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# THE ROSE THORN

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Friday, January 5, 1996

## Holidays marred by theft on-, off-campus

by Michael Pruett  
Thorn Reporter

Several Rose-Hulman students living off campus returned from their winter breaks greeted by theft and vandalism.

Several apartments at Lost Creek Hills, Sigma Nu fraternity, and cars located in Speed parking lot were targets of holiday crime activities.

At approximately 2 a.m. on December 25, the apartments of several Rose-Hulman students residing at Lost Creek Hills were broken into. In all four apartments that were broken into, the thieves smashed windows to gain entrance to the

apartments summarized Pete Gustafson, associate dean of student affairs.

Jess Lucas, vice-president of students affairs, noted that among the items missing from Rose-Hulman students' apartments at Lost Creek are a desktop computer, a videocassette recorder, and a stereo system.

Craig Cutforth, a resident of the Lost Creek Hills apartment complex, states, "It appears that the crooks were only looking for cash, but it's still a bum deal that you can't trust people [when] leaving your apartment over Christmas break."

The plunder from Cutforth's apartment includes cash

**It's a bum deal that you can't trust people when leaving your apartment over Christmas break**

—Craig Cutforth

belonging to a student organization.

In one apartment, it is unknown whether any items were stolen because the occupant had not returned at the time of investigation.

The Lost Creek break-ins are being investigated by the Vigo County Sheriff's Department.

On Wednesday, January 3, three automobiles in the Speed parking lot were vandalized, and two car stereos were stolen from those cars, Lucas added.

Sigma Nu fraternity members reported that on the afternoon of December 20 their house was broken into, and several televisions, videocassette recorders, and other assorted electronic appliances were stolen, along with numerous members' personal possessions.

Some fraternity members

returned Wednesday evening and, having noticed the thefts, secured the house from further attempts.

Thursday afternoon brought another break-in to the Sigma Nu house, but because most of the valuables had been moved, the efforts of the would-be thieves were thwarted.

The Terre Haute Police Department is currently investigating both the Sigma Nu thefts and the vandalism in Speed parking lot.

Dean Lucas noted that a significant number of the stolen possessions were covered by homeowner's insurance.

## Chi Omega sorority selected for its academic strength, reputation

by David Hile  
News Editor

As early as this summer, the national sorority, Chi Omega, could have a new charter at Rose-Hulman.

With the approval from the Interfraternity council and Student Affairs, a rush process for women interested in pledging Chi Omega could begin within a few weeks.

Two roommates, Leland Keyt and Karin Guthrie, began contacting national sorority officials shortly after entering Rose this year. The roommates said they became interested in starting a sorority after talking about it amongst themselves.

"All the hard work has pretty much been taken care of," Keyt said.

The work Keyt referred to involved contacting sorority officials, obtaining information, reading pamphlets and talking with sorority members at Indiana State University and other campuses.

Guthrie said that Chi Omega stood out for its academic strength at other campuses and the respectability it had earned.

In addition, Chi Omega has a chapter at Indiana State which has offered its help to interested students at Rose and 180 Chi Omega alumni live within Terre Haute.

Indiana State "has a really strong sisterhood with its alumni," Guthrie commented.

Guthrie and Keyt have fielded several questions from interested students, but have chosen to keep their group small especially during the early discovery period.

"It takes a while to do things, there's only eight of us, but we get it done really efficiently," Keyt said about the advantages of the group's size.

The group has been meeting regularly during the year.

"We decided if we're going to be a sorority we should act like one," Keyt said.

Besides meetings, the group has participated in service and social activities coordinated with fraternities at Rose.

After rushing interested women and increasing their numbers, Keyt and Guthrie said the group will be considered a colony.

Before being initiated, interested members will participate in a six to ten week pledgeship.

If all goes well, Guthrie said that Rose could get its charter as early as this summer at Chi Omega's national convention in Florida.



**There's snow place like Rose**

Workers strived to keep ahead of the elements this week as Mother Nature continued to dump snow on the Midwest. Plows were out in full-force trying to clear sidewalks and roads on campus.

Photo by Chris Dolphy

## Acker expecting to begin teaching Monday

In his own words, Frank Acker was "doing just fine" yesterday.

Professor Acker recently underwent balloon angioplasty at Union Hospital to reduce a 95 percent blockage in one coronary artery.

Despite earlier speculation that it would be some time before he could

return to the classroom, Acker says that his doctor described his speedy recovery as 'fantastic'.

Professor Acker is "ready to return" to the electrical engineering department, and plans to begin teaching again on Monday.

## Athletes receive recognition for performance on the field

by David Hile  
News Editor

Two Rose-Hulman athletes were honored recently for their achievements with Greg Rosinski repeating as an All-American.

Rosinski was once again named NCAA Division III third-team All-American for his contributions to the Rose-Hulman Football squad.

Gabe Ferland received recognition for his play on the soccer field being named to the third-team All-Midwest Region NCAA Division III soccer team.

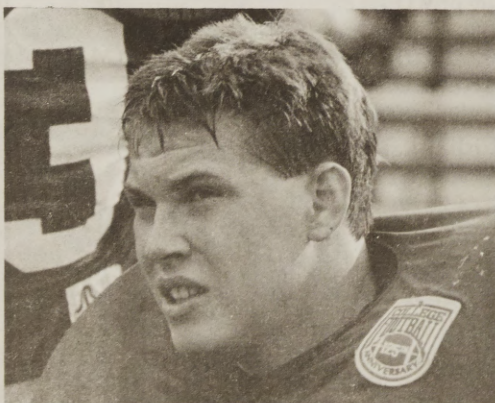
Rosinski, an offensive tackle for the engineers, was named to the All-American third-team for the second year in a row.

Rosinski is a senior chemical engineering major from Huntington, Indiana.

Ferland, a senior computer engineering major from New London, New Hampshire, has been a member of the soccer team for four years.



Gabe Ferland



Rosinski repeats as All-American

Greg Rosinski was named NCAA Division III third-team All-American for the second year in a row as an offensive tackle for the engineers.

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## SPORTS



Sat., Jan. 6 — Men's & Women's Track, Early Bird Meet, Shook Fieldhouse, Noon  
 Sat., Jan. 6 — Men's Basketball, at Hanover College, Hanover, 3 p.m. (Broadcast On WSDM-AM 1130, 2:45 p.m.)  
 Tues., Jan. 9 — Women's Basketball, at Franklin College, Franklin, 7 p.m. (ICAC Game)  
 Tues., Jan. 9 — Wrestling, at Wabash College, Crawfordsville, 6:30 p.m.  
 Wed., Jan. 10 — Men's Basketball, Franklin College, Shook Fieldhouse, 7:30 p.m. (ICAC)  
 Fri., Jan. 12 — Men's & Women's Swimming, at Univ. of Indianapolis Invitational  
 Sat., Jan. 13 — Women's Basketball, Hanover College, Shook Fieldhouse, 1 p.m. (ICAC)  
 Sat., Jan. 13 — Men's & Women's Swimming, at Univ. of Indianapolis  
 Sat., Jan. 13 — Rifle, Full Course Practice, Shootin' Match  
 Mon., Jan. 15 — Women's Basketball, Anderson University, Shook Fieldhouse, 7 p.m. (ICAC)  
 Tues., Jan. 16 — Men's Basketball, at Anderson University, Anderson, 7:30 p.m. (ICAC)  
 Wed., Jan. 17 — Men's Basketball, DePauw Univ., Shook Fieldhouse, 7:30 p.m. (ICAC)  
 Fri., Jan. 19 — Men's & Women's Indoor Track, Early Bird Meet, Shook Fieldhouse, 5:30 p.m.  
 Fri., Jan. 19 — Wrestling, at Manchester Invitational, North Manchester, 5:30 p.m.  
 Sat., Jan. 20 — Rifle, at Tennessee Technological Univ., Cookeville, Tenn., 8 a.m.  
 Sat., Jan. 20 — Men's Basketball, at Manchester College, North Manchester, 3 p.m. (ICAC)  
 Sat., Jan. 20 — Women's Basketball, at DePauw University, Greencastle, 1 p.m. (ICAC)  
 Sat., Jan. 20 — Wrestling, at Manchester Invitational, North Manchester, 9 a.m.



## GATHERINGS



Tues., Jan. 9 — Institute Meeting, E-104, 4:20 p.m.  
 Tues., Jan. 9 — Night Exam, Computer Science 100 (Sections A-E), 7-10 p.m.  
 Tues., Jan. 9 — Night Exam, Material & Energy Balances I (Sections A-B), O-231/233, 7-9 p.m.  
 Tues., Jan. 9 — Explore Engineering Meeting (College Admissions), E-104, 7-8:30 p.m.  
 Wed., Jan. 10 — President's Administrative Council, PA Room, 8 a.m.  
 Thurs., Jan. 11 — ASME General Meeting  
 Mon., Jan. 15 — Biomechanical Engineering Seminar, JoAnne Bozza-Jonathan, O-105, 10:50 a.m.  
 Wed., Jan. 17 — President's Administrative Council, PA Room, 8 a.m.  
 Fri., Jan. 19 — Reception/Dinner For John Titsworth, Hulman Union, 8 p.m.



## ADDITIONALLY...



Sat., Jan. 13 — Midterm Progress Reports Deadline, 11 a.m.  
 Mon., Jan. 15 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
 Mon.-Fri., Jan. 15-19 — Bituminous Quality Assurance Certification Program, Throughout Campus  
 Mon., Jan. 15 — Admissions On-Campus Program, Moench Hall Auditorium, 1 p.m.  
 Tues., Jan. 16 — Registration For Spring Term, Shook Fieldhouse  
 Fri., Jan. 19 — Final Date To Drop Course Without Penalty



## LEISURE



Tues., Jan. 9 — Recyclable Engineering Contest, Hulman Union, 5:15-6:15 p.m. (Awards at 6:30 p.m.)  
 Sat., Jan. 20 — Fine Arts Series, The Percussion Group, Moench Hall Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

## Submissions To Campus Events

Events may be published in *Campus Events* by any organization or individual. Simple 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 Bush*, via Karen Pershing in the mailroom.

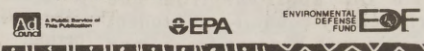
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## Rose power propels Grayback to first-place finish

Rose-Hulman's human-powered submarine finished first in the academic one-man division at the Fourth International Submarine Races conducted December 27-30, at the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Carderock, Maryland.

One of 13 competitors, Rose-Hulman posted top speeds of 2.66 knots in the 10-meter race and 2.44 knots in the 100-meter event, shy of the team's goal of breaking the world record.

"For our first competition, we're elated with the results," said team member Rick Davis, a junior mechanical engineering major from Terre Haute.

"We came back with a wealth of information and experience on

how to improve for the future," added Davis.

Scott Safer, a junior mechanical engineering major from Oriska, North Dakota, was the submarine's lone navigator and propeller.

Named "The Grayback" in honor of a World War II United States Navy submarine, the craft was converted from an aluminum drop tank of a retired T-33 Air Force flyer.

The craft is slightly over 12 feet long, has a 25-inch diameter and weighs 200 pounds.

Rose-Hulman will now prepare for the World Submarine Invitational 1996 from April 3-12 in San Diego, Calif.

## Visitation could change to extended hours

The Residence Hall Association is seeking to change visitation hours.

Visitation hours from Sunday to Thursday are requested to be lengthened to allow students to be able to study together at night, said Pete Gustafson, associate dean of student affairs.

The change calls for extending hours from midnight to 2 a.m.

The request will be submitted to the Board of Managers in February.

## Latent Images



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## Winter Quarter Enrollment

Enrollment for winter quarter is currently the largest in school history. This winter 1,485 students are enrolled, up from 1,365 a year ago.

The total includes: 461 freshmen (up from 339 a year ago), 313 sophomores (322), 289 juniors (284) and 302 seniors (297).

### Enrollment statistics by major:

	1995-96	1994-95
Mechanical Engineering	410	377
Chemical Engineering	261	226
Electrical Engineering	243	239
Civil Engineering	150	151
Computer Science	115	86
Computer Engineering	87	68
Chemistry	29	24
Applied Optics	23	23
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Mathematics	19	16
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Pepperoli - Pizza Sauce, Pepperoni, Cheese, Spices .....	3.45
Submarine - Pizza Sauce, Salami, Canadian Bacon, Cheese, Spices .....	3.45
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# Don't do today what you can put off until tomorrow

by Michael Bickel  
Thorn Columnist

As school once again grows intense, many of us feel overwhelmed by things we have to do. There are things we have to do, things we absolutely need to do, and things that must be done right now this second. Most people will need all the help they can get to survive this last short week before winter break. So, I have decided to share a technique that I have used to complete myriad projects in the past: Procrastination.

Procrastination is generally considered a bad thing. This is certainly tragic. Because it is often misused, most people see only the bad effects. However, when used properly, procrastination can be a powerful tool for motivation.

Manipulation of perspective is the key to using procrastination to your advantage. By focusing on the right things at the right times, you can get a lot done without really doing anything.

Here's how. Think of some of the

things that you need to get done. Classify them in order of urgency. Set your priorities accordingly. Then avoid doing the top priority by doing the other things. For instance, you could study for a test tomorrow, start research for a term project that is due in six weeks, write some long overdue letters to friends or parents, wash your dishes, wash your clothes, etc. The test is obviously the most urgent. But do not study for the test!

The test is deathly important.

Because of this, you really ought to study now, so avoid it. Review your priorities, and organize them. Start writing an outline for your

term paper and pretend you are about to study for the test. If you have time, write down a list of the friends you must write to and organize it by urgency. This written record can be used later, after the test is over. Look at your laundry and guess how long it will last. Worry about it. Take a break; eat dinner. By this time, you should be very anxious to study for the test. So

## Procrastination can be a powerful tool for motivation

## Rights and responsibilities

by Matt Gumbel  
Thorn Columnist

People have taken this right and used it well. A perfect example is this paper you are reading. From time to time articles are printed which may not appeal to everyone and may even offend some people. However, in the U.S. this is perfectly legal. But, with every right comes some responsibility. *The Rose Thorn* has a responsibility to print opinions and news so long as it does not present a "clear and present danger."

Thankfully, everyone here has this right and responsibility. However there is one more part to it: respect for your fellow man/woman. (This is the last time I do this. I hate P.C.!) When I write an article I tend to jump on one side of an issue and run with it. Sometimes my opinion is not popular but still I stick my neck and take a stand. Of course this will create controversy and counter opinions which often results in letters, both to the editor and to me personally. I appreciate these letters because it means I have readers. It also makes me happy to know that I have stirred some emotion in the student body. However, I do have one suggestion to everyone who writes letters to me or anyone else, criticize the idea and not the person. It is simply respectful to carry on a discussion with someone without belittling and degrading them. Often your ideas will be received on a much more positive note and you can maintain your dignity as a person.

I will often say things people don't like to hear. The truth is always difficult to deal with. However, it would be much less effective if I criticized specific people instead of events, concepts and situations. Many political articles are about a particular piece of legislation and how its implementation will ruin certain programs. Rarely does a journalist attack and belittle the congressman who sponsored the bill. For it is the bill that is wrong not the congressman. The congressman is just doing his job by representing his constituents.

Short, sweet and to the point: No one hates anyone. They merely dislike a person's actions, ideas and beliefs. If you have a problem with someone, speak of the problem not the person.

anxious, in fact, that you can now study efficiently. Do it, unless you can wait and worry a little longer first.

It is okay to write the letters now if you choose. If they really need to be written and you would rather not, look at the pile of stuff on the floor that you really should organize. Or, if you live off campus, look at the dishes in the sink. There is so much potential for work right there that is so often wasted.

A certain level of disorganization is necessary for this method of work to be

successful. If this make you uncomfortable, perhaps this technique is not for you. Fortunately, those of us who need the most help are already very disorganized. Unfortunately, most of us are already conditioned in useless procrastination. By the time this technique is used correctly as described, it will be too late.

This is only one of many ways to get things done. Use it if you dare. It may not be the most efficient way, but it works for me.

## Letters to the Editor

### Columnist underestimated Republican resolve

I am writing in response to Chris Lawrence's December 15, 1995 article about the federal budget battle. He contended that the whole argument was over economic forecasts and whose budgetary numbers to use. He neglected to mention that part of the agreement to end the first government shutdown was that President Bill Clinton would agree to a seven year balanced budget plan and use CBO (Congressional Budget Office) numbers. The Republicans are merely trying to hold the president to their agreement.

We are at a unique time in history, the Republicans have control of both houses of Congress for the first time in forty years. We have the opportunity to end years of fiscal irresponsibility and amassing debt. Speaker Gingrich and 73 freshman Republican Congressmen (gender inclusive) have brought this issue of a balanced budget to the forefront. Yes, President Clinton did promise to curtail the deficit. What did he do about it? He worked to defeat the balanced budget amendment, which had over 80% public approval and would have insured that fiscal responsibility would continue to occur long after the 104th Congress. If it had not been for the Republicans we would not have seen a seven year or even a ten year balanced budget plan by the President. The Republicans are not just talking about a balanced budget, they are facing up to the sometimes politically unpopular decisions that must be made to achieve one. Decisions which no politicians have had the guts to make up until this point.

Chris ended his article saying that the Republicans are cutting taxes on the wealthy, a classic, Democratic class envy tactic. But the Republicans propose giving a \$500 per child tax credit to all families whose combined income is under \$200,000. They are also proposing a capital gains tax cut which can benefit all Americans. The capital gains tax cut encourages investing and job creation, which ultimately helps everyone. He mentioned environmental regulation rollbacks. Many current environmental regulations are based upon faulty scientific data. It would surprise many people to know that acid rain and global warming are highly controversial subjects to scientists. Global warming has not been proven to occur. Besides the fact that all rain is slightly acidic, acid rain continues to be an issue without a basis. Many businesses have been strangled and killed because of these needless regulations. My father knows this first hand. He saw thousands of Indiana coal miners lose their jobs because of acid rain legislation. The once thriving Indiana coal industry is becoming extinct.

In his article he predicted that the shutdown was unlikely to survive the weekend, but he underestimated the resolve of the Republicans to fundamentally change government and the way it works and perhaps President Clinton's resolve to preserve the proud legacy of a giant, inefficient, ineffective, and costly federal government left behind by forty years of Democratic control in Congress.

Chad Mobley  
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# Walking in a Winter Wonderhell: my ode to snow

by Doris Woo  
Thorn Columnist

Alas, we return to this great institution of ours with yet another unlimited supply of whitish stuff, and I'm not talking freebase cocaine. As you stare at this wintry and wonderful creation (courtesy of Mama Nature) probably from the creek into which your vehicle just fell on the way to Mees, you must be asking yourself, "WHY, ME?!!?!!?!!?"

I regret that there is no hope for you to escape this state of dementia. Like the rest of upper North America, you'll have to endure this type of weather until, by the looks of the situation, mid-June. As a meteorological service to the readership of this weekly, here are a few soothing words for Rose-Hulman Winter Survival:

**Snow is your friend:** Keep in mind that snow eventually melts (ignore the fact that it refreezes into oh-so-walkable ice patches). I'm almost convinced that the campus has already embraced this doctrine to some extent. You know what I'm talking about if

you've suffered concussions or internal bleeding as a result of playing Slip 'n Slide with the concrete stairs outside the Commons, or even carrying other simple tasks, like walking.

These problems may surface now, but why bother extensively salting the campus if the ice and snow eventually disappear, anyway? Think of how much money we can save if we don't spend fixing a problem that goes away by itself in about 4-6 months. There are just some problems that need to be addressed before others, such as maintaining a constant supply of green, mint chocolate chip ice cream. To accomplish this, there has to be funds available. Besides, ice cream is much better-tasting than road salt.

**Snow is your friend:** In copious amounts, it is also accompanied by nippy winds (commonly mistaken for white dust bowls) and hypothermia. This is not to say that snow and cold weather are not exploitable. Take a look at igloo building, for example. Although it may not be a very good way to finance your college education, it still

qualifies as a useful product of Winter Wonderhell...if you live in Pt. Barrow, Alaska.

Cheap refrigeration is yet another useful result of cryogenic weather. Roadside orange/rose/Merengue tape vendors sometimes stand to make a profit selling their wares. You can seize the opportunity to make money as a highway grocer during this time of year by selling beef and other dead animals that make you salivate. Whatever you don't sell at once, you can keep for months at a time in the back of your vehicle. The reason is its preservation in sub-zero temperatures ensures a fresh-like quality to your merchandise. This is definitely something worth considering as an alternative to government loans; who would expect anything less than excellence from an off-ramp meat vendor?

**Snow is your friend:** In addition to highway deaths, another blessing snow brings forth is the opportunity to burn a few extra calories. This brings me to the discussion of sledding, skiing, and other

winter sports that invite high insurance premiums in the near future. Without snow, you could not possibly experience the feeling of speeding down some frictionless surface, with your life at the mercy of "steering" and "stopping" your snow-riding equipment of choice. Better your fun factor by trying out the poor man's sled, better known as the standard ARA lunch tray. This fine work of craftsmanship minimizes any work on your part, thereby allowing you to enjoy the winter landscape while sledding towards oncoming trees.

Sure, snow and ice are indeed factors for numerous casualties this time of year, but why let that stop you from doing the things you truly enjoy, i.e. loitering (among other things) on the 'Bash et al.? Why, I know of people who'll stop at nothing to get their caffeine doses at Coffee Grounds! If you have the mindset that lots and lots of snow will trap your car on campus, then that's the way you will see things. If you're a reactive person, on the other hand, then you know that it's nothing that running your car for 50 minutes and a blowtorch can't fix.

# Life is indeed a journey without a scheduled ending

by Kent Bye  
Thorn Columnist

"The best things in life aren't things," said a flier sent to everyone last year at Rose-Hulman announcing a motivational speaker coming to campus. I thought to myself, "Wow! I'm going to go to that." I saw that a motivational speaker was coming, and I decided to go hear what he had to say. It was not as important to me that Jim Tuman had spoken to over two million people, appeared on every major network, and was internationally known. I soon found out that all these credentials amounted to nothing.

During Tuman's presentation he crumpled up the flier listing everything that he has done, and he told us that none of these things were relevant. The only thing that mattered was the message that he had to give us that night which would change my complete outlook on life forever.

"Are you going to be alive in six months?" No one could guarantee Jim that they would still be alive six months from then, let alone even a minute later. Jim emotionally presented this wake up call on how human life is so fragile. "He made me realize that death could be right around the corner," and I was living like it was miles and miles away. I'm looking ahead after graduation and at getting a job when there is no guarantee that I'll make it past the end of the day. He told us of some teenagers who died prematurely, and asked us if we thought that these people woke up on the day of their death and said to themselves, "This is going to be the last day of the rest of my life." It is scary when I think about the possibility of death day-to-day, but at least it makes me appreciate life all the more.

Jim went to a children's hospital and asked patients who count their lives in days and hours what they valued in their lives.

Friends, family, and religion were some of the things mentioned, and he never heard anything about money. Jim ripped up a dollar bill during his presentation to illustrate this point. He told us that he has seen too many people let materialism and especially money dominate their lives. A common misconception is that money equals happiness. My uncle decided to spend extra time at work so that he could give his family extra money to solve all of their problems. He soon realized that throwing money at problems does not work, and if he would have instead taken that time to spend with his family to share his love, then maybe things would have turned out better.

Jim's father taught him to never reveal his emotions, but to instead repress his feelings. This gave him the attitude of "Don't get close. You may see that I'm weak." He was turning people away, when he really wanted to take them in with open arms. Jim spent his entire life

never telling his father that he loved him because he was so fearful that his father would just turn him away.

When his father had a series of three heart attacks, he flew out to New York city to find him lying in a coma with tubes coming all out of his body. He spent the next two days with his father, and still could not tell him that he loved him when he would come into consciousness. When he did come out of his coma, Jim could still not express his love to him. Finally, Jim planned lunch with his father so that he could tell him something that he had wanted to tell him his entire life. Jim whispered the words and did not want his father to hear them, but he did hear them, and nothing could prepare Jim for what would happen next. The man who never showed an ounce of emotion in his life burst into tears, and then the two embraced in a hug that Jim wanted to last forever.

Jim's story has inspired many people to come out and express their emotions. He told of one girl who left during his presentation to go to the hospital in order to pour out all of her feelings to her father. She wanted to be there when he woke up in the morning, but he insisted that she go home. He died on the operating table the next morning, and she called Jim saying, "We spent a lot of time together, but no time at all." Another girl went home after hearing Jim to find an ambulance in the driveway to pick up her father who had just died from a heart attack. She wrote to Jim to tell him, "Tell everyone not to wait, I was an hour too late!"

I went back to my room and I tried to control my emotions so that I could start my Calculus homework due the next day, but I couldn't stop thinking about message that I had just heard. I tried to remember when the last time I had come out to tell my parents that I loved them, and it was hard to pinpoint. I had always said, "I love you too," and it had been years since I came out and told them that I loved them.

I knew that I was going to see them in a couple of days and I could have told them then, but then I remembered that there was no guarantee that we would all be there then. I had to call them. I phoned my parents to give them a simple message that was years in the waiting. My father broke down in tears. I wrote a more detailed story of my whole experience and gave it to my father on Father's Day, and I don't know if I could have given him a better gift.

My uncle who tried money as a solution to his problems read this story on the same day, and it brought tears to his eyes as well. He told me, "It has taken me over 50 years to figure out what has only taken you 18."

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**PAPA JOHN'S AND ROSE, A WINNING TRADITION!**



# DePauw eighth straight victim of Engineer roll

by Joel Gillespie  
Sports Reporter

Following a solid 65-57 victory Wednesday night over the DePauw Tigers, the Rose-Hulman men's basketball team is 11-2 (1-0 in the ICAC) and riding an eight-game winning streak.

The Engineers are rated eighth in the Division III Midwest Region poll, and they figure to move up following the defeat of DePauw, which had been number six.

This Saturday poses another challenge for the Engineers, as they travel to Hanover, Ind., to take on the Hanover Panthers, who are second in the region. The Panthers have two losses this season: a four-point decision to Division I Butler, and another loss to a Division II college. Tip-off will be at 3 p.m.

The DePauw matchup figured to be exciting for several reasons. First of all, the annual "Block Party" was scheduled for the game, meaning that the already-boisterous Shook Field-

house crowd was armed with wooden blocks to amplify their cheers. Secondly, Tiger coach Bill Fenlon was the head man at Rose from 1988-91, and current Engineer coach Jim Shaw was on his staff at that time. Finally, the animosity between the two schools runs deep; the Rose-DePauw rivalry ranks second only to Wabash-DePauw in the ICAC.

Surprisingly, the game lived up to the hype. The game was tight throughout the first half, with each possession having the urgent feeling that is rare this early in the season. A layup by Kiley Gwaltney shortly before the buzzer gave the Engineers a 32-30 halftime lead.

Rose came out quickly after halftime, scoring the first seven points and forcing the Tigers to call a quick timeout. The Engineers slowly lost their early momentum, but a strange situation allowed them time to gather themselves.

Midway through the second half, Gwaltney appeared to take a



Zack Johnson shoots the ball over a DePauw defender in a game last season. Johnson had eighteen points Wednesday night to help lead the Engineers over arch-rival DePauw, 65-57. File Photo

charge on a drive by DePauw's Brad Stevens. One official signaled a blocking foul, while another called the charge. The

point at which the crowd was at its loudest, while the officials were conversing, was unexpectedly the most boring part of the game. After a long delay, a double-foul was decided on and the game continued.

Rose scored two quick baskets after that to take a seven-point lead, but the Tigers came back to tie the contest with four minutes left. The Engineers went on a 7-0 run to pull away slightly, but the Tigers again pulled within three with less than a minute to go. What Shaw described as "an entry that totally broke down" led to Gwaltney taking a long three-pointer at the shot-clock buzzer. It swished with 21 seconds left, sealing the game for the Engineers.

Gwaltney and Zack Johnson led Rose with 18 points apiece. Jason Kear added ten, all in the first half. Gwaltney also had five steals.

Ryan Hooker, DePauw's leading scorer on the season, was totally shut down by the Rose

defense. Hooker shot only 1 of 10 from the field, a major factor in the Rose victory. Kear was expected to be the main defender of Hooker, aided by David Moore. However, Troy Halt had to guard him too, due to what Shaw called the "cheap foul trouble" encountered by Kear and Moore.

Rose goes into the Hanover game with a lot of confidence. The Panthers are led by national player of the year candidate David Benter, the ICAC MVP last season. Kear, who is expected to guard Benter, commented, "If we hold [Benter] to 15 points and 5 boards, they can't beat us."

The Engineers have been playing very well away from home as of late. It should be an excellent opportunity for Rose to advance to 2-0 in the conference and take early control of the ICAC race.

## ROSE-HULMAN INTRAMURAL INFORMATION JANUARY 5- JANUARY 11

### IM Volleyball

Date	Level/Division	Teams	Time	Court
Jan. 8	A Level	Spades vs. IND	10:00 p.m.	1
		Pike vs. ATO	10:00 p.m.	2
		TRI vs. Spades	11:00 p.m.	1
Jan. 8	C Level - Division B	Globalls vs. Speed	9:00 p.m.	1
		Hadji vs. Scharp	9:00 p.m.	2
		Slaves vs. Attack	11:00 p.m.	2

Volleyball Courts:  
1 - West  
2 - Center  
3 - East

### IM Basketball

Date	Level/Division	Teams	Time	Court
Jan. 9	A Level	LCA 1 vs. Home Ave.	9:00 p.m.	Shook
		Sensational vs. ATO	10:00 p.m.	Shook
		TRI vs. Pepperoni	11:00 p.m.	Shook
		SN 1 vs. Fiji	10:00 p.m.	Black
Jan. 9	B Level - Division A	Pike 2 vs. SOS	7:00 p.m.	4
		Beavers vs. Big Chill	8:00 p.m.	1
		Dreams vs. DSP	8:00 p.m.	2
Jan. 11	B Level - Division B	SN 2 vs. Pike 1	9:00 p.m.	2
		SN Srs. vs. Mees	9:00 p.m.	3
		Old E vs. Humpter	9:00 p.m.	4
Jan. 11	C Level - Division A	Pike 3 vs. Bad Boys	8:00 p.m.	3
		Deming D1 vs. Deming 2	8:00 p.m.	4
		Alchemists vs. LCA 2	9:00 p.m.	1
		Jiggs vs. Pike 3	10:00 p.m.	1
		Fiji vs. Deming D1	10:00 p.m.	2
Jan. 11	C Level - Division B	Blumberg vs. Dreams	7:00 p.m.	4
		Karnage vs. SOS 2	8:00 p.m.	1
		ATO vs. Cuning	8:00 p.m.	2
		TRI vs. Dreams	10:00 p.m.	3
Jan. 11	C Level - Division C	TRI vs. Scharp	7:00 p.m.	1
		D292 vs. Midget	7:00 p.m.	2
		Bomb vs. Buffalo	7:00 p.m.	3
Jan. 9	D Level - Division A	ATO vs. Hit Squad	7:00 p.m.	1
		Ranetto vs. Speed 3	7:00 p.m.	2
		STAFAC vs. Allstars	7:00 p.m.	3
Jan. 9	D Level - Division B	S393 vs. Racers	8:00 p.m.	3
		Slim Jim's vs. Meat Squad	8:00 p.m.	4
		TRI vs. Cannon Fodder	9:00 p.m.	3

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# NFL has lost control of team relocations

by Pete Papavasiliou  
Thorn Columnist

Football is about to surpass baseball in the apparent nationwide competition for disgruntled fans. Six National League Football teams have recently relocated or are planning a move this year, and most of us long time football fans have found it difficult to adjust to the Baltimore Browns, the Nashville Oilers, the St. Louis Rams, and yes, the Gary Bears. Though the Bears have not yet formally agreed to move out of Chicago, and would likely keep their current city's name, the fact remains that teams are abandoning their home cities and their fans in record breaking numbers.

It is easy to blame this mass migration on the dollar. After all, teams are moving to new cities because they offer multi-million dollar stadiums, guaranteed ticket sales (the cities buy unsold tickets), 100% of stadium profits, and even a percentage of the in-

stadium advertising revenues. In short, the moving teams should make a mint.

But there is a bigger culprit...federal antitrust laws. This new rash of team relocation is not just coincidental. It started when the Oakland Raiders decided they wanted to move. Back then, a team needed the approval of the NFL for such a change. When the NFL refused the Raiders, they sued the league on antitrust grounds. They charged the NFL with preventing economic competition...and won. The implications are severe. The NFL can no longer stop a team from packing their bags and leaving town; nor can any other sporting league. As NFL franchises continue to destroy their fan's loyalty, attendance, and profits, will drop.

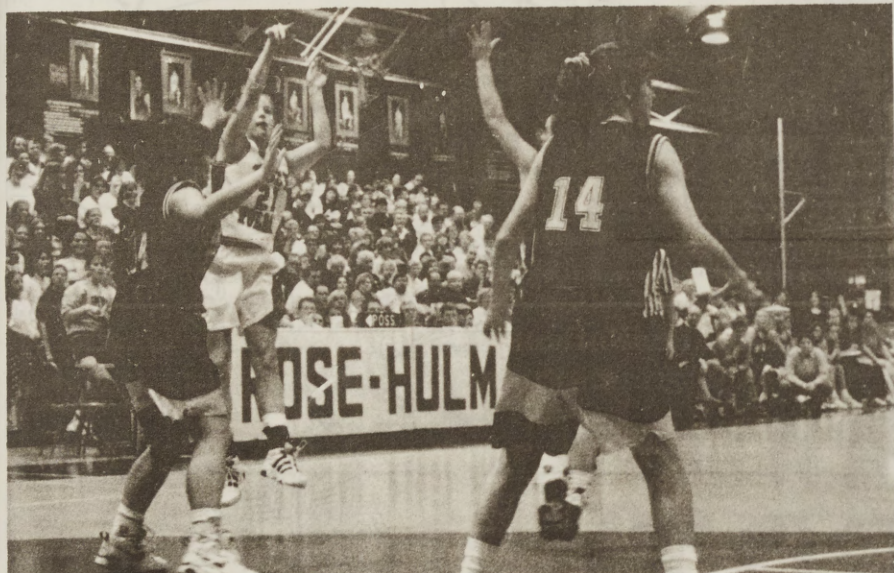
Who gets hurt? Well, the fans, the sport, and the NFL. Oh, and let's not forget the taxpayers.

Most of the offers made by cities in attempts to wrest control of a franchise from its traditional

home are tax supported. They involve huge spending programs that in many cases could not possibly hope to pay for themselves without public support. The offers that NFL teams are receiving could not possibly be matched by private industry...such excess spending is a hallmark of government. These deals are made by local politicians, who gain fame, popularity, and votes by spending other people's money.

As Mark Thorton, Professor of Economics at Auburn University writes, "[The NFL's] rules were established for rational reasons. They were based on everyone's long term interests. By undermining the league's ability to control individual team behavior, antitrust laws have caused problems for fans, cities, and the game itself."

For more information, see Mark Thorton's "Bring Back the Football Cartel", published in The Free Market, by the Ludwig Von Mises Institute: <http://www.auburn.edu/~lvmises>.



Amanda Speich fires a jumper over the St. Mary-of-the-Woods defense earlier this season. Speich leads the Engineers with a 12.6-point scoring average. Rose plays their first game after a long Christmas break Tuesday at Franklin.

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## Sports Briefs

### ICAC Men's Basketball Standings

Team	ICAC			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Rose-Hulman	1	0	1.00	11	2	.846
Manchester	1	0	1.00	9	3	.750
Franklin	0	0	.000	9	2	.818
Hanover	0	0	.000	8	2	.800
Wabash	0	0	.000	7	3	.700
Anderson	0	1	.000	10	2	.833
DePauw	0	1	.000	10	3	.769

### This Week's Games

Saturday, January 6

Rose-Hulman at Hanover

Anderson at DePauw

Manchester at Wabash

Franklin at Knox

In the latest NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Poll, the Engineers were ranked eighth, but are sure to move up in next week's poll as a result of defeating sixth ranked DePauw.

### Women drop game to Earlham, 75-41

Rose-Hulman led until the 14:11 mark of the first half, but Earlham built a 36-24 halftime lead and went on to win 75-41. Freshman center Holli Krumbein had career bests in both scoring (20 points) and rebounds (15), and freshman guard Amanda Speich had a season-high 14 rebounds. Speich also poured in 16 points. With the loss, the Engineers fell to 0-9 in the program's inaugural season.

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## Challenge Problem Monte Carlo runs

Solutions to this problem should be turned into Dr. Rickert (Box 141, office G-215A) by Friday, January 26. The author of the first complete, correct solution will win \$5. The author of the nicest correct solution will win \$10.

"Consistency is important for a baseball team". Test one interpretation of this statement by writing a computer program to simulate the following situations.

1 A team scores an average of 5 runs per game with variance 25. The same team allows an average of 5 runs per game with variance 9. Simulate seasons for the team by randomly generating run scored/runs allowed pairs and assigning wins and losses appropriately. Simulate many 162 game seasons. Verify that the average and variance of the runs are reasonably close to the desired values. What is the average number of wins for the team in a season? What is the variance of the number of wins? How often did the team win 90 games? (usually enough to get into the playoffs) How often did the team win 100 games?

2 A team scores an average of 5 runs per game with variance 25. The same team allows an average of 5 runs per game with variance 25. Perform the simulation as in 1. Compare the results. Did the team with more "consistent" pitching do better? (and what does 'do better' mean in this contest?)

3 A team scores an average of 5 runs per game with variance 25. The same team allows an average of 4.5 runs per game with variance 25. repeat the simulation of 1.

4 A team scores an average of 5 runs per game with variance 25. The same team allows an average of 4.5 runs per game with variance 9.

Repeat the simulation of 1. Compare the results with those of 3. Did the team with more "consistent" pitching do better?



## Top Ten Holiday Football Games Not In The Bowl Coalition

10. The Wendy's Chili Bowl
9. The President's Chips and Dip Bowl
8. The Chauncey Rose Society Jacket Bowl
7. The Hautian Siesta Bowl
6. The Windows 95 Incompatibility Bowl
5. The Regis and Kathie Lee Cody Bowl
4. The O.J. Simpson "Search for the Real Killers" Juice Bowl
3. The Yassir Arafat Towel Bowl
2. Newt and Bob's Dole Bowl
1. The Beatles' Haircut Bowl

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The Editors

## Munx author Voorhees chastised by Thorn emperor

by Vladimir Lining  
Thorn Reformed Ex-Communist

TERRE HAUTE — After a bizarre incident over the weekend, Robert Voorhees, the author of the popular *Munx* comic strip, was reprimanded by Frank Fipher, *Thorn* demi-god and Emperor for Life.

"It came to my attention that the [expletive deleted] (Voorhees) had been inserting subliminal messages into his strip, resulting in a number of female students wandering the campus *completely naked*," said Fipher, from his squalid yet palatial castle keep in suburban Vigo county.

One of the students affected by the subliminal messages, Jennifer Aight, said that "the experience was very liberating" and that

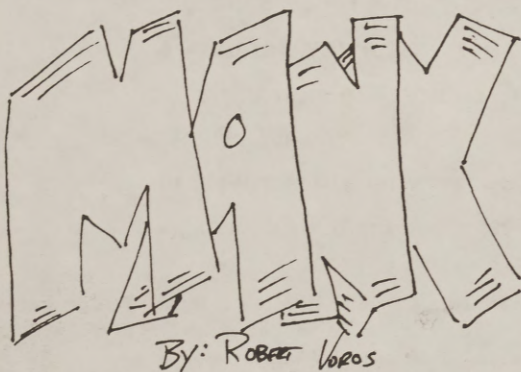
several staff members had commented on her sprinting abilities.

Another student, who spoke on condition of anonymity, stated that a fellow student had told her, "Kate, you're going to catch a cold like that," but she was at that time oblivious to the sub-zero wind chill factor.

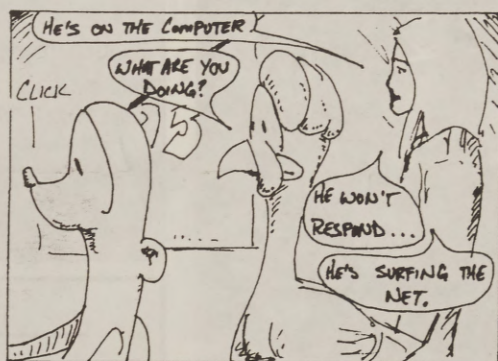
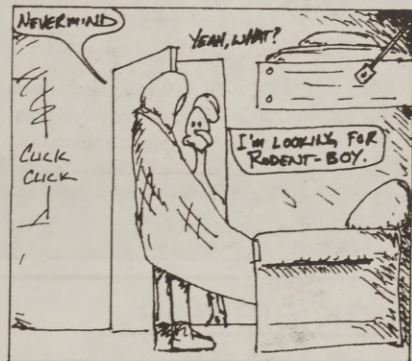
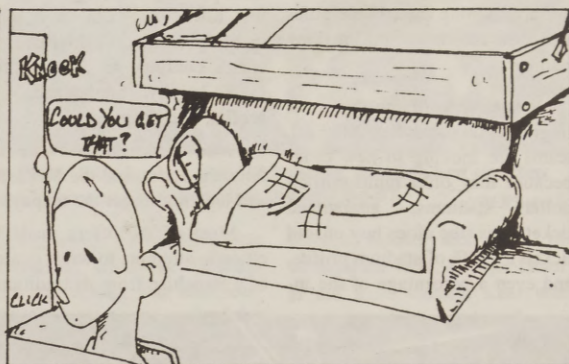
"I didn't do nuthin' wrong," protested Voorhees. "Eric Schidt told me to do it."

Schidt, whose poetry appeared in the *Munx* strip in question, refused to comment pending a hearing in front of the Student Judiciary Council which he plans to postpone by obscure parliamentary procedures.

Fipher reminded readers that "loose lips sink ships," and that they should always look out for odd behavior on Friday afternoons by students of the female persuasion.



By: Robert Vooros



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