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Comment '69

by Don Spatz

Monday, February 17, started out much like any other Monday morning — dull and dreary. Not that every Monday morning for the past two years has been ghostly grey like the seventeenth was, it's just that the functioning of my whole system has to make a complete adjustment in the split second in which I wake and find that another Monday morning and Rose Poly has dawned upon me. After a weekend of blissful freedom and psychic reality, I suddenly find my mind swimming, or better floating in clouds of dismay and even sometimes anger.

This morning I suppose I was kinda proud of myself. I had gotten my dragging body out of bed in time to make my first hour class. Quick breakfast-run out to the car—7:30 news just coming on. "Good morning, a Rose Poly freshman was found dead in his dorm Sunday by his roommate. Cause of death: suffocation, apparently suicide."

News about death is considered just news. People build thick insulations around their psyche so that death no longer affects them personally. I've tried to do the same thing, just to allow myself to live without going into daily fits of depression. I've tried to force myself to read the daily war toll, accident toll, and murder toll without feeling any emotion, but somehow I've never been able to let the cold statistics make my mind frozen with the ice of indifference.

This Monday morning, however, the news was enough to thaw the collective mind of Rose Poly. Eight o'clock in the morning and hushed voices all asked, "Did you hear?" Someone had died who was close by, someone I had never met, but knew well, someone who had experienced the same frustrations that I had and that the majority of Rose students experience at some time or another.

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE IDC:

Starting last Wednesday dorm sessions with President Logan and Dean Ross were initiated. The results from these first meetings have been good and the meetings have already had effects.

One is that from now on, President Logan is going to maintain office hours on Monday mornings from 8:30 to 12:00 for anyone who has problems or suggestions and wants to talk about them. We see this as another step in attempting to improve communications between the students and administration. We would like to see this lead to informal discussions between students and faculty, in an effort to improve student faculty understanding.

As for new campus hours and dorm rules, the faculty committee on student activities met this past Wednesday to decide our proposal's fate. At the time this letter was written, no ruling had been made.

Sincerely,

JOHN HODSDEN
IDC President

LOCAL VOCAL YOKELS HIT ROAD

The Rose company of the Glee Club will leave on tour Thursday morning, May 9. Upon their return, which they estimate will be somewhere around the following week, they hope to have remembered singing at four high schools. Professor Farshall will lead his peerless pipers in a 30-40 minute display of vocal gymnastics. Resplendently clad in many coins worth of new blazers, an expected 25-30 wandering warblers will enjoy this four-day spring weekend.

In all seriousness however, those with an appreciation for music would enjoy singing with the Glee Club. There is still time to join and room in the bus—and a three-day week in May doesn't sound bad! Practices are scheduled on Monday and Wednesday at 4:00 or as announced.

PROJECT - LIFE

As the move from rural life to urban life has accelerated, problems in human habitation have increased. More and more slums are developing. Education, health, and other factors that affect the welfare of a community have been on the decline, especially for those in the lower income bracket.

The Civil Engineering Department of Rose has designed a program to look into the problems of the urban areas. The department assigns a project to the senior civil engineering students. The project is spread over a two quarter period and consists of four credits. One of the major purposes of the project is to get the students to think as men, not just as plug and crank engineers.

This year's project is to look into the problems of an area of Terre Haute known as the Hyte Center. They have been interviewing the people and analyzing.

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GUIDE TO GRADUATE STUDY

Rose Poly has been one of 750 schools to receive a complete eleven volume set of the *Annual Guides to Graduate Study*. The purpose of these *Guides* is to help the student choose the school for graduate work. The *Guide* is an attempt to communicate with the student about other schools in a fashion other than catch as catch can.

These volumes seek to list virtually every graduate program in the United States in more than 50 different fields of study. In addition, they contain full-page descriptions on over 1,000 voluntary participating programs. The programs of different fields of study range from the Arts and Sciences to International Affairs. The descriptions of the *Guides* cover the school's programs, faculty, requirements, and costs, etc.

The guides can be found at Rose in the offices of Dr. Llewellyn—along with the storm doors.

A ROSE HONOR CODE?

by Henry Keahey

The idea of an honor code brings to mind many different preconceived ideas. Tau Beta Pi is conducting an orientation of the students to erase these preconceptions, tell them what kind of honor code is being considered here, and to get reactions from the students. The main goal of an honor code is to create a professional spirit, hopefully, not to punish cheaters. As specific a model as possible will be presented here. But, it should be kept in mind that nothing in this article is definite. This model is just something to start a conversation with. It is only one person's opinion and does not represent the official view of anybody.

An engineer is more than a computer. He is called on often to make ethical decisions that effect himself, his associates, his firm, and other companies. You would not want to work with a man who might take your work and call it his own. You would not want to deal with a man that might give buyer and seller different information. Rose prepares a student adequately in technical fields, but as has been said, it takes more to be an engineer. For this reason, some feel that we need an honor code at Rose. It can be an outline to help the student bring his principles into practice. With an established code, a student who feels that he ought to take some action will have a guide and a precedent to follow. He need not sit back because he does not know what to do.

Here is an example of how an honor code might work. The honor code would obviously apply to tests. It would probably be extended to specifically designated homework. This does not mean an end to collaboration, but if an instructor wants a specific assignment done individually, he may put that assignment under the honor code.

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FRATERNITY NEWS

FIJI DELTA COLONY

Big news! The FIJI Bowling Ballers are in first place by a substantial 32 pin lead. Congratulations to those brothers on the bowling team for a job well done, and may the Rotational Inertia always be in your favor! Further on in the sports spotlight—Speed edged by our FIJI Superstars on the basketball court with a series of lucky breaks in the last minutes of play in spite of the fine efforts of the team. The team has improved remarkably since the beginning games of the season and the Colony is looking forward to boasting a top team during next year's season.

The upcoming weekend will see the FIJIS travel to Indianapolis on Saturday for the annual State Day—it goes without saying that all the brothers are anxiously awaiting the fun that will be had by all. The Colony is anticipating the capture of several championships in the various areas of competition. Good Luck to all. Due to the efforts of Brother Goble and the numerous song practices, the Colony will be recognized for the quality of its singing, one way or another!

APO

Tomorrow is the day! Any interested and willing members of Alpha Phi Omega are urged to attend a work project at Camp Krietenstein. Camp K, a Boy Scout camp, has a dining hall on which there is a porch.

So, APO has taken upon itself the task of rebuilding the porch. This is a really worthwhile project and it should prove to be very interesting.

Hooray! Finally Hoecker's Helpers (with the able assistance of Brother Bergen) has got the last of the directional signs planted on campus. The momentous occasion took place last Saturday, and with the exception of the Leaning Truck of Pisa and one sign that pointed the wrong way, things went rather smoothly. Speaking of smooth, how was your Platonic date, Brother Roy?

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This is just an example. There are other ways in which the honor code can be extended to homework.

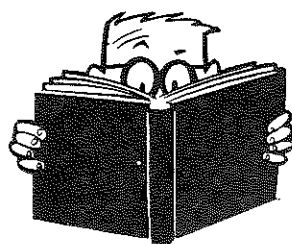
The honor code can be further extended to theft and vandalism. This may not help much in the case of theft of personal possessions because thefts are very rarely witnessed, whereas cheating usually is. But there are other possible benefits that will be brought up later. As far as defacing school property is concerned, writing on desk tops may not be a major problem at Rose, but it is an expression of a prevalent attitude. It is just this attitude that the honor code is designed to change. As the math majors say, a trivial example will illustrate. Now: Person A doodles on a desk. Person B says nothing, so A thinks this is accepted practice. Change: A doodles on desk. B says, "It's not professional to

desk-doodle." A feels embarrassed at being called unprofessional and henceforward brings a used napkin to doodle on.

The basic idea about enforcement is to apply the lowest level of pressure that will get results. If a person is discovered cheating for example, the discoverer should talk personally with the offender. He might also spread the word about the offender, so that if he is caught again, the second witness will know that this is not the first time. If it becomes clear that unofficial pressures will not do, then the matter should be brought before a court. The court would try the accused, and if convicted, the offender would be sentenced by the court. The only non-student involvement would be administration approval of the sentence. The court could be appointed, elected, or created out of parties acquainted with the situation. Or an already established court could be used. Penalties for cheating might be anything from censure to expulsion. No penalty would be handed down unless there were substantial evidence of guilt. Two more quick notes on mechanics: 1) there would probably be a pledge signed by all incoming freshmen stating that they would support the honor code and live by the decisions of the court. Also, it is not mandatory that a witness turn in a cheater. In fact, it is hoped that the court would be used very rarely.

Finally, there are many advantages to an honor code that may not be obvious. When a group assumes more responsibility, it gets more privileges. One petty personal complaint about Rose Poly is that the facilities are not open to the student much of the time. How many times would you have liked to use the bank when it is closed? How about the gym or the office machines around school? There are rare students

around who would like to use the labs when they are closed, or just be able to get into the main building to check his mail box on Sunday. Administration trust in the student is not the only barrier to correcting these shortcomings, but it is an important start.



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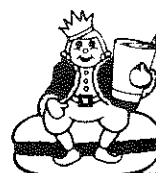
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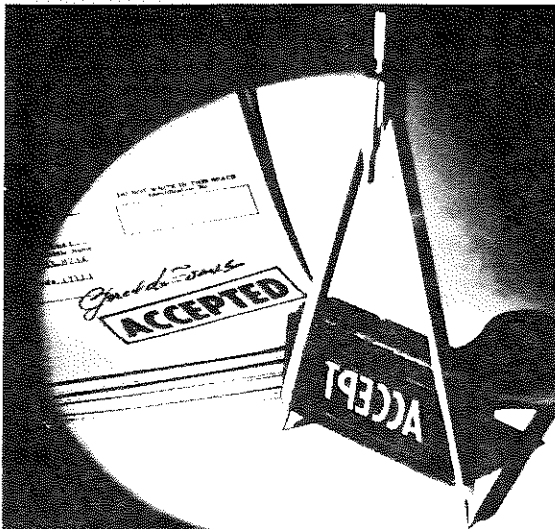
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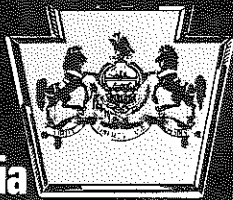


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er. This death ate at the heart more than the sight of blood running on a highway or dripping in the swamps of Vietnam. This death devoured Rose Poly.

But due to the resilient character of the human soul, most of us were able to recover in a few hours. We were able to rationalize our coldness by feigning not to know him or pretending that it really didn't matter. I was as guilty as everyone else. By fourth period I was able to passively listen to a laugh-filled discussion on the engineering mechanics of how a person can hang himself in a dorm room. By ninth hour I thought I had completely forgotten the whole event, but here I am ten days later with an itch—an itch I can't scratch. I can't find the irritation but it's here and it won't go away.

Why doesn't someone answer the question of "why" for me? Why doesn't the administration say something? Why has the question of this student's death been swept under the rug? Why can I recall three suicides at Rose? Why can't something be done to learn why these students have taken their lives so we can prevent the same thing from happening again?

PHELPS NAMED HONORABLE MENTION

Daniel J. Phelps, a senior physics major at Rose Polytechnic Institute, has been named to honorable mention by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation as being among the best future college teachers to be found in the United States and Canada.

Phelps was one of 140 college seniors honored in the two-state area of 90 colleges and universities of Indiana and Illinois.

The honor is especially impressive inasmuch as Phelps

was one of only five physics majors receiving recognition in the competition which has been traditionally dominated by liberal arts.

The Rose senior from Rives Junction, Mich., who has earned a 3.9 plus grade point average on a 4.0 system through three and one-third years at Rose, is in the running to graduate first in a record class of 215 at the institute.

Active in a number of campus organizations, Phelps currently is serving as corresponding secretary for the Rose chapter of Tau Beta Pi, national undergraduate honorary engineering fraternity; treasurer of Phi Gamma Delta social fraternity, and treasurer of the Physics Club. He is also a member of Sigma Pi Sigma and the Rose band, and is the training officer for the Rose ROTC brigade.

Phelps plans to begin his graduate work in physics this Fall at either the University of Illinois, Stanford or the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Fri., 28, Campus Revue, ISU; H. S. Sectionals.

Sat., 1, Campus Revue, ISU; H. S. Sectional Finals.

Mon., 3, 2:15, E-104, Org. Chem. Seminar; 4:00, A-202, Problem Solvers.

Tues., 4, 10:35, D-04, Bio-Seminar; 10:35, B-119, Sr. Civ. ills; 10:35, E-208, Chem. Dept.; 10:35, C-126, St. Gov't.; 12:25, A-205, Christian Student Fellowship; 4:00, D-04, RPI Racing Assoc.; 4:00, B-119, Faculty Meeting; 4:00, E-104, Glee Club; 4:00, C-126, Flying Club.

Thurs., 6, 4:00, E-104, Glee Club.

Fri., 7, 7:30, D-04, Wabash Valley Radio Assoc.

NATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION (NSA) TO FIGHT C.A.B. REPORT ENDING YOUTH FARES

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The United States National Student Association (NSA) will fight the recommendations of a Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) examiner calling for the abolition of youth fares as "unjustly discriminatory," and has retained legal counsel to prepare briefs and oral arguments for presentation before the CAB. The announcement of NSA's action came from Services Di-

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IM Sports

In major league basketball action last week, Sigma Nu clobbered ATO 70-57. Triangle handily defeated Off Campus as Off Campus failed to show up, BSB beat TX 70-50, Speed slipped by the faculty 72-61. Lambda Chi romped over ABCD 87-50, and Triangle pulled another one out as they defeated Speed 52-44.

In the minor league, ABCD 1 started off the week by defeating Lambda Chi 137-27. ATO 1 beat Sigma Nu 2 53-29. In a low scoring affair, BSB defeated Fiji 43-28. In another low scoring game (at least for one side), Lambda Chi 3 downed Triangle 69-14. Off Campus 3 eased by BSB 1 43-34. ABCD2 got in some practice as they defeated Speed 3 by forfeit. In two other games last week BSB 2 defeated TX 1 51-39 and Off Campus 1 won a close one as they defeated ATO 2 52-47.

At the close of the season three teams remain tied for first in the minor league. A playoff between Speed 1, ABCD 2, and Off Campus 3 will be held at a later date. BSB leads the major league with a 7-1 record. Lambda Chi and Sigma Nu are tied for second at 6-2.

INGS LEADS TEAM OVER BEAVERS

Junior guard Don Ings had his best night of the season last weekend against Blackburn, pouring in 46 points, a new school record. Rose needed every one of those points to win, 98-94. Don set the old record of 45 last year against Illinois College.

The game started out to be a runaway. Ings got 14 of Rose's first 16, and the Engineers led 25-11 after nine minutes. The lead increased to 54-35 at the half, but Blackburn's Beavers got busy and came back in the second half, but the rally fell short.

Ings connected on 21 of 34 field goal attempts, and 4 out of 6 charity tosses on his way to the record. That's also a new record for most field goals in a game. Tom Butwin, Rod Smith and D. Cordero were also in double figures for Rose with 16, 13 and 10 points, respectively. Cordero also pulled down 18 rebounds, and sophomore Don Johnson had 14.

As a team the Engineers hit 42 of 78 from the field for 54

per cent, but only 14 of 27 free throws. That's a bad night at the line for Rose, who has been among the top ten NAIA schools in the nation in free throw percentage of the season. Blackburn hit a respectable 47 per cent from the field, but it wasn't good enough.

IOWA ROMPS ENGINEERS

Rose's 1968-69 roundball season closed out of gear Monday evening as the Engineers were outclassed from start to finish by a smooth Iowa Wesleyan quintet to the tune of a 93-64 thrashing.

The Engineers were hampered by Wesleyan's tight man-to-man defense and couldn't connect from the field until five minutes had ticked off the clock. Iowa, though, was red hot scoring on 12 of their first 16 possessions thus taking a 25-8 advantage which they increased to 41-19 with 2 minutes remaining in the half. Here Tom Butwin and Don Ings sank two fielders each, but Wesleyan retaliated with two of their own to maintain a comfortable 45-27 halftime edge.

The outset of the second half saw no improvement as Wesleyan raced to a 58-31 margin during the first five minutes. The Engineers managed to cut the lead to 59-40 after Rod Smith basket with 11:50 showing, but never again did the margin decrease to less than 20. Contributing to the Engineers' miseries was D. J. Cordero's absence throughout much of the game with a facial injury further reducing the already injury plagued front line.

Tom Butwin led the Engineers scoring with 17 markers.

PROJECT LIFE

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ing the situation of the area. Through civil engineering design and planning techniques they hope to offer solutions to the problems facing the community.

The seniors have set themselves up as a consulting engineering firm. They have conferred with local businessmen and have listened to guest speakers prominent in the field of human habitation in Terre Haute.

The students handed in their report Thursday, February 27. On March 4, during convocations hour in the auditorium, they have invited 41 area businessmen and all other inter-

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ested persons to hear a formal report on their findings. The entire student body is welcome to attend this convo.

Hopefully their findings will be a step in the right direction for helping Terre Haute.

Grade School B-Ball And Beards Highlight Final Contest

Intermission during Monday night's game consisted of a contest between two groups of grade-school boys. Their type of basketball provided a welcome relief from the typical college game. Despite their age, they are well drilled in the basic fundamentals of basketball and enjoy playing before large crowds. The selection of the winners of the beard-growing contest climaxed the evening's activities. Ray Stouffer was awarded the prize of twenty-five dollars for the "bushiest" growth, while John Rhoades received the other award for the most unique beard.

NATIONAL STUDENT

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vision director Alan C. Handell, who noted that at present the Association is the only group representing student users of the airline youth fare which will make arguments before the Federal board.

Abolition of youth fares is being sought by a number of bus companies. NSA will argue that in view of the educational, social, economic, and cultural benefits afforded by the youth fares and young adult fares, the fares should not be cancelled.

Written arguments will be presented to the CAB by February 26. Oral arguments will be made at a later date. NSA is being represented by the

SENIORS, Rejoice! Wednesday, March 5th, is "Only 100 More Days 'til Graduation Day" Day.

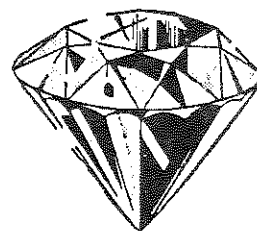
Washington law firm of Koteen and Burt, who are experts in air fare matters.

Handell urged that students interested in retaining youth fares contact him at USNSA, 2115 S. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008.

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