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A letter from the newly elected SGA officers

As newly elected executive officers of the Student Government Association, we want to thank each and every one of you who took time to vote last Friday. Your support was vital to our success in the election, the same way your support is vital in our success in office. We are only people, and by ourselves, have nothing extraordinary to offer, but through cooperation with the student body, we can expect to enjoy great success.

It is always easy to degrade the current executive officers,

but in our position we are just beginning to realize some of the pressures to which they are subjected. As already stated, we will be needing your support, but we also promise to do everything in our power to ensure a successful year. It is our goal that the SGA continues to be the powerful and effective organization that it is today. Again, thank you.

Sincerely,
Matt White
President
Kurtis Lengacher
Vice President

Student questions raised at dialogue

by Steve Uffell

Is the admission process to Rose too easy? Does Rose have a policy on professor office hours? Why are some graduate students teaching classes? These questions and a few more were discussed at the Blue Key student-faculty dialogue on Feb. 3.

In the area of admissions, the problem was posed that Rose treats potential freshmen as numbers, interested only in their SAT scores. The solution that was suggested was to add an essay and an interview to the application process. Pete Parshall, humanities department chairman, agreed stating that he felt it was too easy to apply to Rose and that the application form should include an essay. In response, Jess Lucas stated, "Every attempt is made not to treat people as numbers," and that, "Additional information is unnecessary."

In the area of professor office

hours and graduate students teaching classes, Eifert remarked that Rose had no policy for a set number of office hours per week for professors, but that it was understood that professors should make themselves available to the students. As for graduated students teaching, Sam Hulbert stated the three main things he was opposed to were using grad students as teachers, poor teachers, and large classes. He also stated the main goal of the Institute was to provide the best possible situation for the students. Mason reiterated this idea by saying it was Rose policy not to use graduate students as teachers, but exceptions are sometimes made when the education of the students is in question.

Other concerns that were raised include trash in the student commons, the lack of character in Moench Hall (the hospital look), and the theft of books

and periodicals from the Logan library. In regard to the problem of trash, Mason stated the environment is determined by the students and most students could not afford the tuition required to pay for a large enough maintenance staff to keep the commons clean. The bottom line in this matter seems to be that students need to learn how to pick up after themselves. Hulbert, commenting on the character of Moench Hall, said it was the goal of the Institute to add art to all the walls so eventually it will resemble an art gallery. The problem of theft from the library centered around the fact that over \$2500 is lost in missing books per year. It was made clear that Robson was not in favor of a security system but that the students must help police the library.

The members of Blue Key would like to thank everyone who participated in the dialogue.

News Briefs

Security to present phone seminar

On Feb. 18, at 4:30 p.m. in the GM room, Security will sponsor a seminar on telephone security. The seminar will deal with telephone problems in general, such as obscene phone calls, call tracing and credit card fraud.

The first speaker, John Russel of the GTE home office, will speak about telephone security in general, nuisance calls and billing problems. Russel is in charge of telephone security for GTE.

Speaking next will be Larry Phegley of GTE's local office. His talk will cover the technicalities and electronics of tracing calls. He will also

touch on how some call-tracing that appears on television programs is inaccurate depiction.

The last person to speak will be Linda Jiles. She is the fraud investigation manager for One Call Communications. Jiles will discuss toll fraud, which is the use of somebody else's credit card number illegally. She will also talk about computer hacking and the use of computer bulletin boards.

All students are invited and encouraged to attend this seminar. Any questions will be gladly answered at the seminar.

Rose-Hulman involved in local National Engineers Week activities

More than 100 area high school students will be on the Rose-Hulman campus as part of the local National Engineers Week program, according to program coordinator, civil engineering professor Ron Benson.

The students will visit each of the Institute's engineering departments in the afternoon after spending the morning talking with and observing

the duties of a local professional engineer.

Other local National Engineers Week activities include regional and state competition in the national Mathcounts competition, and the awarding of the Engineer-of-the-Year and Outstanding Engineering Student honors at a National Engineers banquet Feb. 25.

Effort underway to form sports medicine association

Students interested in medical careers, athletic injury care or basic first aid, are invited to an organizational meeting March 8 of the Rose-Hulman Sports Medicine Association.

Rick Shaw, head athletic trainer at Rose-Hulman, is sponsoring the information meeting at 7 p.m. in the Hall of Fame room in Shook Fieldhouse.

According to Shaw, the new club would give students the opportunity to visit various medical facilities, gain experience while working and observing in the college's athletic training room, observe surgeries and meet with local medical professionals.

Students wanting more information about efforts to create the new student organization should contact Shaw at extension 249.

Free symphony tickets available

The Terre Haute Symphony will perform an all-orchestral concert tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the Tirey Memorial Union at ISU.

Tickets are free to all Rose-Hulman students and may be picked up at Donna Gustafson's office at the Hulman Memorial Union. In addition, students needing transportation

to the concert may arrange for transportation by leaving their names at Gustafson's office.

Other upcoming performances of the Terre Haute Symphony include a pops concert on March 19 and a concert featuring violinist Stephanie Chase on April 20.

Orient Club to feature speaker from disc corporation

The Rose Orient Club will feature Warren Macaroni, human resource manager for Digital Audio Disc Corporation, on Feb. 16, at 4:30 p.m. in room G220.

He will briefly discuss the DADC production of compact discs, the future of compact disks and the actions of the competition.

New honor society organizing at Rose

by Keith Miller

In years past, Rose-Hulman has honored meritorious students with such recognition as the Dean's List and the Honor Key. But until recently it had never supported a nationally affiliated honor society for outstanding scholars, as do many other colleges and universities. So Brett Bowman, a sophomore computer science major at Rose, decided to change that.

A Rose chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, the National Honor Society based in Bowman's home town of Muncie, Indiana, has been approved by the Student Affairs Committee. "Each individual department has groups to recognize their best

students," said Bowman, "but you usually have to be a junior or senior to be recognized. It's only fair to have a society that includes sophomores and freshmen." Currently the petition to the national headquarters is being prepared, so that the Rose chapter may receive official affiliation with the national organization.

Prerequisites for admission to the new honor society include a 3.500 cumulative GPA, and a standing in the top 20 percent of one's respective class. Presently there are 78 freshmen and 68 sophomores eligible for membership. The society will consist of a president, a vice president, a secretary, a treasurer and a

historian. The constitution also provides for a junior and a senior advisor in the future. Pete Gustafuson, the associate dean of students, is acting as the liaison administrator for the society, and Barbara D. Ito is the faculty advisor.

Some important future plans for the society include a formal initiation, setting up a convenient tutorial service, guest speakers from both technical and non-technical fields and social events with the ISU chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta. Any students who feel that they meet the membership requirements and are interested in joining are encouraged to do so. For further information, contact Pete Gustafuson or Barbara Ito.

Air Force ROTC forms new detachment

This year is the first year in the life of Air Force ROTC Detachment 218. Detachment 218, based at Indiana State University and serving ISU and Rose-Hulman students, used to be part of Detachment 215 at Indiana University and was formed because the enrollment increased to the point where IU could not carry out its duties alone.

Last spring, ISU and Rose-Hulman started the process of forming a new detachment, becoming one of only three new detachments in the nation last year.

Capt. Ernest Wallace, Commandant of Cadets for Detachment 218 said the detachment is continuing to grow. In fact, the current enrollment of 140 cadets distributed between Rose-Hulman and ISU has increased to the point that a new non-

commissioned officer will come to Terre Haute in mid-February, and a new officer will be arriving next fall.

Detachment 218 also has a new group commander. Mark Meysenberg, a senior computer science major at Rose-Hulman was selected in December to lead Detachment 218 for the last half of the school year. Meysenberg is the second group commander in the history of Detachment 218.

To be selected as group commander, Meysenberg competed with several seniors from both ISU and Rose-Hulman. The applicants were required to submit a resume detailing their qualifications for leading the corps. They then interviewed with the officers of Detachment 218 where they were asked questions about their opinions of the corps and were given hypothetical situations and were asked how

they would deal with them. When the process was finished, Meysenberg was selected as the cadet who would be able to do the most for the corps.

Wallace commented that the new detachment is an exceptionally well balanced corps because between ISU and Rose-Hulman, there is a good mixture of pilots, navigators and engineers.

Wallace said that some of the goals of the new detachment are to continue to train strong leaders and to have more activities in the corps such as visits to Air Force bases, trips to aerospace manufacturing plants such as McDonnell-Douglas and more social functions within the corp.

Wallace says he sees a strong future for Detachment 218, saying, "The new detachment is well deserved. The students are a good group of cadets who work hard to do a fine job."

Mom's Night Schedule

Saturday, Feb. 13

- 5:30 p.m. Candlelight dinner, Hulman Memorial Union; performance by the Rose-Hulman Glee Club.
- 7:30 p.m. Basketball, Rose-Hulman vs. Fisk University, Shook Memorial Fieldhouse.
- 9:30 p.m. Sock Hop, featuring the Pink Flamingoes, Shook Memorial Fieldhouse; sock hop will begin after the basketball game is finished

Opinion and Columns

EDITORIAL

The complaint is nothing new, but it seems to be on the rise lately: The teacher will ask the class a question, and ... silence. Dead silence. Nothing seems to interest these people. As the teacher scans the room, he notices that about 40% of the students are asleep. It's 8:05 a.m. at Rose-Hulman, and first period is off to another quick start. Later that day the professor will ask another class the same question and will receive a response.

Sadly but truly, there are many students who just cannot get going in the early morning. They could go to bed earlier, but at Rose, doing homework and having any social life usually entails staying up till at least 11:00 p.m. at the minimum. So the student goes to class, has a hard time concentrating, perhaps snoozes through the period, and generally doesn't learn a whole heck of a lot compared to what he would have learned if the class had been held later in the day.

Why don't students who can't handle the early morning sign up for classes later in the day, when they can take full advantage of consciousness? This is where the seat of the problem lies. Most classes that are required and that most students will have to take at once are many times scheduled for first or second period, so there is really no choice. It is not a very earth-shaking problem, but it does have its negative effects. First of all, it is a fact that for many students performance and learning does suffer when classes are held early. There are always those people who can get up at 6:00 a.m. and do homework, but most students are not capable

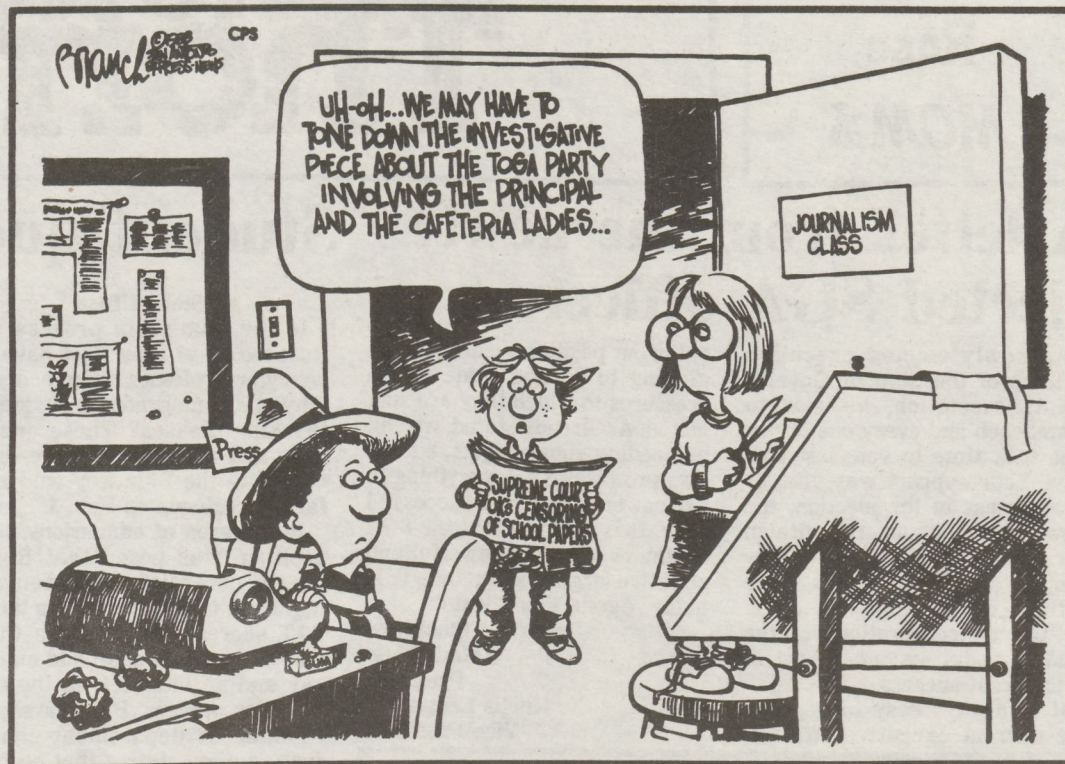
of this. It is hard to learn and listen to the professor when all your energies are bent towards merely staying awake. The learning suffers and the GPA suffers. Because if a class is required the material in that course will probably be needed for other classes, subsequent performance may suffer.

The rationale behind placing required classes first period is rather simple: non-required first period courses are not likely to be taken, so schedule them later and put the required ones early. On the flip side, however, those who voluntarily sign up for a non-required first period course should be more likely to participate in that class, to stay awake, and to not just skip class because it is too boring and early.

There is always the argument that forcing students to awaken early and attend class prepares them for working conditions, but this is a rather simplistic view. First, as mentioned before, most workers do not need to stay up incredibly late in order to complete homework and have a social life. Admittedly, they will have to do so at times, but not all the time, and never with such regularity. In addition, there is an immense difference between arriving at work at 7:00 a.m. and performing useful work and sitting in class listening to the teacher drone on.

It is too late to do anything about the Spring '88 schedule, but we would respectfully submit that a long, hard look needs to be taken at where required classes are scheduled for Fall '88.

— Ron Dippold



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Fraternity RHO

The Rose-Hulman chapter of Phi Gamma Delta was presented with the Beta Cup in Indianapolis last weekend. The award is presented to the outstanding chapter in the state. About twenty-five Rose FIJI's attended the annual State Day activities held at the Indianapolis Athletic Club. State Day is held each February by the Beta Graduate Chapter to allow all of Indiana's FIJI chapters to share their experiences and

accomplishments of the past year. State Day also includes a special pledge education program.

The men of Alpha Tau Omega would like to thank all the faculty and staff who were able to attend our Pre-Basketball Game Pizza Gathering. We enjoyed having you over to see the house and meeting you on a less academic basis. We hope you found the event enjoyable.

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Just for the Record: So What!

by Vince Klorth

Actually, the full title of the new Megadeth album is *so far, so good...so what!* It follows on the heels of such quizzical epithets as *Killing Is My Business...And Business Is Good!* and *Peace Sells...But Who's Buying?*

Megadeth, the band, is the creation of Dave Mustaine, possibly the most celebrated evil genius in rock 'n' roll. The son of a Jehovah witness, Mustaine survived a strict religious upbringing which he has not completely discarded. His mother moved him and his sisters through most of the country, never staying in a single city for over a year. From that childhood developed a fierce independence that has made Mustaine one of rock's most ruthless band leaders.

A few years ago, Mustaine formed Metallica, a west coast band that has since achieved platinum success. Back in its early days, the other members of Metallica began to view its founding member more of a liability than an asset, so Mustaine was thrown out. To this day, an intense rivalry still exists between Mustaine and Metallica's front man, James Hetfield.

Rejected and without a band, Mustaine started over from



scratch. Yet it did not take him long to form a new band. "Megadeth" is a term Mustaine read in a pamphlet by Senator Allen Cranston wrote concerning nuclear war; it promptly became the name for Mustaine's second band. Armed and ready, Mustaine began his long and perilous trek to the top.

"Megadeth should wish to avoid comparisons with Metallica."

So What! is as toxic and intimidating as "Megadeth" would imply. It's a gut wrenching, angry album reminiscent of Tom Petty's "Refugee" single. "You take great pride in never having lived up to anything," a quote

from the album's track "Liar," exemplifies the attitude exhibited by Mustaine. Even in his dedication to the late Cliff Burton, an old friend and Metallica mate, Mustaine claims "my flesh still crawls as I breathe your name." There is no reason to wonder why so many people think Mustaine is such a jerk.

Mustaine had an undeniable influence on Metallica, but his endless comparison to his former band may prove to be his downfall. *So What!* is a heavy hitting power metal album; each song oozes Mustaine's personality from between the notes. But Metallica forms a much better unit; *Master of Puppets* contains more inspired instrumentation, higher quality lyrics, and a much tighter album concept. While Megadeth is good, they suffer in comparison to Metallica. Mustaine should wish to avoid such comparisons, not promote them.

So What! serves to further entrench power metal as a legitimate style of music, a cause which Metallica had until recently forwarded exclusively. However, Mustaine has shown no capability of overtaking his former band as the kings of the heaviest of heavy metal. While the album has definite merits, those expecting a second Metallica will be greatly disappointed.

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Sports

Engineers split pair over weekend

by Mike Lindsey

Last weekend the Fightin' Engineer Basketball team suffered a huge setback in College Athletic Conference play by falling to Centre College. By doing so the Colonels remained unbeaten in league play. A victory the following night over Webster University ended the team's losing streak and enabled them to up their record to 13-8.

On Friday night the team fought hard before dropping an 81-67 decision to Centre. In this game Rose once again found themselves behind early in the game; but, with support from a rowdy crowd, were able to climb back into the game. Plain old determination during the latter part of the half enabled the team to cut an 18 point lead down to ten by halftime.

In the second half the team continued their rally at the leagues defending champs despite some hot shooting from the visitors. The momentum seemed to slip away; though, when senior sixth man Doug Underwood severely sprained his ankle during a pile-up underneath the basket. Underwood had come off the bench to score three consecutive baskets and spark the team's comeback.

Following that exchange the team cut the lead to just six points and looked as if they may take control of the game. After a time-out the Colonels extended their hot shooting by nailing three unanswered shots from three point territory. This outburst coupled with a few bad breaks doused the teams hopes for an upset.

During the second half the team was able to stay in the game despite shooting only 28% from the field. For the game Rose was lead in scoring by freshman Britt Petty who scored 17 points. Junior guard Jeff Harrison also turned in a good relief performance by scoring 15 points and playing his usual tough defence. Center Dave Urbanek turned in another fine performance by scoring ten points and grabbing a game high 10 rebounds.

The disappointing loss of the previous night did not stop the teams drive toward a winning season as they rebounded to pound on Webster University by a 80-55 score. The game turned into a blowout early on as the team jumped out to a double digit lead in the opening minutes. All players in uniform saw some substantial playing time in the

first half as Rose built a twenty point lead by intermission.

The second half mirrored the first as the team cruised throughout. With the reserves playing most of the half, Rose kept control of the game and were never challenged. The lead reached 32 points during one stretch of the half before the Engineers let up and enjoyed their first easy win in some time. For the game eleven team members moved into the scoring column. Urbanek turned in a great performance by totalling team highs with 19 points and 9 rebounds despite spending a big portion of the game as a spectator. Britt Petty pitched in 13 points with sophomore forwards Tim Cindric and Chad Reitmeyer adding 10 each.

The Engineers return home tonight in a 7:30 rematch against Sewanee. The team is looking to settle the score with the Tigers who upset them a month ago in a game played in Tennessee. Tomorrow night is mom's night in Shook Fieldhouse when Rose plays host to Fisk University. That game also gets underway at 7:30 EST.

Tuesday's Basketball Results

Engineers 79
MacMurray 63



Britt Petty forces the shot.

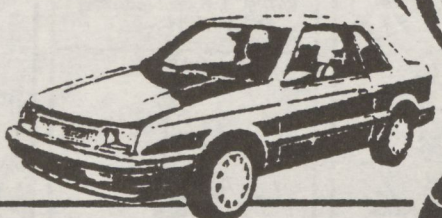
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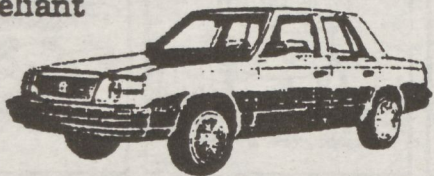
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Indoor track improves its marks

by Dan Braker

Five members of Rose-Hulman's track and field team recorded personal indoor bests this past weekend.

Sophomore Bob Jacobs competed at IU against tough competition. Jacobs ran the 800-meter dash in a time of 1:56.1. He has consistently improved his 800-meter time in every competition so far this year and is now only two seconds away from qualifying for the Division III national indoor championships.

At Eastern Illinois University Jason Lueking ran a 2:23.1 1000-meter run to finish second. Lueking also continues to improve his times.

Also at EIU John Cunningham put a distance of 38'9" in the shot

put. Carl Koehlinger ran the 55-meter high hurdles in 9.3, and Mark Montgomery jumped 20'2.5" in the long jump.

Coach Bill Welch is excited about the upcoming dual meet against Vincennes University. Welch said, "It will be a good close meet. Last year it came down to the mile relay, which gave us the win by one point." Welch hasn't seen all of Vincennes personnel compete, but he believes that they have a pretty fair team with good athletes in many events. The dual meet will be at Rose on Tuesday February 16. Events begin at 6:00 pm EST.

About ten runners from Rose will compete at the Purdue Invite on Saturday February 13, in order to work on improving their performance for the VU meet.

On Friday February 19, Rose-Hulman athletes who qualify will compete in the Indiana Intercollegiate meet at Purdue. It is hard to tell at this time, who will qualify for the meet because only a certain number of people are accepted in each event.

Rose-Hulman Results at EIU

- 200M — Brian Bartley 23.4, Ben Bierlein 25.0;
Carl Koehlinger 27.2
- 400M — Kirk Eisert 57.7
- 1000 yd. — 2. Jason Lueking 2:23.1
- Mile — 6. Paul Little 4:45.6
- HH — Brian Bartley 8.1;
Carl Koehlinger 9.3
- HJ — 1. Mark Montgomery 6'1"
- LJ — 4. Mark Montgomery 20'2.5"
- PV — 4. Larry Boxler 13'
- SP — 5. Brett Starr 43'0.5;
John Cunningham 38'9"
- TJ — Mike Garrison 38'6"

Grapplers struggling

The Rose-Hulman wrestling team dropped three dual meets over the Feb. 5-6 weekend at Wabash College. Scores were Illinois College 8-41, Wabash 2-46 and Manchester 14-18. This brings the team dual meet record to 4-13 for the season.

Only three of seven Rose wrestlers won matches. Jim Winkley (134 lb) controlled two

of three matches for wins. Chris Abdnour (158 lb) captured one of three matches and Matt Murphy (126 lb) split 1-1-1.

Upcoming meets include the Wheaton Coll. Tournament Feb. 12-13, and a home match against DePauw Feb. 16 in the E.E. Black Center, starting at 7:00 pm EST.

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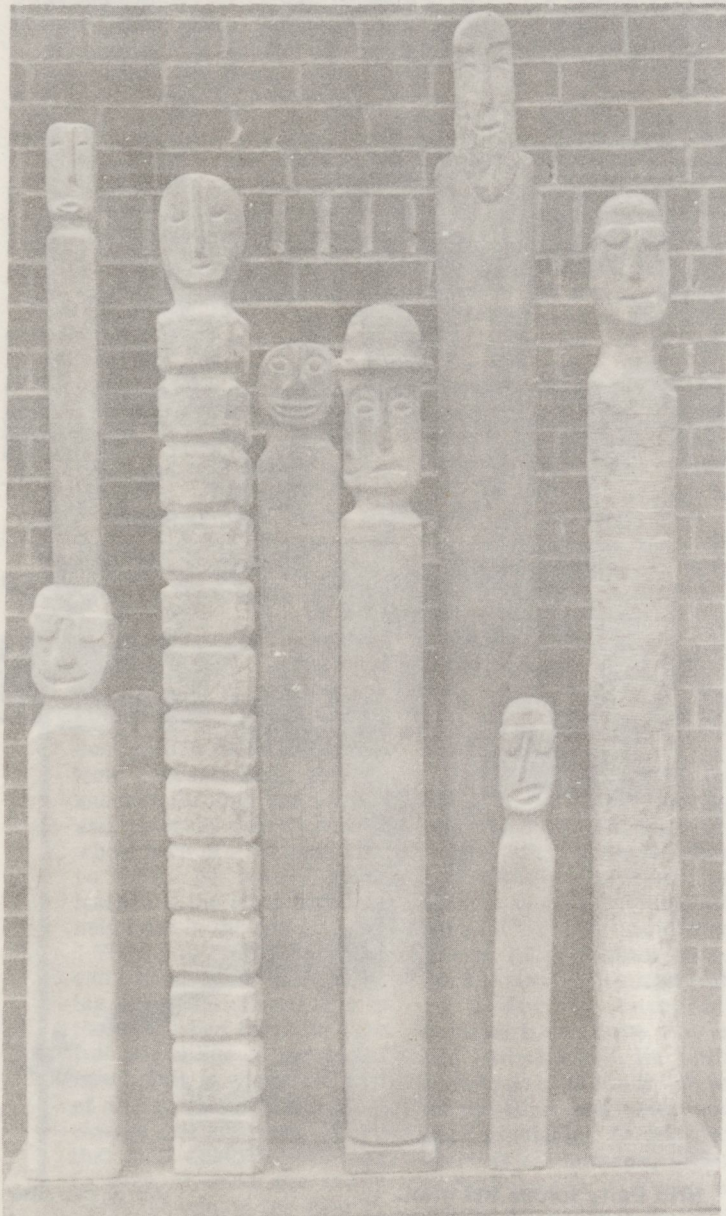
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