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"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 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 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 "CA THARSIS," 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?"
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Applications Down

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 was expecting 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 wood's! 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 of 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 school 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

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 amusing. I was very upset at the outcome of what seemed to be a harmless little flirtation.

—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.

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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 percent of the parents had no objections to their son joining a social fraternity and 97.1 percent of the replies stated that the parent had no objection to their son living in a fraternity house. Although only 42.5 percent of the parents either had been a member of a fraternity or sorority, the majority of the parents either had been a member of a fraternity or sorority, with 92.5 percent of the parents stating they lived in a fraternity house. Although only 42.5 percent of the parents either had been a member of a fraternity or sorority, the majority of the parents either had been a member of a fraternity or sorority, with 92.5 percent of the parents stating they lived in a fraternity house.

The 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.

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 (46) 45.5 pct. no (51) 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 (10) 2.8 pct.
   - Brotherhood (90) 89.1 pct.
   - Drinking (11) 10.4 pct.
   - Sinking Morals (1) 0.8 pct.
8. Loss of self identity (1) 0.8 pct.
9. Leadership (54) 53.5 pct.
10. Scholarship (32) 31 pct.
11. Personal Development (60) 59.5 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? comment: It's his decision.
4. Would you allow your son to join a fraternity that insisted on him living in the house as a sophomore? comments:—if he wants to, it is all right.
5. Would you object to signing a housing contract for the sophomore year? comments:—If he wants to, it is all right.
6. From what you know of fraternities, do you feel they are beneficial to an individual? comments:—it's his decision.

Some people have such talent for making the best of a difficult situation that they go around creating bad situations so they can make the best of them.

Comment:
—Sometimes yes, sometimes no.
—Yes, yes, yes... (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 "easiest" 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 Engineer 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 26 per game to about 15, thus saving several cheap baskets.

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 thoughts like drugs, discipline, and student communications.

Duckworth prefers "creative discipline" rather than a formal trial by Judicial Council. He offers offenders several alterations so that they may gain responsibility and learn by their mistakes rather than be disciplined, and I was not a Catholic — so I did not object.

They came after the Trade Unionists — so I did not object. 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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