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Friday, October 31, 1997

Two laptops stolen from Speed Hall

by Kevin Kaminski
Thorn News Editor

On Tuesday, October 28, two laptops were stolen from the second floor of Speed Hall. It is believed the thefts occurred between 8 and 9 p.m. The Student Affairs office is sponsoring a \$500 reward for information leading to the recovery of the laptops.

It is undetermined if the laptops were stolen by someone outside the Rose community. Pete Gustafson, assistant vice president of student affairs and associate dean of stu-

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dents, said he believed the theft was the result of one or more persons coming to Rose from off-campus.

Gustafson received some responses to his e-mail message, which requested information about the thefts and offered the reward. Several people consequently reported two suspicious males on all four floors of Blumberg Hall.

Gustafson sent a voice mail giving a physical description of the two males. Both men were described as being about 5'7" tall and 17 years old. One of the males is believed to have blond hair. The other was described as having styled, "greasy" hair. One wore a khaki army style jacket. Gustafson said the various descriptions implied that the males were not "typical Rose students." Anyone with further information is asked to contact Gustafson. Both males were reported as asking for directions to Speed Hall. Gustafson

asks that anybody with further information let him know so it can be determined if the males were in any way involved with the thefts.

The recent thefts mark the second and third laptops stolen from a residence hall this year. In this case, as well as most others, the theft occurred from a room close to a stairwell or exit. This location makes it easy for a person or persons to grab a laptop, then make a quick getaway.

Gustafson stressed that students need to be taking more precautions

to protect their laptops from theft. The most effective way to prevent against a theft is to lock residence hall rooms when they are unattended.

Other simple steps may be taken to guard against theft while maintaining Rose's open-door atmosphere. Students need to be aware of suspicious people in the residence halls and report their presence. Hiding or putting away a laptop is also simple way to remove the temptation of an easy theft.

Gustafson also remarked some students are careless with their laptops when leaving them in the lounge in front of the dining hall during mealtimes. He noted that two years ago, two different laptops were stolen from the lounge in a one-week period. Students are reminded to lock their laptops in the lockers provided outside the entrance to the dining hall.

"Black Comedy" production presented by drama club



Drama club members rehearse for their upcoming performance. The play opens tonight at 8 p.m. and will also be repeated on Saturday night and next weekend.

Photo by Duane Musser

by Thu Vu Pham
Thorn News Reporter

In darkness there is light. That seems to be the recurring theme behind this year's drama club production of "Black Comedy".

Beginning tonight at 8 p.m. in the auditorium and continuing through the next two weekends, the drama club cordially invites everyone to come and enjoy a night of comedic relief and pure British slapstick.

Under the guidance of director Bunny Nash and the newly elected drama club president and assistant director, Rob Raque, a junior computer engineer, the drama club changed gear from last year's hectic large production schedule to a simple one-act play with only eight cast members.

"The plus with working with a small cast is that you can all get to know each other better, and you can work more in developing individual characters....It's not so big production scene oriented," said Nash.

Developing the individual character definitely gives this year's

cast members a significant amount of freedom to showcase their acting and comedic talent. Audiences will enjoy seeing the eight cast members pretending to fumble their way through the dark after a blown fuse darkens an apartment building while they unravel the secrets that lie inside the building.

"["Black Comedy"] is very clever the way it's written," commented Nash.

"Black Comedy" begins in the darkness for the audience. However, in relation to the audience, the cast members see the darkness as light. So when there is light on stage, the cast members must pretend they are in complete darkness.

It is in darkness that the story will come to light. The main character Brindsley Miller, played by freshman Curtis Newell, is a poor sculptor who is engaged to Carol Melkett, played by freshman Janet Trimm. On the night of the blown fuse, Miller has to meet his wealthy future father-in-law, Colonel Melkett, played by junior Eric Anders. The eclectic young scul-

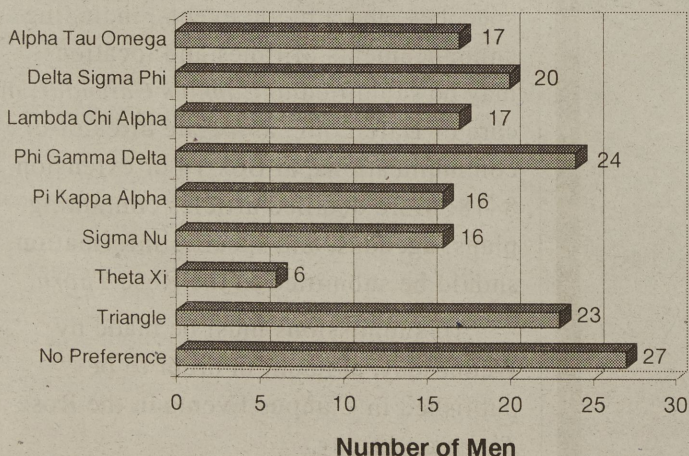
tor soon creates a mess for himself when he steals his neighbor's fine furniture to impress his father-in-law, as well as trying to lure in a millionaire who could be interested in his sculptures.

Miller's plans go awry when the neighbor, Harold Gorringer, played by sophomore Bill Nagel, comes back early. Miller tries to impress his future father-in-law, calm down an old lady next door who is afraid of the dark, get the electrician to fix his blown fuse, and grope his way through the dark to return the stolen furniture. The story is further complicated by the entrance of a former flame, Clea, played by freshman Robin Harvey.

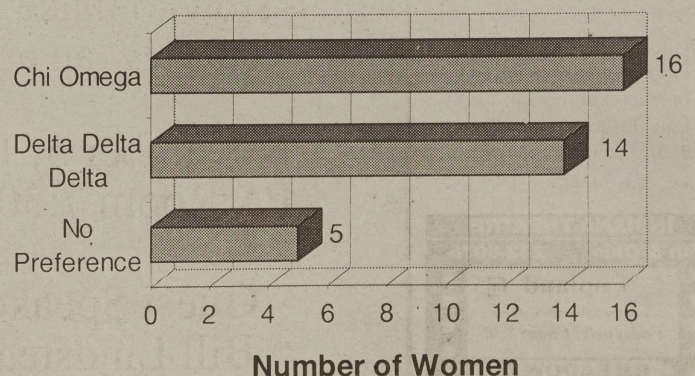
To learn how Newell gets Miller out of this mess, come to the Moech Hall Auditorium at 8 p.m. beginning tonight, October 31, Saturday, November 1, and November 7 and 8 to see this year's drama club production of "Black Comedy". Admission is free to all Rose students with ID. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for 12 and younger.

Fraternity and sorority pledge class results

Fraternity Pledge Results



Sorority Pledge Results



Fraternity pledge results are based on the number of men that signed with a fraternity or chose "no preference" on Fraternity Rush Bid Day (October 28).

Sorority pledge results are based on the number of women that signed with a sorority or chose "no preference" on Panhellenic Rush Bid Day (October 18).

Nov. 1-Dad's Day

- * Bookstore Open For Parents, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- * Lunch, Vonderschmitt Dining Room, Hulman Union, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- * Soccer, Manchester College, Jim Rendel Field, 11:30 a.m. (ICAC)
- * Football, Franklin College, Phil Brown Field, 1:30 p.m. (Broadcast On WJSH-AM, 1300, at 1:15 p.m.)

- * Volleyball, Spalding College, Hulbert Arena, 2 p.m.
- * Dad's Day Cookout, Sports & Recreation Center, After Football Game
- * Drama Club Play, "Black Comedy," Moench Hall Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Today and Tomorrow

- Fri., Oct. 31—Admissions' Campus Visitation Day, Kahn Rooms, Hulman Union, 1-4 p.m.
- Fri., Oct. 31—Thesis Defense, "Design And Manufacturing Of A Robot Gripper For A Design And Assembly Automation Facility," Rudiger Herr, D-111, 2:30 p.m.
- Fri., Oct. 31—Drama Club Play, "Black Comedy," Moench Hall Auditorium, 8 p.m.
- Fri., Oct. 31—Career Services Interviews: PEH Engineers, Marathon Oil (Robinson Refinery), NCR Corp., Northrop Grumman, Illinois Power Co.
- Fri., Oct. 31—Men's & Women's Swimming, at Illinois Wesleyan, Bloomington, Ill. 7 p.m.
- Sat., Nov. 1—Dad's Day:
- * Bookstore Open For Parents, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 - * Lunch, Vonderschmitt Dining Room, Hulman Union, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - * Soccer, Manchester College, Jim Rendel Field, 11:30 a.m. (ICAC)
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 - * Dad's Day Cookout, Sports & Recreation Center, After Football Game
 - * Drama Club Play, "Black Comedy," Moench Hall Auditorium, 8 p.m.
- Sat., Nov. 1—Men's & Women's Cross Country, at ICAC Championships, Greencastle, 10 a.m.

November 2-8

- Sun., Nov. 2—Learning Center Supplemental Instruction Program, Chemistry I (Lewis), O-259, 7:30-9 p.m.
- Sun., Nov. 2—Astronomy Club Observing Session For Students, Faculty & Staff & Guests, Lynn Reeder Observatory, 8:30 p.m. (If Skies Are Clear)
- Mon., Nov. 3—Flu Shot Clinic For Faculty/Staff & Family Members, Faculty/Staff Lounge, E-204, Noon to 3 p.m.
- Mon., Nov. 3—Learning Center Supplemental Instruction Program, Physics I (Sungar), O-159, 7:30-9 p.m.
- Mon., Nov. 3—Career Services Interviews: Belden Wire & Cable Company, Northrop Gruman Corp., Lockheed Martin Space Mission Systems & Services
- Tues., Nov. 4—Flu Shot Clinic For Faculty/Staff & Family Members, Faculty/Staff Lounge, E-204, 9 a.m. to Noon
- Tues., Nov. 4—Learning Center Supplemental Instruction Program, Calculus I (Abrouk), G-308, 7:30-9 p.m.
- Tues., Nov. 4—Career
- Services Interviews: AK Steel Corporation, Sagian, Procter & Gamble, Crowe Chizek, Marathon Oil Company
- Wed., Nov. 5—President's Administrative Council, Kahn Banquet Room, 8 a.m.
- Wed., Nov. 5—Learning Center Supplemental Learning Programs: Chemistry I (Lewis), O-259, 7:30-9 p.m.; Physics I (Sungar), O-159, 7:30-9 p.m.
- Wed., Nov. 5—Career Services Interviews: Procter & Gamble, Marathon Oil Company, Dwyer Instruments, IBM
- Thur., Nov. 6—Learning Center Supplemental Learning Program, Calculus I (Abrouk), G-308, 7:30-9 p.m.
- Thur., Nov. 6—Soccer, at ICAC Tournament, Opponent & Site To Be Determined
- Thur., Nov. 6—Career Services Interviews: Software Engineering Professionals, National Starch & Chemical Company
- Fri., Nov. 7—Groundbreaking Ceremonies For CTRI Building, East of Moench Hall, 11:30 a.m.
- Fri., Nov. 7—Drama Club Play, "Black Comedy," Moench Hall Auditorium, 8 p.m.
- Fri., Nov. 7—Volleyball, ICAC Tournament, Sports & Recreation Center, 7 p.m.
- Fri., Nov. 7—Soccer, at ICAC Tournament, Opponent & Site To Be Determined
- Fri., Nov. 7—Career Services Interviews: Northern Indiana Public Service, ASIC Designs, International Network Services, GE Aircraft Engines, ARC Information Technologies
- Sat., Nov. 8—Rose-Hulman High School Mathematics Contest, Moench Hall Auditorium, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Sat., Nov. 8—Fine Arts Series, The Special Consensus, Kahn Rooms, Hulman Union, 7:30 p.m.
- Sat., Nov. 8—Football, Hanover College, Phil Brown Field, 1:30 p.m. (Broadcast On WJSH-AM, 1300, at 1:15 p.m.)
- Sat., Nov. 8—Volleyball, ICAC Tournament, Sports & Recreation Center, 10 a.m.
- Sat., Nov. 8—Drama Club Play, "Black Comedy," Moench Hall Auditorium, 8 p.m.
- Sat., Nov. 8—Soccer, at ICAC Tournament (If Winner On Friday)
- Sat., Nov. 8—Rose Women's Club Trip To Nashville, Ind.

November 2-8(continued)**November 9-13**

- Sun., Nov. 9—Learning Center Supplemental Instruction Program, Chemistry I (Lewis), O-259, 7:30-9 p.m.
- Sun., Nov. 9—Astronomy Club Observing Session For Students, Faculty, Staff & Guests, Lynn Reeder Observatory, 8:30 p.m. (If Skies Are Clear)
- Mon., Nov. 10—Learning Center Supplemental Instruction Program, Physics I (Sungar), O-159, 7:30-9 p.m.
- Mon., Nov. 10—Career Services Interviews: Amadeus Consulting Group, Anvik Corporation, American Electronic Components, Purdue University Krannert Graduate School of Management
- Tues., Nov. 11—Veterans Day Ceremony, Highland Lawn Cemetery, 6 a.m.
- Tues., Nov. 11—Admission Office's Campus Visitation Day, Kahn Rooms, 1-4 p.m.
- Tues., Nov. 11—Institute Meeting, E-104, 4:30 p.m.
- Tues., Nov. 11—SGA Meeting, GM Room, 5:30 p.m.
- Tues., Nov. 11—Learning Center Supplemental Instruction Program, Calculus I (Abrouk), G-308, 7:30-9 p.m.
- Tues., Nov. 11—Career Services Interviews: Dynetics Inc., Honda Of America, VI Engineering, Stryker Instruments
- Wed., Nov. 12—President's Administrative Council, Kahn Banquet Room, 8 a.m.
- Wed., Nov. 12—Learning Center Supplemental Instruction Programs: Chemistry I (Lewis), O-259, 7:30-9 p.m.; Physics I (Sungar), O-159, 7:30-9 p.m.
- Wed., Nov. 12—Career Services Interviews: Ford Electronics, Amsted Industries, York International Corp., Corner Stone Solutions, A.E. Staley Manufacturing
- Thur., Nov. 13—Learning Center Supplemental Instruction Program, Calculus I (Abrouk), G-308, 7:30-9 p.m.
- Thur., Nov. 13—Career Services Interviews: A.E. Staley Manufacturing, Otis Elevator, Warehouse Equipment, Rockwell Automotive

**Submissions To
Campus Events**

Events may be published in *Campus Events* by any organization or individual. Information on club meetings, lectures/speeches, and athletic events, including announcements of times and locations may be submitted to *Campus Calendar*, in care of Dale Long, associate director of communications, at Box 14 or extension 8418. More detailed articles containing plans, agendas, and specific information should be submitted to the *Rose Thorn*.

All submissions must be made by Wednesday, at noon, in order to be published in *Campus Events* in the *Rose Thorn* on Friday.

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Bill Lindsteadt

Sponsored by NSBE

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NSBE hosts program for high school students this weekend

by Kevin Kaminski
Thorn News Editor

This weekend, the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) will host a program for high school students on campus. The program consists of a campus tour and demonstrations about careers in engineering.

Patrick Brown, vice president of NSBE, said the mission of NSBE is "to increase the number of culturally responsible black engineers to excel academically, succeed professionally, and positively impact the community."

President Tiffini McClyde explained that in 1988 the Pre-College Initiative (PCI) was created. Under the PCI, a program was created for minority high school students in order to expose them to the basics of engineering.

The program helps students determine if an engineering field is something he or she wants to pursue as a career. In addition, the program provides students with role models to look up to in engineering fields.

William Wilson, PCI chair,

explained that the majority of students visiting Rose this weekend are from Terre Haute. However, a few of the students are from Indianapolis. They will be touring the school.

The weekend will entail a tour of the campus as well as demonstrations by the Scuba, Physics, Chemistry, and other clubs. According to Wilson, this will help show them what engineers do on a technical level.

This Saturday's program is the first PCI program the Rose-Hulman chapter of NSBE has hosted this year. Several such programs took place last year.

Further programs are scheduled at later dates to facilitate prospective students in their pursuit of an engineering education. A plant visit to Pfizer is scheduled for December 13. A resume workshop, SAT workshop, and a fellowship workshop are also planned to help the students prepare for an education in engineering.

A tutoring program has also been implemented. Wilson

explained that while the PCI programs are geared toward minority high school students, the tutoring program is available for everybody.

Last year, NSBE provided the same programs for high school students and programs for middle school students as the program scheduled for this weekend. This year, the middle school program is expected to occur at the end of second quarter or the beginning of third quarter.

McClyde said that NSBE is also considering a PCI program for a selected group of Indianapolis students.

About 300 applications were sent in the mail to eligible high school students. Currently there are 26 high school students enrolled in this weekend's program. Wilson said that although the applications were due last weekend, parents are still calling in to see if openings are available.

The NSBE would also like to give a special thanks to the organizations, faculty, and staff that are helping NSBE with this event.

Karges to perform Saturday

by James Tedrick
Thorn News Reporter

Craig Karges, a popular college entertainer, will take over the Kahn room Saturday at 7 p.m., amazing the audience with his mental abilities and staking his own money on his performance.

"He claims he has extraordinary mental powers, and if you can repeat his feats, he will donate \$25,000 to charity," said Willie Korkki. Korkki is the Encore Chairman for the Student Activities Board, the group that is bringing Karges to campus. "For instance, he takes two rings from random members of the audience and interlocks them. It's stuff that is easy to set up on television, but it's different live, and with your fellow Rose students as partici-

pants, it's more believable."

In performing his talents, Karges has built a good reputation. He has been awarded Variety Entertainer of the Year from the National Association of Campus Activities every year since 1990 and the Campus Activities Today magazine's Campus entertainer of the year for three consecutive years.

His career is not limited to campuses, either. He has been seen on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno, Larry King Live, CNN Headline news, Lifetime Television Network, CNBC, UPN, E!, and The Nashville Network.

His performance is scheduled for Saturday night at 7:00 in the Kahn room. It was intended to be scheduled so that there would not

be a conflict with the Drama Club production. The performance was originally arranged last April, when Dad's Day was scheduled for November 8. At a later time, however, Dad's Day was rescheduled for this weekend.

Karges will also be in the Union on Saturday around noon, doing a few minor feats as a prelude to his evening performance.

The performance of Craig Karges is only one of the events SAB has scheduled for this year. Comedian Marty Putz has already come to the campus. Other plans include more comedians, a hypnotist, and the traditional Las Vegas Night, Spring Carnival, and Amateur Talent Night.

New student loan program

by Thu Vu Pham
Thorn News Reporter

Rose-Hulman students may soon be seeing changes to their college loans. The Rose-Hulman Board of Trustees had just approved an alternative loan program for Rose students. Under the new program, the loan will be an extension of the current Perkins Loan program.

Darin Greggs, director of financial aid, explained, "It will allow freshmen and sophomores the ability to borrow up to \$5,500 a year, which is what juniors and seniors can currently borrow under the federal program."

Currently, freshmen are allowed to borrow up to \$2,500 from the government. To give more financial assistance to students, Rose has been over-awarding some financial aid packages with extra institutional money. Unfortunately, the extra allocation of financial aid has been causing a spending deficit.

"[The Board of Trustees] sees this as a problem. It's more of a cash flow problem for Rose-Hulman," said Greggs.

To prevent a further deficit, the

Board of Trustees voted to allow the financial aid department to seek an outside vendor to become the new money provider instead of allocating more funds to students.

"Gradually we will be able to perhaps recoup as much as maybe three quarters of a million dollars on an annual basis," said Jess Lucas, the vice president of student affairs and dean of students.

According to Lucas, on November 12 the school will be meeting with the new vendor, called Guaranteed Access to Education program (GATE), an East-coast agency specializing in selling bonds. At this meeting, the school and GATE will come to an agreement on interest rates and repayment plans. Greggs said that under GATE, the interest rate will be slightly higher than the Perkins Loan. However, it will be similar to the rate of the Stafford Loan. The good news is that the students will have more time to repay their loans.

Lucas explained, "The current federal program has a ten year repayment history, and it looks like with this program we will maybe be able to extend it to thirteen years."

"It allows us more flexibility with our loan money. It's not regulated by the government like the Perkins loan," commented Greggs.

Greggs is hoping that all settlement will be done by the beginning of the new year so that next year's freshmen and sophomores can benefit from the new program. Under the new program, the student will continue to receive a Perkins loan. However, depending on students' needs, GATE will be another loan resource to help students with their college expenses.

On the national front, the U.S. House of Representatives Education Committee has passed a measure in a 43-to-0 vote to allow students to consolidate their federal school loans with private institutions in the U.S.

Consolidation under the new measure will help graduates and seniors. Many students borrow from several different government loan programs to finance their education. The current method of borrowing means multiple loan payments must be made every month. Consolidation will mean those students need only worry about one bill each month.

Rose to continue FC curriculum

by James Tedrick
Thorn News Reporter

The Foundation Coalition (FC) received a vote of confidence earlier this month as the faculty voted in favor of continuing Rose-Hulman's support in the program at this month's Institute meeting October 7th.

The vote comes as a result of the FC team applying for another five-year grant from the National Science Foundation. The program, begun in 1993 with the participation of Rose and six other schools, is joined in the renewal attempt with the University of Wisconsin at Madison, and the University at Massachusetts at Dartmouth.

The new grant, similar to the first, will provide funds for the development and implementation of innovations in engineering education. The implementation of the sophomore curriculum into the program is not affected by the grant, so denial of the grant would have no effect on the current programs.

"If the grant is not renewed, the Integrated First Year Curriculum

and the sophomore curriculum can continue," said Don Richards, the Team Leader of the Rose-Hulman Foundation Coalition Sophomore Curriculum Implementation Team.

The next grant, like the previous, will be used to continue work on innovations in the engineering curriculum in four specific areas: curriculum integration, technology-enabled education, human interface development, and assessment and evaluation. Rose entered into this coalition with Texas A&M University, Texas A&M University at Kingsville, Texas Women's University, Arizona State University, University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, Arizona State University, and Maricopa Community College in Phoenix.

Rose's participation in the program has included introducing the Integrated First Year Curriculum to the other schools as a model and leading in the processes of assessment and evaluation. From the FC, Rose developed the Sophomore Curriculum and the junior and senior years of the Electrical and Computer Engineering majors.



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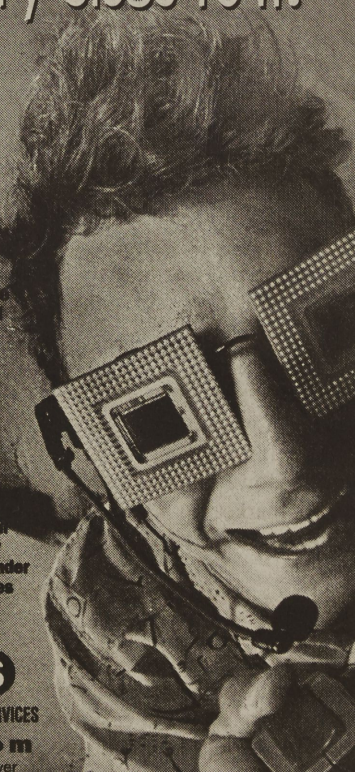
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A smell like no other: a documentary of Terre Haute



Brad Swearingen

Thorn
Columnist

What the hell's that smell? No, this is not the follow-up to strange things about girls. Actually my article is about Terre Haute "the place where it smells like everybody farted simultaneously."

I have surmised that Terre Haute is the ultimate hang out. It's where everybody wants to be. What better place could you be if you weren't cruisin' the Bash, hacking up the pure smell of ass that reigns Terre Haute? I think that the A-Team (Admissions team) should mention Terre Haute in that Lego brochure they send out during the summer. They could come up with slogans that would describe what a wonderful place Terre Haute really is.

Top Ten Slogans for the A-Team brochure:

10. Come to Rose-Hulman, we're just outside the ass capital of the world

9. Rose-Hulman: You'll be studying in your room so long, you won't

notice the smell.

8. Come smell Terre Haute, you'll really miss where you used to live.

7. Study Hard, Enjoy Life, Plug Your Nose.

6. Come join the Rose campus, you won't have to experience the ISU stench.

5. If you miss Terre Haute, just step into one of the guys' bathrooms.

4. Life is a sport, try not to gag on the smell.

3. Terre Haute: it's like Gary, Indiana, minus the murders.

2. If you want to get away from it all, come to Terre Haute, everybody feels the same way.

1. Come to Terre Haute and feel free to break wind, nobody will notice.

To those of you who are from Terre Haute, I'm sorry if this offends you. You see, Terre Haute is a lot like the homework here at Rose. If someone told me I was going to have this much homework, I would have never believed them. So the smell is a total shock at how bad it can get sometimes.

Unfortunately I have already had my

experiences with the Terre Haute funk. On one weekend I decided to go see a movie with some friends. Well, about



half way through the movie an enormous stench infiltrated the theater. I remember thinking to myself, "Man, the guy next to me has some serious BO."

Then I realized that half the theater were either bent over or covering their faces to protect the nostril region. The stench became so bad that my friend,

the one who I thought had the really bad BO, went and got a refill on his popcorn just so that he could smell the butter. I realize that his actions were pretty pathetic. However when you are forced to sit in the same uncomfortable chair with no armrests because both of the guys sitting next to you are bigger than you and have to smell the funk, you can get pretty desperate.

There needs to be something done about this plague of uncleanness. I swear that Terre Haute is one of the few cities I know that looks and smells like straight ass wherever you go in the city. Indy is pretty bad in some spots, but not everywhere. It doesn't matter where you go in Terre Haute, the stench will find you. You cannot escape. Resistance is futile.

I do have a couple of solutions that could fix the smell of Terre Haute. One could be to get rid of the paper factory, but that's too obvious. My other solution would be to nuke Terre Haute. Think about it. Wouldn't you rather have to deal with the possible side effects off nuclear radiation than have to smell the pungent funk again? I know I would -- I'll take that third arm any day.

Rose-Hulman Horoscopes



Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)

If you can't drink anything this weekend, get your mom to give you an IV. Those lepers you've befriended will end up decomposing soon. It won't be too pretty of a sight.



Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)

Having trouble thinking of things to say to that special someone? Well, say it with a chainsaw carving. Try the trees east of campus, they're beautiful this time of year. Don't cut your leg off.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Butter. That's all you really need to have this week. Some combinations: butter and cheese; butter and bratwurst; butter, carrots, and asparagus. Eat it in front of your friends!



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

Try not to bite your friends this weekend. We realize that it may be hard to do, but it's not worth all the bloodloss. Try just sitting back and making farm noises instead.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Next week holds a grab bag of fun fun!!! It's all mainly to do with your new job. However, selling shuttlecocks on the black market has a high turnover rate, and you might fall victim to society.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)

Any problems you're having with your pets can be solved with a simple jar of peanut butter. Also, try adopting lady bugs—they're cute and easy to take care of. Just don't let them near fire.



Aries (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19)

Furrowing your eyebrows again? Nothing over the next week is as important as using the restroom and showering. Do both as often as possible. Call your mommy tonight.



Taurus (Apr. 20 - May 20)

Speak only when you're spoken to. Also, do that as little as possible. In fact, why don't you crawl into a hole and forget about society for the next week. Glass is your friend.



Gemini (May 21 - June 21)

There was this German who made a lot of missiles and stuff. If you could aspire to be like him, you might find yourself with cult status. Fishnet stockings will help out a lot getting there.



Cancer (June 22 - July 22)

You think now that no one cares about you, but it's not true. It's just that everyone doesn't understand that you're really a space alien and that you just want all the Cheez Whiz you can get.



Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)

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An elderly woman staring down Satan in a Midwestern town



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Features
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A couple of days ago, I was wandering through Honey Creek Mall, in search of nothing in particular. "I had just bought Everclear's latest album and was feeling pretty good. Then, as I walked past one of Honey Creek's latest additions, I noticed a woman standing by herself staring.

What caught my attention was the way she was staring: in utter disgust. She simply stood there, with a look of horror and fear on her face. I knew exactly why.

A. A. Milne described his creation, Winnie the Pooh, as a "bear with little brain." I now take the opportunity to extend that title, minus the "bear," to this woman in the mall, along with countless others just like her. Yes, it's stereotypical and somewhat unkind, but that's the cost of the point I'm going to make.

When I first visited this store that the "little brained" woman was staring at, I was impressed. The store contained many things that you would find in any popular

alternative districts in larger cities. In essence, it is a "Goth" store, where one can buy a lot of things that are non- or anti-Christian, among other things, i.e., music, candles, posters, etc. The reason I was impressed wasn't because of what they sold there, but that the owners had the guts to open up such a store in Terre Haute.

Why should this bravery impress me? Mainly because, in case you haven't noticed, we're in the middle of the Bible Belt. This is where anything non-Christian is shunned, forbidden, crusaded against, and ultimately destroyed, or at least there is a significant effort to do so. I mean *anything*; nothing is left to chance upon an open mind.

Some may think my attitude to this point in the article is a little mocking. Some may also think that, "here's another person writing against Christianity." Some may even go as far as to think that I am some kind of devil-worshipping heathen. If you're thinking any of these things, or even if you're not, keep on reading.

One of the most precious things in life is that each of us is an individual. As individuals, we are each responsible for our actions and, more importantly, our thoughts. Individual thought. That means that each person

makes his or her own decisions, in case there's any confusion.

What does this have to do with a woman, with "small brain" mind you, standing in Honey Creek Mall, and the Bible Belt? Well, individual thought has everything to do with this. The one thing that I have consistently seen here in the Midwest, as I've been living here my whole life, is that the people in general are the most closed-minded people in whole nation, perhaps the world.

A couple of examples follow to back up what I'm saying:

(1) Evolution versus creationism: Even in Europe (where one can find the Vatican), the people have accepted evolution as scientific fact. Try mentioning evolution in a public high school here in the Midwest and you'll be in court. As an engineer, I see it as impossible not to accept evolution.

(2) Rock concerts: Remember when the band Marilyn Manson went on tour last year through the Midwest and East? They were protested against at nearly every city the band visited because people claimed they were "devil worshippers" or something like that. Well, I hate to let everybody know this, but Marilyn Manson is nothing but an act. I have all of their albums, and, take my word for it,

their music says nothing of Satan, or for that matter, Christianity.

(3) Books: How many cases of censorship have you heard of in the past three years? School libraries removing classics such as "Huckleberry Finn" because they contain "offensive" material. At the same time, these libraries have the Bible in their collection, but no other religious books such as the Koran, the Tao Te Ching, or the Bhagavad Gita.

These are only a few examples. I don't have the time nor the memory to list more, nor do I really need to do so. The point is that the closed minds of a few people effect the minds of everyone else, no matter what they may think.

This brings me back to my original point about the mall and the woman. Standing in front of this store in utter disgust, the message that I got was, "What is happening to our community? It's being infiltrated by something ungodly." I heard about this on the radio a long time before I witnessed this event, so I'm not just blowing this out of proportion.

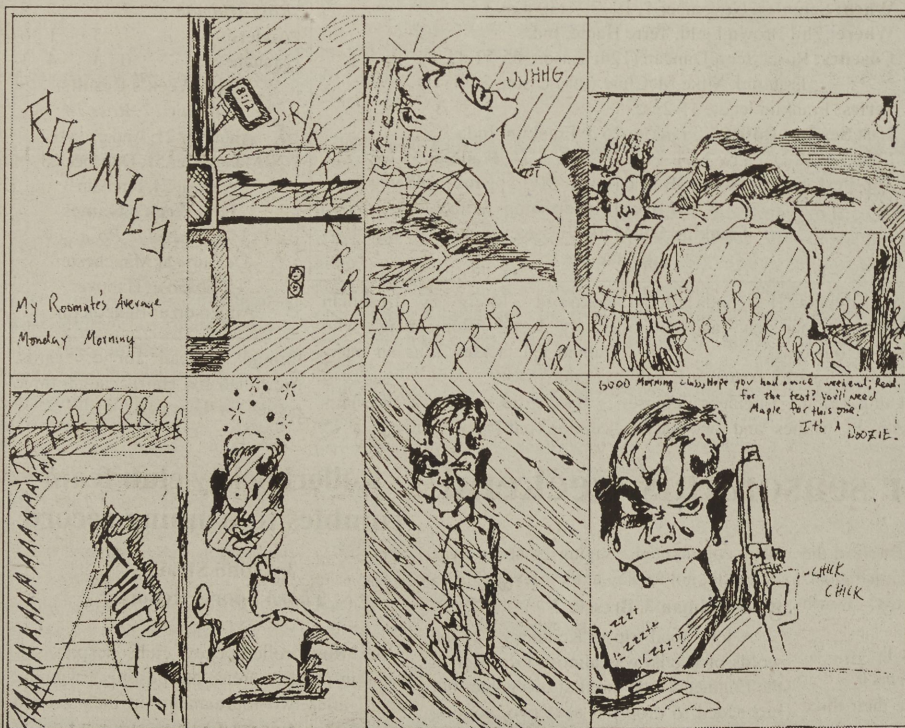
The answer to this question is simply "change." Nothing in this world is constant when it comes to humans. Life is going to change, and everyone has to accept this. Things are going to happen that you don't like, and there will be

nothing you can do about it. There's a secret to dealing with these changes though. It's called an open mind.

By keeping an open mind and accepting what is going to happen regardless of your opinion, then there is a much better chance of living happily. However, by opposing the change with a closed mind, life will be hell. That's because when the change occurs, it will be a catastrophic event in your life, like your whole structure of beliefs has just fallen.

This article is not directed towards any particular group of people. It was written for the benefit of all. By accepting that people are going to be themselves and that there's nothing you can possibly do to prevent or hinder that, life will be much better. Why spend so much energy protesting against something that doesn't threaten your life, when there are people dying on our streets from hunger and mindless violence?

So, why the "little brain" comment? Well, it is said that we use only about 10-15% of our brain capacity. When we close our minds to the outside world, that percentage decreases. With cute little Pooh-bear, that percentage is fine, but in real life, our minds just aren't used enough.



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Engineers face Franklin on Dad's Day

by Joel Gillespie
Thorn Sports Reporter

In a gritty, 17-14 loss to DePauw on Saturday, Rose-Hulman's football team (2-5 overall, 1-3 ICAC) returned to their familiar, grind-it-out style of play after putting passing the ball regularly in the previous few weeks.

The Engineers' strategy nearly resulted in an upset of the formidable Tigers, and this week they face Franklin (2-5 overall, 1-2 ICAC), who boast the Indiana Collegiate Athletic Conference's top defense against the pass. The Dad's Day game is slated for 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Phil Brown Field, and could feature the Engineers' running attack once again.

Rose ran wild over the Grizzlies last season, gaining 339 yards on 64 carries on their way to a narrow 28-26 win at Franklin. It has been five years since a Rose-Franklin game was decided by more than four points, so expect another tight contest this year as both teams enter the game with identical records.

Franklin has had difficulty scoring points all season, and they rank last in the ICAC in both rushing and scoring offense. However, their defense, led by linebacker Stan Baelz, has kept the team in most of their games.

Seniors Mark Glassmeyer and Benji Betts split the quarterbacking duties for the Grizzlies, with Glassmeyer seeing the majority of the action. Wideout Dustin Pettit averages nearly 60 receiving yards per game.

Franklin is hoping to bounce back from a 24-3 loss to Wabash last weekend. The Grizzlies managed only two rushing yards on the day, and Little Giant running

back Chris Stewart sped to 117 yards on the ground.
DePauw 17, Rose 14

A late field goal by DePauw kicker Jason Gardner provided the margin of victory as DePauw escaped a major upset at the hands of Rose. Sophomore Engineer quarterback Eric Hyten pounded out 148 yards and one touchdown on 35 carries, galloping past his predecessor at quarterback, Todd Harris, into seventh place on Rose's all-time rushing list.

Rose opened the scoring in the first quarter when sophomore fullback Andy Effinger rambled into the end zone from four yards out.

However, DePauw struck back in the second period, when Tiger quarterback Bernie Haskins connected with wideout Jon Clippinger for a 16-yard touchdown. DePauw missed the extra point, though, and the Engineers carried a 7-6 lead into halftime.

Haskins hooked up with Clippinger again shortly after halftime for a 14-yard score, and the two-point conversion gave the Tigers a 14-7 lead.

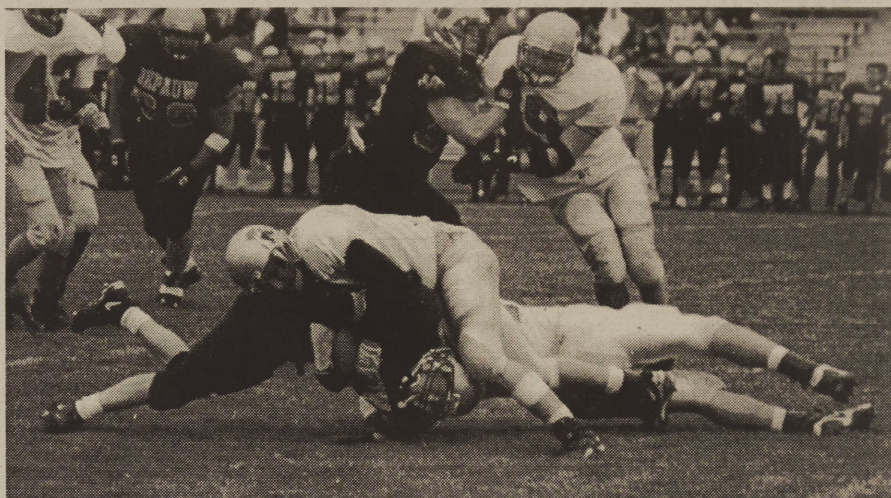
Hyten blasted through the middle of the DePauw defense late in the third for a 44-yard touchdown, and the Josh Martin extra point tied the score at 14 apiece.

The teams were deadlocked until late in the fourth period, when DePauw pinned Rose deep in their own territory on a punt.

"We needed to catch that punt," Rose-Hulman coach Scott Duncan said. "It probably landed at the 15 and went out at the one."

Rose couldn't blast its way out, and DePauw got the ball back at the Rose 32 after a short punt. Five plays later, Gardner nailed a 37-yard field goal.

The Engineers got the ball back



The Engineers defense cracks down on a DePauw ball-carrier. The Engineers held the DePauw offense to 250 total yards. The longest offensive play of the day for DePauw was a 16-yard pickup.

Photo provided by Darin Bryan

This Week's Matchup

Franklin
(2-5, 1-2 ICAC)

at

Rose-Hulman
(2-5, 1-3 ICAC)

When: Saturday, November 1, 1997 1:30 p.m.

Where: Phil Brown Field, Terre Haute, Ind.

Coaches: Rose: Scott Duncan (12th season, 65-51-1)

Franklin: Mike McClure (9th season, 34-51-1)

Series: Franklin leads, 31-21-2.

Last Season: Rose 28, Franklin 26 at Franklin, Ind.

Last Week: DePauw 17, Rose 14; Wabash 24, Franklin 3

Top Performers: Rose: QB Eric Hyten - 90.1 ypg rush, 148 ypg pass

LB Bryan Hagelskamp - 81 tackles

Franklin: QB Mark Glassmeyer

LB Stan Baelz

with 1 minute, 21 seconds left, but followed closely by freshman they went four plays and out to safety Justin Blomenberg, who seal the outcome. tallied ten tackles, plus an interception.

Junior linebacker Bryan Hagelskamp led the Engineer defense Hyten did not throw an interception, but he was only 5 of 15

1997 ICAC Football Standings

	ICAC		All	
	W	L	W	L
Hanover	3	0	7	0
Wabash	3	0	5	2
DePauw	3	1	5	2
Franklin	1	2	2	5
Rose-Hulman	1	3	2	5
Anderson	1	3	1	6
Manchester	0	3	4	3

Last Week's Results

DePauw 17, Rose 14

Hanover 21, Anderson 0

Manchester 51, Defiance 28

Wabash 24, Franklin 3

This Week's Games

Franklin at Rose

DePauw at Manchester

Wabash at Hanover

Anderson at Benedictine

through the air for 55 yards. Freshman Jon Harris caught three passes for 43 yards.

Volleyball squad ends regular season this weekend

by Don Cole
Thorn Sports Reporter

Rose-Hulman had a busy weekend, traveling around the state of Illinois for three matches in two days, Friday and Saturday.

Although losing on Friday, the Engineers came back and won both of their games on Saturday at the North Park Tri-Match. The team followed up this win with another in Owensboro, Kentucky against Brescia on Wednesday, raising their overall season record to 11-15.

Elmhurst 3, Rose-Hulman 0

The Engineers lost their third straight match to nationally ranked Division III squad Elmhurst on Friday evening 15-6, 15-7, 15-0. "They were a tough team," commented coach Brenda Davis.

Freshman Jenny McGuire was active in the losing effort, leading the team in assists and digs with 11 and 12, respectively. Freshman Brooke Enochs, who is among ICAC leaders in blocks per game, shared the team lead in that category with teammate freshman Christine Trossman, with two blocks each. Sophomores Kelly Barney and Molly Lambert each had an ace, and sophomore Beth Nixon slammed seven kills in the loss.

Though they were a ranked team, Davis still thought they were beatable.

"We started out well," said Davis of the first two games, "but we lost our focus." The loss was the Engineers' fourth straight.

Rose-Hulman 3, North Park 1

Rose-Hulman 3, Robert Morris 0

The Engineers finally broke their three game slide with two strong wins at the North Park Tri-Match in Chicago on Saturday, beating the host team 15-5, 15-5, 12-15, 15-5, and going on to take down Robert Morris 15-8, 15-2, 15-12.

Nixon exploded in the first match with 18 kills, and shared the lead in the same category with Barney in the second match with seven. McGuire again led the team in assists with 26 in the first match and 12 in the second. Trossman blocked North Park five times in the first match, while Enochs took charge of blocking against Robert Morris with three in that match.

Lambert played outstanding in the first match, coming up with 30 digs, while McGuire contributed 11 to the victory in the second match. McGuire also had two aces against the host squad, while three different Engineers served one up each in the second match.

Coach Davis was understandably pleased with her teams play.

"We kept our focus," she said. "Both of those teams were not as strong as some of the teams we've played this year," she

also commented, saying that it was important not to play at their level.

Rose-Hulman 3, Brescia 2

"A long road trip to Kentucky," in the words of Davis, was almost a disaster as the Engineers won the first two games but proceeded to drop the next two, coming together to emerge victorious with a five-set win against Brescia on Wednesday.

This wasn't the first time the Engineers had faced Brescia; Rose beat them 3-0 in the Hanover Invitational early in the year. What made this match closer was the use of NAIA rules, which allow for unlimited substitutions during the match, unlike ICAC rules, which only allow for 12.

Davis made use of this opportunity in the first two games, and wasn't very pleased with the team's play.

"Starting in the third game, we stuck with our own rules," she said, referring to limited substitution. "We fought through it."

"We really stepped it up in the fifth match," said Davis. "It really showed a lot of heart and determination."

Davis sees the next two matches, the last two of the regular season, as a tune-up for the tournament in one week.

"Both are scholarship schools," she said of IUPUI and Spalding college. "Both are beatable."

Rollerhockey club team rumbles to winning record

by John Straigas
Thorn Sports Reporter

The Rose rollerhockey club, despite setbacks in practice areas, are posting a winning record after two tournaments in their second year in the Midwest Collegiate Rollerhockey League (MCRHL). Their most recent success came during the weekend of October 18, in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, where the team went 3-1 and won the consolation bracket.

A win against Ball State in the opening game pitted Rose against rival Purdue A, where the team suffered its only loss of the weekend at 3-0. This loss moved Rose to the consolation bracket, where it beat Western Illinois B team on Sunday and advanced to the consolation bracket title game against Western A. The team scored a decisive 9-3 victory to stay above .500 for the year. Sophomore Chris Volbrecht and alumni Jeff Turk, along with Alex Webb were responsible for the majority of the scoring.

Earlier in the season, the team traveled to Michigan in their first showing of the year. The lack of quality practice showed during that weekend, and the team ended with a 2-2 record.

A third tournament for the quarter is already scheduled for the weekend of November 14 at Western Illinois, where the team looks to continue improving and improve its winning record.

Soccer closes season with home game Saturday

by Peter Anderson
Thorn Sports Editor

The Rose-Hulman soccer team will finish the regular season Saturday with a home conference match against Manchester. With a victory in that match, the Engineers would create a tie with Hanover and Manchester for fourth place heading into the first round of the conference tournament Tuesday.

"I'm looking forward to ending the season on a positive note before we head into tournament play," coach Greg Ruark said.

The Engineers dropped two of three games in the last week, dropping their season record to 4-12, 1-4 in ICAC games.

"I am still extremely frustrated with the results, but I am pleased with how we are playing," Ruark said.

Rose-Hulman was shut out by DePauw Wednesday by a score of 3-0. It was the 53rd consecutive conference victory for DePauw (12-3, 5-0) and guaranteed them at least a tie for their ninth conference title in as many years. The Engineers were outshot 10-1 in the contest.

The Engineers were more fortunate in Sunday's home game against Black-



Senior Bo Fowler controls the ball in a game at Rendel Field.

Photo provided by Darin Bryan

burn, a 3-1 victory to end a four-game losing streak. Sophomore Neil Kaszubski scored two goals in the contest, and junior Ben O'Day scored the remaining Engineers goal. O'Day also got his first assist of the season, and freshman Kyle Kindie picked up an assist as well.

The previous day, the Engineers had dropped their fourth consecutive game, a disappointing 1-0 loss to Grace. It was the team's second loss of the season to Grace and the ninth loss by a single goal.

Rose Thorn Athlete of the Week



Athlete Profile

Name: Kyle Kindie
Sport: Soccer
Year: Freshman
Major: Civil Engineering

Season Statistics

OVERALL			ICAC		
Goals	Assists	Points	Goals	Assists	Points
7	5	19	3	1	7

Freshman leads Engineers in goals

by Peter Anderson
Thorn Sports Editor

Freshman Kyle Kindie currently leads the struggling Rose-Hulman Engineers soccer team in goals scored (7) and points (19).

The forward from Greenwood, Indiana, notched an assist in each of his first two games and scored a pair of goals in the home opener.

And he hasn't slowed down much since. Kyle scored two goals and an assist in the team's record-breaking 13-0 shutout vic-

tory over Franklin.

Kyle has recorded either a goal or an assist in every game which the Engineers have scored, except for the 2-1 loss to Baldwin-Wallace on Sept. 6.

The civil engineering major chose Rose-Hulman because of its academic reputation, however, and says that playing soccer is just a bonus. He did not expect to make as much of a contribution as he has this year, and he still has his sights on bringing the ICAC title to Rose in its last season in the

conference, despite the team's 4-12 overall record and 1-4 conference record.

Kyle was an All-State honoree at Center Grove High School his senior year, when he led the team to Semi-State competition. He plans to play soccer year-round, and will be playing for his home town club team, South Central Select, in the spring.

In addition to playing soccer and the classwork everyone knows and loves, Kyle is also a pledge of the Triangle fraternity.

A new age in women's sports: Club soccer team plays first game

by Joel Gillespie
Thorn Sports Reporter

The enthusiasm surrounding Rose-Hulman's women's soccer club reached new heights last week, as the team played its inaugural game, an informal scrimmage against Indiana State's club team. The club hopes to continue to expand to SGA club status by next spring, with the ultimate goal of becoming a varsity sport about two years away.

The women fell to ISU, 4-0, but were very encouraged by the outcome.

"They played much better

than expected," said Craig Rice, one of several Rose students who are coaching the team. "Coach [men's soccer coach Greg Ruark] and I believe they have a lot of potential."

Rose gave up a flurry of goals to ISU in the first half, but shut them out in the second period. Dave Stanley, also a coach, was impressed by the improvement the team showed throughout the game.

"Rose's women showed a lot of heart," Stanley said. "They learned a lot in the first half, and I think that showed in the second half."

Thirteen women suited up for

the game. According to Rice and Stanley, about 30 women have expressed interest in the team, and about 15 players regularly attend Sunday scrimmages. The team also holds practices during the week, which draw anywhere from six to ten players.

Hannah Rumpf is one of five or six members of Rose's varsity cross country team who also play on the soccer team.

"It's totally awesome," Rumpf said. "It's not too competitive. Half the team goes to practice after cross country, which says something."

Since the team currently has no funding, the women are bor-

rowing jerseys and balls from the men's team.

"We're trying to get a proposal approved [through SGA] to get club status," Rumpf commented. "It would be nice to have our own [equipment]."

This winter, there are plans to form a women's division for intramural indoor soccer. According to Rice and Stanley, there is also the possibility that a few ISU teams could participate in such an arrangement, subject to administrative approval.

Then, in the spring, the club hopes to obtain SGA club status, which would allow them to play

a schedule of games.

"We'd like to play in some tournaments next spring," said Rumpf. "That's the ideal situation."

Most involved with the club agree that the fall of 1998 would be the earliest that women's soccer would become a varsity sport. Stanley said that Ruark had already begun the recruiting process, sending out letters to prospective students which detail the program's progress and plans.

"I want to thank all the fans and students who came to the first game," Stanley said. "It shows a lot of potential."

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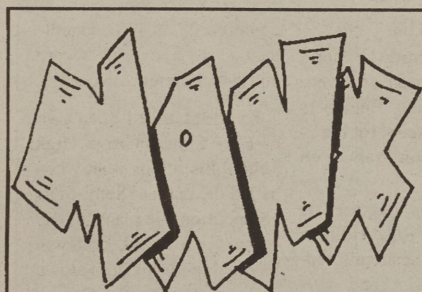
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By Bob Vooz

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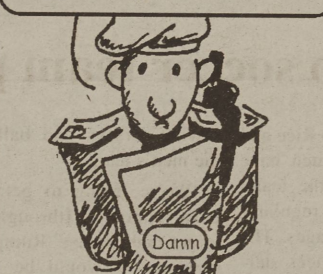
Recap: Seeking retribution for the loss of their beloved E.E. Black center and for the present lack of a playing area any safer than the glass plagued minefield of a parking-lot, the roller-hockey club accidentally falls upon the dark secret of the SRC.



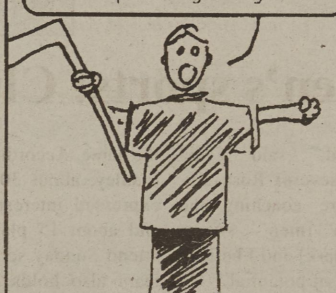
YOU AREN'T SEEING ANYTHING!
THERE IS NOTHING HERE TO SEE!



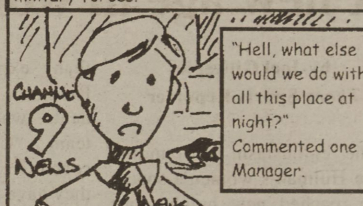
Sir, we couldn't afford to hire security for the evenings. Polls showed that no one wanted to work.



TAKE THE SRC! Spread the word!
Open all night long!



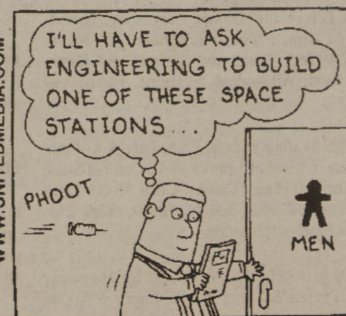
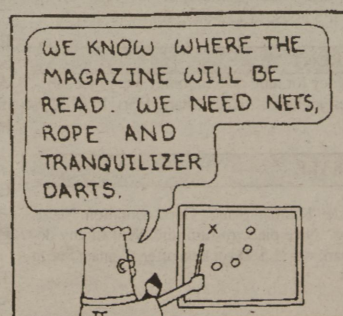
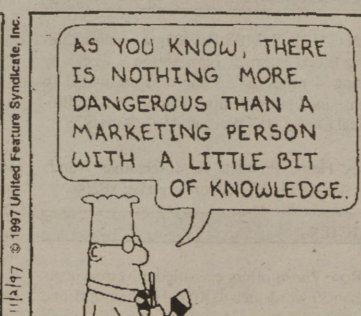
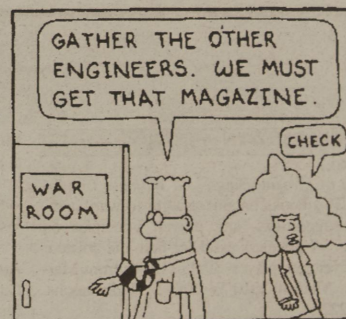
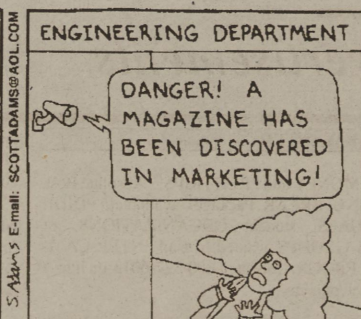
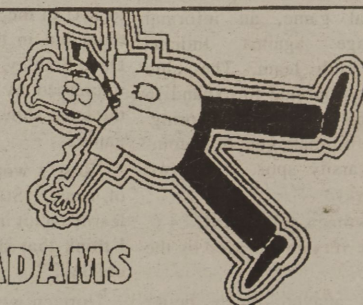
Student revolts have caused the SRC here on the Rose-Hulman Campus to remain open for twenty-four hours. This happened after management was found to have been timesharing the SRC at night with secret military forces.



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