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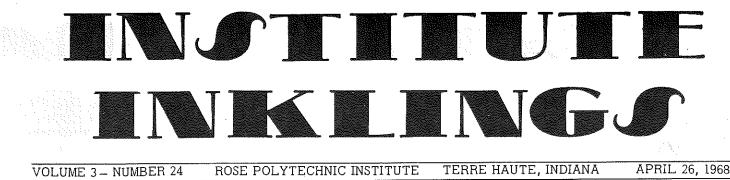
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## ATTENTION, Letter writers

I have been very pleased by the response of particular students submitting Letters to the Editor. However because of the limited size of the *Inklings* it is becoming more than we can handle. With this in mind I wish to ask that beginning with the next issue anyone submitting a Letter to the Editor please limit their letter to one typewritten double-spaced page, and that all letters be typed and addressed to Editor, Institute Inklings. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

THE EDITOR

### APO SERVICE TO SCHOOL

The Student Service Organization of Rose has been active in the past few weeks carrying out service projects on the Rose campus. The various projects have been done to allow individual students to contribute to the school and to fulfill pledgeship requirements to initiate a chapter of Alpha Phi Omega at Rose.

The Rose sponsored explorer post meets on Thursdays and has (Continued on Page Six)

#### NSF DIRECTOR ON CAMPUS TUESDAY

Dr. James C. Kellett, director of the instructional scientific program, Division of Undergraduate Education in Science of the National Science Foundation, Washington, D.C., will be on the campus of Rose Polytechnic Institute Tuesday, April 30.

Dr. Kellett, who received his Ph.D. in pharmaceutical chemistry from Purdue University in 1961, will be visiting at Rose to discuss the National Science Foundation programs in general with members of the Rose faculty.

# "PRESIDENT'S PASSAGE"

An Open Letter To Parents The Student Government of Rose has entered into the same era that the Student Governments of larger universities have entered. For them, gone is the "age of the homecoming parade." For us, gone is the "age of honor keys." The cry of the large university is student power. Our cry is student involveresponsibility. Our and ment method is student-faculty committees. Our goal is to prove to Rose that its Student Government is a dynamic organization that is willing and capable of tackling important campus problems.

Every college campus is plagued by the cancer of cheating. The Committee on Academic Honesty has been formed to analyze the extent of the cheating and the effectiveness of present rules that deal with the cheating problem. It is not the job of this committee to establish an honor system. Rather, its function is to work out recommendations that will curb cheating and provide for meaningful sanctions against cheaters. The goal is to provide an atmosphere that protects most diligently the great majority of students who do not cheat.

Also formed this year is the Committee on Academic Affairs which is reviewing the present grading system at Rose. The faculty has responded favorably to a request to conduct a trial using two grading systems in computing mid-term grades and then comment on each system. The two systems to be used are the present system and an alternate system that includes a B plus equal to 3.5, C plus, equal to 2.5, and D plus, equal to 1.5. This committee is extensively investigating all forms of the

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# NEW GRADE POINT System report

The progress of the new grade point systems has been unexpectedly slow the first few weeks of the new quarter but is now gradually gaining momentum. The next two weeks should see three major steps forward.

Soon the Student Committee of Academic Affairs will be sending various industries a survey asking their reaction on the new grading techniques. It will also inquire as to how much the industry looks at grades and which system of the three proposed is more widely accepted. It is hoped that TBTT will assist with this aspect of the survey.

Surveys will also be sent to other schools and graduate institutions asking their reactions about the new grading methods and ex-

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### JUNIOR PROM SET FOR MAYII

On May 11 the Junior Class at Rose will sponsor the annual Junior Prom, and this year's dance promises to be one of the best ever. Coming all the way from the University of Illinois, THE REGI-MENT will provide the musical background for this semi-formal affair. Activities will commence at 9 P.M. and continue until midnight. This year's prom will be held at the Shrine Country Club, about two miles northeast of Terre Haute.

The dance is open to all Rose students and their dates, and with the fine band which will be performing, it is hoped that there will be a large turnout. If there are any questions, contact one of the Junior Class officers, Charley Hills, Paul Broughton, or Rex Stockwell. We'll see you there!

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#### EDITORIAL

I have heard it said that everyone talks about the weather but no one does anything about it. Well, there does not seem to be too awfully much that one can do, right? I am also aware that President-Elect Pete Doenges is now taking applications for Student Government Executive Committee positions and will be till May 3. These positions include Treasurer. Secretary, Historian, Publicity Director, ASG Coordinator, ASC Coordinator, Judicial Council, seven Faculty Committees, and the Hand-

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Dear Editor:

I have been bothered by the fact that a professor specifies the student must not be absent from three classes for if he is his grade will be lowered a letter. It seems to me that if a person can skip classes and still make his grades more power to him. Besides he paid for his class time and if he wants to waste his money this way let him. He needs no penalty except that which he has placed on himself. When he misses class he misses material for which he'll be held rebook Committee. It would seem that these positions offer an excellent opportunity for interested student body members to do something about the weather. To date very few students have shown an interest and applied for positions. Much of what the student body does next year will rely on the leaders that fill these positions and so the INKLINGS urges each student to consider these posts and to become active in student affairs. You have till May 3 to decide.

-THE EDITOR

sponsible. If he can't get it his grade will be a letter lower if not worse. If he can get it and his grade is high it is obvious that it didn't hurt the student to miss the class. The professor should be interested in the student's welfare not his own desire to have a full classroom when he delivers his lectures.

It also seems to me that the purpose of a Humanities class is to instill in the students the ability to make his own decisions by weighing all the facts. (I think most Humanities professors will agree.) Then why are we required to memorize facts such as in a history course. Sure I think we should read these books and I think we should report on them, but being asked to remember specific items for an exam is defeating the purpose of a Humanities course.

The purpose of a Humanities course is not to parrot back information but to be able to make lecisions when given certain information.

It seems that a more effective Humanities course would be one in which the student be required to read the books as they do now but instead of being tested on individual items in the book there should be a book report given. Professors could tell if the books had been read by reading these reports. These reports should be only 50 per cent of the final grade. The inal exam(s) should be one in which information is given and the tudent is asked to form an opinon. The exam(s) would be graded on the student's ability to form and support his own opinion.

This entire letter is meant to be constructive criticism. I welcome any questions concerning my opinions and I will also welcome any constructive criticism.

Respectfully submitted,

-MICHAEL A. REDWINE

#### Dear Editor:

Last week's editorial included a letter written to complete the obituary for the death of Dr. Martin L. King and the non-violent movement for the black man in America. I agree with Mr. Vuchinich as far as he went, but the issue in question has not been actually defined. I am presenting a quote from the book, *Black Power*, *The Politics of Liberation in America*, by Stokely Carmichael and Charles Hamilton to fill this void.



# **CLIFF'S COLUMN**

I would like to talk about the problem of student apathy, to define it, and to point out that there actually is a problem here.

The classic definition of apathy is contained in the quote, "I don't know exactly what student apathy is, but I don't care either." Unfortunately, this is the predomi-Unfortunent attitude at Rose. nately, there is a general "I don't care attitude." Take a look at Rose and ask: Why is it that students on this campus are completely uninterested in the general student life, or uninterested in the IDC efforts to add social life to the campus, or uninterested in the efforts of our student government. Why is it that a number of worthwhile programs never get off the ground? Why is Rose generally considered to be ten years behind the times? Why is it that the upperclasses never attempt a project as encompassing as the Freshman class bonfire?

The answer to these questions lies within the realm of "student apathy." Take a look, see if the problem isn't a personal as well as a collective problem. Take a good look, then take an interest . . . in something.

-CLIFF LEWIS

#### NEW GRADE POINT SYSTEM REPORT

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periences, if any, that they've had with it.

The committee set Wednesday as the start of an investigation into the reactions of the faculty and students. It isn't sure just how this will be accomplished but is believed that a series of seminars will be arranged between 15 faculty members and 15 students in an effort to reveal sentiments concerning the proposed systems.

The Student Congress has asked that a full progress report be submitted by May 5. At this time the committee should have received the results of the school and industry surveys and will be in a better position to take the proposal to the proper faculty sources. —JOE GUSTIN

## SOME LEGAL ADVICE On the draft

WASHINGTON (CPS) — With the chances that Congress will do anything about the current draft regulations growing more minuscule every day, many students will soon be looking down the barrel of the Selective Service System.

Michael Tigar, a young Washington lawyer who has handled many draft cases, and is now editor-in-chief of a new law journal called the Selective Service Law Reporter, recently offered some suggestions about how students should respond to the threat of the draft.

His recommendations, based on a careful study of the current draft laws and the administrative regulations that accompany them, are necessarily somewhat broad in scope, since he could not take into account the idiosyncracies of individual draft boards. He does feel, though, his suggestions should be of some help to prospective draftees in colleges around the country.

Tigar's basic suggestion for students is that they plan carefully in dealing with the Selective Service System. Many students take the position that the best way to avoid the draft is to ignore it, in hopes that it will go away. Tigar says that is a fundamental mistake.

"Don't stay away from your draft board," Tigar says, "Go to the board and look in your file. If you can't go yourself, you can designate someone else in writing preferably a member of your family—to check your file for you. And besides that, consult someone who is competent in Select Service Law."

In the matter of classifications, Tigar recommends that students not get a II-S (student) deferment if they can avoid it, since anyone who has held a II-S since July 1, 1967, will not be eligible for a III-A (family) deferment after losing his II-S. If a registrant has been automatically granted a II-S, though, rather than ap-

ELLIOTS SUPER SHELL 3132 Wabash Ave. YOUR CAR IS MY BUSINESS U-HAUL RENTALS plying for it, the restriction on getting a III-A doesn't apply.

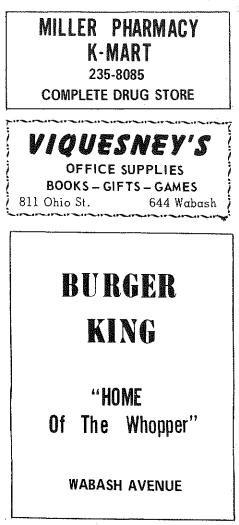
In any case, Tigar suggests that any student who believes he may qualify for a deferment other than II-S should make the effort to obtain it.

Tigar suggests that a registrant take advantage of the section of the draft law that entitles him to a personal appearance each time the board reconsiders his case. "This can be a very valuable means of trying to deal with their views," says Tigar.

If a registrant is called for induction, and has appealed his case as far as he can within the Selective Service System, he must go through the induction process up until the point that he is called to step forward and take the oath, if he wants to take his case to court. He should then refuse to step forward.

Tigar emphasizes, though, that it is essential for a registrant to consult a lawyer long before he is that far along in the process.

-LARRY OLSON



## STUDENT GOVERNMENT DISCUSSIONS

The Student Government is currently in the midst of several important discussions which will affect each Rose student. In order to strive for better student-faculty relations, the Student Government distributed questionnaires concerning college life to both the students and the faculty members. When all the questionnaires have been completed and turned in, John Elzufon and John Andis will meet with representatives of the faculty in an effort to iron out any differences in opinion.

Pete Fowler is also in the process of drafting a request to have the quarter-break coincide with Easter vacation, thus allowing a three-day weekend.

The major topic of Student Government activity lies in its plan to ask for an increase in Student Activities fee for the coming year. The current fee of \$12 will be raised to \$15. The additional \$3 will be put in the Student Government's general fund. This money will then be used for campus entertainment and bailing clubs out of debt. A discussion of this proposal and a voting session will occur during the next meeting.

Concerning the pending class elections on May 3, all students must show an I.D. card (driver's license) in order to vote.

# FRATERNITY NEWS

#### ATO

These next few weeks will be busy ones for the men of Alpha Tau Omega. After last Friday's successful trade party with Indiana State's Alpha Xi Delta sorority, the brothers are looking forward to the future planned social events. Among these are the Junior Prom, and Inter - Fraternity Weekend. Other not-so-social events coming up include a cancer drive to be held May 4, and clean-up work at the Fresh Air Camp.

Rumor has it that Spring has sprung—and three of the brothers have recently succumbed to its consequences. Brother Kincaid has become engaged, while Brothers Stone and Cowles have been added to the list of the pinned. A dubious congratulations to these men and their mates!

SIGMA NU

Last week the men of Sigma Nu held elections and came up with a great set of officers. Heading the list is Brother John Greve, who Commander. Also elected was elected to offices were Brother McMasters, Lt. Commander; Brother Boyd, Recorder; Brother Glesige. Treasurer; Brother Ings, Assistant Treasurer; Brother Anderson, Pledge Marshall; Pledge Bishop, House Manager; Brother Bob Smith, Chaplain; Brother Boesenberg, Alumni Contact Officer; Brother Downey, Reporter, Brother Evans, Sentinel, and Brother Duncan, Historian. This week E. C. Greve appointed Brothers Evans and Bob Smith as Co Rush Brother Jenkins as Chairmen. Brother Scholarship Chairman, Rod Smith as Social Chairman, and Brother Fred Bowen as Homecoming chairman.

Riverboat is approaching us very quickly and with the help of "The Responsible" Brother Pus chaver we should be prepared when it arrives. Brother Pusch has been doing a fine job as Riverboat Chairman since he took over the job. He has assured us that this year's Riverboat will be one of the best.

Krazy's Crew kicked off the sofeball season by stomping on LXA I 25 to 9 in five innings. With the great coaching of Krazy and a great pitching performance by Brother Anderson it was an easy victory. The power at the plate was unbelievable, with Brother Hohlfeldt leading the team with two homeruns in one inning.

The "Dirty Dozen" has been happy all this week. They managed to survive Help Weekend last weekend and have made it half of the way through their pledgeship.

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pass-fail system. The committee hopes that following its investigation, which will continue well into next year, that a grading system can be proposed that will promote learning and will give a better evaluation of the student.

During the previous year, the Collegiate Effort Associated (ACE) was formed. (The associated effort of Indiana State University, Rose Polytechnic Institute, and St. Mary-of-the-Woods College community interaction and for service as well as academic, social and cultural co-ordination). This year, ACE had reconvened with a goal in mind. The road leading from county highway 150 to St. Mary-of-the-Woods is in deplorable condition. ACE will, through petitions and information on the condition of the road bring a proposal before the Vigo County Commissioners and hopefully get them to act on repairing the road.

The Student Government is also considering a request to the Board of Managers that the student activities fee be raised from \$12 to \$15 per year. The increased funds would go into the Student Government coffers for use in pulling clubs out of past debts, encouraging the initiating of new worthwhile organizations, and establishing a sinking fund to pay for bringing celebrities to campus.

The Student Government is participating in Choice '68. This is the Inter-Collegiate Presidential Primary in which all college students regardless of age may vote. This is a national project that is underwritten by *Time* and should indicate just whom the college generation actually does prefer.

These are very brief synopsis of some of the major endeavors on which the Student Government is concentrating its efforts. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to come to the Student Government offices (in HM UB) between 3:00 P.M. and 4:30 P.M. on Parents' Day.

-JOHN A. ELZUFON Student Body President



# A LOOK AT THE ELECTIONS

The Student Government elections are now over, with Pete Doenges and Mel Smith emerging victorious. On looking back at the past campaign, both men had some thoughts on how the campaigns and elections were run, and on student interest.

Mel Smith, the new vice-president, stated that the candidates should be able to express their ideas to the student body through more speeches, rather than posters on the wall. This year, the candidates were given an opportunity to speak in Freshman Orientation. However, the majority of upperclassmen were not able to witness these speeches. Pete Doenges has suggested that next year the elections could be organized earlier, in order to enable the use of campus facilities, such as WRTR, so that more students could become more involved in the elections, and become acquainted with the candidates and issues.

Both Smith and Doenges commented on the lack of seriousness in the campaigns that is forced on candidates by student apathy. Although approximately 650 votes were cast many of these votes were cast not on consideration of the issues or ability of the candidates. but on whose cartoon character caught the voter's eye. Both men agreed that more conscientious campaigns are needed, but that this approach only brings on disinterest in many students, therefore forcing candidates to use attentiongetting methods.

WASHINGTON — Peace Corps Director Jack Vaughn predicts a 10 per cent increase in the number of applicants able to serve this year.

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rests on a fundamental premise: Before a group can enter the open society, it must first close ranks. By this we mean that group solidarity is necessary before a group can operate effectively from a bargaining position of strength in a pluralistic society. Traditionally, each new ethnic group in this society has found the route to social and political viability through the organization of its own institutions with which to represent its needs within the larger society. It is a call for black people in this country to unite, to recognize their heritage, to build a sense of community. It is a call for black people to begin to define their own goals, to lead their own organizations and to support those organizations.

From this quote it is apparent that "Black Power" is new and radical only because it is being practiced by black men. You will also note that nowhere is violence of any kind mentioned. This does not mean that the violence we have witnessed may not be unavoidable, but only that if it can be avoided "Black Power" is the only possible chance. The time is past when we, the black society, will sit back and wait for the white power structure to give us rights which are not theirs to give. White Americans did not gain freedom through singing or talking at the conference table or because of some legislation and it has become obvious that neither will black Americans. Because of this I join the masses of black Americans who believe in "Black Power" and who now say-Uhuru! Harambee.

Respectfully yours, —WAYNE E. PATRICK

Dear Editor:

To Our Beloved Student President:

Come on, John, it was really rather an outstanding article until the last paragraph. Now, do you really expect us to believe that the only reason Rose's rules about Boys and Girls Together (to swipe a popular phrase) remain unchanged is because of women's

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regulations at St. Mary's and ISU? That's somehow like Firestone refusing to introduce wide oval tires because Chevrolet has a rule against wide-rimmed wheels. In one word, ridiculous.

I don't pretend to be interested in petty politics at State, nor, after four years, do I expect sane and decisive action from the Woods. But it seems to me that a school educating "professional" engineers and staffed by more of those "professionals" ought to be able to come up with an excuse a little more original and | or intelligent than "Nobody else is doing it." And the student body of that institution ought to be considerably more adult than to put up with such nonsense.

I suspect that the real reason against your eminently sound and mild proposal is a strong resentment of the twentieth century here at Rose. The squabble on boys and girls is a teacup tempest to the question of where Rose stands with respect to its students. In other words, Wither In Loco Parentis?

-M. E. NICKSIC



# ON THE "IN" SIDE

Rain last week dampened our baseball activities. Wet grounds forced a rescheduling of our first game with Greenville College from Wednesday, to Thursday and our doubleheader with Principia Saturday was postponed until May 2.

Greenville College nestled in a quiet little town of Greenville, Illinois met us for a single game at 3:00. (Before the game we got a look at the scenery—a coed P.E class outside the fieldhouse. Interesting.) Steve Mueller took the mound allowing only two scratch runs during the nine-inning contest. Defensively, we played our best game of the season, but again our bats knocked out only two harmless hits failing to move any baserunners beyond third base.

Tomorrow we travel down to Hanover College for two afternoon games. No sooner than we are back from Hanover, we leave Sunday at 1:30 for Iowa Wesleyan and an overnighter. Then, Monday we meet our new conference rivals for a doubleheader. Not too busy of a schedule!

## ACTION ON THE IM SCENE

Intramural softball action through April 22 has Lambda Chi Alpha and Theta Xi tied for first in Major league action with 2-0 records while ABCD No. 1 tops Minor action at 2-0.

Major contests last week saw ABCD edge Triangle 10-7; Theta Xi slam the Faculty 25-5; Speed rally past BSB 16-13; and Lambda Chi Alpha bomb Off Campus 27-1.

In Minor action, Lambda Chi Alpha No. 2 trounced ATO No. 1 20-2; ATO No. 2 downed Triangle 10-2; Lambda Chi Alpha No. 2 kept ATO No. 3 in the cellar with a 16-12 triumph, and ABCD No. 1 won by forfeit from Speed.

LEXINGTON, Ky. (CPS)—Political pressure and continued threats to academic freedom from conservative state politicians have forced Dr. John W. Oswald to resign as president of the University of Kentucky.

## NETTERS LOSE FIRST CONTEST

In a match with Wabash last Thursday, Rose's tennis team lost 4-5. The match, Rose's first of the new season, was played on the Rose The netters have a busy courts. schedule lined up for next week as they play five matches between today and next Saturday. These matches include Blackburn (today), here; Principia (tomorrow), here; Wabash again on Monday (there), and Greenville on Thursday (here). Highlighting next week is the conference match, which takes place Saturday at Principia.

# GOLFERS CONTINUE

Rose Poly golfers ran their season's record to 6-1 this week by defeating Wabash, Northern Indiana, and Vincennes University in a four-way meet and by trouncing Greenville in a dual match.

In the four-way meet Rose out scored Wabash  $10\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$ , Northern 12-0, and handled Vincennes U. 11-4. Leading the pack for the Rose men was Dale Good with a low score of 74.

Winning 17-1 in the dual match Rose out-classed the Greenville team. Sid Stone was the big man for Rose with a sparkling score of 79.

By the way—there is a rumor going around that Coach Carr has to point the hole out for Sid to hit the ball to—maybe we had better ask Sid about this.

### APO SERVICE

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a science oriented program. Members of the pledge class serve as associate advisors and help to keep the program moving smoothly. Among the programs laid out by the pledges are tours and experiments in the various departments.

Those students with cars have probably been aware of the APO's work on campus. The various road lines which have been painted recently are all part of APO's effort to improve the Rose car.pus. The hope is that the road lines will improve safety on the campus while also showing that the group is active.

Upon the request of the maintenance department, APO has been active in beautifying the Rose campus. Recently, myrtle was transplanted from the ATO house site to line the wall leading to the upperclassmen dormitories.

FRANKFORT, Ky. (CPS) — Gov. Louis B. Nunn has signed into law a bill making Kentucky the first state in the union to have students on the governing boards of public colleges and universities.

"You're getting old when you don't care where your wife goes, just so you don't have to go along."

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-TOM BUTWIN

