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**Good Luck to  
Rose Athletes  
in CAC Spring  
Sports Festival**

# the Rose Thorn

**GOOD  
LUCK  
WITH  
FINALS!**

## News Briefs

### Springfest set to go for tomorrow

by Bruce Nielsen  
The Student Activities Board will present Springfest tomorrow in back of Speed Hall.

Two bands are scheduled to perform. Mr. Smith will perform from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Then the All-Nite Newsboys will perform two sets. The first will be from 2:30 p.m. to 3:40 p.m. and the second will be from 3:40 p.m. to 4:10 p.m.

During the day, the Orient Club will be selling barbecued chicken, and Alpha Lambda,

the freshman honorary fraternity, will be selling cotton candy.

Also throughout the day Circle K will host a volleyball tournament, Pi Kappa Alpha will sponsor a car bash, and the Residence Hall Association will hold a slam dunk contest.

At 4 p.m., Alpha Chi Sigma will hold the drawing for a compact disc player and three CDs.

Complete schedules will be distributed through the mail.

### Rose-Hulman ACM beats ISU in computer programming contest

by Ron Perrella  
Both Rose-Hulman Association for Computing Machinery teams defeated Indiana State University computer programming teams in the first ISU/Rose-Hulman Computer Programming contest.

The contest was held April 23 in the Waters Computing Center.

The teams were given four hours to solve as many of the four problems as possible. Each team was required to write computer programs for their solutions. The problems were solvable in both the FORTRAN and Pascal programming languages.

Rose-Hulman team number two placed first, solving all

four problems in the least amount of time.

Rose-Hulman team number one placed second, solving all four problems.

ISU team number two solved two of the problems and placed third. ISU team number one solved one of the problems and placed fourth.

ISU's team number one was Darrin Chaney (CS '90), and ISU's team number two consisted of Todd Bender (CS '88) and Sara Wang (MA/CS '88).

For Rose-Hulman, team number one consisted of Dan Olliges (EE '88) and David Miller (CM '90), while team number two consisted of John Allen (CS '90) and Deron Meranda (CS '90).

### Air Force cadets win scholarships

by Tony Zamora  
Four Air Force ROTC cadets at Rose-Hulman won scholarships in a national competition.

Freshmen Robert DeYoung and Brett Weinzapfel, sophomore Paul Fitton and junior Timothy Nahrwold were selected from a large group of cadets nationwide on the basis of their SAT scores, grades and a recommendation from the Commandant of Cadets.

They were also judged by their scores on the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test, a standardized test taken by all Air

Force officer candidates.

These candidates were praised for their performance in Air Force ROTC and for the potential they show for future development.

The scholarship pays for tuition, books, fees and a \$100 per month subsistence allowance.

These candidates will attend field training during the summer between their sophomore and junior years and upon graduation will receive a commission as a second lieutenant and serve four years in the Air Force.

## Ethan Allen co-founder to give Schmidt lecture May 11

Nathan Ancell, chairman of the board of Ethan Allen, Inc., will receive the Chauncey Rose Medal and deliver the Oscar C. Schmidt Memorial Lecture on free enterprise on May 11.

Ancell will discuss "Power of Free Enterprise" at 11 a.m. in the GM Room. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Ancell has been chairman of one of the nation's largest furniture manufacturers for the past 50 years. Ethan Allen employs more than 6,000 people in more than 20 divisions.

A 1931 graduate of the Columbia Law School, Ancell is currently or has been a trustee of Brandeis University, chancellor and chairman of the Board of Governors Haifa University, Haifa, Israel; a trustee of the Solomon Schechter

School of Westchester, founder of the Ancell School of Business and professor of marketing at Western Connecticut State University.

He is also founder of the national Conference of Christians and Jews.

The Schmidt Memorial Lecture was established in 1952 by the Cincinnati Butcher's Supply Company in memory of the late Oscar C. Schmidt, a pioneer manufacturer of machinery for the packing industry.

The purpose of the lecture is to provide Rose students with a better understanding of industry's place in American life.

Past Schmidt lecturers have included corporate executives from General Motors, Marathon Oil, Dow Chemical, Borg-Warner, and Cummins Engine companies.

## Master plan committees meet to discuss planned improvements

by Jeff Valput

Committees on the construction of an athletic complex, a residence hall and the expansion of the Student Union have met.

Each committee met three times to discuss needs of each of the above and timing stages for the execution of them.

Samuel F. Hulbert, Rose-Hulman President, has listed priorities for these constructions, and the highest priorities are given to the new residence hall and the union expansion.

Construction of a new residence hall would alleviate the overcrowding situation on campus.

It will be designed for 100 to 120 students in traditional two-man rooms. It will include two restrooms, a study lounge on each floor, a larger lounge on the first floor. The basement will contain a

mechanical room, study area, bike room, ping-pong room, storage area, kitchen, laundry-vending area and an undesignated area. The residence hall will be handicapped accessible.

A definite location for the new residence hall has not been determined, it will most likely be built near Speed Hall.

Student Union expansion will center around the areas of that building that need improvements.

The expansion of the union is scheduled in stages. Stage one includes expansion of the food service kitchen area and an expansion of storage areas. Additional office space is also needed.

Stage two expansion includes additional meeting rooms and restrooms, addition of guest rooms and movement of the

health service office currently in Deming Hall.

Also on the list of Hulbert's priorities is the construction of an athletic complex.

It would include a large, open gymnasium which could be divided into three courts, six additional racquetball/handball/squash courts, a pool, a fitness center, two multi-purpose rooms, new locker facilities, new offices for all athletic staff, a lounge area and classrooms. This is obviously much more than is currently offered. The only problem with this construction is the limitation of space.

The new residence hall and union expansion may begin as early as next fall, but it depends mainly on funding. The athletic complex may be possible within a couple of years.

## Rose considering changing athletic conference

by Ray Urbanic

The Student Affairs Committee Chairman Richard Ditteon has recently sent a proposal to Rose-Hulman President Samuel F. Hulbert recommending that Rose-Hulman withdraw from the College Athletic Conference after 14 years of membership to join the Indiana Collegiate Athletic Conference during the 1989-90 school year.

Hulbert is expected to give his recommendation to the Board of Managers May 20.

The ICAC is a newly-formed athletic conference solely consisting of Indiana schools, such as Anderson University, DePauw University, Franklin College, Hanover College, Manchester College, Taylor University and Wabash College. Earlham College is presently deliberating the idea of joining the first-year conference.

The recommendation made by the Student Affairs Committee is the result of a survey conducted to determine the feelings of the students and staff about the possible change.

Questionnaires were given to all varsity athletes, faculty and coaches requesting opinions and suggestions about the change in conferences.

Of the 134 questionnaires returned, 113 stated that Rose-Hulman should join the ICAC.

The students' approval was overwhelming, 93 percent favor-

ing the move. The coaching staff was the only group of people in the survey with a majority wanting to stay in the CAC.

Reasons for moving to the ICAC included the expected reduction in travel time for away games, the increase in competition, and the "better rivalries" that would result in playing schools that are more familiar to the students.

Faculty liked the idea of students missing less class time due to away games. Other possible benefits suggested were improved in-state recruitment of student athletes, greater ease in scheduling games (since there are more teams in the ICAC than in the CAC) and improved NCAA recognition of the ICAC.

The main reason given for staying in the CAC was that Rose would have trouble competing in the new conference. A lack of success might affect the enthusiasm of the school, which could hurt recruitment.

Also, more pressure and stress would be placed on the students if the move to the ICAC was made, since Rose's winning reputation would be in danger.

Another negative aspect of join-

ing the ICAC is that the conference is made up of both NCAA III and NAIA II schools with different rules and regulations, which could cause problems in the future.

An alternate suggestion to changing conferences made was that Rose would just schedule more ICAC teams to cut down on travel.

The CAC is presently made up of six schools: Centre College, Earlham College, University of the South, Rhodes College, Fisk University, and Rose-Hulman. However, because Earlham College is expected to join the ICAC and Fisk University may end its athletic program in a few years, the CAC is looking to expand its size to the south with schools as far as Texas.

Because of this expected expansion, more traveling for the varsity teams could be possible in the immediate future. Because of these possible changes taking place in both conferences, the Student Affairs Committee is suggesting that Rose wait a year before joining the ICAC, so as to observe any difficulties that may arise.

## Constitution Chronicle

**7** 1788 — Richard Henry Lee wrote George Mason suggesting that a private meeting take place before the Virginia Ratifying Convention of those wishing to offer amendments to the Constitution.

**9** 1788 — The Massachusetts Gazette reported that the Maryland Convention assented to the Constitution by a majority and, on the following day, ratified the Constitution.

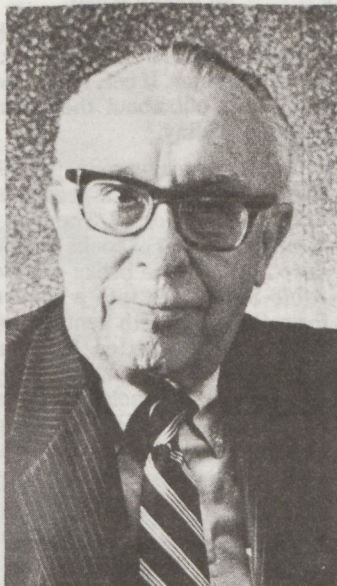
**11** 1788 — Alexander Hamilton wrote James Madison: "The elections are now over in this state (NY), but the result is not known. All depends upon Albany where both sides claim victory..."

**6** 1788 — Peleg Arnold became a Rhode Island delegate to the Confederation Congress. He would remain until August 7, when he departed during the debate over the location of the new federal government.

**8** 1788 — Governor George Clinton of New York wrote Virginia Governor Edmund Randolph proposing a joint conference to demand that amendments be a precondition to ratification of the Constitution.

**10** 1788 — Nathaniel Pendleton wrote of the urgent need for a strong government capable of repelling the Indians who, at that time, were spreading terror throughout Georgia.

**12** 1788 — The South Carolina Ratifying Convention opened in the Hall of the Exchange at Charleston.



**Nathan Ancell  
1988 Schmidt Lecturer**



## Opinion and Columns

## EDITORIAL

It will be our responsibility as engineers to help the companies we work for to automate themselves in hopes of becoming more productive. This will not always be easy. In fact, if approached incorrectly, it will become a huge waste of your time and your company's money.

Computers and other means of office automation are supposed to raise productivity — output per hour worked — in white-collar offices significantly, thus justifying their exorbitant cost. However, productivity declined in the finance, real-estate and insurance industries during 1973 to 1986, according to a recent article in the *Wall Street Journal*. While the rest of the country has been automating itself and benefiting from the process, much of the service industry has shown no such benefits.

Approximately half of the current economic output of the United States comes from service industries. In one of its sectors, the insurance industry, companies spend as much as 20% of their budgets on computers, other forms of office automation, and the people who operate this equipment. Yet much of this expenditure is wasted due to inadequate planning and expensive projects that have little chance of paying for themselves.

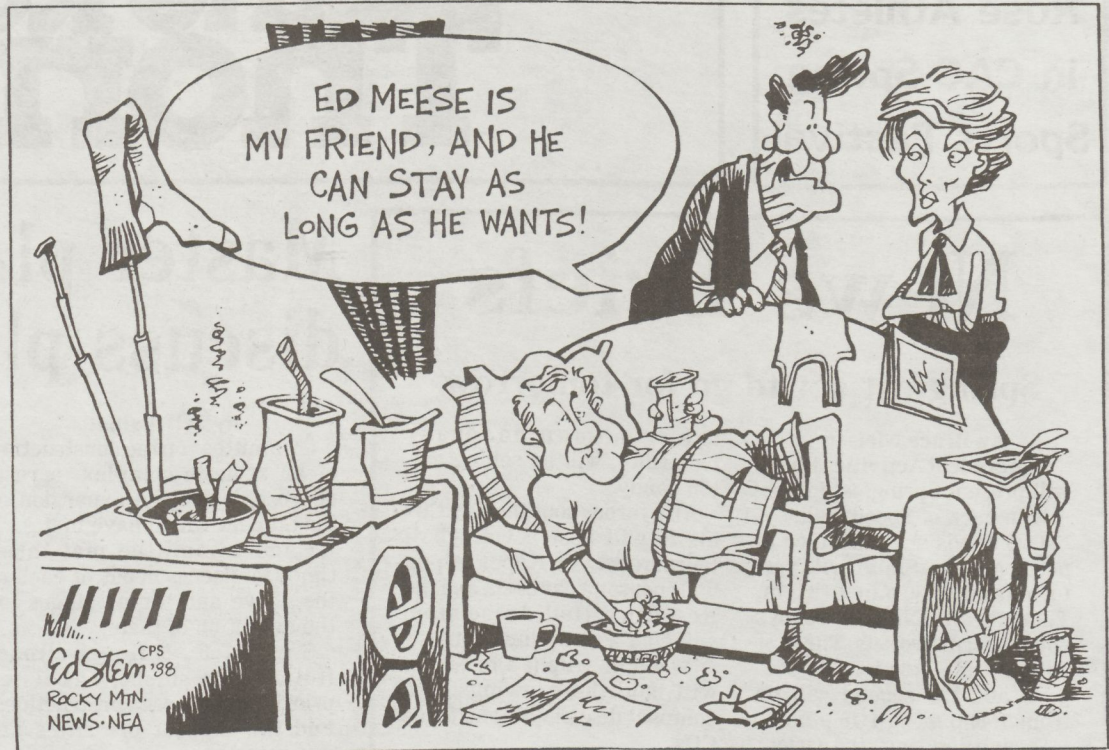
The primary reason that the service industries fail to bene-

fit from automation fully is that computers are used to automate existing processes and practices rather than developing new methods to take advantage of the computers' capabilities. Also, many offices do not use computers to help them do their jobs more efficiently. Computers are used to compile and sort reams of information, but the sheer volume of that data simply overwhelms the human operator who tries to take advantage of his resources.

Many times, large computerization processes are not organized and executed efficiently. A company may try to initiate too many projects at once. Or, rather than choosing the most cost-effective project to begin next, management may choose to first install a system which will benefit a favored department.

As engineers, such considerations will be our responsibility. Companies hire us primarily to help them do what they already do better. Many times, computers will be the answer; other times, not. But in either case, these same considerations must be made. As you decide how to spend the company's money, you should be raising its productivity. If that is not what's happening, you're missing the point of the game.

Bobby Woolf

Just for the Record:  
Seventh Son, Odyssey, and Amusement

by Vince Klortho

**Seventh Son of a Seventh Son**  
For their eighth album — their seventh studio album — **Iron Maiden** have gone all out with their first concept album, **Seventh Son of a Seventh Son**. It is also their best album so far.

Maiden has changed their sound greatly. They use guitar synthesizers much less than on their previous album, *Somewhere in Time*, but they also employ actual synthesized keyboards. This is a huge change for a band that claimed "no synthesizers or ulterior motives" just a few albums ago. Few of the songs on *Seventh Son* feature the hard and fast beginnings and endings that Maiden and other metal bands so love. The band has really melo-

lowed out on this album. According to Bruce Dickinson, the seventh son born to a man who was also a seventh son is supposed to have mystical powers. Thus the song titles "The Prophecy" and "The Clairvoyant." This boy, referred to on the album as the Moonchild (another song title), is not in control of his life. Emissaries of good and evil fight to control him. It's all very mystical, very gothic, and very Biblical.

Maiden fans will find *Seventh Son* to be very surprising upon first inspection. However, after they've had a chance for the shock to wear off and to get used to the new techniques, they'll find that the band they've always loved is still around.

Non-metal fans will find the new Maiden easier to stomach. The progressive tendencies of *Seventh Son* should add new listeners to

the Maiden entourage.

Killer tracks: "Moonchild," "Infinite Dreams," "Can I Play with Madness," and "The Clairvoyant."

**Odyssey**

Yngwie J. Malmsteen's *Rising Force*, sometimes known as Yngwie J. Malmsteen and his band, he sometimes being known as plain old Yngwie Malmsteen, has released its (his) fourth album. *Odyssey* is enough of a departure from Yngwie's (say "ING vay") past albums that many of

People who like such mainstream metal should like *Odyssey*. Yngwie fans won't find that he has sold out completely, but they'll sure notice the difference.

Killer tracks: "Rising Force," "Deja Vu," "Crystal Ball," and "Krakatau."

**Savage Amusement**

If you like *Blackout* and *Love at First Sting*, the last two **Scorpions** albums, then you're gonna love *Savage Amusement*. It's exactly the same as their old albums.

It has been three years since the last studio album from Germany's **Scorpions**, *Love at First Sting*, and over two since the release of the album recorded on the tour that followed, *World Wide Live*. In the intervening time, the band has pursued alternative pastimes and lived new experiences, but the band has not changed a bit. *Amusement* took a year to record, supposedly so that the band would have plenty of time to experiment with new ideas and techniques. Well, they must have hated all of it because nothing fresh or innovative made it onto the new album. The closest song to a change of pace is "Media Overkill," one of the weaker ones on the album.

*Amusement* sounds terrific; the band is in top form. But it's boring. The listener must remind himself that this is the new album. Call it "Savage Love at First Breakout."

Killer Picks: "Don't Stop at the Top" and "Rhythm of Love." ("No One Like You" is even better, but that's on another album, remember?)

Iron Maiden  
Yngwie Malmsteen  
Scorpions

his old fans will be disappointed.

Yngwie is an amazingly talented, classically (as in Mozart, not the Doors) inspired guitarist. Most of what he plays is so tough that most people cannot imitate it. His guitar is what makes his band's music so good.

Unfortunately, his guitar is generally missing on the new album. The general feel of *Odyssey* is that of a pop metal album: the songs are relatively short, revolve around choruses, and don't do much that is too technical. To be sure, Yngwie still shows off his skill here and there, but a lot less than he used to.

The addition of Joe Lynn Turner, formally of Rainbow, makes this album sound a lot more like Deep Purple or Aerosmith than Yngwie.

## Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

During the week of April 25, a crew was on campus to film our admissions video. The video will be used in our admissions program beginning next year. We are very excited about the project because it gives our admissions staff another means of contacting students.

I would like to thank the students, faculty and staff of Rose-Hulman who gave of their time to help with the filming of the video. In addition, I offer apologies for any inconvenience that was caused.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation. Without everybody's assistance, the project would not be a success.

Charles G. Howard  
Dean of Admissions

To the Editor:

I have to thank The Rose Thorn for its coverage of Campus Clean-Up Day. Your coverage was important in the success of the day. The Thorn is a great campus resource.

Peter A. Gustafson  
Associate Dean of Students

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## Drama club puts on good time Gospel

by Bobby Woolf

I certainly hope that the Rose Christian Fellowship has a sense of humor. If not, I hope they don't find out about the drama club's new play.

For their spring production, the Rose Drama Club is presenting *Cotton Patch Gospel*. The play is based on a series of books by Clarence Jordan. The books adapted Bible Scriptures into a modern form that twentieth century folk might relate to better. His "success" in this endeavor must be left to the eye of the beholder, but Harry Chapin liked the series enough to adapt them into a stage production.

*Cotton Patch* is basically a slam on the gullibility of rural, religiously fervent southern Georgians. One hopes that these people are a fictionalized stereotype and not a reality.

The spoof centers around a lady who has the misfortune of falling pregnant before marrying. Strange circumstances surround the pregnancy, the baby is born (complete with some brightly shining star), and the child is christened Jesus. His adventures parallel the Bible, more or less, right up to his lynching at the end.

This modern Jesus faces many obstacles that his namesake did not. This Jesus must contend with contracts for television rights. He must decide whether or not to incorporate his following. He does, however, enjoy the benefits of having the most profitable lemonade stand in town — he never runs out! In short, the twists and turns this story goes through to remain true to both the Bible and the Georgian setting are truly hilarious.

*Cotton Patch* is a musical. It goes to show that Rose guys really

cannot sing all that well. However, they seem to be having a good time and so did the audience. Sound projection was a problem. When only one person sang, he (and there was a she, too) was often hard to hear and understand. However, the play itself still remained easily comprehensible.

Perhaps the most memorable performance in the play is that of John the Baptizer, played relentlessly by John Knight. To get an idea of how this actor operates, check out his mini-bio in the play's program.

The play has a lot of character. The drama club, for its part, really enjoys putting it on for its audience. The production is not flawless, but it certainly is fun.

The last two performances of *Cotton Patch Gospel* are tonight and tomorrow. For tickets, contact the union office.



Sports



photo by: Tim Mulzer

Hard work and determination begins to pay off for the Fightin' Engineers.

Tracksters compete at Little State

by Dan Braker

Rose-Hulman placed ninth out of thirteen teams this past Saturday in the Little State track championship at Wabash College. The results of the meet were Anderson 137, Butler 97, Taylor 74, Wabash 69, Vincennes 60, Huntington 40, University of Indianapolis 39, Southern Indiana 37, Rose-Hulman 28, St. Joseph's 24, Franklin 10, Manchester 4, and Depauw 1.

Rose athletes scored nine all-time personal records at the meet. Jeff Harrison jumped 21'1" in the long jump, while Joe Lemanski triple jumped 41'5 1/2". Larry Boxler vaulted 14'0", and Rick Kochen ran 23.3 in the 200-meter dash. In the 800-meter run Bob Jacobs and Jason Lueking ran 1:54.4 (2nd place) and 1:58.4 (sixth place) respectively. Frank Visingardi scored a time of 4:31.9 in the 1500-meter run. In the 4x100-meter relay Kochen and Harrison ran respective times of 10.8 and 10.6.

For the second week in a row Brian Bartley tied the school record in the 400 IM hurdles with a time of 54.9, good for fourth place. Five runners and the 4x100-meter relay team recorded season bests. In the 1500-meter run D. R. Foley and James Schaad ran 4:22.5 and 4:27 respectively. Kenny Roberts ran 16:08.4 in the 5000-meter run, and the 4x100-meter relay team ran a time of 44.1. In the 4x400-meter relay Harrison and Langley Gibson ran respective times of 50.9 and 54.9.

The Engineer's track and field team will seek its 10th consecutive conference title this weekend. If the team wins it will be its 12th win in 14 years of membership in the conference. The meet begins at 1:45 p.m. Friday, with finals in the javelin, pole vault, long jump, shot put and the 10,000-meter run. Finals in all other events will take place on Saturday, beginning at 12:00 p.m.

**ROSE-HULMAN RESULTS**  
IM Hurdles-4. Bartley 54.9  
800m-2. Jacobs 1:54.66, 6. Lueking 1:58.7  
D-3. Starr 146'1"  
4x100relay-6. 44.32 (Bartley, Kochen, Bierlein, Harrison)  
PV-4. Boxley 14'0"

Diamondmen up season

by Mike Lindsey

Last weekend the Fightin' Engineers baseball team made great strides toward a successful ending to their season by sweeping a pair of games against Wabash College. By doing so the team also made it 4-0 against the Little Giants for the season and upped their record to 11-27 while Wabash fell to 21-13.

The big day was based upon the awakening of the Rose-Hulman offense. For the day Rose pounded out 25 hits and scored 23 runs. Leading the way for the team in game one was Scott Johnson who pounded out three hits and drove in two runs in the 11-7 win. Kyle Thompson, Russ Olsen, and Doug Ream each collected two hits to help pace the Engineers. Mike Lindsey gained the mound win, his second of the year against Wabash, with relief help from Marc Bastain and Todd Hoeven-er.

In game two Rose struck for seven runs in the bottom of the fifth to pace the 13-9 final. Kyle Thompson lead the way in this one with three hits including a double. Ream, Olsen, Johnson, and Neil Glaze each collected two hits and Dan Lemons had a three run triple. Joe Witulski pitched the final 3 innings to gain the win in relief of starter Dennis Kelley.

This weekend the team has the tough five game round robin conference tournament. Today Rose plays Sewanee at 10am here at Rose and at 4 p.m. the team plays against Earlham at ISU. Tomorrow they play Fisk at 10 a.m. at Terre Haute North.

Tennis team has dismal week

by Mark Crowder

Rose's tennis team lost a close one and a not-so-close one last week but the team is still improving. On Tuesday Depauw came to town, giving free tennis lessons, as they whipped the Engineers, 9-0. In this case, the score does reflect the closeness of the match. Rose-Hulman's big hope at No. 1 singles, John Puckett, suffered a slight knee injury during his match but was playing again two days later.

Friday, the netters travelled to Illinois Wesleyan and lost in a hard-fought 5-4 contest. Wesleyan led 4-2 after the singles matches and Rose fell just shy of a brilliant comeback, with all the doubles matches going to three sets.

T H I N K  
S P R I N G

CAC All-Sports Standings

(As of March 1, 1988)

Team	CC	S	FB	BB	Total
Rose-Hulman	30	15	25	22.5	92.5
Rhodes	20	10	30	22.5	82.5
Sewanee	25	30	15	12.5	82.5
Centre	10	25	15	30	80
Earlham	15	20	15	12.5	62.5
Fisk	--	--	--	5	5

NOTES:

\*Points are awarded 30 for first, 25 for second, 20 for third, 15 for fourth, 10 for fifth and 5 for sixth

\*Fisk does not compete in any fall sports

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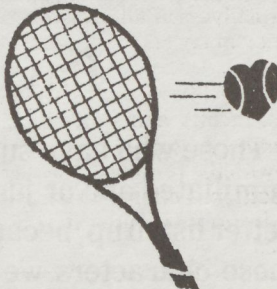
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## Humor/Satire

### We who are about to die salute you

It was that time of the year again, the annual Geek Games, when all the campus Geeks put on a show for the parents and independents. It was more than that, however, as it also highlighted an intense rivalry between the different Geek clans. It seems that somewhere, back in the mists of time, each clan's honor has been inextricably linked with whether or not they beat the other clans at "dizzy bat," and other earth-shattering tests of skill and strength.

Some of the problems that arise are unique. For instance, some of the clans are twice as big as the other clans, leading to obvious imbalances. Some of the clans have been practicing two months for their 30 seconds in the spotlight, leading to other imbalances. Some of the big clans have also been the ones practicing, making the contest more of a joke than an imbalance. Amazing how all this parallels the Olympic Games...

The events for the Geek games this year were the typical well-planned Geekly activities. The Pencil Push, in which clan members attempt to push a pencil (mechanical, of course!) around a 1-mile track on campus, was won hands down by the Lamb Chops. The Single Newts suffered a devastating blow when their pencil blew a spring on the back stretch, and the Deltoid Snag team got lost.

The next exciting event, the Pocket Protector Carry, in which the holding capacity of a clan's pocket protectors was determined, was won by Single Newt, who managed to fit 57 pens and 12 pencils in their representative's protector. As in all the events, however, there were tragedies as well. The Fudgie representative threw his back out from the load, and the Alcohol Omega protector leaked, allowing ink to stain and render useless their representative's best plaid shirt.

As the afternoon wore on,

everyone gathered down at Art Nerf field for the power struggle of the day, as the Calculator Races got under way. The crowd went wild as the Party Kings of America bested the Lamb Chops at finding factorials, and the Deltoid Snag team pulled ahead of Alcohol Omega at the last instant during the function plotting contest. The other Geeks put up a valiant effort, but Tringles swept the field on this one. "It's not fair," complained a Fudgie, "Every single one of them owns an HP." Those are the breaks.

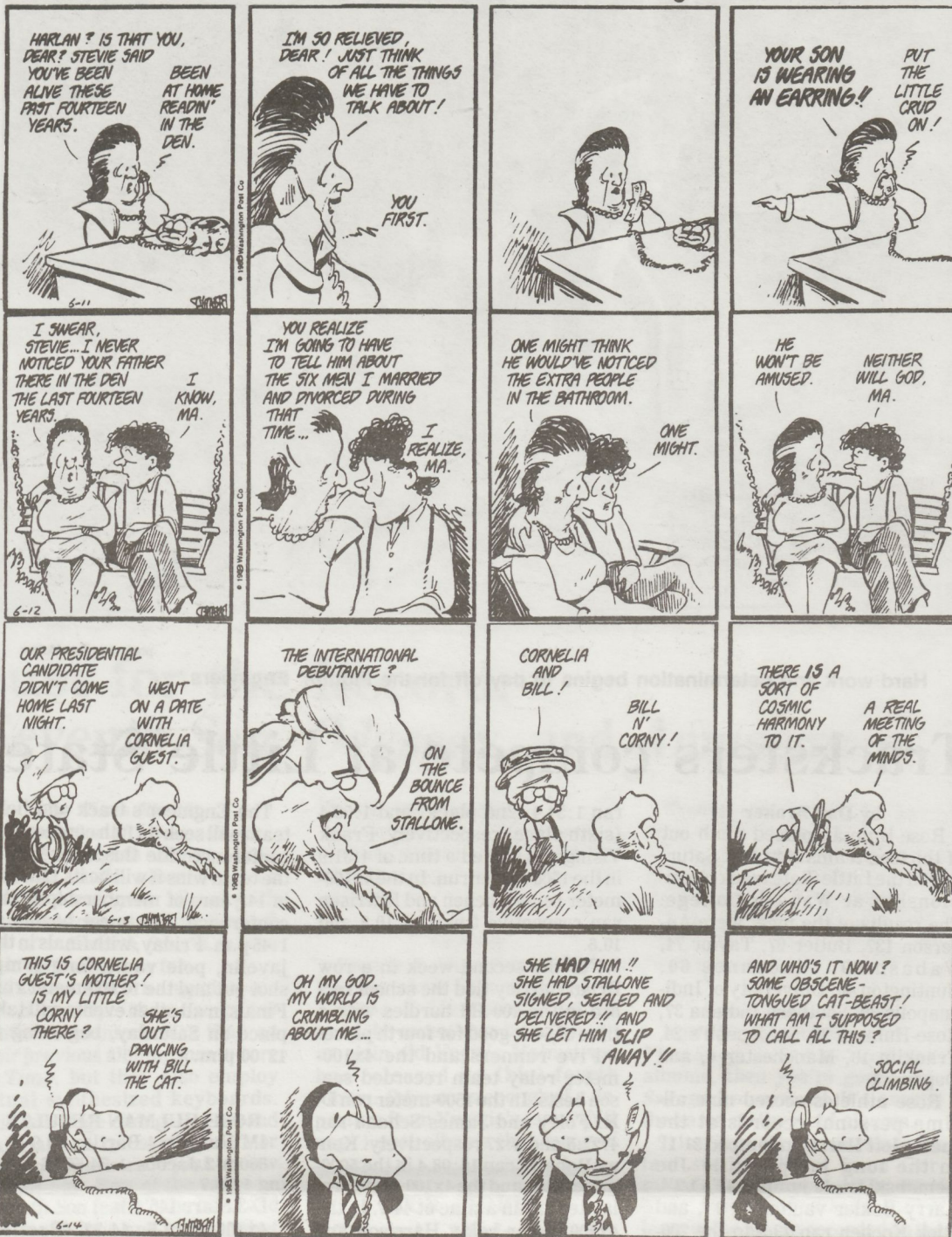
The final event of the day was the Laughing Contest in what passes for an Auditorium at Rosem. Each clan, with at least half of its members present, was to laugh on cue. Judges scored on volume, annoyance value, high pitch, and resemblance to a donkey braying. It was proposed that the contest be a Songfest, but since many Geeks sing like they have a toad in their throat, that idea was vetoed. Not surprisingly, there was not much of an audience present for this one. The first group took the stage. "Hyuck hyuck hyuck," they went, as the rest of the audience fled. The event had to be declared a tie, because anyone knows that all Geeks laugh alike (q.v. *Revenge of the Nerds*).

So what were the final results? It should come as no surprise that Lamb Chops led the way again with their mean, green, computing machine. They were all given plaid pants, a belt five sizes too big, tape for eyeglasses, Tyvek pocket protectors, and other Geek status symbols. We asked for a comment, and were told "Hyuck hyuck hyuck." The source asked to remain unidentified.

**News flash:** At press time, parties were still searching for members of the Atta Boy clan, who never showed up for the Geek Games and are feared lost en route. Stay tuned...

### BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



### Pay back time

Those who have suffered through a year of being humiliated and/or just being used on page N + 1 had better listen up, because it's payback time! So, to all those characters we have misused/abused for the last year, and who probably deserved better, just remember that we couldn't have done it without you! Give them a hand, folks...

Sam Hulburp  
Dean Locust  
Tom "Bud" Mauler  
Microbuddy  
Pete Gustofwind  
Donna Gustofwind  
Chuckles Howitzer  
Mark Farmer  
Woodsies in general  
PKA (Just get those GPA's up)  
Some of "The Men in Green and Yellow"  
Dr. Browbeat  
Carl Ringworm

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