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APRIL 11, 1969



"The morning after the night before."
The Junior Prom is April 12.

JUNIOR PROM

This Saturday night from 8:00-12:00 in the Hulman Memorial Union Building the class of '70 proudly presents the Junior Prom. The semi-formal affair this year will feature the V.K.'s from the University of Illinois in Champaign. The group has played for many functions on the U. of I. campus and should provide a good balance of hard rock as well as slow music. The organization of the prom was chairmaned by Bill Duncan along with the able assistance of Barry Jenkins and Jim Brown. The Junior class would like to extend a hearty invitation to ALL Rose students. Admission is free as well as the refreshments served at the dance. This indeed affords the Rose student the opportunity to support and participate in a school sponsored activity as well as a place to go and have a good time with his date.

RIOTS ON R.P.I. CAMPUS

The only riots held on Rose Poly's campus have been delayed yet another time this year. From an original scheduling on April 8, the Rose Riots were moved first to April 15, and then to May 20. As usual, there is an excellent reason at the heart of the delay. April 8 was previously scheduled for the Schmidt Memorial Lecture and April 15 for the Honor's Convo.

So far only six skits have made entries for the Riots. These represent most of the fraternity pledge classes and Blue Key. Due to the delays, however, the deadline date has been moved back to May 1. Any group can enter the skit by seeing Skip Douglas for confirmation. Skits will be limited to 10 minutes.

In the past, the Riots have been marred by acts considered

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AERO IS HERE

Rose has just recently added Aerospace Engineering to the accredited curriculum. Headed by Dr. Matthews, the new field should provide an opportunity for students to pursue interests in aerodynamic phenomena, aircraft theory and other related areas. With the transfer of Dr. Roper to the department, the quality and experience of the professors is excellent.

In the past few years the demand for aerospace engineers has increased by leaps and bounds, thus the opportunities for jobs and advancement are excellent and should give students an incentive to study the offered curriculum of this department before choosing their majors. Job openings exist at

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ROSE STUDENTS GIVEN UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY COMPUTER NEW COURSE

Do you find yourself more and more disinterested with school, bored with all your classes, sick and tired of nothing but lectures, tests, and homework problems all through the week? Do you just live for the weekends when you can go out and have some fun, and forget your books for a while? If you suffer from these feelings, then consider yourself normal. Everyone at Rose feels the same way, but nobody ever attempts to change the situation. Wouldn't you like to make your week interesting, instead of a dull routine? Well, the opportunity has been right under your nose all year, and you've

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Recently two new degree granting curricula were set up here at Rose. One of these programs is Computer Science. It is a cooperation between the Electrical Engineering and mathematics departments. Course curriculum was set up by a committee headed jointly by Dr. Rogers and Dr. Bailey.

This type of program was set up to combine the theoretical aspects of mathematics with the practical aspects of electrical engineering theory. And it is in the area of computer programming and utilization that this is best applicable.

At other colleges these Computer Science programs have

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EDITORIAL —

I think it would be appropriate in my first editorial to explain what changes are being made in the INKLINGS, and what to expect from future editorials.

The format of the newspaper will remain approximately the same, but the content may change drastically. The staff heads of each writing category are now holding weekly meetings to better coordinate their efforts. From these meetings it is hoped assignments will be put out earlier, thus allowing the INKLINGS to be put in the mailbox on Friday—something that has seldom happened in the past. It should also be noted that there are two assistant editors. This policy was instituted so that more time could be devoted to each staff, and therefore efficiency could be increased. Finally, CPS news articles will no longer appear. Instead, cartoon satires and humorous articles will be incorporated.

So much for the INKLINGS itself. In upcoming weeks the INKLINGS will take specific stands on certain issues concerning the school. Whether these stands are right or wrong are for YOU, the student of Rose, to determine. Any comments or beliefs a student may have will be welcomed, and it is hoped that students will not be afraid to submit these opinions. All members of the staff will submit editorials so ideas will be varied.

—JAB

As happens every quarter, many students put their computer cards in the incorrect slot, so they can get an instructor of their choice. This quarter, it was more noticeable than usual. In some classes, there was "standing room only," while in other classes, the room was practically empty. Granted, that this is an extreme case. Yet it is an indication that Rose students are dissatisfied with the quality of some of the faculty. Just because a man has a Ph.D. does not mean that he can impart knowledge to others.

Rose Polytechnic Institute's main purpose is the education of future engineers and scientists. The recent survey of class size is a step toward making this education better, but the chief instrument of learning is the instructor. It is true that Rose has many excellent ones, but unfortunately, it is also true that Rose has its share of sub-standard ones.

The changing of classes is not condoned, but it

should act as a sign to the administration to review not only educational qualifications of instructors, but teaching qualifications and methods as well.

—ECA

FRATERNITY NEWS

TRIANGLE

Once again, it's back to the old grind for the men of TRIANGLE. Studies will be hard during this beautiful Spring weather; however, through the aid of daily preparation (see Jim Mathews) the Brothers and pledges will manage to see the quarter through.

TRIANGLE has pledged four men since the start of this quarter. Tony Marsh, Ken Kopecky, Phil Croll and Don Privett are the new members of the chapter. The challenge of living up to the ideals of TRIANGLE affords them, and the Brothers feel that these men can accept and meet this challenge.

The TRIANGLE minor softball team took to the field last Thursday in a rather inglorious attempt to defeat ATO minor. Although the team lost 16 to 6, much promise was shown in left field and at shortstop. The major softball team has yet to display its prowess against any opponent. It is wondered, however, whether the major team will feel up to accepting the challenge of the minor team in meeting head-on down on the field.

The actives hope the pledges are busily working on their daily exercises. When certain answers are unavailable, a minimal expenditure of energy is required, and sore muscles are not very comfortable.

The annual Spring Weekend at Northwestern will again be attended by a large delegation from the Rose Tech Chapter. The Brothers and pledges hope to do well in all three areas of competition, the basketball tournament, the chug contest, and the

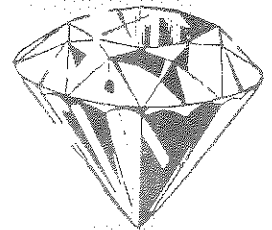
queen contest in which this chapter is represented by Miss Becki Holmes. A party and dance afterwards, featuring "The American Breed," will be enjoyed by all.

ATO

The beginning of a new quarter finds a failure on gamma gamma's part. It seems that brothers Willer and Bader
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COMPUTER NEW COURSE

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become very popular. Especially when one considers that one company came to Rose looking for 80 men skilled in computer science. So this program offers great opportunities to those interested in computers and computer utilization in industry.



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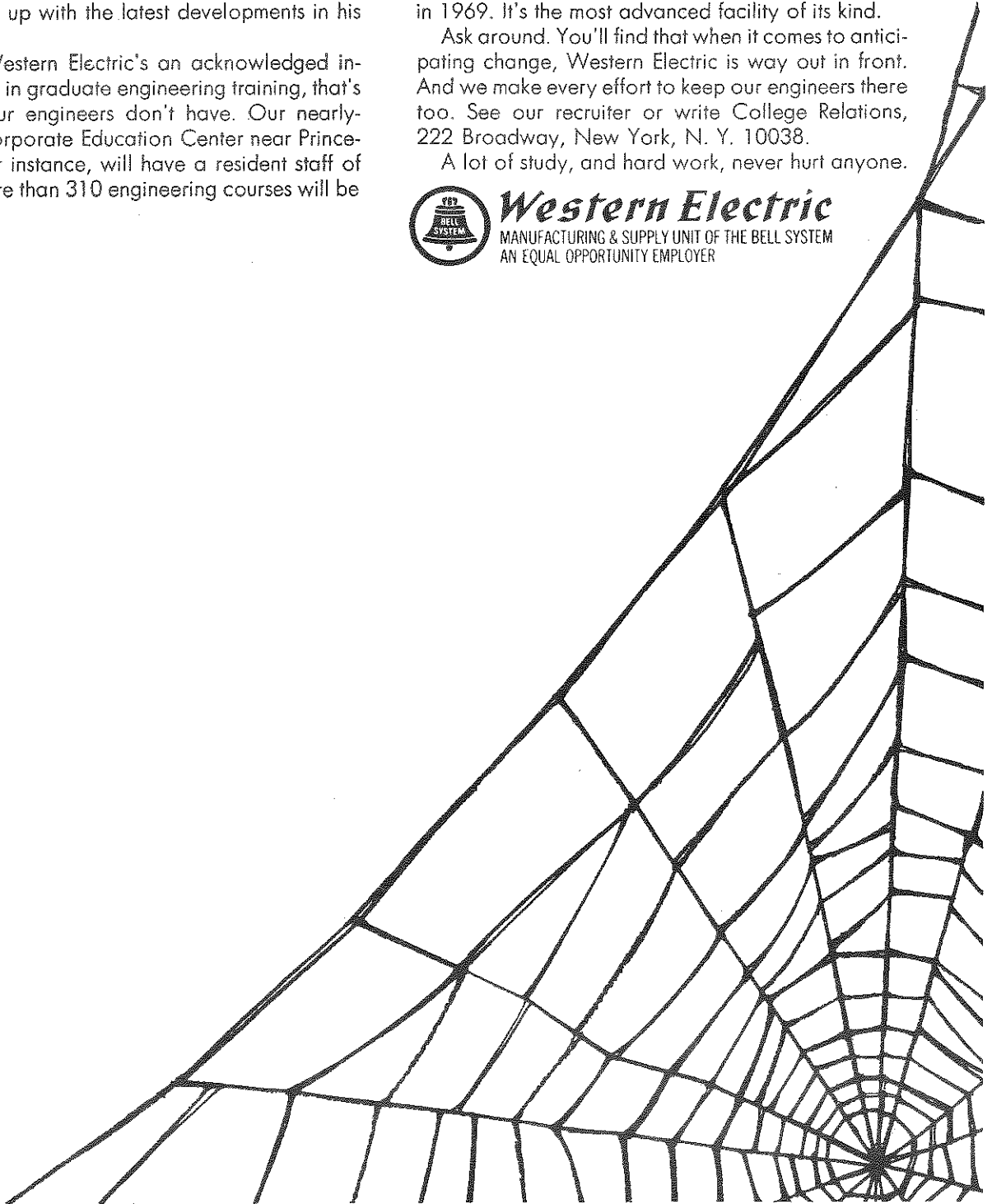
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THE CASE FOR OPTIONAL ROTC

by Felda Hardyman

With the possible exception of Blue Key, no organization can be all things to all people. This usually means that an organization has a purpose somewhere at its roots. For example, Rose Polytechnic is an educational institution, its stock and trade is educating as opposed to simple indoctrination or training. Similarly, ROTC is a training program, designed to produce college educated officers for our armed forces. Without making value judg-

ments, this simple difference of purpose has brought about what is becoming *The Annual Spring ROTC Evaluation*.

But ROTC is certainly not the only non-educational program to be found at Rose. Arguments could be made to show that everything from athletics to fraternities to student clubs have fundamental purposes other than the type of education the Institute carries as its basis. Moreover, this is not to say these activities cannot be educational; indeed, in composite these very activities make up much of that unique Rose education. The point is, ROTC and these many other organizations are not in themselves supposed to be necessary to the education of a Rose engineer. They are, with one exception, optional to the student. The exception, of course, is the compulsory basic military science course.

But this not to say that ROTC is necessarily bad. For instance, I've been told that ROTC is one of the main ways of keeping the military rooted in the civilian population. This of course guards against the establishing of a professional army led by strictly professional military officers isolated from the wants and wishes of the American people. After all, a military clique could lead to military interference in domestic politics, American involvement in unpopular wars, and unchecked defense spending. Oh well, there are better arguments. For example: like athletics, fraternities, student clubs and the non-academic activities at Rose there is the potential for educational value in ROTC. This potential becoming a reality strictly depends on the individual student. Therefore, if no moral questions are raised, ROTC does have a right to be a part of our educational institute. But still there is that nagging "compulsory" attached to a program whose purpose is not necessarily education.

The reason ROTC is compulsory is simple. In order to have ROTC at Rose the program must involve 100 students in the basic course and commission 25 men per year from the advanced course. The compulsory basic program assures the first requirement which, in turn, makes the second requirement possible. Therefore the proposition for the school is a simple one: if we want a ROTC

program at Rose we must assure its continuance by providing enough warm bodies to fulfill the requirements set down by the Department of Army. Still somewhere along the line we must reconcile the cross purpose of training versus education.

The obvious solution is to make ROTC voluntary. Then we would offer the benefit of having ROTC available to the students if he wants it and not have to worry about elevating the status of basic ROTC to the level of a required academic course. This, of course, is a too simple solution which forgets that Rose has an enrollment of only 1,000 men. The prospects for a successful completely volunteer ROTC program are at best dim when one thinks of the 25 commissions required per year.

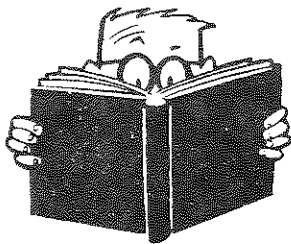
But there is another solution. ROTC could be made optional, that is, a list of academic alternatives could be made so that a student could opt to take an alternative course rather than basic ROTC. At present, only Ohio State offers such an option and, coincidentally, Ohio State has the largest ROTC program in the country. Considering OSU's size it is not surprising they have

the biggest anything, but it is significant that the OSU program is much larger than strictly voluntary programs at schools of similar size. This is a definite indication that the

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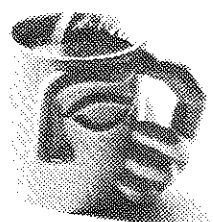


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FRATERNITY NEWS

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prefer the quiet life of pipe, slippers, and piece of mind to the invigorating and wholesome life in a fraternity house. Congratulations and/or condolences for engagement are in order to Ted and his fiancée Kathy Allen and to Tom and his fiancée Marie Underwood.

With thoughts of spring vacation still foremost in mind, the brothers are looking forward to another busy quarter. The next few weeks include Founders' Day, a trade party with the Alpha Xi Deltas, an egg hunt for underprivileged children, and the annual pledge dance. Up and coming softball

games include Minor 2 vs. AB CD and Minor 3 vs. TX.

Is it true that Willer and Handke are holding help sessions for those who want a more effective euchre game?

FIJI Delta Colony

Congratulations to all the brothers of the Colony who worked so hard to place the Colony first in the scholarship competition for the winter quarter. Let's not slack off in spite of spring warmth and activities!

Don't forget the Pledge-Class Sponsored Car Rally on Saturday, April 19. A good time should be had by all in attendance as Brother Wernz has as-

sured me that his "Acres" will be the scene of much fun afterwards. Get out and support your pledges!

The other day we heard a speaker remark that there is no difficulty in the world that cannot be overcome. We wanted to ask him if he ever tried putting toothpaste back in the tube—but we got to thinking that he might know that answer, too.—Harold S. May, The Florence (Ala.) Herald.

RIOTS ON R.P.I. CAMPUS

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"off color." This year, coordinator for the affair, Skip Douglas, has said that "the curtain will be dropped on any act not following its planned performance."

As mentioned above, the Honors Convo will be held on the 15th. At this time, Tau Beta Pi and Blue Key Honorary fraternities will tap pledges and some of the outstanding scholars at Rose will be honored.



AERO IS HERE

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N.A.S.A., Boeing, Lockheed, I.B.M., and other management-consultant firms too numerous to mention. Aerospace Engineering is on the move and should continue to grow for a long time. Think about your interests and talents before you decide upon your major. Who knows, it might be Aero!

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missed it. This opportunity arises through the convocation series.

The year is drawing to a close, but you still have three more opportunities to add variety to your weeks. On April 22, Dean John W. Snyder, of Indiana University, will be discussing the problems of student unrest on college campuses. Then on May 6 comes that traditional classic, the Rose Talent Show. This unique program gives the students and faculty the chance to perform and show where their real talents lie. Finally, rounding out the year, on May 13, the DePauw Collegians, an outstanding group of singers who have toured Europe and the South Pacific, will perform a program of popular, modern, choral, and instrumental music.

So, if you need a boost in the middle of the week to help you hold out till the weekend, why not give the convos a chance to help? Who knows, instead of living for the weekend, you might start living for Tuesdays.

To follow the crowd is to waste your time. No man ever really succeeded without stepping away from the routine and attempting something different. — George C. Keyes, The Oklahoma County News.

You know the old saying about not being able to fool all the people all the time. However, these superhighway interchange signs come pretty close to it. —James H. Russell, The Belton (Tex.) Journal.

It's almost like basketball has turned into a participant sport instead of a spectator sport. Everybody wants in the act.—Wayne W. Kitley, The Karens (Tex.) Tribune.

It looks as though the taxpayer will be the first of America's natural resources to be completely exhausted. —George H. Coburn, the West Springfield (Mass.) Record.

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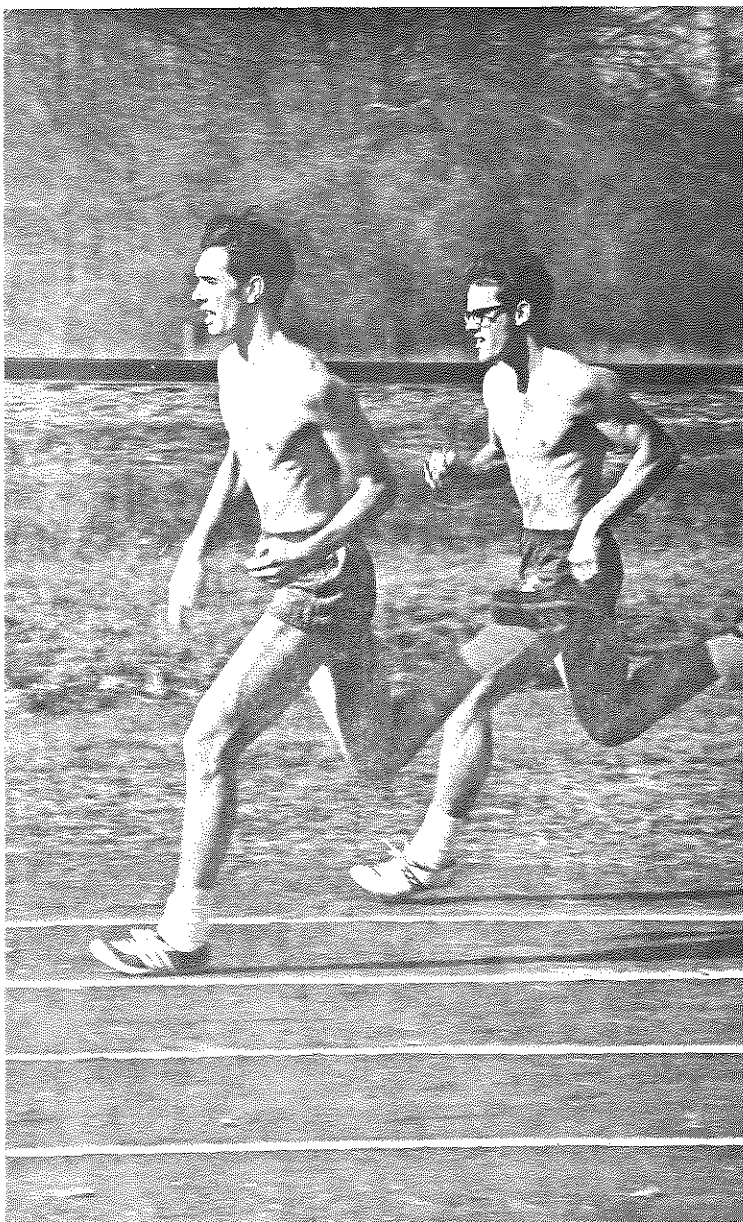
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Spring is here, and the sap is running!

And the Band Plays On...

After concluding a very successful concert tour through Indianapolis and Louisville, the Rose Band is now preparing similar visits for the future. April 21 will find the band at Schulte and Gerstmeier High Schools in Terre Haute. The next day is the date for two concerts at Fairfield, Illinois, one before the combined school and another one open to the public, supported by several community organizations from the town. (It has been noted in the past that 40 dress green uniforms introduced into a typical high school produce a very desirous effect on the female population.) A typical program includes various modern and classical concert ar-

rangements, highlighted by an exhibition by the Rose Rifles.

Also in the offing is the Parent's Day Concert scheduled for May 3. Despite the long hours and hard work, the tour and concerts have returned a dividend of professional pride and meaningful enjoyment.

—Steve Kinsell

THE CASE FOR OPTIONAL ROTC

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optional program could be made to work here at Rose provided the academic alternatives are selected carefully.

I hope this article can mark the beginning of discussion about the possibilities of an op-

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tional ROTC program, but to make discussion fruitful we must gather what evidence we can to indicate exactly how such a program might affect Rose. One way of finding such evidence is by asking the present student body how they would have responded to such a program. This Monday a survey will ask you just that and I would encourage you to respond to that survey.

This argument is the very minimum argument for making ROTC optional. It does not

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