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NEW SG OFFICERS ELECTED

In the student government election held last Friday, Dana Winn was elected the president of the student government for next year and Jim Graham was elected vice president. Needless to say, these offices are busy, time-consuming jobs. Planning and work for next year has already started. Next week Dana will begin to interview people for the other offices in the student government. His desire is to get as many competent people actively involved in our voice here at Rose as he can. Any organization with good dependable workers makes for more efficient and easier work.

The next big item and probably the most important is getting together with President Logan and determining how much money the student congress will have next year. The money comes from a fund that is set aside for the whole student body. Rose clubs and organizations have first priority on this money, then the rest is for the student congress. Dana's desire is to get the student congress funded separately, thus maybe allowing it more money. In two years, the congress will have the refrigerators paid for and then start to realize a profit from their rental. Until then, money will be a big issue.

Work will soon start on next year's homecoming, planning the events and arranging for a big name group to appear. The plan is to have a big program of some sort each quarter next year. Maybe Rose will be able to acquire a social atmosphere that might relieve the tensions and frustrations of the academic atmosphere!

As was mentioned earlier, everything that the student government will do depends on it getting good workers to help Dana and Jim, and being able to get enough money to operate effectively. If you would like to get involved in OUR student government, be sure to see Dana next week.

—Ken Brown

EDITORIAL

by Cecil Whitaker, Editor

Criticism of the Frijid Pink Concert has been coming from all sides ever since the release of the news that it would be staged from the center of the lake. The typical ideas are that the student government must be out of its gourd to think that someone would buy tickets to a concert that one could sneak into so easily (?). Let us examine the reasons behind their selection before we commit them to institutions.

The first reason that the concert is to be held is the uniqueness of the situation. Having the Frijid Pink perform from the center of the lake is a revolutionary concept, and with the type of education offered at Rose, constructing such a platform as is necessary for the concert would be feasible indeed. Thus, one reason for the decision is the fact that is possible to construct.

Because this concert is to be the first of its kind, at least in the surrounding states and Indiana, the public relations for Rose Poly would be and is fantastic. Inquiries from booking

agencies in Minnesota and Chicago have been received asking that they be informed as to the success of the concert.

Such opportunities are rare indeed for a campus the size of Rose.

Finally, the main reason for the selection of the site of the concert is for the benefit of the Rose students. Certainly there can be no doubt that the center of the lake platform will enhance an already great group of entertainers, the Frijid Pink. The tickets have been priced low for that very reason.

If the Rose students fail to come through in their responsibility to honesty as well as Rose, the public relations will certainly be as detrimental as it could have been helpful not only to Rose as a college, but to Rose's social stagnation which this year has looked so near to being at an end. Furthermore, if we as Rose students fail in our responsibilities to Rose, can we honestly expect that the administration will endorse any other revolutionary proposals such as this.

FOR A LITTLE KNOWLEDGE

by Bob Rollings

If you have ever tried to seriously decide just how much your Rose education is worth, then you know it is a question not easily answered. To help provide some perspective to the issue, this article presents the relevant facts about what makes the Rose experience cost as it does.

First, recall that the price for a clean shirt, warm lunch, and rented room depends on community standards and should not be considered part of the educational expense. This article limits itself to the costs of operating and improving the present educational process.

Looking at the tuition alone reveals that it effectively covers the salaries of the faculty and administration along with

general non-technical supplies. The 75 per cent of total operational income represented by tuition will not provide for the building maintenance or pay for the \$345,000 annual student aid. This one quarter of the income derives from grants, endowments and investments. Of course, the total \$2,626,000 operating budget assumes the existence of equipment and classrooms.

Beyond the day-to-day operating costs lie the costs of improving the educational facility. No student pays anything for this so the school relies on alumni gifts, federal grants, and institutional loans. All of this money is utilized in a 17 million dollar development program begun in 1965 and due for

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IFC Elects New Officers

After the discussion of some minor points, the IFC elected next year's slate of officers. Roger Ward defeated Buck Beranek to fill the shoes of this year's president, Denny Ray. Jack Parks and Dennis Kopcha were elected to the offices of vice president and secretary-treasurer, respectively.

Effective as of May 1, President Ward outlined how an IFC should be run and stated that making ours so would be his main objective. No longer will it be the Mickey Mouse kind of roundtable. Hopefully our IFC will be more "open" in every sense of the word. It will not only perform its duties for Homecoming, Rush, and Greek Weekend, but also it will be a place where the six fraternities can get together to discuss and coordinate ideas, problems, and solutions. By making it a more open council, the IFC will take a new position in the strengthening of the Greek system at Rose.

FOUND

There have been four jackets found in the Library this quarter. If you have lost one, check with one of the librarians.

ROSE RUNNERUP IN MATH CONTEST

A team of mathematicians from Rose Polytechnic Institute placed second in the fifth annual Indiana College Mathematics Competition held at Butler University April 25, according to scores released by meet officials.

Valparaiso University won the competition for the second straight year, followed by the Rose team which tied with Wabash College for runner-up honors in the competition held on the local campus last year.

Coached by Dr. Herbert O. Bailey, chairman of the mathe-

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EDITORIAL

In recent weeks, anyone having any need to use the computing center has been totally discouraged. Instead of the few minutes it used to take to run a computer program, it had gotten to the point where a person was lucky if his program was run more than twice a day. Naturally, students in computer classes were getting distressed because they had programs due each week. So in an effort to find a solution to the problem, several groups of students decided to go to see Dr. Logan, and inform him of the

situation. The first result of this meeting was a change in the hours of the computing center. Instead of staying open until 11 in the evening, the center now stays open to 9. These two hours are made up by staying open from 4 till 6 p.m., when the students would be away eating dinner. The theory behind this move was that if the students can't be around the center as many hours each day, they can't turn in as many programs, and thus the center won't be as swamped. A good move.

But the latest move in the battle between the students and the computing center was an even better one. On the output of his program now, a student finds the following printed message:

SO THAT THE COMPUTER WILL NOT BE MIS-USED TO DRAW SIMPLE GRAPHS THAT CAN MORE EASILY BE DONE BY HAND, PLOT AND GABLS FOR 1627 PLOTTER ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE. LEAST SQUARES FIT FOR DATA POINTS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM FABLs. SEE NOTE IN WINDOW.

To the uninitiated, PLOT and GABLS are two programs stored in the computer which can be used relatively easily (they require only 6-7 control cards) to plot a set of points. This move is supposed to cut down on the number of students making graphs for Physics and Chemistry labs. This should be a great time-saver, as each graph takes almost three min-

utes of sacred computer time! I think that the computing center is finally beginning to move in the right direction towards the solution of their backlog of work. But I do not feel that their move was enough. Why discriminate against those using the plotter? This idea could be extended to all programs. Since a slide rule is so easy to use, why not turn down any programs that use multiplication, division, exponentiation, logarithms, or trigonometric functions in them? After all, they "can more easily be done by hand." And nobody will argue as to the relative simplicity of adding or subtracting, and after all, we have numerous desk calculators which can perform all of these operations rapidly. I feel that if the center would adopt the policy of not accepting any programs involving these operations, things would be much more efficient, and the student with the "worthwhile" program would be able to run it to his heart's content.

This would also allow more time for the administrative work that is run through the computer. Some of this is very important and of the utmost consequence. A study is now being undertaken to find a correlation between a student's mail box number and his grade point. The more time available to work on this study, the sooner it will be finished. The sooner it is finished, the sooner we will be able to implement the results. Think of the consequences of such a study. We would be able to raise a student's grades simply by having

him switch mail boxes! This could have profound ramifications on the future of education. Thus, if the center would accept my proposal, they would have more time to work on such programs, which in turn will be used to benefit the student. And the main purpose of the computing center is to benefit the student. Isn't it?

—DWR

ROSE RUNNERUP IN MATH CONTEST

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matics department at Rose, the Engineer team was comprised of juniors David Seabrook, Elizabethtown, Ind., and Thomas A. Dehne, Northbrook, Ill., and freshman Rodney Smith, Louisville, Ky.

Teams competing in the competition were Butler, DePauw, Earlham, Franklin, Goshen, Marian, Valparaiso, Wabash and Rose. Earlham will host the meet in 1971.

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I TOLD YOU SO DEPT.:

During "Campaign 70" here at Rose, both candidates made a few promises to the voters. I wonder how many are to come true? Lots of luck to our newly elected president and vice president!

ITEM:

Not long ago, our computer died. Last week, a blackout occurred in parts of the Main Building. It's been rumored that the only lights still shining were those in our ROTC Department. I wonder what Major Mullins is training those elite members of the S.F.G.?

ITEM:

Here are a few suggestions as to what to paint the water tower:

—Nothing. This suggestion came from S.Y., the GDI pledge President.

—Metal-flake gold with a big metal-flake red arrow so everyone will know that Rose is the home of Dr. Dean's Mean Machine.

—Transparent, and thereby disguise it as a jumbo brandy-snifter.

—Camouflage colors, so our ROTC Officers can't find it.

ITEM:

Campus parking has been a nagging problem at Rose since the recall of gas stamps at the end of the Big War, WW II. The lack of proper parking facilities, and the emotional feelings in students and faculty members which this irritating problem brings to fore, have provided a suitable environment for the advantage-takers. Not that the present Traffic Court is taking advantage of the situation, mind you, but giving ANY Court a "blanket charge" such as "Conduct detrimental to the Institute," is like leading a bull into a china shoppe. M.L., a student in the know, has informed me that some members of our Maintenance Department, unlike even our President, can park their cars anywhere they so choose on our

campus. Well, perhaps they need to. It is also a curiosity of our governmental system, that the Traffic Court members, "judges" if you will, are also "arresting officers," "jury" and "executioners." It would therefore seem, that although the present Court hasn't taken any great advantage of this loophole (I hope) this neat little arrangement does exist in our legal system. Let us therefore: (1) Urge our new Student Government President to pick and choose the next judges VERY carefully.

(2) Ask the Student Congress to amend the Constitution accordingly.

(3) Support our officials in this undertaking.

ITEM:

According to the grapevine, a few students at Rose would like to see the upcoming Frijid Pink Concert turn into another Woodstock Rock Festival. That's all well and good fellas, but how can you hope to attract 300,000 assorted onlookers with a group which has a name that sounds like a mixed drink? And even if you could, wouldn't it be more fun to watch the men in the weird little putt-putt jeep go bananas writing out all those likely traffic tickets?

A pessimist is one who feels bad when he feels good for fear he'll feel worse when he feels better.

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TENNIS TEAM SPLITS

On Friday, April 24, the Rose Tennis Team traveled to Marian College where it claimed its first victory on the road of the season. Victories were recorded in singles by Keevin, Hess, Westby and Beasley. The dou-

bles team of Hess and Brown also won making the final score 5-2. On April 28 Rose hosted a strong team from Indiana Central. In losing 6-3 Rose salvaged victories in the fifth and sixth singles positions by Beasley and Brown. Also the third doubles team of Hess and Brown won for the Engineers. On Thursday, April 30, Rose was blanked 9-0 by Wabash College. The result of this match is a reflection of the tremendous tennis building program Wabash has undergone in the last two years. Six well equipped outdoor courts and three year-round indoor courts coupled with good coaching and an interested student body have changed the Wabash team from one on a par with Rose to one of the best small college teams in the state. On May 5, the team will travel to Indiana Central and then host Marian on May 7 in the last home meet of the season. Ending the season will be a meet with St. Joe on Sunday, May 10. As of May 4 the team's record in dual meets is 2-3.

—Al Hruby

blent union, remodeled the main building and several others, and further developed the campus. The remainder of the program includes the following: (1) classroom building for \$500,000, (2) learning resources center for \$2,400,000, (3) recreation facility for \$1,500,000, and (4) environmental improvements for \$2,250,000. The last category covers a large area of campus interest and deserves separate analysis.

Nine hundred thousand dollars of environmental improvements will rehabilitate the main building with classrooms, computer center, labs, air conditioning systems, sprinkling systems, offices and lounges. Seven hundred thousand dollars more will be used specifically for labs, classrooms and offices. Improving campus traffic control calls for \$250,000. Also, \$200,000 to be put into landscaping and lighting will be matched with the same amount for improved athletic facilities.

Hopefully, this information gives you a clearer picture of what the effort to give you a little knowledge is worth.

Furthermore, specific information concerning activities on campus is offered.

Ideally, a student handbook should not be a source of what students can get away with. On the other hand, it is impossible to have a rule governing every possible action. The SGA has quite successfully obtained a compromise for this conflict. In short, the Handbook's contents seem to be inclusive and well formulated.

On behalf of the student body, WRTR would like to thank John Hoddsden, President of the SGA, Tom Black, the handbook editor, and his staff consisting of John Cross, Jim Graham, Norm Klein, Kent Schreiber and Dale Zeleznich, as well as the faculty and administration for their permission, assistance, and approval. WRTR hopes that the new student handbook will be kept up to date and that the students will use the handbook. A student handbook will never serve its purpose unless it is read and followed.

—WRTR Editorial Board

The increasing divorce rate is rapidly making America the land of the free, all right, but the marriage rate is increasing, too, showing that America is still the home of the brave.

WRTR EDITORIAL

Last quarter, WRTR presented an editorial concerning the rules and regulations at Rose. Several members of the faculty and administration criticized some of the examples used to justify the editorial's point, stating that not all of the facts had been told. In retrospect, the WRTR Editorial Board agrees; however, it must be remembered that some of the information gathered by members of the editorial board was the only information volunteered upon inquiry by members of the faculty and administration. Nevertheless, the main point in the WRTR Close-Up, "The Rose Shaft," still applies: the students of Rose Polytechnic should have a set of rules concerning campus life and activities. WRTR concluded the editorial with the hope that the new Student Handbook, formulated by the Student Government will fill this gap.

WRTR has received, courtesy of John Hoddsden, a prototype copy of the new Student Handbook. Instead of two-tone pictures and frills, the SGA devoted the handbook to information pertinent to the Rose Student, including the new IDC regulations and the more important interpretations of the student constitution. The handbook also has cleared up many formerly vague regulations concerning such things as heating elements and attendance policy.

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