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OCTOBER 10, 1969

STUDENT CONGRESS ELECTIONS

Yes, Student Congress elections will happen again this fall on October 22. Student Congress? Ever heard of it?

Well, contrary to popular misconceptions, the Student Congress is the only representative assembly at Rose composed entirely of students. Upper-class and freshman representatives are elected from various precincts (dorms, fraternity and off campus housing) on a population basis.

Although the Congress cannot pass legislation binding upon the faculty or administration, the last year found both groups receptive to student desires. However, administration and faculty alike plan in the future to rely on the Congress for direction on student affairs as it is the most representative cross-section of undergraduate opinion available. Such direction may take the form of resolutions, recommendations, and Ad Hoc committee reports. It was such action that resulted in the new half point grading system this year.

If you are interested in bringing our Congress out of its doldrums and making it a responsible voice for student opinion and desires, seek election as a representative from your precinct. Nominating and election procedures are listed on posters throughout the school.

Choose your delegates carefully and be sure to vote on October 22!

Sincerely,
—JAMES P. HANDKE
Vice President of the
Student Body

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Every man who graduates from Rose certainly leaves with an affection and pride for Rose." from the Student Handbook, vol. LIV.

It's Kinner, it's fun! Akkk!
—Greg Smith

✓ HOMECOMING '69

Homecoming weekend is almost upon us again, and this year it promises to be better than ever before. In addition to the traditional activities, Homecoming '69 will feature one of the nation's greatest groups — The Association — being presented by the Student Government. This fantastic seven-man group will perform at Rose Poly's own showcase of sound—Shook Memorial Fieldhouse at 9 P.M. Friday, Oct. 17. Tickets are still on sale at Paige's Music Store downtown and the Poise 'n Ivy Shop at Meadows Center. A good turnout will help insure a repeat of such talent in the future, so everyone is strongly urged to try to attend.

Homecoming activities unofficially begin on October 14 with the preliminaries of the Homecoming Queen Contest, to be followed by the final balloting

on the 16th. The Queen Contest is sponsored each year by Blue Key.

The first official event is scheduled for 9 A.M. on Friday, October 18, with the annual alumni institute. The theme of the Institute this year will be "Is There Profit in Engineering for the Benefit of Man?" The five-year reunion dinners will be held Friday evening followed by the coronation of the Homecoming Queen, The Association Concert, and hopefully, the freshman bonfire.

A meeting of the Rose Alumni Association is scheduled for 10 A.M. Saturday. Then, at 2 P.M., the football team goes against Hanover College in the homecoming football game. The Alumni banquet is set for Saturday evening, and Homecoming '69 will conclude with the traditional Blue Key Homecoming Dance in the Union Building.

THE MAKING OF A RESIDENT-1970

'Tis an oft-bewailed lament that drifts thru these (poison) ivy-covered halls that in the great housing shuffle for freshmen that a larger-than-to-be-expected number of jokers are turned up. For those who almost got a roommate this year, and yet are fearful of capital punishment, we offer these tried and true methods of severing the fondest of budding friendships, and eventually causing the withdrawal of the affliction.

1. Develop cool personal habits, i.e., chewing tobacco (and expectorating into his drawer), sniffing constantly as with a 10-year cold, wearing same socks for three weeks, running and studying with your shoes off.

2. Become helpful. For instance, help yourself to his sports coats, ties, underwear, etc., and act as if you have a three-year lease on them. Help him to climb into your third story window after locking him out and "losing" your own key

Help him find Dean Ross's apartment when he's bombed and feels like throwing cans at windows.

3. Develop an interest in his personal life. Read his mail and, or, accidentally lose it. Call his girl and tell her he fixed you up with her for \$1.39. Send his mother a copy of "Portnoy's Complaint" for her birthday and sign his name. Get him a date with a "Woodsy."

4. Deepen your relationship as roommates. Crawl into the wrong bed accidentally one nite and giggle in a high voice when he jumps. (Of course, this could backfire on some roomies). Wake him up at 2 A.M. to tell him a joke from last month's "Boys Life." Tell his friends that the two of you are engaged. Wink at him.

If all these tactics are unsuccessful, please write The Inklings and further stratagems will be revealed at little or no cost in forthcoming issues.

✓ Freshman Class Largest Ever

If for some reason the freshman class decided to abolish hazing and Freshman-Sophomore traditions this year, the sophomore class would be hard pressed to do anything about it.

For on September 22, 372 freshmen arrived at Rose for a week of orientation. The number is 60 men larger than the previous record freshman class and will outnumber the sophomore class by nearly 150 men.

While the freshman class is of record size, it is one of the finest academically, according to comparative Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores of recent classes. And the frosh have participated in enough varied activities to indicate that hazing will continue . . . but on a larger scale.

Class rank median of the class of '73 was the 92 percentile as compared with the 90 percentile of last year's freshmen. Although 100 members larger than the freshman class last year, a mere two points separated the SAT medians. The 1969 group scored slightly lower in the verbal portion (542) but was three points higher in mathematics with a 653 median. A perfect math score of 800 was achieved by 30 members of the incoming class.

Nineteen entering freshmen ranked first in their graduating high school classes, while 13 ranked second and 11 ranked third. Actually, 11 per cent of the incoming students ranked among the top three positions in their senior classes.

Five of them were National Merit Scholars; 12 were semifinalists and 18 received letters of commendation.

Perhaps the most significant statistic about the class is the number of "Hoosier Scholars." Of the 259 Indiana boys enrolled in the class, 188—or 72 per cent—are Hoosier Scholars. The honor entitles them to \$800

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LETTERS TO
THE EDITOR

I was glad to find Felda Hardyman's article appearing in the *Institute Inklings*. If my interpretation of events considered by the faculty last quarter are correct, then collectively, the faculty demonstrated how the "establishment" operates.

We took favorable action on a petition improperly, and hence, not strictly legally, channeled to the faculty. It requested a calendar change which was adopted because such a change was more convenient. With regard to the ROTC issue, some of us chose to ignore the facts as outlined by Felda's article, although we were fully aware of them.

Unfortunately, it is too easy to interpret or ignore facts when it comes time to making (important) decisions. The faculty can demonstrate responsibility if and when the committee report on athletics is considered. This report assumes that the alumni and student body are in favor of costly varsity athletics. Has such a poll been taken?

—FRANK B. FREEDMAN

Editor's note: Dr. Freedman is an Assistant Professor of Biological Engineering. The *Inklings* welcomes comment on any issue. Letters from both faculty and student are welcome.

WHY?

The advent of the new school year has witnessed the largest freshman class ever to enter Rose — 380 strong. From a

sophomore's point of view this might be frightening. It would be very interesting if the freshmen were to attain such a degree of organization as to "haze" the sophomores. Although this is not likely to happen, the degeneration of other "traditions" and "institutions" at Rose is quite evident.

The Modulus, due to insufficient sales, has ceased to exist on the Rose campus. Likewise the accomplishments of the Student Government, the I.D.C. and the I.F.C. in the past years have been practically nil. Why? The answer lies in the increasing apathy demonstrated by both students and faculty. We have devoted our time mainly toward the realization of a practical science education. We have neglected the moral and social responsibilities of mankind. It is a necessity that the apathy so prevalent on our campus be wiped out and replaced by participation in all phases of campus life. We must be well-rounded individuals to meet the demands of modern society. This is *true* education.

—GREG DAWE

✓ The Inklings received the following information from the Vietnam Moratorium Committee:

"Ending the war in Vietnam is the most important task facing the American nation. Over the last few years, millions of Americans have campaigned, protested, and demonstrated against the war. Few now defend the war, yet it continues. Death and destruction are unabated; bombs and fire continue to devastate South Viet-

nam. Billions of dollars are spent on war while the urgent domestic problems of this country remain unattended. Moreover, the war has had a corrupting influence on every aspect of American life, and much of the national discontent can be traced to its influence.

"The discredited policies of the past which have brought about this American tragedy have not been changed. We follow the same military advice which has created a futile and bloody conflict while we cling to the same policies which have caused the Paris negotiations to falter. The token displacement of 25,000 troops over a three-month period simply is not the substantial change of policy that is so desperately needed.

"Thus it is necessary for all those who desire peace to again become active and help bring pressure to bear on the present Administration.

"We call for a periodic moratorium on "business as usual" in order that students, faculty members and concerned citizens can devote time and energy to the important work of taking the issue of peace in Vietnam to the larger community.

"If the war continues this fall and there is no firm com-

mitment to American withdrawal or a negotiated settlement on October 15th, participating members of the academic community will spend the entire day organizing against the war and working in the community to get others to join us in an enlarged and lengthened moratorium in November. This process will continue until there is American withdrawal or a negotiated settlement.

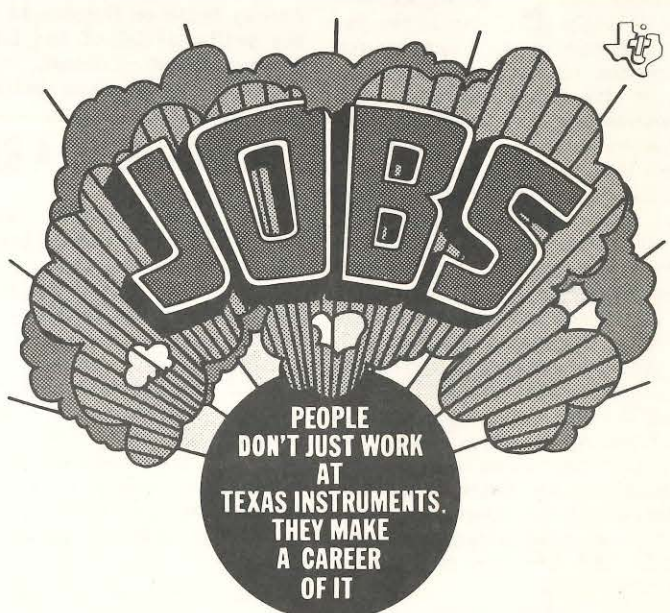
"We call upon our universities to support the moratorium, and we commit ourselves to organize this effort on our campus and in our community. We ask others to join us."

THE INKLINGS would appreciate your thoughts on this project.

THE ONE CATEGORY

It was T. E. Jessop, I think, who said that, "if we mean by Christian not that which is found among professing Christians but that which proceeds from Christ, then there is no contradiction in asking if the ethic of Christians is the Christian ethic." Which is a rather elaborate but finely structured way of saying the self-acknowledged Christians don't always

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WHERE'S ROSIE? OR THE TALE OF THE PURLOINED PACHYDERM

A quick check of the fieldhouse confines has confirmed the ugly rumor: Rosie is nowhere to be found! Could this dastardly plot concocted by a mysterious "they," designed solely to dull a brilliant Homecoming celebration? Could it instead be a cheap mother image for some zoo's orphaned myopic mammoth? Was it an overzealous art detective trying to discover just what's underneath that two feet of paint? Did Rosie start her career as a camel with a runny nose, or even worse for the Young Republicans, a donkey? Maybe it was simply a hushed-up maintenance check, although Giffel's Raiders apparently have no knowledge of the situation (no oddity, that). Could be that the made-off-with Mastodon is just in the shop for an annual antifreeze flush and refill, and not a bit too soon, I may add, considering the specific gravity of Rosie's Nosey Solution was pushing about 3.5 at the Concordia game.

In a more realistic light,

could it be the class of '73 has finally come across the principle of "concealment," (once, a part of one of over 4000 lists of five syllable words considered mandatory for passing that innovating Inquisition, MS I). If so, many questions still remain, such as what one state cop said to the other after observing a 12-foot high white elephant with a wide smile speeding on U.S. 40. One quick explanation could be that the large red numbers obviously denoted a racing elephant. Fortunately, they didn't check the trunk.

Also a mystery is the footprints and claw marks on the fieldhouse roof. Considering the above-average security down at the hanger fieldhouse, could there be any connection? (One may be wise to check for footprints on the pipes just below those front windows). Once outside what fearless frosh could pilot the marauding mammoth at such blinding speed?

Regardless of present residence, this newspaper certainly prays for Rosie's quick return, as we are proud of our reputation as the only school in the country where the request for

reserved seats is for the back of the stands. To insure against such a calamity, we appeal for the quick return of the purloined pachyderm.

THE ONE CATEGORY

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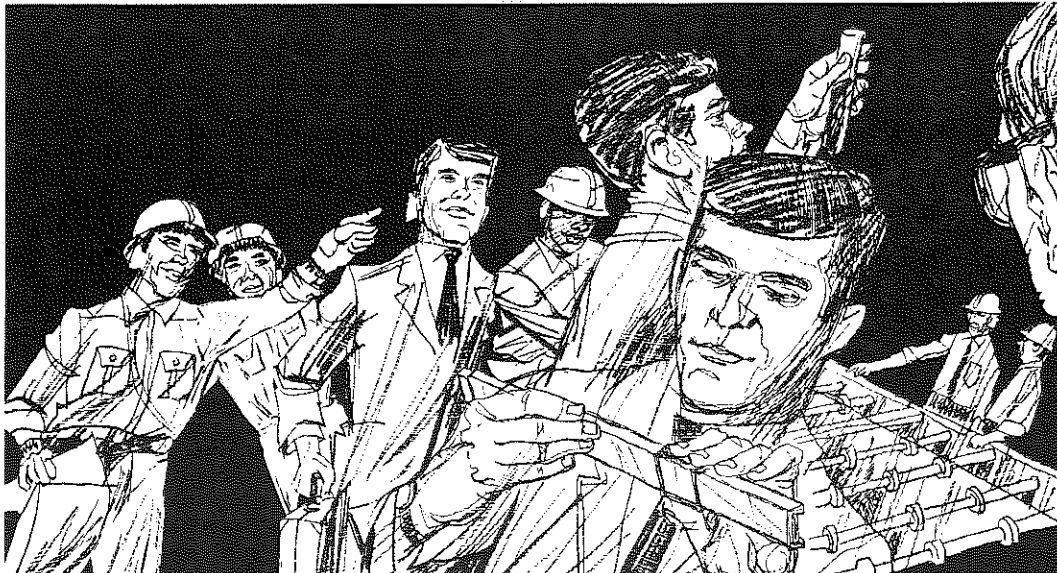
act like it. Too often they are caught behaving as if they were completely "men of the world." A fact to bemoan, really, since consistent Christianity has much to offer.

We observed in a prior column that it is a characteristic of most humans to employ "category thinking." Other persons are seldom met as other persons; they are reduced to things, stuck into pigeon-holes. So when Mom and Pop come a-campusing, Junior introduces them as "my Mom and Pop." And he shows them off to "my professors." All of which is true enough in so far as it goes, but only partially true. And when partial truths are treated as the whole, even their partiality is perverted into error. Persons can be described as Moms, Pops and Professors, but never defined as such. Each of them is unique, distinct, and in-

effably individual. To each we must relate as "I-Thou," in Martin Buber's dictum. For all its endearing implications, when a man thinks of his lover as "my girl" or "my wife," the "I-Thou" is turned dangerously to "I-it." From that point even the beloved can be treated as a thing, used as a means, and if Kant is correct that persons should always be treated as ends and not means, vistas of immortality are opened.

Paul spoke to the Corinthian Christians about one of his former hang-ups. Loosely paraphrased, he said, "I used to judge men by their outward characteristics. I even looked at Jesus Christ that way. But now I believe that Jesus died on behalf of all men, and in a very real sense, all men died with him. And now there is only one category left—MEN FOR WHOM CHRIST DIED. From now on that's the way I see and treat every person."

That's awesome. Think of the ramifications, and the consequences if we could act upon them. Note that human categories are not obliterated. They are, however, subsumed and thereby transformed by the one category which adumbrates them. Note also that this is not simply a way of looking at others—THIS IS A FACT ABOUT THEM. And to think about them, to feel toward them, to act upon them, in any other way than as men for whom Christ died because men whom God loves is erroneous — and stupid—and, for Christians, sinful. —A. DALE CRAIN



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FRESHMAN CLASS LARGEST EVER

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per year toward their tuition at Rose.

What is even more impressive about the number of Hoosier Scholars is that this figure constitutes approximately 12 percent of all male Hoosier Scholars entering the 35 Indiana colleges and universities this fall.

The neighboring states of Illinois and Ohio followed the Hoosier state with the number of incoming freshmen with 46 and 40 men respectively. Between six and 10 members are from high schools in Kentucky, Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey. Two men are coming from California, Connecticut and Florida, with Alaska, Hawaii, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming each sending one man to Rose.

ROSE LOOKS FOR WIN AT PRIN

Despite a second half comeback effort, the Fightin' Engineers dropped a 38-18 verdict to Concordia here last Saturday and now travel to Principia for their next encounter Oct. 4. Principia, like last season, enters the game with a 0-2 record, but this did not prevent them from walloping the Engineers last year, and they certainly will be trying to gain their initial win at Rose's expense again.

Thirteen frosh started last week's contest for Rose and a similar number will start again at Prin according to Coach Bergman. Better pass defense and the experience gained by the frosh in their first college game are the ingredients which Coach Bergman feels must be added this week if Rose is to win its first game in more than a year.

Two second half TD's by Roger Ward on drives engineered by frosh QB Rick Manuszak brought Rose fans hope of a victory as the margin narrowed from 28-6 at intermission to 31-18 with Rose in possession. On fourth down, though, a pass intended for flanker Ed Adams near the goal line was deflected at the last instant giving Concordia possession. The Cougars promptly connected on a long TD pass which iced the game.

NEW DIRECTORS

If you are observant at all, you have probably noticed two new faces around the Hulman Union. They belong to Dan and Jane Lawther, the new directors of the Union and dorms who are replacing Bill and Moira Brown. Dan and Jane are from Munster, Indiana, and Brazil, Indiana, respectively and both attended Indiana Central College, Dan majoring in history and English and Jane in English and psychology. They both have masters degrees from I.S.U. and Dan is currently working on his doctorate.

Although this is their first experience in managing student union activities, the Lawthers have already developed a philosophy about how the job should be done. They feel, in general, that they have two employers, the administration and the students of Rose. And they see it as their responsibility that the respective rights and property of the administration and the students are protected

Festival Features "Bandwagon Tour"

A new feature of the annual Parke County Covered Bridge Festival is the musical "Bandwagon Tour of Parke County," sponsored by and featuring the Parke County Concert Band.

The musical tour will be conducted at the Ritz Theatre in Rockville, Indiana, on October 11 and 18 at 8:00 P.M. Parke County scenes spotlighted will include a covered bridge guarded by trolls, mysterious dancing scarecrows, tiny dancing snow-

flakes, the Mecca bridge at Christmas time, and an old mill. An old-fashioned sing-along and a rousing square-dance are other highlights of the evening performances.

Serving as "guides" with the Parke County Band are the Parke Singers, the Parke County Concert Choir, the Junior Squares, and dance groups of the area.

Tickets are \$1.00 per person

and may be purchased at the door of the Ritz Theatre either Saturday of the Covered Bridge Festival or in advance from the Rockville Tourist Center. On weekends of the Festival, tickets may be obtained at the ticket office on the courthouse square.

Richard Tudor, director of the Parke County Band, invites you to revisit yesteryear as you are transported musically thru the Covered Bridge Capital of the World.

CONVO CARNIVAL

The revitalization of the convocation program at Rose brings a wide variety of entertainment and national issues to our student body. Under the guidance of Professor Haist, at least three convocations have been scheduled for the first quarter.

Ashley Montigue, a noted anthropologist, will deliver an interesting talk October 21. Marijuana comes to the Rose campus November 4 in the form of a contemporary film which will present the feelings and conditions which surround the drug. It is believed that the film will

present an unbiased study of the drug's effects and its potential status in our society. Finally, the Saint Mary's Choir visits our campus Dec. 1, presenting its unique brand of music. It is hoped that with such fine entertainment and topics of national interest that the student body will turn out for the presentations.

The path of least resistance leads to nowhere. That is all right if you are satisfied where you are. —James H. Russell, The Belton (Tex.) Journal.

to the best of their ability. In addition, the Lawthers like to think that Rose men can, for the most part, handle their own affairs and set their own rules and patterns of behavior, so that Dan, as dorm director, has to step in only when things get grossly out of hand.

"Excellence in engineering education at the undergraduate level" is fine as far as the Lawthers are concerned, but they feel that the "infinite gunner" is definitely selling himself short. Accordingly, our new directors of union activities think that Rose men are capable enough to initiate new and creative social programs for themselves, through student organizations. It is the position of the union director, contend the Lawthers, to encourage and help in every way with these programs that have initial student support.

Nevertheless, the Lawthers have a few ideas of their own, such as making better use of the snack bar and improving the quality of the RPI-SMW relationship, which they think might improve the lot of the Rose student. Although the director of the union and dorms has been stereotyped in the past as being, of necessity, a "hard guy," stereotypes are subject to alteration. Indications are that this is one that is about to change.



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