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ROSE HULMAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

TERRE HAUTE, IND.

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 1976

To the Men of Rose-Hulman:

On behalf of Norma and myself I want to express our deep appreciation for the spectacular recognition which you accorded us on Saturday evening, April 24. The overall planning, the theme, and the gifts were all beyond any expectation and we are most grateful to all of you.

It has been a great personal pleasure to have been associated with Rose-Hulman during the past fourteen years. In the final analysis, it is the student body which makes Rose-Hulman and you have made us very proud to be a part of this outstanding organization. We will be looking forward with interest to your future careers with the knowledge that you are prepared to compete successfully anywhere in the world and that many of the future leaders in the engineering, business, academic and related fields will be graduates of this institution.

The Senior Class' gift of the exquisite Waterford decanter and liqueurs; the Sasieni pipe, (and PLAYBOY) from the Dormitory Council; the unusual chess set from the Chess Club; the Student Government gift of the Salty Seamon portrait, the religious philosophy from RMIHS; the highly successful effort of the Interfraternity Council in initiating the Logan Scholarships — the red and white roses and the spectacular cake were all very much appreciated.

We thank you sincerely and will look back upon the evening as one of our fondest memories.

John and Norma Logan

1976-77 Student Government Appointments

1976-77 STUDENT GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS

SGA Officers Student Activities Board
Treasurer: Dave Johnson Chairman: Paul Koch

Secretary: Jim Krogstie

Historian: Jerry Douglas

Admissions Student Advisory Board Jerry Mathews, Chairman

Ron Staroscak Tom Burtzloff
Mike Norris Gary Eck
John Rasp Mike Privette

1976-77 FACULTY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

President's Commission on Campus Planning

Kent McLaughlin Mike Barbalas

Quality of Education Committee

John Vincent Tom Burtzloff

Athletics and Recreation Committee

Mike Privette Mike Griggs

Discipline Committee

Rick Cahill Larry Lidster

Rules Committee

Chris Black Tom Burtzloff

Student Organizations Committee

Tom McGuire Mike Griggs

Computing Center Committee

Nathan Mann Paul Koch

Admissions and Standing Committee John Nelson

WRTR

The Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association will be teaching Novice theory and Morse code classes starting Thursday May 6 at 7:30 p.m. The class will be held at the Salvation Army Headquarters at 9th and Locust streets in Terre Haute. Successful completion of the course will provide the student with the knowledge needed to

acquire a FCC Novice license, the first step in becoming a "ham." The classes are free and everyone is invited to attend. This information is given courtesy of WB 9 NDA.



Fats: I tipped the scales at 180 pounds this morning.

Doctor: I think you bribed the scales."



Rosie's Revenge Competes in Canoe Race. Photo by Keck.

Scabbard & Blade Initiates

Fifteen students, seven members of the faculty and staff and Terre Haute industrialist Anton Hulman, Jr., were initiated into a local chapter of Scabbard and Blade, an honorary for cadet military officers on the nation's college campuses, during ceremonies at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology over the weekend.

Chartered as D Company, 18th Regiment, the local Scabbard and Blade chapter serves the local colleges.

Purpose of the organization is "to unite in closer relationship the military departments of American universities and colleges; to preserve and develop the essential qualities of good and efficient officers; to prepare ourselves as educated men and women to take a more active part and to have a great influence in the military affairs of the communities in which we may reside; and above all to spread intelligent information concern-

ing the military requirements of our country."

Charter initiates of the local chapter are Robert D. Carter, Robert E. Copus, Michael B. DeZearn, David Erlandson, Robert E. Hallagan, David W. Lewis, Dennis Liechty, Carl Monkhouse, Kurt Peppel, John F. Schlott, Keith A. Stelzer, Lucius A. Taylor, Phillip Trueblood, Michael R. Walters and Donald S. Zona.

Sandy: Say, when is Annie McTavish goin' to let you marry her?

Andy: It's very uncertain. Some fool gave her a big box of paper with her name printed on it for Christmas. She won't get married until it is used up - and she writes very few letters on account of the postage.

"Make up your mind. What are you waiting for?"

"I'm waiting for a brainy day."

ASCE Competes

On Saturday, April 24, six members of the Rose-Hulman Chapter of the A.S.C.E. left Terre Haute at 5:30 A.M. to attend the University of Illinois', A.S.C.E. Invitational Concrete Canoe Race. "Rosie's Revenge," so named by designer Dennis Basile, finished with an unbelievable time of 6 min. 50.1 sec., some 2.5 min. from its nearest competitor. Many comments were received on the unique design and paint job of the Rose Canoe. Although Rose made an outstanding showing at U. of I's race, plans to attend further races seem dim, with school rapidly approaching an end.

The following people made up the Rose Concrete Canoe Racing Team: Dennis Basile, Designer; Jeff Mueller, Recorder; Ron Horner, Canoist; Ricard Barkland, Canoist; Roy Wehrmeister, Pit Crew; and Steve Hess, Pit Crew. These people should be commended for their tremendous effort.

Larry Keen & Company Appear in Mind Garden



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... AND THIS ONE WAS A GIFT FROM ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL AND THAT ONE WAS FOR A JUNKET TO ...

TOPS OF THE POPS IN JAPAN

(CPS) — One song moving rapidly up the charts these days in Japan is entitled, "Swim, Mr. Taiyaki." It deals with the odyssey of a fish-shaped pancake which is filled with bean jam.

RICH YOUNGSTERS: MAKE MORE \$ OR GIVE IT AWAY

(CPS) - Ken Brown, college dropout, lives in a \$250,000 house in Scottsdale, Arizona that looks an awful lot like a Taco Bell outlet and serves as home base for a chimp, four horses, three dogs, several slot machines, Gloria Swanson's old Rolls Royce and a flock of chickens. His wife of several years recently flew the coop and his pet lion died in January, but for companionship, Brown need only dip into his ever-present briefcase to ring up a friend on his portable phone. Some people might consider Ken Brown eccentric. That is open to debate, but one thing is certain—Ken Brown is mighty rich. So rich, in fact, that this year alone he will gross a cool \$3.5 million to add to his already substantial fortune of \$2 million in net assets. Often working 20-hour days and taking few vacations, Ken Brown is certainly different but one of the most different things about him is that

he is only 31 years old—and rich. "The fear of being a failure is what drives me," Brown recently told *Money* magazine. "Money is just a way of keeping score." Brown, who made most of his fortune by selling motorcycles and organizing cycle shows, is a member of one of America's biggest growth industries: young millionaires. The number of young Americans under 35 years who put their worth in the seven-figure category jumped from 2,400 in 1962 to 14,500 in 1972—an astounding 500 percent increase according to James Smith, a Pennsylvania State University economist who studies patterns of wealth. Overall, there were 133,400 millionaires in this country in 1972, an increase of 144 percent in the previous decade.

Sociologists who study people and money say the self-made young millionaires are mostly white Protestants who jumped from the middle class, loners by disposition and greedy in outlook.

"They are the compulsive acquirers with out-sized ambitions and capacities to work," one executive recruiter told *Money*. "You have to be obsessed with money to make big money," added a Boston sociologist who also studies wealth.

Many of them made their fortunes in such modern fields as computers, electronics and land development, financial experts say, pointing out that the old way to wealth, such as starting a major heavy industry like John D. Rockefeller or Henry Ford, is all but dead. Playing the stock market is still very much alive, however.

While many of the young nouveau riche are self-starters like Brown, the son of a Chicago dentist who also dabbled in used cars, many of them have received

DECENT CHICK OF THE WEEK



ed their bucks through the lucky but time-honored method of inheritance.

The young inheritors — heirs and heiresses to fortunes with names like Rockefeller, Levi-Strauss and J.C. Penney — appear to be a different breed of fat cat than those like Brown who hail from more humble backgrounds. Their problem is not acquiring money but rather giving it away.

In San Francisco, a young band of 16 heirs has for four years operated the Vanguard Foundation, a philanthropic institution which specializes in doling out funds to groups like the Black Panthers, radical newsletters, radio stations and ethnic self-help organizations — in short, programs that are "too controversial or too risky to find funds at most other foundations," as one Vanguard member puts it.

In its first four years, the Vanguard Foundation has given away nearly \$200,000. The average grant is only \$2,000 and members of organizations who have received the grants say the foundation members question them closely about where the money is going. A Vanguard-type group called the Haymarket Foundation, started two years ago by baking heir George Pillsbury, operates from Cambridge, Mass., and rich kids in Los Angeles and Santa Fe, New Mexico have also expressed interest in forming groups similar to the Vanguard outfit, mainly as a way of dealing with the responsibility of guilt of having all that money in the first place. "I felt very uncomfortable when I first got my money," Obie Benz, heir

to a food company fortune and founder of Vanguard admitted to the *Wall Street Journal*.

Benz says rich young people all across the country are devising ways to spread around the wealth and create what they feel is a more equal society. He has been meeting for two years with about 20 other wealthy Americans between the ages of 21 and 35 who are also interested in philanthropy — albeit a different brand of philanthropy than their parents are used to. "My father's idea of charity is giving money to the Republicans," quips one Vanguard member.

The irony of trying to change society with money made in the grand robber baron tradition is not lost on these young, rich philanthropists. "It's hard to get rid of the money in a way that does more good than harm," explains a daughter of Laurance Rockefeller. "One of the ways is to subsidize people who are trying to change the system and get rid of people like us."

Getting rid of one of the world's largest fortunes has been a thorn in the sides of many of the 21 Rockefeller cousins, the great grandchildren of John D. himself. As Peter Collier and David Horowitz explain in a new book, "The Rockefellers," the cousins, who range in ideology from Marxists to spitting images of their fathers, have wrestled with the dubious honor or being a Rockefeller for several years with mixed results. The activists among them have set up their own foundations, initiated "alternative corporations" and argued about social responsibility with their more conservative leaning cousins at great length.

Poll Reveals Conservative Trend

A student opinion poll in the April 19 Thorn reveals that Rose students tend to have a conservative political outlook. Although the response to the poll was quite poor, it does provide an indication as to the political thinking of the average Rose Hulman student.

Of those responding to the Thorn poll, 14.3 per cent were registered to vote. Forty-three per cent were registered Republicans while only 14.3 per cent indicated that they were registered Democrats. This is opposite the party popularity nationally. President Gerald Ford led the Republican ticket with 60 per cent of the vote and former Georgia governor Jimmy Carter beat all the other rivals by receiving 50 per cent of the Democratic vote.

Student views on the issues are harder to decipher. The economy easily ranked as the most important issue. Thirty-three per cent of those responding to the Thorn poll ranked the economy as the most important issue. The topic of the environment and of big government rated poorly. A big surprise was the issue of honesty in government. Honesty in government ranked relatively low in importance with 33 per cent considering it to be the least important issue. However, except for the economy, no issue could be said to dominate the poll.

RESULTS

- Who would you like to see elected president in 1976?
 - Gerald Ford: 38%
 - Ronald Reagan: 23.8%
 - Jimmy Carter: 19%
 - Jerry Brown: 9.5%
 - Hubert Humphrey: 4.8%
- How would you describe your political philosophy?
 - Liberal: 20%
 - Moderate: 40%
 - Conservative: 30%
 - Very Conservative: 10%
- The U.S. should spend _____ on defense.
 - a. More: 25%
 - b. Same: 50%
 - c. Less: 25%
- To solve this nation's economic problems, the United States should.
 - a. Embark on a public works program to stimulate the economy 37%.
 - b. Balance the budget 42%.
 - c. Stimulate the economy by cutting taxes 21%.
- The most serious economic problem we face is
 - a. Inflation: 80%
 - b. Recession: 20%

1976-77 Sophomore Advisors

- Deming
 Mike Jacobs
 Rich Oljace
 Mark Fleck
 Jeff Hidlebrand
- Speed
 Bob Headrick
 Eric Thiele
 Jeff Wells
 Randy Shelley
 Bill Starr Dave Rice
- BSB
 Tom Wiltrout
 Mark Shirley
 Willard Frizzell
 Mike Warne
 Mike MacPherson
 Terry Peak
- Alternates
 Rich Priem
 Ed Malone

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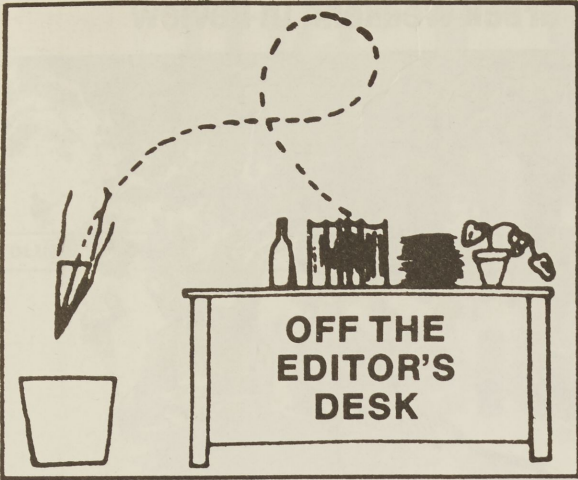
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The suave diplomat was a great story teller. On a visit to mid-Africa he related a lengthy anecdote. His interpreter turned to the natives, said only four words, and everyone laughed heartily.

"How could you tell the story so quickly?" asked the diplomat. "Story too long," replied the interpreter, "so I say, 'He tell joke. Laugh.'"

After several hours of smooth, uneventful riding, a small boy on a motor trip with his parents said to his father: I sure wish you'd let mother drive - it's a lot more exciting.



Greetings nurds, another year is almost over and I am writing my last version of 'Off the Editor's Desk'. That's right folks, yours truly is retiring from office just like Dr. John. This is not to say that I will fade from the staff altogether but my role will be one of even less prominence, than editor.

Next year the Thorn will be guided by the able hand of Bob McCarty who is serving as Associate Editor this quarter. Helping Bob with this task will be Kevin Winter and John Lasswell. Both Kevin and John are experienced journalists and their contribution to the Thorn will be of great importance. Manhandling the business will be Mark Geiger, a man who has done a great job despite some formidable handicaps outside our organization. All other staff positions are open to interested and able volunteers and I am sure Bob would appreciate hearing from you if you desire an exciting career in journalism next year.

Looking back over my five quarters of editorship I believe I can safely say that the Thorn has shown marked improvement and our contributions to the students has been worthy of newspapers with 20 times the resources as ours. The Thorn has always been a major proponent of an improved and varied social life on this campus, and our efforts reached a zenith on April 3 when we were able to co-sponsor with the IDC the dinner dance, 'Saturday Night Live'.

In addition to our activity with social life, we were able to see our two associate editors elected to the top spots in SGA. Although the Thorn declined to publicly endorse any of the SGA candidates and strove to offer equal coverage to all, it was most encouraging to see Randy Ridgway and Choi Wong elected to student government president and vice-president, respectively.

For those of you who will be attempting to live on campus next year you have a somewhat interesting year ahead of you. If you don't already know the current list of incoming freshmen which admissions has given to a few selected fraternity people, it contains slightly over 380 names. That is a lot of people who will be housed on campus next year. Because of this unusually large influx of people, the school is building new housing units to house the extra number. These units consist of three bedrooms a bath and a common lounge and are designed to house six people. This is very much similar to Lincoln Quad at Indiana State. This sounds pretty nice, but the Rose shaft rears its ugly head when you find out who will be living in these. It seems that somewhere in the hierarchy it is felt that sophomores are not mature enough to live in such a liberal atmosphere. As a result volunteers are being taken from Juniors and Seniors only, with any deficit to be made up by drafting seniors.

What is bad about all of this is that for the first time in history the upper class dorms are beginning to show signs of being more than a cluster of rooms. They have been having well thought-out and lively parties as well as showing a comforting degree of familiarity between dorm mates. With the new situation these dorm groups are going to be forcefully broken up and some of the groups transferred to the smaller housing units. What had evolved from a group of unassociative dorm dwellers into a highly sophisticated social group will once again be back at the zero point.

Looking on the bright side, I have just finished co-writing a proposal to the administration from the IDC which outlines a newer and more liberal visitation policy for the on-campus students for next year. This proposal was made after careful evaluation of a survey given to a majority of the campus population. The results of the survey indicated a strong need for a revised visitation policy and supported extension of the current visitation hours as well as support for open visitation on weekends. The proposal as it was submitted is:

Freshmen Dorms—Weekdays 9 A.M. to 11 P.M., Weekends 9 A.M. Friday to 11 P.M. Sunday.

Upperclassmen Dorms—Weekdays 9 A.M. to 12 Midnight, Weekends 9 A.M. Friday to 12 Midnight Sunday.

This proposal is now pending and should go into effect next year. All changes made over the current policy have extremely significant support from the survey data and if any part of it is altered or rejected to the contrary of the survey data then the only conclusion one can draw is that the administration is totally inconsiderate of the expressed needs of the students.

As a final remark I would like to thank all of those people who I called up in the middle of the night to obtain material from and all of those who contributed their time every Monday and Tuesday evening to see that a paper came out on schedule. I am sure that the Thorn will continue to be a viable forum for student as well as a useful medium for all of the information and news that is communicated on the Rose-Hulman campus.

OUTDOOR SPRING ROCK CONCERT

Sunday, May 9, at 1:30 p.m. SAB will sponsor a rock concert featuring Ethos (ardour) backed up by Larry Keen and Company. Ethos has just cut a record on Capital and is known to be an exciting group.

Ethos has been performing its own music for over five years. Playing hundreds of concerts, the act has toured the United States gaining considerable recognition and inspiring a growing cult following. Ethos (ardour) is the product of six individual's progression in music. A major music experience in sync with five musicians and their sound technician. Thos' constant pursuit is to compose music that will stand the test of time. By incorporation technological advances in sound reproduction, Ethos (ardour) is spearheading a musical revolution. They are spawning a new music for America. And their sound, often times sophisticated for the attuned listener, distinguishes itself by the freshness of its always captivating melodies.

Larry Keen And Company

Larry Keen & Company, definitely the hottest group on the Coffee House Circuit, will be appearing at Rose-Hulman May 6 through May 9. S.A.B. brings you this special and final Coffee House Concert of the year.

Something about Larry Keen & Company:

"If you don't enjoy something, don't do it!" That's exactly what Larry Keen, 25, did, after completing his work in Biology at Ohio University. He quit to devote all of his time to music.

The same bug bit Richard Pollack, 24, who left his studies of genetics in graduate school to pursue a career in music.

Together, Larry and Rich form a dynamic sound. In performances, Larry amazes his crowds by doing assorted bluegrass, traditional folk, ballads and fifties hits. Rich is the back up man singing harmony and alternating between his guitar and mandolin.

They write most of their music and the lyrics are easy to identify with, such as "The Diarrhea Blues" and "I'm So Horny."

Larry doesn't strictly play music, he entertains. He enjoys performing — and you'll enjoy seeing him. Don't miss the last and most special Coffee House of the Year 1975-76.

1976-77 SGA BUDGET FINALIZED

Revenue	
SGA Allotment	\$27,550
Student Activities Fee	7,000
Total	\$34,550

Appropriations	
Student Activities Board	\$ 7,900
Band	6,250
Modulus	6,000
Glee Club	3,750
Drama Club	2,500
Rose Rifles	2,260
Debate Team	2,250
Thorn	1,550
WRTR	890
Camera Club	400
Chess Club	350
Racing Association	150
Karate Club	100
Physics Club	100
Model Railroad Club*	100
Total	\$34,550

* Pending full recognition of Congress

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CARE FOR RECREATION BUILDING STRESSED

All of us connected with athletic and recreation program—students, faculty and staff—are very proud of our new facilities. There are however, two areas which are extremely important in regard to proper operation of the area:

1. The bringing of soft drinks into the new gymnasium is strictly prohibited. Such soft drinks as coca cola, when spilled, leave a sugary, sticky substance on the floor, which contributes to a maintenance problem as well as general overall unattractiveness. A sign will be posted in the gymnasium to this affect.

2. Secondly, I want to reiterate that the facilities at Rose are for Rose students, faculty and staff only. We continue to have problems with ISU and local high school students coming out and using the basketball floor and tennis courts. It is the direct responsibility of the student in charge of the fieldhouse to "run out" any outside people. These facilities are for you and you only. Please help us enforce this by not bringing friends with you who are not Rose students, and by asking any outside people to leave when you want to play. You are strictly within your rights.

There have been times when Rose students came out to play on our tennis courts or in the gymnasium/fieldhouse and have left because they were crowded with ISU or town students. Please help us enforce this, as it is a continual problem.

I have instructed all of our staff to ask any outside people to leave at any time they see such people using these facilities. It is important that we all help enforce this so that you may be assured a place to play when you wish to do so.

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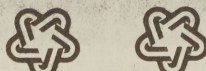
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GOLF TEAM DEFEATED

April 20th the Rose golf team traveled to Wabash for a dual match. The Engineers were defeated by the Little Giants 398-420. Pat Healy of Wabash was the medalist, firing a 3 over par 75.

John Schmidt was low for Rose shooting an 82, followed by Steve Clarke, with an 83, Larry Beal with an 84, Todd Hand with an 85, and Steve Thompson with an 86.

On April 27 Rose hosted Millikin University at Rea Park. The Engineers were defeated, although individual and team scores are not available at this time.

Last Saturday the Engineer linksters traveled to the Taylor Invitational at Walnut Creek Golf Course. Taylor University, the

host team, won the 14 team match; the Engineers finished 6th in the field with a 402. John Schmidt was again low for Rose, firing a 5 over par 77 on the 6800 yard course. Steve Thompson shot a 79, Larry Beal and Terry Metheny had 81's, and Steve Clark shot an 84 for the Engineers.

The Engineer linksters, along with the other spring sports teams travel to Memphis, Tennessee for the College Athletic Conference Spring Sports Carnival this weekend, with hopes of retaining the "Big Bell" for the overall conference championship.

By Larry Daly

Rose Show, Greek Weekend In Review



Men Of TX Strain — Photo by Cotner

Lambda Chi Alpha Wins Greek Weekend Trophy

A visitor to campus April 25 may have thought that Rose life has a damping effect on the minds of the students here. He might have wondered why college men would race carts around the campus, canoes around the lake, or why they would try to pile on each others' backs to ring a bell hanging on a rope twelve feet off of the ground.

What the visitor would have been witnessing, of course, is the annual Greek Weekend Games. The six fraternities compete in a cart race, a canoe race, a bike race, a tug of war, and a new event, the fifteen man pyramid. Teams are awarded 10 points for a first place finish, 7 for second, 5 for third, 3 for fourth and 1 point for finishing fifth. The fraternity with the highest number of points at the end of the day is the winner, second through sixth places being determined by decreasing cumulative point

totals.

LXA was the winner of this year's Greek Weekend, winning the cart race, canoe race, fifteen man pyramid, and placing second in the tug of war; for a total of 37 points. Sigma Nu won the tug of war, finished second in the cart and canoe races and fifth in the pyramid for 25 points, capturing second place. ATO placed second in the pyramid, third in the cart race and tug of war, and fourth in the canoe race for a total of 20 points and third place. Fiji finished third in the canoe race and pyramid, and fourth in the cart race and tug of war for 16 points and fourth place. Triangle was fourth in the pyramid and fifth in the other events for 6 points and a fifth place finish. TX wound up in sixth place, finishing sixth in the cart race and tug of war, and not competing in the other two events. Due to incimate weather the bike race was postponed and later cancelled.



Kissometer - A Popular — Photo by Chaney



Rene Hebert Puts Finishing Touches — Photo by Chaney



EN Goes Up — Photo by Cotner



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