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PUBLIC LECTURE

Dr. Milton Chang

*"Towards A Successful
Technical Career"*FRI., MAY 7, 6M Room
1:30 p.m.the Rose
Thorn

NEWS BRIEFS

Delta Sigma Phi to hold
24-hour basketball marathon

The annual Delta Sigma Phi 24-hour basketball marathon to benefit the March of Dimes will be held May 7 and 8. Play begins at 6 p.m. in Shook Fieldhouse on May 7 and ends at 6 p.m. on May 8.

During this time, the brothers of Delta Sigma Phi will compete against teams from fraternities, campus organizations and other students.

In addition, a lottery is being held to raise money for the

March of Dimes. The lottery consists of students guessing the final point total of the marathon. Each student can purchase three guesses for a dollar. Tickets are on sale in the mailroom-commons. All proceeds go to the March of Dimes.

The person guessing the closest final point total will win a \$600 Alpine car CD player with a six disc changer.

Any questions can be directed to Al Folz at 234-0969.

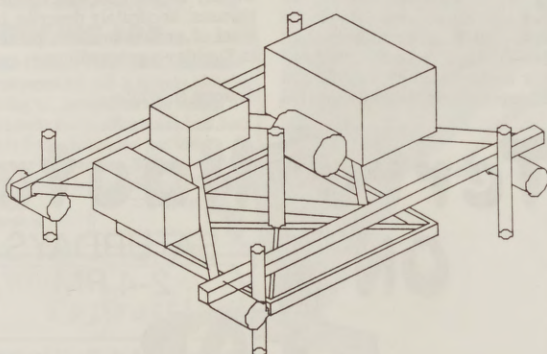
Rose-Hulman team designs
walking machine

A five-man team of mechanical engineering students has developed a conceptual design for a walking robot. The group of students - hopes to see the design compete in next spring's SAE Walking Machine Decathlon. This annual competition usually draws undergraduates from fifteen universities to compete in ten events.

Each robot must "walk" with discontinuous support and be capable of both directed and autonomous control. The day-long competition includes events like a three meter dash, a slalom, and an obstacle course. The average team consists of around ten undergraduates from three to four departments. Each machine costs around \$2500 and took an average of 3000 man-hours to build.

To achieve its goal of competing next spring, the present team is looking to recruit new members. Rose students of any grade and major are invited to an information session on Tuesday, May 11 during tenth hour in C111. The current design for Rose and the competitors' designs will be presented. In addition an outline for a robotics club will be given. This will only be a short information session to recruit members. No commitments will be required for this quarter. Interested students should contact Will Mathies at Box 1156 or William Ovens or Donald Morin in the Mechanical Engineering Department.

The team members are Will Mathies, Mark Stremmler, Brian Taylor, Derek Taylor and David W. Bailey.



Rose designs team's "walking machine."

Electrical engineering department
battles computer virusby Andy Nuxoll
Staff Reporter

Electrical Engineering students may have noticed that their Novell network has been down periodically recently. It was discovered that the PC virus, Vacsina, had infected the entire network including the faculty computers, the Digital lab, and the new Digital Signal Processing lab.

Over 100 man hours were spent on a total of four or five occasions to wipe the network clean. Apparently, unwitting students and faculty were reinfecting it with disks they had used on the network before the virus was discovered.

Once a program infected with the Vacsina virus is executed, it remains in memory and infects all executable files (.COM, .EXE,

.SYS, and .BIN) that are run on the computer. Programs infected with the Vacsina virus may keep when executed and infected programs will also have their date/time in the disk directory changed to the date/time they were infected.

Everyone who owns a PC should consider purchasing virus protection software.

Rose-Hulman will be registering a copy of a McCaffey virus scanner/cleaner. The McCaffey program can be found in the Vaccine subdirectory of the network's L: drive. Students are strongly encouraged to use this utility to check their personal disks for viruses before using them on any Novell network. The program can be copied from the network for personal use, provided the user registers his copy.

Class president election results announced

by Scott O'Brien
SGA election committee

On Tuesday, May 4, elections for next year's class presidents were held in the commons. Two of the elections were close with the third being a landslide. Son Cao won the junior class president election by margin of 45 votes.

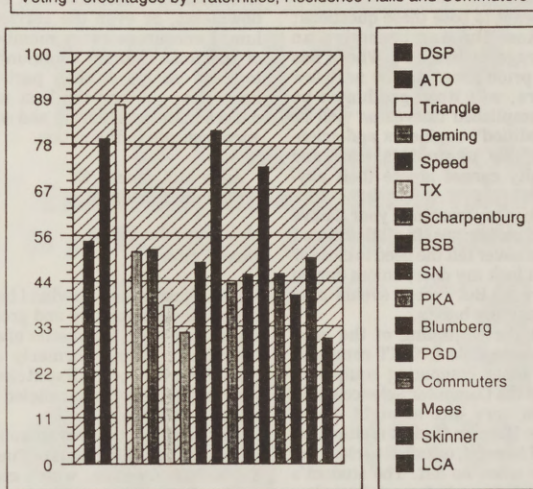
Both the senior and sophomore elections were close. Brock Taylor won the senior election by five votes over Tung T. Do. The

sophomore class election was also very close. Mark Heckenlaible won the election with 44 votes, compared to the close second of Chad Baker with 38 votes.

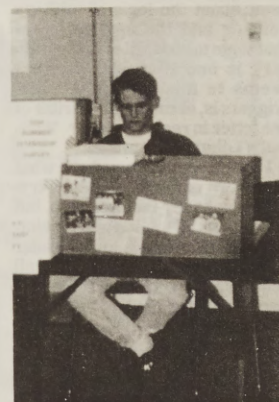
There was a great turn out for the election this year. According to Ashvin Lad, SGA Executive Director, "The voter turnout for this election was a 3.1% increase over last year. This says a lot about the Rose-Hulman community's commitment to being involved in student government."

The turnout across campus varied from dorm to dorm and fraternity to fraternity. The Rose-Hulman community had a voter turnout of 51.0%. This year's junior class had the highest turnout with 57.9%. Off-campus commuters were slightly lower with 46.1% of the eligible voters casting a ballot. Speed Hall led the residence halls with a voter turnout of 52.1%. Triangle fraternity led the Greeks with a 87.3% turnout in this election.

Voting Percentages by Fraternities, Residence Halls and Commuters



Compiled by SGA Historian



SGA held class presidential elections on May 4.

photo by: Michael G. Payne.

SGA Senate holds last meeting of the year;
funding requests approved, senator expelledby Joe Graves
SGA Publicity Committee

The last Senate meeting of the '92-'93 school year was a busy one. President Kevin Hayes report consisted of summer activities planned for the Executives including purchasing two more TV's for the common and showing CNN instead of the current message board, working on pamphlets that describe all the SGA funded organizations to be presented during Freshman Orientation next year and getting "Post-It's" for promotion of the SGA. President Hayes also requested that the Senate grant him permission to take approximately \$1300 out of the executive fund to pay for more Honor Keys.

Vice-President Wallace pointed out in his report that the Senate has done many good things this year including: setting up a book exchange, initiating a no smoking policy on campus, setting up a task force to investigate the overall low grades this year, amending the constitution, and providing support for bringing a Spanish Program to Rose-Hulman.

Senator Jeff Wraha then reported on his findings for the Internship Committee and presented the Senate with his report. He then asked the Senate to carry the committee over to next year due to unfinished investigations. The motion was passed.

The hot topic of the meeting was the removal of Senator Mark Young. A proposal was brought before Senate by Senator Jeff McDermott to essentially punish Senator Young for his alleged "slander and liable to injure the good name of the SGA, disturb its well-being and hamper its ability to work". His basis for the proposal was the slander of SGA by Senator Young's recent election

posters and continued defamation of the SGA through official campus media including: the *Rose Bureaucrat*, *Rose Bush* and the *Rose Thorn*. Citing from the *Robert's Rules of Order*, Senator McDermott recommended a one year suspension as justifiable punishment for Senator Young.

When Senator Young spoke in his defense, he claimed he was not given due process and that he was really only expressing what he and his constituents felt and had received letters of support from students regarding the controversial published material. He also pointed out that he used definitions in the "Freshman Survival Kit" in one of his posters and he shouldn't be punished for this action.

After much debate and two failed attempts to postpone the vote until Senator Young could gather a defense, the motion sponsored by Senator McDermott passed with a two-thirds majority. The official punishment is that Mark Young may not attend a

SGA Senate meeting in any capacity for a period of one year.

In other business, constitutional amendments were approved. Executive Director, Ashvin Lad, reported the results of the class president elections and a bill was presented by the Executive Committee that requires SGA funded clubs turn in a list of current officers or other requested information for the use of accounting and bookkeeping in the SGA and the Student Affairs office. The penalty for not adhering to this bill will be a freezing of their SGA club account until the documents are obtained by the SGA or other arrangements are made.

The final item of business was the passing of funding requests from several SGA-sponsored clubs. A total amount of \$28,704.90 was requested and an total of \$15,147.90 was recommended by the Finance Committee. The recommended amount was passed by the Senate and the meeting was adjourned after the now customary "passing of the gavel."



The SGA Senate enjoys pizza at the last Senate meeting. The pizza was a thank you from the executive committee.

photo by: Michael G. Payne.

Opinion

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Almost everyone has been misquoted at some time in his life, and to most, it is an unpleasant experience. Furthermore, to be quoted as saying something that means the opposite of what was actually said can be quite maddening. But to be misquoted as saying something that means nothing at all is intolerable. That is the position in which I find myself regarding my letter which was printed in the Rose Thorn of April 30.

The letter printed in the Thorn reads, in one part, "Mr. Whitsell makes a very sound point about the logic of military housing and the application of that logic to sodomites in the military is one that Mr. Whitsell seems to miss entirely." The letter that I actually sent to the editor reads "Mr. Whitsell makes a very sound point about the logic of military housing and the application of that logic to sodomites in the military is one that Mr. Wiggers seems to miss entirely." Mr. Wiggers is, of course, the writer of one letter in response to Mr. Whitsell's column of April 16.

I still haven't figured out what the Thorn editorial staff was trying to make my meaning into, but here's a bit of advice about printing letters from this lowly reader (I don't presume to speak for all readers, but I'm sure some will agree): If you have to cut something, fine. But when you print, print what I say and not what you think I mean.

Your editorial credibility might also be enhanced if you could correctly print the names of those who write letters. If you look carefully below, you will see that my name is Daniel, not David.

Daniel P. Engel, III

The Thorn editorial staff does not play the interpretation game. We attempt to print what is given to us in Letters to the Editor verbatim; warts and all. As such, we often don't correct grammatical mistakes or subtle typos in an attempt to preserve what was truly said.

Your letter, however, was given to us hard-copy, and we had to type it out before it could go to print. We should have caught our mistake before the paper went to press, but we didn't. For that, we apologize.

We suggest that the student body help us to avoid this problem in the future by submitting their material on floppy disks labeled

with the name of the contributor and the name of the file in which the submission is located. Your disks will be returned to you via campus mail. A signed hard copy would also be appreciated.

As for the name, we really haven't much of an excuse. Perhaps we're just lucky that the real David Engel didn't call and ask us what the hell we were doing.

To the Rose-Hulman community:

Lately there has been a large increase in the number of thefts at Rose-Hulman. All year I have sat quietly and dealt with these incidents, believing that the Rose-Hulman community had just been hit with bad luck. However, after nearly an entire academic year, I have found that this is not the case.

I want to pose these questions: Is Rose-Hulman becoming an average institution? Where has our pride gone? In the next few years, will Rose graduates be accomplished thieves as well as "qualified" engineers and scientists? We, as students, staff, and faculty cannot ignore theft anymore.

Since my freshman year, I have lived on campus. In all that time I have never felt the need to close or even lock my door, unless during a break. But recent events may change my habits.

At the beginning of the year someone stole a NeXT computer and other computing equipment from the Computer Science workroom very late at night. Some Rose-Hulman student is either the thief himself, or failed to close the door when he left. The student's pride in Rose-Hulman is far below my expectation of that of a fellow future alumnus.

A student was recently suspended from attending Rose-Hulman for stealing about \$1300 worth of merchandise from a bookstore at Indiana University. A Rose student! Where is this young man's pride? Where is this man's sense of values? And how did he get into Rose?

Our athletic facilities are not immune, either. Some selfish athlete decided he really wanted to play racquetball. He broke through no less than two locks to get into the Fieldhouse and a racquetball court, and then broke open a storage area to get at racquetballs. I am saddened that this person attends Rose and may someday get a degree.

Rose-Hulman's residence hall life is also threatened — by a series of petty thefts of CD's, money, cassettes, and other personal property. Where is the common spirit that all Rose students used to have? We're all in this together, folks. We are all trying

to succeed, not compete against each other. The selfishness of the persons committing these thefts is changing Rose-Hulman into an average school. Would you pay \$15,000 a year to be the victim of theft?

I don't want to leave this school thinking that among those who graduate after me will damage the reputation of the school. I care about Rose. Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology is one of the last sources of quality young scientists and engineers, and I do not want to see that fact changed by a few selfish criminals.

I encourage anyone who has any information about thefts to convince the guilty parties to make right the wrongs they have done — to work and use their brains instead of their sticky fingers. It is people that make up Rose-Hulman, not buildings, endowments, or even the curriculum. I encourage every member of the Rose-Hulman community to stand up and do their part to keep Rose-Hulman the best undergraduate engineering and science institute in the nation.

Andy McConnell, '93
Computer Science

Dear Editor,

I have just witnessed what I find to be both an appalling and gross misuse of power. In a matter of an hour Mark Young, formerly an SGA Senator, was dispatched with an efficiency unparalleled in modern government.

To enlighten those who could not attend this closed part of Tuesday's SGA meeting, which conveniently encompasses most of the student body, let me relate a sketch of today's events.

This morning Senator Jeff McDermott decides that he can no longer tolerate Mark Young in the student senate and quickly devises a plan to undertake the former's removal. Highest on the list of priorities is to inform the accused. Without this, due process cannot be served as required by the SGA constitution. Mr. McDermott promptly informs Mr. Wallace, SGA vice-president, of his intentions. The message of intent is then delivered to Mr. Young scrawled in pencil on the back of a piece of scratch paper less than 6 hours before the SGA meeting is to convene. The meeting then convenes at 5:00 PM and, after the appropriate introductory chivalries, proceeds, in a flurry of overheats, accusations, and taxpayer-paid-for pizza, to strip Mr. Young of all of his responsibilities and to prohibit him from running again.

What is the bulk of the evidence against Mr. Young? He is accused of slandering and defaming the

Faculty expresses fears

Dear editor:

We, the undersigned faculty, would like to express our concern about the possible limitations on freedom of expression implied in some of the views put forward during the recent campus debate about homosexuality.

We believe that every person has the right to live according to his own principles and that he has the responsibility for the ensuing consequences. Thus, we are all free to embrace, be indifferent to, or altogether reject homosexuality. We are not free, however, to silence or intimidate those who do not agree with us.

The discussion of homosexuality and other controversial issues is in order, especially at an educational institution, whose purpose is to dispel ignorance and bigotry. Our democracy is founded on the principle of an educated citizenry considering the facts and making free choices.

The gay students at Rose-Hulman are not asking others to change their lifestyles. They ask only to lead their lives without fear of violence. That is everyone's right.

Therefore, we cannot accept violence, threats of violence, or harassment directed toward anyone on this campus.

Caroline Carvill
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Dale Bremmer
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Heidemarie Heeter
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Susan L. Smith

Despite the permutations that Daniel Engel's letter had to go through to get onto the Opinion page, the fact that his final statement could be perceived to be giving license to those who would do harm to homosexuals on campus is, hopefully, purely incidental. The Thorn editorial staff read no such implication into his words, though we can see how others might.

However, it is also fairly obvious that the Rose student body harbors a bit of hostility toward homosexuals, and Mr. Engel's somewhat gloomy prediction may not be too far from the truth. That is indeed something that the entire Rose-Hulman community needs to be concerned about.

For our part, we've noticed quite a bit of restraint on the part of many students — in both their written statements and their remarks about the material that has graced these pages in the last few weeks. While some haven't dealt with the dispute in quite the same manner, we maintain the belief that aspects of this discussion have given many students at this institution some insight into the problems which lay ahead.

SGA. Mr. Young is accused of using terms such as "ream" and "bend over" when referring to the SGA. Well, in my humble opinion, Mr. Young has been both bent over and reamed by the SGA. In retrospect, he is certainly entitled

to use those terms. For such words, as well as other select phrases, accurately describe the level of professionalism present in Tuesday's proceedings.

Andrew L. White

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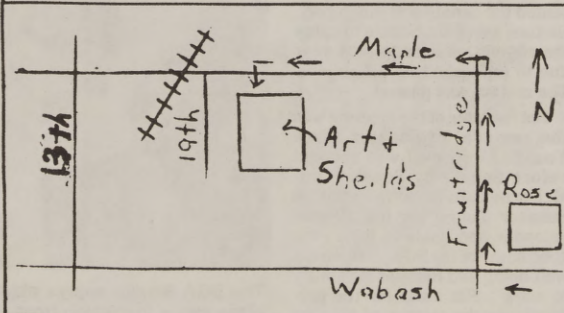
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MUST BE 21 TO ENTER

Baseball team back on track

by Jim Broskow
Sports Editor

After a string of unsuccessful games, the Engineers have come around to produce results in the last week typical of their early season play.

They have won their last five games, starting with a make-up game against DePauw University and including a double-header sweep of Franklin College. The Engineers have extended their overall record to 22-8, making this the third season in a row Rose has finished with a 20 or more wins.

The team could still surpass

their current record for wins in a season, which is 25. They stand at fifth place in the ICAC with a 6-6 record. Rose is still ranked nationally at 28th in the latest American Baseball Coaches Association poll. Rose has been ranked in every poll by the association this year.

The team still may play in the ICAC post-season tournament, as well as the NCAA Division III National Tournament. As Manchester College still needs to make up four conference games, they can still fall behind Rose in the final standings. That would

make Rose one of the four teams who qualify for the ICAC tournament.

Anderson University has the top spot clinched for the regular season at 9-3.

The pitching staff made a lot of marks in the last week. Senior Shawn Brainard earned his fourth shutout of the season, and Todd Wilkerson his third. Tim Watson pitched his 20th career win. Sophomore Alan Eller made his first career save.

Pete Kasper continues to lead the team in batting in six categories.

The team completes its final regular season play with the final home game of the year against Southern Indiana on Saturday, followed by games against Marion College on Monday.

The team has six seniors who will play the last home game of their careers on Saturday. Those seniors include Pitcher Shawn Brainard, previous All-ICAC third baseman Pete Kasper, second baseman John Lukowski, designated hitter Dave Merrell, pitcher Tim Watson and catcher Barry Weisman.



ICAC Baseball Standings

Through games of May 1

	W	L
Anderson	9	3
Wabash	8	4
Manchester	5	3
DePauw	6	4
Rose-Hulman	6	6
Hanover	4	6
Franklin	0	12

This Week's Games

SATURDAY, MAY 8

Southern Indiana, 1 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 10

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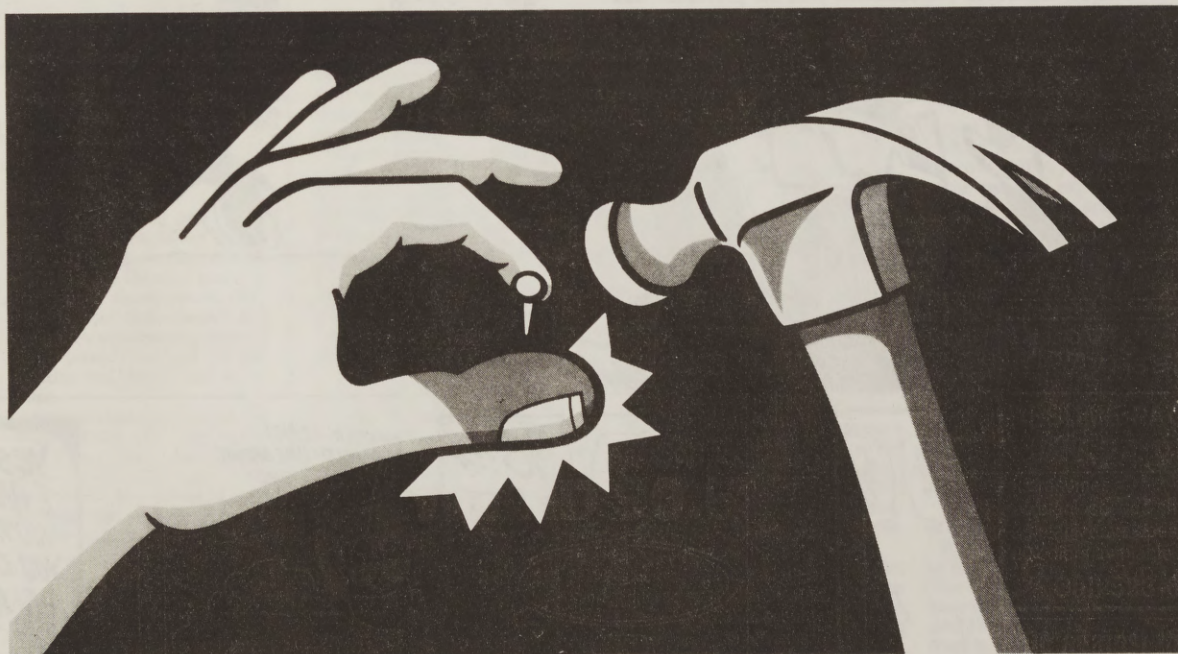
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Entertainment

Skippy's Adventure

Once upon a time there was a cute, fuzzy, little squirrel named Skippy. All spring and summer long, Skippy would work very hard gathering nuts for the long winter ahead. Oh how he loved to prance and frolic in the warm sun. He was very, very happy.



Then one day, in late summer, when Skippy was returning to his cozy nest to prepare for a long nights sleep, he was crushed to death by a passing Yugo.



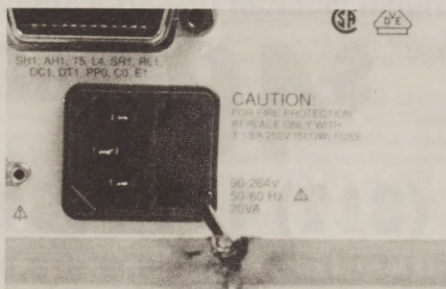
The End.

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Other Children's Stories By Wild Kingdom:

"What's in Fluffy's mouth?"
"Casper the—Not So Friendly—Alligator"
"The Deer and the Headlights"
"Foamy the Rabid Monkey's Big Adventure"

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It is rumored that the EE department will soon be adding another class to the list of requirements for its graduates. EE001, Welding I, will soon be taught by a professor (who for my safety will remain anonymous) who demonstrated his welding skill by shorting the 120 volt AC supply with a screwdriver. The quality of the weld so impressed professionals that the professor was presented with a lifetime membership to the United Welders Union.

Naked biker sues police department

(College Press Service) When a naked University of New Mexico student gleefully biked through the streets of a California town last spring, he had no idea the joy ride would end in road rash and a lawsuit against the police department.

While on Spring Break in San Luis Obispo, Calif., in March, 1992, Glenn Westergren, 23, stripped off his clothes and joined three also-bare bicyclists in a ride that was intended, according to the quartet, "to improvise a new mating ritual."

After gathering an audience from local bars and clubs, the four bicycled furiously for two blocks, then all but Westergren came to a quick stop when Officer John Pfeifer turned his police car headlights on them.

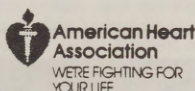
Pfeifer continued to chase Westergren, telling him over the car's public address system to stop. Then Pfeifer's patrol car struck the cyclist.

"I heard him downshift," Westergren told the University of New Mexico Daily Lobo. "The next thing I know I was flying through the air."

Westergren, who was not charged in the incident, ended up at a local hospital with stitches and roadash wounds. Because he would not respond to police questioning, he says, his bike was impounded.

Pfeifer was released without comment from the San Luis Obispo Police Department 10 days after the incident.

Westergren, who contends he was deliberately hit by the police car, is suing the San Luis Obispo Police Department for \$100,000 in damages.



WHAT IS THIS?

Since you did so well last time, I'm not going to spoon feed you this week. You've seen it several times before. Send your guesses (and monetary contributions) to the super duper, overly wonderful extra-terrific photographer with no life to Box 170.

This week's hint: Socially polite obese ornithologists never smile.

Well, this was obviously way too easy. For anyone who didn't get it, this is a photo of the title block on the front of the paper you are how holding. Correct answers came from: **Brian Blair**, (with Tara Fitzgerald), **Eric Geib**, **Dan Hector**, **Billie Holechko**, **Chris Koehler**, **Ed Kralik**, **Kelly Lewis** (hey, all fencers are smart), **Sean Marlow**, **Dr. Phibes**, **Al Quintus** (this guy received a vote in our 1992 election pole!), **Eric Steele**, **Mark Townsend**, **Habib Ali Baba** (something tells me they made that up), **Mark Young**, and a partridge in a pear tree!

