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COMMENT 69

by Cliff Lewis

Rather than writing my usual drab article, this week I have a new drab subject.

Last year, the Student Government set up a committee to study possible grade system changes. The goal of the committee is to propose workable grading system revisions that will serve to give a more representative evaluation of the student.

The committee has considered a large number of possible systems ranging from pass-fail to the inclusion of additional divisions such as C plus and B plus. It has considered various amounts of student evaluation and written progress reports to be given each student. It has considered various ways of computing class rank ranging from non-ranking to specialty field ranking. It has considered publicizing the grade distributions in each class. It has considered applications of different systems in technical and non-technical areas, and the possibility of different systems in different grade levels.

These systems have been evaluated by the results of the surveys to colleges, to industry, by the discussion sessions with faculty and students and by the committee discussion. Many systems have been rejected or modified or used in connection with others and the following system changes have been proposed:

1. The addition of B plus and C plus grades.
2. A published distribution of grades, i.e. B 10/30 where the 10 refers to the number of B's given in a group of 30.
3. Non-ranking of students in basic courses, i.e. no accumulative averages tabulated.
4. Specialized area ranking i.e. tabulating a ranking order for each of the disciplines.
5. The extension of the pass-fail option to include and or all courses taken as overloads.

The committee is planning
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FACULTY SNOWS WTHI

The faculty once again proved that it can show no mercy as it trounced the WTHI All Star team in a game at the Rose fieldhouse Saturday night. The faculty held WTHI to no field goals and only six free throws in the first half, making the score at intermission 46-6.

At halftime, in an effort to give the game more balance, the score was reversed to 36-6, WTHI leading. Even this did no good, as the faculty, led by the bombers from the EE department, slowly closed the gap and ended up outscoring their opponents by 40 points in the final period. Depending on which way you want it, the faculty won either 97-17 or 57-47.

Scoring in double figures for the Rose faculty were Mcgee with 27, McClanahan with 22, and Sabbagh with 11. Others seeing action for the faculty were Forsythe, Cabrinha, Miller, Sanders, Lucas, Brietmier, Brown, Murdoch, Dekker, Daugherty and Coddington.

Leading scorer for WTHI was Don Bardon with 9. Bardon had four of the five field goals for WTHI. Others playing for WTHI were Jerry Ice, Don Tucker, Rick Huffman, Art Peden, John Echave, Jim Bell and Dave Hussong.

PENSION PLANS PAY!

Pension plans, from private sources, paid nearly \$5 billion to about 4,000,000 retired employees in the United States in 1968, and the whole economy benefits from the capital investment represented by the \$114 billion in current assets held in trust for present and future retirees.

It is estimated that motorists have paid an average of \$22.9 million a day in state and federal fuel taxes in 1968, for an estimated total of over \$8.3 billion for the year.

RETRIBUTION AND REVENGE BY STUDENTS

Each year the school allows the campus to be overrun with student "riots" and insurrection. This annual event is commonly known as the "Rose Riots."

The Rose Riots are sponsored by Blue Key and will be directed this year by Skip Douglas. The "Riots," presented on February 18 during the convocation period, are open to any interested groups of Rose students.

Each skit must be approved by Skip or a qualified Blue Key committee before February 8. In previous years, the faculty has been on the receiving end of most of the skits. This is probably due to their ability to be humorous and easily liked. This year shouldn't deviate from the trend therefore: Faculty—BEWARE!

WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Fri., 7, 7:30, D-04, Wabash Valley Radio Assoc.; 8:00, Union, I.D.C. Film.

Sat., 8, 8:00, Principia, Basketball; 9:00, Union, Calendar Girl Dance.

Sun., 9, 1:30, Union, Bridge Club.

Mon., 10, 2:15, E-104, Org. Chem. Seminar; 4:00, A-202, Problem Solvers; 4:00, C-126, Baseball Meeting; 4:00, Aud., Drill Team.

Tues., 11, 10:35, Aud., Convo; 12:25, A-205, Christian Student Fellowship; 4:00, D-04, RPI Racing Assoc.; 4:00, E-104, Glee Club; 4:00, C-126, Physics Seminar.

Wed., 12, 4:00, Aud., Drill Team; 8:00, Fieldhouse, Earlham, Basketball.

Thurs., 13, 4:00, E-104, Glee Club; 7:00, Aud., Rose Film Soc.

Fri., 14, 8:00, Union, IDC Valentine Dance.

"A reckless driver is one who passes you in spite of all your car can do."

INSIDE CONGRESS

by Roger Ward
Congress Historian

Over the past three weeks, reports and commentary of the various pursuits of the Student Congress have appeared in this column. One point is becoming more and more obvious that questions the whole relevancy of Rose's Student Congress. Not once has appeared any major action of the Congress as a governing body, in earlier articles—such action just has not occurred.

The only projects sponsored by the Student Congress are under the chairmanship of a very small group of students, hardly in themselves the Congress. Many proposals of President Pete Doenges couldn't get off the ground because early this fall the majority of the representatives in Congress failed to actively pursue these worthwhile projects. Thus the burden was left to Pete and a few concerned students who have since shouldered the whole load. Thus it seems that much of what has been reported could have been accomplished

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DR. BEAM RECEIVES GRANT

Dr. William Beam, assistant professor of physics at Rose Polytechnic Institute, has been awarded a \$500 grant from the Rose Research Fund to build equipment for studying elementary particle physics.

The equipment to be built with the funds is a refinement of an instrument designed by Dr. Beam for scanning film in the study of anti-protons scattering off heavy hydrogen in a bubble chamber.

Through this grant Rose will be able to provide an area of study in physics not normally possible in a small college. Film for the study is provided through a cooperative program between Ohio University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and Rose.

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FRATERNITY NEWS

FIJI DELTA COLONY

The Colony has taken two more pledges during this past week. Congratulations to Don Baker and Jim Graham who bring to nine the number of future FIJIS.

The brothers enjoyed rather varied activities over the past weekend. They entertained the "Cuddle Bunnies" of Zeta Tau Alpha at a Pajama Party on Friday night. Saturday morning found the FIJIS busy helping with the United Fund Work Day. And Brother Lowes barely escaped from a head hunter! This weekend should offer more of the same with a mixer with the Tri-Delts and a Retreat planned.

The FIJIS wish to thank Dr. Brietmeyer for his thought-provoking talk on the subject, "The Times—They Are A-Changing" at our dinner meeting on Tuesday evening. The discussion that followed was of benefit to all in attendance.

THETA XI NEWS

The United Fund drive last weekend was a big success for the Brothers of Theta Xi. Under the leadership of Brother Yelnick, Rose Fraternities and organizations of St. Mary-of-the-Woods staged helpful projects for the U.F.

James Bentley, representative from Theta Xi National Headquarters, was the guest of Kappa Chapter last week. The Brothers hope he found his visit worth-while-On It!

Sports—The Major league volleyball team lost a tight bat-

tle to Sigma Nu. The Minor league volleyball team beat Speed Hall.

TX Notes—Pledge Stevens is lavaliered. Another Paris wedding could be in order—for Pledge Underkofler. Is Brother Crome still on a plant trip? Reliable sources say that Brother Sullivan will be pinned by the end of the week. Brothers Goldsmith and Dyer were given \$20.00 by a total stranger while hitchhiking to Nashville—Why? Brother Keenen kept his appointment with officer macdonald again this week.

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ATO

The men of Alpha Tau Omega have 28 new pledge brothers. Pete Fowler led our efforts in taking the following Freshmen and Sophomores as pledges: Steve Bonney, Tom Dinkel, Tom Foster, Joe Fuss, Paul Grosskreutz, Bill Henley, Dan Kato, Dick Kosik, Dave Liddle, Ed McCarthy, Eric Mitchell, Terry Nelson, Mark Owens and Rich Pappa.

The following men also accepted their pledge pins: Tim Peterson, Denny Pilarczyk, Rich Reidy, Larry Rogers, Lee Smith, Mark Sprouls, Bob Stricker, Chick Sweeney, Dave Wanninger, John Weinhardt, Jim Wheeler, Bruce Williams, Don Johnson (Soph.) and John Keen (Soph.). We extend a warm welcome and congratulations to these men.

Last Sunday our house's doors were opened to the faculty, parents and all other interested persons in the community. About 400 guests waded

through the mud to see our house. We thank the Mother's Club for the delicious refreshments which they prepared and served. Our thanks also go to Mom Gray, out housemother, for her excellent job of entertaining and making all guests welcome.

Song practice is once again under way. Hopefully, this effort will lead to a trophy at our annual State Day, which will be hosted by our chapter on March 8th.

ALPHA PHI OMEGA

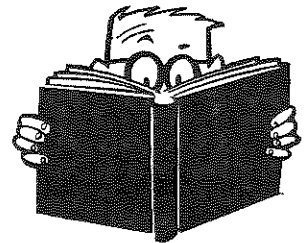
Well, the APO pledge class sponsored basketball game between the WTHI "Good Guys" and the Rose Poly faculty has
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We would like to thank the "gentlemen" and we use the term loosely, who decided that they would remove our sign advertising a Panel Discussion to be held at the United Hebrew Congregation, Friday, February 7. We would like to thank these "gentlemen" because their actions confirm our hypotheses about Rose and American Society in general. The twenty cents that the sign cost is of little consequence to us, it is the fact that it belonged to us and that its purpose was to encourage students and faculty to attend this panel discussion for which we, and numerous others have spent valuable time preparing and this is the response that we receive: OVERT RACISM—THEFT OF PROPERTY—DENIAL OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION. This, "gentlemen" is your American Way. That's alright, though, because we are not going to rant and rave about this issue due to the fact that we have a good idea who these "gentlemen" are, and we would advise them not to come up in our faces smiling and saying "Hi Jim-

my," "Hi Wayne," "Hi Memphis," because we will be forced to remove their hypocritical smiles. Do your own thing, "gentlemen," but from now on we're going to do ours. With No Respect,

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come and gone — but it was great while it was here! Some really professional-type ball was seen, as the Rose Poly faculty handily routed the "Good Guys" (for those who saw the

game in person), or, as the "Good Guys" handily defeated the Rose Poly faculty (for those who were listening to WTHI). The pledge class of Tau Lambda wishes to extend its thanks to the faculty for their help and cooperation.

The Tau Lambda chapter at Rose now has three new pledges: Thomas Griggs, James Williams and Alva Warren Petty. Congratulations guys!

It has been learned through reliable sources that over the Christmas vacation Brother

Mike Schuck was engaged. Who's next, David?

Speaking of Hoecker, Hoecker's Helpers have finally finished construction on the signs they have been so diligently working on. All that is left to do now is to place them at the appropriate spots on campus, where they will lend directional assistance to the poor lost souls who wander onto the campus.

**ART TREASURES
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A rusty kris (Philippine sword); an ancient Indian leather cape, so badly soiled that the subtle colors have been completely obliterated; delicately shell-decorated basketry encrusted with decades of dust and dirt—how can one ever get them clean again?

Bethune M. Gibson, a conservator at the Smithsonian Institution (Washington D. C.), has developed a new technique. She blows the dirt away.

She uses the Airbrasive AJM apparatus (registered trademark, Pennsalt Chemicals Corporation), originally developed for industry by its industrial division, S. S. White. It is used to cut fragile, brittle, or "impossible to cut" materials. It's used to adjust printed circuits, trim very thin sheets of titanium, or etch glass; still more often it's used to remove tiny hairline burrs from precision-machined components.

However, at the Smithsonian it is used to remove surface soils from priceless relics. Mrs. Gibson accomplishes this by using the compressed air-driven apparatus to propel a carefully controlled supply of glass beads or dolomite through a small nozzle at a pre-selected distance from the *objets d'art* she is cleaning with precise yet gentle dexterity. "A little competence and confidence and you can learn this technique in a few days," she explains, "but anybody who's all thumbs should stay away from it."

Incidentally, although you may go hatless in the south, Chicago's health commissioner, Dr. Morgan J. O'Connell, urges men to wear hats in winter weather. It not only reduces the possibility of colds and flu, but avoids drying out natural hair oils.

Success is just around the corner—only sometimes it's a long block.

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RESURRECTING THE 18-YEAR-OLD VOTE

By JOHN ZEH
College Press Service

WASHINGTON (CPS)—The history of efforts to lower the voting age is full of frustration and failure, dating back to 1942 when Sen. Arthur Vandenberg introduced the first recent resolution to extend the franchise. In that session, Congress lowered the draft-induction age to 18, but refused to lower the voting age.

Since then, more than a hundred similar resolutions have been bottled up by the nation's lawmakers. Despite President Eisenhower's support in 1954, a proposed Constitutional amendment lowering the voting age failed by five votes. In the last session of Congress, well-meaning liberals let another bill slide without a fight after President Johnson spoke up favorably but too late.

The 18-year-old vote issue has also been raised at least once in each of the states, but the voters have consistently said no. Only in Kentucky and Georgia have efforts been successful.

"The nub of practical politics is that without assurances from organized college-aged groups that 18-to-21 year-olds really want the franchise, chances of passage are dim," Sen. Jacob Javits has said. Young people have decided to take his advice seriously.

In the last month two groups have formed to start a nationwide push for passage of laws lowering the voting age. One, begun by students from the University of the Pacific in California and launched on a television special with Joey Bishop, is called LUV (Let Us Vote). It claims chapters on more than 200 college campuses and 1,500 high schools.

Another handful of young people, from the National Education Association (NEA)'s student affiliate, have formed

a Youth Franchise Coalition. With the support of other student groups, they claim to be the first national organization working toward the 18-year-old vote.

Sen. Javits and West Virginia's Sen. Jennings Randolph (who has fought for the lowered voting age since 1942) have written their Congressional colleagues seeking support for the new effort.

The Coalition has invited representatives of some 200 organizations and all members of Congress to attend a strategy session in Washington Feb. 5.

The Coalition's campaign to lower the voting age will aim at passage of a Constitutional amendment and changes in state statutes and charters. Dirck Brown, an early Coalition leader, explains that an effort at the state level will make ratification of the new Constitutional amendment easier. (Three-fourths of the states must ratify amendments to the U.S. Constitution.)

A petition drive will be conducted and a national youth conference will be held to dramatize the interest in a lower voting age. The Coalition also wants to develop a speakers' bureau and a stable source of information on the subject.

"For the first time," says Jim Graham, campus affairs vice-president of the National Student Association, "we're going to go really hard on this issue. This will be no kiddies' brigade."

One of the "hack issues" of past campaigns that the students hope to redefine is the "Old enough to fight, old enough to vote" argument which has had wide emotional appeal in wartime.

Now, with the Vietnam war, the argument takes a new twist. "Some people feel if you're old enough to vote, you ought to be mature enough to know not to fight," says NSA's Graham.

Proponents of the 18-year-old

vote advance other arguments now.

Sen. Mike Mansfield (D.-Mont.) feels the lower voting age is "more pertinent now than ever before, because youth is better equipped to exercise this responsibility."

"The 18-year-old has emerged in this new world of learning and information-gathering far more ready for responsible citizenship than the 21-year-old or even the 24-year-old was in my day," says Sen. Gale McGee of Wyoming. "In fact, I'd take my chances with the 18-year-olds in the political saddle today instead of their parents."

Eighteen-to-21-year-olds are considered adults for many purposes. More and more are getting married earlier. Many of the three million who are married have children. Legally permitted to undertake family responsibilities, they are denied the right to vote. More than six million young people are taxed without representation. People over 18 are subject to the same penal codes as those over 21. Young people can enter the U.S. Civil Service at 18.

Campus unrest and other disorder stands to be lessened if the vote is granted, Senator

Javits and others argue. The National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence has just reported that violence occurs partly because protestors believe they cannot make their demands felt effectively through normal channels.

The 18-year-old vote "will ease the frustrations of a generation obviously intent upon having a voice in the determination of their own destinies," the YD's Oliver told the Bayh subcommittee last May.

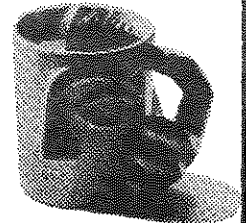
When Gov. Ellis Arnall first proposed lowering Georgia's voting age in 1943, he introduced the argument that young people have a contribution to make. "Their fellow citizens need their participation . . . the fresh viewpoint of these unregimented voters . . . their idealism." The Coalition's proposal talks about a possible "therapeutic effect" on the nation, and Sen. Javits says the most compelling reason to low-

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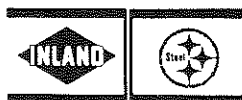
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