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Return policy redone

by Ed Haswell

A sadly depleted bank account, worth only a fraction of its original value, is a common item at many college campuses. Fortunately, accounts of Rose students are able to retain some vestige of their former grandeur and glory. Hardbound textbooks, the cause of such widespread financial decimation, are always discounted 10% at the Rose-Hulman bookstore.

Inflation, however, is forcing the bookstore to make a few changes in its return policy. The biggest change is in the time period allotted for returns. Instead of three weeks, as in previous years, two weeks are allowed to elapse before the book passes from "new" to "used" status.

After two weeks from time of purchase, a book is no longer returnable, even if it's never been opened.

During the return period, a book may be returned by taking it and the original sales slip to the bookstore. A student wishing to return a book should wait near the exit until a cashier can examine the book and issue a slip. The slip should then be taken to the manager or the assistant manager, who will request the reason for the return.



Unsatisfactory reasons are those such as, "I found a used book," "I'm sharing a book with _____," or "The professor said we didn't need this book."

Unless you are sure of the books required for the course, the bookstore recommends that you go to class first, thus avoiding buying wrong or unnecessary books. The bookstore does make an occasional mistake on the shelf cards, so it's best to know which books you need.

They also suggest you settle any possibilities of sharing a book or finding a used book before buying books at the bookstore, to avoid return problems completely.

Board members to visit

by John Sparks

In an effort to show members of Rose-Hulman's Board of Managers the strengths and weaknesses of the institution, each member has been invited to visit the campus during the present academic year.

An August 7, 1979, letter from Dr. Hulbert to the Board members requested each member to reserve a date for residence on the campus, preferably three consecutive days and a Tuesday through Thursday.

During that time the Board members will be able to discover what Rose is really like by attending classes, laboratory sessions, committee meetings, faculty meetings, athletic events, Fine Arts presentations, convocations, and fraternity functions.

Board members in residence will live in the dormitories and eat with students at A/R/A.

The aim of the program is not

to impress the Board or show them everything is running smoothly, but instead to demonstrate that although Rose has excellent students, a dedicated faculty, and for the most part adequate facilities, serious problems exist.

The more apparent needs of the institution are student housing, classroom and laboratory space, additional parking space, an auditorium, and increased faculty compensation.

It is hoped that if a Board member comes on campus to live, and not to just visit for a few minutes, these needs can be made more apparent.

By attending classes in the library basement or in A-wing on a hot afternoon, the need for better classroom space will be shown.

Through chemistry, electrical engineering, and physics labs the need for better equipment will be demonstrated.

By attending lectures and interacting with the faculty the need for more adequate faculty compensation will be apparent.

And through meeting with the student body it will become clear that for he investment a student makes in Rose, the student body deserves better.

In short, the program is pointing out that dollars spent at Rose are an investment in excellence. And while Rose is not in need of a massive financial propping, if Rose is going to continue to offer the best engineering degree possible, a little monetary help can go a long way.

Dr. Calvin Dyer is coordinating the Board Member in Residence program. The first members should start arriving in October.

Hopefully students, faculty, and administration will make this program a success by meeting with Board members on an informal basis so that members will get an accurate view of conditions at Rose.

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Class Honors eligibility upped

by Bill Chappell

It is going to be more difficult to make Class Honors at Rose-Hulman from now on. In an effort to cut down on an ever-increasing Honors list, the administration has increased the requirements for eligibility.

Until this year, a student earned Class Honors if he completed a minimum of 45 credit hours with a Grade Point Average of 3.100 or more.

The minimum GPA has been increased to 3.300 this year and "probably should have been raised more," according to Dr. Jess Lucas, vice-president and dean of students.

Dr. Lucas pointed out that the old standard had been established when the All Men's Average was between 2.3 and 2.4. Last year, the All Men's Average was at 2.95. "The standard should have been incremented periodically to keep up with the rising average," explained Lucas.

We finally reached the point where the Honors list was simply too long. At the Honors Convo, we'd ask the students in the audience who'd earned Honors to stand up, and half of those present would get out of their seats.

For the 1978-1979 academic year, 409 students out of 1094, or 37%, made Class Honors. If the

new requirements had been in effect, only 287, or 26%, would have received Honors.

The breakdown for the 1978-79 academic year, class by class, reveals graduating seniors would have lost the highest number of honored class members had the new policy been in effect for them. Of the 104 seniors that actually received honors, 35 would have lost them under the new policy.

Only 25 of the freshman class would have failed to receive honors while 30 sophomores and 32 juniors would have failed to receive Class Honors under the new system.

Mailroom outlines new policies

by Eric Dansker

Rose-Hulman's mailroom and Duplicating Center, directed by Bettie Evinger, provides a range of services for Rose faculty, staff, and students.

The mailroom's main function of mail delivery is slowed considerably by lack of box numbers on incoming mail. Always include the box number when giving your address.

Students may wonder why their box numbers change each year. This is done for several reasons, among them filling empty mailboxes caused by students withdrawing from school and keeping classes together and in alphabetical order to simplify distribution of certain things. Anyone with a plan for mailbox assignment that

will reduce changes is encouraged to submit it to Evinger.

The mailroom accepts packages for mailing; it will weigh them and bill the sender the next day. They are sent by the U.S. Postal Service and not United Parcel Service. Students wishing to use UPS must work through its local office.

Flyers and other notices will be distributed, normally by the work-study student on duty. Other persons may distribute them if necessary to save time, but they must get permission from Evinger or Steve Miller (in the Business Office).

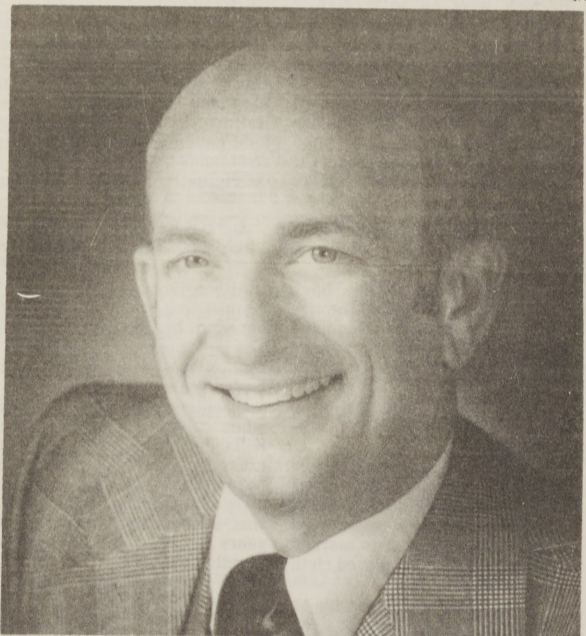
The mailroom opens at 8:05 a.m. (Saturdays 9:00 to 11:00), closes when the mail arrives and stays closed during distribution.

Effort is made to reopen by 11:00. When Evinger and work-study students are temporarily unavailable during open hours, the mailroom will be locked; during these times, Business Office staff members will distribute packages and bulk mail on request.

Unauthorized persons are not allowed in the mailroom. Students picking up mail at the window must show their student identification card; bulk mail requires their signature.

Duplicating services include ditto and mimeograph copies, transparencies, IBM copies, collating, and stapling. Prices may be obtained from the Duplicating Center.

Notary service is available from Mrs. Evinger, who is a Notary Public.



Edwin G. Leever will offer a public lecture on Christian Science at Indiana State University titled "Quit Conspiring Against Yourself!" The lecture is sponsored by the ISU Christian Science Organization and deals with the control each individual can exercise over his experiences in life. It is scheduled at 7:30 on October 11 in Room C Normal of the Tiley Memorial Union and is free of charge to anyone interested.

Rose debaters have new topic, new faces

by Dan Tompkins

Five returning upperclassmen and nine new members were welcomed to the Rose-Hulman Debate Team at their first meeting of the 1979-80 season.

Freshmen Mark Effinger, Jeff Ford, Mike Green, Russ Johnson, John Kennedy, David Slavin, Jay Wilder, and Alan Yarcusko and senior Bob Pease are the new members of the team.

Returning veterans include juniors Mark Bates, Kevin Bowen, Peter Kehoe, and Jim Renfro plus senior Dwight Dively.

The Committee on Intercollegiate Debate and Discussion has announced the official topic to be "Resolved: that the Federal government should significantly strengthen the regulation of mass media communication in the United States."

Arguments on the topic will be bounded by the policy parameter, which states: "This policy proposition calls for Federal control over television, radio, print, and/or film industries to be substantially increased."

A tentative fall schedule of tournaments has been prepared. The season will open at Butler University on October 5-6, followed by a meet at Eastern Illinois University the next weekend.

Other tournaments under consideration are Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, Ball State University, Millikin University, and Greenville College. A practice debate at Greenville is also planned.

The team meets each Tuesday at 4:30 in Room A-241. Anyone is welcome.

Drama Club completes casting

by Jeff Koechling

The Rose-Hulman Drama Club has finished casting for its fall production, "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." The play is based on the novel of the same title by Ken Kesey and takes place in a ward of a state mental hospital in the Pacific Northwest.

The cast is headed by Bill Sutton who will portray Randall P. McMurphy. Other "cuckoos" in the play will be Chief Bromden played by Tom Cornell, Dale Harding played by Jeff

Koechling, Billy Bibbit portrayed by Carleton L. Berk, Scanlon portrayed by Alan Avery, and Cheswick played by Barry W. Eppler.

Gene H. Jones will appear as Martini, another resident of the asylum. Jeff Makey will portray Ruckly, Joe Rothenberger will appear as Fredericko, Tiff Hudson will portray Sefelt, and Jeff Knieriem will appear as Colonel Matternson.

The staff of the ward is led by Nurse Ratchet, portrayed by Catherine Ley. Other Drama

Club members appearing as the staff will be Bryan Weber as Aide Warren, Bob Bogosch as Aide Williams, Cindy Krehel appearing as Nurse Flynn, and Pete Haines as Aide Turkle.

The cast will be rounded out by Randy Young as Dr. Spivey, Cindy Mead appearing as Candy Starr, and Sue Ellen Pabst in the role of Sandra.

"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" promises to be a great success for the Drama Club and all are advised to go and see it. It will be staged the week after Football Homecoming.



Lt. Col. Kenneth Bretsch



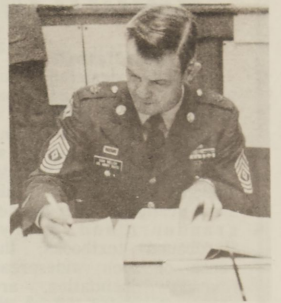
Major Stephen Gibson



Capt. David Koch



Capt. Robert Yancey



Sgt. Raymond Welch

New officers join ROTC staff

by Alan Yarcusko

The Military Science Department at Rose-Hulman has taken on a new look this year with the addition of five men to the ROTC Instructor Group. These five men comprise the top positions of leadership in the Rose-Hulman ROTC unit, which is also made up of cadets from Indiana State University, DePauw University, and St. Mary-of-the-Woods College.

Replacing Colonel Francis R. Geisel as the Professor of Military Science is Lt. Colonel Kenneth P. Bretsch, Corps of Engineers. Bretsch has nineteen years of experience in the Army. He lives in Terre Haute with his wife and two children.

Lt. Colonel Bretsch was born in Belleville, Illinois, and attended the University of Florida on a football scholarship. A civil engineering major, Bretsch went on to receive a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Oklahoma State University. In addition, he has received training in engineering from the Army's Basic and Advanced Engineer Officers' Courses.

As a commissioned officer, Lt. Colonel Bretsch has held various

positions of command in the General Staff School, the Armed Forces Staff School, and in several capacities abroad. He was commander of the Systems Activity Detachment in Germany, a company commander in Thailand, and a maintenance officer and military advisor in Vietnam.

In the United States, Lt. Colonel Bretsch was responsible for various duties at Ft. Belvoir, Ft. Knox, Ft. Bragg, and most recently at Auburn University in Alabama, where he was a ROTC Instructor.

Lt. Colonel Bretsch is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Chi Epsilon, and a life member of the Society of American Military Engineers. His awards include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, and Army Commendation with two oak-leaf clusters.

Major Gibson

Another new officer at Rose-Hulman is Major Stephen C. Gibson. Major Gibson is familiar to many freshmen at Rose-Hulman, as he is the instructor for Fundamentals of Leadership and Management.

Originally from Wausau,

Wisconsin, Major Gibson has nineteen and one-half years with the Army. He, his wife, and three boys live in the Honeycreek Square area of Terre Haute.

Major Gibson has seen action in two separate tours of duty in Vietnam. Also, he has been abroad to Germany for three years. Within the United States, Major Gibson held positions at Army bases in Missouri, Kentucky, Hawaii, Texas, Oklahoma, Massachusetts, California, Nebraska, Kansas, and Indiana.

Major Gibson's interests include fishing, hunting, bowling, and racquetball. Additionally, he is playing an active role in the annual Homecoming Bonfire sponsored by the freshmen.

Captain Koch

Another face which should be familiar to many freshmen is that of Captain David M. Koch, Assistant Professor of Military Science. Captain Koch is the instructor of Military History, a course which all freshmen are taking or will take.

Captain Koch, an officer for eight years, is married and has

two children. He is a 1971 graduate of Texas A&M with a degree in geology, and lists his hometown as Houston, Texas.

As an officer, Captain Koch's duties have taken him to Germany, Ft. Jackson, and Ft. Benning, where he served as a company commander. Captain Koch has literally "seen the world through the Army," as his travels have taken him to England, Norway, Austria, Denmark, Belgium, and France.

Captain Koch enjoys fishing, hunting, ice skiing, and water skiing. While stationed at Rose-Hulman, he intends to pursue advanced studies at Indiana State University.

Captain Yancey

Another new member of the cadre at Rose-Hulman is Captain Robert V. Yancey, an Army officer for eleven years. Originally from Champaign, Illinois, Captain Yancey lives with his wife in the Terre Haute area.

Captain Yancey's former bases include Vietnam and Korea abroad, and Ft. Lewis in the United States. Most recently, he graduated last August summa cum laude from St. Martin's

College with a degree in management and economics.

As an Assistant PMS, Captain Yancey instructs cadets at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College. In addition to his Army duties there, he is the coach of St. Mary's volleyball team, a job which he describes as "interesting, to say the least."

Sgt. Welch

Also new at Rose-Hulman as Chief Instructor is Sergeant Major Raymond E. Welch, of Pelham, Georgia. Welch and his family live in the Terre Haute area.

Sergeant Major Welch is notable in that he has risen to highest rank attainable for a non-commissioned officer, outside of principal advisor to the Army Chief-of-Staff.

Although his different tours of duty are described as "too numerous to list," SGM Welch reports having seen action in Korea and Vietnam, in addition to periods of time in Germany, Italy, and Japan.

Sergeant Major Welch lists his hobbies as fishing, hunting, and racquetball. His main hobby, however, is reported as his wife and four children.

Orienteers seek participants

The runner pushes back tangled vines and crawls through the dense undergrowth. Stopping briefly, he glances at a compass and map, then bolts into the foliage.

The runner is participating in the "Thinking sport" — orienteering.

Orienteering involves cross-country navigation over unfamiliar terrain. Runners attempt to find their way around a pre-set course that is marked intermittently with colored cloth flags.

The orienteer chooses his or her own route between the markers and navigates along the route.

"It's fun. Orienteering sounds boring, but it's not a compass game. It's a challenge against yourself to find your way," says Galen Kannarr, a Rose-Hulman junior.

Kannarr belongs to the three-year old Rose-Hulman Orienteering Club which has 25 members, ten of whom are nationally ranked in orienteering competition.

Although orienteering can be a competitive sport, it does not have to be. Kannarr stressed that orienteering is a recreational activity which can be done on an individual basis.

Orienteering began in 1918, when Scout Leader Ernst Killander attempted to spice up cross country races. It soon became the national sport of Sweden. Although orienteering was introduced in America 33 years ago, the sport did not grow rapidly until 1970.

"If you do it once you may become hooked. It's a good way to get to know an unfamiliar area. I usually get more keyed-up after a meet!" Kannarr said.

While many sports require extended conditioning and training before participation, orienteering is learned by actual participation.

"The best way to acquire skills in orienteering is by doing it," Kannarr added. "Unlike most sports, orienteering does not require expensive equipment. Appropriate shoes and jeans are absolute essentials; the compass

and map are often provided at the course.

Kannarr hopes that the low cost and "learning by doing" factors will attract Terre Haute area residents to a regional meet Oct. 7 in the Owen-Putnam State Forest, south of Cataract.

"It is open to anyone, and the map and compass will be provided by participants," Kannarr said, he urged interested persons to contact him for more information at 877-9981.

The Owen-Putnam meet will be classified as "Class B," meaning that it is a regional meet recognized by the United States Orienteering Federation. Orienteers can choose their own course from five different courses classified by color. White is the easiest and blue the most difficult. Also, the orienteer can choose his own level of competition ranging from the highest (A) to lowest (C).

Whether a person enters orienteering as a competitor or on a recreational basis, each person can experience success. Kannarr explained that locating a marker is a very good feeling after being lost for an hour.

SAB needs participation

The Student Activities Board needs more student input. We try to bring top-quality acts to the Rose-Hulman campus using your activities fees, and we would like to know what you wish to see for the '79 - '80 school year. Feel free to attend any

or all of our meetings (every Monday at 4:30 in the Worx); or contact any of the officers listed below. Remember — we need a wide cross-section of student interest, including Fraternity members, off-campus students, and students in the residence halls.

1979-1980 SAB Officers

- Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Coffee houses
- Convocations
- Concerts
- Mini Programs
- Advisors

- Jerry Fish Box 972
- John McHugh
- Bob Luoma
- Kendall Smith
- Steve Kennedy
- Dave James
- George Tackett
- Pete and Donna Gustafson

Thank you for your assistance.
Jerry Fish
SAB Chairman

SGA Headliners

by Don Umpleby

As the 1979-80 school year gets underway, the Student Government Association (S.G.A.) has begun to organize itself for another year of service to the Rose-Hulman student body.

Elections for Student Congress Representatives will take place

on Friday, October 5, 1979. Petitions are now available in the S.G.A. office and are due by noon, Wednesday, October 3, 1979.

The key to a successful student government is participation from a wide cross-section of students. Student Congress is a very important part of the S.G.A., since every cent that the S.G.A. spends must first be approved by Student Congress. The Campus Congress is made up of representatives from every dorm and fraternity house; there are even "off campus" representatives.

Now is your chance to get involved! If you would like to have a place to express your ideas to help improve the quality of student life at Rose-Hulman, run for the Student Congress.

There are still a number of S.G.A. refrigerators left! Anyone who would like to rent a refrigerator should contact Bob Pease through Box 1078. The cost is \$30/quarter, plus a \$10 deposit. The remaining refrigerators will be rented on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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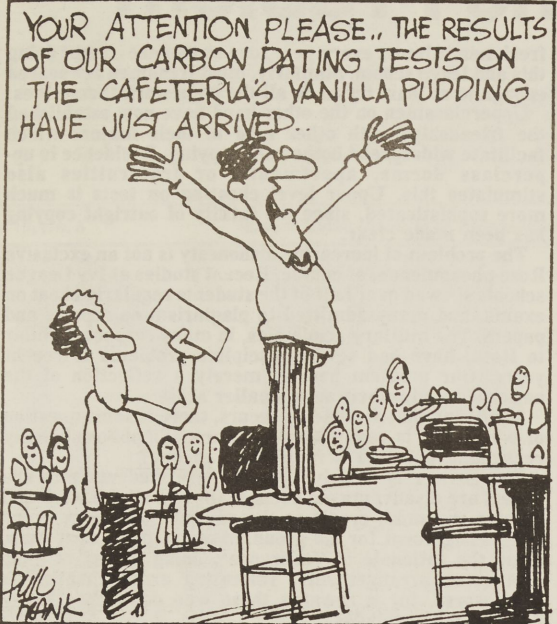
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FRANKLY SPEAKING ...by phil frank



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Soccer starts 0-2

by Paul Curtin

The Rose-Hulman soccer team began regular season play last weekend, but came away with little more than experience, as they bowed to both teams they encountered.

The team traveled to Greenville on Saturday to take on Greenville College. The Greenville team was composed of skilled and experienced players, and they took advantage of their superiority to keep the ball in the Rose half of the field much of the first period.

Rose got on the scoreboard first, however, when Blair Hughes chipped a shot over the Greenville keeper's head only 5:20 into the game.

Constant pressure was applied by Greenville following this goal, and just minutes later the score was tied when Phillips punched one in for Greenville.

Although Greenville was constantly threatening, they were unable to break through again until the very end of the half, due to the fine play of goalie Ray Farmer.

Just three seconds before halftime Rose was assessed a

questionable penalty kick, and the resulting score put Greenville up by one.

It was all downhill in the second half for Rose, as a tiring defense gave up three more Greenville goals.

The final score of 5-1 was also predictable from the shots on goal, with Greenville leading in this category 29-7.

On Sunday the Rose kickers journeyed to St. Louis to encounter a very physical team from Maryville College. Again this team was able to keep the ball in the Rose end of the field, and Maryville scored a goal midway through the first half to take the lead.

This 1-0 lead held up until halftime, but in the second half the effects of this physical game and that of the day before caught up with Rose, making the final 6-0.

The team was disappointed that it could not make the games closer, but it was not expected to beat either of these fine teams. The experience gained will prove valuable in next week's match with a very good Depauw team.

Wabash downs Rose 21-7

Rose-Hulman's football team lost its third straight game, dropping a 21-7 decision to Wabash last Saturday. The defeat followed consecutive losses to Olivet College and DePauw.

Wabash raised its season record to 2-1 while Rose fell to 0-3.

Despite the loss, Rose followers have some reason for optimism. The Rose defense managed to close down the potent Little Giant attack in the second half, and despite the score, coach Joe Touchton saw some signs of life from his stagnant offense.

After Rose's second possession of the game, Wabash's Tony Weber returned a punt to his own 49, and the Little Giants went to work.

Led by quarterback Dave Broecker and tailback Daryl Johnson, Wabash mounted an 11-play scoring drive. Johnson tallied the game's first score on a 1-yd. run with 4:22 remaining in the first stanza.

After another Rose punt to the Wabash 47, Broecker ran through the middle of the Engineer defense for a quick touchdown. Toni Barrick, one of the top placekickers in Division III, added his second conversion to make it 14-0.

The second quarter was very

quiet offensively, as both teams traded punts. For the game, Rose punted ten times and Wabash was forced to kick on seven occasions.

After the intermission, Rose still could generate no offense. After being trapped deep in their own territory, the Engineers had to punt, and Wabash started with excellent field position at their own 46.

Wabash then mounted an eight play scoring drive, with Johnson carrying on six of the plays. The key play was a 32-yard pass from Broecker to Mick Martin, and Johnson ran it in from the five. The Little Giants thus led 21-0 going into the final quarter.

Rose finally got a break at the start of the quarter when Ed Wheeler forced a Broecker fumble. Defensive star Marty Schramm fell on the ball at the Wabash 33.

Two plays later, Rose quarterback Dan Haas got the Engineers on the board as he hit a 34-yard pass to junior Jim Enloe. Greg Peak kicked the point with 13:22 left.

Rose mounted two more threats during the rest of the game, while the defense held Wabash to small gains. The Engineers mounted a 15 play drive midway through the fourth quarter, only to have it end with a Tom Weber interception at the

Wabash 30.

As the clock wound down, senior receiver Mark Kaufman caught back-to-back passes of 37 and 16 yards, which brought the ball to the hosts 21. Three incomplete passes followed before time expired.

Rose as usual was hampered by a lack of offense. The Engineers managed only 65 yards on the ground in 44 attempts, for a paltry 1.48 yards per carry. Wabash in contrast averaged 3.58 yards per run, and racked up a total of 197 yards.

The pass attack was even less effective, with only six completions in 27 attempts, plus two interceptions. Wabash completed 67% of its passes compared to only 22% for Rose.

Unfortunately for the gridgers, the schedule doesn't get any easier. They must take on undefeated Hanover, who walloped Taylor 26-0 on Saturday.

Coach Joe Touchton says "Hanover has great talent and great speed. Overall, they'll be the best team we play this year."

The game will take place tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 at Phil Brown Field.

Golf team to host meet

by Paul Curtin

The Rose-Hulman golf team will make its 1979 debut this Saturday in the Rose-Hulman Invitational to be held at the Hulman Links.

Other teams competing in the meet include Marian, Vincennes, Wabash, Evansville, and Blackburn. Rose will field two teams in the tournament, each team being composed of four golfers.

The tournament begins at noon, and is really three events in one. There will be an 18-hole medal play event for the top individual scorers, an 18-hole two-man low-ball tourney, and a team low-ball championship.

The top five players for Rose so far have been Terry LaGrange, Tom Chorba, Ron Knecht, Doug Shull, and Chris Lindhjem. Four of these five will make up the first team.

Student Congress ELECTIONS
Friday, October 5
Petitions now available in SGA office

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Discipline: The Problem

Every student or professor who grades homework problems at Rose knows he needn't examine every paper individually. All one needs to do is divide the papers into stacks by fraternity or residence hall, grade the top paper in each stack, and put the same score on all the papers beneath it. After a few trials, which papers go in which stack will become obvious, and grading is easy. In general, there are only about ten papers out of thirty which must be scored individually.

This development serves to illustrate the growing problem of academic discipline at Rose. Standards for honesty are gradually slipping, and students are inevitably learning less and cheating more. Over the next three weeks, this problem and its manifestations will be examined.

The hardest problem in dealing with discipline is merely defining what is cheating and what isn't. Few students, and from their actions, few instructors, seem to regard copying homework as cheating. Yet, from an objective standpoint, cheating is using anyone else's work and calling it your own. There is a fine line in practice between "cooperating" and "cheating," but in theory they are easily separated. Consulting a roommate or asking for help is fine, but the common practice of "xeroxing" — outright copying of another's work — can hardly be considered ethical. Of course, stealing answers or using notes on a closed-book examination would be universally considered as dishonest.

Some may question whether cheating is a problem at Rose. Certainly, we have far fewer problems than most schools. Still, copying homework is an almost universal practice; one would be hard pressed to find fifty upperclassmen who haven't done it. For most students, it is the norm rather than the exception.

Cheating on exams is undoubtedly on the rise, too. Outright copying is still quite rare, it seems, but surreptitious notes written on hands, books, or calculators are common. In courses with open-book exams, this procedure is of course irrelevant, but it offers a substantial advantage in a course with several complex equations which must be memorized.

In analyzing the extent of the cheating problem, a distinction between two types of cheating seems valuable. The classical high school-type of conversing and stealing answers during tests is the almost exclusive domain of

freshmen. Almost every year, one or two are caught doing this and leave school. Similarly, most freshmen are scared enough to at least try to do all the homework themselves.

Upperclassmen on the other hand have now established the friendships with other men in their majors which facilitate widespread homework copying. Residence in upperclass dorms, apartments, or fraternities also stimulates this. Upper level cheating on tests is much more sophisticated, since the futility of outright copying has been made clear.

The problem of increasing dishonesty is not an exclusive Rose phenomenon, of course. Recent studies at Ivy League schools showed over half of the students regularly cheat on exams, and many admitted to plagiarism on reports and papers. The military academies, in many respects similar to Rose, have had severe discipline problems in recent years. Our problem here is merely a reflection of the national trend, albeit on a smaller scale.

Admitting that dishonesty occurs, there is some question of whether it is really harmful. Sure, it's philosophically repugnant, but does it really hurt anyone?

The answer is clearly "yes." Those students who are honest are disadvantaged because they do all the work and receive the same credit as the guy who only does every third assignment for his group. Many of the honest ones, using the rationale of "everyone's doing it," start their own xerox arrangements. Tolerating exam cheating is even worse, for it rewards those who don't necessarily deserve the accolades.

Worst of all, accepting dishonesty really hurts the cheater himself. He obviously won't learn the material as well, and thus his progress once he's on the job will be hampered. Even more troubling is the attitude which is developed: personal responsibility and honesty are downgraded, and the inevitable outgrowth of the beliefs which take their place is more corruption in the outside world.

It would be easy to dismiss this problem as an outgrowth of society in general — something we are helpless to deal with. However, much of the responsibility lies with our policies and institutions, and not with the outside world. These will be considered next week.

Dishonesty is a problem we must face. It's not pretty, but it's here, it's growing, and it's hurting. Ignoring it won't make it go away.

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How to make a mint

by Eric Blair

Once upon a time, in the land of Hulman, there was enrolled one Giuseppe Zigoganzburger. Now Zigo was not like his comrades-in-homework, for as his senior year dawned, he did not look with longing towards job interviews.

No, Zigo did not crave plant trips or three-piece suits, nor even that most desired of privileges, standing in line outside the Tumbledown Administration Building at 3:00 a.m. to sign up for interviews.

Zigo was not even a member of that absurd group who desired to go to graduate school and prolong the agony of education. He professed to want only to relax and do nothing.

As recruiters flooded the campus, Zigo walked serenely by. He did not fight to see the latest posting of interviews, nor did he drool over DuPont, G.E., or Caterpillar.

As time passed, the administration became concerned. The Placement Czar called Zigo to his cubicle and enquired about his intentions.

Zigo replied that he might actually be interested in working, but he was still looking for the right job. He just didn't want to take the time to find it.

And so the Placement Czar scheduled him for interviews with companies from across the width and breadth of the land.

Zigo didn't go. He remained uninterested. All the while, the end of the year approached.

In desperation, the Czar went to see Beaugard Sam, the all-knowing Czar of Czars.

Gadzooks and Goody-Gumdrops, the Czar cried, "our 100% placement is threatened! Should we fail, the floodgates will open, and the Red Army may invade our beaches! What shall we do, what shall we do?"

The Czar of Czars thought and thought. They discussed hiring Zigo as a janitor, but they already had too many of those. They thought of making him a grad student, but who needed them?

At last, Beaugard hit upon an idea. "Every man has his price! Buy off the companies; tell them they needn't donate to the Master Plan if they hire Zigo for whatever he asks!"

And so, Zigo was surrounded by men from General Motors, Ford, Chrysler (no, scratch that: Chrysler can't afford anything), Rockwell, IBM and the Moo-Wa Lounge, all offering the world. Zigo said he wasn't interested in the world, but would settle for \$100,000 per year, two Rolls-Royces, a house in Malibu, and a lifetime pass to the Golden Touch.

After he signed his contract, he smiled and said: "Well, it worked, didn't it?"

The following letter has been submitted to the THORN for the purpose of informing students of one opinion. It does not necessarily reflect the opinion of this paper. Replies are welcomed.

If abortion were another name for a rose it would smell sweet, look nice, and except for a few thorns be a very pleasant and beautiful flower. But abortion isn't another name for a rose: it is another name for murder, and murder by any other name would smell as foul.

BUT YOU ASK ME HOW I can consider abortion to be murder when a preponderance of U. S. Supreme Court justices seem to think that abortion is not even a punishable offense. For one to realize that abortion is murder, one must look at the definition, something which I think the Supreme Court justices neglected to do.

The definition of murder as given by a majority of English language dictionaries is as follows: the unlawful and premeditated killing of one human being by another. For abortion to be considered murder it would have to fit the definition and therefore: 1) be premeditated; 2) involve a killing; 3) be committed by a human being; 4) be an action against a human being; and 5) be unlawful.

First, except in the case of a miscarriage, which is sometimes referred to as an abortion, all abortions are premeditated. A woman doesn't just accidentally walk into a hospital, doctor's office, or abortion clinic and consent to an abortion without first considering the consequences and alternatives.

Secondly, an abortion involves a killing. Something once living is now dead. The same thing happens, as the Pro-choicers point out, in the case of a tonsillectomy or appendectomy.

Thirdly, an abortion is obviously committed and consented to by human beings, except in the case of a miscarriage. One can question whether the consent and/or the abortionist are psychologically fit to be considered human beings, but they are human beings physically nevertheless.

Fourthly, the fetus and ultimate victim is a human being, or is it? The Pro-choicers would have us believe that the fetus is merely an outgrowth of the mother; an inherent part of her. With this understanding it is logical to consider abortion correct as an exercise of every woman's right to do what she wants with her body.

But nothing can be logically concluded from a false premise. A fetus is like a tonsil or an appendix in that all three contain the same number of chromosomes as any other part of any human being, but the fetus differs from both the tonsil and the appendix in that it has different types of chromosomes than its mother.

Furthermore the fetus' blood supply is separate from that of its mother; about half the time, its gender is different from that of its mother, and its potentiality is vastly different than its mother's. It would seem, therefore, that one could logically conclude that the fetus is a separate entity in and of itself.

The fifth criteria for consideration,

however, has seemingly nullified the merit of even considering whether or not the fetus is a human being.

At this time it is not unlawful to consent to or perform an abortion. It would therefore seem that this whole line of argument is futile. Yet, whoever said that a law will stand forever, especially one interpreted by the Supreme Court? If every U. S. Supreme Court decision had stood the test of time, one could readily conclude that what the Supreme Court says is law now is law forever.

But I seem to remember a Dred Scott decision, and even more recently, a ping-pong tournament for a capital punishment decision. It also seems that the U. S. Supreme Court at this time is much more interested in social engineering (a la Integration, Busing, and Affirmative Action, than in justice, let alone entirely the interpretation of what do they call that document? — oh yes, the Constitution.

Except for abortion to save the life of the mother, which is a form of self-defense, there does not seem to be any precedent for the legalization of abortion. It would therefore seem that the U. S. Supreme Court has once again over-stepped its legal boundary and once again confused the issue to the point where the four thousand executions of United States citizens without trial each day are nonchalantly overlooked.

— David Slavin

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