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"PRESIDENT'S PASSAGE"

The effort to liberalize rules concerning girls in dorms and fraternity houses.

The promise of getting the Rose administration to consider more liberal rules concerning girls on campus and in fraternity houses always makes for a good plank in an election platform. Having used it myself last year, the following is a report of the effort of the Student Government to bring about changes in such social regulations.

The Associated Student Governments National Conference in San Francisco produced some interesting sidelights for the Rose delegation. Over 150 schools from nearly 40 states were present. At every instance possible, other delegates were approached and questioned about the social rules on their respective campuses. These impromptu interviews resulted in the following observations.

Dormitory regulations concerning the presence of girls in mens' dorms are essentially the same nation-wide. These rules are usually quite strict in regards to where and when a girl may enter a mens' dorm. Rose's regulations are the same as most other all-male campuses and compare favorably with quite a few coed schools.

Rules regulating the presence of girls in fraternity houses are largely dependent upon one important variable. This variable is whether or not the fraternity has a housemother. Those campuses that have housemothers living in the fraternity houses generally have more liberal rules due to this constant presence of the housemother.

The other general category is the campus where any (or all) of the fraternity houses do not have a housemother. This is, of course,

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ELECTED BY THE STUDENT BODY last Friday to serve as President and Vice President respectively were Juniors Pete Doenges and Mel Smith.

PARENTS' DAY PROGRAM

The annual Parents' Day at Rose will be held this year on Saturday, April 27. This day will be filled with activities while the following day, Sunday, April 28, will not have any scheduled events so that Rose men and parents may spend their time as they please.

The Saturday program will begin with registration and a coffee hour in Hulman Memorial Student Union. Following will be a convocation in Shook Memorial Fieldhouse from 10 until 11. Dr. John A. Logan, President of the Institute, will open the convocation with a welcoming address followed by selections by the Rose Glee Club. Plans are still pending for an address which was originally to take place during the convocation.

The President's ROTC Military Review is scheduled from 11:15 until noon on the Rose football field adjoining the fieldhouse. Dur-

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STUDENTS REACT TO JOHNSON'S WITHDRAW

WASHINGTON (CPS) — April 2, 1968, was a day of jubilation for students around the country as President Johnson announced that he would not again run for President. Several large cities fell victim to spontaneous demonstrations on several campuses and in Washington, about 150-200 people danced and sang in Lafayette Park across the street from the White House. Policemen were on guard and three persons were arrested for violating Washington's strict laws against parading in front of the White House without a permit. In Boston and Philadelphia, large groups of university students marched and held rallies with speeches, chanting and singing. Michael Ferber, one of the five men indicted for counseling draft resistance, spoke at one such rally in Boston.

At Yale University, 200 students gathered for a rally and then

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says that that's not the civilized way to react, there must be a better answer. Note the period, that puny black dot made by Mr. White American is destined to cause the second Civil War over the same sickness in our society that caused the first. Mr. White American does not go any further, and why not? Because, according to him the fault, which is causing the trouble lies in one of two places; (1) the black man or, (2) some incomprehensible (I dunno) location. A look at society leads to one of the two following conclusions. Either (1) rioting is wrong and racism is right or (2) what can I do about something incomprehensible? No wonder Mr. W.A. didn't go any further.

Black Power is merely a symptom. The sickness is the black man's "position" in American society. The carrier is a society which doesn't practice what it preaches. To carry a metaphor to far, the germ would be equivalent to a solution. That is, once the germ is found, we find a way to kill it and, zap—end of problem. The obvious germ is racism. Zap racism, the trivial solution everybody saw, or did they—are there any major efforts in this direction? Can Mr. W.A. face the racist element in his midst?

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EDITORIAL—

It seems to me that the campaigns leading up to the Student Government Elections of last week brought many sound ideas with much potential out into the open. Ideas expressed by all the candidates hopefully stirred interest among the student body. Now that the elections are over and the tension is off I do hope that these campaign promises will just be promises and nothing more, forgotten by the student body and the men who made them. I hope that they serve as a foundation for programs which will involve the Student Congress and the students it represents. I hope that Pete Doenges and Mel Smith seriously consider all the thoughts expressed these past weeks and that the student body will work with Pete and Mel for concrete results. The INKLINGS extends congratulations to both Pete and Mel and challenges them to be fair and effective leaders when they begin their terms of office on June 8.

—THE EDITOR

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Last week's editorial presented a pair of articles which depicted accurately the most intense and important problem on the American scene. The interaction was typical of the way the issue appears in our society, especially with respect to the absence of the third, simplest and most meaningful concept involved. The third part of the trilogy did not appear and completeness is a virtue.

**TRIOLOGICAL OBITUARY—
PART 3**

Mr. Stewart was "telling it like it is." There is no present alternative to Black Power. Face it, for the black man there are only

two ways to get equality; sit back and hope or "stop singing and start swinging." He has been hoping for 100 years, and he does want equality—BADLY. The loss of Dr. King sealed it.

White America's answer to Black Power also appeared last week. It

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the category that Rose fits into.

The next question to consider is how do our regulations governing the presence of girls in our fraternity houses compare with other colleges in our category? Briefly, Rose rules prohibit both non-chaperoned parties and the presence of girls in any part of the fraternity house when a housemother (or cook) is not present. Most schools had similar rules forbidding non-chaperoned parties; although there is an increasing trend among the coed schools in this category to do away with this regulation. However, Rose was the only school that completely prohibited the presence of girls in any part of the fraternity house. The other schools permitted women guests in the parlor, with or without the presence of a chaperone.

It was decided that the Student Government in conjunction with the Inter-Fraternity Council would attempt to modify our rules so as to allow girls to go into the parlor of a fraternity house even though no chaperone, housemother, etc., be present. This seemed to be a reasonable and logical request. TX, SN, LCA, and Triangle passed resolutions indicating support for this proposal and forwarded these proposals to the Student Congress. (ATO has a housemother.) The Student Congress passed a general resolution that suggested guidelines along the rules used at Purdue.

"Resolved that the Student Congress of Rose Polytechnic Institute be in agreement with the resolution massed by the Inter-Fraternity Council and the individual fraternities and amend such resolution as follows:

(1) Limiting hours of girls in houses to 11 P.M. on weekdays and 1 A.M. on weekends.

(2) Girls not permitted in houses before 9 A.M.

This Resolution is subject to amendment by the individual fraternities as they see fit, but only to specify further limitations."

These resolutions were then taken to the administration for their approval. At a meeting with Dean Ross, it was disclosed that Rose's social regulations are in a very

large part determined by the regulations that bind ISU and SMW coeds. Our regulations cannot be in conflict with theirs. A quick inquiry revealed that the rules at ISU and SMW prohibit their girls from entering a fraternity house that does not have a housemother or appropriate chaperone present. Thus, if Rose altered its rules, a girl entering one of our fraternity houses would violate the rules of her particular school and still be subject to disciplinary action. A note from Dean Ross to myself (as follows) summed up the situation quite adequately:

We have given careful study to your request to review present school regulations as it pertains to entertaining women guests in fraternity houses and dormitories.

I regret to advise present regulations are in conformity with Indiana State University and St. Mary - of - the - Woods' regulations. Since any change we make must be in agreement with regulations placed on the women at our sister institutions, we must respect their restrictions in order that we do not inadvertently place them in a situation detrimental to their school citizenship.

Not wishing to give up, the next logical step was taken—approach ISU and SMW and see if they are considering or will agree to consider changes in their social codes that would make our request workable. Unfortunately, ISU is very touchy about the subject of housemothers. The administration and some fraternities had long hassled over the question of whether or not the school would require the fraternities to have a housemother. One of the means by which the ISU administration persuaded fraternities to obtain a housemother was the presence of the code prohibiting ISU coeds in any such non-chaperoned establishment. Having no desire to repeat such an argument, ISU received our request with "something less than a fanfare." The Dean at SMW said that she believed in treating SMW coeds as responsible women. However, she would not commit herself either way concerning our proposal.

The support for this proposal at Rose was quite heartening. The failure of this idea to become re-

ality was not due to an "ice-water" treatment by the Rose administration. (In fact, the support our proposal did get was surprisingly strong.) Rather, it was presence of contradicting regulations at ISU and SMW coupled with an unwillingness by either school to enter the twentieth century and modify their existing social codes that doomed this proposal and will continue to doom any other idea along these lines. Perhaps in succeeding years, an effort by Associated Collegiate Effort (co-operative effort between RPI, ISU and SMW Student Governments) will eventually result in the passage of more liberal social codes by all three colleges. Whatever that date may be, it is already long overdue.

—JOHN A. ELZUFON
President of the Student Body

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"It can be as important as the primary in any contested state," is the description of Choice '68 given by one political science professor. Next Wednesday, Rose students can participate in the first national student primary, Choice '68. This election, sponsored here by Rose by the Student Government, will be held in the old bookstore, room B 109, from second period through ninth.

Choice '68 is being directed by Jack Borst with Jack Arney handling the polling and Denny Fritz in charge of publicity. Dr. Larry Rose is the faculty advisor while the executive committee of the student government will serve as the election review board.

When voting next Wednesday, students will register at the entrance to the poll and receive a ballot resembling an IBM card. To mark the ballot, students will punch out the paper in the appropriate box. Students should be familiar with the ballot before entering the poll because an error on a ballot cannot be corrected. Sample ballots may be found on several of the Choice '68 posters around the building.

The age of the voter, as of November 5, 1968, is the first thing to be marked on the ballot. Note that this is the date of the general election this fall. Second is the party preference of the voter—Democratic, Republican, Other Party, or Independent. Next comes the actual voting for President of the United States. Three choices will be made by each voter, with only the first counting for election purposes while the second and third will be used in statisti-

cal analysis. Five choices each are listed for the following national interest questions: "What course of military action should the United States pursue in Vietnam?" "What course of action should the United States pursue in regards to the bombing in North Vietnam?" and "In confronting the urban crisis, which governmental program should receive the highest priority in governmental spending?"

The ballots will be sent to the national office of Choice '68 for counting and the results here at Rose will be returned and published in the *Inklings*. All students are urged to vote.

DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS SPRING PLAY

The Rose Drama Club will present "My Three Angels" at 8:00 P.M. on Friday, April 26, and Saturday, April 27, at the Rose Poly Auditorium.

"My Three Angels," a delightful comedy, tells of the devious activities of three convicts of the Cayenne Penal Colony. (Felda Hardymon, George Mells and John Jacobi.)

PARENTS' DAY PROGRAM

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ing the Review, medals will be awarded to students who have exhibited outstanding ability in the Reserve Officers Training Corps.

A buffet luncheon is next on the agenda for those taking part in the Parents' Day activities. The luncheon is scheduled for 12:15 P.M. until 1:45 in the Hulman Union.

From 2 until 3 P.M., members of the Rose Parents' Association will attend a band concert followed by the annual association business meeting in Shook Memorial Fieldhouse.

Campus dormitories will have open house from noon until 5 P.M. and fraternity houses plan open house festivities from 4 until 6.

Saturday evening, students and their families will join the Rose faculty and staff to attend the play, "My Three Angels," in the Main Building Auditorium from 8 until 10 P.M. An informal coffee hour will follow in the Hulman Union coffee shop from 10 until 11 to complete the day's activities.

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Anyone interested in either taking the short course or helping with it should contact Don Baker or Box 354, Campus Mail.

Some books should be reviewed only because people are going to be talking about them, and the public should be spared the chore of reading them.

A philosopher said long ago: "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR —

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One can eliminate symptoms temporarily, but that does not eliminate the sickness. The sickness is reaching acute stages and "things look bad for the home team." The great society is doing what it can in the slums, and may, in 30 years, manage to soothe a symptom, but again, what of the sickness?

We just found the solution to a pud problem. Is the solution feasible? It doesn't matter because it is *the only solution*. None others exist, we must apply this one. But

we don't have any plugs for ending racism, the EEs can't even put it on a computer. What do we do, drop back 10 and punt? We shall see how great our society is, this is a big quiz and flags are costly.

Black Power is evil, but let's face the REAL issue—problem—evil, RACISM.

—SAMUEL VUCHINICH, JR.

Dear Editor:

I have heard many statements to the effect that the Student Government is a non-functional organization. It has been said that this organization does nothing for the student body. If this is indeed the truth, if the Student Government does not serve the student body as it should, why do certain individuals "care" enough to try to stuff the ballot box?

In the recent elections, others besides myself witnessed cases of individuals voting for others in their absence. These same people seem to be the ones who complain the most. If the Student Government is non-functional, why are these liars and cheats so concerned with the results of the election?

To correct this situation, I propose that the Student Government institute a program whereby students may vote only after showing their OWN identification card. In this way, cheating will be made more difficult and a use will be found for the hitherto useless identification cards.

Respectfully submitted,

—HARRY W. CLINE

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Pete Doenges on his winning the position of Student Body president. Pete definitely has the ability to lead the student body. I hope that he concentrates his ability upon the job before him. I hope that he concentrates on the programs outlined in his campaign. That is those programs which are feasible, down to earth, and within the grasp of the Student Government.

Next year's Student Congress is in a position to institute or initiate a number of worthwhile programs if it decides upon and works toward established goals. I hope the congress will see fit to define these goals and to concentrate its ef-

forts. I wish I were in a position to outline these goals but—

I would also like to publicly thank those people who assisted in my campaign effort. It takes a lot of work and a lot of people to even run a Rose student body presidential election. It takes moral supporters, speech writers and proof-readers, and poster makers, and it takes a lot of creative people to come up with new ideas and to carry these ideas to the student body. I think we witnessed one of the more interesting Rose elections. I think that it served to create a little student in student government and therefore the effort was worthwhile. I would like to express my sincere thanks to those people who made my campaign possible.

Sincerely,

—CLIFF LEWIS



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ON THE "IN" SIDE

by Roger Ward

A word of introduction: Just as during the football season, I've been delegated the job of writing about the "inside" of baseball. If we lose, you must read between the lines to find it out, but if we win, I'll let you know.

WE WON!! Last Saturday against Earlham in the second game, Steve Mueller went the distance hurling a three-hit shutout as we posted our first victory of the season 5-0. Right fielder Jack Parks led the onslaught with three hits and four RBI's, Parks hadn't started before this game, but Coach Mutchner, faced with a losing streak, was forced to make some line-up changes that put Parks in right field, a position he no doubt has won.

Earlham's Quakers came to Rose with an impressive 4-2 record. The first game was plagued by many fielding miscues so that only three of the Quaker's six runs were earned. Randy Sprouse, except for one inning, pitched a fine game, but just didn't receive support on the field and at bat. Earlham used three pitchers to keep us off stride at bat and managed to hold us to just three hits.

Tomorrow we play Principia in a doubleheader. First game starts at 1:00.

Leading the team in hitting is Ron Bishop at .358. Tom Butwin leads in RBI's at 5. Closely following is Jack Parks with 4.

IM SPORTS

IM softball received the all clear sign from the weather last week as nine games were played as of Monday, April 15.

Lambda Chi Alpha downed Speed by a 17-0 count; Sigma Nu belted BSB 17-3; Theta Xi upended ABCD 13-2; and Triangle rallied to defeat Alpha Tau Omega 11-8 in the four Major contests. Off Campus and the Faculty had yet to play.

In Minor action, ABCD No. 1 outslugged ATO No. 3, 22-14; ATO No. 1 tripped ABCD No. 3, 21-13; Sigma Nu No. 1 bombed Lambda Chi Alpha No. 2, 24-5; TX edged Off Campus, 7-6; and ABCD No. 3 handed ATO No. 3 their second straight setback, 15-10.

STUDENTS REACT TO JOHNSON'S WITHDRAW

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marched to the home of Chaplain William Coffin shouting, "Coffin for President." Coffin did not appear to speak, however, and the students went away chanting, "McCarthy, McCarthy," and "Hey, Hey, LBJ, why didn't you quit before today?"

But despite all the jubilation, there appeared an undercurrent of suspicion of Johnson's Motives, especially among the more politically aware students. A CPS survey of about 20 large campuses also revealed a slight feeling of sympathy for the President and a good deal of confusion, especially in the West.

Student Press reaction was also wide-ranging. The University of Michigan Daily had a front page editorial stying that Johnson's withdrawal "should not obscure the historic significance of his drastic administration," and called on whoever succeeds him to make major changes in U.S. policy. Other student papers "enthusiastically endorse LBJ's non-candidacy" and

they said that it might be easier to endorse Minnesota Senator Eugene McCarthy now, since there is now no need to stop Johnson.

Even though President Johnson will not be running for that office again this election year, his name will appear on the ballot of Choice '68, the presidential primary being held on 1,400 college campuses, including Rose Polytechnic Institute, April 24. This is because the directors of the project, which is funded by Time, Inc., had the ballots printed before Johnson made his announcement. Consequently, Vice President Hubert Humphrey, who is a likely candidate at this time, will not appear on the ballot, but his name may be written in if so desired. Michigan Governor George Romney's name was removed following his withdrawal from the race in February.

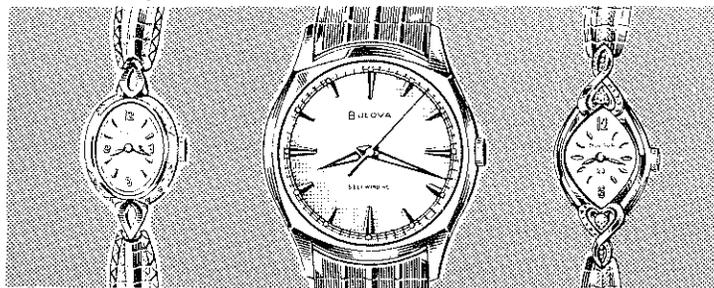
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