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# THE ROSE THORN

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## Small companies growing in popularity

"I got to do a little bit of everything."

-Tim Sherrill

by David Hile  
News Editor

Students who have a desire to start their own business now have a resource to begin learning the intricacies involved in such an undertaking.

The Entrepreneurial Internship and Co-op Program directs students' attention to the facets of working for, or owning, a fledgling business.

Bill Lindstaedt, director of career services and employer relations, says that the Entrepreneurial Program is intended

for students who are interested in working for a smaller fast-growth firm or in opening their own business. Lindstaedt believes that internships available through this program draw attention to the opportunities available to students in this job market.

Lindstaedt says that this market is currently the fastest growing area for job placement.

"Large Fortune 500 companies either have stable employment or, in some cases, are still downsizing," Lindstaedt said of the lack of growth in employment for bigger firms.

The program considers a small fast-growth firm one that employs less than 100 workers and totals less than \$10 million in sales.

The small company setting is ideal for Rose graduates, according to Lindstaedt.

"Students communicate well up the ladder [at Rose]," he said.

Lindstaedt explained that students' communication skills used at Rose with peers, administration and faculty resemble the communication needed in small businesses.

"Students from larger schools are more accustomed to thinking that they have a certain place...they can't step outside of

that box," Lindstaedt added.

Students applying for the program will learn about running a small business before beginning employment.

Career Services will sponsor a weekly video series Tuesdays in October for applicants. The series relates peoples' experiences starting a fast-growth company.

In addition, students will be asked to read Peter Drucker's book, *Innovation and Entrepreneurship*. The book gives readers a glimpse into the different functional areas within a company.

After reading the book, applicants will be required to write a term paper related to topics discussed in the book.

Last summer, eight interns were placed in jobs at four selected companies. Saigan Inc., Compression Engineering Inc., Software Artistry Inc. and International Cryogenics Inc., all located in Indianapolis, hired Rose students during the pilot program's first year.

Tim Sherrill, who interned at Saigan, found that smaller companies offered advantages in learning a variety of tasks.

"I got to do a little bit of everything," Sherrill recalled. "Once I learned something, I went on to something else."

Sherrill felt that Saigan was prepared to give him more responsibility and duties than assigned at larger firms.

## Team reassessing curriculum and programs for freshmen year

by Kevin Gaither  
Thorn Reporter

The first-year experience for Rose students is the focus of a new committee seeking to address curriculum issues for all entering freshmen.

"The main effort would be one that is not any less significant than what was done with the Foundation Coalition effort," explained Ronald Artigue, professor of chemical engineering and team leader of the First Year Team.

The Foundation Coalition implemented the revised sophomore curriculum beginning this year.

Aaron Klebanoff, assistant professor of Mathematics, stated, "We are more far-reaching than the Foundation Coalition. [The coalition] is a test curriculum for a select group of

students, while the First Year Team is trying to make recommendations about the curriculum for all students."

"The First Year Team's mission is to assist the institute in defining its first year program. It will seek out and disseminate all appropriate information germane to the task, engage all constituents in a process of reflection, discovery, discernment and planning, and foster consensus and ownership in the development of a first year program," the mission statement explains.

Created at the beginning of the fall quarter, the team is meeting each week to develop its objectives and establish the tasks it wants to accomplish.

"We usually have a small assignment to accomplish for the next meeting," Klebanoff commented.

"At this particular time," Artigue explains, "the First Year Team has opened deliberations and discussion to look at more than just the curriculum, including Freshman Orientation, Fast Track Calculus, Integrated Curriculum, Fast Forward, student life, admissions, and anything dealing with the first year at Rose-Hulman."

Artigue continued by saying that one possible outcome of the First Year Team's effort is a development plan that would include the involvement of multiple teams of faculty, staff, and students addressing many issues and programs that Rose has to offer.

"We have a lot of work to do," Klebanoff clarified, "and have only just begun to figure out what our objectives are."



President Hulbert addressed the 1995-96 Student Senate last Wednesday. Hulbert discussed the future of the "Vision to be the Best" campaign.

Photo by Chris Dolphy

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## Pew axis of Rose roundtable discussions

by Bob Flaherty  
Thorn Reporter

Problem solving is an integral part of any college career. One of the best ways to solve a problem is to get into a group and talk about it. The Pew Foundation supplies moderators and outsiders in order for college faculty to ponder current projects that are taking place.

Many colleges look to Pew to help them organize whenever they are about to undertake a new project. The foundation attempts to help the institution focus on their goal by asking questions that may not have occurred to the faculty.

Rose was lucky to be selected by the Pew Foundation to take part in one of these "focus" sessions. Two big topics covered at this session was a proposed

endowment from Lilly and the future of Rose-Hulman.

In the past, Rose has literally jumped at any endowment or grant offered and made something of it.

Lilly has offered some money to Rose for help in accomplishing five specific goals, including: improving K-12 schooling, keeping college graduates in the state of Indiana, and raising the college retention rate.

During this session, questions regarding how this will affect the school were addressed.

Will this pull us away from the primary focus of the institution, that is, teaching students? How much time and energy can we devote to this project? Talks included practical questions that have a definite impact on final decisions

made by the institute.

Looking at what has happened in the past can lead to improvements for the future. Energy can be spent analyzing current programs and improving them.

The curriculum at Rose is in constant evolution from individual classes to entire departments, said Peter Parshall, professor of humanities.

Communication between the faculty on what works, what does not work and what might work is a necessary part of growing, Parshall said.

Sometimes obvious things are not that obvious after staring at the problem for months. Pew is there to supply a source of help to universities in focusing on problems or just to be there for a gab session.



**MEETINGS / GATHERINGS**

Sun., Oct. 1 — Gun Club, Faculty/Staff Shooting Day, Gun Club Room, 2 p.m.  
 Tues., Oct. 3 — Graduate School Seminar, Moench Hall Auditorium, 9 a.m.  
 \* "How To Gain Admission Into The Top Graduate Programs In Your Field," Donald Asher, Author, 9-10:15 a.m.  
 \* Graduate School Panel Discussion, 10:15-11:45 a.m.  
 \* Information Sessions, 1-3 p.m.  
 Tues., Oct. 3 — Computer Workshop, "Introduction to Maple," G-103, 7:00 p.m.  
 Tues., Oct. 3 — Night Exam, Introduction To Computer Programming (CS 100), G-221, 7 p.m.  
 Wed., Oct. 4 — President's Administrative Council, PA Room, 8 a.m.  
 Fri., Oct. 6 — Biomedical Engineering Colloquium, "New Orthopedic Products," Niles Noblitt, O-105, 10:50 a.m.  
 Mon., Oct. 9 — National Board Of Advisors Meeting

**ADDITIONALLY...**

Fri., Sept. 29 — Homecoming Queen Contest Primary Elections, Commons  
 Fri. - Sat., Sept. 29, 30 — Army ROTC Fall Retreat  
 Mon., Oct. 2 — Bonfire Construction, Athletic Fields (Through October 6)  
 Wed., Oct. 4 — Homecoming Queen Interviews On WMHD  
 Thurs., Oct. 5 — Homecoming Queen Final Elections, Commons Area  
 Thurs., Oct. 5 — Homecoming Queen Coronation Dress Rehearsal, Shook Fieldhouse, 7 p.m.  
 Sat., Oct. 7 — Midterm Progress Reports Deadline, 11 a.m.  
 Thurs.-Fri., Oct. 12-13 — Fall Break  
 Mon., Oct. 16 — Final Date To Drop Course Without Penalty

**ENTERTAINMENT / LEISURE**

Tues., Oct. 3 — Film Class Presentation, "The Big Sleep," A-203, 7 p.m.  
 Wed., Oct. 4 — HSLS Film Series, "TRON," GM Room, 7:30 p.m.

**SPORTS**

Sat., Sept. 30 — Football, at Anderson University, 1:30 p.m. (WSDM-AM 1130, 1:15 p.m.)  
 Sat., Sept. 30 — Soccer, North Central College, Jim Rendel Field, 3 p.m.  
 Tues., Oct. 3 — Soccer, at DePauw University, Greencastle, 3 p.m.  
 Wed., Oct. 4 — JV Soccer, St. Meinrad, Jim Rendel Field, 4:30 p.m.  
 Fri., Oct. 6 — Soccer Exhibition, Indiana State Univ., Jim Rendel Field, 4 p.m.  
 Sat., Oct. 7 — Cross Country, Vincennes University, 11 a.m.  
 Sat., Oct. 7 — Alumni Soccer Match, Jim Rendel Field, 11 a.m.  
 Sat., Oct. 7 — Football, Manchester College, Phil Brown Field, 1:30 p.m. (WSDM-AM 1130, 1:15 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.

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

**HOMECOMING '95****SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE****Friday, October 6**

**8 a.m.**--Women's Club Tour, Eli Lilly's Clinton Laboratories, (Leaving From Boston Connection)

**8:15 a.m.**--Registration For Golf Tournament, Hulman Links/Country Club Courses

**9 a.m.** Shotgun Start For Golf, Hulman Links/Country Club Courses

**4 p.m.**--Soccer Match, Rose-Hulman vs. Indiana State, Jim Rendel Field

**4:30-5:30 p.m.**--Estate Planning Seminar, Ivy Tech Room, Boston Connection

**5:30 p.m.**--Fifty Plus Club Dinner, Conference Center, Boston Connection

**8:30 p.m.**--Pep Rally & Queen's Coronation, Shook Fieldhouse

**9:15 p.m.**--Bonfire & Fireworks, Intramural Field west of fieldhouse

**Saturday, October 7**

**8:30 a.m.**--Awards Brunch Buffet, Conference Center, Boston Connection

**11 a.m.**--Alumni Association Meeting, GM Room, Moench Hall

**11 a.m.-1 p.m.**--Departmental Open Houses, Throughout Campus

**11 a.m.**--Cross Country Meet, Rose-Hulman vs. Vincennes University, Intramural Field

**11 a.m.**--Alumni Soccer Game, Jim Rendel Field

**11:30 a.m.**--Class Agents & Associates Open House, Tent Located In Fieldhouse Area

**Noon**--Parent's Association Concessions, Near Phil Brown Field

**Noon**--Resident Assistant Reunion, Worx, Hulman Union

**12:30 p.m.- Halftime**--Homecoming Mums, Front Of Shook Fieldhouse

**1:30 p.m.**--Homecoming Football Game, Rose-Hulman vs. Manchester College, Phil Brown Field

**After Game**--Happy Hour, Shook Fieldhouse

**6:30 p.m.**--Homecoming Buffet, Conference Center, Boston Connection

**8 p.m.**--Homecoming Comedy Cabaret, Shook Fieldhouse

**Sunday, October 8**

**1 p.m.**--Alumni Baseball Game, Art Nehf Field

**Thinking About Graduate School?**

Tuesday, October 3, 1995

SGA and Career Services Present:

**Donald Asher**

*"How to Gain Admissions to the Graduate Programs of Your Choice"*

- a renowned speaker on graduate school admissions
- recommended by Harvey Mudd, DePauw, Wabash, and Berkeley
- a must for students who are thinking about Graduate School

*Presentation begins at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 3, 1995 in the Auditorium*



## Rose Bureaucrat

by Ben Byers  
SGA Publicity Director

This is the first issue of the Rose Bureaucrat for the 1995-96 school year. The purpose of this article is designed to inform the Rose-Hulman community about the involvement and activities of the senate. If you have any other questions contact the senators from your district, stop by the SGA Office and read the minutes, or leave a comment in the Common's Comment Box.

The Senate held its first meeting of the year on September 27 in the GM Room. Dr. Sam Hulbert addressed the newly elected senate and encouraged them to be an active organization on campus.

Hulbert spoke on the current and future achievements of the "Vision To Be The Best" program. These focused on the completion of the new Hulman Union, the expansion of Olin Hall, and the construction of the new athletic facilities. He also commented on the success of the transition to coeducation and the addition of laptop computers to the classroom.

President Ashvin Lad addressed the new senate for the first time as well. He reported on the SGA-sponsored guest speaker, Donald Asher. Dr. Asher is a

renowned speaker on graduate schools and the admissions process. His book *Graduate Admissions Essays, What Works and What Doesn't* details information undergraduate students need in order to prepare for the graduate admissions process.

In other business, Craig Lyjak was approved to replace Scott R. Condon as Executive Director of SGA. Craig is a sophomore mechanical engineering major from Memphis, Michigan. The senate also approved the president's appointments to the Student/Faculty Committees and to the Judicial Council.

The following students were approved for the Judicial Council: Chip Montgomery, Chief Justice; Dan Fox; Brent Mutti; Brad Shroyer; Paul Werner and Matt Weir, Clerk.

Three new clubs were also approved as SGA funded clubs, these following three organizations all completed the required probationary status, and are now recognized as SGA funded clubs: Habitat for Humanity, Rose Scouting Association, and Aerial Robotics Club. The next scheduled meeting of the senate is October 10, at 5:30 p.m. in the GM Room. All students are invited to attend.

## Lyjak joins Executive Council

by Ben Byers  
SGA Publicity Director

Former Executive Director Scott R. Con-

don was forced to cut his second term unexpectedly short when he decided to study abroad this year. He will be studying and working in Germany. SGA President Ashvin Lad has appointed Craig Lyjak to fill the vacated position.

Lyjak is a sophomore mechanical engineering major from Memphis, Michigan. He has a great deal of practical experience to offer the Executive Committee.



Craig Lyjak  
Appointed Executive Director

He has been involved in SGA since his freshman year when he served as the freshmen class president. He served his entire year on the Programming Committee, the committee which he now chairs.

Craig also did a great deal of work on the SGA budget for the 1995-96 school year while serving on the Finance Committee. After successfully organizing this year's election of senators and the freshmen class president, Craig is well on his way to making a positive contribution to the Executive Committee, SGA and Rose-Hulman.

## NEW FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

### Rimli Sengupta

#### Title:

Assistant Professor of Computer Science

#### Hometown:

Calcutta, India

#### Education:

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia

•Ph.D. in Computer Science, Sept. 1995

•Master of Science in Computer Science, Sept. 1993

Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, India

•Master of Technology in Electrical Engineering, May 1989

Jadavpur University, Calcutta, India

•Bachelor of Engineering in Electronics and Telecommunications Engineering, July 1987

#### Experience:

Sengupta has taught the undergraduate level course "Understanding and Constructing Proofs" for the last two years at Georgia Tech. In addition to this class, she taught a graduate level course, "Theory of Automata", for the College of Computing at Georgia Tech.

#### Professional Interests:

Sengupta's Doctoral thesis at Georgia Tech was entitled "Lower bounds for natural functions in restricted Boolean circuits." The idea behind the work was to define the "inherent hardness" involved in solving a problem. Sengupta said that the "hardness" of a problem is "defined as the amount of resources required to solve the problem in a given model of computation." The hardness of a function in the Boolean circuit model, studied in the research, is the size of the circuit.

Sengupta is also interested in researching upper bounds dealing with the best algorithms to solve a given problem and computational geometry. Positions of objects in a video game is one practical application of computational geometry.



Professor Sengupta

#### Personal Profile:

Sengupta was active in photography in her home country of India before coming to study in the U.S. In addition to photography, she enjoys performing, both as a singer and in theater productions.

Sengupta is very fond of the house she found during a visit to Terre Haute this summer. The house, located in Farrington Grove, is believed to be one of the oldest houses in of Terre Haute.

#### Impressions of Rose:

Sengupta has been impressed with the way Rose students apply themselves. "The intellectual abilities and enthusiasm are far beyond anything I've seen before," Sengupta said.

However, Sengupta jokingly said this impression may change in the spring after she's seen Rose students for a year.

#### Schedule:

Sengupta is teaching two classes this quarter: CS 232, Computer Organizations, and CS 445, Analysis of Algorithms.

Next quarter, Sengupta will be teaching a topics course in computer science entitled Randomized Algorithms and CS 233, Data Structures.

Compiled by David Hile, News Editor



MA 331

### Mathematical Modeling

What do organ pipes, oil spills, and traffic jams all have in common?

Answer: they can all be mathematically modeled by using conservation principles – conservation of mass, momentum, cars, etc.

This course will be offered winter quarter and taught by Kurt Bryan. In the course we'll work in small teams to model systems, collect data, perform simulations, and check our models. You'll be evaluated based on homework, class participation, and a final modeling project related to your specialty.

The only prerequisite is MA 201 or the consent of the instructor. For more information, contact Kurt Bryan, bryan @ nextwork. rose-hulman. edu.

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MA 444

### Deterministic Models in Operations Research

Dr. Kiaer  
Winter Quarter



This is an applied math course for computer scientists, engineers (especially those with managerial aspirations) and, of course, mathematicians.

We will develop models and algorithms for classic network problems, including critical path (with applications in project development and parallel algorithms) and network flow (with applications in transportation, telephone switching, electric power transmission systems, and military strategy).

In addition, we will study linear programming, an important optimization (not programming) technique that is both immediately applicable and also provides much of the foundation for combinatorial and nonlinear optimization. The textbook comes with software that works on any IBM-compatible PC.

This course is a fundamental course in any industrial engineering program, and enhances both employability and promotability. The only absolute prerequisite is a familiarity with matrix algebra and at least sophomore standing.

The course is tentatively scheduled for MTHF 4th hour, but could be rescheduled if this time is not convenient.



## Finding a nuclear balance of power



**George Will**

Syndicated  
Columnist  
The  
Washington Post

WASHINGTON--Here is a new measure of an old phenomenon, the fetish many people make of arms control agreements: Many who say that weapons developed in the Cold War context have necessarily lost all usefulness also say that arms control agreements negotiated in that context--even though negotiated with a political entity that no longer exists--must at all costs be preserved.

This mentality has been a barrier to progress toward providing the nation with defenses against ballistic missile attacks. But the barrier is crumbling beneath the weight of its intellectual implausibility. One sign of the crumbling was the Senate's recent 85-13 vote to require the nation to develop for deployment a multisite anti-ballistic missile (ABM) system by the year 2003.

The ABM treaty concluded with the Soviet Union in 1972 limits each side to one ABM site of no more than 100 interceptors. That is no defense; it was not supposed to be. The point of the treaty was to codify "mutual assured destruction" (MAD), the doctrine that two heavily armed and ideologically antagonistic superpowers could be secure if, but only if, they agreed to remain equally vulnerable to a nuclear onslaught.

Even in the context of 1972 this was strategically dubious and morally repugnant. It was dubious because even if ballistic missile defenses could not produce the impermeable umbrella Ronald Reagan envisioned when proposing his Strategic Defense Initiative in 1983, even a partially effective defense could contribute to stability by complicating, to the point of paralysis, the calculations of anyone thinking about attempting a disarming first strike. MAD was repugnant because it was based on a practice of warfare that had been condemned for centuries--the holding of civilian populations as hostages.

Whatever sense such a bilateral agreement for mutual vulnerability ever made in a bipolar world, it makes no sense in a world of proliferating nuclear weapons and ballistic missile technologies. The Soviet Union is gone. Russia will still have at least 3,000 nuclear warheads in the year 2003, and China, which has at least 100 ICBMs, will surely attain a superpower's strategic nuclear arsenal. However, for now the task for missile defense is not to counter the threat of a saturation attack by offensive forces.

Rather, the immediate task is to deploy a missile defense system adequate to defend the nation against an undeterrable attack from a fanatic rogue state, and to reduce, if not destroy, the leverage that a small nuclear (or chemical or biological) arsenal might otherwise give to a small state possessing ballistic missiles. Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., rightly says, "It must now be

assumed that any act of aggression that endangers vital U.S. interests sufficiently to call forth a major intervention will involve a missile-armed adversary." China, North Korea, Iran, Iraq, Syria and Libya do not exhaust the possibilities.

The ABM treaty is now construed to permit theater defenses. It does not define them, but creates the anomalous situation in which U.S. technology can be used to protect other nations, but not this nation, from attacks. The Senate measure only calls for being ready to deploy an "affordable" system. It neither commits to deployment, nor defines "affordable," which suggests that the measure is partly designed to give hope to believers in missile defense, but to still adhere to the ABM treaty.

Arms control as its believers envision it--agreements making the world safer by limiting technology--rests on the notion that the threat to peace is technological, not political, that the threat is the nature of particular weapons, not of particular regimes. People who subscribe to this catechism cannot comprehend this truth: Arms control generally is impossible until it is unimportant. Until, that is, the political roots of conflict disappear. However, for the clerisy of specialists that negotiates them, arms control agreements are ends in themselves, independent of any demonstrable contribution they might make to national security or international stability. The clerisy's assumption is that the mere act of nations negotiating to an agreement necessarily makes the world safer, hence treaties, unlike the Rockies which may tumble and Gibraltar which may crumble, must last forever.

But treaties are like roses: they last while they last. Which is why most, like the ABM treaty, contain provisions for revising or terminating them. Senator Dole, by accusing the Clinton administration on Monday of "clinging" to the ABM treaty instead of responding to the growing threat of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, has put the issue where it belongs, at the center of the presidential campaign.

## Throwing stones in glass houses

**Chris Lawrence**

Thorn  
Columnist



Another week, another survey demonstrating how racially biased some aspect of American society is. However, this week, the story is a little different, even if the headline is the same.

In this Monday's *USA Today*, *Nashville Tennessean* reporter Laura Frank writes that nationwide, on average, black criminals are receiving sentences 10 percent longer than whites for similar offenses. That isn't surprising. What is: in the South, the disparity is only 3 percent; the disparity was 13% in the West, 12% in the Midwest, and 10% in the Northeast.

Of course, that wouldn't be so surprising if Americans, particularly those of the goody-two-shoes variety, realized that they have been missing the forest for the trees for the past 30 years. While northern and western politicians remade the south in their egalitarian image, they somehow managed to forget about their own backyards.

There shouldn't be anything surprising about this result at all. For example, the most segregated school systems in America are north of the Mason-Dixon line, and have been for years. Yet the attention goes to Memphis and Tampa, not New York and Chicago.

The most egregious examples of cities incorporating large areas to dilute inner-city minority voting strength are found in Indiana and Ohio, not in Mississippi and Alabama. However, it's much more convenient for politicians and pundits to point their fingers at Birmingham and Jackson than it is to cite Indianapolis and Cincinnati.

Before the 1960's, it is clear that southern states were far behind the rest of America in their treatment of their African-American citizens. It was right of the Supreme Court to supervise desegregation and ballot-access in the South. Focusing on the South, however, allowed other states, some with equally bad records on racial bias, to get away with doing the "same old thing."

Today, although it is clear that these changes are needed in many states outside the South, no changes are being made. The northern cities that are still under desegregation orders are being required to do much less than southern cities were, a generation ago.

Perhaps it is because the temper of the times has changed. The crusading judiciary under Earl Warren and Warren Burger has given way to the "strict constructionists" under William Rehnquist. Affirmative action is being rolled back. Americans overall seem to be more worried about their jobs than about higher moral callings.

However, nothing can justify the lack of progress that has been made in reducing the inherent racial biases inside America's judiciary. Making excuses and pointing fingers certainly won't help.

The South has been mending its ways for 30 years, and it still has far to go. But, to employ a Phil Gramm aphorism, it's time for the North to get out of the wagon and help pull.

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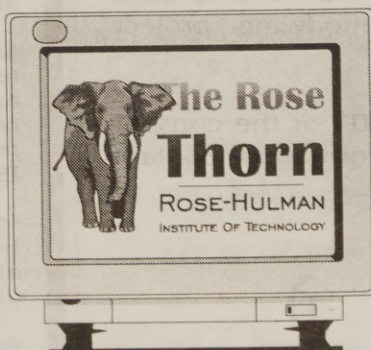
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# Redeem your musical aptitude at the festival

by Doris Woo  
Thorn Columnist

If your exposure to so-called "contemporary music" amounts to little more than seeing a picture of a naked Frank Zappa on a toilet, regard the first three days of October as a way to redeem your musical aptitude as Indiana State University's Department of Music brings you yet another Contemporary Music Festival, now in its twenty-ninth year.

Contemporary music, that is, works from living composers, cannot be characterized by a particular sound; rather, it attempts to recreate music of the old schools (i.e., Medieval, Romantic, Classical, etc.) as well as breaking new ground in creating sounds never heard before. The works of John Cage serve as a good example of this type of experimentation. Dr. William Alan Davis, a member of the executive committee for CMF as well as the conductor for ISU's symphony orchestra, explains that this area in music "tends to represent the most recent styles in music which runs from minimalism, like the music of Steve Reich or Phillip Glass, to extreme complexities such as music by John Harbison and Charles Warren."

Regardless, when one hears of anything "contemporary", abstract art comes to mind. Not so, according to Julie Jordan, executive committee member and public relations for CMF. Contemporary music is "experimental in a sense because you don't want to limit what's being heard, but we try to broaden the interest when we schedule the pieces that will be played." In order to avoid isolating the typical music lover, the Tuesday night performance (sponsored in conjunction with ISU's convocation series)

will also include standard orchestral repertoire. "Aside from the winning festival pieces we will try to play at the festival something that will appeal to the general audience," states Jordan. Igor Stravinsky and Samuel Barber, two well-known 20th century composers, fall into this category.

The mission of ISU's CMF "is to stimulate recognition of contemporary orchestral music as a valuable artistic expression of our time." To many people the term "contemporary orchestral music" is an oxymoron at best, but with an opportunity like CMF you can see for yourself that this unique musical genre indeed exists.

Composers headlining this year's CMF, such as retired professor and Composition Department Chair of Eastman School of Music and world-renowned Srdan Dedic, will have a number of their works performed in evening concerts held on all three nights. In addition, the Louisville Orchestra, CMF's orchestra-in-residence, and the Dorian Wind Quintet can be seen on October 2-3.

Louisville Orchestra will perform works by Stravinsky ("Firebird Suite"), Barber ("Second Essay for Orchestra"), as well as Adler ("Symphony No. 5") and Dedic ("Beat On"). The Dorian Wind Quintet will perform standard and contemporary wind repertoire from Bruce Aldolphe, Joan Tower, Lalo Schiffrin, and Joseph Downing.

CMF also provides up and coming composers an opportunity to display their latest contributions in the form of an orchestral composition competition. Annually, the previous winner of the contest has his or her work showcased in a

concert. "The pieces that are submitted for the composition contest have to be for full orchestra... composers know what instruments are available for large orchestra," Davis explains.

"That usually includes a huge battery of percussion instruments and maybe extra exotic instruments like the bass flute; there are pieces written using the full gamut of colors, range of color and timbre in a large orchestra." In addition, "sometimes the pieces are folk-inspired; sometimes there are various ethnic composers that have been invited to the festival."

Dedic, winner of last year's festival, will have "Beat On" performed as a recognition of his achievements. Many of CMF composition winners have also gone on to bigger and better things, namely the Pulitzer Prize and the Grawemeyer Award. Workshops are held October 2-3 to educate and offer advice to many up and coming student composers.

On October 1-3, see and hear music and symposia from ensembles and speakers, possibly as you have never heard them before. There are 7:30 p.m. concerts at ISU's Tirey Hall each night, with Sunday's festival concert free of charge. The Dorian Wind Ensemble will perform Monday night for \$3 and \$5. The Louisville Orchestra will perform for \$6 and \$8 on Tuesday. For a detailed itinerary of master classes, recitals, and symposia held throughout the festival, you can call 237-2771 for more information. Maybe expanding your musical horizons in Terre Haute may not such a science fair after all.

## An open letter to my folks

by Eric Schmidt  
Thorn Columnist

Isn't it amazing  
That before I left for college  
All you did was drive me crazy  
And I had to get away?

Now I've been here a while  
And I've finally acknowledged  
That if I should have my wishes  
I would come back home to stay.

Home is where the heart is  
And my conscience still remembers  
All the things I did to spite you  
In the brashness of my youth

But now I am in college  
And my insolence is rendered  
Down to nothing by the fact  
That I can clearly see the truth:

That all you put me through  
Contained an underlying goal  
To make me not just what I am  
But all I wish to be

So when I reach adulthood  
And begin to tread on "old"  
I'll look back on what you put me through  
And do the same to me.

So here's to you, Mom and Father  
For you shaped my adolescence  
And made me realize I should try  
My hardest to succeed

And now I'm glad you punished me  
I am better for your presence  
And though I've done you wrong before  
I miss you now indeed.

## Sleeping your way to better grades

by Michael Bickel  
Thorn Columnist

I recall a fictional character in a series of books ("The Great Brain" by John Dennis Fitzgerald) who claimed he could go to sleep with a problem and wake up with an answer. This seems to be an appealing way to solve problems, especially if one is paid to do it. Does this sleep logic work? How could a Rose student successfully do this?

It is unlikely that an engineer would ever be paid specifically for sleeping, or for encouraging it. Picture a company meeting with a technical presentation: "Mr. Bickel, will you explain your new model of your toilet flushing system?"

(Drawing with magic marker on easel) "The water comes in here... It may be necessary to focus on this picture, then shut your eyes for a few minutes... relax..."

However, I have tried to use this logic to be a better student, as have countless others before me. At one time, I was able to take at least five short naps in a single class period. Other times, the problems were difficult enough to require a whole period of sleep.

As yet, the results are too vague to quantify. Too many factors obscure the real picture. For instance, many of the homework problems curriculum involve formulae and busy

work (i.e. using charts, tables, calculators, and conversion factors). It isn't really fair to expect this type of work while sleeping. Also, since I'm not talented enough to read while sleeping, I must have at least a vague idea of what the problem is all about. This presents another problem. With many mathematical questions, especially those concerning differential equations, a vague understanding of the question is a large part of the solution.

It seems that only the qualitative parts of a problem could be accurately solved during sleep. This presents a major problem with some engineering classes, especially the ones relating to engineering mechanics. Also, it makes it incredibly difficult to quantify how many problems were encountered and how many were actually solved.

How would one go about attempting to solve problems while sleeping? I have tried in several different ways. The simplest way is to remember the problem clearly as you crawl into bed. Be open minded about it; remember only the facts. Think through what you know, then relax and don't worry about it. When you wake up, think through the problem again and see if you know any more than you did before. If you have difficulty remembering things this way, you might try sleeping

with a cassette recording of an example problem playing next to your bed. You may awaken with a more thorough understanding of the concepts involved. Depending on whose voice explains the problem, this could make it very easy or very difficult to go to sleep. Choose wisely.

Another way that I have tried is to study my textbook while awake, then sleep with it in my hands. Hypothetically, the feel of the book will remind me of other aspects of the book, such as content. I have done this several times with mixed results. Clearly, this would only work under severely limited circumstances (if at all).

There is at least one case when sleeping nearly always brings a solution. This is when the obstacle is really lack of sleep, not lack of understanding. If this is the case, a lot of z's is better than a little studying. Not surprisingly, this is often the case at college.

I'm not saying that laziness is the way to answers. Clear understanding of anything requires much time and diligence. The reliability of the methods described above is questionable at best. However, as an engineer, I try to keep my mind open to innovative methods that might have unseen potential. I'm still looking for answers on this one. If you have any success, let me know.

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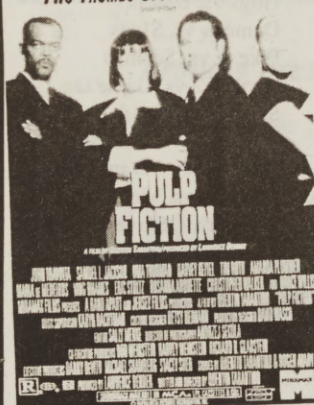
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# Engineer soccer team notches first wins of season

by Joel Gillespie  
Sports Reporter

One week ago, the Rose-Hulman Engineer soccer team was struggling, owning an 0-5 record and having difficulty scoring goals. Now, two games and six goals later, the Engineers are 2-5 and looking to knock off some tough competition in the week ahead.

Rose defeated MacMurray last Saturday, 2-1, and opened the ICAC season Wednesday with a 4-0 victory over Anderson.

The Engineers play host to North Central College of Naperville, Illinois, this Saturday at Jim Rendel Field. North Central competes in the NCAA Division III, and posted a 12-5 record last season. This is the first meeting between the two schools. The game begins at 3:00 p.m.

Next Tuesday, Rose travels to Greencastle to take on DePauw. The Tigers have not lost a conference game since the formation of the ICAC in the late 1980s, and figure to pose a challenge to the Engineers.

Rose finally cracked into the win column against MacMurray College. The Engineers scored on

goals by senior forward Andy Doll and freshman midfielder Mike Schreifels.

Engineer Head Coach Greg Ruark commented, "We took it to them right from the beginning and maintained a high level of play for the entire game."

MacMurray is a traditional power in the Midwest, and it was a satisfying victory for the Engineers.

With their confidence restored, the Engineers looked to

carry their momentum into Wednesday's game against Anderson. Midway through the first half, a hand ball call in the goalie's box resulted in a penalty kick for the Engineers. Senior forward Gabe Ferland easily put away the kick to give the Engineers a 1-0 lead.

The Engineers made their first substitutions with ten minutes remaining in the first half, and reserve forward Andy Zehnder didn't waste any time making his presence felt. The sophomore booted in a goal scarcely thirty seconds after he entered the game.

"It was nice to see Andy finally score," said Ruark. "He came



Sophomore Justin Schafer looks to pass to a teammate in a game for the Engineers. The Engineers now 2-5 on the year, look for another win this Saturday against North Central College.

into the game and was a good spark for us."

Defender Bo Fowler took control of the game after half-time. With the Engineers leading 2-0, Fowler began dribbling the ball far beyond midfield. He proceeded along the sideline until he was about twenty yards away

from the goal, and he passed off to Ferland.

Continuing to run toward the goal, Fowler received a pass back from Ferland, juked the lunging Raven goalie, and tapped the ball into the open net. Ruark described the play as "absolutely gorgeous." Fowler later added

another goal to give the Engineers a 4-0 win.

Goalkeeper Cory Williams didn't have to make many saves against Anderson, but Ruark still praised his play. "Cory has been playing great. That is so important for our team, because it allows everyone else to play with more confidence and aggressiveness."

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## ROSE-HULMAN INTRAMURAL INFORMATION SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 5

### Co-Ed Volleyball

Date	Level/Division	Teams	Time	Court
Oct. 5	A Level	IND vs. Pike B	7:00 p.m.	1
		Hogs vs. Balzak	8:00 p.m.	3
Oct. 3	B Level - Division A	Demons vs. Slugs	8:00 p.m.	1
		Pike A vs. Scamps	8:00 p.m.	2
Oct. 5	B Level - Division B	Faculty 2 vs. Game On	7:00 p.m.	2
		Speed 1 vs. Spades	9:00 p.m.	1
		Game On vs. Lint Balls	9:00 p.m.	2
Oct. 5	C Level - Division A	Da Bomb vs. Wambats	7:00 p.m.	3
		Globalls vs. Mees	8:00 p.m.	1
		Skinner vs. Slaves	8:00 p.m.	2
Oct. 3	C Level - Division B	Mayple vs. Scamps 2	7:00 p.m.	1
		Attack vs. Faculty 1	7:00 p.m.	2
		Skeletor vs. Little D	7:00 p.m.	3
Oct. 3	D Level	BSB 2B vs. Diggers	9:00 p.m.	1
		BSB 2A vs. Spike 1	9:00 p.m.	2

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

Tournament plays begins November 2

### Flag Football

Date	Level/Division	Teams	Time	Field	Officials
Oct. 4	B Level - Division A	ATO vs. Purple Rage	9:00 p.m.	1	Pike B
		Sphinxes vs. Demons	10:00 p.m.	1	Purple Rage
Oct. 4	B Level - Division B	En-Fuego vs. SN 1	7:00 p.m.	1	LCA
		Pike A vs. LCA	8:00 p.m.	1	SN 1
Oct. 2	C Level - Division A	SN 2 vs. Players	4:30 p.m.	1	CWA
		Moss Mouse vs. CWA	5:30 p.m.	1	Players
Oct. 4	C Level - Division A	TRI vs. BSB 1	5:30 p.m.	2	Yo Mama
Oct. 2	C Level - Division B	Buffalo vs. Smitty's	4:30 p.m.	2	BSB 2
		Deming vs. BSB 2	5:30 p.m.	2	Buffalo
Oct. 4	C Level - Division B	Hadji vs. Munchers	4:30 p.m.	2	Smitty's

Fields:  
1 - Next to football field  
2 - Next to baseball field

## Journey for conference crown begins at Anderson

For the next six Saturdays, the Rose-Hulman football team (2-1) will go toe-to-toe with the members of the Indiana Collegiate Athletic Conference in its quest for the school's first league football title.

Head Coach Scott Duncan's crew will begin that quest this Saturday when they play the role of Homecoming guest for Anderson University (3-0).

The Engineers will be well-rested going into Saturday's game following the only open week in the 1995 schedule. Rose-Hulman is riding a two-game winning streak after defeating Millsaps (35-15) and University of the South (17-6) following the season-opening loss to Washington University (43-32).

Anderson has won all three of its 1995 contests, including last week's win over Taylor

University, 27-17. Anderson's other wins came against Miami and Senario and Olivet.

The Ravens will try to give Rose-Hulman a taste of the medicine that they received in the Engineers' Homecoming game last year's contest, Rose-Hulman won by a 17-7 tally and held Anderson to just 211 total yards in the conference opener for both teams.

This Engineers' offense hopes to keep its string of three consecutive 300-plus-yard rushing games intact on Saturday, and hopes the defense can play as well as it has in the last seven quarters — giving up just 12 points during that span. The Engineers are ranked ninth in NCAA III in rushing offense with an average 319 yards per game.

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# Women's, men's hoops schedules set for 1995-96

The schedules are in place and the practices are not very far away for the Rose-Hulman men's and women's basketball teams.

This will be the first year for women's basketball at Rose, and Head Coach Wanda Schwartz will lead her squad through a 20-game

schedule as a member of the Indiana Collegiate Athletic Conference.

The women's season tips off on Nov. 18, when the Engineers take on Wesleyan in the first round of the University of the South Tip-Off Tournament.

The first home game will be the first of two matchups with St. Mary-of-the-Wood College on Dec. 6—the back end of a men's and women's double header.

The men's team is poised to make another run for the ICAC title after finishing 7-5 in the

ICAC in 1994-95, 15-10 overall.

Head Coach Jim Shaw will return first team all-conference players Kiley Gwaltney and Zack Johnson.

The men's season begins on Nov. 17 at the Trinity (Texas) University Tournament with a

first round rendezvous with St. Thomas (Minn.). The men play five road games before opening the home season on Dec. 1.

Below are both the women's and men's schedules for the 1995-96 season.

## Women's 1995-96 Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 18	vs. Wesleyan †	6 p.m.
Nov. 19	vs. Univ. of South or Washington & Lee †	2/4 p.m.
Nov. 29	at Defiance	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 1	vs. Cedarville ‡	7 p.m.
Dec. 2	vs. Oakland City or Grace ‡	1/3 p.m.
Dec. 6	<b>St. Mary-of-the-Woods</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
Dec. 9	at Hanover *	2 p.m.
Dec. 16	<b>Elmhurst</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Dec. 20	<b>Earlham</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Jan. 9	at Franklin *	7 p.m.
Jan. 13	<b>Hanover *</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
Jan. 15	<b>Anderson *</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Jan. 20	at DePauw *	1 p.m.
Jan. 23	at St. Mary-of-the-Woods	7 p.m.
Jan. 25	at Manchester *	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 30	<b>Franklin *</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Feb. 6	at Anderson *	7 p.m.
Feb. 13	<b>Oakland City</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Feb. 17	<b>Manchester *</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
Feb. 24	<b>DePauw *</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>

Home games are in bold.

\* - ICAC games

† - University of the South Tournament

‡ - Oakland City Invitational

## Men's 1995-96 Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 17	vs. St. Thomas (Minn.) †	6 p.m.
Nov. 18	vs. Trinity or LaVerne †	6/8 p.m.
Nov. 21	at Southwestern Univ.	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 26	at Blackburn	6 p.m.
Nov. 28	at Illinois Wesleyan	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 1	<b>I-U Northwest ‡</b>	<b>9 p.m.</b>
Dec. 2	<b>vs. Marian or Sewanee ‡</b>	<b>2/4 p.m.</b>
Dec. 6	<b>Centre</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
Dec. 11	<b>Eureka</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
Dec. 16	at Centre	3 p.m.
Dec. 18	at Indiana Wesleyan	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 30	<b>Millikin</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
Jan. 3	<b>DePauw *</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
Jan. 6	at Hanover *	3 p.m.
Jan. 10	<b>Franklin *</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
Jan. 16	at Anderson *	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	at Manchester *	3 p.m.
Jan. 24	<b>Wabash *</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
Jan. 27	at Franklin *	3 p.m.
Jan. 31	at DePauw *	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 3	<b>Hanover *</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
Feb. 7	<b>Anderson *</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
Feb. 14	at Wabash *	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	<b>Manchester *</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>

Home games are in bold.

\* - ICAC Tournament

† - Trinity (Texas) Tournament

‡ - Rose-Hulman Invitational

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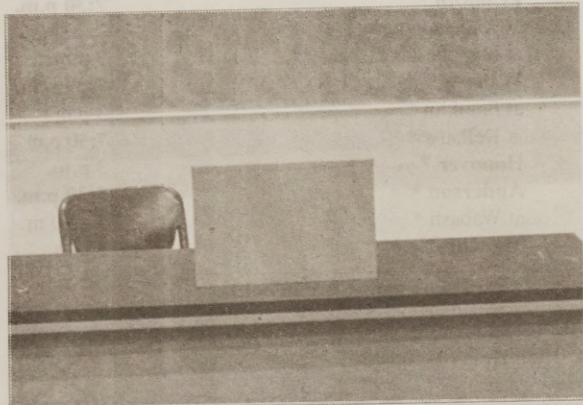
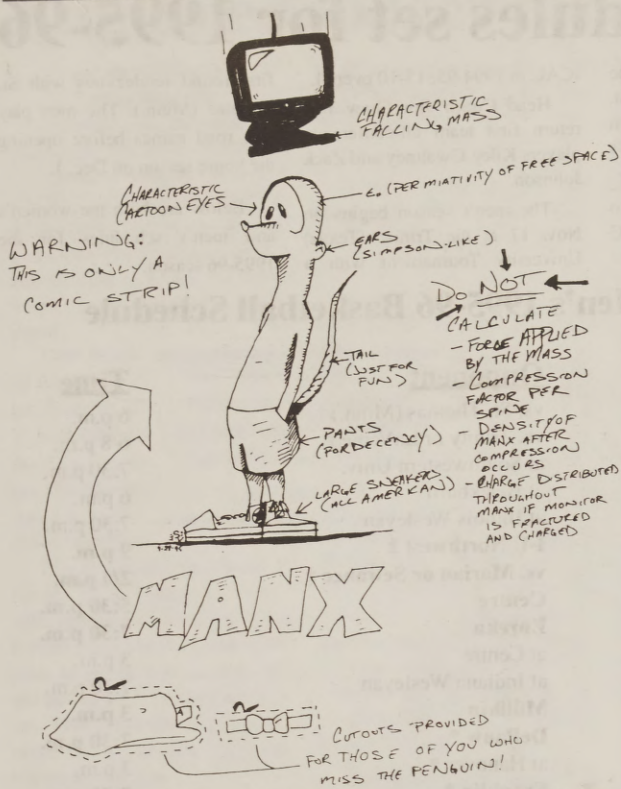
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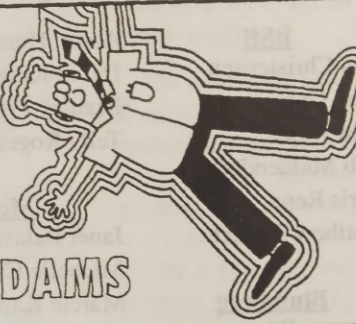
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