuition, and as a last resort (dear God help us!), admit women as students.
7. Profs won't have to grade as many exams.
8. Shorter lines for interview sign-ups.
9. Easier to find an open terminal in the Nerd Center.
10. Solve the housing shortage problem.

#### Top Ten Reasons NOT to go Coed

1. Rose can't afford a "Campus Mid-Wife"
2. Everyone knows girls can't do Reverse Polish Notation anyway
3. We might have to shower before class
4. The constant effects of pheromones would be too overpowering
5. We'd lose our ISU cheerleaders
6. Profs would have to quit telling jokes in class
7. No place on cheerleader uniform for HP
8. Not enough closet space
9. We'd have to start a "Domestic Engineering Program"
10. We'd have to add another telephone network

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