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THE ROSE THORN

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Visiting the ghosts of Activities Fairs past

by David Hile
Editor-in-Chief

Like everyone else, I went to Activities Night to get my hands on a lot of "free stuff." However, I took a time-out from grabbing plastic cups to talk to staff members from the *Thorn*, Rose-Hulman's student-run newspaper.

I met an interesting character during this discussion. A legend by the name of Paul Klenck.

Paul introduced me to several staff members, followed a long-standing *Thorn* tradition by mocking the SGA, and like a prophet, predicted his own fate.

"I spend all my time in the newspaper office. I'll probably flunk out after this quarter," he said.

The prediction was wrong.

Paul left before the end of the quarter.

Paul believed he had better things to do than go to class. The *Thorn* was going through some major changes. Paul's time was spent between pushing the newspaper towards computer layout and doubling the number of pages published every week.

School had to wait so that the newspaper could flourish. Paul was more dedicated to the newspaper than to his own studies. This summer, I realized why.

My summer co-op began with the usual plant tours, meetings and introductions. Unfortunately, the honeymoon soon ended and I was asked to work. In a matter of days, I was busy. In a matter of weeks, I was officially swamped.

Before losing my head, I

learned to organize, communicate more effectively, and maximize what I could do in a day. I survived and accomplished more than anyone, including myself, expected.

This is when Paul's words began to resurface in my memory. The skills needed to achieve work goals were all things I learned working for the *Rose Thorn*, not in any class. Classes alone cannot prepare you to be successful in business and industry.

Although this was not his intent, Paul was telling me that there are other things than school. For him, it was the newspaper. His downfall was not understanding the "extra" prefix in extracurricular.

Balancing school and the newspaper has prepared me for life after Rose-Hulman. I can only apply what I have learned

in class with the skills I gained while working for the newspaper.

My boss asked me to brief members of the plant's management team on my work and accomplishments. No problem, I have written for 1400 readers and deal with a wide variety of personalities in my role as newspaper editor.

I had to balance a major long-term project with smaller short-term assignments. This was nothing new. I have to balance school, the newspaper, and several other commitments in a schedule that seems to grow smaller by the day.

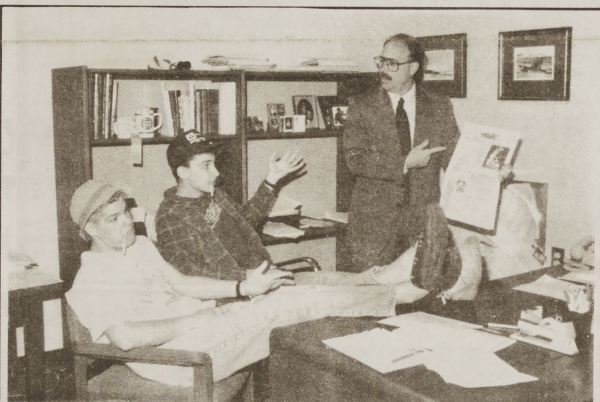
Any extracurricular activity can provide a student with the tools needed to be successful after Rose. The real key is to get active and pursue your interests. Activities at Rose are as varied as athletics, work-

ing for a publication, joining a fraternity, and becoming active in a professional society.

This summer, I realized that my education involved much more than classes. Like Paul, I had committed myself to the newspaper. However, I put its importance into perspective and manage to fulfill my graduation requirements. The combination of school and extracurricular activities will give me the background to be a successful engineer.

Freshmen need to become involved early, once you establish a routine at Rose it is very difficult to break. Those who make the extra effort to become involved in a variety of organized activities and clubs will be rewarded in the future, not to mention the enjoyment derived in the present.

Just another day in the life of the *Thorn* editors



9:30 a.m. — called on carpet to address charges of not having "finger on the pulse" of campus



8:00 p.m. — editors arrested for car theft; plea bargain allows them to keep 8 laptops found inside



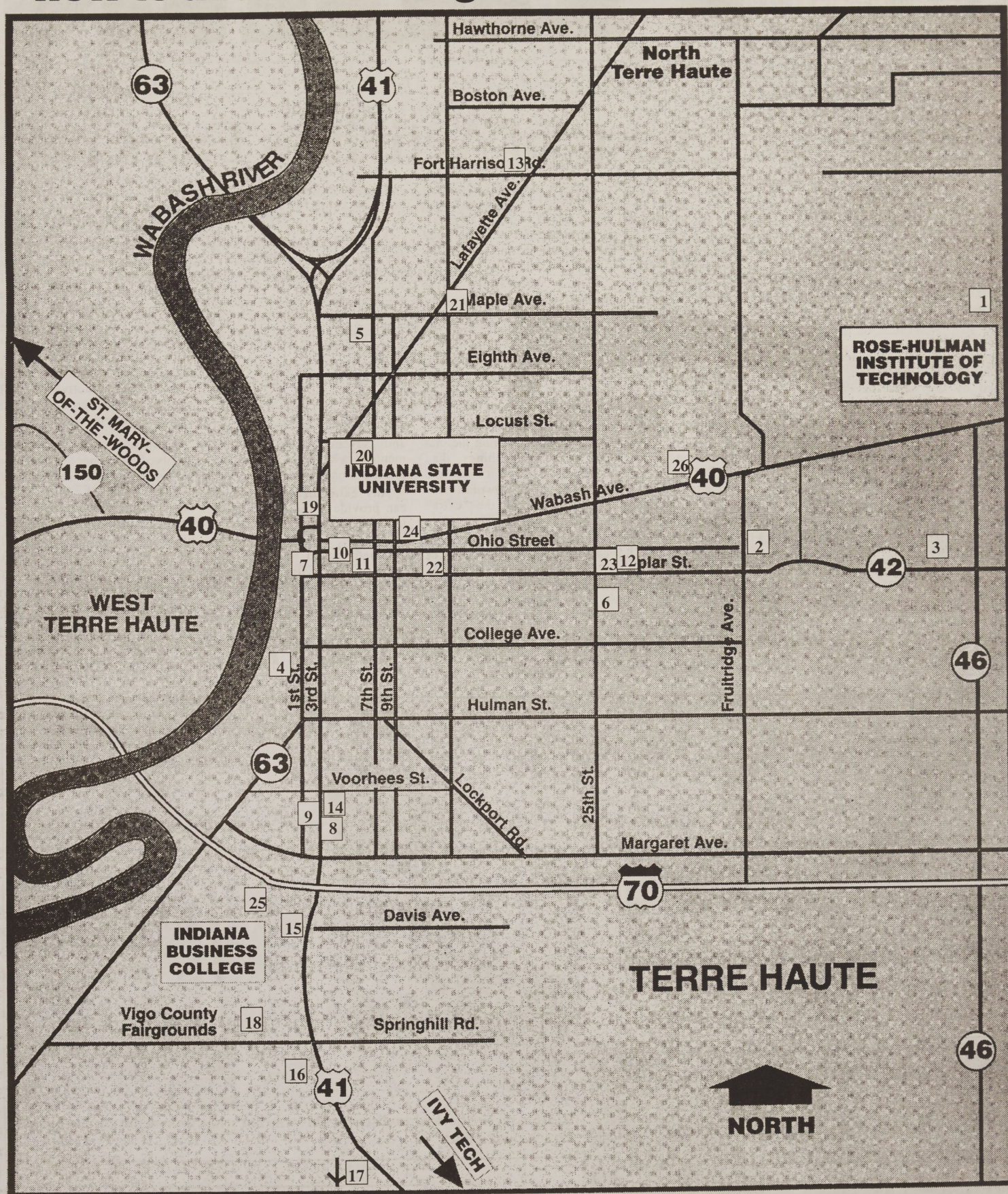
11:15 a.m. — shocked to discover this was not what was meant by the phrase "open-door-policy"



9:45 p.m. — trying to become more well-rounded, editors attend weekly meeting of masochism club

Find out about becoming a *Thorn* staff member. There will be an informational meeting Wednesday September 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Hulman Memorial Union Conference Room. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

How to avoid cruising the 'Bash in Terre Haute



By now, you've probably noticed that Terre Haute isn't the cultural hotbed of the Midwest. However, it isn't necessary to spend all your weekends in the back of a pickup truck or, worse yet, complaining about Netscape being down. There are some opportunities for the under-21 set to amuse themselves, if they're willing to take some time to look.

Parks

- 1) *Hawthorn Park*: Located just north of campus, it's perfect for a jog, a mountain bike ride, or some fishing.
- 2) *Deming Park* (Fruitridge & Ohio): Hilly trails for biking and jogging, duck pond, and sled hill.
- 3) *Dobbs Park* (Highways 42 & 46).
- 4) *Fairbanks Park* (South 1st St.).
- 5) *Collett Park* (7th St. & Maple).

Restaurants/ Coffeehouse

- 6) *Rosenberg's Deli* (S. 25th St.): huge, reasonably-priced sandwiches.

- 7) *Denny's* (S. 3rd St.): A college-town staple.

- 8) *Fazoli's* (S. 3rd St.): All-you-can-eat breadsticks.

- 9) *Dunkin' Donuts* (S. 3rd St.).

- 10) *The Coffee Grounds* (423 Wabash): Cool, laid-back atmosphere; closest thing in Terre Haute to a college hangout.

Bargain Theaters

- 11) *Indiana Theater* (7th & Ohio): \$1, great atmosphere.

- 12) *Meadows Theater* (25th & Ohio) \$2 admission includes all-you-can-drink coke.

- 13) Omitted for your protection.

Other Stuff

- 14) *Goodwill* (S. 3rd St.).

- 15) *Honey Creek Mall* (3rd St. & Davis).

- 16) *Super K* (S. 3rd St.).

- 17) *Super Wal-Mart* (Way S. 3rd St.).

- 18) *Action Track* (Vigo Co. 1 airgrounds): Sprint car

& drag races.

- 19) *Imperial Lanes* (400 N. 3rd St.): Bowling, pool tables, and arcade.

- 20) *ISU Library* (7th St. & Locust): Where to find the State girls that are worth picking up, and you can study there, too.

- 21) *Big Ray's Used Furniture* (Maple & Lafayette): Pick up a beat-up couch for the room.

- 22) *Headstone Friends* (1148 Poplar): Records, CDs, posters, and incense.

- 23) *Kroger* (25th & Ohio): Groceries, toiletries, and other cool stuff.

- 24) *Terminal Bar* (9th & Wabash).

- 25) *Stu's Lighted Golf Course* (Behind Honey Creek Mall): Good driving range.

- 26) *ISU Stadium Golf Course* (Wabash & Brown): \$5 all day.

Working hard during freshman year makes senior year easier



Dave Hile
Editor-in-Chief

Survival at Rose-Hulman is not a difficult task. It may seem premature to talk about graduating before many have even started classes, but this is the most critical time.

If you survive two years at Rose, you have already run the marathon. All that is left is forcing your weary body to walk up to the platform and receive your diploma. The first two years are the most important.

The only real memory I have of my first day at Rose-Hulman is a short phrase muttered by one professor. "If you start working hard today, you will be around to work hard tomorrow."

For too many, the fact that Rose comes in like a lion and out

like a lamb is never realized. The emphasis is placed on the upperclass years, when it is too late to mend your ways.

There are two significant reasons why people leave Rose-Hulman.

Some simply conclude that Rose is not for them. They decide another school is more their style, this place is definitely not fit for everybody. Also, many rightly conclude that engineering is little more than an educated use of common sense and wish to pursue more urgent matters.

The second group leaves because they believe the real hard work underlying college occurs during the junior and senior years. More often than not, this philosophy is never tested.

The primary reason that Rose is a first-half college is that your initial attitude traverses four years. If you work hard as a freshman,

you will most likely still be working as hard as a junior or a senior (at least before senioritis).

You condition your body during the freshman and sophomore years to handle the upperclass grind. If your body is trained to stay up late, study until it makes sense, and practice until it is perfect, then you are ready to tackle the advanced courses. If you are not motivated to condition yourself, you will not be ready for the

role in preparing each student to be a senior. It is true that material covered in later years is more advanced. It is especially true that these advanced topics are only manageable if you are prepared. The foundation laid out as a freshman forms the central pillar upon which you finish a house as a senior. Without this foundation, your house will fall.

My junior year was technically challenging, yet it never seemed that bad because I had challenged myself from day one. I yielded thermodynamics the same respect I put forth for freshman calculus. The same effort, and ultimately the same results ensued.

Your first step towards graduation is acknowledging that you must work for four solid years. The second and final step is doing it. Everything else is just dotting the "i"'s and crossing the "t"'s.

I had a high school coach who constantly pounded out the phrase "we can't always control how we play on gameday, but we sure as hell can control how well we prepare."

The same applies towards education at Rose. You cannot always control how you score on a test or determine your grade in a class. However, you can and should prepare yourself to do the best you can. Preparation begins with your first class, and your skills at preparation are honed during your first year. Working hard as a freshman will prepare you to work hard as a senior.

A freshman who studies will be a sophomore who studies. A sophomore who studies will be a junior who studies. A junior who studies will be a senior with job offers, opportunities and a Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology diploma (not to mention the cool hat).

Welcome to Rose-Hulman Class of 2000!

You condition your body during the freshman and sophomore years to handle the upperclass grind

upperclass years.

I wish we had a magic switch which would enable us to coast along for two years and then suddenly take school seriously, but the early years are not that easy. They must be taken seriously or the later years will never come.

The first year has a significant

There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday September 11, at 6:00 p.m. in the Hulman Union Conference Room.

I want to know more about the Rose Thorn

The Rose Thorn is looking for new staff members for the 1996-1997 academic year. Anyone interested should fill out the extremely complicated and difficult form below. Please return the form to the mail room (no box needed) or the Thorn office in the Hulman Union, Room 249, by Monday September 9, 1996. If you would like you can bring it to the meeting on Wednesday September 11, 1996 at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room in the Hulman Union. If you have any questions, please contact a staff member at x8255. Positions include: **columnists** (people with outrageous opinions), **news reporters** (people who like to put their nose in other peoples' business), **photographers** (sorry, there will be no nude assignments), **sports reporters** (if you like sports, this is your chance), **business managers** (no suits required) and **funny people for page 8** (sure it's easy to make your roommate laugh, but what about 1400 stressed-out readers?).

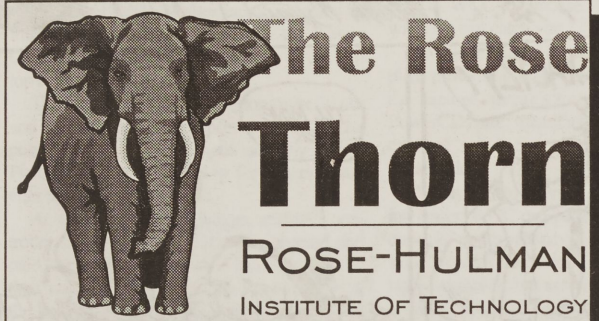
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☐ Yes, I will be able to attend the informational meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. in the Hulman Union Conference Room.

☐ No, I will NOT be able to attend the informational meeting. However, I am still interested in joining the Rose Thorn staff. Please send me more information.

A couple of favorites from *Thorns* forgotten ... Look for *Dilbert* and *Manx* to appear here in this Friday's *Rose Thorn*

