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## News Briefs

### Rose debaters place third in Ball State tournament

The Rose-Hulman debate team of Jeff Darnell, junior, and Steve Taylor, sophomore, placed third in the Senior Open division of the Ball State University Debate tournament held Feb. 10 and 11.

Darnell and Taylor lost to the Ferris State University team of Curlee and Wicks, both seniors, in the semi-final round of the tournament.

The team of Dan Boxeth and Kevin Gilbert, both freshmen, achieved a record of three wins

and three losses in the preliminary rounds of the Senior Open division and failed to reach elimination rounds on the basis of speaker points.

David Ridders, sophomore, placed fourth in the Lincoln-Douglas one-man debate division of the tournament.

The final debate tournament of the season for the Rose-Hulman Debate Team will be the DSR-TKA National conference and Tournament at Illinois State University March 10-13.

### Army ROTC to conduct FTX in March

The Wabash Battalion Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps will conduct a mass battalion field training exercise at Fowler Park on March 17-19.

The training will be centered on small unit patrolling and offensive and defensive tactics.

The entire exercise is being coordinated and executed by

the Senior Class and is designed to acquaint freshman and sophomore classes with Army field training, and to help prepare the junior class for Advanced Camp, which they will attend this summer at Ft. Lewis, Washington. The training is intended to be a supplement to classroom instruction.

## Rose to be site of National Engineer's Week events

The local observance of National Engineers Week, Feb. 20-25, will involve numerous activities at Rose-Hulman ranging from programs to encourage high school students to pursue careers in engineering to the presentation of awards that will salute a Terre Haute engineering company, a local engineering student and a professional engineer.

The Francis Vigo Chapter of the Indiana Society of Professional Engineers is sponsoring the local National Engineers Week events which begin Feb. 22 with a student-visitation day program.

Approximately 110 Vigo, Parke, Sullivan, Vermillion and Owen county high school students will take part in the day's activity, according to Vernon Shanklin, vice president of the local ISPE chapter and coordinator of the student-visitation program.

Students will spend the morning with an engineer at one of about 20 Wabash Valley industries and will be hosted at a luncheon at Rose-Hulman. While on campus the students will meet with Rose engineering faculty to learn more about the requirements of earning an engineering degree.



Mathcounts, a national contest for seventh and eighth graders that encourages students to develop their interest in math will be one of two events Feb. 25 that will conclude the local National Engineers Week celebration.

About a dozen teams from area schools will begin competing at 9 a.m. at the Hulman Union at Rose-Hulman for the opportunity to advance to the state MATHCOUNTS contest which will also be held in Terre Haute.

Following the mathematics contest, the annual National Engineers Week banquet is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. in the Hulman Union. Awards will be presented to the outstanding local engineering company, professional engineer and Rose-Hulman engineering student.

The theme of the 1989 observance is "Turning Ideas Into Reality."

### ISU Union Board to present Blizzard of Bucks

Tonight, the Indiana State University Union Board will present "Blizzard of Bucks" as part of its Entertainment Series. The event is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. in Tilson Music Hall. The show features The Incredible Money Machine, and participants will be given the opportunity to win up to \$250. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$1, or season tickets may be used.

## Blue Key hosts student/faculty dialogue

by Steve Uffell

What are the advantages and disadvantages of the newly proposed Freshman integrated curriculum? In light of the alcohol related accidents of the past year, what are the present and proposed modifications to the Rose alcohol policy? How has the problem of cheating been alleviated in the last year? These questions were the topics of debate at the annual Blue Key Student/Faculty Dialogue held on Feb. 7.

Reaction to the integrated curriculum was mixed, with students expressing concerns about student volunteers for the program and the drop out rate that was expected. The majority of the faculty responded that these fears were common to new programs. They also felt strongly that the program would benefit many more students than it would hurt. President Hulbert reminded everyone that the curriculum was still only a proposal and would not be realized until Rose received a \$2 million grant for the project. That grant is currently pending.

The topic of the alcohol policy caused some heated discussion. Jess Lucas responded to the ini-

tial question of modifications to the policy by stating that all of Rose's policies are continually being reviewed. He continued by stating that alcohol related incidents occurred even when Rose was a dry campus. Rose adopted its current policy in the late 1970's. Lucas feels that the policy is best for the Rose environment stating, "responsibility for alcohol is placed on the student, not the school." He also emphasized that by becoming a dry campus the school would have to act as police, enforcing the policy.

Cal Dyer put a positive light on the alcohol problem by pointing out how Rose was working on a responsible attitude towards alcohol by having events like dry rush. He also feels that part of education is knowing the consequences of drinking. Heinz Luegenbiehl stressed responsibility by pointing out that Rose "can't pretend to be apart from the greater society." He was alluding to the portion of the alcohol policy that states Rose policies will be conducted in accordance with state law. That law states you must be 21 to drink in Indiana. Alfred Schmidt ended discussion by stating that it is im-

possible to protect people from themselves, indicating that he feels the current policy showed responsibility on the part of the school and the students.

In an ongoing attempt to improve academics at Rose, the question of cheating was again raised. Dyer again stressed the need to teach people responsibility and the scholarly method. He feels it is important to emphasize what a disservice people do for themselves by not learning. Carey Laxer put the idea of cheating in perspective by stating, "stealing ideas is the same as stealing stereos or wallets." It was concluded that eliminating cheating is a task which must be handled by both the students and the faculty.

With the quarter drawing to a close, the topic of professor evaluations was brought up. Sam Hite assured everyone that all evaluations are taken seriously. It was suggested, however, that when making evaluations it is much better to make suggestions and recommend changes instead of rating and criticizing.

The members of Blue Key would like to thank everyone who participated in the dialogue.

## Western signs contract to write textbook

by P.J. Hinton

Arthur B. Western, a professor of physics at Rose-Hulman, recently signed a contract with the William C. Brown Company to write an undergraduate physics textbook.

The textbook, which Western described as a "calculus based introduction to physics designed for freshman and sophomore science & engineering students," will serve as a text for lower level college physics courses similar to the Mechanics (PH 125)/Electricity & Magnetism (PH 135)/Waves (PH 245) sequence of courses offered by Rose-Hulman.

Working with Western on this considerable task will be Bill Crummett, a physics professor at Centre College in Danville, Ky.

The textbook, which is the result of several years of dialogue between the Western and Crummett, promises to be a significant departure from the style of traditional introductory physics texts.

According to Western, the book will be "noticeably more informal." He went on to say it will be more of an "armchair" text as opposed to a "podium text."

In addition to the conversational text, Western said that computer applications will be integrated into the textbook. These applications will deal mainly with numerical methods of solution and "spreadsheet" projects. No applications using symbolic manipulation programs, such as MACSYMA and MAPLE, are planned at the present.

Western gave four reasons behind the writing of the textbook. The first reason arose from many years of dialogue between Western and Crummett.

In recent years, there has been a trend within the physics community to write textbooks which include topics on the cutting edge of physics research, such as the superstring theory. Western and Crummett disagreed with this school of thought, believing instead that a physics textbook needed a good foundation in basic concepts.

The more the physics community pushed in the "cutting edge" direction, the more Western and Crummett wanted to push physics education in the opposite direc-



Rose professor Arthur B. Western recently signed a contract to write an undergraduate physics textbook. photo by: Chris Slosser

tion. The textbook writing effort is the net result of their feelings about educational approaches.

A second reason for the text is that the two professors felt that it was time to employ numerical methods within the actual course material. As mentioned, one of the distinguishing characteristics of the textbook is the use of numerical methods.

The third reason is the need for relevant examples in such a textbook. Western said that educators have noticed that students tend to bring misconceptions about certain aspects of physics to the classroom.

One of the examples he gave was the idea that a constant force was needed to maintain a constant velocity. Assuming no friction, a constant force actually causes a body to accelerate. Another common misconception is the illusion of centrifugal force.

He added that examples should be provided to help the student reinterpret these concepts. The goal of the text is to meet the student "where he lives." Problems involving objects encountered in day-to-day living would take precedence over theoretical, laboratory oriented problems in order to give the student a clearer picture of what was going on in the problem.

The satisfaction of having published something is the final reason Western gave for the textbook. The project is the first textbook publishing effort he has undertaken. He said he had to find out for himself if he could accomplish this task.

Western said the book will include lots of figures and graphical exercises in color.

The current publication timetable calls for the final draft to be finished by March 1991. One and a half years are needed to perform the production work on the textbook. If all proceeds as planned, the textbook should be available for adoption by 1993 or 1994.

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## Opinions and Columns

### Don't myth the new Robert Asprin book

by Bobby Wool

Myth-nomers and Im-pervections is the new book in Robert Asprin's Myth series, which includes such marvelous titles as Another Fine Myth, Myth Conceptions and M.Y.T.H. Inc. Link. If you think the titles are tacky, you should read the books.

The series revolves around Skeeve, sometimes known as Skeeve the Great, a hapless magician whose reputation is far greater than his peers. His partner and mentor is Aahz, another magician originally stranded in Skeeve's home dimension of Klah without his powers. Together, with a new friends and mobsters collected in assorted books, they start the profitable company MYTH, Ink. However Aahz has a falling out with his partner and goes back to his home dimension of Perv (whose inhabitants call themselves "Pervects" although others mispronounce it "Perverts," although never to one's face). And here the latest book begins.

Skeeve finds himself alone in a land of notoriously ill-mannered pervects looking for his runaway partner. His one companion is

Kalvin, a Djin (from the dimension Dj: ger, making him a Djeanee, basically a Jeanne) whose latest talent for making wishes into commands is meek to say the least, but he gives sound advice. Along the way, Skeeve has run-ins with the police, thugs, acquires a bodyguard, and learns more about Aahz's past than he may have ever wanted to know.

What makes this series good is Asprin's style. Like the Monty Python troupe, he likes to twist stories and explanations around until the reader is totally confused. But this comic-book-style humor hides a slightly deeper meaning. Asprin has made Skeeve and Aahz philosophical characters who are always perspective. It's really quite clever.

So, if you're a die-hard serious and all around boring person, you probably won't find Myth-nomers and Im-pervections the least bit interesting. However, if you love good gags and a silly story, check this book out. If you like it, you'll probably want to read others in the series, and then the silliness may never end.



### Alpha Phi elects new officers

Rose-Hulman's Tau Lambda of Alpha Omega announces the election of its its new executive committee for the upcoming year. The new officers are:

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Vice-President for Membership .....	Joe Yenger
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Historian .....	Mark Schultz
Sergeant of Arms .....	Lonnie Moon
Treasurer .....	Kevin Wyatt

At the first executive committee several goals were set. Among those were: improved operation of the Lost and Found Office located on the third floor of Crapo Hall; increased community and campus awareness of the Tau Lambda Chapter's activities; instigation of positive social relations with other chapters, especially those at Indiana and Purdue Universities; and initiating new and exciting campus service projects.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Orienteering Club is not part of ROTC

As a member of the Army ROTC staff, I became concerned when your February 10th issue questioned the SGA funding of the Orienteering Club stating that the club appeared to be a direct outgrowth of the Army ROTC program. I would like to clarify a few points before the SGA takes action on this issue.

First, there is no direct link between the Army ROTC program and the Orienteering Club. Last year's club president happened to be a cadet, and the ROTC faculty has assisted the club on numerous occasions in the past, but the club is not sponsored or controlled in any way by Army ROTC.

Second, there are no funds available to the ROTC Battalion to support the Orienteering

Club. Even if the ROTC Battalion did somehow find funds, the funds would have strings attached. From example: only ROTC cadets could participate, and cadets from Indiana State and DePauw would be fully authorized to be team members. I don't believe that the SGA desires that any of their clubs lose their formal association with Rose-Hulman.

Third, the association and interest of a particular faculty member or department with a student club should not be construed to mean that the faculty member or department is willing or able to provide financial support. The precision drill team is an example. The drill team's budget was eliminated from SGA funding a couple of years ago. As a result, the team no longer exists. That is

too bad, because the team had a fine reputation and was representing Rose-Hulman in a very positive manner.

Finally, every club has the support of some academic department and can be linked to an academic pursuit of some sort. The support of the faculty should be encouraged, but the control of the club should remain in the hands of the students. Our interest in orienteering does not make the Orienteering Club a manifestation of the Army ROTC department any more than our providing instruments to the pep band makes the band a manifestation of our department.

Paying the bills is a tough task and the SGA is to be applauded for having the courage to raise tough issues. Good luck in your efforts.

Barry R. Hudson Major, Aviation U.S. Army ROTC

## Orient Club benefits student body

To the Editor:

I would like to offer a response to Bobby Woolf's comments in last week's Thorn. As vice-president of the Orient Club, I would like to point out that our club does not support the selfish motives with which Mr. Woolf seems to characterize most clubs on the Rose-Hulman campus. We have presented to the entire student body The Orient Club Newsletter, an information bulletin about events in East Asia. We also operated a refreshment booth at Springfest last year. In

addition, we help to organize such campus-life activities as Godzilla Movie Night and East Asian music and dance performances. I am sure that many of the other clubs commented on by Mr. Woolf also service the Rose community and not just the interests of their members.

As for Mr. Woolf's funding suggestions, it seems that almost every club under SGA funding could conceivably be funded by some other department. My question is, why? If departments had to fund such

clubs as weightlifting Club, Orient Club, and Physics Club, where would the extra money for the departments come from. Yes, SGA's budget would be lowered accordingly, since it would have only three or four organizations to fund. Thus, all all of the clubs would still be funded by the same money, it would just go through a different distributor, and so none of Mr. Woolf's "problems," would be solved.

Ross Johnston  
Orient Club Vice-President

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## Sports

## Road loss, two home wins leave basketball 16-7



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Mark Cristman reaching for the basket and two points.

by Mike Lindsey  
On February 7th, the Rose-Hulman basketball team saw their chance for a conference championship and automatic NCAA berth evaporate at Centre College. The 77-68 decision gave Centre their seventh consecutive championship and left Rose in second place in the CAC with their backs against the wall.

The Engineers must now hope for an at-large bid to post-season play. With the NCAA affair taking five teams from each region and Rose being ranked tied for fifth in the South region, the season rests on the outcome of the final four games.

The team started the ball rolling on Saturday by pounding Fisk University 85-55. The game was in doubt for much longer than the score may indicate. The first half was a struggle for the Engineers. As hot as Fisk was shooting from the field Rose was equally as cold.

The Rose defense was fortunately able to limit the Bulldogs number of shots by forcing numerous turnovers. With the

visitors holding a slim lead, Rose further picked up the defensive pressure by adjusting their man-to-man defense to a full court style. This move was the spark the team needed. They quickly took the lead on a 21-11 rally that was led by Rodney Adams, who scored 10 points during that stretch. The first half ended with Rose leading 32-27 despite shooting only 33% for the half.

**"The Engineers must now hope for an at-large bid to post-season play."**

The second half was all Rose-Hulman. The team outscored the visitors 53-28 during the last 20 minutes to finish with the thirty point margin. The offensive outburst was led by the team's leading scorer, sophomore Britt Petty, who connected on five three-pointers during the half to finish with a game high 23 points. Three other Engineers scored in double digits led by Adams' 13 points. Junior Tim Cindric and senior

Jeff Harrison pitched in with 11 and 10 points respectively.

On Tuesday night, the Engineer team easily defeated the Earlham Quakers with a score of 76-59. The game was a blowout, with Rose running up a 13-0 lead at the 13:26 mark. The game continued to be all Rose, ending the first half with a 42-16 lead.

The second half was no different. The Engineers running up a 39 point lead, at one point, showing the Quakers no mercy. Petty ended the game with the most points at 15, with Cindric close behind at 13. Cindric also came away with the most rebounds with 9.

Tonight in Shook Fieldhouse Rose plays a huge game against DePauw University at 7:30 p.m. Both teams are in the hunt for an NCAA berth and a victory tonight could go a long way when the selection committees meet later in the month. The team will wrap up their season with a home game Tuesday night against Greenville College that will also get underway at 7:30 p.m.

## Grapplers get ready for Regionals

by Hyrum D. Lunt

The Rose-Hulman wrestling team has had a crazy week. The last home match, with DePauw, was canceled because of the number of DePauw wrestlers nursing injuries. The Engineers then proceeded to the Wheaton College Tournament this past weekend, February 10-11. The Wheaton College Tournament is one of the toughest that Rose attends. Over thirty teams attended, including some Division I schools. Only Matt Morin was able to gain a foothold against the competition. He won his first match, but because of pain from a hamstring, was forced to forfeit the second. After some difficult decision making, he decided to withdraw from

the tournament. Having no one left who would wrestle in the competition, the team came home the next day. The team is currently making preparations for competition.

**Coach McGrath, "... if Morin is seeded well and wrestles well, he has a good chance..." to go to nationals.**

ing in the NCAA Regionals on February 25. Those wrestlers who place first or second will be eligible to compete at the NCAA Nationals at John Carroll University in March.

Coach McGrath has hopes that Morin and Jim Winkley can place within the top two spots in their respective weight classes at Regionals. Winkley has won eight of his last ten matches and has a good possibility to at least get close to first or second. McGrath also felt that if Matt Morin's knee has healed up, and "...if Morin is seeded well and wrestles well, he has a good chance..." to go to nationals. Bowman has also been very competitive these past two weeks. He has been looking "very solid," and has been a strength to the team in the heavyweight position. Coach McGrath also spoke of the good feelings he has about the season. He spoke of this year as the most productive and the one in which more wrestlers have had more wins than any other team in recent years. Next year looks even better for the Engineers, as all wrestlers will be returning and the existing vacancies have a chance to be filled.

## Team Standings for Take Five

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|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Deming I                   | 6. Sharpenberg      |
| 2. Triangle                   | 7. Lambda Chi Alpha |
| 3. Skinner                    | 8. Deming II        |
| 4. Deming Attic and Speed III | 9. Speed I          |
|                               | 10. Deming O        |

## Individual Winners

Ping Pong, Doubles: Eric Bube and Jeff Singer  
Foosball, Doubles: Mike Liemohn and Jim Sawage  
Pizza Eating: Steve Loper and Kent Neier  
Free Throw: John Thompson

## Arm Wrestling

150 lb. and under: Tom Rude  
151-200 lb.: Mike Won  
Over 200 lb.: John Stephens

Nerf Basketball: Lambda Chi Alpha

Volleyball: Triangle

Racquetball: Jim Carroll

Weightlifting: Andy Causey

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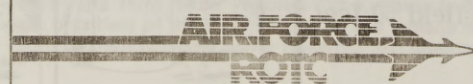
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## Humor/Satire

## The Final Countdown

Feeling comfy? Alright with the world? Well, bucky, let me tell you about finals: two weeks from now! How ya feeling now? Yeah, go ahead and sit down, I understand. The worst thing about finals, though is that you never know what to expect... Finals tend to separate themselves into certain groups:

**What You Expected:** Almost only happens when the teacher is too laid back to change his last quarter final. If you encounter one of these, let us know. We're always looking for page 1 material. Usually, however, you almost expect to find Rod Serling looking over your shoulder when taking a final.

**The Big BOHICA:** More familiar to students, no doubt. Guaranteed to have you walking like a veteran cowboy for a few days. Chances are the prof. couldn't pass his own final if he tried, but this never stops at least one person from getting a 98 and destroying the curve. These finals usually occur when the teacher is a sadistic troll, or during departmental finals where teachers receive scores based on how many students miss a problem.

**Non Sequitur:** You studied all the class notes, all the homework, and all the tests. This little gem has nothing to do with any of those. Could be they accidentally gave you the psychology final, but not likely. The teacher figures you covered these subjects on tests already, so why waste time on them again? This will usually consist of things that you never got around to covering in class but the teacher had hoped to.

**Exhaustive Search:** The professor, insecure and with a dubious social life, compensates for his neurotic fear that you may be putting one over on him on the final in a simple way: by covering every class topic in exquisite detail. Warning signs are when he uses a backloader to get the tests in the door and has to be wearing his truss to pass them out.

An alternative form of this appears when the prof. gets over-excited about the class and wants to ensure that you have missed nothing about "9th Century

Philosophers: Why the VAX is a Tool of Satan." If he can make you take it over, so much the better! **In and Out, Nobody Gets Hurt:** The only reason this guy is giving you the test is because the department wouldn't let him make it optional. Test problems usually begin with, "Assume ideal motors, no friction, no wind resistance, no gravity, and massless materials," and end with something like, "which way will it fall if we drop it?" If you get below a C, consider that the Purdue campus isn't too bad.

**Schrodinger's Cat:** it seems unlikely, but some teachers have a knack for creating finals where it is impossible to tell how you did. Sure, you answered every question, and your answers seem reasonable, but something just seems fishy. It's not till later that you realize that none of the problems included voltage sources, and that this tends to hamper current. These tests have the unique property that you have neither passed it nor failed it till the instant that you look at the returned final.

**Boy Genius:** Never mind that the material by itself was enough to cause you to purchase Pepto-Bismol by the sixpack. The professor has decided that it will be no fun if you don't have to make at least 4 quantum leaps of logic in order to pass the test, and should be able to link in that E&M that you had 6 quarters ago. If Max Planck did it, so can you. Sometimes misleadingly called a scholarship test, this is somewhat puzzling, because these cause a definite downward trend in the scholarship money you are likely to receive...

There ya are, bucky! Hope this didn't cause too much anxiety... But we'll reserve you a room at the Betty Ford Clinic. And remember, "Ave, Kyker, morturi te salutant!"

(Of course, there is the professor's side to all this. It might not be sadism (although it usually is), but merely that Uncle Keith got carried away. And some of the things that they see on the finals are worthy of a separate article... - Ed.)

## Top Ten Reasons The Two Ducks Stopped Here

1. Last futile attempt by Rosem-Hosem to prove that Scum Lake is non-toxic.
2. Terre Haute air too thick to fly through.
3. Muck Farmer plans his last "harvest" from Scum Lake. If Hulburp wants duck, he gets duck...
4. Thought by the local accents they were at least down to Virginia.
5. Dean Locust trapped them there to keep his ice-fishing hole open.
6. Hired by "budget-conscious" Rosem-Hosem to replace the S.S. Sludgemucker: Cheaper, and faster than B&G.
7. Both males ejected from the flock for their "alternative" lifestyle.
8. Actually, they are currently the star CE students....
9. Like to laugh at all the morons who walk on the ice when it's this thin.
10. Blanket of Bon Jovi transmissions by WZZZ creates lethal death-field 50 feet above ground.

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