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# THE ROSE THORN

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## Being overqualified not possible, says Miles

by David Hile  
Thorn Reporter

Monday, January 16, the Rose-Hulman chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers used the observance of Martin Luther King's birthday to host a panel discussion of equal employment opportunity.

The panel members each had experience working with problems and concerns of equal employment for minorities. The group consisted of Steven Jones from Memorial Hospital who was the former state Affirmative Action Officer, Shirley Richardson of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), and Chuck Miles who worked in Terre Haute for 25 years as the Personnel Manager for CBS Records.

Panelists were given approximately 15 minutes to give a lecture presenting their experience and opinions on employment opportunities for minorities. This was followed by a question and answer period for the audience.

Steven Jones focused his speech primarily on the nation's changing workforce and how companies can bring their workforce up to date with the ongoing changes. He defined the change in today's workforce as the emergence of "women, persons of color, the aged, and the disabled."

Jones strongly urged companies to not only recruit but retain these minority workers in order to achieve a diverse employee field.

Jones said that a company can attain a diverse workforce by changing their current recruitment strategies. Suggested changes include recruiting minority employees from minority colleges, community involvement, networking within the minority community, and "making management accountable for their hiring decisions."



Above left, Chuck Miles, former CBS Records recruiter, relates his experiences dealing with affirmative action. Shirley Richardson, center, and Steven Jones, right, were also part of the NSBE panel discussion.

Photo by James Mann

Chuck Miles took his opportunity to reflect on the practices and knowledge he gained recruiting employees for CBS Records.

Miles emphasized that "several companies have their own Affirmative Action programs which are more sensitive than the federal government regulations" designed to promote equal opportunity.

CBS Records desire to hire more minorities left Miles with the task to hire certain numbers of minorities when filling positions. Miles said that he was often told that if "10 positions needed to be filled [he] should be able to find eight people to fill spots that were literally white...and [he] should be able to find 2 that were of color."

Miles closed his address with an analysis of today's corporate structure.

Chuck Miles took his opportunity to reflect on the practices and knowledge he gained recruiting employees for CBS Records.

"[Today] it's so competitive out there that [employers] don't care if you have six eyes in your forehead, what color you are, how tall, or how short...if you're qualified, they'll hire you."

Shirley Richardson, supervisor of the Indianapolis District of the EEOC, related information obtained from her position.

The purpose of the EEOC is to investigate, and prosecute when deemed necessary, any discrimination charges which are brought against an employer.

All of the charges brought to the EEOC are potential violations in any of four current government regulations.

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## Former IU system financial aid director chosen to fill Rose position

by Andrew Nuxoll  
Thorn Reporter

After much deliberation, Rose-Hulman offered the position of Financial Aid Director to J. Edward Detamore, one of four finalists for the position. As of January 18, he has accepted the position and will likely make the transition to Rose sometime in mid-February.

Currently, Detamore is the Director of Financial Aid Services for the Indiana University system. Detamore decided to leave his current job because he missed working directly with students and parents.

Detamore also likes Rose-Hulman's reputation for giving its students a high-quality education.

Detamore has also been Director of Financial Aid for Ball State and Valparaiso University. Even more promising, his work with Indiana University has given him a lot of experience with electronic data transfer and data exchange. These skills will be especially useful when Rose-Hulman begins its direct lending program next year.

## Internships focus of discussion as Career Day nears

### Student Government Engineering Internship Committee

As promised, Student Government Association (SGA) President Rob Wallace delivered on his promises made in his fall State-of-the-Association Address to setup summer internship workshops. The workshops were held on January 17 and 19, and many students took advantage of them, almost filling E104 to capacity. Both Wallace and Director of Career Services Bill Lindstaedt were surprised by the heavy turnout.

"I was shocked by the large number of students who attend the workshops," commented Wallace. "I think this illustrates students' interest in this issue and the need to do more."

The workshops, put on by Lindstaedt, focused on helping students search out and find the many internship opportunities which are available. He also discussed how to take advantage of the many services provided by the placement office: how to better present yourself in interviews, and how to improve your resume. It is hoped that these workshops will help better prepare students for the January 24 and 26 Career Day which will be held in the auditorium.

### Why the focus on internships?

With the current changes being made in industry, engineering experience is becoming more important. Many corporations are turning to hiring students directly from their co-op and internship programs, decreasing their need to hire directly from college campuses.

Such programs are an advantage to employers because they improve their personnel selection process. It allows each employer to assess a candidate's abilities and performance on-the-job. This decreases the "risk" to an employer associated with hiring new employees and increases the cost-effectiveness of recruitment and training.

But internships are not just an advantage to employers. Having an internship can dramatically increase your likelihood of being hired.

According to the National Commission on Cooperative Education (NCCE), 63% of internship and co-op students receive an offer for permanent employment from a company that participates in the school's program.

Internships, according to the NCCE, allow "students to acquire practical skills as well as to be exposed to the reality of the world beyond the bound-



Companies favor hiring students with internship and co-op experience. Above, Rose-Hulman student Stephan Conrad speaks with Scott McLan of GM/Delco Electronic during last year's Career Day at Rose-Hulman.

aries of the campus, and thus, enhance the self-awareness and direction of the individuals."

This is being done by allowing students to work with professionals in the corporate world and relating classroom study to the real world.

Senior Joe Labbe noted, "Working as an intern at Caterpillar has played a great roll in my education, and the experience has helped me understand what it entails to be a good

engineer. Every Rose student should have a similar opportunity!"

But according to a recent SGA poll, less than 50% of seniors, who are now preparing to enter the workforce, have had some type of engineering experience. Yet both students and faculty believe in the value of such experiences, with 96.7% of students and 91.7% of faculty saying internships are important when it comes time for permanent employment.

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**Career Services Update****CAREER FAIR NEXT WEEK**

Rose-Hulman's sixth annual Career Fair will be held Tuesday, January 24, and Thursday, January 26 in Moench Hall Auditorium from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The following companies will attend this activity.

Aeroteck, Inc.	Major Tool & Machine
Andersen Consulting	Marathon/Illinois Refining Division
Applied Computing Devices, Inc.	Mead Packaging
Aristokraft, Inc.	National Starch & Chemical
Automated Analysis Corporation	Naval Air Warfare Center
Best Lock Corporation	Northern Indiana Public Service Company
BSA Design	Pfizer
CCL Custom Manufacturing, Inc.	PSI Energy
Continental Design	Science Applications International Corporation
Cummins Engine	Software Engineering Professionals
Digital Audio Disc Corporation	A.E. Staley
Eli Lilly and Company	Sunbeam
Essex Group, Inc.	Texas Instruments
Ford Motor Company	Toyota Motor Manufacturing
General Electric Company	Tredegart Film Products
GM/Delco Electronics	U.S. Navy
GM/Allison Transmission	U.S. Precision Lens
ICTT	UOP
Illinois Power	Von Duprin, Inc.
Illinois Dept. of Transportation	Whirlpool Corporation
Indiana Dept. of Transportation	
Kimball International	

If any student has a question, or would like to assist, contact Jaynie Casey at extension 8338.

**ENTERTAINMENT / LEISURE**

- Saturday, Jan. 21 - Drama Club Presentation, Moench Hall Auditorium, 8 p.m.  
 Friday, Jan. 27 - SAB Presents Barbara Bailey Hutchison, Main Dining Room, 8 p.m.  
 Feb. 4 - Fine Arts Series, IU Broadway Cabaret, Moench Hall Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.  
 Feb. 4 - SAB Presents Las Vegas Night, Shook Fieldhouse, 7:30 p.m.  
 Mar. 11 - Fine Arts Series, Autry Pinson As Mark Twain  
 Mar. 18 - Fine Arts Series, Engineers In Concert

**LECTURES**

- Friday, Jan. 20 - Chemical Engineering Seminar, Graduate Students, O-205, 2:30 p.m.  
 Friday, Jan. 20 - HSLS Presentation, Janet Stavropoulos, Gettysburg College, A-219, 3:30 p.m.  
 Friday, Jan. 27 - Chemical Engineering Graduate Seminar, Paul Hinton, University of Notre Dame, O-205, 2:30 p.m.  
 Feb. 2 - TASC Videoconference, Featuring Harold Kerzner, GM Room, 1-3 p.m.  
 Feb. 3 - Chemical Engineering Seminar, Steve Gilman, Eli Lilly, O-205, 2:30 p.m.  
 Feb. 9 - Wellness Series, Low Back Sense, 2:30 p.m.  
 Feb. 10 - Chemical Engineering Seminar, Hossein Hariri, 2:30p.m.  
 Feb. 14 - SAB Presents Greenpeace Program, GM Room, 8 p.m.

**Mom's Night Saturday**

Mom's Night is once again here. Saturday, January 21 will be an active day for many mothers as their sons treat them to excitement. The following activities are going on, so don't say that there's nothing to do.

- \* Alumni Basketball Game, Shook Fieldhouse, Noon
- \* Basketball, Anderson University, Shook Fieldhouse, 3 p.m. (ICAC)
- \* Candlelight Dinner, Main Dining Room, 5:30 p.m.
- \* Drama Club Presentation, Moench Hall Auditorium, 8 p.m.
- \* Astronomical Society Observing Night. 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. (Weather permitting.)

**The Rose Bush**  
*Campus News and Information***ART EXHIBIT -- JOHN BASSLER**

Twenty paintings by Terre Haute artist John Bassler are currently exhibited on the first floor of Moench Hall. Most of the artworks feature acrylic landscape paintings. Bassler received art instruction from the University of Illinois and the Chicago Art Institute. The paintings will be displayed until January 31.

**PICTORIAL EXHIBIT**

"This Far By Faith: Black Hoosier Heritage" will be displayed in the lobby of the Hulman Union.

A pictorial display of events and persons that make up Indiana's black heritage will be displayed from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. February 1 to 21.

**ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY'S MOM'S NIGHT**

The Rose-Hulman Astronomical Society would like to invite everyone to an open house / observing night Friday, January 20 and Saturday, January 21. We will have the Lynn Reeder lab open from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., and many knowledgeable members will be there to give you a tour of the sky. There will be hot chocolate served and a heated room to warm up in. Bring your parents after the play if the weather permits.

There will also be a meeting on Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m. Any questions can be directed to President Matthew Cole at extension 8688.

**MEETINGS / GATHERINGS**

Monday, Jan. 23 - Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting, Electrical Engineering Conference Room, 4:20 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 25 - President's Administrative Council, PA Room, 8 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 27 - Army ROTC Dining In, ISU, 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 1 - President's Administrative Council, PA Room, Hulman Union, 8 a.m.

**SPORTS**

Friday, Jan. 20 - Wrestling, at Manchester Invitational, North Manchester, 5:30p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 21 - Alumni Basketball Game, Shook Fieldhouse, Noon

Saturday, Jan. 21 - Basketball, Anderson University, Shook Fieldhouse, 3 p.m. (ICAC)

Saturday, Jan. 21 - Wrestling, at Manchester Invitational, North Manchester, 9 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 21 - Indoor Track, at Eastern Illinois Invitational, Charleston, Ill.

Wednesday, Jan. 25 - Basketball, at Manchester College, North Manchester, 7:30 p.m. (Game Broadcast On WJSH-AM 1300)

Friday, Jan. 27 - Wrestling, Monon Bell Classic, Shook Fieldhouse, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 27 - Indoor Track, at Eastern Illinois Univ. Invit., Charleston, Ill.

Saturday, Jan. 28 - National Society of Black Engineers' Three-On-Three Basketball Tournament, Shook Fieldhouse, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 28 - Basketball, at Hanover College, Hanover, 3 p.m. (Game Broadcast On WJSH-AM 1300)

Saturday, Jan. 28 - Wrestling, at Monon Bell Classic, Crawfordsville, All Day

**ADDITIONALLY...**

Friday, Jan. 20 - Final Date To Drop Course Without Penalty

Tuesday, Jan. 24 - Career Fair, Moench Hall Auditorium, All Day

Tuesday, Jan. 24 - SGA President & Vice President Primary Elections, Commons, All Day

Wednesday, Jan. 25 - Winter Quarter Blood Drive, WORX, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 26 - Career Fair, Moench Hall Auditorium, All Day

Jan. 31 - SGA President/Vice President Elections, Commons Area, All Day

Jan. 31 - SGA Senate Meeting, GM Room, 5:15 p.m.

Feb. 15 - Deadline For EIT Registration, Civil Engineering Office

Feb. 20 - Start Of Final Exams For Winter Quarter

Feb. 21 - Computer Science's Expo '95, Hulman Union Lobby, 11 a.m.

Feb. 22 - Student Visitation Day, National Engineers Week

Feb. 23 - End Of Winter Quarter

**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.



# German becomes language of choice in Eastern Europe

Economic concerns drive millions to learn one of the more difficult tongues in the world.

Berlin -- German, Mark Twain wrote in 1880. "It occupies a quarter of a column; it contains all 10 parts of speech -- not in regular order, but mixed; it is built mainly of compound words constructed by the writer on the spot, and not to be found in any dictionary."

ought to learn English (barring spelling and pronouncing) in 30 hours, French in 30 days and German in 30 years."

But Twain's sage warning notwithstanding, "the awful German language" is undergoing a remarkable renaissance. Millions of eager -- if masochistic -- new students in Eastern Europe are now hacking their way through syntactical thickets and 10-syllable nouns out of a conviction that mastering German is one

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**- Mark Twain**

dents study it). Georgia (45 percent), Slovakia (31 percent) and Russia (35 percent). An estimated 1 million Ukrainians are studying German, and the number is climbing.

The German Foreign Ministry spends \$390 million annually -- half of its total cultural budget -- to propagate the language abroad, according to Die Welt newspaper.

More than a few Germans express a certain missionary

zeal in this spreading of the word -- or, das Wort.

"German, the oldest of the living cultural languages on the Continent, is a highly precise but nevertheless graphic and emotional language of clear and direct expression," author Franz Stark recently intoned. "It can look back on a long tradition as a language of science and Intellect, boasts a particularly large vocabulary and is exceptionally creative with regard to word formation."

Twain would clearly agree with that last part.

Not so new

To some extent, the spread of German into Eastern Europe is just a regermination of the language on soil where it already has deep roots. In the Baltics, for example, German was the lingua franca of education and urbane sophisticates from the Middle Ages until World War I, according to Helmut Glueck, a professor at the University of Bamberg.

Until the 1930s, German was considered the international language of science. The rise of the Nazis chased many prominent scientists into exile, according to Ulrich Ammon, a linguistics professor at Duisburg University.

Indeed, the taint of the Third Reich has caused Germans and non-Germans alike to be wary of cultural

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imperialism. The daily Sueddeutsche Zeitung recently reminded readers of "certain sensitivities: German was the language of the occupier and the Aryan superman." In the Czech border town of Cheb, an estimated 500 nationalists turned out last month to demonstrate against the "Germanization" of their country.

For the most part, however, the realities of commerce have eclipsed the nuances of politics. Germany is rich, Germany is near, Germany is the largest trading partner with most East European countries. Ergo,

learning German offers clear benefits for Poles or Czechs or Lithuanians. Proponents of German language and culture such as the Goethe Institute also argue that Germany can help inculcate democratic values in the East much as the United States did in postwar Germany.

If you hear Bach you don't automatically go buy a BMW, said Wackwitz, the Goethe Institute spokesman.

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key to sharing in Germany's prosperity.

Of 20 million people learning German around the world, two-thirds are in Eastern Europe and the former republics of the Soviet Union. In Poland, where the number of German students has tripled from 500,000 in 1988 to 1.5 million today, the demand is still so great that there is a shortfall of 10,000 qualified German teachers; the Czech Republic could also use another 4,000 instructors, according to the German Foreign Ministry.

No longer required to learn Russian as a second language, students in the former

Warsaw Pact nations are flocking to either German or English classes for a window on Western culture and Western markets. According to statis-

**Never-ending words**

"An average sentence in a German newspaper is a sublime and impres-

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These are Title 7 of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the Age Discrimination Employment Act, the Equal Pay Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1992.

Last year, Richardson stated that her office logged 4,002 cases of discrimination. Of these cases 34% were racially related and 31% were brought by women with sexual harassment or discrimination charges.

After investigation by the EEOC, cases with strong evidence such as individual testimony and potential pattern discrimination problems by employers cases can be

brought to trial. Of all the cases handled by the EEOC only about 5% are proved to be discrimination, with 8-10% being settled before a verdict can be given. Richardson blames the low numbers of proved offenses on difficulty in gaining enough positive evidence and the laborious legal process which often takes over five years to come full circle.

During the question session, a predominant theme was the concern over job applicants who are possible more qualified than others and how a company handles this possibility when hiring. Chuck Miles said that there was no such thing as being overqualified. He said that when "a company sets criteria for minimum qualifications...they should accept applicants that meet the minimum."

Richardson addressed the same

questions by saying that an excuse is often wrongly made by people saying that they were more than qualified. Richardson said that "some people will get the job and some people won't" is the way hiring works. She commented that her office received complaints from people claiming reverse discrimination. In Richardson's opinion, this is not an issue since people compete for all open positions, not just the ones that go to minorities.

Following the panel discussion, Rose-Hulman Mathematics Professor, Yosi Shibberu, commented that he was surprised by the remarks concerning minimum qualifications and how someone can't be more qualified than somebody else. He felt that "people are always trying to get the best" when hiring.

## Catholic Mass

Saturday Evenings

7:00 pm in the student 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!



# Fattening the paycheck: left says re-train work force, right says cut taxes

Charles Krauthammer  
Syndicated Columnist  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON--What are the Democrats to do? With the media stricken with Newtomania, with everyone reading from the Republican Contract, the Democrats could be forgiven for lapsing into a strategy of mere sniping. They could simply hang back, wait for the inevitable slip--Newt's book deal, Newt's mom, Newt's House historian--and pounce.

Instead, remarkably, they have come up with an idea around which to rebuild a liberal agenda. President Clinton took up the theme at an address this week in Galesburg, Ill. The New Republic's Mickey Kaus has elaborated the idea and dubbed it the Stagnant Wages thesis.

It goes like this: While official statistics declare all kinds of good economic news, the electorate is angry because the news on wages is not good. They are stagnant. Median household income is about the same today as it was 20 years ago. True, unemployment is down. But that is not enough. Democrats must raise wages--Clinton in Galesburg: "I want to spend two years working on lifting incomes and prospects"--or they will suffer more of the bitterness that the electorate turned on them in 1994.

There are several problems, however, with the stagnant wage theory and with pinning one's political renaissance upon curing it. First, the effect is exaggerated. It is true that median household income has remained stagnant for 20 years. But over the very same 20 years, real per capita income is up 25 percent. How can individ-



uals be earning more and households not?

Part of the answer is this: The households have gotten smaller, 15 percent smaller today than in 1973. There are fewer people in each household because of divorce, single parenthood, later marriage and longer life expectancy (the eld-

**Median household income is about the same today as it was twenty years ago.**

erly tending to live more alone). And smaller households mean more households, dividing up the income pie into smaller pieces per household.

Consider a married couple each earning \$20,000 a year. They constitute one household earning above the national

median. Divorce them and you've got two households, each now below the national median. The economy is unchanged, their wages are unchanged, yet household income falls by 50 percent what changed is that they did not stay together in a family where resources are pooled.

About half the stagnant income effect is thus an artifact of smaller families. The rest, however, is economically "real" and related to a variety of factors including competition from low-wage Third World countries and the long-term slowdown in American productivity growth (from 2.5 percent in the '50s and '60s to 1 percent over the last 20 years).

Here is where Clinton sees his opening. The centerpiece of his new Democratic program is government-supported retraining and re-education to help American workers move up from low-skill, low-wage jobs

to high-skill, high-wage jobs. Unfortunately, retraining huge numbers of workers to increase wages and productivity is perhaps the hardest of all social engineering tasks. In a market economy, government is a very clumsy instrument for guiding such fundamental changes. If we knew how to boost wages and productivity, we would long ago have done it.

**In the long run, Democrats can never match the Republicans in a tax cut competition.**

Moreover, while the Democrats propose to socially engineer a fatter paycheck, the Republicans propose a simpler, quicker way to get there: cut taxes. Government has no clear idea how to raise wages, but it

does have a clear way to increase take-home pay: cut government's take.

Clinton cottoned on to this idea right after the election. He tried to match the Republican offer of a middle-class tax cut with one of his own. But his one-shot tax cut will have little effect on the stagnant wage syndrome.

And in the long run, Democrats can never match the Republicans in a tax cut competition. Republicans are committed in principle--i.e., for non-economic reasons--to cutting government, which would allow larger and larger tax cuts that would raise take-home pay. The liberal idea of government as the engine of social change, indeed the instrument of retraining and heightened productivity, would never allow Democrats to match them. And finally, even if retraining is the solution to the stagnant wage problem, the payoff is a long way off, years beyond even a second Clinton administration. Tax cuts can be felt tomorrow.

Clinton's seizing on the Stagnant Wage theory as the vehicle for rebuilding his domestic agenda shows energy and fight. It shows that while wounded this administration, unlike the Bush administration in its terminal stages, is far from brain-dead. It is, nonetheless, testimony to the depths of the Democrats' current political quandary that the Republicans, if they take Clinton's strategy seriously, are well placed to beat him even at his own game.

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## Don't put off until tomorrow...

### HEALTH TEAM

A weekly column sponsored by the Health Service and the Counseling Service of Rose-Hulman

Continuing our discussion of stress, this week we turn toward the following time management strategies:

1) It is imperative to PLAN. It helps to begin the day by creating a tentative plan of the major things needing to be accomplished. Time can then be used to seize an opportunity rather than be squandered by things life throws at you.

2) It is generally helpful to AVOID CLUTTER, unless this is an effective method of organization for you. If you can retrieve any needed item within five minutes, your clutter shouldn't be a concern. If, however, you cannot retrieve items quickly, frustration and tension are usually the result of clutter. Make the waste basket your friend; then, divide remaining papers into general categories of level of priority. Only attack one pile at a time; remove all other piles out of view.

3) DON'T STRIVE FOR PERFECTION. Perfectionism is unattainable and the pursuit of it perpetuates stress. It is ok to strive for your personal best, but don't spend valuable time expending effort in correcting insignificant errors. 'To err is human.'

4) LEARN TO SAY "NO". This is one of the best time management techniques in existence. Be assertive, not aggressive, in declining

requests that don't contribute to your goals.

5) TRY NOT TO PROCRASTINATE. This is a habit not easily changed. The first step involves a commitment to change. It is necessary not to change too much at once. It took years to create your procrastination problem; you can't change overnight. Begin by doing one thing you have been avoiding. Over the next couple of days, do the most unpleasant thing you've been avoiding before you begin your typical morning routine.

6) RADICALLY CUT OUT ACTIVITIES that are time wasting. Monitor your daily activities for a week and then discontinue any activities that get in the way of real goals or use too much energy, leaving you fatigued.

7) CONCENTRATE on one activity at a time. Interrupted time and effort doesn't often or easily produce a product. Attack a problem with all out warfare---using blocks of uninterrupted amounts of time.

8) TAKE BREAKS. Boredom, stress, and fatigue set in when working for long periods of time. Switch from mental to physical tasks to provide relaxation or relief. Once refreshed, efficiency is enhanced and productivity possible.

Today comes but once--It is yours to use or waste.



# 'This course will require the purchase of one text -and a lot of time'

by Steven Williams  
Thorn Columnist

Time has a way of distorting itself that clocks fail to represent. According to certain undiscovered laws, time tends to stretch itself out at the most inconvenient instances. This stretching of time typically occurs when someone is trapped somewhere they do not want to be. Typical prisons include: a classroom during a boring lecture, a waiting room before an appointment, or even a long lunch line before a less than mouth-watering meal. Conversely, time manages to shrink whenever life is going well or whenever there is a deadline to be met. The closer the deadline, the more time shrinks. The greater the pleasure, the shorter the enjoyment. It should be noted that these distortions of time are not always apparent and do not always occur as indicated; nonetheless, it should be clear that these time distortions do occur quite frequently.

Environment is only one factor that affects awareness of these time distortions. Some individuals are more acutely aware of these distortions than others. In general, the more often someone notices or checks the time, the more aware they become of these distortions. If you feel as if you've completed a



task in about two hours, but never once checked your watch, you are likely to discover that your estimation is fairly accurate. On the other hand, if you check your watch two or three times every hour, you will find that a task that takes about two hours seems to take three or four.

It might occur to some people that they have faulty internal clocks or lousy reasoning when they experience a time-distortion, but it can be argued that the real problem is a poor design of clocks. The problems with non-digital (analog) clocks are the easiest to

observe. On a typical analog clock, time appears to go in circles. Whatever position the hands of the clock are in at a given moment, they will be there again in twelve hours and again in twenty-four hours and again in thirty-six. The movement of these hands suggests that there is some constant to the length of days and the passage of time, but it has already been shown that time is not purely constant.

There are two solutions to the problem of dealing with time distortions. We can either learn to live with the uncertainty of never knowing when time is going to speed up or slow down, as most people do; or we can work to gain a better understanding of time itself and use this understanding in the design of better clocks. Living with uncertainty can be difficult, so the matter of designing better clocks is worth pursuing. In order to build better clocks, we must examine what is wrong with the

clocks that we have now.

The first method of developing a better clock that we will consider is doing away with numbers. The numbers on a clock are a primary cause of confusion. When we see these numbers we expect them to be used in a particular sequence and at a certain rate. While the clock does tend to obey this sequence and indicate numbers in a certain order, this usage of numbers leaves us unaware of a clock's tendency to favor certain digits and stop at these digits longer. For example, the time that a clock spends at twelve sharp is much less than it spends at five or so minutes after twelve.

Secondly, we need to improve upon the "two" dimensional nature of clocks. Typical clocks are two-dimensional in the same sense that we often consider a sheet of paper two-dimensional. The face of your average clock is more or less, like a plane. This aspect of clocks has led to a number of misunderstandings about the nature of time. Time has often been viewed as a sort of fourth dimension.

Unfortunately, this reasoning is seriously flawed. Time, in the-

ory, is as multidimensional as space. This theory may seem far-fetched, but before denying its validity, consider some supporting evidence. Time is not constant, it seems to speed up and slow down throughout the day, and yet we use one and two-dimensional representations of time with reasonable success. We can do this because time uses those normally unseen dimensions to stretch and contort itself into something that on the surface does appear constant.

Imagine varying the width of a rectangle without changing the area of the rectangle. If you didn't realize that the rectangle had a second dimension that could also be changed, then this task would seem impossible and ridiculous. Fortunately, you can take advantage of your knowledge of that other dimension to adjust the width and still keep a constant area. Again, if you didn't realize that time had more than one dimension, you would have a hard time understanding how it could seem constant when it really wasn't.

In order to incorporate the multi-dimensional nature of time into chronometers, we must first understand how these other dimensions work. Modern clocks represent a measure of a constant factor in the equation of time, but this constant factor does not tell us everything. Though we can schedule our lives by this constant factor, it would be beneficial to better understand the true nature of time.

This understanding will allow us to anticipate the speeding up and slowing down of time and more accurately estimate the time remaining until the completion of a task. Using this information, we can become better prepared for long waits in waiting rooms and lunch lines. We can become better at making deadlines and we can more fully enjoy even the most fleeting of pleasures.

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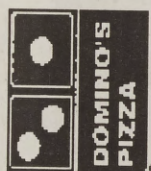
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# Mothers: It's Thursday afternoon where your sons are?

*To sleep, to sleep, and perchance to dream*

No one knows quite why we sleep. Yet we need to. We cannot go without it for more than a few days. Many people, including Einstein, have tried to find ways to decrease their need for sleep. None have been able to do without it entirely.

It has been said that all students, regardless of major or discipline, carry away from college a deep appreciation for the necessity of sleep. Nowhere is this more true than Rose, where students may go from nap to nap for weeks at a time.

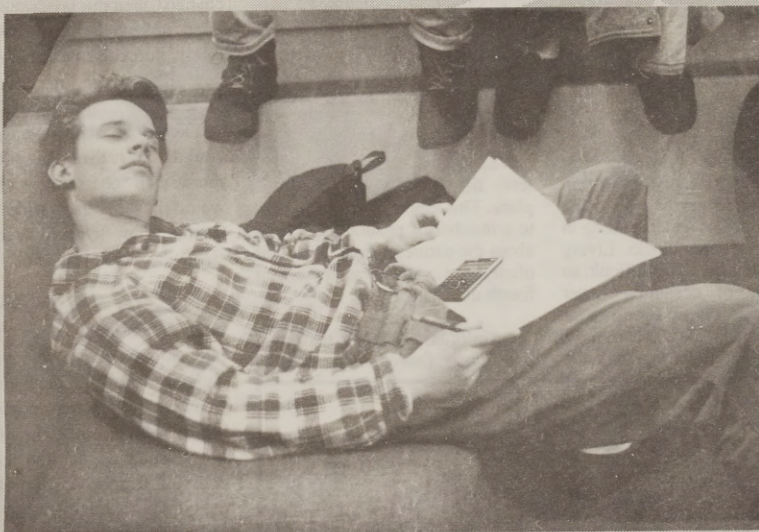
We tell ourselves that our sleeping habits are due to a rigorous curriculum, not procrastination or poor planning. We like to tell students from other schools horror stories about pulling three all-nighters in a row to finish a design project-- we prefer not to tell them that we "forgot" to start until tenth week.

Regardless-- whether because of work ethic, poor planning, or adherence to tradition-- we don't sleep much when we're supposed to. What stays up must lie down.

The evidence for that claim can be seen on these pages. See the peaceful contentedness, hear the snores... and should you become sleepy, know at least that you are not alone.

And when you do crash, try to do it where nobody will trip over

Photos: James Mann



## IF MY CHIROPRACTER COULD SEE ME NOW

Hoping to find the answers in a dream, Jason Boone keeps his pencil and calculator handy as he thrusts his head into the z-plane for a bit of three-dimensional imagery.



## YOU ARE GETTING VERY SLEEPY...

It's a tiring life in the spotlight. Rich Gerberding and the other "volunteer" subjects of hypnotist Frederick Winters rest up after a hard evening of performing.



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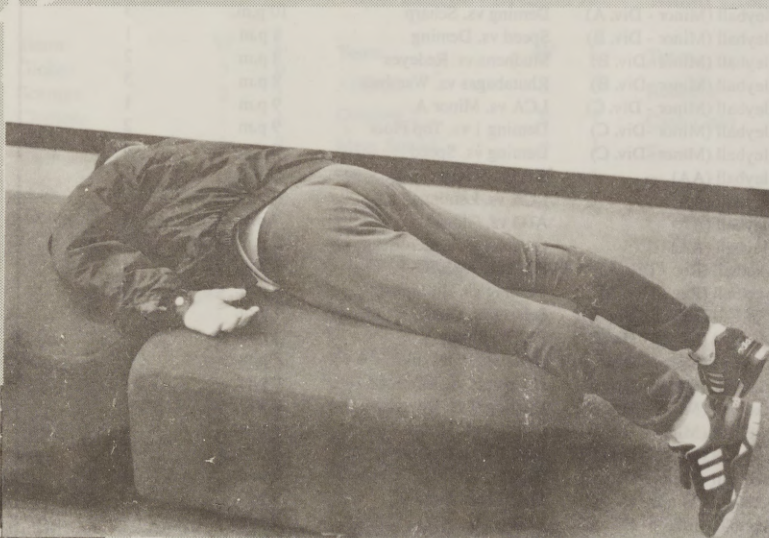
#### BUT MOM, I SPEND ALL MY TIME IN THE LIBRARY

The Logan Library: It's quiet, it's warm, the furniture's soft, the couches are secluded. A place to get away. A place to be yourself. Oh yeah-- you can study there too.



#### NUMBER 67... SERVING NUMBER 67...

The couch in the first floor of the library remains the most popular place on campus to sleep. It may also be the only couch on campus with a sign-up sheet. Interested parties are required to schedule their session in advance... waiting periods may be several weeks long near the end of the quarter.



#### HONORABLE MENTION: BEST IMITATION OF A CHALK OUTLINE

Sometimes, when walking through the commons, you have to wonder, *Is he sleeping, or the victim of a drive-by?* The moral of the story: if you're going to crash, crash hard. It makes people curious.



#### RESTING MY EYES. JUST RESTING MY EYES.

Scientific evidence has shown that Goodwill couches have been laced with special drowsiness-inducing chemicals closely related to active ingredients found in both Sudafed and NyQuil. Although Mike Vicory has promised not to operate heavy machinery while under the couch's influence, we urge our readers not to purchase a Goodwill couch before they have consulted a physician.



# Engineers need overtime to squeak past Tigers, 58-55

by Joel Gillespie  
Sports Reporter

The Rose-Hulman Student Activities Board's clapping block giveaway was definitely a success. Armed with the red and black two-by-fours, the Shook Fieldhouse crowd of 1,078 created enough noise to pass for a Big Ten following Wednesday night.

The Engineer basketball team needed the lift, as they nipped the DePauw Tigers, 58-55, in overtime.

The Engineers will try to improve on their 3-1 ICAC record Saturday afternoon at home against the Anderson Ravens. The Ravens are coming off of a loss to Hanover, and will be looking to knock off the Engineers.

"They have a different defensive scheme, and it's rather unusual," said Rose Head Coach Jim Shaw. "They also have a lot of size. If we can handle their size and limit their scoring in the post, we'll have a chance to play well."

The game will begin at 3 p.m. in Shook.

'Weird' was the word Shaw used to describe the DePauw game, and it was definitely fitting.

The Tigers were trying to rebound from an 84-44 shellacking courtesy of

Hanover last Saturday, and their starting lineup was completely different than normal. Forward Ryan Hooker, who was the fourth-leading scorer in the ICAC going into the game, didn't even start.

DePauw came out in a zone defense, which gave the Engineers fits. Rose made only 5 of 28 shots in the first half, but DePauw couldn't do much better, and the teams were knotted at 21 at halftime.

If one play summed up the first half, it was junior guard Zack Johnson's miss of a breakaway dunk with four minutes to go.

The Engineers seemed to get quality shots, but none of them would fall. Shaw commented, "Our execution against the zone wasn't ideal, but making shots against a zone makes all of your ills go away."

Rose couldn't seem to do that, and so DePauw was able to stay in the game.

With ten seconds to go in regulation, the Engineers held a two-point lead. Sophomore guard Benj Glass missed the front end of a one-and-one, and DePauw's Jason Kreag got the bail and drove the length of the floor for the tying lay-up.

Rose was able to get the ball down the court for one last shot, but Johnson's 25-



Coach Jim Shaw instructs his troops during a timeout against DePauw. Shaw will look for another win this Saturday against Anderson at Shook Fieldhouse.

Photo by James Mann

footer caromed off of the rim, and the game went into overtime tied at 49.

Rose was finally able to hit some shots in the extra period. They were 3 for 5 from the floor, including a three-pointer, and they were finally able to put the Tigers away.

Johnson led all scorers with 17 points.

He also added eight rebounds.

Junior forward Kiley Gwaltney recorded 12 points, including eight free throws. Shaw, pleased with his aggressiveness, said "He took the ball to the basket well and split the seams nicely."

Matt McCollum was the only Tiger in double figures, finishing with 12 points.

## Rose-Hulman Intramural Information

### January 20- January 26

Date	Event	Teams	Time	Court
Jan. 23	Volleyball (Major)	LCA vs. Triangle	7 p.m.	1
Jan. 23	Volleyball (Major)	Spike vs. 5 Men	7 p.m.	2
Jan. 23	Volleyball (Major)	ATO vs. BSB	7 p.m.	3
Jan. 23	Volleyball (Minor - Div. A)	Scamps vs. Lint	10 p.m.	1
Jan. 23	Volleyball (Minor - Div. A)	BSB vs. ATO	10 p.m.	2
Jan. 23	Volleyball (Minor - Div. A)	Deming vs. Scharp	10 p.m.	3
Jan. 23	Volleyball (Minor - Div. B)	Speed vs. Deming	8 p.m.	1
Jan. 23	Volleyball (Minor - Div. B)	Mudhens vs. Redeyes	8 p.m.	2
Jan. 23	Volleyball (Minor - Div. B)	Rhutabagas vs. Wambats	8 p.m.	3
Jan. 23	Volleyball (Minor - Div. C)	LCA vs. Minor A	9 p.m.	1
Jan. 23	Volleyball (Minor - Div. C)	Deming 1 vs. Top Floor	9 p.m.	2
Jan. 23	Volleyball (Minor - Div. C)	Deming vs. Speed	9 p.m.	3
Jan. 23	Volleyball (AA)	T.P. vs. Scamps	11 p.m.	1
Jan. 25	Volleyball (AA)	LCA vs. Lemings	7 p.m.	1
Jan. 25	Volleyball (AA)	ATO vs. Globes	7 p.m.	2
Jan. 25	Volleyball (AA)	Clueless vs. Greenbacks	7 p.m.	3
Jan. 24	Basketball (Rec - Div. A)	S393 vs. AFFAC	7 p.m.	1
Jan. 24	Basketball (Rec - Div. A)	Deming vs. Hit Squad	7 p.m.	2
Jan. 24	Basketball (Minor - Div. B)	Scharp vs. Gonzo	7 p.m.	3
Jan. 24	Basketball (Minor - Div. B)	PSJ vs. Sloths	7 p.m.	4
Jan. 24	Basketball (Minor - Div. A)	Dunk vs. Batesville	8 p.m.	1
Jan. 24	Basketball (Minor - Div. A)	Hoopsters vs. Deming	8 p.m.	2
Jan. 24	Basketball (Minor - Div. A)	Deming 0 vs. Blitzpimmels	8 p.m.	3
Jan. 24	Basketball (Minor - Div. B)	Pythons vs. Mees	8 p.m.	4
Jan. 24	Basketball (Minor - Div. B)	Speed 3 vs. Deming A	9 p.m.	1
Jan. 24	Basketball (Minor - Div. B)	Bats vs. Trojans	9 p.m.	2
Jan. 24	Basketball (Minor - Div. C)	Speed 1 vs. Snow	9 p.m.	3
Jan. 24	Basketball (Minor - Div. C)	Redears vs. ATO	9 p.m.	4
Jan. 24	Basketball (Minor - Div. C)	Cash vs. Warts	10 p.m.	1
Jan. 24	Basketball (Minor - Div. D)	BSB 1 vs. Ma'am	10 p.m.	2
Jan. 24	Basketball (Minor - Div. D)	Boise vs. D2-92	10 p.m.	3
Jan. 24	Basketball (Minor - Div. E)	Invasion vs. IND	10 p.m.	4
Jan. 24	Basketball (Minor - Div. E)	Boys vs. Midget Squad	11 p.m.	1
Jan. 26	Basketball (AA - A)	Scamps vs. Big Guns	7 p.m.	1
Jan. 26	Basketball (AA - A)	Speed 2 vs. Squad	7 p.m.	2
Jan. 26	Basketball (AA - A)	DSPAA vs. Oxen	7 p.m.	3
Jan. 26	Basketball (AA - B)	Shiznits vs. ATO	7 p.m.	4
Jan. 26	Basketball (AA - B)	Speed 1 vs. Triangle	8 p.m.	1
Jan. 26	Basketball (AA - C)	P.E. vs. 90210	8 p.m.	2
Jan. 26	Basketball (AA - C)	SN vs. LCA	8 p.m.	3
Jan. 26	Basketball (Major)	Fiji vs. Nose	9 p.m.	Shook
Jan. 26	Basketball (Major)	SN vs. ATO	9 p.m.	Black
Jan. 26	Basketball (Major)	SN2 vs. Nose	10 p.m.	Shook
Jan. 26	Basketball (Major)	LCA vs. Sugar	10 p.m.	Black
Jan. 22	Soccer (AA-B)	Beasts vs. Speed 2	6 p.m.	
Jan. 22	Soccer (AA-B)	Feet vs. Speed 2	7 p.m.	
Jan. 22	Soccer (Major)	8 Men Out vs. Camels 2	1 p.m.	
Jan. 22	Soccer (Major)	DSP vs. Baker's Dozen	2 p.m.	
Jan. 22	Soccer (Major)	Strikers vs. Sidekicks	3 p.m.	

Volleyball Courts: 1 - West

Basketball Courts: 1 - Shook West

2 - Center

2 - Shook East

3 - East

3 - Black West

4 - Black East

## Sports Briefs

### Track Ventures To Eastern Illinois

The track team picked up five first-place finishes in its first home meet of the indoor season on January 14, and will hit the road for the first time this Saturday -- crossing the border to compete at Eastern Illinois University on Saturday.

One of those first-place finishes came from freshman Ryan Loftus, vaulting 14-0 in the pole vault.

"For his first time out Ryan did a real nice job," said coach Bill Welch. "He really has not been off the ground in practice, but has been concentrating on drills and conditioning."

Another freshman, Arrant Hill, impressed Welch finishing fifth in the 300 meter dash (35.36). "When he gets used to the sharp turns in Shook Fieldhouse he will be all right," Welch said.

Other first-place finishers were Dave Sandquist in the 1000 yards (2:31.50), Jason Long in the mile run (4:48.72), Kenny Anderson in the two-mile run (10:29.77) and Matt Likes in the 11/4 mile steeplechase (6:44.66).

### Wrestlers Return To Manchester

This weekend, the wrestling team will make a return trip to Manchester, the site of the Little State Invitational which began the season.

Rose-Hulman dropped a double-dual at home on January 10 to Wabash (28-15) and Mt. St. Joseph (34-22).

Joe and Jim Labbe each went undefeated at the match. Joe, wrestling at 134 pounds, defeated Mt. St. Joseph's Owen Rice, 16-4, and Jim received a forfeit win in the opening match.

Against Wabash, Jim and Joe each picked up victories. Joe was victorious 11-1 over Darrell Shelton, and Jim (142 pounds) out-wrestled Ben Lower, 9-4.

"We came close," said Coach Mark Buti. "If we had a couple of guys healthy we might have been able to steal a couple of wins. We will get to face Wabash again later in the season, so we know what we must do to beat them now."

### On The Mat: Current Wrestling Standings

118 - Toby Williams	3-5
134 - Joe Labbe	7-1
142 - Jim Labbe	8-1
150 - Eric Teitsma	1-7
158 - Morgan MacRostie	2-4
167 - John Goodhue	0-2
167 - Andy Horton	7-6
177 - Br. McMurtray	1-4
190 - Jason Riddle	1-3
Hwt - Andy Schwandt	0-6



# Hard work and determination pay off for Labbe brothers.

by Joel Gillespie  
Sports Reporter

Wrestling has been described as the 24-hour-a-day sport, because of the attention that must be paid to making weight. It is also one of the most physically intense sports, which means that a wrestler must work out a lot to maintain the conditioning needed to perform.

This is already a hefty time commitment, and when you add the demands of the Rose-Hulman curriculum on top of it, the combination would seem almost impossible to balance. But Joe and Jim Labbe have been managing ever since their freshman year, at little expense to either their academic or athletic careers.

The senior mechanical engineering majors from Crawfordsville, Indiana, excel both on the mat and in the classroom. So far this season, Joe has a record of 7-1 at 134 pounds, while Jim has posted an 8-1 mark at 142.

Head wrestling coach Mark Buti says, They're inspirational to the other guys. [The other team members] know how high theft grades are. They're out here [at practice] every day, and they still maintain a high GPA.

Still, the combination between school and sports doesn't come without sacrifices. Here's a typical day for the twins:

6:30 a.m. Wake up, get ready for 1st hour class

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Classes; do homework and errands in-between

3:00 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. Pre-practice stretching, running and weightlifting

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Practice

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Go home & have dinner or go to meetings

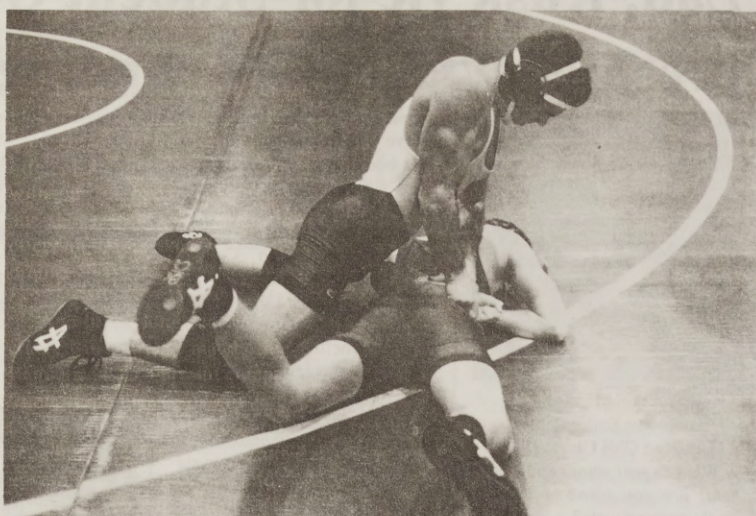
8:00 p.m. - 1 or 2:00 a.m. Do homework, go to bed

Joe and Jim agree that this taxing schedule makes it difficult to prepare for wrestling meets and tournaments. We talk to guys from other schools, and they get seven or eight hours of sleep every night, said Joe. It hurts our performance. We don't have the time we need to spend on practice...we're both doing as well as can be expected.

Jim added, We've got some opponents which we really want to beat to make this season all we want it to be.

Each of the twins' two total losses this year has been at the hands of a Manchester wrestler. Jim is especially intent on evening the score with Clint Gard, the opponent who dealt him his only loss. He beat me a few times last year, too. I'll see him at the ICAC tournament and I know I'll have to beat him to get through regionals. He's sort of a thorn in my side, my motivation.

Jim related a story from high school to show his strategy for defeating Gard. My sophomore year in high school, he recalled, I wrestled varsity 119 [pounds], and I had wrestled 110 the year before. A guy from a rival school in my county beat me 4 or 5 times my freshman year, and 3



Senior wrestler Joe Labbe has total control of his Wabash opponent. Joe has a 7-1 record heading into this weekend's meet at Manchester.

Photo by James Mann

or 4 more times that year.

But then I finally beat him in the sectional finals in overtime, and he was ranked in the state. I worked for two years to accomplish that. That's sort of what I need to do against Clint Gard.

Joe and Jim's styles are very similar, as would be expected after many years of wrestling one another. Buti observed, They both wrestle hard and aggressive. They go 110% all the time. They won't quit until the whistle blows at the end. I wish I had ten of them.

They both share many common inter-

ests, which is probably one reason why they get along so well. Jim admired, Sometimes we get sick of being around each other, but that's usually because we're tired. They like any sports, including fishing, skydiving, beach volleyball, and basketball. Most people think that wrestlers can't play ball, but we do all right, Jim claimed.

This will hopefully continue to be a banner season for the Labbe brothers. They've got a tough rest of the season ahead of them, but if the past is any indication, no challenge is impossible to surmount.

## Volleyball Standings as of January 17

### Minor League - Division B

Team	W	L
Wambats	3	0
Rhutabagas	3	0
Deming 2	0	1
Mudhens	0	1
Speed 2	0	2
Redeyes	0	2

### AA League

Team	W	L
Globes	3	0
Scamps	3	1
Clueless	1	1
ATO	1	2
T.P.	1	2
LCA	0	1
Greenjacks	0	1
J. Lemings	0	1

### Minor League - Division C

Team	W	L
Deming	3	0
Speed 1	3	0
Deming	2	0
Deming 1	1	1
Top Floor	1	2
Minor A	0	1
LCA	0	3

### Major League

Team	W	L
Triangle	3	0
Spike	2	1
LCA	0	1
BSB 1	0	1
ATO	0	1
Five Men	0	1

### Minor League - Division A

Team	W	L
Deming	3	0
Slaves/Service	2	0
Scharp	1	0
Lint Balls	1	1
Scamps	1	2
BSB 1	1	3
ATO	0	0

All Intramural team captains are reminded to submit scores to Coach Ruark at ext. 8496.

## Basketball Standings as of January 18

### Rec. League - Division A

Team	W	L
AFFAC	3	0
Deming 2	0	1
Meat Squad	0	1
Hit Squad	0	1
S393	0	0

### Minor League - Division C

Team	W	L
Redears	3	0
Cash Cold	1	0
Snow	0	1
Warts	0	1
Speed 1	0	2
ATO	0	0

### Rec. League - Division B

Team	W	L
Jiggs	2	0
Phi Slamma	1	1
Gonzo	1	1
Scharp	0	1
Sloths	0	1

### Minor League - Division D

Team	W	L
D2-92	2	0
BSB	1	1
Micromachines	0	1
No Ma'am	0	1
Boise Tech	0	0

## Soccer Standings as of January 15

### AA League - Division A

Team	W	L
Camels 1	1	0
Kix	1	0
Whaktadahs	0	1
Futbol	0	1
Pike	0	0

### Minor League - Division B

Team	W	L	T
Army of Darkness	1	0	0
Landsharks	1	0	0
Scharp	1	1	0
LCA	0	1	1
No Hands	0	1	0

### Minor League - Division D

Team	W	L
Deming	2	0
Dogfood	1	1
BSB 3	1	1
Pike 3	0	1
Red Cards	0	1

### AA League - Division B

Team	W	L
Oedipus	1	0
Speed 2	0	1
The Beasts	0	0
The Feet	0	0

### Minor League - Division C

Team	W	L	T
Fiji	2	0	0
Fubar	2	0	1
BSB	0	1	1
Red Ears	0	1	0
ELFEO	0	1	0

### Major League

Team	W	L
8 Men Out	1	0
Camels 2	1	0
Sidekicks	0	1
DSP	0	1
Strikers	0	0
Baker's Dozen	0	0

### Minor League - Division A

Team	W	L
Ball Handlers	1	0
Dukes of Hazard	1	1
Mees	1	1
Pike 2	1	1
Deming 2	0	1

### Minor League - Division A

Team	W	L
Batesville	2	0
Deming	0	1
Blitzpimmels	0	1
Speed 2	0	0
We Can't Dunk	0	0
Deming 0	0	0

### AA League - Division A

Team	W	L
R. Blue Oxen	3	0
Champ. Squad	3	0
DSP	1	1
Speed 2	0	1
Big Guns	0	2
Scamps	0	3

### Minor League - Division B

Team	W	L
Mees	3	0
Trojans	1	1
Speed 3	0	1
Crotch Bats	0	1
Deming A	0	1
Pythons	0	0

### AA League - Division C

Team	W	L
P.E.	2	0
90210	1	0
Dynamo	2	1
SN	0	2
LCA	0	2



## Lad, Rusk vie for Student Government Association presidency, 3 others running for vice-presidential ballot



**Name:** Ashvin Lad  
**Hometown:** Springfield, IL  
**Major(s):** ChE Class: JR

*What organizations (positions held) are you involved in currently or previously?*

SGA Executive Director, SGA Vice President, President of SGA Senate, Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, ATO Alumni Relations Officer, Chairman - SGA Programming Committee, AICHE, served on Selection Committee for new placement director, served on Academic Affairs Committee of Board of Managers.

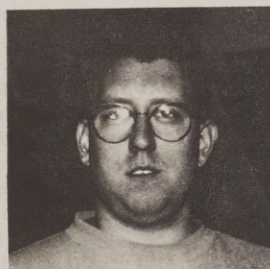
*What do you see as the SGA Pres's role and what would you like to do if elected? Basically, why should the student body elect you?*

The role of the SGA President is to represent the student body at all functions, administer and enforce all laws and regulations of the SGA, to make recommendations for legislation to the SGA Senate, and to meet the needs of the Rose-Hulman Community.

I feel that I am well-prepared to take on the task of being the President of SGA. I have worked very hard in the past while in SGA. As Executive Director voter turnout was the highest ever, and refrigerator rentals increased greatly. As SGA Vice President, I set a precedent that

increased attendance of Senators. I have also represented the student body very well in the past. Last spring I personally presented to the Board of Managers the students' concern on the Freshman Integrated Curriculum. And this past fall I presented to the Board the need for a formal internship / Co-op program to benefit all students.

One of my biggest assets is my ability to intersect and associate with ALL students. With this, I would like to continue the Open Forum Discussion to address student concerns directly. Also, I am going to continue the push for more engineering opportunities for undergraduates; and continue to push for a Spanish language program in the Humanities Department.



**Name:** Clinton J. Rusk  
**Nickname:** Clint  
**Hometown:** Ft. Wayne, IN  
**Major(s):** CS Class: 96

*What organizations (positions held) are you involved in currently or previously?*

Student Activities Board -- Secretary/Treasurer, Glee Club, Association for Computing Machinery, Rose-Hulman Users of Unix.

*What do you see as the SGA Pres's role and what would you like to do if elected? Basically, why should the student*

*body elect you?*

If elected, I would like to get the Rose-Hulman community more involved in the activities of the Student Government Association. To accomplish this, I have a two-fold plan. First, I would continue regularly scheduled open forums. Second, I would arrange meetings between myself and the officers of SGA sponsored clubs.



**Name:** Leonard Clark  
**Hometown:** Lexington, KY  
**Major(s):** ChE Class: SO

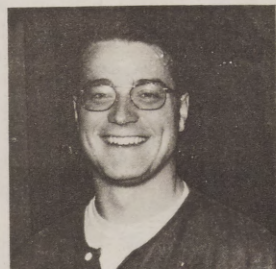
*What organizations (positions held) are you involved in currently or previously?*

Sophomore Advisor for Mees Hall, SGA Senator, Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, Former Campus Involvement Chairman, AICHE, Intramural volleyball, soccer.

*What do you see as the SGA V-P's role and what would you like to do if elected? Basically, why should the student body elect you?*

I see the Vice-President as an active member of the Senate who is responsible to the students of Rose-Hulman. His role is to be involved and represent the student body to the best of his ability. As, Vice President, I will conduct Senate meetings efficiently so that all issues are addressed. Finally, I will encour-

age further involvement in student government by others so that everyone can feel that they have a part in SGA.



**Name:** Scott R. Condon  
**Hometown:** Muncie, IN  
**Major(s):** CS Class: SO

*What organizations (positions held) are you involved in currently or previously?*

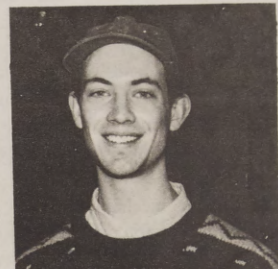
SGA- Executive Director, SGA Senator, AICHE, ATR, Submarine Design Team, Gun Club, Scuba Club, Varsity Swimming, Varsity Cheerleading

*What do you see as the SGA V-P's role and what would you like to do if elected? Basically, why should the student body elect you?*

I see the role of the V-P as two-fold. First, the role is to oversee the Senate meetings and conduct business in an efficient manner. His involvement should continue to include impartial debates and discussions, all the way to making sure all issues are addressed. Second, the role is to be a link between the Executive Committee and the Student Senate.

While serving on the executive committee this past year, I have seen first-hand the responsibilities and duties involved. Therein, using the experience I have gained this past year as

executive director, I will work closely with both the Senate and the Executive Committee to maintain and/or better the production of the Senate for the betterment of the Rose-Hulman community.



**Name:** Timothy Boyd  
**Nicknames:** Tim  
**Hometown:** Fairborn, OH  
**Major(s):** EE Class: JR

*What organizations (positions held) are you involved in currently or previously?*

SGA Publicity Director, SGA Senator, Triangle Fraternity Membership Development, Chairman Member RHA (Frosh year), IEEE member.

*What do you see as the SGA V-P's role and what would you like to do if elected? Basically, why should the student body elect you?*

I see the primary role of the SGA Vice President to preside over the Student Senate. This involves keeping order and making sure each issue is given due consideration. The secondary role of VP is to voice the students' opinions to the executive committee. Issues like an easy to use book exchange, the addition of a Spanish program, and any issues to make the transition to co-education smoother need to be addressed.

All photos by James Mann

## VOTE TUESDAY: SGA Vice-Presidential Primary

# The Rose Bureaucrat

by Timothy Boyd  
SGA Publicity Director

The latest meeting of the Rose-Hulman Student Senate was called to order by Vice President Ashvin Lad on 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, January 10 in the GM room.

The roll call was as follows: 46 present, 7 absent, 4 substitutions, and 2 excused. Those senators absent from the meeting were Shawn Boyd, Bradley Town, Ryan Brashear, Edward Ward, Jeremy Nolan, Ryan Walke, and Bill Fleming.

Vice President Ashvin Lad introduced the keynote speaker Dr. A.T. Roper, who addressed the Senate regarding the use of laptop computers for next year.

Dr. Roper explained how the Institute plans to implement its new policy of requiring all freshmen to purchase a laptop.

President Rob Wallace reported briefly on the accomplishments of the current administration, announced the things that still need to be worked on, and informed the Senators of the upcoming ice hockey game sponsored by SGA, SAB, and RHA.

Vice President Ashvin Lad reported that he had selected Spiro Megremis to fill a vacancy Senate seat for graduate students. Senator Greg Knecht later moved to approve Spiro Megremis as the replacement Senator for the graduate students,

the motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer Defraying announced that the general fund stood at \$4,833.61 and that three funding requests would be presented by the Senate Finance Committee.

Executive Director Scott Condon announced that the Student Leader of the Month Banquet will be held on January 11 and that elections for SGA President and Vice President are coming up soon.

Senator Dan Fox reported on behalf of the Engineering Intern Committee. He announced the coming Summer Job Seminars that will be held on January 17 at 4:30 p.m. in EI04 and also on January 19 at 7:00 p.m. in EI04.

In new business, President Rob Wallace, on behalf of the Executive Committee, presented a proposed by-law amendment which would shorten the amount of time a petitioning club would have to wait to receive SGA funding.

Wallace expressed his opinion that the current 90 days was excessive and unnecessary. He also stated that this would prepare the SGA for fall 1995 when coeducation is fully implemented, allowing new female orientated clubs and organizations to more easily form and receive SGA funding.

Senator Jeff Turk presented the Roller Hockey Club's petition for probationary status. After discussion, Senator Scott Kuester moved to place

the Roller Hockey Club on probationary status, the motion was seconded and approved.

Senator Aaron Barr then moved to allow the Executive Committee to spend over \$1,000 out of the executive fund in order to send two new officers to a conference in New Orleans, the motion was seconded and approved.

Senator Ben Byers then presented a funding request from the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) for \$1,300, for a trip to Wisconsin to attend a bridge building contest. The finance committee recommended \$1,000. The motion, to approve the finance committee's recommendation was then voted on and defeated because Senators felt that ASCE had not adequately look for any other means of funding.

Senator Ben Byers presented a funding request from the Bowling Club for \$1,500. The finance committee recommended \$935. Senator Laura Tougaw moved to approve the finance committee's recommendation, the motion was seconded and then approved.

Senator Ben Byers also presented a funding request from the Rose Thorn for \$1189 for a new camera. The finance committee recommended \$500. After much discussion, the Senate approved \$1189 for the Thorn to purchase the new camera.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m. immediately following the passing of the gavel.

## Rose-Hulman Blood Drive

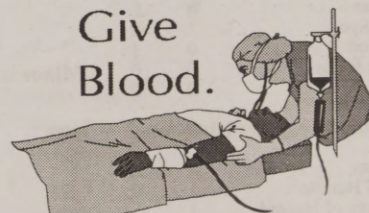
11 Am - 5 PM  
Wednesday, Jan 25th

**IN THE WORX**

\$250 for floor with most participation!

Refreshments will be served all day

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# "Fish-bowl" syndrome not a factor: Rose students have mixed thoughts on coeducation

by Andrew Nuxoll and Jeff Nord  
Thorn Reporters

For the past one and a half quarters, Margaret Ellison has been a Rose-Hulman/ISU Consortium student, participating in a program designed to help ease Rose-Hulman onto the track of co-education. With Rose-Hulman's final year as an all-male school rapidly coming to an end, the Thorn decided to take a peek at what a co-ed Rose-Hulman might be like.



## Regardless of what the co-ed Rose-Hulman will be like, everyone agrees that the transition will be difficult.

The RHIT/ISU Consortium (for those few souls who still don't know) is a partnership between Rose-Hulman and Indiana State University (ISU) whereby female engineering students at ISU are able to take selected courses (Calculus and Chemistry) at Rose-Hulman. These students, all of them freshmen, have been invited to attend Rose-Hulman next fall as full-time students.

Margaret confesses that her decision to be a consortium student was somewhat arbitrary.

"I wanted to be an engineer so it was either here or Purdue and Rose would be better education anyway so I just decided [to go to Rose-Hulman]."

When asked about her first day of classes at Rose-Hulman, Margaret said that it was no different than her first day in high school or her first day at ISU. She does describe her classes at Rose-Hulman as much harder than ISU.

"I don't dare skip a Rose class. But, at ISU, you could [just] go and take the test and get an 'A' in the class."

The social atmosphere at Rose-

Hulman is also very different in Margaret's eyes.

"Rose is a lot like high school, where you know everybody... but at ISU, I don't even know everybody who lives on my floor. Here, if you don't go [to class] they [ask], 'Where were you? What happened?'"

When asked what the most difficult thing about being a consortium student was, Margaret gave a surprising answer: "Travel time."

Consortium students have to schedule an extra half hour between Rose-Hulman and ISU classes to allow time for transportation. This problem is especially prevalent since Rose-Hulman uses quarters instead of semesters, so consortium students are unable to schedule both their ISU and Rose-Hulman classes at the same time.

When asked to comment on the "fish bowl" syndrome, Margaret said, "I don't see it. I don't think anyone really feels it. We're all in that situation where...we know it is going be

tough, but we want to do this anyway."

Margaret finds the preparations Rose has made for the transition to co-education overly sufficient, if not superfluous.

In general, she did not feel that the consortium students expected Rose-Hulman to change to fit them. "We liked how [Rose-Hulman] was so I think that the people that are coming will like it as it is now. It doesn't seem like there is anything missing."

*To provide a "flip-side" peek at a co-ed Rose-Hulman, we wandered the halls interviewing Rose students about the change.*

In general, there seems to be very little consensus on many issues.

Some students felt that the change would make classes easier. Jason Phillips, junior electrical engineering (EE) major, pointed out that "a large drop-out rate" would make the transition seem like a failure.

Michael Dean, a sophomore mechanical engineering (ME) major, felt that the larger field of candidates for Rose-Hulman students would mean a higher quality Rose student.

"Competition will rise and productivity will go up," Dean said.

Admissions office information seems to support this theory. More than 20% of student applications this year have been from women. Jim Goecker, Rose-Hulman's Associate Director of Admissions, tells us that most of these applications have been of very high quality.

Approximately 70 undergraduate female students are expected next year.

Many students predicted that co-education would improve the social atmosphere at Rose.

In general, there were predictions of a decrease in visits to ISU and St. Mary's as well as a decrease in the percentage of male students in social fraternities.

However, junior ME Joel Brazle disagreed, saying, "I

don't think Rose-Hulman [being co-ed] would have changed my decision to join a fraternity."

Surprisingly, some students predicted that there would be almost no change at all.

The most varied responses came when students were asked whether they would have delayed or sped up the transition to co-education if they could have. Some students felt that it should have happened a long time ago or at least before they had come to Rose. Others, like sophomore chemical engineering major Bob Flaherty, wished it could have been delayed until after they graduated.

"It needs to be done but I wish they hadn't done while I was here," stated Flaherty.

Still other students, like sophomore ME John Rozmaryn, felt that now was as good a time as any.

"It needs to happen but it won't be easy, so why not now?"

Regardless of what the co-ed Rose-Hulman will be like, everyone agrees that the transition will be difficult.

Margaret Ellison offers the following advice to next year's female undergraduates: "Work hard. Just because... they make a big deal about you doesn't mean that you get your grades free. You have to work just as hard as everyone else."

*Editor's note: If you have feelings and/or opinions which you would like to express about Rose-Hulman's transition to coeducation, please write to the THORN at Box 170 RHIT.*

## Students, faculty provide helping hand, input in Humanity Department Chair selection process

by Thomas Hill  
Thorn Reporter

The search committee of the Rose-Hulman Humanities, Social and Life Sciences (HSLs) department, began conducting an intensive interview process to find a replacement for Professor Peter Parshall, the current department head. Parshall will be stepping down at the end of this school year, in order to take a more active role teaching at Rose-Hulman.

Recently, three of four external candidates, visited the school. In addition, Professor Heinz Luegenbiehl, Professor of Philosophy and Technology Studies at Rose, was interviewed January 18 and Professor Janet Stavropoulos, will be interviewed today.

Selecting the final four external candidates from over eighty responses to Rose's advertisement that appeared in the October 26 and November 3 issues of *The Chronicle of Higher Education* was a lengthy and involved process.

According to Professor Caroline Carvill, Associate Professor of American Literature, who chaired the search committee,

the applicants came from "a variety of disciplines and a variety of schools. We had a really good (applicant) pool with a lot of candidates to choose from. We were very, very pleased with the pool."

While the search committee considered administrative experience and professional development experience a plus, teaching experience was the most important factor in the selection process.

The fairly diverse background of the four external candidates chosen to be interviewed includes Professor Sandra Dolby, Chair of American Studies at IU-Bloomington, Professor Hector Romero, Chair of the Foreign Languages Department at South Bend, Stavropoulos, a Ph.D. in English who is finishing her law degree at Bloomington and Professor William McRae of Tennessee Technological University, a Ph.D. in English, specializing in the Literature of Science.

Important topics of discussion during the actual interviews included departmental management as related to fac-

ulty consultation, decision making and long-term planning as well as representation of the HSLs department to the school.

Carvill said the candidates' visits "had them do a variety of things while they're here. They meet with the Dean, the President, the search committee, a group of students and other department heads. They give two different presentations to the department and then they have dinner with the search committee. All of that happens in 24 hours."

The visits allow the committee to observe the candidates' scholarship, teaching and administrative ability, as well as their interaction with other faculty.

Students selected to meet the candidates engaged in informal conversation with the candidates. The students will provide input about the candidates, while simultaneously representing one of the school's strong points.

The students represented different segments of the school, such as the SGA, the RHA and the Inter Fraternity Council.

"I'm hoping to get input from all those people the candidates meet with -- department chairs, search committee, the other

members of the department, and students," explained Carvill. "This is a student-centered faculty and school and so it's important for candidates to know that and to interact with students...to show them what kind of students we're dealing with here."

After the interview process is complete, the HSLs department will make recommendations to Dean James

Eifert, Rose-Hulman's Dean of Faculty and to Rose-Hulman President Samuel Hulbert.

The earliest it is expected for a candidate to accept the HSLs department chair position is in mid-February.

Carvill will also be involved with the search for the first HSLs technical communications coordinator, with interviews beginning as soon as February.

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Wednesday, Jan 25th

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10. It's see-through from C-1.
9. C-1 lingerie: Very close to naked.
8. In C-1, we have no "Secrets."
7. If we told you that you had a nice body, would you hold it against us?
6. Our new line of leathers puts the SNAP back in your relationship.
5. Edible C-1 undies melt in your mouth, not in your hand
4. The Kev-lacy design offers bulletproof protection for use in or near the White House (endorsed by Hillary).
3. Our EE series offers little resistance.
2. Try our casual wear for when you're just hanging out.
1. Buy our lingerie or we'll club a baby seal.

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## Top Ten Things Heard in the Chemistry Reference Room

10. Why breathe?
9. Snuggling in the warm bosom of despair.
8. I'll let you hug me if you promise to squeeze the life out of me.
7. You're dumber than most people!
6. This is basic organic chemistry! You should know this by now!
5. Choose death.
4. Life is a big black sucking hole of depression and disappointment.
3. ...before turning the gun upon himself.
2. Hope is the denial of reality.
1. The worst thing is I never learned to read.

Troy Wiegand

