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Juniors Sponsor

"Valentine's Day Massacre"

At least someone is bringing a dance to Rose that is not only FREE TO ALL, but also offers other diversions besides just dancing or sitting down. On Saturday, February 13th, the class of '72 brings to Rose their version of the 1929 "ST. VALENTINE'S DAY MASSACRE." The dance will be



scheme, featuring a street along which are various old-time shops and stores. Among these are a cafe, a genuine "speak-easy" (with bathtub gin), an old-time photographers shop, and continuous showings at the Bijou Theater. The emphasis on all the shops will be the participation of all the guests at the dance.

The dance itself will be in the "Avalon Ballroom" of HMU, and it will feature the Chicago-like sounds of "CATHARSIS," an eight-piece group of professional musicians from Michigan. Other attractions in the ballroom will be a fabulous light show and a psychedelic "paint-in." The highlight of the evening may come when the sweetheart couple "Bonnie and Clyde" begin their reign over the dance—everyone at the dance will be eligible for this honor.

It should be emphasized that the dance will be free, dress will be casual, and the entire evening will be unique among Rose dances for all those present. Of course, for those who don't wish to make an appearance, it will be just another night for saying, "Hey, what's going on over in the Union?"

from 9-12 in the Union, and it promises to offer all the better qualities of both the Valentine's Day tradition and the Roaring Twenties era.

First of all, the Union lounge and dining rooms will be decorated in the Twenties

TOMMYKNOCKERS

by Bill Strahle

ITEM: From a reliable source:

The Student Activities Board COULD BE one of the most influential and prestigious boards on campus. As it now stands, it is something less than that in the minds of more than a few.

There seems to be several factors involved. Among them are:

- (1) All talk and little positive action on the part of the board members.
- (2) Some members have not given 100 per cent effort.
- (3) An increase from five to seven members which seems only to hinder understanding between members.
- (4) The Administration still needs to be sold on our board.
- (5) Most importantly — The

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Spring Concert

The Activities Board has been giving the plan for a spring concert considerable thought and a lot of time has been spent in contacting agents and attempting to secure a suitable group. Through these efforts it has become evident to us that we do not have a sound enough financial situation to attempt a concert. Our situation at Rose is hampered mainly by the small size of our own student body and the apparent unwillingness of people from town to fight the traffic and make the trip out here.

We would like very much to present big-name entertainment

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GRAB A FREE MEAL

The Rose-Hulman Student Government, in conjunction with the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce, is sponsoring a "Student in the Home" dinner on Sunday, February 21.

Interested students from Rose-Hulman, St. Mary's and I.S.U. will spend this Sunday evening with a family in Terre Haute, consuming not only a delicious meal but the benefit of discussing the ideas and goals concerning the Terre Haute college student relationship. Find out what Terre Haute has done for the college student. Are there any plans

to provide "hang-outs" for college students (18 years and older)? Get the answers to these and other questions by participation in this program.

Complete and cut out the blank section below and return via campus mail to BOX 1162-3 before February 6. You will be matched with a family and will receive their names via campus mail.

This project is limited to students not living in Vigo County and it would be greatly appreciated if you would not reply unless you plan on attending the evening meal and discussion.

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DOWN

All letters to the editor will be printed as received. There will be no editing or censorship. All letters must be typewritten, and must be signed. The name will be withheld by request. Please try to make letters brief and to the point. Letters must be in Box 605 before 3 P.M. on Mondays to be in that week's issue.

—Editor

LETTER TO
THE EDITOR

Sir:

I was greatly disappointed by the cancellation of the "Nicholas Nurd" cartoon in the *Inklings*. I thought the cartoon was very entertaining and humorous, and a welcome break from the more serious purpose of this school.

In response to Dr. Hill's letter, the question must be asked, "is the *Inklings* published mainly for the faculty?" I think the *Inklings* is for the students, and I think the students overwhelmingly approve of the "Nicholas Nurd" cartoon.

—John Walter

A bridegroom is a man amazed at the outcome of what he considered to be harmless little flirtation.

—Brandon (Fla.) News

Roses are green. People are pink. His color TV has gone on the blink.

—Baltimore Sunday Sun Magazine

The downward trend in industry and business, and the current social feelings toward ecology and the contributory role that the engineer has had in making pollution have resulted in a far lessened interest by high-school students to seek an engineering education. This is resulting in a decrease in applications to engineering schools—including Rose-Hulman. Applications this year are down 20 per cent as compared to last year, but this has to be taken in light that Purdue is down 50 per cent in applications to their engineering school. The administration would like 350 students to make up next year's freshman class, but the admissions department is really only counting on 300 students as attainable. Engineering presently does not present the "glamor" profession image that it did a few years ago—and engineering schools are having to really pull to fill up their programs.

There are three basic rules for having good teeth. Brush them twice a day. See your dentist twice a year. Keep your nose out of other people's business.

—Franklin Tidewater News

Ah, how glorious to spend a day in the woods!

Unfortunately, I was playing golf at the time.

—Paul Light in St. Paul Pioneer Press

SLIDE RULE
PREVAILS

Mathematics instructors at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology at Terre Haute, start their classes now by saying to the students:

"Gentlemen, start your slide rules."

Early this month the name of the engineering college was changed to Rose-Hulman from Rose Polytechnic Institute when Anton Hulman, owner of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, donated the assets of the Hulman Foundation to the school.

Slide rules carried in a sheath on engineering students' belts are as important to them as pistols to policemen.

Is this the prestigious Rose image?

(The above statement was made by the Indianapolis Star.)

Get It Together!

Apparently the school student magazine, the *Technic*, has been resurrected one more time and an issue is forecast for the last of this quarter or the first of next with another later in the 1970-1971 academic year. Why try to make something which has been a failure for the last couple of years a worthwhile project? Consider the obstacles facing the *Technic* and begin to analyze the relative worth compared to the work involved.

Standing against the *Technic* are three major obstacles which

impede its progress. First, the lack of momentum from the student body for a quality publication at Rose-Hulman. If such a desire existed, then the students would become actively involved. Yet, if such a publication existed, momentum could be gained to continue it. Lack of organization should be the next flaw cited in the previous failures as there was little communication between members of the staff. No coordinated effort was put forth in an attempt for a finished product against the adverse conditions. Finally, lack of funds which is acute this year may further hinder the *Technic*.

What does the *Technic* have going for it? They may be directly stated as follows:

- (1) A dedicated core of individuals who have maintained interest throughout the year.
- (2) The potential of in-depth study which cannot be done in a newspaper easily, certainly not in the "*Inklings*."
- (3) Ten weeks to prepare the *Technic* for publication.
- (4) The resources of qualified individuals which a quality publication would attract.

These are some of the most outstanding factors going for and against the *Technic*, yet these factors have been on the ledger all along. It remains for this staff to get the job done if the *Technic* is to first survive and then to prosper and grow. We must get it together.

—Cecil Whitaker
Editor—*Technic*


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PARENTS' VIEW OF FRATERNITIES

Before the Thanksgiving Holiday, the Interfraternity Council sent a questionnaire to the parents of the freshmen (approximately 240) who attended the Get-Acquainted Parties in September. One hundred and six questionnaires returned indicating that 98.1 per cent of the parents had no objections to their son joining a social fraternity and 97.1 per cent of the replies stated that the parent had no objection to their son living in a fraternity house. Although only 42.5 per cent of the parents either had been a member of a fraternity or sorority, the majority of the questionnaires indicated a positive parent attitude toward the Rose fraternity system. Brotherhood was picked as the most associated aspect of the Greek system by the parents, with leadership and personal development also considered import-

ant aspects of fraternity life.

Following is a copy of the questionnaire and results. The number in parentheses is the raw number of answers. The percents are based on the number of replies per question and not on the total number of replies to the questionnaire.

The following questionnaire is being sent to you as parents to obtain facts and information of your attitudes about social fraternities on Rose's campus. Your answer will not affect your son's position in rush nor will it be legally binding as a housing contract.

1. Do you have any objections to your son joining a social fraternity? yes (2) 1.9 pct.
no (103) 98.1 pct.

2. Have you ever been a member of a fraternity or sorority? yes (45) 42.5 pct.
no (61) 57.5 pct.

3. Do you have any objection

to your son living in a fraternity house? yes (3) 2.9 pct.
no (100) 97.1 pct.

4. Would you allow your son to join a fraternity that insisted on him living in the house as a sophomore? yes (64) 84.1 pct.
no (24) 15.9 pct.

5. Would you object to signing a housing contract for the sophomore year? yes (14) 15 pct.
no (79) 85 pct.

6. From what you know of fraternities, do you feel they are beneficial to an individual? yes (93) 96 pct.
no (4) 4 pct.

7. Which three of the following do you most associate with the Greek system?

- Bad Grades (3) 2.8 pct.
- Brotherhood (85) 80 pct.
- Drinking (11) 10.4 pct.
- Sinking Morals (1) 0.8 pct.
- Loss of self identity (1) 0.8 pct.
- Leadership (54) 51 pct.
- Scholarship (32) 30 pct.
- Personal Development (60) 56.5 pct.
- Social Advancement (37) 35 pct.
- Group Dynamics (23) 21.7 pct.

The questionnaire didn't ask for parent comments, but the following comments were received in reply to the indicated questions

2. Have you ever been a member of a fraternity or sorority? comment: SN Beta 400.

3. Do you have any objections to your son living in a fraternity house? comments—If he wants to, it is all right.
—after sophomore year.

4. Would you allow your son to join a fraternity that insisted on him living in the house as a sophomore?

Comments:
—it's his decision.
—would depend a great deal in the related cost of a dorm rental and fraternity house rental.
—on campus.
—depends on the cost.
—probably not.
—... INSISTED... would like to know why.
—I would object.

5. Would you object to signing a housing contract for the sophomore year?

Comments:
—depends on rates.
—depends on how long the contract.
—I would sign no housing contract of any kind until I see what kind of grades () makes this year.

6. From what you know of fraternities, do you feel they are beneficial to an individual?

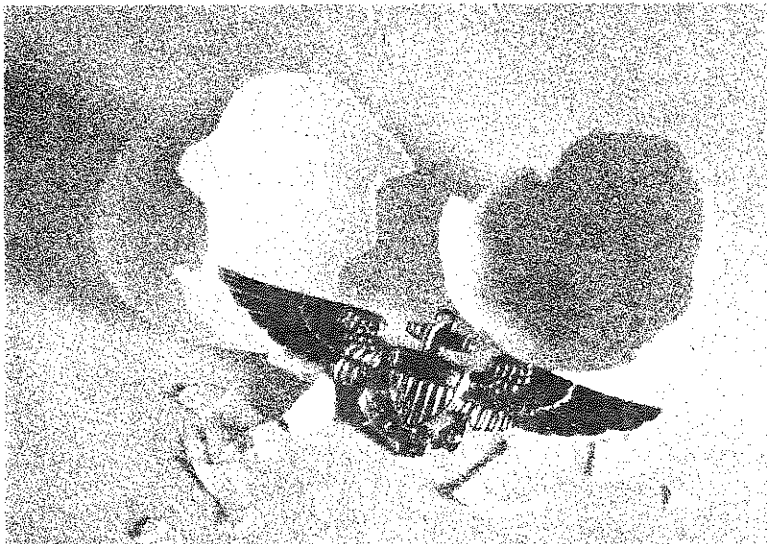
Comments:
—sometimes no.
—yes and no, it all depends.
—generally yes.

7. Which three of the following do you most associate with the Greek system?

Comment:
—I don't think you can apply three of anything (mentioned) to the Greeks. I recall most, the friends I made and have always kept. I consider my life more enriched from being in a fraternity during undergraduate days.

Drinking comments:
—sometimes.
—yea, yea, yea... (once a member of a fraternity).
—that is up to the individual
—not necessarily fraternities.

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ENGINEERS MAKE FINAL SURGE

Following several consecutive encounters with NCAA schools such as Pace, MacMurray, and DePauw and top NAIA teams including Earlham and Anderson, the Hustlin' Engineers have boosted their record to 11-7 and now face what should be the "easier" part of their schedule as they return to Shook Fieldhouse Friday evening to battle long standing rival Principia. Victories over the remaining five schools on the schedule are quite vital if the Engineers are to overtake Oakland City as the Independent team with the best record in the State and thus gain entry into the finals of the District Playoffs for the right to go to Kansas City. If Rose cannot overtake Oakland City, they would have to settle for a spot in the pre-Playoffs where they were upended by Earlham last season.

It is difficult to point to one aspect of Engineer play which has made the big difference in the squad's recent performance, but certainly the tremendous efforts of senior forward and co-captain D. J. Cordero have been vital. His 18 rebounds per game and great shot intimidating ability have strengthened the Enginee defense immeasurably. Tom Butwin has found the range from the floor

hitting 23 of 41 in the past two games. Also, much improved floor play by everyone has reduced the turnovers from 25 per game to about 15, thus saving several cheap baskets.

ROSE	FGM	FGA	FT	RBS	PTS
Cordero	8	17	0	24	16
Erwin	9	18	1	11	19
Dougan	5	8	6	8	16
Black	3	5	0	3	6
Butwin	9	17	3	3	21
Snyder	5	8	0	4	10
Eades	0	1	0	0	0
Canfield	0	0	4	0	4
Hans	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	39	74	14	55	92

ANDERSON

	FGM	FGA	FT	RBS	PTS
Bittner	9	15	9	10	27
Miller	7	28	2	7	16
Lewis	4	10	2	7	10
Hardy	2	8	0	3	4
J. Rector	5	13	1	3	11
Bayley	3	4	2	3	8
Chalk	0	2	1	7	1
N. Rector	0	0	0	1	0
Robbins	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	30	81	17	47	77

TOMMYKNOCKERS

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students, myself included, are just not supporting the board's activities.

We insist on top billing entertainment! Yet, when the board approaches Dr. Logan or Dean Ross to ask for \$29,000 to bring the Chicago to Rose, they in turn can justifiably ask if 800 Rose students with dates will show up. Exaggeration? Perhaps—but when was the last time a GOOD band played on Campus?

ITEM: "I may disagree with what you say, but I'll defend to the death your right to say it." —Voltaire

Nicholas Nurd may be dead, but I'll bet he turned yellow before he died.

ITEM: "They came after the Jews, and I was not a Jew—so I did not object.

They came after the Catho-

Duckworth's Dorms

As the new director of housing, Mr. Tom Duckworth has organized the roles of floor councilors and dorm life into a situation better than ever for students at Rose. His main accomplishment is the improved method of selecting councilors. Each prospective councilor is interviewed at least four times and evaluated by Mr. Duckworth. President Logan makes the formal hiring.

Most councilors are juniors, but two of the four new councilors this quarter are sophomores. Mr. Duckworth likes to improvise new ideas, and is now trying one councilor per floor in certain freshmen dorms. Councilor meetings are held about once a month to discuss things like drugs, discipline, and student communications.

Duckworth prefers "creative discipline" rather than a formal trial by Judicial Council. He offers offenders several alternatives so that they may gain responsibility and learn by their mistakes rather than be-

lic, and I was not a Catholic—so I did not object.

They came after the Trade Unionists, and I was not a Trade Unionist—so I did not object.

Then they came after me, and there was no one left to object . . ."

—Pastor Neumueller

ITEM: The visit of the EC PD to our campus raises a very interesting question, which is more important, developing a lab — or dusting one?

SPRING CONCERT

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but if we brought a famous enough group, the price would be too high for an average spring weekend's entertainment and, if we control the seat price, then we don't have enough money to get anyone the student body as a whole wants to hear. Also, big names alone do not assure a good show, as evidenced by Homecoming 1970. Our budget of \$5,500 for the year means that all big-name groups must be financed on a break-even proposition, and we feel that the possibilities of breaking even on a spring concert are not good enough to attempt it. It is our opinion that big-name entertainment will be limited to one a year at Homecoming.

—Student Activities Board

ing put on social probation. Right now, first and third floors of Speed Hall have "waxing teams." These teams are made up of violators who clean and wax the floors every so often.

When asked about future changes, Mr. Duckworth replied, "I don't wish to be clandestine, but I don't want to say anything about next year." He also said that certain reforms are definite for next year.

Duckworth's impression of the "typical" Rose students is that, "I don't think there's a typical anything. Each student is unique. The Rose student body runs the gamut; it's hard to classify nurd and non-nurd." He feels that the students like the Rose way of life.

The Duckworths approve of the "very progressive policies" here. Mrs. Duckworth likes Rose because it has less red tape than a state college. They point out that our open visitation and alcohol policies are more liberal than ISU. Responsibility lies more with the individual, where they feel it should be. The Duckworths hope that in the future the student body will be ruled by the same laws and municipal laws.

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