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Winter grades show reversals

by Dave Franke
Staff Reporter

The winter quarter this year proved to be a varied quarter with as many people raising their GPA's as lowering.

For example the entire student body's average quarter GPA of 2.843 dropped slightly from last quarter's 2.873, but because of students leaving Rose-Hulman the cumulative GPA Rose from 2.906 to 2.922.

The sophomores and juniors both raised their GPAs this quarter from 2.67 and 2.79 to 2.74 and 2.84, respectively. Their cumulatives remained the same with both in the 2.85-2.88 range.

The freshmen, feeling the crunch of tougher classes, dropped their quarter grades from 2.98 to 2.87 with a slight

accumulative decrease to 2.95.

Finally, senior hiatus was apparent again as quarter grades fell from 3.08 to 2.95, but due to a slight loss in class size had a cumulative rise of 0.03 points to 2.98.

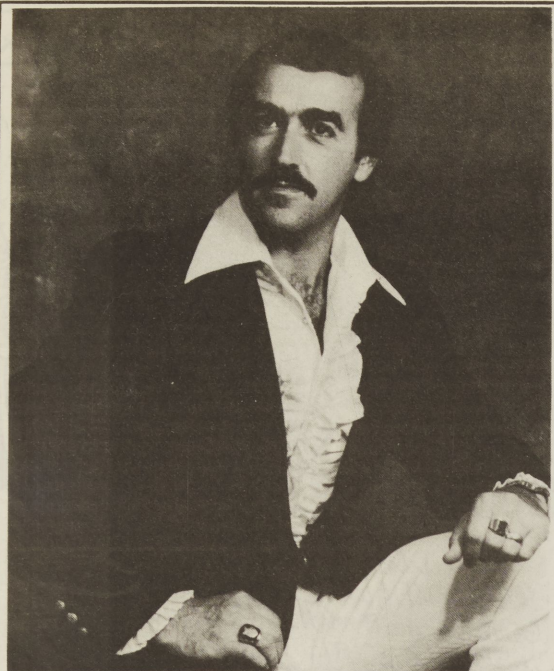
A few fraternities showed some impressive gains, especially Delta Sigma Phi. DSP, improving from the second highest fraternity GPA last quarter with a 2.864 achieved the highest GPA this quarter with a 2.957. As a fraternity composed of mostly sophomores and juniors next year, Delta Sigma Phi may be tough to beat.

Phi Gamma Delta and Sigma Nu are also to be commended for raising their GPA's from 2.628 and 2.571 respectively to 2.771 and 2.694.

Alpha Tau Omega, who last quarter had the highest GPA of the fraternities at 2.891, dropped to second this quarter with a 2.842. Lambda Chi Alpha and Triangle also dropped slightly from 2.779 and 2.581 to 2.757 and 2.574, respectively.

Theta Xi, having the highest GPA at this time last year, dropped last quarter to a low 2.174. Finding nowhere to go but up, they improved to a 2.212.

The total fraternity average rose from 2.697 to 2.732 with a cumulative remaining stable at 2.83. The independents this quarter sank slightly from 2.938 to 2.910 but raised their cumulative from 2.956 to 2.979, again because of students leaving.



James to appear at convo

by Doug Grundlach
Staff Reporter

Ex-spy and controversial author Peter James will return to the Rose auditorium this Monday, March 30, for an 11:05 convocation. The title of his SAB sponsored, slide illustrated presentation is "Russia's secret Doomsday Weapons, World War III and You."

James had given a well-received lecture two years ago here at Rose entitled "The Embryo of an American Police State," dealing with his personal experiences with American and foreign agents during the last fifteen years.

In this new program James elaborates on the magnitude of the Soviet threat to the United States as expressed in his book "Soviet Conquest From Space." This book only outlined the Soviet military threat as certain vital information could not be confirmed at the time of its publication. James has since

verified those facts, and this lecture updates the book and questions the wisdom of our government's policies.

James has spied for the CIA and analyzed intelligence for the United States Air Force while serving as a United Technologies rocket engineer. He had been that company's foreign technology program coordinator.

He has compiled intelligence data concerning the Soviet space shuttle program, the reusability of the Russian's ICBM launch sites, and Soviet work on the so-called "death ray."

His lecture draws on his first hand encounters with Russian scientists and agents and includes slide photographs of various Russian personalities and weapons.

The James talk promises to be provocative and eye-opening, and he will encourage people to stay for the question and answer session following his presentation.

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Incoming frosh have potential

by Dave Slavin
Staff Reporter

The original intent of this article was to provide a profile of next year's freshman class. Unfortunately all of the required statistics have yet to be compiled. Those statistics which have been compiled, however, indicate that Rose should expect the same high quality class that it has received in the past.

The SAT scores of those prospective freshmen who have sent in their deposits are hovering around 650 for math and 550 for verbal, which compares almost exactly with the scores of this year's freshman class, and are well above the national averages.

At this date last year, 268 deposits had been received, 16

more than have currently been received. This drop in deposit receipts was expected by the Admissions Office, however, as financial aid packets were late in being sent out, the amount of awards being a major consideration in most prospective freshmen's college decision.

The delay in sending out the financial aid packets was due to the tentative nature of the entire financial aid program in lieu of the present condition of the economy and proposed budget cuts.

One result of this is that, although Rose plans to admit a record number of Corporation-sponsored National Merit Scholars, the total number of National Merit Scholars as a percentage of class size will probably decline from this year's high.

The Admission's Office's response to the present situation,

according to Duncan Mudoch, will be to accept a record number of deposits, 400, expecting a record number of cancellations, to bring the class size down to the required 350.

The present situation is one where Admissions personnel will alternately hope to get the required 400 deposits in spring and then hope to receive the required 50 cancellations by the late summer, a system which Murdoch claims is "ludicrous."

Rose-Hulman, however, must and does compete with major universities such as Purdue and MIT, both of which use a rolling admissions system.

To fill the required number of openings in the freshman class with qualified students, applications must be made as desirable as possible (i.e. fee waivers). Such an easing of applications necessarily leads to a larger number of qualified applicants than can be accepted.

Hickerson intercollegiate titlist

by Peter Kehoe
Managing Editor

It's not often that anyone from Rose can claim to be an intercollegiate champion. Now there is one student who can make such a claim. Last weekend at Southern Illinois University's class "A" orienteering meet, Scott Hickerson was awarded the title of Men's Junior Intercollegiate Orienteering Champion.

The championship is awarded every year to the college student who has the best two-day time on Red (advanced) course at the Intercollegiate meet. Hickerson narrowly defeated the second place finisher from the United

States Military Academy at West Point. The difference was only 0.53 minutes. In fourth place among the Intercollegiates was another Rose student, freshman Ed Hallin. His time was 138.92 minutes.

Hickerson's effort was also good enough to help Rose's first team to a third place finish among the intercollegiate teams. Besides Hickerson, the team consisted of senior Peter Kehoe, and sophomores David Hess, Andy Hill, and Darin Ridgeway. The club showed its depth by placing its second team in sixth place overall.

Also at the meet was competition for the TRADOC

Championship for ROTC units. Rose's ROTC squad was again strong with a third place finish, only 0.13 minutes out of second.

In the open competition the club again showed its strength by taking four individual and one team award.

Freshman Kris Backmann took first place on the Orange (intermediate) course in the men's 19-20 age category. His time was 67.66 minutes. Backmann led Rose's intermediate team to a second place finish. The other members of the team were Scott Linn, a junior, Jeff Baldwin, a sophomore, and Peter Schoenhoff, also a sophomore. The team had to settle for second behind the United States Military Academy after a mistake by the meet officials.

Besides his intercollegiate award, Hickerson's time was also fast enough to place him in third in the men's 21 and older category. Also placing third on the Red course was Hallin. He competed in the men's 19-20 elite category.

Nancy Bitts, a student at Indiana State, also competed for the Rose OC. She competed on the Yellow (advanced beginner) course in the 19 and older category and took another third place.

Not only did the club take home a number of top honors, but they also finished second among the colleges at the meet. Since the club loses only one member of their top team to graduation, they are hoping that next year they will continue to chip away at the dominance that the United States Military Academy has held on the collegiate level.

Costs up next year

by Alan Yarcusko
Staff reporter

Students can expect to pay more to attend Rose-Hulman during the 1981-82 school year.

According to Raymond J. Miller, Vice President for Administration and Finance, tuition will be increased 15% to \$4140. Students who plan to live on campus will also see a 24.3% jump in their room and board expenses, which will be \$1995.

The total cost for most Indiana residents is expected to be \$7035 next school year, with out-of-state students requiring about \$7335. Commuters will need approximately \$6535.

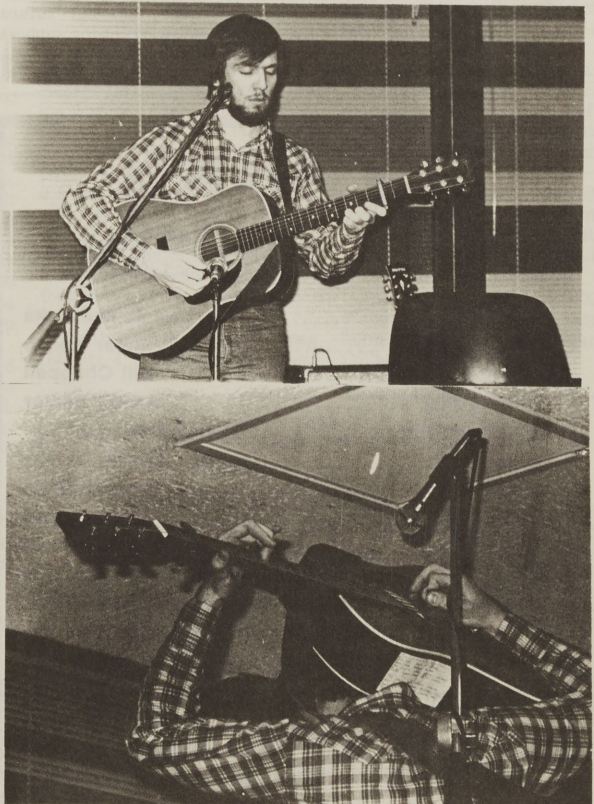
The reason for the increases is essentially higher costs. Miller noted that "while increases in higher education are not directly proportional to the Consumer Price Index, our operating expenses have increased significantly over-all." Miller cited the labor-intensive nature

of Rose-Hulman's budget as a major reason for higher costs. Since nearly 80% of the budget is spent on salaries and related fringe benefits, much of the tuition costs are dependent on the salary figures.

This fact is reflected by the 10% increase in total salary payments. This 10% will go into a "pool," and will then be distributed according to merit. Similarly, there will be a 3% to 10% increase in the fringe benefit program for faculty and staff.

Miller justified the higher salaries by saying that "the Institute must keep salaries competitive in order to retain and attract top-quality professors."

Still, the cost of Rose-Hulman is low when compared to private schools of similar size in Indiana, and even lower next to the prices of prestigious engineering schools (see chart).



Daryl Jones displays his expertise on the guitar during the S.A.B.'s Talent Show held last Saturday. His skill on the guitar earned him second place in the show and fifty dollars in cash. First place, worth one hundred dollars, went to Jeff Nadeau who played two Scott Joplin piano rags. The twenty five dollar third place prize was awarded to both singer Zahira Rosario and the team of Glen Kapetansky and Dave Dvorak for their harp and flute duet. (Photo by Rick Anderson)

THORN OPINION

Stand by Reagan

by David Slavin
Staff Reporter

President Reagan has scored a significant political victory in the acceptance of his budget proposal by the House Ways and Means Committee. Unfortunately there is still a significant amount of opposition to his administration's proposals by a number of special interest groups. These groups continue to lobby congressmen and the public for support of their present share of the governmental (i.e., taxpayer's) pie. Purporting to represent a needy constituency, they continue to stall, and place in jeopardy, the most urgent business for the redistribution of wealth back to the private sector where economic freedom and incentive can once again work toward revitalizing this nation's sluggish economy.

One such special interest is the group of administrators who purportedly represent needy college students. Even our own administration is encouraging Rose students to lobby their congressmen to continue to support state financial aid programs. Such programs are different, they might argue, as financial aid to college students represents an investment in the future. I would argue, however, that the cause of college students would be better earned by a tax deduction policy, whereby those dollars being spent by a family to send a student to college would be tax exempt.

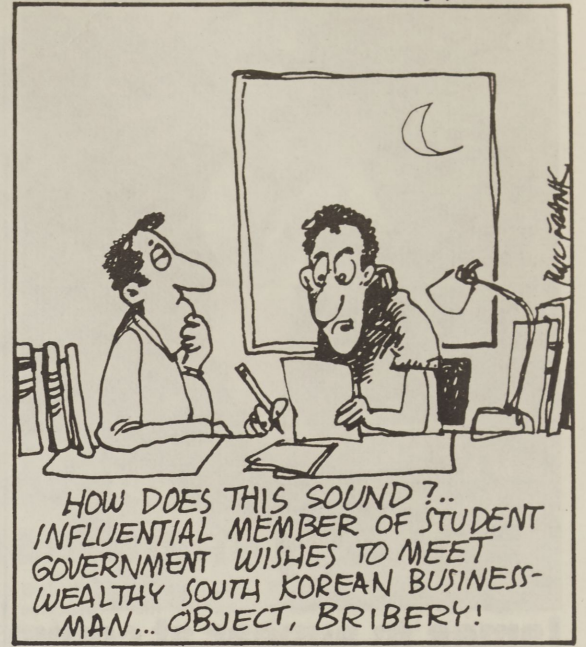
Instead of the present system, whereby the government, out of its infinite generosity (and our pockets), gives students money and low-interest loans to go to college, a tax-deduction plan would allow students to get an education without the inherent losses of bureaucratic waste.

Another important advantage of a tax deduction policy would be the greater amount of freedom in an individual's college choice. Instead of being economically forced to go to an Indiana College, an Indiana student could just as easily go to a college in Illinois which he might not otherwise be able to afford due to the loss of state scholarship money. For every ten out-of-region students that Rose-Hulman recruits only one is likely to apply, compared with one out of two Indiana students. With state scholarships as high as \$2000 a year, one need not wonder at the dissimilarity of the percentages.

Of course those families who do not have enough money to begin with can always be supported by a general welfare plan. But if the predictions of the present administration are true, then fewer families will require such a plan as tax losses are decreased and job opportunities are increased. These predictions will only come true if the administration's policies are supported on both a national and state level.

Unfortunately, the future of such policies are in grave doubt as special interests continue to remain especially interested in their own well-being.

FRANKLY SPEAKING ...by phil frank



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ROTC offers jobs

Army ROTC provides a year scholarship. Four elective credits are granted by RHIT for successful completion of the summer program. Travel, room and board are paid, as well as earning about \$525 for the six weeks. If you choose to enroll in the Advanced Program, you earn an additional \$1,000 each year.

Interested students should contact MAJ. Steve Gibson in the Military Science Department for more information.

Upon your return to campus, you may be extended an invitation to enroll in the Advanced ROTC Program. You may even be offered full-two

DSP extends thanks

We, the brothers of Delta Sigma Phi, would like to thank all members of the Rose-Hulman community for their continuing support, both moral and physical, in our quest to obtain a house.

We would especially like to thank Dr. Hulbert, Dr. Lucas, Dr. Howland, Frank Gavrilos, Lee Warner, and the IFC for their comments at the City Council meeting.

We hasten to point out that

those who criticize the fraternity system here at Rose must have stood in awe at the sight of several members from each Rose fraternity united behind Delta Sigma Phi when we presented our case to the City Council.

Once again, we thank everyone for their assistance. It is our sincere hope that our future actions will warrant the support you have shown us.

The Men of Delta Sigma Phi

Page 5

EE heads Major disasters

by Sparky Braker

In the next few issues, Page 5 will be running an expose' on some of the idiosyncrasies and problems associated with the various departments of the institution.

It is not the intention of the writers to arrive at a comprehensive critique of the departments, but instead to get in some cheap shots and make them mad. Our first glimpse will begin with the Electrical Engineering department.

The E.E. Department's financial situation is in Dyer straits. Much of the late model equipment has only single digit serial numbers, while the older stuff is marked in hieroglyphics.

Especially revealing is the label appearing on the 503 oscilloscopes claiming the devices were manufactured in the "New World." Wind-up signal generators and steam powered voltmeters are still used in many introductory E.E. courses.

Furthermore, few funds are available to keep the equipment running. In desperation, Dave Gayclimber has opened a pawn shop to collect used toasters, television sets and Popal's Pocket Fishermen's. Surprisingly, Gayclimber's shop actually turned a profit last quarter, the proceeds of which will go toward fixing the Marconi II R.F. generator.

Thanks to money made available recently, the E.E. department has been able to buy such advanced equipment as a complete set of light bulbs, six extension cords, the motors off of three Waring blenders, and one hundred knife switches.

In the analog field the department recently purchased a dipole antenna, two speakers from a transistor radio, a 9-volt trickle power supply, assorted slide rules and five 10-ampere light emitting wires. Additions in digital included thirty latching relays (sealed), five hundred

non-reusable LEDs (flash-bulbs), an abacus, three hundred toggle switches, a digital sundial, and a Terre Haute stop-light.

In response to such a dismal outlook, the E.E. faculty has taken it upon themselves to tighten the purse strings and, in addition, raise the needed money. Department Head Buster Brown has arranged for a square dance/hayride. Dr. Voltmeter is moonlighting as the

host of the popular kids show "Dr. Voltmeter's Neighborhood," while Jack H. Derriere works on the side as a P.R. man for a slide rule company augmented by gains from speculative buying in lab notebooks.

In addition, Ted Rubles is renting himself out as a translator for Dr. Sues's math classes and Dr. Winston is having a paper drive in his office.

On the album front

A.J. Fossett

"Face Dances" is the first album by the Who, under their new Warner Brothers contract, since the enormously successful "Who Are You."

In the meantime, the band has gone through enough periods of triumph and tragedy to tear any band apart. But the Who are not just any band. The tragic death of drummer Keith Moon, the driving force behind their blitzkrieg music, knocked them for a pretty hefty loop. But they simply reconnoitered, enlisted Kenny Jones to take Moon's place, and promptly went on tour.

As if that weren't enough, though, then came the even more tragic concert in Cincinnati where eleven fans were trampled to death in a mad rush to hear the Who's music. In short, things were not going their way.

In light of all this, to turn out a quality album like "Face Dances" is a small miracle. Through all their trials, the Who has maintained an unwavering dedication to their particular style of music, all-out. "Face Dances" does not disappoint in this respect.

Compared to the master-craftsmanship he exhibited on his solo album "Empty Glass," Peter Townshend: the chief pen for the Who, chose a rougher, less refined sound, exemplified in such songs as "Cache Cache" and "Daily Records." Townshend's gem this time around is the single from the album, "You better you bet."

Some of the songs are a bit uneven musically, but this has never really been a strong suit of the Who: rather, they choose to concentrate on juicing the songs up with plenty of enthusiasm. In addition, the lyrics are very sharp, too.

Rogert Daltrey's singing is certainly no slack, and Jones is keeping up the tradition of his predecessor Moon. The strongest musical performance is by the ever-limber John Entwistle and his amazing bass guitar.

In reality, the whole album — not just Entwistle's bass — is amazing. They've been at the grind for seventeen years now, and they have even more fire and brimstone than they did when they started. Now that's amazing.

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Junior Civil Tom Kouris displays his pitching form in Rose-Hulman's recent game against Indiana Central. The Engineers took a tough 2-0 loss. The baseball team takes on Earlham tomorrow at Art Neh Field. Photo by Rick Anderson.

Rose-Hulman leads race for ALL Sports Trophy

by Kim Borgman
Staff Reporter

After the winter sport of basketball, Rose-Hulman is leading in the CAC all-sports race after taking second last year with a total of 87½ points.

Rose tied for second place in basketball with Centre, two games behind first place Southwestern.

Rose-Hulman has not taken a first place in any of the four sports so far. However, they have made a strong showing in all sports, finishing second three times. If they continue this showing through the spring sports they will capture the Railroad Bell which is given to the winner.

The remaining sports are baseball, golf, track, and tennis. Rose will probably win track, and good showing elsewhere will help them wrap up the trophy currently helped by Sewanee. Illinois College, being new to the conference, is not eligible for the trophy until next year.

Wrestling does not count

toward the trophy, nor does other colleges in the conference swimming, which most of the have.

C.A.C. ALL SPORTS POINTS

Team	FB	BB	SC	CC	Total
Rose-Hulman	25	22.5	15	25	87.5
Southwestern	15	30	25	10	80
Sewanee	20	10	30	20	80
Centre	30	22.5	10	15	77.5
Principia	5	5	20	30	60
Illinois College	10	15	-	-	25

Baseball team downs Franklin

The Rose-Hulman baseball team notched its first win of the season last Sunday, pounding Franklin College 15-4, in the second game of a doubleheader at Franklin.

Steve Nowak led the Engineers in hitting with a grand slam home run in the first inning, a single, and five runs batted in. John Brabender added a two-run homer and a single. Keith Oehlman hit a solo homer, and Andy Meyer, Tony Radecki, and Butch Busard all had base hits for the victors.

Starting pitcher Kent Cutler threw to only thirteen batters in collecting the win as the game was called after three innings due to cold weather.

In the first game, Nowak also had the hot bat, cracking two solo home runs and a single. Steve Hill added a two-run blast in the first inning, which scored Meyer, who had walked. This, however, was the extent of the Engineer scoring, and Rose lost the game 5-4.

Jim Thornton took a complete game loss, pitching six innings

and giving up eight hits and all five runs (four earned), walking two, and striking out four.

The doubleheader at Franklin followed a dismal showing by Rose at home against Indiana Central University last Saturday. Rose lost both ends of the doubleheader by scores of 12-0 and 6-0.

Tom Kouris took the opening game loss, allowing nine hits, eight runs (five earned), while walking three and fanning one in

four innings of work.

Mark Kaiser, giving maybe the best Engineer pitching performance of the day, lost the second game. Kaiser pitched five innings, giving up only three hits. He allowed five runs (only one of which was earned), and struck out three batters before being relieved by Steve Hill.

The Engineers play two games against Earlham tomorrow at Art Nehf Field, with the first game starting at 1:00 p.m.

Track team victorious

by Rob Schmidlin
Sports Reporter

In the NCAA Division III Midwest Indoor Invitational track meet held here last Saturday, the Rose-Hulman Engineers placed well in almost all of the events.

The Engineers successfully defended their 1980 championship by defeating Albion by a score of 89-83. Wabash finished 3rd with 47 points, DePauw with 16 points

finished 4th and Kenyon finished 5th with 3 points.

Sophomore John Smith broke the school indoor record in the 880 Yd. Run by almost a second with a time of 1:58.14 giving him first place in the race. Jay Cassady was one of two double winners for Rose. Cassady took first in the Long Jump with a jump of 21' 5¾" and placed first in the Triple Jump with an impressive jump of 44' 4½". Tony Lenox took firsts in the 440 Yd. Dash (51.62) and in the 300 Yd. Dash (32.67).

Other Rose finishers were John Singleton first in the Shot Put (50' 7¾"), Al Fiscus (43' ¾"), fourth in the Shot. In the High Jump Zike (6'4") took second, in the Pole Vault Novacek (13'6") was second, Mike O'Brien (4:21) took third in the Mile, in the 60 Yd. HH Cassady (7.88) finished second, in the Triple Jump Czerner (42'6") was second.

Rex Phillips (52.38) was second in the 440, in the 1000 Yd. Run Whitaker (2:22.31) was second. The Rose Mile Relay team finished second to Albion (3:32.60) with a time of 3:33.23.

Two outstanding awards were presented during the course of the meet. The Dennis Dierckman Award, an award given annually to a Rose-Hulman alumnus who had made significant contributions to the track and field program during his years as a student at the institute, was awarded to Irv Keeler, Class of 1942.

The Paul Turk Award was presented to Jim Crafton, head football and track and field coach at Principia College from 1958-1980. The Paul Turk Award is for outstanding contributions to the sport of track and field.

Rose-Hulman's first outdoor meet of the year will be a dual meet with arch-rival Wabash on Tuesday March 31, 1980. B.T.H.O.O.W.!!!



Senior Civil Dave Boedt shows his concentration and powerful serve in a tennis match against an opponent from St. Joseph's college. The Rose-Hulman tennis team defeated the Pumas soundly, shutting them out 9-0. Photo by Rick Anderson.

Tennis team shows power

by Bill Browning
Staff Reporter

The Rose tennis team opened its spring season over the weekend with flying colors. Having returned from a very productive spring practice trip, the Engineers wasted no time in disposing of St. Joseph's College by a score of 9-0.

Freshman stars Cary Stokes (No. 1) and Brian Ramey (No. 4) won their singles matches 6-1, 6-0, and 6-1, 6-4, respectively. They then teamed up to win their No. 1 doubles match 6-0, 6-1.

Number two player Greg Hulbert and number six player

Bill Salomon, both sophomores, beat their opponents 6-0, 6-1 and 6-3, 6-2.

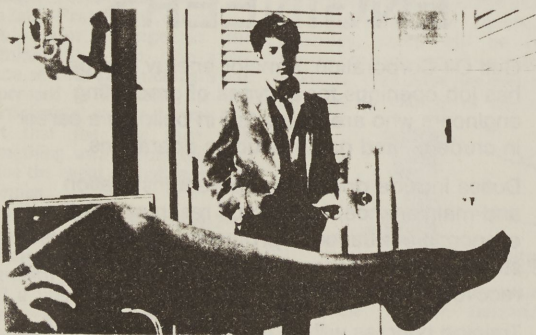
Upperclassmen Keith Hightower and Dave Boedt each demolished their foes before teaming up with their sophomore counterparts to win 6-0, 6-0 and 6-0, 6-1.

Coach Lindner felt that Saturday's match was a good warm-up and helped get the team into a groove that will hopefully last throughout the season.

The Engineers play at 3:00 at Wabash today, before returning home Saturday to play Marian College at 11:00 a.m.

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During every campaign candidates emphasize their own personal opinions and views. I do not believe that this is important; the president of the S.G.A. should represent the views of the student body and not his own. For this reason I will, during my term, attempt to establish a line of communication between the student body and myself.

This will be a two way communication. Not only will I open a channel for the views of the students to be heard but I shall provide information about the proceedings of the S.G.A. and its officers.

In an effort to accomplish these goals I will not only provide a suggestion box in the S.G.A. office but I will also post and keep regular office hours as would any other staff member of Rose-Hulman. To keep you informed of my actions, The Thorn will periodically print short articles covering my official duties as the S.G.A. president.

I feel that I can achieve these goals effectively because of my previous work with both of these organizations has provided me with a working knowledge of student affairs at Rose-Hulman.

As an experienced columnist for The Thorn I can easily and clearly convey any pertinent information. To fulfill these obligations I would appreciate your vote today. But regardless of your choice, please vote.

Curt Bilby

I am a junior mechanical engineer from Sheridan, Indiana, and running for SGA president in hope of having a chance to better Rose-Hulman and myself. I am self confident enough to say I have the initiative to do a good job as president of the student body.

My main concern as president would be to improve student participation in campus activities, and initiate a few to spark interest where needed. I believe involvement in organizations and activities at Rose-Hulman help make our graduates some of the most sought after men in their field, and I'll do my best to support this idea.

Another area that I believe must become more active is the president-appointed committees. These committees play an important role on campus, and they should meet on a regular basis.

Better communication between the administration and the student body is another goal I have set if elected. I think the SGA president is the main mode of communication between students and administration.

Administration needs input before they can act to make improvements, and I feel it is the president's responsibility to convey these needs. This means the president must be available and have an open mind, which I think I can do.

I am not going to make needless promises, but just say I will put forth an honest effort to do the best job I can. Thank you for your consideration.

RHA sets lineup of movies for Spring term

by Douglas Gindlach
Staff Reporter

The Residence Hall Association is pleased to announce its spring film series. In the remaining seven weeks of this school year, over eight films will be shown.

However, there will also be some true movie classics shown as *The Graduate* and *2001: A Space Odyssey* come to Rose.

Admission to the films shown in B-119 is \$0.75 for on-campus residents and \$1.00 for off-campus. The only exceptions will be the free All-Night Movies shown in the *WORK*, and *The Graduate* and *Meatballs*, which will both be shown in B-119, but without charge. American Express is providing the two films at no charge to the RHA.

March 27	<i>The Graduate</i>
April 3	<i>Meatballs</i>
April 5	<i>Groove Tube</i>
April 12	<i>The Inlows</i>
May 3	<i>2001: A Space Odyssey</i>
May 9	<i>All Night Comedy: Silent Movie High Anxiety Producers More TBA</i>

for Vice-President

Steve Shuman

Responsibility is not new to me. I am currently a Sophomore Advisor and Co-Editor of the *Modulus*. I feel that I can apply what I have learned in both of these positions and the enthusiasm I have gained to the job of SGA Vice-President.

I have found the best type of person to be one that will listen more than he talks. As a listener I can be more aware of the needs of the student body. Then I can, with some help, try to make the situation more agreeable to both of the involved parties.

At the present I feel that there are a few areas that need some attention given to them. The first is the recent acts of vandalism that have occurred on the second floor of Crapo Hall. This situation not only offers a bad first impression to both visitors and prospective freshmen, but gives the school a bad image.

Another area that could use some improvement, is the present phone system. It is now only adequate for on-campus and local calls, but it is unable to be adapted into a long distance direct-dial system for the students use. I would like to see an improved system installed with the addition of phones in individual rooms.

I feel that my best qualifications are my willingness to put forth the time and effort that will be required by the position and my past experiences as an SA, Co-Editor of the *Modulus*, and Thorn photographer.

For these reasons I feel that I would make the best choice as Student Government Vice-President.

Chet Crow

Generally speaking, the student body at Rose is not content with the current status of the Institute. Of all that besieges Rose, one plaque is the root to this discontent. That is the current breakdown in the communication between the students and the faculty and the Board of Managers.

If the student voice were better known to the faculty and the Board, many of the "common grievances" of the Rose student body could be alleviated. Theoretically, any "grievance" should be brought to the attention of the Student Congress through its representatives.

Whether out of lack of concern or in belief in the representative power of the Congress, many dismiss S.G.A. as just a figurehead or resume builder. I intend to alter this situation by persevering two avenues as Vice President of S.G.A.

The first is the enhancement of the student-representative relation. I would venture to say that the majority of the campus has but a vague idea who their representative is and/or how to contact him. Why is this? As presiding officer of the Congress the Vice-President must motivate the representative to go to the students themselves to reestablish a working student-representative relationship.

The second avenue is the presentation and the backing of student demands to the powers-that-be. Dr. Hulbert, the faculty and the Board of Managers earnestly desire to know exactly what the student body would like seen done.

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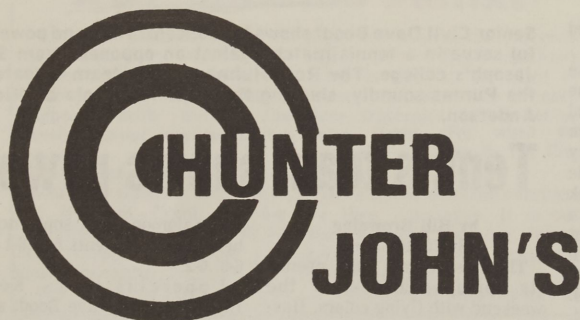
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