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Rose education helps Hostettler deal with campaign issues

by Jeff Nord
Thorn Reporter

This year's U.S. Congressional elections ushered in many new members and brought the Republican party to majority status in both the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives. Among the new members of the House of Representatives is John Hostettler, a 1983 Rose-Hulman Mechanical Engineering graduate.

Hostettler, a Republican, defeated Democrat Frank McCloskey for the 8th U.S. Congressional seat from Indiana.

This seat includes Evansville and the surrounding counties.

In the campaign, Hostettler portrayed McCloskey, a six-term U.S. Congressman, as a Clinton clone, noting that McCloskey's vote was the deciding vote in

passing Clinton's tax increases in 1993. Hostettler ran on a platform of fewer taxes, a smaller federal government, family values, and job growth.



John Hostettler

In an interview conducted by Bryan Taylor of Rose-Hulman's Publications Department, Hostettler said, "After the election in 1992, I realized we were probably going to continue moving in the same direction of big government. I decided I needed to become more involved. Having children really made me much more forward-looking at the shape our country will be in."

Hostettler has a wife, Beth, a son, Matthew, 8, and two daughters, Amanda and Jaclyn, 5 and 3, respectively.

Earlier this year, Hostettler sought the Republican nomination in the local

Republican primary. In a six-way race, Hostettler received 35 percent of the vote and easily outdistanced his nearest competitor, who got 22 percent of the vote.

With the Republican nomination in hand, Hostettler was ready to begin full-time campaigning. Beginning on July 1, he took a leave of absence from his job as a performance assurance engineer with Southern Indiana Gas & Electric's Warrick County Power Plant. To finance his campaign, Hostettler received individual donations from over 3000 people, but refused to accept donations from PACs. In addition, over 1000

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Forensic squad faces final debate

The Rose-Hulman Debate Team finished the fall quarter with a winning record in two intercollegiate tournaments, and will send the team of Scott Hicks and Eric Buscher to participate in the Anderson University Debate Tournament on December 2 and 3 to complete the 1994 fall season.

The first tournament of the fall quarter was the Indiana Governor's Cup Invitational Tournament held Oct. 21 and 22 in the State House complex in Indianapolis and sponsored by IUPUI and Rose-Hulman. The tournament hosted fourteen schools from eight states. Rose-Hulman entered a varsity team and junior teams, while the remaining team members helped manage the tournament. In the varsity division, Jon Kraft and Geoff Miller, both freshmen with high-school debate experience, compiled a record of 2 wins, 2 losses and 2 ties. In the junior division, Eric Buscher and Mike Pape, freshmen with no previous debate experience, compiled a record of 3 wins and 3 losses and tied for fourth in the junior division. Marc Cwik, Chris O'Malley, and Scott Hicks served as assistant tournament managers for Rose-Hulman Debate Coach Dr. Don Shields.

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The Grayback Tour slated to cover coast to coast

by Sean McPeak

The Rose-Hulman Scuba Club plans to begin the training and testing of crew members for "The Grayback", their human-powered submarine.

To fine tune the submarine during the winter, local pools will be utilized. Plans are underway to take the Grayback to the Atlantic Ocean over the spring break. There, testing in open water will be done in preparation for the Grayback's first race in the spring.

The Grayback is approximately 12 feet long and 25 inches in diameter. The hull of the Grayback was constructed from the wing tank of a T33 aircraft. While in motion, the submarine uses a rotary motion drive train equipped with a mechanism to vary the pitch of the propellers. The submarine crew breathe from scuba gear, since the submarine is flooded at all times. The two-member crew is composed of a navigator and propulsor.

The first race in the spring, which will be against the Tennessee Tech Torpedo II, has been



The Grayback Team

The Rose-Hulman Scuba Club's Grayback Team members are (back from left to right) Steve Geotz, Scott Safer, Jeff Waters, Ben Knolle, Rick Davis, Scott Lewis, Sean McPeak, Jon Kraft, Mark Sauerburger, and Dan Barmes, (kneeling left) Ryan Van de Water, and (kneeling right) Ben Hubenhard.

organized by the two race groups as a friendly scrimmage. The Grayback Team's first large competition will occur in August of 1995 at the West Coast Human-Powered Submarine Invitational. The race takes place in California,

and nearly 50 submarines are expected to compete.

The team is comprised of 17 individuals, all of whom are very excited about the future events and are pleased with the progress already made. The Scuba Club

first presented the Grayback during this year's Homecoming show. The Grayback project has recently moved on campus to a barn shared with the Solar Phantom Team.

"Career Search" helpful tool in today's job search

Rose students now have access to an innovative, high-tech employment tool currently available at only about 25 schools in the United States. Located in the Templeton building's lobby, the computer database, called Career Search, puts at the fingertips of users a universe of strategic job-hunting information.

Through the use of search criteria such as geographic location, specific industry, and company size, otherwise hard-to-locate potential employers can be found. In minutes, Career Search can identify companies which match the specific interests of the job-seeker. Perhaps the most unique feature of Career Search is that at each of those firms, it will identify the names of individuals in certain functional areas, such as the

Human Resources Manager, or Engineering Manager. This information is extremely helpful when mailing out cover letters and resumes.

Career Search is very easy to operate and presents information in a simple, clear format, and is updated by CD-ROM each month. The results of a database search can be printed out on the printer in the Career Services Office, saved on disk for later printing, or saved on disk in mail merge format.

While the database contains information on around 247,000 different companies, it is suggested that students limit their correspondence to only 40-50 companies at a time. The most common problem students have with the database is that they fail to sufficiently limit their search. For example, asking for all the

high tech companies in the Western U.S. will turn up 7,551 companies. Yet, by identifying a particular kind of high tech company (microcomputer assembly) in a smaller region

(southern California), the results will be much more manageable (56 companies).

If students have difficulty with the database, they should ask a Career Services staff person.

Car accident claims life of Rose-Hulman freshman

The Logan Library will be purchasing books in the memory of Chris Venturini, a Rose-Hulman freshman from Virginia, who was killed in a one-car accident November 19th. The money to purchase the books will come from a donation to the library's book fund made by Chris's parents.

Chris left Saturday evening for Cincinnati, where he was to visit relatives. It is assumed he fell asleep at the wheel. His car

left the roadway, striking a tree head-on. Services were held in Cincinnati.

Chris was the manager of Rose's football team during the fall quarter. While some football managers receive work-study money for their time, Chris had volunteered his time. Rose-Hulman's football coach Scott A. Duncan described Chris as a very entertaining character and one who was happy to be a part of the team.

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ENTERTAINMENT / LEISURE

Saturday, Dec. 10 - Fine Arts Series, "Heritage Brass Quintet," Moench Hall Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 16 - Start Of Christmas Vacation, 5 p.m.

Dec. 24 - Fat Man Climbs Down Your Chimney, Midnight

Jan. 14 - Fine Arts Series, Bushkova & Mushkatkol, 7:30 p.m.

**LECTURES**

Today, Dec. 2 - Biomedical Engineering Seminar, Gary Ulrich, Orthopedic Surgeon, O-101, 10:50 a.m.

Today, Dec. 2 - Chemical Engineering Seminar, "Reactive Distillation," Jeffrey DeGramo, Project Manager, Koch Engineering, Wichita, Kan., O-205, 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 6 - Biomedical Engineering Seminar, JoAnne Bozza-Jonathan, Advanced Physical Therapy North, O-101, 10:50 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 8 - Biomedical Engineering Seminar, Jim Vance, JFV Associates, O-101, 10:50 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 9 - Chemical Engineering Seminar, William Bandy, Amoco Oil Company, Amoco Research Center, Naperville, Ill., O-205, 2:30 p.m.

Dec. 13 - Physics & Applied Optics Colloquium, "Engineering Novel Magnetic Materials On The Atomic Scale," Kevin Riggs, Material Science Division, Argonne National Laboratory, CL-119, 4:20 p.m.

Jan. 6 - Chemical Engineering Seminar, Amy Cyric, O-205, 2:30 p.m.

Jan. 11 - Welltalk Series, Prostate Cancer, 11:30 a.m.

**MEETINGS**

Monday, Dec. 5 - Army ROTC Christmas Party, Moench Hall, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 6 - SGA Open Discussion, GM Room, 4:20 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 6 - SGA Senate Meeting, GM Room, 5:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 7 - President's Administrative Council, PA Room, Hulman Union, 8 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 7 - American Society of Civil Engineers, New Officer Elections

Dec. 11 - Rose Family Christmas Party, Hulman Union, 4 p.m.

Dec. 12 - Business Office Christmas Brunch, 9-11 a.m.

Dec. 13 - ASCE Winter Banquet

Dec. 14 - President's Administrative Council, PA Room, 8 a.m.

Dec. 15 - Admissions/Development Christmas Party, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dec. 16 - Facilities Christmas Party, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**ADDITIONALLY...**

Monday, Dec. 5 - Final Date To Add A Class

Wednesday, Dec. 7 - Hadley Hall Christmas Open House, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dec. 15 - Night Exam, Physics Of Solid State Devices (PH 405A), E-104, 7-9 p.m.

Jan. 3 - Winter Quarter Resumes, 8:05 a.m.

**SUBMISSIONS
TO CAMPUS EVENTS**

Events may be published in *Campus Events* by any organization or individual. Simple announcements of times and locations may be submitted to Campus Calendar, in care of Dale Long, associate director of communications, at Box 14 or extension 8418. More detailed articles containing plans, agendas, and specific information should be submitted to the *Rose Bush*, via Karen Pershing in the mailroom.

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

The Rose Bush
*Campus News and Information***WMHD 90.5 FM T-SHIRT
DESIGN CONTEST**

WMHD 90.5 FM, The Alternative, is sponsoring a T-Shirt Design Contest open to the Rose-Hulman student body. The designer of the winning design will receive a one-year subscription to Rolling Stones Magazine. These shirts will be used for promotion on and off campus. The design may use any combination of front and back prints, and may be a one or two color design (not including the shirt background color). Submissions should be sent to: WMHD, RHIT Box 169, 5500 Wabash Ave., Terre Haute, IN 47803. The designs must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 1994.

**ATTENTION
RESIDENT ASSISTANTS**

Please contact the *Modulus* office in order to arrange an appointment to take your floor picture. The appointment should be made by Christmas Break. Stop by the office in C-217, or call X-8447 and leave a message so that you can be contacted about the picture. Insure your floor that they will be photographed, and call now.

**YEARBOOKS STILL
AVAILABLE**

The 1993-94 yearbooks are still available to students who haven't picked theirs up. They are free to all sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Just stop by the *Modulus* office, C-217 and sign off your name.

Career Services Update**EMPLOYERS WILL BE VISITING CAMPUS
BEFORE HOLIDAY BREAK**

Tuesday, Dec. 6 - Career Services Interviews: U.S. Navy

Thursday, Dec. 8 - Career Services Interviews: U.S. Air Force

Wednesday, Dec. 14 - Career Services Interviews: Citadel Software Inc.

CAREER FAIR SIGN-UP TODAY!

Today (December 2) is the deadline for signing up for the Careers '95, the Chicago Career Fair in February. After today, you will have to make your own arrangements if you wish to attend the Career Fair.

JOB HUNTING TECHNIQUES

A Job-Hunting Techniques Workshop will be held on Tuesday, December 6 at 7 p.m. in the PA Room of Hulman Union. This workshop is designed primarily for seniors (summer job workshops for underclassmen will be held in January).

This is the last time this workshop will be offered this year. Don't miss your last chance to learn the best job-hunting techniques which you can begin using now.

"HELP WANTED" ON MICROFICHE

The Office of Career Services recently subscribed to a service that compiles the "help wanted" ads from 64 cities and publishes them on microfiche that is delivered weekly to the Templeton Building. Help wanted ads are complete and unedited, providing all full-time job opportunities for both white and blue collar, as well as experienced and entry-level positions.

The 64 nationwide cities vary in size and were selected for their high rating in overall desirable living conditions and expected job growth. A sample count revealed these 64 Sunday newspapers advertised over one hundred thousand total job opportunities - all condensed on a small packet of microfiche. For more information, contact Bill Lindstaedt in the Career Services Office.

**SPORTS**

Today, Dec. 2 - Swimming, at DePauw Invitational, Greencastle, 11 a.m.

Today, Dec. 2 - Wrestling, at Little State Tournament, North Manchester, 5:30 p.m.

Tonight, Dec. 2 - Basketball, Rose-Hulman Invitational, Shook Fieldhouse

* Defiance (Ohio) vs. Eureka (Ill.), 7 p.m.

* Rose-Hulman vs. Whittier (Calif.), 9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 3 - Basketball, Rose-Hulman Invitational, Shook Fieldhouse

* Consolation Game, 2 p.m.

* Championship Game, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 3 - Swimming, at DePauw Invitational, Greencastle, 11 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 3 - Wrestling, at Little State Tournament, North Manchester, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 7 - Basketball, Earlham College, Shook Fieldhouse, 7:30 p.m.

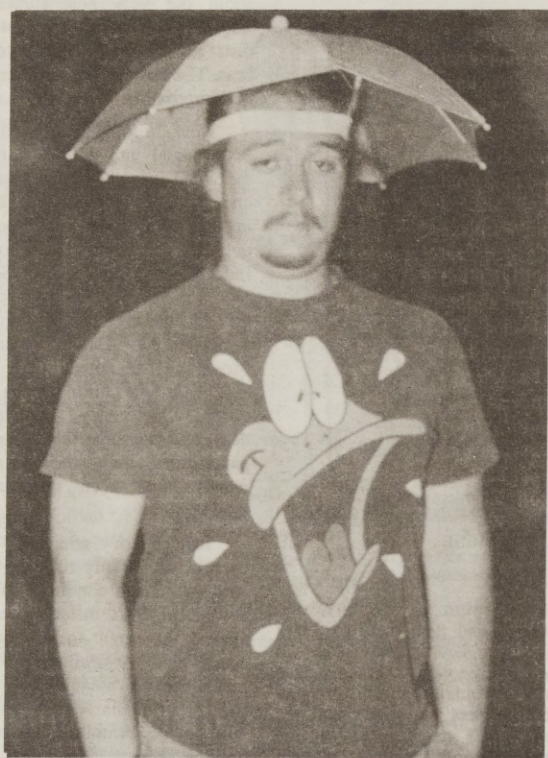
Thursday, Dec. 8 - Wrestling, vs. Wabash College & Millikin University, Crawfordsville, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 13 - Basketball, Centre College, Shook Fieldhouse, 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 7 - Basketball, Hanover College, 3 p.m. (ICAC Game)

Jan. 10 - Wrestling, Wabash & Mount St. Joseph, 7:30 p.m.

Umbrella-head?



Even though this fall had more than its share of nice days, Parker Gibson is taking no chances. He knows just how unpredictable Terre Haute weather can be. Above, he shows off his homemade raingear.

Photo by James Mann

Symposium addresses international experiences, opportunities

The International Programs Committee will be presenting a symposium Thursday, December 8, to introduce or reintroduce, as the case may be, Rose-Hulman's foreign programs. The symposium will begin at 4:30 pm in the GM room.

Students will learn about a variety of programs, including two programs to Japan. Professor Toshiyuki Yamamoto will discuss the opportunities to work at the Ka Institute of Technology (KIT). The EAGLE program also exists for study in Japan. Students study the language and culture for nine weeks and have the week following to travel throughout Japan. Significant job opportunities exist in Japan, including a job fair solely for EAGLE participants.

Currently, several Rose students are studying in Stuttgart, Germany. Students live and learn on the university for two semesters

after participating in an intensive one-month language course at a German university. Taking courses in German, or any foreign language for that matter, and living among students from every nation in Europe as well as several outside of Europe is great experience.

Professor Hannelore Lehr will be discussing opportunities to work in Germany during the summer. Several students did research at German universities and one also worked at Beiersdorf Inc. in Hamburg, Germany.

Rose offers programs to other countries, including China, Russia, England, and Ireland. All students interested in these programs should attend the symposium. Additional information can be received from Karen DeGrange and Dr. Lee Waite, as well as Yamamoto and Lehr.

Greek life offers respite for some, others still seek foothold at Rose

by Andrew Nuxoll
Thorn Reporter

Last quarter 154 students pledged one of Rose-Hulman's eight social fraternities (as of November 1). For Rose-Hulman, this seems to be about the average although it's down a little from recent years. From 1991-1993 an average of 169 students pledged a fraternity. However, in the past ten years this number has been as low as 135 and as high as 192.

Of this year's 154 new members, 137 are freshmen, 16 are sophomores, and 1 is a junior. By fraternity, 20 students pledged Alpha Tau Omega, 26 pledged Delta Sigma Phi, 10 pledged Phi Gamma Delta, 29 pledged Pi Kappa Alpha, 26 pledged Sigma Nu, 13 pledged Lambda Chi, 3 pledged Theta Xi, and 27 pledged Triangle. Of those people attending first formals, 46 decided not to join a fraternity.

In general, students that pledged a fraternity appreciated the social activ-



Eric Buscher is greeted by Renee Kyle, Pi Kappa Alpha's 1994 Homecoming Queen candidate, during second formals.

Photo by James Mann

ity that often seems absent at Rose. Britt Hubbard, who pledged Delta Sigma Phi last quarter, said he also liked having a "place away from Rose" where he would have "something to fall back on." Almost all the new pledges interviewed expressed concern that fraternities have been given a bad reputation.

Students who have decided not to join a fraternity (or perhaps not to join one yet) based their decision on a variety of reasons. Chris Wahlman admitted that he just missed first formals. Tim Seger decided to see how Rose-Hulman is without it first. Other students, including Surat Intasang, just didn't think they had the time.

"Cold Cash" being offered to boost Indiana tourism

Savings can snowball when consumers take advantage of the 1995 Cold Cash Coupon Book. The book offers discounts of at least 20 percent at 240 restaurants, shops, attractions, and lodging facilities in Indiana.

Cold Cash Coupons, free from the Indiana Tourism Division, also offers

special weekend packages. All coupons are redeemable from Nov. 15, 1994, through March 31, 1995 -- with some good through April 30.

Also new this year is a prize drawing for a winter getaway at one of Indiana's state park inns. Consumers can enter simply by

completing and returning the order form in the back of the coupon book -- no purchase necessary.

Cold Cash Coupon Books are available at all Indiana welcome centers and convention and visitor bureaus. To receive a copy by mail, call (800) 759-9191.

"The Majesty and Glory of Christmas" offers sounds of a traditional Christmas

"The Majesty and Glory of Christmas," a Christmas concert of traditional Christmas hymns, will be presented by the combined choirs of the First Baptist Church of North

Terre Haute on Friday, December 9. The concert will held at 7:30 pm in the old Meis lot across from the parking garage on Wabash Avenue in downtown Terre Haute.

This special program is in conjunction with the Downtown Business Alliance. There is no admission charge.

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volunteers worked on Hostettler's campaign.

"We had an army of volunteers getting involved in politics for the first time," Hostettler said. Volunteers took care of various tasks, ranging from parades to poll work, phone canvassing to informational mailings. "It was really humbling to see the amount of people who put their personal lives on hold for the duration of the campaign," Hostettler stated.

When asked how his education at Rose-Hulman affected his pursuit of political office, Hostettler responded, "It took a lot of hard work and I learned that at Rose. We spent a lot of late nights and I remember those at Rose. We had to

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Hostettler also felt that the analytical basis of engineering which he learned at Rose was useful in dealing with the issues of the campaign. "Engineering tells us it's one answer. You just don't throw something on the table and see if it works. You must analyze issues and problems," Hostettler said.

John Hostettler takes the oath of office on January 4, after which he will begin the task that the American people sent him and his colleagues to Washington to do. Rose students can take pride in the fact that someone who twelve short years ago walked the halls of Rose-Hulman is now walking the halls of our nation's Capitol.

FORENSIC

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The second tournament was the John Harlan Invitational Tournament held Nov. 4 and 5 at Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky. The Rose-Hulman Varsity team of Marc Cwik and Chris O'Malley compiled a record of 4 wins and 2 losses in the six preliminary rounds. Cwik was ranked sixth speaker and O'Malley 5th speaker in the preliminary rounds out of 22 debaters.

In the semi-final round against

Western Illinois University, Cwik and O'Malley lost on a 2-1 split decision. In the Junior Division, Scott Hicks and Mike Pape compiled a record of 3 wins and 3 losses in the preliminary rounds and advanced to the elimination rounds.

In the quarter-final round Rose-Hulman defeated Cedarville College. In the semi-final round Rose-Hulman defeated Ferris State University. In the final round Hicks and Pape defeated Berea College to win the Junior Division.

Rose-Hulman compiled an over-

all record of 10 wins and 6 losses to place second overall in the tournament.

During the 1995 Spring season Rose-Hulman will sponsor an invitational debate tournament on March 10 and 11 with co-hosts DePauw University and Wabash College. The Rose-Hulman Debate Team is open to any Rose student that wishes to participate. Previous debate experience is not required. Those interested can contact debate coach Dr. Donald J. Shields through the humanities' office or through the Vice-President for Student Affairs office.

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!

SAT "recentering" next spring will throw students a curve

WASHINGTON--The nation's SAT scores are going to be "recentered." Lovely word. It means that every child in America will get something like 100 free points added to his score. There hasn't been a promised giveaway like it since the famed chicken-in-every-pot and George McGovern's \$1,000 government handout to every living American. Except that, mere numbers being easier to manufacture than real chickens and real money, this promise will be kept. By next April, every high schooler in America will look a hundred points smarter.

Why? The College Board says: To make it easier for students and parents to find the average. When the modern SATs were started in 1941, the average score was 500. They have since slid 76 points in verbal and 22 points in math. Because "most infrequent users of the SAT expect the average to be about 500," explains the College Board, they tend to misinterpret the results. They think a 424 verbal is below average, whereas in fact it is today's sorry mean. We will now cure them of this debilitating misapprehension by "recentering": By decree, every 424 turns into a cool 500.

Call me a skeptic, but I smell a solution in search of a problem. How many people go around benightedly convinced that the average SAT score is 500? Do you? Never occurred to me. And even if it is true that thousands of people are misled about their relation to the average because of the widespread myth of the 500 mean, wouldn't it be easy to correct this unfortunate state of affairs by simply telling parents and students in, say, a highlighted alert appended to the letters informing them of their SAT scores that the current national average is 424 for verbal and 478 for math?

Instead, the College Board



decides to raise all scores. In addition to the claim of convenience, it throws in a dash of political correctness: "Recentering will help to reflect more accurately the diversity of students now taking the test." Now, invoking diversity is the

By next April, every high schooler in America will look a hundred points smarter.

foolproof way of justifying anything these days, but how does boosting everyone's score reflect diversity?

The one sure thing it does is please the eye and boost self-esteem. Who wouldn't feel better getting a 500 than a 424? Like all other forms of grade inflation, this one satisfies the reigning therapeutic ideology under which the point of pedagogy is to help students

feel good about themselves. Scores that make kids feel better about mediocrity do that splendidly.

And inflated SAT scores will boost not just individual but generational self-esteem. The annual national SAT report will no longer be an occasion for recording--in a uniquely clear, quantitative way--how far educational achievement has declined in the last half-century. Big deal, we are told. The 1941 test population was very small (10,000 compared to more than a million today). It was mostly middle to upper class, white and male. Today it includes more "women, minorities, and economically disadvantaged students," says the College Board. "Thus, recentering on a contemporary reference group will make interpreting individual and group scores easier." Not really, but it sure will make embarrassing historical comparisons much harder.

Why subject this generation to comparison with those frightfully elitist white males of 1941? Because the generation that, as President Clinton recently asserted on Omaha

Beach, went on to "save the world" and then rebuild it is a good standard for any society to test itself against. And because it is patronizing and insulting to the women, minorities and the poor of today's cohort to insinuate that they cannot possibly be held to traditional standards of achievement.

Achievement is always the victim of grade inflation. Perhaps the most pernicious effect of the SAT "recentering" is that it collapses distinctions at the highest levels of

Who wouldn't feel better getting a 500 than a 424?

achievement. Anyone getting 730 in verbal will now get 800. Those who miss 3 or 4 questions will now be entirely indistinguishable from those whose tests are perfect.

Whereas the presumed gain from recentering is a mere convenience (making the mean a recognizable round number), the loss is real: Squeezing together the upper ranks wipes out real, important information

about our very best students. The current system distinguishes best from second best. The new system will make that impossible.

Now, turning every silver SAT medal into gold is hardly the worst instance of the assault on excellence now taking place in our educational institutions, but it is highly symbolic. Indeed, the recentering of SAT scores is yet another instance of the recentering of our entire society. As Daniel Patrick Moynihan has noted, today we accept as the norm levels of crime, illegitimacy, homelessness and various other social pathologies that in the past would have been considered intolerable.

Instead of arresting our decline, we simply redefine our current reduced condition as the new norm. SAT inflation neatly applies that logic to America's educational decline. The mathematical assault on real social problems continues. It will not be complete, however, until we have achieved the ultimate standard, the Lake Wobegon standard, "where all the children are above average." Statisticians are working on that right now.

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Charles Krauthammer will be featured in the Rose Thorn weekly throughout this quarter. Krauthammer earned a BA degree in Political Science from McGill University and an M.D. from Harvard Medical School. He began his journalistic career in 1981 with the New Republic, and in 1983 became a contributor to Time. A year later he began a weekly column for The Washington Post and became syndicated in 1985. In 1987, Krauthammer was awarded a Pulitzer Prize for distinguished commentary. -ed

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We would like to remind our readers that the views expressed in the Thorn do not necessarily represent the opinions of anyone other than the original author.

Discussion shows corporate perspective on coeducation

by Kevin Gaither
Thorn Reporter

Bob Hamilton from the Human Resources department at E.I. Du Pont gave a demonstration on "Diversity - A Corporate Perspective" Wednesday, November 30 at 4:30 p.m. in the GM room.

He began the discussion by answering questions posed by the audience of students and faculty. Main emphasis was given to the "significant changes" occurring at Rose-Hulman next year with the addition of women in the next Freshman class. Hamilton said that it would give Rose-Hulman a "richer environment."

Instead of seeing everyone as the same, Hamilton explained, we should use everyone's differences to increase creativity and effectiveness. Hamilton illustrated this through the analogy of a symphony. "Each instrument on its own sounds pretty neat, but we put them together it sounds really beautiful." The analogy of mosaic tiles was also used.



Bob Hamilton from DuPont's Human Resources department
Photo by James Mann

To avoid pitfalls, he advised that Rose-Hulman should talk to the women from ISU that are currently taking some classes here about what they would change to make Rose-Hulman a better place. For instance "disrespectful behavior" from students and

faculty that have made them feel awkward.

Hamilton also advised that "it will be difficult to change the environment if you do things like you did in the past," meaning that RHIT must change next year and build on the sense of family. Giving Du Pont as an example, Hamilton showed how creating better relationships in the workplace has allowed the company to prosper greatly. From race to sex to sexual orientation, Du Pont has strived to make everyone feel that they "can be themselves."

The discussion concluded with the fact that it is every student's responsibility to tell faculty "when something is said that makes you are upset."

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Engineers break school records, Duncan named Co-Coach of the Year

by Joel Gillespie
Sports Reporter

The Rose-Hulman football team played its last two games in the time since the last issue of *The Thorn*. The Engineers lost to Wabash College in their final conference game on Nov. 5, 10-0. The following weekend, Rose closed out the season on a high note with a 29-20 victory over the University of Chicago.

Rose went into the Wabash game looking to lock up their first-ever ICAC title. But after sixty minutes of hard-fought play on a sloppy, slippery Phil Brown Field, the Engineers still had a goose egg on their side of the scoreboard. As a result, Rose's number of ICAC titles will remain zero, also.

Wabash forced three Rose turnovers and turned the Engineers away scoreless from the one-yard line twice in the fourth quarter on their way to a 10-0 victory.

The game's most surprising statistic had to be the Engineers' net yards rushing. They could muster only 155 yards on the ground after topping the 400-yard mark in each of the last three games.

Head coach Scott Duncan commented, "Wabash is a pretty good defensive team. They presented some change-ups that caused us some problems."

Anthony Hammack went over 1,000 yards rushing in the game, leading the team with 79



Junior quarterback Todd Harris is shown in action against Franklin College. Harris, along with four other Engineers, was named to the ICAC first team.

Photo by James Mann

yards on the ground and giving him 1,058 on the year.

The team played solidly overall on defense, but the offense just couldn't put any points on the board.

Rose rebounded from the disappointing Wabash game to beat the University of Chicago. After a scoreless first quarter, the Maroons scored on a touchdown pass from Ron Dawczak to Der-

rick Brooms.

A.J. Wilkerson's touchdown run and Jason Tolle's fumble return for a score later in the quarter put the Engineers ahead to stay. Anthony Hammack led the team in rushing with 124 yards, giving him a season total of 1,182, second all-time for the Engineers.

Wilkerson gathered 102 yards in the game. He also had to

take over the quarterbacking duties after starter Todd Harris broke and dislocated a finger late in the third quarter. Eric Gappa caught a touchdown pass for the Engineers.

The Engineers had a very successful season, finishing with their best record so far in the 1990's. They ended up in a tie for third place in the ICAC.

Duncan honored

Football Head Coach Scott Duncan was voted the Indiana Collegiate Athletic Conference's Co-Coach of the Year, and five of the eight Engineers' all-league honorees were named to the first team. Duncan shared the honor with Hanover College Coach Wayne Perry.

Four members of the record-breaking offense were named to the first team, along with defensive end Scott Chase. The offensive representatives were senior fullback Anthony Hammack, junior quarterback Todd Harris, sophomore halfback A.J. Wilkerson, and junior offensive tackle Greg Rosinski.

Bearing honorable mention honors were junior wide receiver Eric Gappa, junior linebacker Brian Crissman, and sophomore center Brandon Boone.

Hammack, Wilkerson, and Harris combined to rush for a school record 3,109 yards and were among the top rushing offenses in NCAA Division III.

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Educator "Batman" Joe Clark speaks at Indiana State

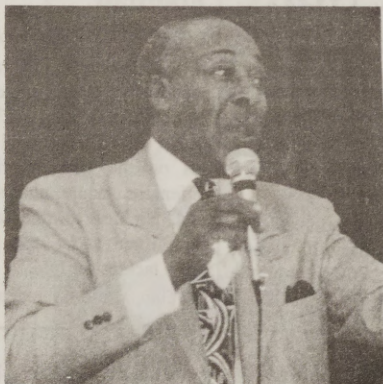
by Dave Hile,
Thorn Reporter

During his controversial eight-year tenure as principal at Eastside High School in Paterson, New Jersey, Joe Clark used a self-proclaimed Patton-like discipline he believed necessary to bring out the best in his students. Clark, widely recognized as the subject of the movie "Lean on Me" starring Morgan Freeman, lectured Wednesday at Indiana State University's Hulman Union. Some of the topics addressed included Clark's views on education and his parameters for success.

In his first week alone as principal of Eastside in 1983 Clark expelled over 300 students deemed "parasitic" to the efforts of a school trying to educate its pupils. The "hooligans" expelled consisted primarily of 18 through 20 year-old failing students, many of whom had achieved absolutely zero academic credit. Later expulsions targeted drug pushers and other discipline-troubled kids. To further separate students from unwanted influences Clark had entrances chained and locked. This particular incident caused a public furor over a serious potential fire hazard.

In his speech at ISU, Clark emphasized that trouble-making students needed alternative educational methods which his school could not provide. In an interview with the Tribune Star, Clark stated that he is in the process of starting his own schools for students deemed to be discipline problems. In his speech, he emphasized the need for school systems to provide several school environments for pupils of varying backgrounds and abilities.

The stated goal of Clark's quick axe was to provide a disciplined background for others to succeed. Clark maintains that stability must be achieved before academic success. By removing students that are harmful to the school environment, Clark believes that students will have an



Clark tells it like it is.

Photo by James Mann

increased opportunity to blossom within the educational system.

Clark used the bulk of his time to encourage students to maximize the talents they have. "It's not the number of talents you are given-- it's what you do with the talents that you have," Clark frequently addressed one's need to use their given talents to jump on any opportunities in front of them for, "there is a pony of opportunity in the corral for each and every one of you, and your job is to go into that corral of opportunity... and ride her to the perfect canons of success."

Clark also took time to comment on the recently-published book, *The Bell Curve*, which established IQ as a function of race.

"I think IQ is directly related to how well you do at school, but I don't believe that IQ determines how successful you are today... or the honor you should have as an individual... In America, it's character that counts, not IQ." He also claimed that the world's "cognitive elite" derive from all races and is not predominated by a specific group.

Clark closed his address by urging people to make the most of the chances that are awaiting them. "It's not a disgrace to shoot for the stars and miss, but it is a disgrace not to have any stars to shoot for."

Health Services says 'tis the season to chill out

The holidays, portrayed as happy, joyous times, are the most frequent time of year for stress, depression, and personal difficulties to occur. Frequently, we get caught up in our concerns, until it becomes difficult to see other viable solutions. Bouncing ideas off someone else may be all that is needed to arrive at workable solutions. While many of our concerns seem overwhelming, suicide is a permanent solution to temporary problems.

Talking about suicide to someone will not "plant the idea" in their mind. Pay attention to verbal statements made by people you know. Most successful suicide attempts have made indications to this effect before. Such indicators can include: 1) verbal threats, such as -- "I just can't handle it anymore; They'll be sorry when I'm not around..." 2) Presence of agitation or emotional outbursts.

3) Abrupt personality or behavior changes. 4) Overwhelming feelings of guilt or shame. Other things to look for include -- giving away prized possessions, specific plans for ending one's life.

Guidelines for preventing suicide: 1) Take any threat seriously. 2) Listen carefully, and ask questions to stimulate conversation. 3) Try to understand, without making moral judgements. 4) Try to avoid saying things to make the person feel guilty, such as "Can you imagine how this will make your parents feel?" 5) Try to avoid blanket reassurances that tend to minimize problems. 6) Don't honor a vow of secrecy. 7) Seek assistance from an RA, SA, faculty or staff member, or counselor for anyone you believe to be suicidal.

Bear in mind that there are limits to what you can do -- suicide is ultimately an individual decision.

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Rose cagers off to solid start with 3-2 record

by Joel Gillespie
Sports Reporter

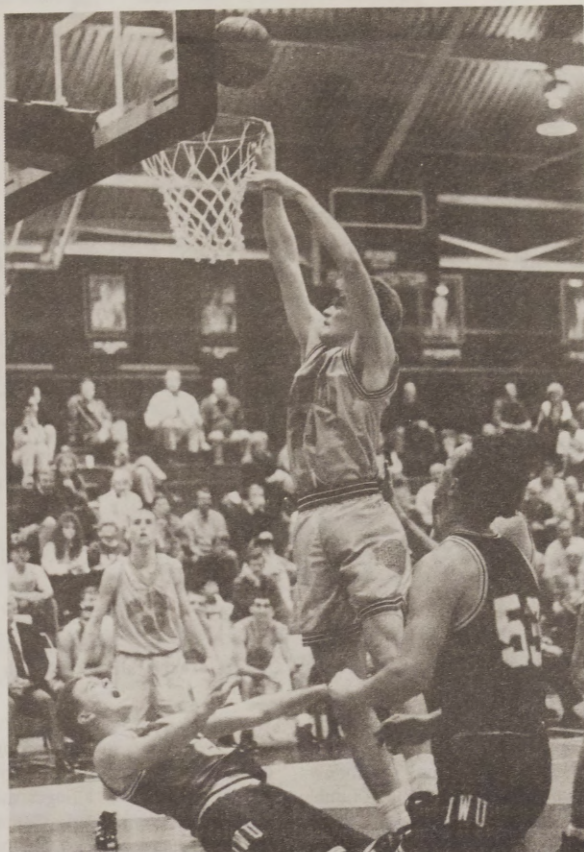
The Rose-Hulman Engineer basketball team has been playing well early in this 1994-95 season. They bring a 3-2 record into this weekend's Rose-Hulman Invitational, a tournament which they have won every year since 1987.

The Engineers will face off against Whittier (Cal.) College in the 9 p.m. game Friday night, with Eureka (Ill.) and Defiance (Ohio) butting heads in the 7 p.m. game. The consolation and championship games will be played Saturday at 2 and 4 p.m., respectively.

The Engineers have relied on good team defense and explosive scoring from their perimeter players thus far. Rose began the season in Roanoke, Virginia, on November 19th against Ferrum College in the Roanoke Tournament.

The Engineers exploded to a 47-41 halftime lead, but they could manage just 35 percent shooting and 26 points in the second stanza on their way to a 77-73 defeat. Junior forward Kiley Gwaltney led the club with 16 points, followed by guards Zack Johnson and Benj Glass with 15 apiece.

In the Roanoke consolation game, Rose had little trouble with Augsburg College, evening their record with a 74-56 victory. Johnson led the Engineer charge with 20 points. Rose dominated the boards in that game, owning a



Kiley Gwaltney goes up for two points in the recent game against Illinois Wesleyan. Gwaltney had previously led the scoring against Centre College with 19 points. The Engineers will be hosting the Rose-Hulman Invitational Tournament this weekend.

Photo by James Mann

38-24 rebounding advantage.

Rose remained on the road in their next game, traveling to Dan-

ville, Kentucky, to take on Centre College. The Engineers' defense really clamped down on Centre,

holding them to 33 percent shooting en route to a 69-53 win. Gwaltney topped the scoring chart with 19 tallies, followed by fellow forward Troy Halt's 17. Halt also collected 13 rebounds in the game.

After going 2-1 on the road, the Engineers finally played their home opener November 27th versus Blackburn College. Blackburn couldn't hit the broad side of a barn for the majority of the game, making only 13 of their 56 shots from the floor. Rose cruised to a 67-45 victory on the strength of reserve center Kent Murphy's 15 points.

The Engineers were riding a three-game winning streak into their game last Monday night with nationally-ranked Illinois Wesleyan. The Titans boasted 7 players on their roster 6-6 or taller, and that size eventually wore Rose down. The teams came out of their locker rooms blazing hot, especially Wesleyan, which shot 63 percent in the first half. Rose was able to hang in the game, though, and the Titans' halftime lead was only six points.

The Engineers quickly erased that lead and took one of their own, 47-46. The teams battled back and forth for the remainder of the second half, but Rose went cold from the field down the stretch, and Wesleyan finally put them away, 68-64.

Titan post player Chris Simich gave the Engineers trouble all

night long, finishing with 30 points and 16 rebounds. Simich was able to shoot soft jumpers over the Engineer defense time after time, hitting 12 out of 20. Rose guard Zack Johnson tried to keep pace with Simich, and nearly did, finishing with 23 points.

Poor three-point shooting plagued the Engineers, as they made only 5 of 25 attempts. The Engineers played very well overall, though, and they showed that they could compete with a national power.

Johnson leads the team thus far in scoring with a 14.4 ppg average. He is followed closely by Gwaltney and Glass, who claim 13.8 and 11.0 averages, respectively. Glass surprisingly leads the team in rebounds from his point guard position with 6.2 per game.

The Engineers look to face some tough competition in this weekend's tourney, as they look to improve upon their 3-2 record.

"We've brought in some good teams from all over the country for our tournament, and it should be a very competitive field," said Head Coach Jim Shaw. "We don't know a lot about Whittier at this point, but Eureka is the defending NAIA Division II national champions and Defiance has all five starters returning from a team that was very good a year ago."

Wrestling squad opens at Little State

The Rose-Hulman wrestling squad, under the direction of Head Coach Mark Buti, will open the 1994-95 season at the Little State Invitational in Manchester, Indiana on December 2 and 3.

Rose has nineteen men on its preseason roster, including All-American Jim Labbe, who was 16-12 last year at 142 pounds and was 2-2 at the NCAA Division III

Regional.

Also returning is Labbe's twin brother Joe, who also participated in the NCAA Regional at 134 pounds and finished with a record of 11-17 in 1993-94.

"We begin the season with a very tough meet," said Buti. "It may be a question of what kind of physical condition we are in, rather than who we are wrestling

at this point in the season."

The Engineers will wrestle in a double dual vs. Wabash and Millikin in Crawfordsville on December 8, before taking a month off for Christmas.

Rose opens the home season on Tuesday, January 10 against Wabash and Mt. St. Joseph in the Shook Fieldhouse.

Football

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Rosinski was an honorable mention all-ICAC player a year ago, and has started all 30 games in his career. Chase had 45 tackles on the year, playing both defensive tackle and defensive end. He tied for the team lead with three sacks and also had three tackles for loss.

Gappa had 24 receptions for

524 yards and five touchdowns, and broke the Rose career record for touchdown receptions with 19. Boone started every game at center for the Engineers, anchoring an offense that scored a school record 314 points.

Crissman led the Engineers in tackles with 106, the sixth-highest single-season total in school history. Crissman had three sacks, a tackle-for-loss, and an interception.

Rose-Hulman Intramural Information December 2 - December 8

Date	Event	Teams	Time	Court
Dec. 7	Volleyball (Major)	LCA vs. ATO	8 p.m.	1
Dec. 7	Volleyball (Major)	Spike vs. BSB	8 p.m.	2
Dec. 7	Volleyball (Major)	Triangle vs. 5 Men	8 p.m.	3
Dec. 7	Volleyball (Minor - Div. A)	Lint vs. ATO	9 p.m.	1
Dec. 7	Volleyball (Minor - Div. A)	Slaves vs. Deming	9 p.m.	2
Dec. 5	Volleyball (Minor - Div. B)	Speed vs. Mudhens	9 p.m.	2
Dec. 5	Volleyball (Minor - Div. B)	Rhutabagas vs. Deming	9 p.m.	3
Dec. 5	Volleyball (Minor - Div. B)	Wambats vs. Redeyes	10 p.m.	1
Dec. 5	Volleyball (Minor - Div. C)	LCA vs. Deming I	10 p.m.	2
Dec. 5	Volleyball (Minor - Div. C)	Deming vs. Minor A	10 p.m.	3
Dec. 5	Volleyball (Minor - Div. C)	Speed vs. Top Floor	11 p.m.	1
Dec. 7	Volleyball (AA)	T.P. vs. Greenbacks	7 p.m.	1
Dec. 7	Volleyball (AA)	LCA vs. Clueless	7 p.m.	2
Dec. 7	Volleyball (AA)	Lemings vs. Globes	7 p.m.	3

News

Entry forms are available in Room 15 of the Templeton Building for indoor soccer. A \$10.00 entry fee is required. The deadline for registration is Friday, December 16. Play begins on January 7, 1995.

Volleyball and basketball captains should report all results after the completion of each game played. Call Coach Ruark at ext. 8496 to report the results.

Anyone interested in officiating league basketball should contact Coach Ruark.

Rose-Hulman Basketball Schedule December 2 - February 25





Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Dec. 2	RHIT Invitational	Terre Haute	
	Defiance (Ohio) vs. Eureka (Ill)		7 p.m.
	Rose vs. Whittier (Calif)		9 p.m.
Dec. 3	RHIT Invitational	Terre Haute	
	Consolation Game		2 p.m.
	Championship Game		4 p.m.
Dec. 7	Earlham College	Terre Haute	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 13	Centre College	Terre Haute	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 29	Colorado School of Mines	Golden, CO	7 p.m.
Dec. 31	Colorado College Tournament	Colorado Springs, CO	
	Rose vs. Augustana		4 p.m.
	Colorado College vs. Redlands		6 p.m.
Jan. 1	Colorado College Tournament	Colorado Springs, CO	4/6 p.m.
Jan. 4	Wabash College*	Crawfordsville	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	Hanover College*	Terre Haute	3 p.m.
Jan. 11	Franklin College*	Franklin	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 18	DePauw University*	Terre Haute	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	Anderson University*	Terre Haute	3 p.m.
Jan. 25	Manchester College*	N. Manchester	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	Hanover College*	Hanover	3 p.m.
Feb. 1	Wabash College*	Terre Haute	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 8	Franklin College*	Terre Haute	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	Anderson University*	Anderson	3 p.m.
Feb. 15	DePauw University*	Greencastle	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	Manchester College*	Terre Haute	3 p.m.
Feb. 23-25	ICAC Postseason Tournament	TBA	TBA

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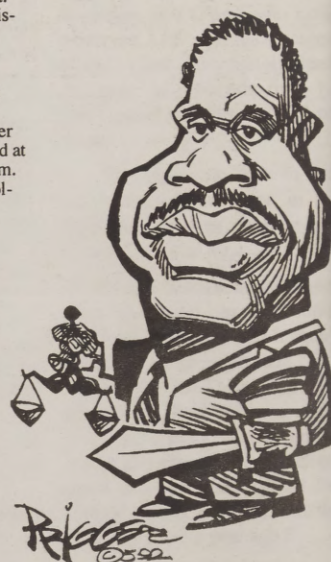
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