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NEWS BRIEFS

Honor Key applications now available

Applications for Honor Key are now available in the SGA office, D232. Juniors and Seniors are eligible to receive an Honor Key based on service to the Rose-Hulman community, such as clubs, organizations, and societies. Points are awarded for each individual's

service to particular organizations, including member and officer positions held.

Questions can be directed to Kevin Hayes, SGA president, at ext. 8446 or RHIT Box 172. Applications are due by Friday, May 7th.

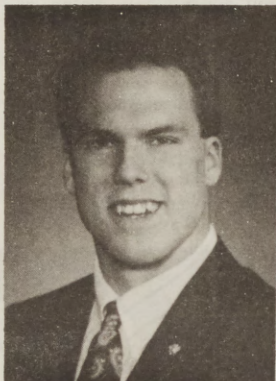
Hubbard selected Student Leader of the Month

by Brian J. Niepokoy, SGA Historian

Greg Hubbard has been selected by the Student Government Association as the Student Leader of the Month for March. As a Junior Mechanical Engineering major, Greg is very involved in the Rose-Hulman community. Greg has played football for Rose for the last three years, and he was most recently awarded an academic All-American. He is also a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity and served as their reporter and IFC representative for last term. Greg is a member of the Solar Phantom Club.

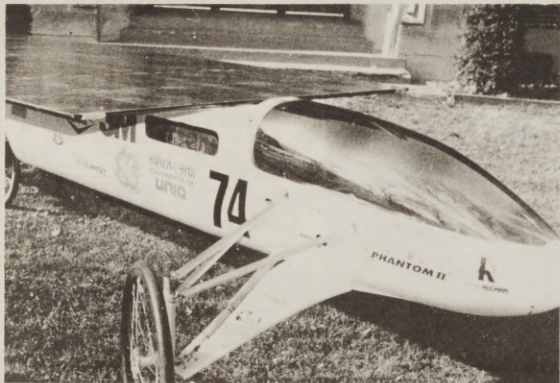
These co-curricular activities as well as academic excellence culminated in Greg being cited as a GM Scholar. Greg's most recent achievement has been his election as Tau Beta Pi President.

The SGA held a dinner on April 14 in Greg's honor and presented him with a plaque recognizing his achievements.



Greg Hubbard

Solar Phantom qualifies for Sunrace '93



The Rose-Hulman Solar Phantom team has officially qualified for Sunrace '93 with a tenth place finish in the 50-mile road test. A total of 21 cars from schools in the midwest and east coast were present at the eastern Sunrace qualifications at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on April 9th and 10th.

On Friday, April 10th, all cars had to pass vehicle inspection slalom course, and braking tests. Those vehicles

that passed Friday's requirements continued to the road test of 20 laps around the two-and-a-half mile track at the Indy 500 for a total of 50 miles.

Solar Phantom achieved its tenth place finish with an average speed of 33.08 mph. Its best lap speed was 49 mph and its worst lap speed was 7 mph.

The Solar Phantom team must now prepare for Sunrace '93, which begins on June 20th in Arlington, TX and ends on June 26th in Minneapolis, MN.

Here is the results from the Sunrace Qualifications at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway:

School	Average lap speed
1. Drexel University	49.97 mph
2. Virginia Tech	49.50 mph
3. Mankato State University	48.45 mph
4. Auburn University	44.29 mph
5. Stark Technical College	43.39 mph
6. University of Missouri-Columbia	43.16 mph
7. University of Michigan	39.77 mph
8. University of Minnesota	35.33 mph
9. Rochester Institute of Technology	34.56 mph
10. Rose-Hulman	33.08 mph
11. Iowa State University	28.94 mph
12. University of Missouri-Rolla	27.80 mph
13. George Washington	25.69 mph
14. University of Massachusetts-Lowell	24.56 mph
15. University of Puerto Rico	22.96 mph

Moench, Hadley Halls vandalized

by Michael G. Payne
 News Editor

The portraits of faculty and administration in Moench Hall and the plants in the lower level of Hadley Hall were vandalized in what turned out to be a fight between two students at approximately 2 a.m. on Wednesday, March 31, 1993.

Several portraits in Moench were knocked off the wall, leaving the frames and glass covers smashed. In addition, several plants were up-rooted and scattered over the lower level of Hadley Hall.

Rose security discovered the remnants of the incident shortly after its occurrence. Upon hearing from some students in the residence halls of a freshman returning to his room with a bloody nose, cuts and bruises, security confronted the student where he eventually confessed to the vandalism.

The Student Judicial Council met on March 31 to discuss the student's actions and submitted

recommendations for disciplinary action. The Council finally decided to impose the following actions: the student will write an open letter of apology to the student body to appear in the *Thorn*, perform 40 hours of service with the Rose-Hulman art curator, pay for repairs to portraits and plants, remain on strict disciplinary pro-

bation until the end of the 1993-94 academic year and will attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings (the student was intoxicated during the incident).

Due to the isolated nature of the vandalism, Dean Lucas stated that no further security restrictions would be implemented in the academic buildings.



Broken picture frames and up-rooted plants were among the vandalized objects in Moench and Hadley Halls.

photos by Brian Dougherty

Service plan to impact U.S. colleges

by College Press Service

President Clinton's national service program has drawn criticism from some educators who fear it might cheapen the moral value of community service. However, other educators say they're betting the plan will fire up student altruism like never before.

The national service program will give college loan credit in exchange for students' work, before or after college, in projects such as rebuilding neighborhoods, cleaning up the environment and tutoring disadvantaged children.

The White House wants 25,000 students participating in service projects in fiscal year 1994 at a federal cost of \$400 million. The numbers would grow to an estimated 100,000 students in fiscal year 1997 at an annual cost of \$3.4 billion. Many details, however, still need to be worked out.

Patricia McGuire, president of Trinity College in Washington, said she has ethical questions about trading off community service to absorb student loans.

"My concern is that the value of service as a moral teaching tool will be diminished if it becomes a means for reducing a loan burden," McGuire said. "It would be wrong for the Clinton administration to present the opportunity to do service primarily as a way to reduce student loans."

Sister Nancy Bramlage, assistant director for social concerns at the University of Dayton in Ohio, said she would welcome the plan if it blends the school's existing service programs with the proposed federal program.

"I am hoping they recognize the fact that already much is being done. I hope they will support that, and not come up with a completely new program — then they would be competing with service-oriented colleges," Bramlage said.

The White House, which will release further information on the new program in the next couple of months, is enlisting support from the college community as it attempts to push the plan through Congress.

"It is a simple message to the college student: This is their program, it is designed with their input, their creativity, and it is based on the knowledge that they can change this country to meet the unmet needs out there," said White House spokesman Ethan Zindler.

The new initiative will trade one or two years of community service for financial assistance and will most likely affect the neediest U.S. students.

Zindler said the program will channel funds through the states into service organizations and programs, many of which already exist on campuses.

"These programs come in a lot of shapes and sizes. Our program hopes not to impose a new federal bureaucracy — like having everyone out there in jackets that say 'U.S. Government.' The whole point is to take the great programs and encourage them to continue to grow," Zindler said. "There will even be seed money to inspire young people to start their own programs. These will be called 'service entrepreneurs.'"

McGuire, of Trinity College, said the plan puts too much emphasis on service instead of the basic financial problems.

"Too many college presidents are talking about service instead of talking about the hard question, which is, 'Why does it cost so much to go to college?'" she said.

The program also emphasizes aid to the neediest students. It's not fair to deprive middle- and upper-class students of the opportunities to serve the community, McGuire said.

"We are missing the boat if we key a service program to financial need," she said. "It is the wealthiest among us who should give the most."

One-quarter of the Trinity College student body is involved in some type of community service, McGuire said, noting that Catholic colleges are traditionally involved with issues of social justice.

Opinion

'Bashing the sounds of spring

by Paul Sigler

Thorn Features Editor

Spring means different things to different people. By the same token, we all have our favorite indicators or signs that tell us when spring has arrived. To some, it's spring when you are no longer in

debt from Christmas (to the rest of us, this time is known as When Pigs Fly). To nostalgic animal lovers, it's the sight of two squirrels corkscrewing crazily up the trunk of a newly-budding oak tree. And, to some wretchedly unromantic and boring persons,

spring begins whenever the calendar tells them so.

To the residents of Wabash Avenue, however, the coming of spring is an auditory experience. Spring is heralded by a rising and falling series of nearly subsonic thumps superimposed on the steady, ill-tuned roar of racing F-150's. Spring, my friends, is when the 'Bashers come back.

Perhaps every city in the nation has a strip; a cruise zone; an adult-free area where life is reduced to the bare essentials of: man, machine, women, and hair spray. In Virginia Beach, it's called Ocean View Drive, in Erie, Pennsylvania, it's Dobbins Landing on lower State Street (renamed from the Public Dock because of an enterprising young jokester who insisted on removing the L). And the rules are the same at all of them. Bring your vehicle, your stereo, and your attitude, and be prepared to make as much of a...er, donkey out of yourself as possible. Because if your car's shiny, if your stereo is loud enough to loosen your bowels, and your attitude is sufficient to place you in the 'Rebel Without a Brain' category, you might just score with a lovely specimen of that special breed of female that frequents the 'Bash. Slang for the species abounds, and a detailed description would stretch the good taste quotient of this publication. If you need more information, see your local cosmetics aisle.

There've been complaints about teenagers cruising on Wabash probably ever since the first flannel-clad Hautian teen, stretched out on his lawn chair and mooned a passer-by. There has probably never been a cruise zone that the "respectables" haven't tried to shut down. The typical argument is that it's dangerous; that emergency vehicles shouldn't have to install fluff-chick deflectors and plow through the crowded thoroughfare like a runaway bulldozer from hell on a late Saturday evening. The would-be 'Bash busters have also pointed out the flagrant traffic violations and excessive under-aged drinking that surrounds the 'Bashers. Yet they did so to no avail. The 'Bashers, those bass-loving guardians of our Constitutional right to encase ourselves in shallowness and inebriation, have prevailed. And they did it by stating a simple, haunting truth.

There's nothing to do in Terre Haute.

Past a certain age, that argument doesn't hold water, especially given the variety of activities on the various college campuses and in fraternity houses around town. But let's pause a moment and be sixteen again. We leave our summer job at five p.m. (assuming we're an enterprising young Hautian), and then what?

Well, we went to the movies last night, so that's out. There's a pret-

ty hot band playing at the 4th Quarter, but we can't get in even if we aren't drinking. The bowling alleys are closed for the season, and the only pool tables in Terre Haute that aren't in a bowling alley or a bar are pretty much filled. Too dark to play football, nothing good on the tube, Putt-Putt and Go-Carts are getting old (especially at five bucks a pop). If we're lucky, all we've got is a car, some gas, and plenty of time.

Cruising the 'Bash, then, seems the only natural thing to do.

It makes me sad that we haven't given the youth of this community anything more constructive to do than to set up lawnchairs in the backs of pickups and pop their eardrums to the beat of Naughty by Nature. The city of Terre Haute needs to give serious consideration to the fact that most of the high-school aged persons in this town have nothing else to focus their attentions on but drinking and cruising. Granted, it isn't the city's fault that Terre Haute is, by and large, sleepy. In fact, there are few midwestern towns that could be considered "exciting". However, the community as a whole (including Rose and ISU) does have the facilities to divert the attentions of many of the city's youth away from such useless activities as group gasoline consumption. As a quick example, a summer volleyball league that would allow the local high schools to compete on through the summer could be held on ISU's facilities (or Rose's, for that manner). The city could

Homosexuality and gay bashing

by Bryan Whitsell
Thorn Columnist

Since this is my first article for the Rose Thorn I thought I would start out with a mild topic. I decided on a topic that doesn't invoke much emotion. I wouldn't want any real reaction from the article (and yes, for the brain-dead, this is sarcasm).

With the President of the United States, disappointingly Clinton (I thought Pat was the best choice), attempting to lift the ban on homosexuals in the military, it seems that several questions regarding homosexuality in the military, the naturalness of homosexuality, and about homosexuals' role in society have been brought up again, supposedly in a new light.

I can not imagine a situation where homosexuals are able to train, live, and fight in the armed services. My reasoning for this is not based on my beliefs about homosexuals but on the practicality. The biggest question I have is that of housing. Homosexuals and heterosexuals of the same sex should not be housed together even if the homosexuals were not practicing, because the homosexuals might find the heterosexuals sexually appealing (or at least the heterosexuals might think that is a possibility). Male and female living quarters are separated, for obvious reasons, and for those same reasons, homosexuals shouldn't be allowed to be housed together. This means that they can't be housed together, with people of the opposite sex, or with people of the same sex. The only option left is individual housing, and if that happens, I think some het-

erosexuals would claim to be homosexuals just for an individual room. The cost to the taxpayer would be high and the unity within the armed services would be diminished. The housing problem is just one aspect of why homosexuals in the military won't work.

There have been some reports that have stated that homosexuality might be genetic. All of the scientific reports I have heard of regarding this have been highly questionable as to the scientific process involved with the research. Many in the homosexual community have used these reports to argue that they are normal and that practicing homosexuality is natural. This argument is fundamentally flawed. Even if I were to make the stretch and assume that the reports are true, I still wouldn't think that practicing homosexuality is either right or natural. There have been claims that alcoholism may be genetically linked (I think this is more widely accepted than the homosexual theory). I seriously doubt that many people would feel that it is right or natural for a drunk to kill a small child with a car.

I feel homosexuality is morally wrong (see the Bible) but I also think that "gay bashing" is wrong. The act, not the people, is what should be condemned. The Bible has several things to say about homosexuality, but it also says to "love your enemies" (yes, enemies). I believe that practicing homosexuals are enemies to society. They lower the moral value of the nation with the "who are you to judge my actions?" syndrome, but that is another article.

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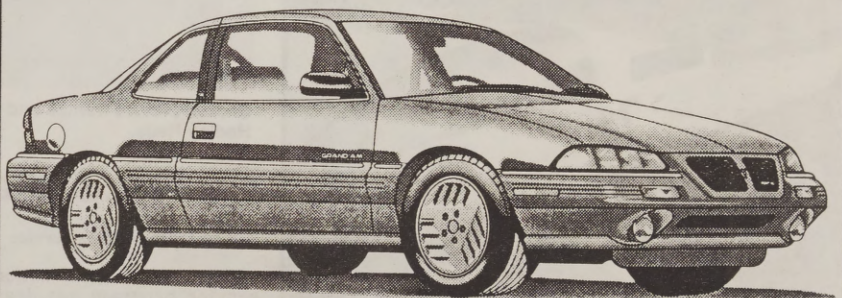
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Rose tied at Third in ICAC

by Jim Broskow
Sports Editor

Rose has been tearing opposing teams apart this season on the baseball diamond. Their record is currently 17-4, on track for an even better season than last year's team had, the first ever nationally-ranked baseball team Rose has ever had. They are currently tied with Carthage College of Wisconsin at 26th in NCAA division III ball in the latest poll by the American Baseball Coaches Association. Some of their most convincing play was a two-game sweep over Earlham College, with scores of 15-2 and 11-0.

But Tuesday Rose itself endured a rude awakening when the team was swept by Manchester in a double-header. Neither game was a blowout, Rose stayed within one run in both games. But it was enough to prove that Rose could lose. Coach Jeff Jenkins is rightfully concerned.

Rose is currently tied for third in the ICAC. Only the top four ICAC teams will play in this year's first ever post-season conference tournament. "If we don't make the ICAC tournament, we can forget about making the ICAC tournament," Coach Jenkins said.

Manchester has been playing well, and Rose has yet to play the toughest competition in the league. Anderson University, the

defending ICAC champion, is coming up on Rose's schedule. Hanover College, currently tied with Rose in the conference standings, and Anderson were not eligible for the NCAA post-season tournament last year while finishing ahead of Rose in the ICAC, but will be eligible this season.

Because the conference records of the teams are so close, the Engineers could still potentially seize the league title. But there isn't much room for mistakes, as one or two losses could seriously shorten the team's season. Franklin is the only team below .500 in the league right now, with an ICAC record of 0-4.

The team boasts some impressive statistics. The pitching staff is hanging in with a combined ERA in the low 2's, as compared to opposing team's combined ERA of over 7.00. Shawn Brainard pitched a no-hitter against Earlham last week. Seven regular batters have averages over .300, led by senior Dave Merrel at .381. Pete Kasper is leading the team in hits, runs and RBI's.

Rose has just six more ICAC games left, beginning with a double-header tomorrow against DePauw in Greencastle. The only home games remaining on the schedule are the team's final conference games against Franklin in early May, and a make-up game with DePauw.

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also invest in a recreation center; a sort of cheapened YMCA or Boys Club. Cripes, I'm sure that there are teens in Terre Haute who'd prefer a *bridge* tournament to orbiting the 'Bash. I know I would.

There will always be 'Bashers, however, and for that, I'm somewhat glad. Every time I drive back home on a Saturday night and see one of the bleary-eyed

permanent Wabash fixtures in his Bondo-covered truck and cheesy, underpowered woofers, I say a little thank you to my parents, my friends, my grandparents-to-every member of my family tree. I thank them for the brain in my head and for the healthy childhood that I had.

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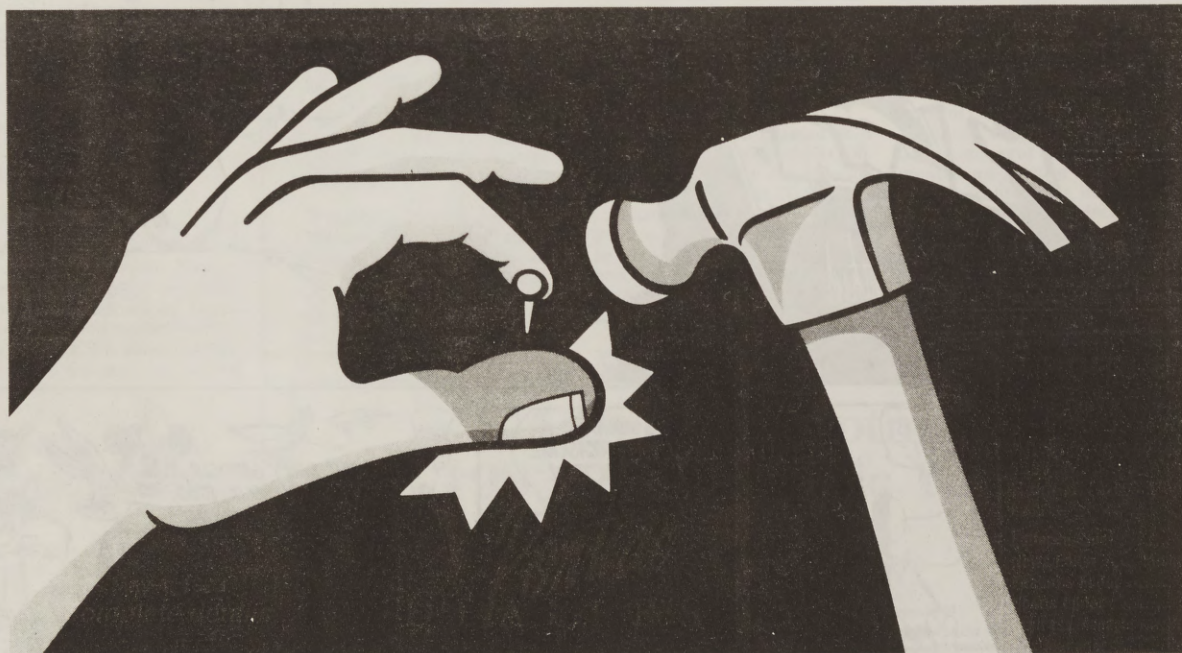
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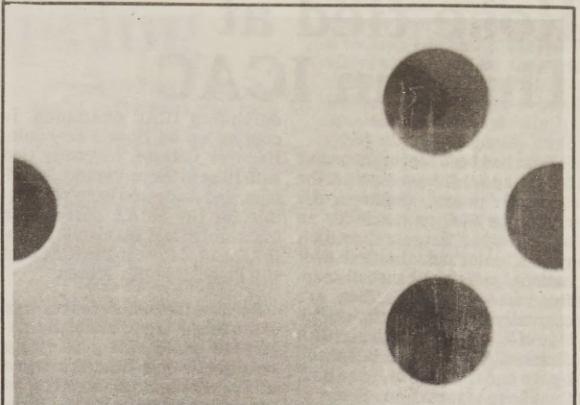
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