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Well, it's that time of year again!

ROSE TAKES MORE THAN FAIR SHARE

Fellow men of the Class of '72: Well, it's only six more weeks until we can drop the lowly title of "Frosh." In six short weeks this vulgar identity will die, but only to be reincarnated in the files of the Class of '73. Can they handle it?

First off, there'll be many more to carry the burden. Presently next year's Freshman class stands at 420. This is over 100 more than our class last year at this time. The admissions office is concerned.

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THE GAZBO

Tonight and tomorrow night at 8:00 p.m. the Rose Drama Club presents "The Gazebo." Jane Hazeldine of the Terre Haute Community Theater directs this hit with assistance from Jack Hutson as student director. This group has worked long and hard to present this play. The setting is Rosalind, Long Island, the home of Elliot and Nell Nash, upperclass socialites. When Nell Nash, played by Kathy Wheeler, is threatened by a blackmailer, Elliot, played by Lief Pettersen, devises a plan to save her reputation. "The Gazebo" is a humorous sketch of this murder.

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OCEANOGRAPHY TAUGHT

An Oceanography course—at an Indiana school? You gotta be kidding me!

But no, it's true. Rose Polytechnic Institute actually does give instruction in the fine art of Oceanography. The class was motivated both by faculty interest, in the person of Dr. Llewellyn, the instructor, and student interest, in the persons of the 65 students who are enrolled in the course. But, as you could well imagine of an Oceanography course in the middle of the Corn Belt, this

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ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS

Establishment of a new elective option of astronomy and astrophysics within the Department of Physics of Rose has been announced by Dr. Ralph A. Llewellyn.

Although primarily intended to provide students with a strong foundation in basic physics together with a concentration in astronomy and astrophysics in order to better prepare them for astronomy-related studies in graduate school, the new program will offer a number of elective courses for students enrolled in other curricula at the college.

The astronomy program will include course and laboratory work as well as individual proj-

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PARENTS DAY AND EXCITEMENT

Once more spring approaches, and with it comes the annual third quarter highlight, known as parents Day. Freddie Frosh and Sammy Soph's parents will spend a day driving through scenic Indiana or Illinois Wasteland to reach that isle in the sea known nationally as Bordello Land, U.S.A., or locally as Terre Haute.

The oldsters drive for hours so that they might see their son on a day set aside for them. Nothing to interrupt the visit as there is on other weekends except for a short talk by the President of our noble Institute, a to be announced address and the presentation of ROTC awards (nothing so interesting to parents as ROTC awards) in the morning. In the afternoon a buffet luncheon starts the program, followed by a concert by that ensemble of fine musicians (our ROTC band), and a demonstration of fierce discipline and smart stepping by the black

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ters, El Paso, Ill. A 1967 grad­
tary science.

With underclassmen wearing beards and corduroy,
and cord day almost non-existent, senior traditions are
in their final hour. The next logical step is the end of
freshman hazing. And this will happen if it is not turned
into a constructive endeavor.

Today at Rose, hazing has no purpose but to enable
fraternities to rush freshmen, and allow sophomores to
release sadistic tendencies. What good does it do for
Rose to have freshmen do 30 pushups before class, or
walk the long way to lunch? It certainly does not help
one to appreciate Rose.

A tradition should be something constructive, not
destructive. It should build a sense of belonging to,
and involvement in Rose. Freshmen hazing at present
accomplishes neither of these purposes.

The “Freshman Bible” says freshmen should learn
the songs and cheers of Rose, and that sophomores should
make sure they are known. How many of you know all of
these? Perhaps a change of attitude by next year’s soph­
omores will make hazing more meaningful, and maybe
even more enjoyable for freshmen. —ECA

STUDENT GOVERNMENT POSITIONS
FOR 1969-70

The Student Government is now accepting petitions
for interviews for the following offices:

President’s Commissions—
Commission on Quality of Education—
two members.
Commission on Campus Planning—
two members.

Faculty Standing Committees—
Student Activities and Organizations—
two members.
Discipline—two members.
Rules—two members.
Athletics and Recreation—two members.
Library—two members.

Student Congress Treasurer
Judicial Council.
Five Senior voting members, one being Chair­
man; one Junior non-voting member, being
the clerk.

Project Impact Chairman.
Explanations of the duties of these committees are
posted on the Student Government bulletin board. Peti­
tions should be addressed to John Hodsden, box 610, and
should include personal qualifications. Interviews will be
given to applicants before final appointments are made.

We urge that people who are seriously interested in
working to improve Rose apply for these positions.

Sincerely,
JOHN B. HODSDEN

EDITOR’S NOTE: The Inklings is prepared to support
Student Government to the fullest. It is hoped the
Inklings may become a link between the students
and the Congress.

THE GAZEBO
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mystery with an incredible ending. Included in the cast are
Laura Hefling, Chris McCau­
ley, Tom Jackson, Don Pork,
Ken Kopecky, Kent Schreiber,
Mark Thompson, George Mells,
Bob Stricker, and Greg Platt.
A mixture of murder and comedy make this play great. To
find out what part the gazebo plays in “The Gazebo” plan to
attend.

ROTC SCHOLARS
Keith D. Roberts, El Paso,
Ill., and Joseph Rodriguez,
Lima, Ohio, have been named
recipients of two-year ROTC
scholarships at Rose Polytech­
ic Institute, according to an
announcement by Col. Robert
T. Willets, professor of mili­
tary science.

The scholarships will cover
full tuition, books and supplies
and $50 per month for each stu­
dent during his junior and se­
ior years at Rose. Total pack­
age for each scholarship is es­
imated at $5,000. In return, the
scholarship recipients will
fulfill a four-year tour of ac­
tive duty with the U.S. Army.

Roberts, a sophomore chemi­
cal engineering major, is the
nephew of Miss Earnadine Rob­
erts, El Paso, Ill. A 1967 grad­
tuate of Lima Senior High
School and a member and of­
ficer of Alpha Tau Omega
fraternity.

Robert and Rodriguez are
among 33 men currently receiv­
ing U.S. Army scholarship aid
at Rose.

SENEGASES HONOURED
Two sergeants of the U.S.
Army ROTC detachment at
Rose have been awarded medals for meritorious service
during tours of duty in Vietnam.

Sergeant Major George T.
Poland, Cutler, Ohio, received
the U.S. Army Commendation
Medal for meritorious service as Sergeant Major of the 25th
Engineer Battalion, 25th In­
fantry Division in Vietnam
from February, 1968, to Febru­
ary, 1969. He joined the Rose
detachment in late February.

M-Sgt. Stanley C. Winkler,
Temperance, Mich., received the
U.S. Army Good Conduct Med­
al, fourth award, for excellent
conduct during an efficiency while
serving as First Sergeant of C
Company, 2nd Battalion, 22nd
Infantry Division.

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ROSE THAT WAS AND IS TO BE

Having successfully reached the pseudo-pinnacle of their more-or-less academic career, seniors are left with much time to reflect and hand down solid theory and predictions concerning the state and fate of our mini-world. After crude distillation and careful edition and deletion to suit the author's point of view, a series of interviews has reduced to a few basic themes.

Firstly, upon being asked what changes in Rose they have noticed during their four years, an interesting paradox presented itself. The radical changes in the physical structure of the Poly can be matched only, in their opinion, by the almost incomparable longevity of some professors. This is not, they say, to imply that their ability to teach has become immortal, but rather often has withered and died. Magnificent buildings now adorn our campus while many feel the root of the educational system has yet to be really dealt with.

Secondly, they have seen in their opinion, the demise of Senior traditions. Reasons for this were varied and no one cause could really be labelled indicative of the senior opinion. Coupled with this change is the rise in "apathy," an oft-echoed phrase in every major and minor communication on campus. Some of our seniors expressed a disappointment in the caliber of some of the men admitted to Rose while they were here. Again, causes were varied, but many felt that this was a chief cause of the apathy problem.

They have witnessed a new attitude of agitation and concern coupled with a growing introvertedness of the individual—another paradoxical combination. To nearly a man, they all were optimistic about the future of Rose, and felt that somehow the school will get along after they have gone.

It would be safe to say that this class is very definitely different from the Junior class and it will be interesting to note what the Class of '70 will say as they leave—should anyone bother to ask.

ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS

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Industries focus in areas such as observational astronomy, solar system astrophysics, physics of stars and galaxies, and celestial mechanics.

The physics department has good physical facilities available to the new program. Members of the physics faculty are engaged in research work in astronomy and astrophysics.

In addition to the well-equipped physics laboratories, students will have the benefit of working in the Reeder Astronomy Laboratory and the Rose observatory.

Reeder Laboratory houses a darkroom, workroom and seminar room. The observatory dome contains an eight-inch telescope. The department also will have use of a 12-inch reflecting telescope currently under construction by the Astronomy Club at the Institute.

It pays to play...
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about this large figure but anticipate "drop-outs" as Indiana-State scholars are named and acceptances at other colleges are delivered. The department was shooting for 350 freshmen.

The Class of '73 encompasses nine ROTC scholarship holders and expects to add a few more. It also houses 20 National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalists and five National Merit winners. Sixty-five per cent of the class will be receiving financial assistance of some sort with Rose Poly. Beyond more increase in numbers, they also expose a strong interest in participating in collegiate sports, especially in football.

Next year's freshmen represent a high school cross section similar to this year's class. However, Indiana is supplying a single larger cut than last year with Ohio and Illinois remaining about the same.

Rose admissions experienced a sudden rise in number of applicants this year. This upswing is nonexistent at other Indiana colleges, big or small. These colleges have announced either a leveling number of prospective freshmen for 1969 or a decreasing number. The reason for Rose's more-than-fair share is hard to determine. Operation Catapult has aided in this response and is incorporating larger folds each year. Another factor, large or small, is the dissatisfaction many high school seniors (or their parents) seem to have for large colleges and universities and the continuing increase of violence and dissent. Whatever the causes for the rise in applicants, Rose admissions glow with satisfaction and announce a growing consequence: stricter admission requirements.

OCEANOGRAPHY TAUGHT AT ROSE
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is no ordinary class!

First of all, there is a woman in the class, who functions as an advisor on biological aspects of Oceanography, and secondly, there are no tests throughout the entire quarter. This second factor is, of course, of very minor importance to the devoted, enthusiastic student of oceans. A student's entire grade is determined by a report handed in by him and the other members of his group, on Oceanographic data they have collected during the course of the quarter.

But isn't this expensive, you might ask, flying to the ocean on weekends? True, it would be, however, contrary to common knowledge, there is an 'ocean' right adjacent to the RPI campus. Well shiver me timbers! Yes, Mr. Hulman has an ocean on his property just north of campus (who, what, and everything else), and he has allowed the students of the class to do a study of it. This study consists of mapping the bottom, taking core samples of the bottom, conducting various studies of the water (such as measuring oxygen content, temperature profiles, turbidity, and pH), and collecting various biological specimens from the murky depths. After all this information is taken, reports are turned in by the various groups to a coordinator, whose function is it to take all the reports and clamp them in a particular notebook. The result will be a complete description of Horseshoe Ocean.

To facilitate data collection, members of the class, under the generous financing of the Physics Club, drew up plans for an (almost) exact duplicate of HMS Challenger, the pioneer ship of Oceanography. The excellence of the finished product brings honor to the carpenters who put many hours of their time in on the construction, which took place in the industrial arts complex of the Institute. The ship brings acclaim to Rose Poly, for we are now the only school with an ocean research vessel in the Midwest. (This is only fitting, since we are the only school with an ocean on campus.)

In all seriousness, if you are the least bit interested in learning about the oceans, and the oceanographic research methods used today, this course should spur you on to an even greater fervor. The quality of the teaching is excellent, and it is truly a 'learning experience' in which you can learn because you want to, not because you have to.

Interested in signing on for a cruise? If so, see Admiral Llewellyn, and if the passenger list is long enough, the RPI Challenger might come out of its summer retirement next fall and sail once more.

Don't worry if you get kicked from the rear as it simply means you are out in front.-Joe Mann, The Lebanon (Mo.) Rustic Republican.

FRATERNITY NEWS
A.P.O.

The men of Tau Lambda chapter welcomed 12 new brothers into our chapter last Saturday. Initiated as active members were Dave Anderson, Lynn Cuyler, Tom Griggs, Mike Hoover, Gary Morgan, Warren Pettit, J. C. Rohde, John Ritchison, Terry Sparks, Mike Sweany, Charles Whicker, Jim Williams. Congratulations!

Coming up this Saturday night is the cancer drive telephone which we will take part in by helping to collect the donations, hopefully turning it into something which we will take part in with enthusiasm.

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NEW OFFICERS

The results of the recent Interfraternity elections are as follows: President, Dennis Ray; vice president, Ted Wilier; secretary-treasurer, Jed Holt. Just for informative purposes for those who don't know, the I.F.C. consists of 24 members.

These of voters the voting members, the other two junior members, who are entitled to vote. There are four men, two in each category, are elected by each fraternity as their representatives.

The most pressing business facing the new administration is of course Greek Weekend. More on this event will appear next week when plans are finalized.

Also, proposals are now being considered to have an Interfraternity Dance in the fall where all chapters on campus may rush openly. There is also a possibility that get-acquainted parties will be done away with in favor of smokers.

NO ALCOHOL AT K.D.
The policy of prohibiting the bringing of alcoholic beverages into Churchill Downs will be continued this year, the track has announced.

Before the rule went into effect in 1966, many race fans brought their own beverages, particularly those going to the infield.

Complaints arising from the general public over inconsiderate consumption of drinks necessitated the rule. Law enforcement officials concurred also because it aids them in their work.

The rule will be enforced at all grandstand and clubhouse gates. Churchill Downs opens its spring meeting April 26 and runs through May 17. The Kentucky Derby will be run May 3 at 6:30 p.m., EDT.

The search for truth is so difficult that even preachers are unable to agree upon its exposition.-N. DeVane Williams, Holmes County (Fla.) Advertiser.

"Punctuality is the art of guessing how late the other fellow is going to be."
Rose Splits Pair

Last Saturday, Rose's Engineers split a doubleheader with Hanover College in two high scoring games. Rod Smith notched his third victory of the season defeating Hanover 10-4 in the first game. He permitted only five hits but four walks, an error, and some key hits gave way to the four runs. Hanover then combined 13 hits with the aid of the bright sun to down the Engineers 11-5 in the second.

The first game saw the Engineers score five runs in the second inning on four hits and two walks. Buck Beranek started it off by beating out an infield hit and followed by walks to Chuck Stein and Ray Jirousek. This brought up Steve Butwin who singed driving in Beranek. Tom Butwin followed with a two-run single and also scored on Doug Roof's single. Pitcher Rod Smith also got in on the scoring act by driving in Beranek. Tom Szabo replaced Smith in the nightcap. Doug Zapp started it off by beating out a total hit on a total hit and followed by walks to Chuck Stein, Ray Jirousek and Jerry Bissey were replaced by Larry Fagg.

In the nightcap, Rose's track squad continued its seemingly endless string of defeats last week by losing dual meets to Evansville and Franklin Colleges. The brightest spot has been Greg Shutske's undefeated record in the 880 as he raced to his season's best of 1:58.5 in the Franklin meet. He has also anchored the mile relay team with consistent times of under 52 seconds for the quarter mile leg. Last Tuesday, Rose managed only four first places as Evansville captured a 93-53 decision. Larry Lynn, mile run; Don Ings, long jump; Steve Boyce, discus, and Shutske in the half mile paced the Engineers.

Keith Roberts turned in a fine all around effort with seconds in both hurdle events and a third in the triple jump. Wayne Patrick grabbed seconds in the sprints in support of the four winning efforts.

The meet with Franklin was much closer as Rose took first in seven of the 17 events but was edged 86-64. Pacing Rose with wins were: Lynn in the mile, Patrick in the 220, Boyce in the discus, Shutske in the 880, Schacht in the two-mile, Mike Schall in the poll vault, and the mile relay team.

The big meet left on the schedule is the Conference Meet at Principia May 18.

**TENNIS TEAM WINS**

Last Friday the Rose tennis team played their third match of the season downing Marian College by a 4-3 count. Victories were recorded by Davis Chin, Bill Spence, Al Hruby and Ron Westby in the second, third, fourth and fifth singles positions respectively.

**IM REPORT**

Off Campus and Sigma Nu head the major league softball standings this week with 2-0 records. ABCD has a 1-0 record. There are also three unbeaten teams in the minor league, with the 3.0 mark of ABCD 2 on top. ABCD 1 and Sigma Nu 1 each own 1-0 records.

The standings as of April 25 are listed below.

**OFF CAMPUS**

- ABCD 2
- ABCD 1
- BSE
- FAC
- LXA
- MINOR LEAGUE
- ABCD 2
- ABCD 1
- SN 1
- ATO 1
- LXA 2
- TX
- LXA
- MINOR LEAGUE
- ABCD 2
- ABCD 1
- SN 1
- ATO 1
- LXA 2
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- LXA 2
- Speed

**SHUTSKE UNDEFEATED**

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