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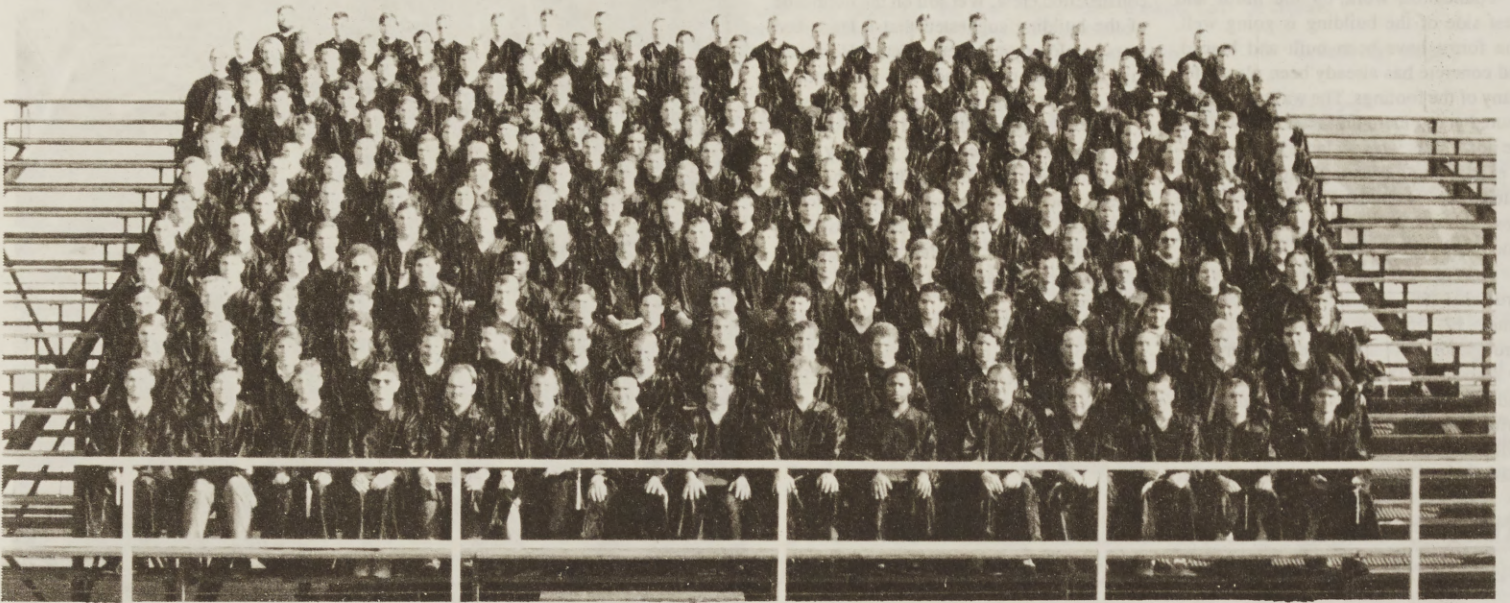


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## Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Class of 1995

### Rose to increase world recognition, host Pew Charitable Trusts discussions

by Kevin Gaither  
Thorn Reporter

"We're really excited about the possibility of becoming involved with them," stated Dick Boyce, director of corporate relations, about the roundtable discussion sponsored by the Pew Charitable Trusts that Rose will host this summer.

The Pew Charitable Trusts is a collective name for a set of seven individual trusts that grants over \$165 million annually, with an average grant size of approximately \$328,000.

"Of particular interest," commented Boyce, "is that it is a national and international philanthropic trust that has a long history of supporting higher education."

"We as a Midwestern small private institution have struggled to achieve some degree of identity, especially on the west and east coasts," added Boyce.

The roundtable was started a little over a year ago and may finish in another year, and hopes to conduct with approximately 100 schools across the U.S.

Two or three topics will be discussed with a facilitator from the Pew Higher Education Research Program and will conduct, transcribe, and summarize the roundtable.

One possible topic that Rose-Hulman may discuss could be "Integration of Computers into Higher Education."

The *Policy Perspectives*, a publication of the Pew Higher Education Research Program, serves as a vehicle by and through which the roundtable's conclusions and recommendations are shared with institutions across the world.

Through the *Policy Perspectives*, Rose-Hulman may become more recognized across the world. "We are confident that this will be duly noted," explained Boyce.

About eight weeks after this, a second Roundtable will be presented concerning the outcome of the first and hopefully to come to some resolution.

"The focus is not on how much money the Pew Charitable Trust has," Boyce continued, "but how Rose-Hulman might benefit in the long term by agreeing to participate in an exercise of this nature."

### Marilyn Quayle to receive honorary degree and speak at commencement

Marilyn Tucker Quayle will receive one of five honorary degrees to be awarded during the 117th commencement at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology May 27.

In conjunction with her honorary degree, Quayle will also deliver the commencement address during ceremonies that begin at 11 a.m. in Shook Memorial Fieldhouse.

Quayle will be awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters degree by Rose-Hulman President Samuel Hulbert.

Joining her as honorary degree recipients will be Terre Haute native David Staggs, retired partner and general manager, Dames & Moore, Great Falls, Va; Mac Fehsenfeld, president, Crystal Flash Petroleum Corp., Indianapolis; Milton Lowenstein, retired manager and senior planner for computer applications; NYNEX Corp., New York, New York; and Clyde Willian, president and director, Willian Brinks Hofer Gilson and Lione, Ltd.; Chicago, Ill. The four will receive honorary doctor of engineering degrees.

Quayle is a partner in the Indianapolis

law firm of Krieg, DeVault, Alexander and Capehart. She practices in the legal areas of general corporate, international, and health care law. She is the national spokesperson for the National Cancer Institute's Breast Cancer Summits and was involved



Marilyn Quayle

with the creation of the Women's Health Division at the National Institutes of Health.

In addition, she has served on the board of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and was chair of the International Disasters Advisory Committee for the Agency for International Development.

Staggs is a specialist in geotechnical and environmental engineering and site selection for major industrial facilities. As a partner and general manager of Dames & Moore, he was involved in the overall management and direction of the international consulting engineering firm which specializes in the applied earth sciences.

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## Union to be enclosed by Labor Day

by Scott Allen  
Thorn Reporter

When asked how the union project was going, Wayne Spary, director of Physical Plant Services, said, "It's been raining a little bit more than we'd like, so it's held us up." However, overall, things seem to be progressing smoothly for the Union renovation.

Foundation work on the north and west side of the building is going well. The forms have been built and braced, and concrete has already been placed for many of the footings. The walls should be poured soon, including the large wall on the north side, where a large hole currently exists. The mechanical area will be located there. Foundation work from the west side of the building to the Music Room should be completed by June 12.

According to the current schedule, the structural steel will also be delivered on June 12. Steelwork will continue throughout July, and should be finished by August 10. During this time, the floors and metal decking for the roof and the exterior block will also be installed. This will allow the building to be enclosed by Labor Day, when school resumes next

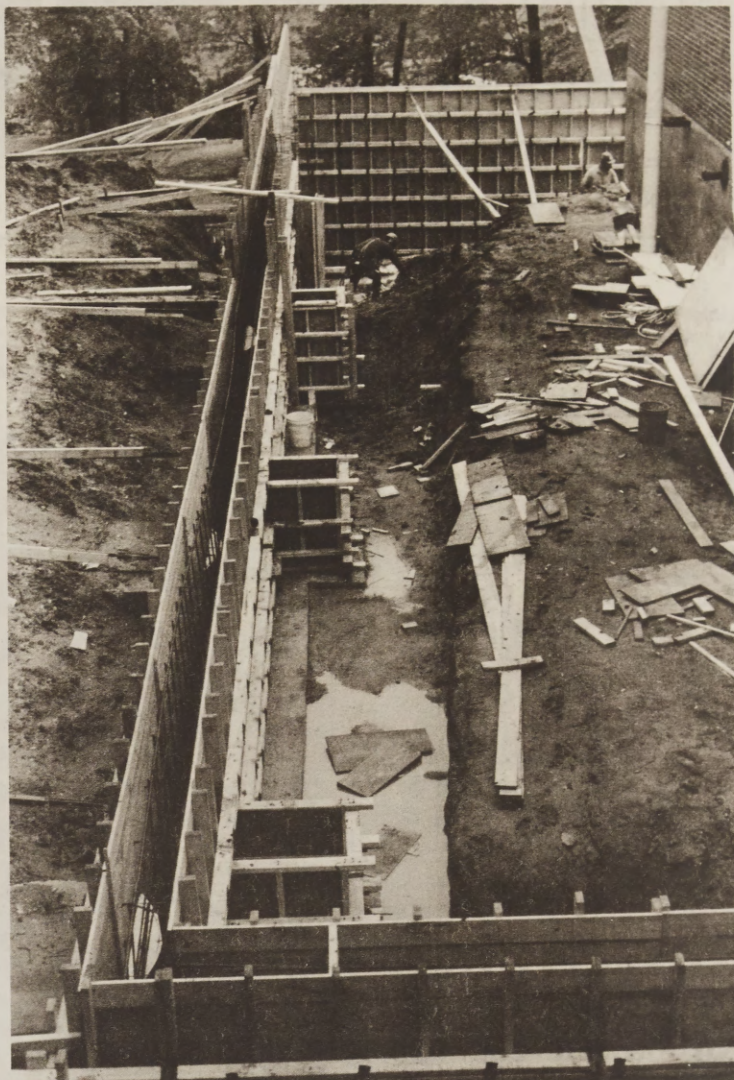
year.

The large mechanical equipment will be put into the building in July while the walls are still absent. Additional electrical and mechanical work will be performed as soon as the building is enclosed.

Scott Francis, vice president of CDI, the firm in charge of the project, said that only one problem has been encountered by the construction crew. Wet soil on the north side of the building suggested that a leach bed from an old septic system existed. However, this idea was dismissed, and the footings were sunk two feet deeper to avoid this soil.

The only change that will affect students over the summer, according to Spary, concerns the bookstore. During the second week in June, the bookstore will be moved to the gameroom. This will allow additional work to take place on the west side of the building. The change will last until the end of March next year.

"All the other inconveniences that you're going to see will happen in the spring and summer (of next year). That's when we'll be redoing the Worx and the dining room," added Spary. In the meantime, construction will continue toward an August 1996 completion date.



**Manning the trenches**

Work continues on the Hulman Union renovation project. When students arrive next fall, the new addition is expected to be enclosed.

photo by Ben Jackson

## Rose graduates find that recruitment takes backseat to student search for employment

by Thomas Hill  
Thorn Reporter

Changes in the job environment have caused graduating seniors to adjust how they search for employment.

Of the 260 students graduating this year, approximately 70-75 percent either have job offers or plans for graduate school.

Approximately 20 percent of these students will attend graduate schools, including M.I.T., Stanford, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Purdue. Most of these students will continue to study engineering, but a few will go to medical school.

However, most Rose students don't go to graduate school directly upon graduation. Fifty percent of students have already found employment, with a portion of them going into the military. Manufacturing-related and consulting positions were strong this year.

Many engineers were hired by Delco Electronics, Anderson Consulting, Ford, Caterpillar, Warehouse Equipment, EDS and Siemens, a technical conglomerate similar to G.E. Despite offers by these large companies, Rose students are now hired by a much broader base of employers than in the past.

This year, the job market has shown some improvement, but students must search diligently for a job.

Bill Lindstaedt, placement director, described the situation: "From the stu-

dents' perspective, the job market has gone from a sellers' market to a buyers' market, with the company being the buyer. The company can afford to sit back and wait for the student to come looking for them."

Lindstaedt hopes that more and more students realize this trend. Also, he emphasized the importance of having engineering experience in either a co-op or internship program. Most of the students in Rose's pilot co-op program have secured co-op positions, and the remaining few students who signed up should be placed soon.

Most of the majors offered at Rose have decent placement rates. As of now, the majors with the highest placement rates include mechanical engineering and civil engineering. Currently, Computer Science majors have the best employment opportunities.

Lindstaedt said that "If [graduating students] have a C.S. degree, they're in the driver's seats right now. Any C.S. that tried to find a job has had an offer."

The placement situation for all Rose students should become better. Coeducation and other changes, such as computerization and increased project emphasis in the curriculum are making Rose more attractive. Lindstaedt will meet with Proctor and Gamble, Toyota and G.E. soon to discuss these changes.

Lindstaedt advised that the students who haven't been placed yet should visit the Office of Career Services before they leave campus so that they can take advantage of the office's resources.

tem failures in interoffice telephone links. He also supervised the creation of several failure tracking systems that were adopted by Bell and non-Bell telephone companies.

Willian is known as one of the nation's leading legal professionals in the areas of intellectual property and antitrust laws. His clients have included multinational companies such as Coca-Cola and British Petroleum. He served as lead trial counsel for the Ransburg Corp., one of the nation's most successful patent and technology licensing companies.

Staggs, Fehsenfeld, Lowenstein and Willian are Rose-Hulman alumni.

## ATO cook retires after 18 years

After 18 years of caring for the men of Alpha Tau Omega, Barbara Schimmel is hanging up her apron. After many years of loyal service, Barb, as she is affectionately called, has announced that she is retiring at the end of this school year.

Over the years, she has been much more than a cook. She has given motherly support to the men of ATO during their years at Rose-Hulman from sewing a button to loving and helpful advice that only

a mother could give.

Close to 200 family, friends and alumni gathered together on April 29 to honor her for her services. Many memories were shared and many thank you's were given to a woman who has gone above and beyond the call of duty.

Barb Schimmel is a true friend who will be hard to replace and will be dearly missed.

Thanks, Barb!

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## QUAYLE

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Staggs has worked on engineering projects in the United States, Europe, Latin America and the Middle East.

Fehsenfeld is president of a petroleum company that includes 54 service station and convenience store outlets in Indiana and Michigan. He is a retired trustee of the Heritage Group, consisting of companies involved in environmental engineering, road construction and the manufacture of asphalt.

Lowenstein helped establish the first minicomputer complex to track sys-



## Beyond brainstorming: exploring the need for creativity

by Chad Zigler

After four years, Rose-Hulman will give each of its graduates many tools to use as engineers -- tools for analysis, tools for design, communication skills and computer skills. These skills will be important to many of the engineers, but experience will eventually prove to be the most valuable asset that an engineer can have.

Can Rose-Hulman give its graduates anything else that would prepare them for the future and set them apart from other engineers from other institutions? Some peo-

ple may suggest more practical experience during the educational process, but I say there is a more valuable skill -- creativity.

Yes, creativity will soon be one of the most important skills engineers and other leaders can have to solve problems. However, problem solving is not the only use of creative ideas. The ability to perceive things in a different way could be just as important to engineers who wish to improve already successful concepts to give them or their companies a competitive edge.

My interest in creativity, or more

specifically deliberate creativity, did not surface until this quarter when I took ME380 -- Creative Design. Initially I took the class because it fit into my schedule nicely, but I soon realized the importance of the course material. This was the first time the class was offered, and Dr. Don Dekker seemed very excited to get a chance to teach it.

During the quarter the class read two very interesting books, "Conceptual Blockbusting" by James L. Adams and "Serious Creativity" by Edward De Bono. Both of these

books were instrumental in exposing the use of creativity to solve problems and to overcome mental blocks.

De Bono's book was especially useful because it presented ways to use creativity on demand. In particular, a concept called lateral thinking was introduced that allows normal thinking patterns to be changed so that new perceptions can be generated, along with many other methods. De Bono stresses the point that creative thinking can be learned and practiced.

De Bono's methods have been

utilized by the top five corporations in the world and many other well-known companies such as Du Pont and Prudential Insurance. His ideas have been criticized by skeptics but praised by the business leaders of the world.

Why should creative thinking be taught to engineering students? The reasons are obvious. Most courses at Rose deal with analysis, and those that do deal with design are not structured to allow students to be creative.

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## The more things change...the more they stay the same

by Paul Sigler

Gerald and I were sitting by the south shore of Speed Lake feeding squirrels and contemplating the peculiar green color of the water when the tour group began heading across the bridge toward Speed Hall.

"Pretty cute," Gerald said.

I looked to see one of the A-team students leading a group of three people. The two in the lead were stunningly parental. The father wore an open-throated tattersall shirt and a tan sports coat with patched elbows. The mother wore slacks and a silk skirt, with a small gold chain glittering on her bodice. A weekend getaway for the Executive family.

The prospective was a petite girl of about 18 with long chestnut hair in a braid that hung between her shoulderblades. Her face was narrow, her cheekbones were high, and her eyes were sharp and bright. Her head swiveled slightly as she walked, taking in everything from BSB to the observatory. A pair of students walked past the group. They nodded their hellos, and continued on. One looked back at the girl as they were crossing the bridge.

The guide was answering a question from one of the parents. "No, they'll be in BSB," he said, pointing. "There'll be a floor on BSB for them."

"In a couple more years, they won't look back," I said to Gerald, who nodded. Gerald had gone to Rose in the late 80's. Gerald knew what it was like to jump up and run to the door when you heard high heels clicking in the corridor. In a few years that would all be gone. The women would be assimilated, and no longer would there be a half dozen faces behind the screened windows of Speed Hall staring out at the prospective and her parents.

"What do you think of all that?" Gerald asked.

I shrugged. The truth was that the guy who had looked had probably only been curious. When I was a freshman, women were such a

novelty that their presence could almost be felt, much like the rush of warm air you felt after stepping out of an air-conditioned building on a muggy day. The women were partly distinguished visitors, and partly violators of the *sanctum sanctorum*.

"Natural, I suppose," I said. "It needed to happen."

Gerald grunted. He was an alumnus, a guardian of the contest-belching, towel-snapping days of yore. But he didn't argue. The debate had been over for three and a half years. The only thing anyone could do now was to bite their tongue and make it work.

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We took a walk around campus, past the frisbee golf course that had popped up last year, and down toward the baseball field.

"When did that show up?" Gerald asked, pointing toward the emergency call box near the bridge.

"Last year sometime."

"Has there been a problem?"

"Not yet," I said. It seemed that no one thought there *would* be a problem-- the call boxes were something that a school just *did* when it went coed. Maybe it was for insurance reasons. Maybe it was a superstition-- something old, something new, something borrowed...

"I heard there were problems earlier with people pushing the buttons for things that weren't emergencies," I said absently. "I'd bet that if you pushed it, it'd take Security ten minutes to get here."

"No way," Gerald said. "There's no way they'd make it in ten minutes."

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The fieldhouse was open, but I had to show my ID and vouch for Gerald's lack of evil intentions in order to get in.

"No body-cavity searches?" Gerald asked between his teeth.

"Been a lot of problems down here."

He shook his head. "They never did before."

He was right. During my freshman year, the fieldhouse had remained open, unmolested, until 1 a.m. during the week. Back then, I never carried my ID unless I wanted to check out a book or cash a check. The same was true in the residence halls. We left our doors open and unlocked. CDs were borrowed freely between rooms, and none ever came up missing. Door locks were only used during breaks.

Then the computers had begun to be stolen, and then the fieldhouse had been vandalized, and on, and on. I told Gerald about it as we got changed into our sweats. He listened in silence as he placed his street clothes into a locker. The clang of the locker door, amplified by the concrete walls, sounded like a cell door slamming shut.

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We took a run along the tracks toward Grey Road and I pointed out the land that Rose had recently acquired from the Hulmans. Gerald whistled.

"What are they going to do with all that?"

I shrugged. "Expand."

Gerald, of course, knew about the Union expansion and the "Vision To Be the Best" campaign. He hadn't appreciated the scope of the whole thing, however, until we ran to Grey Road and back up to Wabash.

"When I went to Rose, they were still trying to refurbish Moench," he said as we panted up the hill. "And now look."

Indeed. Enough land to lay down three or four Moench Halls and still have plenty of room for parking. But who would fill the classrooms? I wondered about that sometimes. Rose has always been a small, intimate school, but in the past year its land holdings have almost doubled. How long until the student body expanded as well?

Perhaps that was already happening. The incoming freshman class is already one of the largest Rose has ever seen. With the enrollment pool of Rose-Hulman vastly increased thanks to coeducation, there was really no reason to keep the school small.

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We got cleaned up and headed into Moench Hall so that I could check my e-mail. The shiny new Pentiums filled most of the room. Over in the corner, four NeXTs sat awaiting their final curtain as the age of laptops grew near. I picked a NeXT and logged in. The Pentiums, for all their speed and power, were on a network that didn't yet include an e-mail application.

Gerald toyed with the NeXT on my left. "These things were hotter than hell's half acre a few years ago," he said absently. "Now you can't even buy one."

"The price of living on the cutting edge," I said. "You can't even log onto those Pentiums half the time."

"What'll their network do with an additional 400 laptops?" Gerald asked.

I shrugged. "Crash."

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We walked past the mailroom toward the

south end of Moench, and saw a senior poring over the announcements on the career bulletin board.

"Rough year," Gerald said.

"You noticed," I replied. Gerald's generation had never had to worry about "downsizing", or "rightsizing", or whatever the hell they are calling it now. Once it had been a bull market, and the companies had recruited so heavily at Rose that it was never a question so much of getting a job as of getting the *right* job. Now even an interview was questionable.

It was late evening, and the halls were empty as we wandered about campus. The classrooms were dark but the labs were open and filled with students working frenetically, trying to make designs work, trying to force the data to assume the proper shape before the end of tenth week. We took a loop through Olin, gandering at Chem E's who, much to their woe, hadn't yet finished their plant design projects. We glanced into the Civ E lab and saw a pair of students swearing skillfully at an AutoCAD terminal.

Somehow we ended up in Moench again, leaning on the rail looking over the commons. By the checkerboard was a lab group-- a consortium student and two male freshmen-- trying to massage their data into a coherent form. Scattered around them were tom pages from a lab book, empty BigFoot cups, Taco Bell wrappers, calculators, pencils and the scent of frustration. All three were staring blankly at a hard copy of a graph. One of the guys punched some buttons on his calculator without enthusiasm. He hit the ENTER button and stared at the result, then shook his head and sat back wearily.

"The more things change..." said Gerald under his breath.

I looked carefully at the consortium student. Contrasted with her lab partners, she looked young, pretty and vibrant. But there were hints of circles under her eyes-- small shadows in unattractive places said all that had to be said about how their lab was going.

She would probably pack it in a bit earlier than her lab partners. Off-campus students had a way of doing that that the dorm dwellers couldn't quite match. But, slowly and surely, she was being assimilated. Soon, she too would turn over in bed at night mumbling about logarithms and linear regression. Soon, she too would wander the halls like the undead, staring through the passers-by, stumbling from lecture to lecture, wishing only for sleep and an end to the endless buzzing of caffeine and pressure and exhaustion. Soon, despite our worst predictions, she would be one of us.

"...the more they stay the same," he finished.

We sat watching a while longer as the lab partners scratched and scribbled and calculated in vain. Part of staying on the cutting edge was knowing what things to change and what not to. The lab group members couldn't see that far yet, but Gerald and I could. We had been seasoned by four years of Rose-Hulman and nine levels of hell. We could see for miles.

Because the sharpest of the human senses is the sixth: Hindsight.

## Catholic Mass

Saturday Evenings

7 p.m. in Hulman Memorial Union.

(See the board for exact location.)

### Also please note:

Fr. Martin Day, Catholic campus minister for Rose-Hulman and Indiana State University, is on campus on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. Stop in at the music room of the student union and say hi!



## Balanced budget debate continues between Republicans and "reactionaries"



**George Will**  
Syndicated  
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Washington Post

WASHINGTON--In 1940 scholars reported that among the Hottentots the notion of infinity began at the number three. When you asked a Hottentot how many cows he had, if he had more than three he simply said he had an uncountable "many."

Most Americans must feel much like that regarding the budget numbers now being bandied about. But the most interesting number to emerge in the budget argument that last week got down to brass tacks is not \$1,400,000,000,000, the amount House Republicans propose to cut from projected spending through 2002. Rather, the fascinating number is an unprepossessing 2. That is the number of sharply defined political parties now driving the national debate.

One party is conservative, as Americans use that term. The other is, strictly speaking, reactionary.

Conservation is not exactly the conservative party's current fixation. Speaker Gingrich says, with Cromwellian brio, "We simply need to reach out and erase the slate and start over." Well, not quite, but by the standards of the Republicans' mostly rhetorical assaults on the federal government in recent years, today's Republican budget proposals are truly radical.

One sign of the difference is semantic. Until recently, entitlement programs were routinely referred to as "uncontrollables," as though they were facts of nature rather than political choices.

The reactionary party, which today does little other than react against proposals for change, expects Republicans' radicalism to offend a large majority of voters. Democrats assume that the politics of banal materialism--the fierce attachment of interest groups to their federal benefits--will bring the Cromwells to heel, and to electoral grief.

What a difference three decades make. Paul Starr, a Democrat writing in *The American Prospect*, the most interesting redoubt of liberal thinking, was speaking primarily of Democrats when he said:

"During the 1960s, many observers thought America

### The reactionary party expects Republicans' radicalism to offend a large majority of voters

was entering a post-materialist era; we had allegedly solved the problems of basic living standards and could afford to worry about long-ignored injustices and experiment with new lifestyles and states of consciousness."

Today it is Republicans who are attempting to practice post-materialist politics, not least with a budget that challenges virtually the entire society to accept material losses for non-material gains. The moral argument for balancing the budget



without raising taxes is only partly one of intergenerational justice; it is more than the admonition that it is not nice to foist onto the unborn a large portion of the costs of one's current consumption. The larger argument is that an unseemly spectacle--an uncivic gluttony--has resulted from "the principle of compulsory compassion."

That phrase is from Harvey Mansfield, professor of political philosophy at Harvard, who elaborates:

"The principle is compassion for others and security for oneself: in sum, 'social security,' the name of the first entitlement. When health and environmental security are added to economic, it becomes clear that the object is a riskless existence protected by a caring government. Such an object has no limit by which to control expenditure, because there always are new sources of insecurity and expensive new remedies."

Actually, the first large entitlement--larger in its percent-

age of federal spending than Social Security is today--was the pension system for Civil War veterans, widows and orphans. However, that was primarily the result of an interest group with high moral prestige, not the result of the governmental promiscuousness that comes from the principle of compulsory compassion.

Back then, the government's fiscal problem was the huge budget surplus produced by high tariffs. So the 1888

### Democrats oppose a balanced budget amendment because they oppose a balanced budget

Republican platform promised generosity and proclaimed, "In the presence of an overflowing treasury, it would be a public scandal to do less for those whose valorous service preserved the government." A century later, governmental promiscuousness has solved

one problem, that of an overflowing treasury.

In the coming debate about balancing the budget, the Republicans will prevail, and will deserve to, only if they blend moral and prudential arguments. They must convince the country that pursuit of a riskless existence is not merely expensive but unworthy.

The Republican blueprint for a balanced budget already has clarified the competition between the parties by ending the charade Democrats conduct concerning a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget. Democrats have been saying: We agree about the goal but deny the necessity of constitutional compulsion and disagree with Republicans' details. But now Democrats suddenly say a balanced budget may be incompatible with prosperity. It is now clear that Democrats oppose a balanced budget amendment because they oppose balanced budgets. The country will have a stark choice next year.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Consortium students relate concerns

It is unfortunate that the news article in last week's *Thorn* chose to dwell on the negatives of our discussion rather than the many positives we have found about Rose-Hulman.

The conversation was a freewheeling discussion and perhaps easily misunderstood as to our experiences at Rose this year. We were surprised by statements attributed to specific individuals given the format of the interview and the context in which those comments were made.

It would have been nice to have seen the many references we made about our positive experiences at Rose, such as the benefits we have gotten from taking part in the freshman curriculum, the knowledge we have gained about the campus social and academic climate, the friends we have made, and the openness and friendliness we have found at Rose (unlike ISU).

In summary, while all of us have experienced isolated incidents of sexism, insensitivity, and just plain ignorance, we very much look forward to our continued careers at Rose-Hulman. Let's face it; if things had been as bad as it sounded in the article, why would we want to come back next fall?

Sincerely,

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### From a homophobic's point of view

To the Editor:

This is a response to an editorial article that appeared in the *Rose Thorn* last week concerning the "many students at this school with slight to extreme cases of homophobia." The title of the article was, "Homophobia still final barrier to understanding." In the article homophobia was defined as the irrational or abnormal fear of homosexuals. Defined like this, I believe there are far fewer than 'many' students who could be considered homophobic in the sense that they feel endangered when a homosexual is present. The author did, however, admit the term has strayed considerably from this definition. I believe it has strayed to the point of encompassing people like me. Although I don't fear homosexuals, I do believe a homosexual lifestyle is wrong, I have little tolerance of it, and I find the thought of two men attempting intercourse repugnant. Fitting the article's definition of a homophobic, I would like to speak for our side.

I have no intentions of seeing a psychologist as the article suggested because of my aversion to a homosexual's choice of sexual orientation or because the thought of being in another man's sexual fantasies unsettles me. I'm not confused, embarrassed, resentful, or guilty about my sexual orientation. I'm perfectly happy being a heterosexual and couldn't care less if homosexuals don't understand my attraction to women. To be honest, I find it ironic that I'm the one seen as needing a psychologist.

The author of the article is a big enough person to say that everyone is entitled to their own opinion. But upon further reading of the article I found a qualification on 'everyone.' People who disapprove of a homosexual lifestyle are exempt. We're not allowed to hold the opinion that a homosexual is in the wrong, for that's too close-minded of us.

My homophobia is unacceptable according to the article. In other words, my natural repulsion towards homosexuality is intolerable. I'm told I should seek help in getting over it so I can better understand homosexuals. I'm confused as to why my natural repulsion of homosexuality is wrong; but am asked to support and understand a homosexual's "natural" affinity of men.

'Often, indifference is enough. Other times, support and understanding are needed.' Well, if support and understanding is what a homosexual wants, then here it is. I understand that you have a problem, and I'm willing to support you in dealing with it. But if acceptance is what you are really after, then I'm not the person you should come to. It wouldn't be right for me to accept homosexuality as an alternative lifestyle anymore than accepting bestiality as an alternative lifestyle. Homosexuals may be insulted by being associated with pervers who practice bestiality, but if you ask yourself one of those difficult questions the author talked about, you will see where I'm coming from. Under who's authority can society erase the traditional line drawn in choosing a partner with which to mate and then redraw it to accommodate homosexuals but not pervers? If society can't tell a homosexual he's wrong in his choice of mate, than it has no right to tell a pervert he's wrong for his choice of a goat.

At this point I'd like to make it clear that I don't hate homosexuals. In fact I do have a degree of sympathy for them. The sympathy is not for the lack of support they crave, but for the coarse treatment a lot of time they get from those lacking in tact. It is the same kind of sympathy I'd have for a promiscuous teenager who is thoughtlessly ridiculed for her lewdness, when what she really needs is help in finding less self-destructive ways to find the love and affection she desperately needs.

I know better than to think this article will win me any understanding from homosexuals. In fact, they're probably pretty ticked at me. So this is more for those who think homosexuality is wrong like I do, but are intimidated by people who call us homophobic, or worse yet prejudiced. I'm tired of us being made out to be the bad guys for holding on to our traditional moral values. Understand that a victory for homosexuals in the acceptance of homosexuality merely as an alternative lifestyle necessitates the defeat of traditional morality which I think is vital to a healthy society. I feel no shame in fighting to uphold it regardless of what I'm labeled. In closing, I'd like to ask you to quit trying to force your immorality on us.

Clay Wulliman

### CREATIVITY

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The closest to creativity that any course gets is the use of brainstorming. De Bono mentions in his book that brainstorming is an inefficient way of producing new ideas, and it often does not allow people to break away from normal, logical patterns of thought when completely new ideas are needed.

Another reason why engineers need creativity is because of the continual improvement of computer modeling and analysis capability. Eventually engineers will no longer be needed to perform the detailed calculations and analyses. All of this will be done by computers, and it will be the engineer's primary function to develop new ideas -- creative ideas. Without this ability, engineers may become obsolete. This is not to say that a firm understanding of the engineering theories is not needed, but instead of relying on these theories to be the primary tools for solving problems, they should serve as "springboards."

How should creative thinking be taught to engineering students? The course I took this Spring was a good introduction to deliberate creativity, but it didn't give students enough practice at using De Bono's methods of producing new ideas. Instead of merely reading the books and responding to the material, students should be given numerous opportunities to use the techniques presented in the class.

Rose-Hulman has committed itself to giving its students (or customers) a quality education that stresses working in teams to solve problems. Now, students and professors need to be committed to making creative thinking a focal point for all engineering curricula. Not only should courses be taught specifically dealing with creative design, but other courses that emphasize engineering design should incorporate these methods. After four years of continual exposure, graduates will be able to call upon creative thinking to develop solutions to problems that had never before been conceived. Without this ability, Rose-Hulman students will lose their competitive edge.

## Coeducation Update revisited

by Scott Allen

Wednesday, I received the last *Coeducation Update* in the mail. And some of the items in this issue prompted me to write.

Let me begin by saying that I am in favor of coeducation. The addition of women to the campus will increase the high standards that we all enjoy here. (After all, that's why we have all stayed, right?) Women will contribute additional viewpoints and backgrounds to help diversify the school, and will add a new dimension to our competitive edge. Women do exist in the workplace, and I am glad that they now have the opportunity to enjoy the same excellent education I have had for four years. I think next year will be a great chapter in Rose-Hulman's history.

But several of the statements in the *Coeducation Update* bothered me. The article "Reviewing climate factors" contains several points which were taken from Association of American Colleges reports authored by Bernice R. Sandler and Roberta M. Hall. I read several of these reports (although I must admit that too little time existed to read through them all), and was disappointed at their overall viewpoint. They all strongly suggest that all men treat women badly, whether intentionally or not. It made me wonder how biased these reports are, just in the opposite direction of the topics they were discussing.

One of the "micro-inequities" (behaviors that single out women) is "disparaging women... and questioning their intellectual abilities." However, you must be careful to distinguish between questioning the ability of a woman and questioning the ability of a student. I expect to be questioned. It is part of the learning process. But, I also agree that some questions that may be asked are asked for inappropriate reasons.

A second point of these reports was the use of language that excludes women, i.e. "he". Sandler and Hall suggest that universities and colleges "adopt a non-sexist language policy to cover all... communication," such as the one in place at the University of New Hampshire. While I think it is important to consider how ideas are to be expressed, I think that there are certain times when policies become excessive. "He" has always been used as a traditional neutral pronoun. Unless the English language adds and accepts a new word, I think "he" will continue to be used because of its simplicity, compared to "he/she" or "a person" in every line of a document.

I believe that the real key to working with people, whether they are of a different sexual, racial, or ethical background, is to treat people how *you* want to be treated. With respect, with fairness, and as a professional.

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# Rose baseball squad earns ICAC championship

by Chip Bradway  
Sports Editor

Great pitching, strong defense, and timely hitting are what wins championships. The Rose-Hulman baseball team proved this last weekend by winning the ICAC Tournament, defeating the host team Anderson 11-2, Hanover 7-3, and Anderson again, 10-7.

The Engineers entered the four-team tournament as a darkhorse to win, due to their 4th place finish of the regular season. With his team confident and focused on their task ahead, Engineer Coach Jeff Jenkins guided his team to the first outright ICAC championship in Rose-Hulman history, in any sport.

**Game 1** The Engineers jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the second inning and never looked back, winning by a final score of 11-2. Senior pitcher Alan Eller went the distance for the Engineers, scattering six hits while striking out two. Sophomore shortstop Jeff Schwegman led the team's offense with two hits, including a double and four RBI's. Center-fielder Nate Warfel also had two hits and three RBI's.

**Game 2** After being down 3-1 in the second inning, the Engineers battled back with one run in the fourth and two in the fifth to go ahead 4-3. The Engineers added three more security runs en-route to a 7-3 victory. Eric Tryon pitched the entire game, fanning seven while only walking two. Aaron Junkersfeld went four for five at the plate, while Brian Maryan added three RBI's. Junior catcher Kyle Curry had a triple.

**Game 3** Both teams came out swinging, scoring three runs each in the first inning. The Engineers responded by adding 3 more in the second to lead 6-4. The Anderson Ravens fought back to tie the game in the seventh inning at 7-7. The



Sophomores Cassidy Clark and Craig Holder celebrate after winning the ICAC baseball tournament last weekend. The title was the first non-shared championship won by any Engineer team in school history.

Photo by James Mann

Engineers then broke the game wide open in the eighth, scoring the last three runs of the game to win 10-7.

Freshman Matt Sims picked up the win in relief as Eller got the save. Freshman Jimmy Costa had three hits and three RBI's. Eric Tryon had two hits and three RBI's.

The team finished the season with a 22-20 record.

## Baseball Results

April 12-13

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Jeff Schwegman 4 RBI; Clinton Hiatt  
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WP - Eric Tryon. Tryon and Kyle Curry.  
Brian Maryan 3 RBI; Aaron Junkersfeld 4  
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## Babe Ruth turns academic conference into baseball fan's dream come true

While academic conferences can be pretty stuffy events, a recent program at Hofstra University could have easily had peanut and popcorn vendors hawking in the aisles, and no one would have batted an eye.

Poets, scholars and baseball fans of all ages converged in Hempstead, N.Y., last week for "Baseball and The Sultan of Swat," the first annual conference on Babe Ruth.

Participants in the conference discussed everything about the Bambino from his hitting style to his legendary drinking habits. Hofstra University, located less than an hour from Yankee Stadium, where Ruth spent 15 seasons, sponsored the event.

"It was a great way to welcome back baseball, even if I think today's players are a disgrace compared to men like Babe Ruth," said Tom Aravino, who traveled from Buffalo for the

event. "Babe Ruth is all about baseball, and baseball is all about guys like Babe Ruth."

The memory of Ruth, who played seven seasons for the Boston Red Sox in addition to his time spent with the New York Yankees, inspired 30 poets, all of whom made their way to the university's Adams Playhouse to pitch their poems about their favorite boy of summer before a live audience.

In addition, more than 100 scholars presented academic papers on Babe Ruth, who died in 1948.

Mike Dailies, director of media relations for the university, said the attendance of 500 was twice as many as expected. "We drew scholars, fans and reporters—many more than we thought we would," said Dailies. "It was a baseball fan's dream come true."

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## Wolverine fans shocked by Moeller's arrest and resignation

University of Michigan students and alumni say they were shocked by the arrest and subsequent resignation of Head Football Coach Gary Moeller.

At a university where football coaches have become living legends, many Wolverine fans are asking themselves what could have led to Moeller's drunken dethronement.

In 1990, when Bo Schembechler announced his retirement as coach of the UM football team, he was honored with his share of accolades on and off the field. And while the legendary coach never brought a national title home to Ann Arbor, he was recognized for his commitment to excellence and his well-run program.

Gary Moeller had enjoyed a similar tenure until recently. Since his first season, Moeller has fallen short of a national title but won enough Big Ten championships to keep the alumni happy. And like Schembechler before him, Moeller's program remained clean.

But after Moeller's arrest last week, some cracks have begun to appear at the base of the proud Wolverine foundation.

"I don't think Moeller did anything wrong when he was coach, but it's obvious that the pressure just got to him," says Rick Chabula, a UM sophomore.

"There's a lot of people here who want the coach's head every time we lose a game. You can put up a good face, but you're bound to crack at some point."

Moeller, 54, was arrested April 28 after hassling customers at a restaurant in suburban Detroit. As police took Moeller through the parking lot, the Michigan coach punched an officer in the chest.

Moeller is being charged with disorderly conduct and assault and battery. The two charges, both misdemeanors, carry a maximum penalty of 90 days in jail and a \$500 fine.

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Michigan President James Duderstadt suspended Moeller two days after the incident, telling reporters that "the most important thing in intercollegiate athletics at Michigan will involve the integrity of our program."

Two days later, Moeller resigned. "I would like to make it clear that my conduct last Friday is in no way an indicative of an alcohol problem, that it does not reflect on any family difficulties between me and my wife, Ann, or any other member of my family," said Moeller in a released statement. "I have left my job as head football coach, but I still have my family and my dignity."

Moeller's resignation came as a shock to most football fans, including Chris Luendowski, who graduated from Michigan in 1992.

"I thought it would blow over in a week but the media really seemed intent on making it an issue," says Luendowski, who still travels to at least four

games in Ann Arbor a year from his New York home. "They crucified the guy. What he did was stupid, sure, but he didn't deserve to get hung out to dry."

Other Michigan alumni aren't quite as sympathetic. "We should get (former Colorado coach) Bill McCartney in here as soon as possible," says Eric Samms, who graduated from the university last year. "Moeller wasn't a winner. We needed a new coach anyway to get the Rose Bowl back from Penn State."

Not all Michigan graduates are concerned about bowl games, however. "I would rather watch the Wolverines lose to Ohio State every year than get caught in some scandal," says John Hollowman, who graduated from Michigan in 1987.

"There's supposedly a difference between our program and the SMUs and Oklahomas. I shudder every time I read about a player getting in trouble."

Not that there has been a lot to read about since Moeller had arrived. But in the past two years, various members of Moeller's team have been involved in a

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credit card scam and a bomb-making incident at the 1993 Rose Bowl and have had problems with academic eligibility.

Still, some argue that the same occasional mishaps took place under Schem-

bechler but were squelched by the coach before the press found out.

Those close to the program say Moeller was constantly stressing integ-

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ity and good conduct to his players. Two hours after his arrest last week, Moeller regretfully maintained his position.

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In cases where misconduct was reported, athletic director Joe Roberson says that the responsible players were all immediately disciplined.

"There has never been any question about the quality of Coach Moeller's program," he says. "We stand by the integrity of Michigan athletics."

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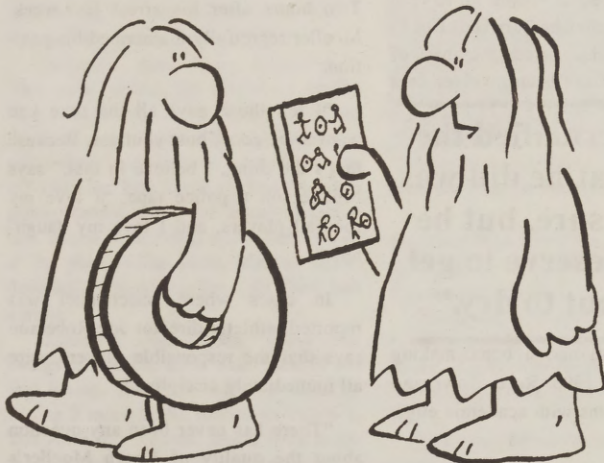
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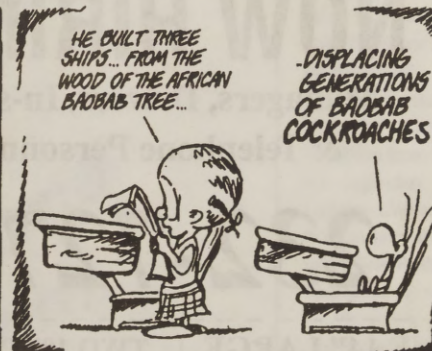
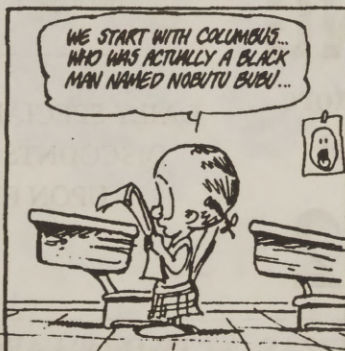
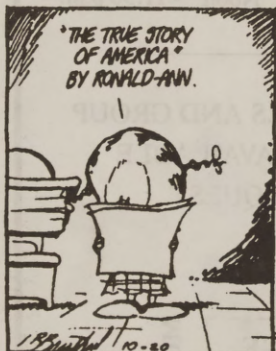
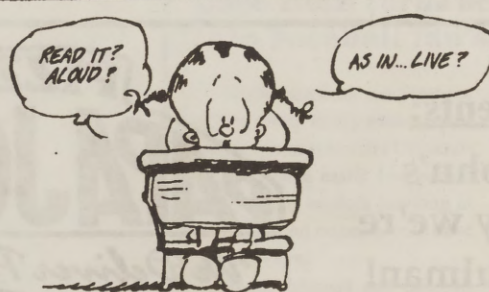
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