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NEWS BRIEFS Modulus on schedule

by J. Michael Roberts

The 1983 and 1984 editions of the Rose-Hulman Modulus were distributed according to schedule to juniors and seniors recently. The Modulus staff is continuing on schedule with the 1985 edition of the Modulus due to arrive sometime in November. Any delays which occur now would be the fault of the printer.

The 1986 Modulus is on schedule for completion this year. Appointments for year-book pictures will be made all

next week near the mailboxes, with the pictures being taken November 4-7. Anyone not making an appointment or not having their picture taken will not be included in the Modulus.

The Modulus is paid for out of tuition and activity fees, so all students automatically receive their copies when the Modulus comes out.

The 1986 edition of the Modulus will be the 75th issue, and with student cooperation, the Modulus staff hopes to make it one of the best ever.

"Run" starts today

by Brian Tretter

Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity is now holding their 17th annual "Run for Those Who Can't" to benefit Big Brother/Big Sister of Vigo County.

The "Run", a 240 mile continuous relay, begins at 4 p.m. today and should finish tomorrow between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Rose-Hulman students and faculty contribute by guessing how long it will take to com-

plete the 240 mile relay. Guesses are fifty cents each and can be purchased in Moech Hall or from an LCA member.

The closest guesses will win from a selection of over \$1,000 of prizes, including a \$50 quartz watch, six cases of Pepsi, a Spaulding tennis racket, 16 2-liter bottles of Coke, and a pewter mug.

There are 61 prizes in all, providing a great chance to win.

Computer science majors recruited by Lilly

by Chad Brown

As most senior computer science majors may have noticed, Eli Lilly and Co. will be on campus on Monday, Nov. 4 to interview C.S. majors. This will be the first time Lilly has recruited on the Rose-Hulman campus for this particular major, so there may be an interest to find out what opportunities are available.

On Wednesday, Oct. 30, the placement office, the Associa-

tion for Computing Machinery (ACM), and Eli Lilly will present a discussion entitled "Opportunities in Computer Systems at Eli Lilly." This presentation will be given by Paul Thayer, manager of Medical Information Systems, in the Worx at 4:30 p.m., and will be followed immediately by a pizza reception in the Worx.

All ACM members and senior computer majors are invited to attend.

Students at math conference

Topics ranging from how mathematics helped to break German codes during World War II to the use of mathematics in computer-aided design were the topics discussed by three Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology students who spoke recently at a mid-western mathematics conference.

Chosen to present papers at the conference, sponsored by Pi Mu Epsilon national honorary society, were juniors John Hoffman of Long Lake, Minn., Murray Kelley of Vidalia, Ga., and senior Charles Hastings of Feeding Hills, Mass. The meeting was

conducted at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Hoffman discussed the decoding of messages through the use of a math formula which allocates a number to each letter of the alphabet. Kelley presented a paper regarding the ways mathematics can be used to provide an engineer with data needed to determine the design of a machine part and Hastings talked about how Polish cryptologists broke important German codes during WW II by using permutation, which is a branch of abstract algebra.

Circle K sponsors tournament

The Circle K Club is holding a tournament on Nov. 2 to initiate the new volleyball court at Rose-Hulman.

The "California Style" tournament will begin around 11 a.m. and is open to all students from Rose-Hulman and female students from Indiana State University and Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College. The entry fee for each team is \$2 and prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Circle K members built the sand court and spent about 80 manhours on the project which is located next to the tennis courts by the observatory. Construction time was extended because of problems with the clay soil which was difficult to excavate.

The club obtained the idea of a sand court from the Olympic Games where each of the Olympic volleyball team members were from California and practiced their sport on the beach.

The sand for the court was donated by a local firm, buildings and grounds donated the poles and the club purchased the treated lumber used for boundaries.

The court will be available for anyone wanting to use it and volleyballs can be checked out at the fieldhouse.

Thanks go to buildings and grounds personnel for their help and also to those members who helped in the construction.

Caskey receives Inland-Ryerson award

Dr. Jerry A. Caskey, professor of chemical engineering at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, is the 1985 winner of the Inland-Ryerson Outstanding Teacher Award which is presented annually as part of the college's homecoming activities.

Caskey was honored for his high level of dedication to the individual student and emphasis on undergraduate teaching. The award, which includes a \$1,000 cash prize, is made possible by the Inland-Ryerson Foundation.

A member of the Rose-Hulman faculty since 1972, among the courses that Caskey teaches are classes in polymer engineering

and advanced chemical engineering computation. His other areas of expertise include wastewater engineering and the use of solar energy.

Caskey was involved in a three-year project funded by the National Science Foundation in 1977 which resulted in the establishment of an innovative chemical engineering related teaching structure. The program makes it easier for students to understand the inter-relationships of each required course in the chemical engineering curriculum.

He was previously honored for his teaching abilities in 1976 when he was named the recipient of an outstanding teaching and

presenting annually by the Rose-Hulman chapter of Triangle national fraternity.

In addition to his classroom duties, Caskey assists students by serving as the faculty adviser to the Rose Christian Fellowship organization and as a member of the student affairs committee.

The award was first presented in 1978. Previous winners have included Professors Thad D. Smith, political science; Robert Steinhauer, mechanical engineering; Sam C. Hite and Noel Moore, chemical engineering; Gary J. Sherman and Herbert R. Bailey, mathematics and last year's recipient Cecil T. Lobo, civil engineering.

False story causes financial aid confusion

(CPS) — Some students nationwide apparently thought they no longer had to register for the draft in order to get federal financial aid, thanks to a widely-printed Associated Press story last week that incorrectly reported the government "had quietly dropped the Solomon Amendment."

The Solomon Amendment requires men of draft age to register for the draft before they are eligible to get aid.

Actually, the Dept. of Education only implemented a new regulation — first announced in 1984 — that says campus student

aid officers don't have to verify that students are telling the truth about whether or not they've registered.

Students, however, still must register, both the Education Dept. and the Selective Service say.

"Luckily the Crimson (the student paper) made some phone calls before running the story," says James Miller, director of the Harvard-Radcliffe financial aid office.

Nevertheless, "there was certainly some minor confusion" caused when "a couple of students" read the misleading AP

report in other papers, Miller says.

Miller adds the confusion could have been greater had the story come out when students were applying for aid.

Some students at Boston University also were misled by the story, but "we were conscious of the potential for a problem, so we made it clear to our media," says BU director of financial assistance Byron Hartley.

Financial aid officers around the country originally opposed the Solomon Amendment, which Congress approved in 1983, precisely because of the "verification procedures."

Math department annexes Dr. Scott

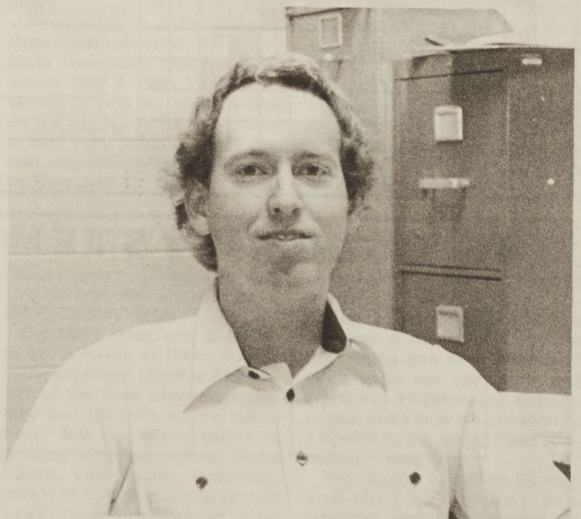
by Jim Grey

Rose has gained an excellent professor and sportsman in the addition of Dr. Dan Scott to the Math Department. "My main interest is teaching," said Dr. Scott. "This and the quality of the student body were the main reasons why I decided to come to Rose."

An Iowan, Dr. Scott obtained his B.S. in mathematics with a strong emphasis on physics from Iowa State in 1977. After spending another year there as a mathematics graduate student, he moved to Stanford University where, after six years of work he received his Ph.D. in operations research.

Since 1975 hardly a month has gone by when he wasn't somehow involved in teaching. He has tutored various math and physics courses at Iowa State, and was a Teaching Assistant in the Operations Research department at Stanford.

He has also collaborated with a chemist in writing three papers dealing with chromatography. Two of them have been published, while the third is still being considered. In addition, he has done some extensive computer programming, and has done



a great deal of research on his dissertation.

Outside the Institute, Dr. Scott spends his time with his wife Margy ("the G is pronounced hard" he is quick to point out) and their little black kitten. Margy is employed by the ISU Mathematics Department, and helped him to decide on Rose as

she likes the Midwest as much as he does. He is active in sports, his favorites being tennis, tennis, tennis, and tennis; and he is also active in intramural volleyball.

"Rose has a very friendly faculty and staff," said Dr. Scott. He is enjoying his calculus and probability classes and has adjusted well to Rose-Hulman.

Rose applies for NROTC

by Gary Hall

During the recent Board of Managers meeting Dr. Hulbert announced that Rose-Hulman is in the process of applying for a Naval ROTC program.

The application is currently being worked on and will be filed before Thanksgiving. Dr. Hulbert expects the Navy to respond within six months of receiving the application.

Since NROTC would be a new program in this area of Indiana, the program would likely be split among several campuses. The

consortium would include Rose-Hulman and would possibly include ISU, DePauw, Indiana University and the University of Illinois.

The program, according to Dr. Hulbert, could conceivably be in place by the "fall of 1987." Dr. Hulbert also estimated that after four years of implementation, the NROTC program would have "fifty to one hundred (cadets)."

Navy ROTC is quite similar to its Army and Air Force counterparts. Upon graduation, the cadet must serve four years on

active duty. Navy cadets, though, have a choice of entering either the Navy or the Marine Corps after graduation. Currently, there are over 60 Navy ROTC programs throughout the nation.

Since the NROTC program would more than likely be a consortium effort, this dispels rumors that Rose would have to have a swimming pool for the cadets. The facility that is the "headquarters" of the consortium would be the school with the pool facilities.

News



Curt Harvey (left), a junior civil engineering major receives confirmation from Air Force Major Billy Heck that he is the first Rose-Hulman recipient of the 2-yr. Pilot scholarship.

Harvey receives first pilot scholarship

Major Bill Heck, Air Force ROTC Commandant of Cadets, recently announced that Rose junior Curtis Harvey has successfully competed for and received an Air Force "Pilot" Scholarship — the first scholarship of its kind to be awarded to a student at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

In addition to the monetary benefits provided for his remaining two years of undergraduate study (approximately \$15,700), Curtis is now guaranteed an initial active duty assignment, upon his 1987 graduation and commissioning, to one of six Air Force pilot training bases. While in this assignment he will participate in 49 weeks of intensive jet pilot training and gain the experience in aerobatics, formation, navigation and instrument flying what will culminate in his reception of the coveted silver wings of an Air Force pilot.

"I am extremely proud of Curt and his attainment of this highly

competitive and nationally sought after scholarship status," said Major Heck. "I believe Curt's actions are indicative of a growing interest on the part of our Rose-Hulman cadets in operational flying assignments as well as the traditional science/engineering/research and development career fields.

"Those of us who are familiar with the personal qualities required in the physically and mentally challenging world of today's Air Force pilot, as well as with the quality education and analytical approach to problem-solving that is characteristic of Rose-Hulman graduates, feel the "marriage" of the two will unquestionably lead to success," Heck continues. "I believe many of our cadets will follow Curt's "lead" in the future, and, in so doing, will establish Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology as a significant source of operational leaders in tomorrow's Air Force."

Challenge of Excellence under way

by Gary Hall

Rose-Hulman recently unveiled its "Challenge for Excellence" over the Board of Managers weekend.

The plan calls for raising fifty million dollars over the next 10 years. This money will be used to renovate existing facilities, build new ones, increase student financial aid, upgrade computer and laboratory equipment, establish endowments and develop the faculty.

The largest chunk of money, been earmarked for this purpose.

Computer and laboratory equipment, endowments and faculty development would receive \$7.5 million, \$4.0 million and \$2.5 million, respectively.

The funds will come from a variety of sources. Alumni are expected to donate roughly 20% of

\$27.5 million, will be used to complete the renovation of Moench Hall, renovate Crapo Hall, build a new performing arts center, build a laboratory for entrepreneurship, put in a swimming pool and build a chapel on campus.

According to Dr. Hulbert, the main goal for the next three years in the facilities area would be to help Moench Hall renovation along. After that, the focus would be shifted to a new performing arts center.

The next largest chunk of money would go to student financial aid. \$8.5 million dollars has the 50 million dollars. Other sources of income include industry, foundations, bequests, friends of the Institute, people in the Terre Haute community, the Indiana Chemical Trust and various other groups.

Lambda Chi Alpha has acting debut

by Brian Tretter

Many of the brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha received their first taste of acting this month.

James and Deborah Werdine, a couple from Terre Haute, were interested in making a 30-minute show consisting of "Interesting Information" and "Helpful Hints" to be aired on public erates, among other tidbits of information. Lambda Chi Alpha was presented with a \$1,500 check for their efforts.

This money will be used to either fund another fund-raising event or will be donated to a selected charity.

television. While looking for actors for the show, the Werdine's came across an article in the Terre Haute Tribune-Star describing LCA's early September retreat. They called and offered Lambda Chi 15 minutes of air time.

Assorted LCA members practiced three hours on both Tuesday, Oct. 8 and Thursday, Oct. 10 in preparation for the show. The taping took place on Oct. 12 at WBAK-TV, channel 38.

Some of the parts assigned to the actors were to explain how a television, car, and oil well op-

The on-campus housing situation... ..at Rose

by Gary Hall

Even though on-campus housing is inadequate again this year, a recent feasibility study discourages the possibility of another dorm being added to the Rose campus within the next few years.

The proposal was to build a new 72-man dorm, most likely in the area around Speed Hall. However, according to a report compiled by Tom Mason, vice president for administration and finance, the costs incurred would be too great.

Pete Gustafson pointed out in an interview that one of the problems creating the housing shortage is the number of Terre Haute natives who want to live on campus rather than com-

mute. Six years ago, 40 Terre Haute natives commuted to school. Now, however, there are only 17. The rise in local students who wish to live on campus creates a lack of space for the upperclassmen, since incoming freshmen have priority over upperclassmen.

The benefits of a new dorm go beyond the obvious addition of rooms. If more rooms are made available, then Rose could house a greater variety of students. Married students, for example, could be given on-campus housing. Currently, the plan would be to rent out rooms in Skinner Hall to the married couples.

The anticipated costs of a new dorm run in the neighborhood of one million dollars. One idea, to add onto Speed Hall, would cost roughly a million dollars. To

build another dorm styled like the upperclass dorms across from Speed Hall would cost close to \$1.5 million dollars.

Currently, rent for on-campus dorm rooms brings in roughly \$780,000 dollars a year. The feasibility report thus suggests that the only way to pay for a new dorm would be to increase room rent rates.

As of now, the prospect of a new dorm is not included in the "Challenge of Excellence" that the school is implementing. And, according to Pete Gustafson, associate dean of students, unless a donor is willing to pay for the construction of a new dorm, it is unlikely that the Rose campus will see new living quarters in the near future.

...and elsewhere

For University of Maryland freshman Michael Osman, the beginning of college life last month meant living in a motel.

"It's hard meeting people here," says Osman, one of about 170 classmates who wouldn't get space in any of Maryland's overcrowded dorms. "I really haven't had a chance to see the campus yet."

But at the University of Colorado, a condo and apartment glut is forcing landlords to lower rents, pay for utilities and waive students' first month's rent to attract tenants.

"We need our tenants," says Boulder apartment manager Ed

Mock, who last spring wrote his tenants a letter saying "We love you. Don't leave us."

The extremes — from overcrowded dorms on one campus to empty student housing on another — are typical of student housing this fall, as they are not sure they can fill the space they have to sell: they overbook their rooms.

Maryland, for example, still was putting up 70 students in an off-campus motel by the end of October. Kearney State College in Nebraska temporarily shoved about 40 students into small temporary quarters.

"It was not fun," recalls Kear-

ney State sophomore Heather Moats. "Boxes were stacked as high as the middle of the window. Stuff was all over."

Some 200 University of Miami students began the year shut out of dorm space they'd been promised, compared to some 40 students who found themselves in the same fix in fall, 1984.

And the University of Illinois had to convert 57 dorm lounges into temporary rooms to house students it couldn't accommodate in regular rooms.

The resultant densities alienate students and provoke unexpected tensions.

Library to computerize listings

by Robert Kline

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education has awarded an \$82,000 grant to Rose-Hulman, ISU, and St. Mary's for the purpose of creating a computerized listing of all three schools' libraries resources.

The system, when finished, would enable students at any of the three colleges to sit down at a terminal, enter a subject, and receive a listing of books available on that subject, including location of the book and its availability.

ISU currently has such a sys-

tem in its own library. They have spent approximately \$650,000 in developing their system. The Indiana State grant will cover the costs of adding Rose-Hulman and St. Mary's library listings to the system, as well as extending the system to the two new campuses.

According to John Robson, Rose library director, the money from the grant should be released July 1, 1986. The system should be first set up sometime during the fall or winter quarter of next year. Initially it will contain only ISU listings. However, as Rose and St. Mary's convert

their card catalogues to machine readable code their listings will be added to the system.

"I really feel that this will be a significant improvement to our library system," explained Robson. "The card catalogue can be a frustrating tool. This new system will speed up the students' research process and give them more time for creative work," he added.

Robson also feels that the new system will free up time which library workers traditionally spent maintaining the card catalogue and could possibly expand library services.

Alpha Chi Sigma: A new face coming on strong

by Tom Vorjohan

The 1985 Fall Pledge class of Alpha Chi Sigma will be initiated this weekend into the Iota Chapter here at Rose-Hulman. Alpha Chi Sigma is the only national professional chemistry fraternity in the United States, and it promotes the advancement of chemistry both as a science and as a profession, while its first objective is strong fellowship.

The Rose chapter was first started in 1909, but it deactivated in 1932 due to a lack of interest and support. However, in the summer of 1984, Steve Stier, a senior chemical engineering major, was activated at the biannual National Conclave held in New York. The actual reactivation occurred on October 26, 1984 when the other nine refounding

fathers were activated, including Dr. Guthrie and Dr. Allison of the chemistry faculty.

Currently Stier, who is known to his brothers as Steve Stearn, is the president (Master Alchemist) of the Rose chapter, which now has thirteen active members. But the organization is growing at a quick pace. Steve Ghera, Vice-Master Alchemist, who is in charge of pledging, has organized a group of nine pledges from the chemistry and chemical engineering curricula. These pledges are: Mike Engle, Larry Fellows, Matt de Heus, Mike Honsowetz, Barry Huff, Blase Keegle, John Meshberger, Darin Moody and Gary Wease. Their pledge project was to condense all basic freshman and sophomore course formulas onto laminated sheets, and it will be

on sale within the next couple weeks.

Stier is quite happy with the progress of the chapter. "Alpha Chi Sigma can be a beneficial addition to our chemistry and chemical engineering departments, and I hope we can soon be a benefit to the entire Rose community," said Stier.

The chapter is well on its way, and they have many professional, social and service activities planned for the coming year. These include professionals who will come in and give talks, various money raisers, along with certain fellowship activities like College Bowl and intramurals. The men of Alpha Chi Sigma also represented Miss Christi Spainhour, a Rose cheerleader, as their Rose homecoming queen candidate.

Campus papers battle control efforts

(CPS) — Student groups at two schools are moving to impose tighter restrictions on their campus papers, largely in response to normal operating procedures.

While student papers in the past have lurched into trouble on many campuses for publishing deliberately-provocative material, newspapers at Notre Dame and North Carolina-Chapel Hill recently have attracted controversy while following normal operating procedures.

Student politicians at Notre Dame got angry when The

Observer raised its advertising rates, and some UNC students were enraged when The Daily Tar Heel printed, amid other quotes, Friedrich Nietzsche's assertion that "God is dead."

At UNC, dissidents sought to strip the paper of student fee funding.

"It gave me somewhat of a jolt that someone would cut off the student voice," recalls Arne Rickert, The Tar Heel's co-editor.

Rickert says the student

religious group's attempt to end mandatory student fee funding for the paper is "ironic. They would cut off the paper that has covered them."

Notre Dame student President Bill Healy says he only wants The Observer to open its books to the public.

"We think the books should be open," Healy says. "We spend about \$100,000 of the students' money on The Observer. It's only fair."

Rose-Hulman retention rate dropping

by Gary Hall

The declining retention rate at Rose-Hulman has school officials researching the problem and searching for ways to keep students enrolled in the school.

During the 1984-1985 school year, 121 students left Rose for a variety of reasons. Going back as far as the 1975-1976 school year, which is as far back as the records I received go, this is the worst case of students dropping out. For the three previous years, 1981-1984, 101 students dropped out every year.

The causes of the drop in retention rate have not yet been identified. The fact that makes the drop in retention even more unusual is the fact that the current seniors have the highest retention rate in Rose-Hulman history. With 294 of their original class still here at the end of their junior year, the class of 1986 had a 80.5% retention rate.

The problem areas involve the classes of 1987 and 1988. The class of 1987 had 314 original members at the end of their freshman year for a retention rate of 87.2%. That is the lowest

since the class of 1981 ended their freshman year with a retention rate of 87.0%. What is even worse is the fact that the class of 1988 ended their freshman year with 314 original members for a retention rate of 86.0% (due to more students starting in the class).

The class of 1987 dropped even lower at the end of their sophomore year. By then, only 265 of the original 360 remained. That retention rate, 73.6%, is the lowest for that time period since the class of 1980 finished their sophomore year with a retention rate of 70.6%.

What is even more distressing to the administration is the fact that 73.6% of the 121 who left the institute did so voluntarily. Only 31 students left due to being dropped for academic reasons and only one student was suspended.

Of the 89 who withdrew from the institute, 51 transferred to other schools. Roughly 11% withdrew because of low grades.

By class over the last two years, the class of 1987 has led in the number of students leaving. During their freshmen year, 46 members of the class dropped.

This compares to 35 sophomores ('86), 16 juniors ('85) and 4 seniors ('84). During their sophomore year, the class of 1987 lost 54 members, as opposed to 51 freshmen ('88), 9 juniors ('86) and 7 seniors ('85).

Although the losses of the class of 1987 are higher than normal, no major area of study showed any abnormally high leaps in losses. Electrical Engineers still lead in the area of students dropping, but this is due to the fact that 1/3 of the Rose students are EE's.

Of those students leaving Rose who responded to an exit poll, the major reason for leaving was poor grades. The reason that was listed by most of those leaving was the cost of the Rose education. However, this was not listed as the primary reason.

According to Pete Gustafson, Associate Dean of Students, a two day retreat at the end of the quarter is being planned to review the retention problem. Dr. Hulbert is concerned over the dropping retention rate and is looking for ways to keep students in the institute.

Freshman Retention Dropping

| Class | Retention |
|-------|-----------|
| 1988 | 86.0% |
| 1987 | 87.2% |
| 1986 | 89.3% |
| 1985 | 89.7% |
| 1984 | 88.3% |
| 1983 | 91.1% |
| 1982 | 87.6% |
| 1981 | 87.0% |
| 1980 | 81.2% |
| 1979 | 81.9% |
| 1978 | 86.1% |

(Note: Retention refers to number of original class members left at end of the freshman year.)

Rose-Hulman Attrition Rates by Major (1983-1984)

| Class | EE | ME | CS | MA | CH | CM | CE | PH | EC |
|-------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1987 | 14 | 10 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| 1986 | 10 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| 1985 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 1984 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 29 | 26 | 18 | 3 | 14 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 1 |

(1984-1985)

| Class | EE | ME | CS | MA | CH | CM | CE | PH | EC |
|-------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1988 | 17 | 6 | 11 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| 1987 | 20 | 18 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| 1986 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1985 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | 42 | 28 | 16 | 6 | 15 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 3 |

Attrition by Residence

| Location | Losses |
|------------------|---------------|
| Off-campus | 33 |
| B.S.B. | 23 |
| Deming | 14 |
| Speed | 12 |
| Blumberg | 8 |
| Mees | 6 |
| Scharpenberg | 6 |
| Skinner | 5 |
| ATO | 4 |
| Theta Xi | 4 |
| Sigma Nu | 2 |
| Phi Gamma Delta | 2 |
| Triangle | 1 |
| Delta Sigma Phi | 1 |
| Lambda Chi Alpha | not available |

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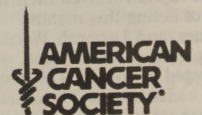
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Nation

Congress prepares for battle over Higher Education Act renewal

The current effort to renew the landmark Higher Education Act, which sets the outlines of federal college policy through the next five years, has broadened into a spirited debate over just how involved the federal government should be in higher education.

By law, Congress must renew the act every five years.

In the past, the renewal processes has featured routine political arguments over whether to start new programs and how much money to give old ones.

This time, led by U.S. Education Secretary William Bennett, critics are promoting a series of fundamental changes in the law that, if enacted, would begin a new era of college history.

"The warning shots suggest this will be a much more basic debate than the previous five-year reauthorizations," says University of Minnesota education Prof. Jim Hearn, who has studied the impact of the original 1965 Higher Education Act on colleges.

Bennett recently announced he would unveil his proposals for amending the Higher Education

Act in January, but previous comments suggest he'll try to cut most programs.

Observers expect Bennett will reflect the broad conservative critique of the act surfacing just as many educators prepare to celebrate the law's 20th anniversary.

The celebrants say the law, which effectively invented most student financial aid programs and fueled an era of unprecedented growth in American higher education, made it possible for a society to educate much of its middle and lower classes for the first time in history.

The critics say the law, in fact, made it too easy to go to college, let colleges make themselves too expensive to be useful, and lowered the quality of college education.

It's so easy for students to get federal aid that schools "accept students who are unprepared or uninterested in rigorous academic training," contends Eileen Gardner of the Heritage Foundation, a Washington, D.C. think tank whose education policies have been adopted by the

Reagan administration in the past.

The easy money "has prompted too many colleges to abandon substantive core (curricula) in favor of a hodgepodge of courses geared to the interests of those (uninterested) students, thereby gutting the value of a college education," Gardner charges.

"A lot of colleges have satisfied their urge to grow by enrolling kids who shouldn't be in college, and grabbing the federal money these kids bring along," adds Raymond Lewin, president of Pierce College in Philadelphia.

"It's foolish," he says, "to spend \$4,000 to \$5,000 to send someone who doesn't know how to read to college."

Critics also contend the Higher Education Act allowed colleges to raise tuition with impunity, figuring the federal government would simply increase aid enough to help students pay the higher fare.

And because colleges could raise money so readily, they could pay fat teacher salaries, impose light teaching loads and

grow large, inefficient bureaucracies.

Some Academicians, while acknowledging college standards have fallen, say it's wrong to blame federal programs.

"Wherever quality has slipped, it's been self-inflicted," says Robert Hardesty, president of Southwest Texas State University — site of Lyndon Johnson's signing of the Higher Education Act in 1965 — and host of the national anniversary ceremony on November 7-8.

Hardesty thinks critics of the Higher Education Act are "elitists" upset that too many people are getting degrees, "revisionists" who are wrong to say the act was never designed to send poor students to private schools, or "thinly-disguised racists" who mask their prejudices with a professed concern for educational quality.

"There is some truth" to the notion the programs diminished classroom quality, says Terry Hartle of the American Enterprise Institute, "but what we're seeing are some second and third generation problems.

The thrust of the 1965 law is not threatened."

Minnesota's Hearn says it's "naive" to attribute academic troubles to financial aid, adding he thinks any decline in educational quality results from a complex mix of factors.

Even critic Gardner stops short of saying financial aid is a primary cause of lower quality, claiming instead there is "a strong probable connection" between the two.

Still, Gardner — and probably the administration — are determined to convince Congress to use the reauthorization debate to make it harder for students and colleges to get federal money.

Some observers, for example, expect Bennett to propose that students maintain higher grades in order to get and keep federal aid.

Lewin of Pierce College, who supports the idea, estimates anywhere from 25 to 50 percent of the students who now get aid would lose their loans and grants if Congress agreed to it.

Campus NewsNotes

GEORGIA, NORTH CAROLINA BATTLE OVER WHICH WAS FIRST STATE UNIVERSITY

The U. Georgia celebrated being the oldest state school in the land on Oct. 11, but North Carolina-Chapel Hill held a celebration of the same distinction on Oct. 12.

Battling historians point out Georgia got a charter on Oct. 11, 1795, making it the first chartered state campus, but didn't open for classes until much later.

UNC, however, held classes in 1795.

POLICE ARREST SUSPECT IN SAN FRANCISCO STATE BLACK STUDIES BOMBING

They charged Coy Ray Phelps, who may be tied to Ku Klux Klan and Aryan Nations groups, with bombing a campus classroom used for black studies courses last spring.

San Francisco authorities also charged Phelps with bombing two synagogues.

STUDY: STUDENTS DON'T LIKE TO TALK ABOUT LOVE LIVES

The most forbidding topic of conversation among college couples seems to be the couples' relationships, a survey of undergrads by Lewis and Clark College Prof. Leslie Baxter found.

Baxter thinks it's because mates fear finding out their lovers aren't as committed to the union as they are.

PACIFIC LUTHERAN STUDENTS OBJECT TO NEW CAMPUS SCULPTURE

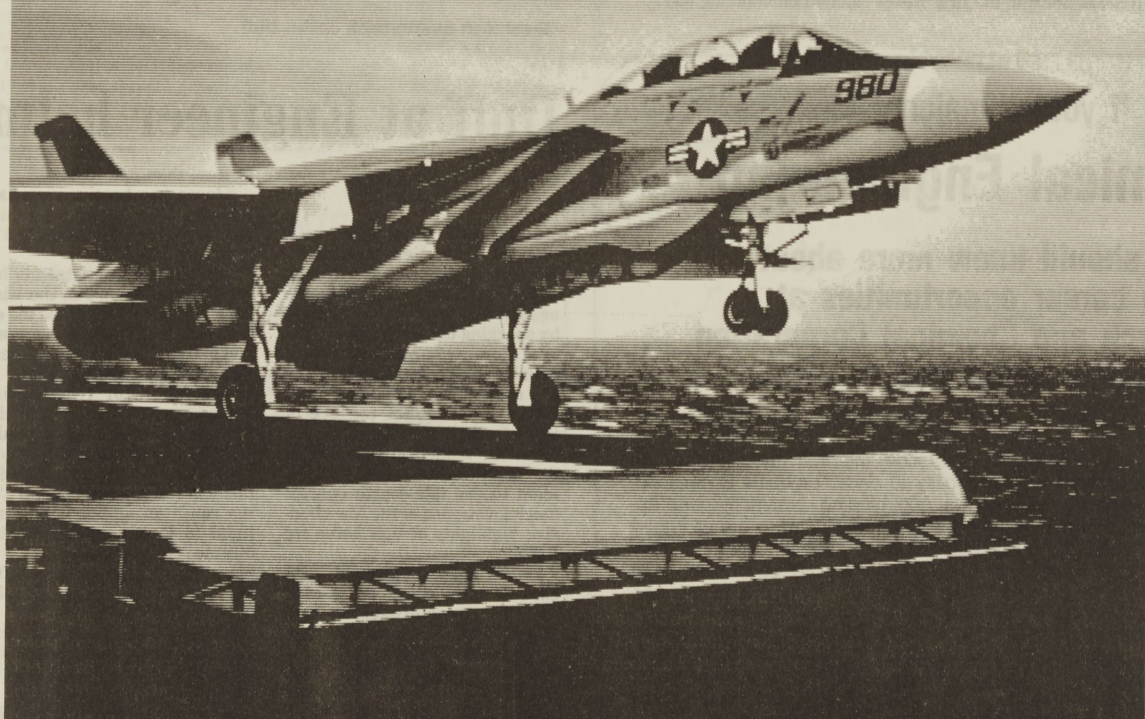
"Sunday Morning," newly-erected in a campus cafeteria, is a collage of "things yuppies throw away," explains artist Barbara Minas, who also teaches in PLU's art department.

Minas found the "things" floating in nearby Commencement Bay, and assembled them on a hug metal cross.

Students, however, have complained to the campus food service director that the sculpture is "inappropriate," and should be removed.

NOTES FROM ALL OVER: Michigan State students had to spend \$250 to carry an oversized postcard to David Letterman because no transport firm would agree to deliver it. . . . Southeast Louisiana State U's student government was deadlocked last week over a measure to pay for the rental of tuxedos for members of the Homecoming Court.

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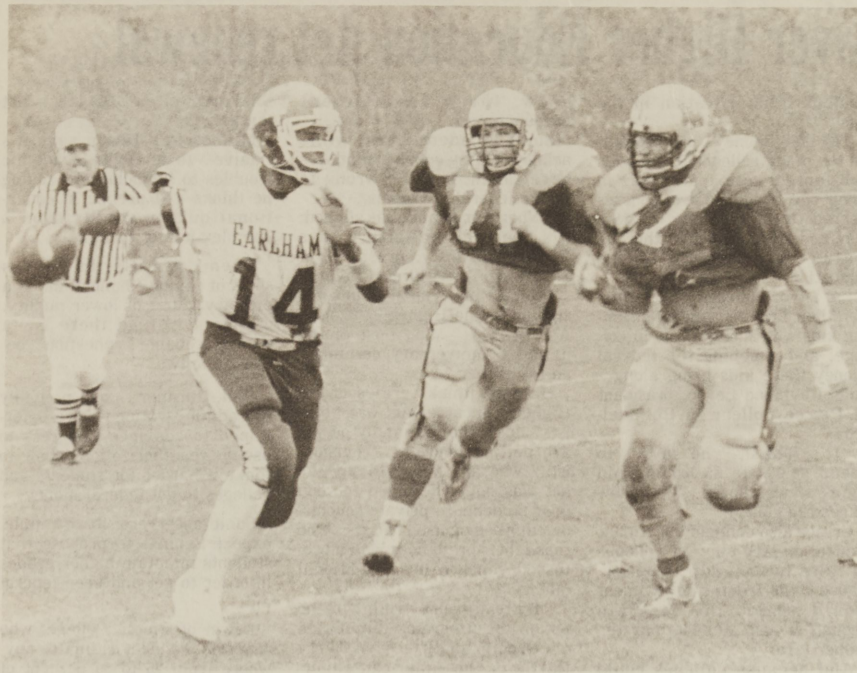
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Ed Sahli (center) and Chris Szaz chase down the Earlham quarterback.

-Nick Jokay photo

Engineers pound Earlham

by Steve Zeglin

Rose-Hulman started off conference play with a decisive 43-13 victory against Earlham College Saturday at Phil Brown Field. The win raises the Engineer record to 3-3.

The Engineers rebounded from Homecoming week's poor performance with an entire team effort. The defense held Earlham to just 192 yards on the day of which 42 yards came on their only score of the second half. The offense had an excellent day with a much improved wishbone offense. The offense rushed for 373 yards and passed for 107 yards on the day. The special teams also played well.

Placekicker Vern VanNostran had his best day of the season. He hit a 42 yard field goal to put Rose up 3-0 and then hit field goals of 33 and 45 yards at the end of the first half to put Rose up 23-7.

Freshman quarterback Jason Duff and junior fullback Bill Sears were the key players in the offensive success. Jason Duff started his first game at quarterback and showed that he could run the option. Throughout the game he knew just when to handoff to the fullback, keep the ball or pitch. He had touchdown runs of 25 and 21 yards in the second and third quarters, respectively. Reserve fullback Bill Sears became the first Rose

back to run for 100 yards in a game this season. He gained most of the yards in the second half to run the clock down. A 46 yard run of his set up a one yard run by Larry Greene to put Rose out of Earlham's reach 36-13.

"I was very pleased with our effort against Earlham," said Coach Thompson. He also had these more specific comments: "Our halfbacks blocked better than they have all season, and that helped make our wishbone attack more successful. I'm also extremely pleased with our offensive line and the job they've done. Jason Duff did very well in his first start and William Sears had an outstanding day."

Centre game may determine title

The Rose football team will square off against Centre College tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. on Phil Brown Field in a game which could decide the CAC title.

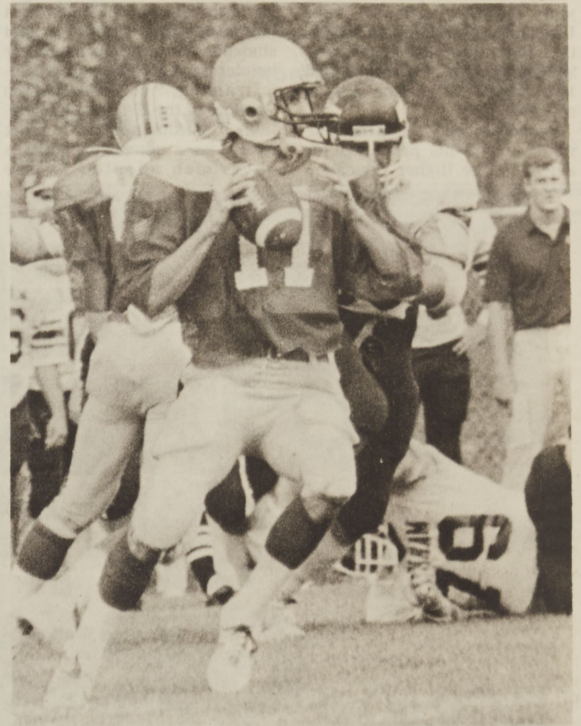
Centre College, which is coming off a 17-6 victory over Ohio Wesleyan last Saturday is entering the game with an overall record of 4-2 and a 3-0 conference record. A victory for Centre would clinch the CAC title for them. The Engineers, who downed Earlham 43-13 last Saturday, hold a 1-0 record in the CAC and can keep their conference title hopes alive with a win.

The contest will mark the 14th meeting between Rose and Centre, with the Centre Colonels leading the series 7-6. Last year Centre defeated Rose 21-10 at Danville, Ky.

The Centre Colonels are an aggressive, well-coached team. Offensively, Centre boasts the number one and two backs in the CAC in rushing with Todd Scobee and Bill Kenyon. They are quarterbacked by junior Mike Couchot who has thrown for 514 yards this season, going 33 of 87. Defensively they boast senior defensive back Teel Bruner, a 1984 All-American who intercepted five Rose-Hulman passes in last season's game.

Coach Thompson expects the game to be tough. "Centre is always the most fundamentally sound team we play, so we'll have to be prepared," he states.

"It's a good matchup, and the key for us will be to contain their running game and force them into passing situations," he added.



Freshman quarterback Jason Duff

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Duff at Engineer helm

By Thorn Editor
Robert Kline Jr.

Jason Duff, a freshman quarterback from New Castle, Indiana, was given the nod to start in last Saturday's football game against Earlham. He responded by sparking the Engineer offense to a domineering lead before retiring from the game at the end of the third quarter.

Duff first caught the eye of Rose football fans when he entered the homecoming game in the fourth quarter and led the team to two late fourth quarter touchdowns, one of the few offensive highlights of that game for Rose.

Duff's success has not been entirely unexpected. He was an All-State quarterback in high school and led his team to an impressive 10-1 record.

Offensive coordinator, Randy Dickens, explains that the coaches took things slowly with Duff, "You don't want to put a lot of pressure on a freshman, they have a lot more to adjust to

at Rose than just football."

"Jason has been a very hard worker. He's done everything that the coaches have asked of him," he added.

One of Duff's best talents has been his ability to run the wishbone offense. He executed the option very well, making his reads and getting the most out of them.

In last Saturday's game he broke loose for two rushing touchdowns as well as pitching the ball out to his backs who also enjoyed a very successful day.

He has also demonstrated a talent for throwing the ball "on the run," an ability very beneficial to Rose's option oriented offense.

Dickens summed up Duff's performance saying simply, "He's doing a great job."

Although the Rose coaching staff intends to make their starting roster decisions on a week by week basis, it is clear that as long as Jason Duff continues this level of performance, Rose fans can expect to see a lot more of him.

CAC STANDINGS:

| TEAM | OVERALL | CONFERENCE |
|-------------------------|---------|------------|
| Centre | 4-2 | 3-0 |
| ROSE-HULMAN | 3-3 | 1-0 |
| Rhodes | 6-1 | 1-1 |
| University of the South | 3-3 | 1-2 |
| Earlham | 0-6 | 0-3 |

Fan behavior national problem

Visiting East Carolina University, a newcomer to gridiron prominence among the hotly-competitive universities of North Carolina, was whipping favored North Carolina State 33-14 Sept. 7 when havoc broke loose.

About 7,500 rowdy fans stormed a restraining fence and spilled out onto the field. Fights erupted. About 20 people were hospitalized.

It was, in fact, one of two major outbreaks of stadium violence this fall, when more restrictive drinking rules were supposed to help keep misbehavior in the stands to a minimum.

At the University of Missouri-Columbia, where four fans were arrested for rowdiness at the Tigers' home opener, disturbances "all were related to alcohol," says Jack Watring of the UMC police.

Many of the UNC-Raleigh fans were intoxicated by both alcohol and the 80-degree heat, adds Larry Liles of the Raleigh police.

Over the last school year, a number of schools have adopted other new football stadium rules because liability insurance for large crowds is getting more expensive.

Stadium managers, moreover, were inspired to adopt more restrictions when a student successfully won damages from Notre Dame last year after he drunkenly fell from a Notre Dame grandstand and hurt himself.

Wisconsin, for example, recently made body passing — in which a student is passed over the heads of fans down toward the field — a criminal offense.

Campus police say they'll charge people who indulge in body passing with fourth-degree sexual assault.

West Virginia University police, who last year had to stop a home game with Penn State because so many fans were fighting and throwing paper cups onto the field, signed a "contract" with the student government in September to insure civil behavior in the stands.

Under the contract, the university will move student seating to a less desirable part of Mountaineer field if police find

evidence of "bad behavior."

Student governments at Florida and Miami worked together to try to tame student misbehavior during sports meetings between the two bitter rivals.

But the rivalries exist, and often overshadow rules when the games begin.

"The rivalry between North Carolina State and East Carolina has increased over the years," Liles explains.

With not a little admiration, Liles adds "they (East Carolina) have been really building their program" until it now rivals the state's other athletic powers, Duke, UNC-Chapel Hill, North Carolina State and Wake Forest.

Other factors also encourage fan rowdiness, observers say.

Blowouts, for one, can frustrate and bore fans.

"There seems to be a weakening of attention to the game" when the score gets lopsided, observes Carl Willis, a clinical psychologist who is a consultant to the UMC police.

"When the magic margin of eight points is exceeded" the probability of fan rowdiness increases, Willis says.

And while restricting alcohol at the games — in years past Missouri police used to arrest an average of 20-25 fans a game — has helped, students can be provoked by elements as subtle as the colors in the stadium.

"You will find very few stadiums with lots of red or black," which excite people, Watring points out.

While colors alone probably do not lead to violence, in combination with overcrowding, alcohol and frustration they can help agitate a crowd.

Despite the injury and insurance worries, however, schools are not panicking, one national observer says.

"The frequency (of fan violence) has not been high enough for our members to call for it to be an agenda item at our annual convention," says Tim Gleason of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics.



Eric Dittenhafer fights for control of the ball in Saturday's win over Taylor.

Nick Jokay photo

Soccer team dumps Taylor

The Fighting Engineers had two games last weekend, one away against University of the South and one at home against Taylor University. Rose-Hulman split the two, losing to University of the South and beating Taylor, bringing their record to a disappointing 3-8.

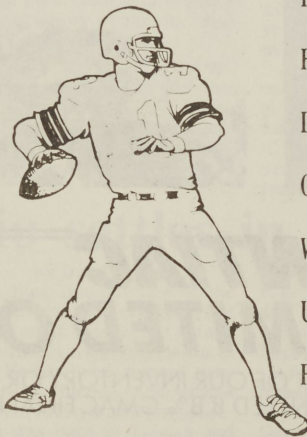
Rose-Hulman lost to University of the South 6-1 in Sewanee, Tennessee. The score was 3-0 at halftime and the Engineers couldn't catch up. U of S had 27 shots on goal en route to their victory and allowed

Rose only 10. Paul Price and Paul Everline split the duties in goal, making 12 saves and allowing the six goals between them. The Sewanee goalie made five saves while getting beaten just once by Gordon Hathaway, assisted by Rich Correll.

At home, however, the Engineers proved that their record in no way reflects their capabilities. The Rose soccer team started out in control of the game and never let up. Taylor scored the first goal of

the game on a breakaway, but unlike previous games, the Engineers did not get down. Twice in the first half the Engineers scored to lead at halftime. Rose-Hulman put two more into the net to go up 4-1, and only allowed Taylor's second goal with less than a minute and a half left in the game. Rose blasted 25 shots on goal while letting Taylor get off only 12. Scorers for the Engineers were Gordon Hathaway, Jeremy Steele, Steve Schweiger, and Pete Wentzel.

ROSE-HULMAN FOOTBALL OPPONENTS' RESULTS



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| FRANKLIN COLLEGE 25, | St. Joseph's College 7 |
| Findlay 49, | HANOVER COLLEGE 9 |
| DePauw University 34, | WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY 0 |
| Concordia (Ill.) 41, | PRINCIPIA 26 |
| Wabash College 29, | TAYLOR UNIVERSITY 19 |
| UNIV. OF THE SOUTH 46, | Maryville 31 |
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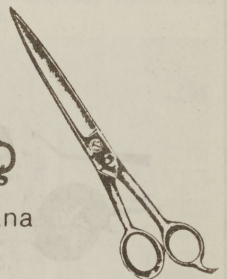
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New creatures arrive in time for Halloween

The Rosem-Hosem Institute has acquired two creatures for its campus. These creatures (shown below) are the Hunch of Munch and the Phantom of Lost Creek.

President Samule Hulburp expressed his glee at having acquired the two "things." "Boy, we really are glad to have these guys on our campus! An institution like ours is just so much more homey with a couple of creatures running around."

The Hunch will make his home

in the deep recesses of Munch Hole, where according to Prof. Allfred Schmuckt, there used to be quite a variety of creatures. "You see," he said, "a hundred years ago when I was a freshman, there were lots of creatures here on the campus. Just like every family has its skeletons in the closet, we had our creatures in the basement. And we were just like a big, happy family."

The Hunch has expressed himself as being very eager to aid the Munch renovation. An-

wonder, since once completed, the Hunch will have the classiest basement of any hunch on the block. He has even started making plans for an open-basement party in the spring.

The Phantom of Lost Creek will probably spend most of his time in and around the creek. Apparently the Phantom thinks himself to be civil, and so most of his time is spent strolling the creek looking for a spot to build a bridge.

The two creatures are sure to be a hit with students, since they will be fed with leftovers from ARAT, thus reducing the amount of leftovers the students will have to eat. In addition, the creatures will aid the Insecurity Force in patrolling the campus. The Phantom is especially advantageous here, since smuggling traffic has more than doubled on Lost Creek in the last month alone.

Hulburp was also pleased with

the Institute's timing. "It's just terrific that we got these two right in time for Halloween! When word of this gets out, we'll have so many trick-or-treaters, we'll be able to set up a booth and take up donations!"

So, if you should happen to run into one of the creatures, don't be alarmed, just smile and try not to look like a side of beef. In no time at all, these two will be a true part of the Rosem-Hosem family.

Insecurity acquires randomizer

Rosem-Hosem's Insecurity Force has recently acquired a new random number generating device. According to Insecurity Chef Gory Floral, this new device will enable the Insecurity Force to lock and unlock doors with unparalleled randomness, especially on weekends. All of the Insecurity officers are eagerly awaiting the installation of the device. "By the time winter sets in, the door-randomizer should be functioning without a glitch."

"That's when we have the most fun with the students," Floral noted. "Most people don't

mind having to walk around Munch Hall when the weather is nice, but you ought to hear them cuss when there's lots of ice and snow around. We get a really good laugh then. Of course, this isn't just fun and games. It's important that the students get this extra bit of frustration on the weekends. That's what helps make Rosem-Hosem Rosem Hosem. Here at Rosem-Hosem, there's one thing you can be sure of: Come rain or shine, sleet or snow, hell or high water, you're gonna get it in the end." Well, old Gory certainly has his facts straight!

Of course, the inner function of the door randomizer will never be disclosed to the peons of Rosem-Hosem. However, an engineer's mind, sharpened by years of the ticket-taking, will be able to spot a few rules right off. For Skinned Hole residents, the glass doors in A-section are never unlocked until there's no reason to use them, for example, after the last meal has been served at ARAT on Sunday. Also, on the west side of Munch, the door most likely to be open is the one furthest from where you need to go.



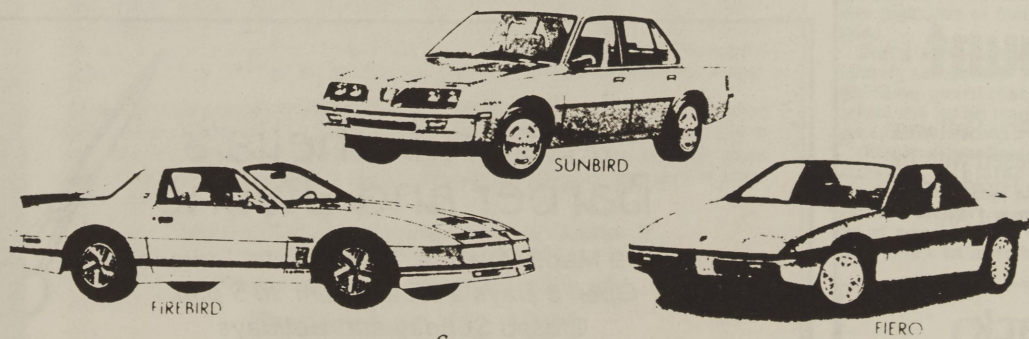
The Phantom of Lost Creek makes his rounds.



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Luggbill released

Rosem-Hosem Professor of Philosophy and Unanswerable Questions Hightns Luggbill recently returned to campus to resume his teaching after being released by the terrorist group that had held him hostage for the past two years. The terrorists apparently kept Dr. Luggbill drugged for the majority of the two years. However, Dr. Luggbill says he has vivid images in his mind of the Taj Mahal and the U.S. Air Force Academy. It sounds as if this may be the first reported case of terrorists drugging hostages with psychedelic agents.

Dr. Luggbill commented that he is glad to be back in the classroom, and that he feels refreshed after his two-year "sabbatical." "It was so good to have lots of time on hand to ponder the philosophical questions of the ages, like, does chewing gum lose its flavor on the bedpost overnight?"