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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Nurse Haymaker leaving

by Gary Hall

It has been announced that due to the upcoming marriage of campus nurse Haymaker, Rose-Hulman is currently looking for a new campus nurse.

Miss Haymaker will keep

her current position until the end of February.

According to the student affairs office, it is hoped that a replacement will be able to take over immediately after Miss Haymaker leaves the institute.

### Open tryouts for Banks of the Wabash Chorus

The Terre Haute Chapter Banks of the Wabash Chorus will hold a special Guest Night on Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Holidome.

In the past 18 months the chorus has won two District contests and has become the first American barbershop Chorus to attend and perform at the British Association of Barbershop Singers Convention.

The chorus is now making preparations to compete at Salt Lake City, Utah next July in the International Barbershop Contest. There are over

800 barbershop choruses in the United States and Canada and only 16 are chosen to compete in the International Contest.

Guest Night is open to all men in the Terre Haute area who enjoy singing. Membership in the local chapter offers an opportunity to improve singing ability and to participate in singing competition and concerts. The Society also offers a broad program of music education for men interested in furthering their appreciation and knowledge of music.

### MicroVAX II to appear

by Gary Hall

With the PDP 11/70 system now gone, Rose-Hulman will purchase a new MicroVAX II which is expected to arrive in February of 1986.

The EE department will purchase graphics workstations for the new system which will be used to run a set of VLSI design tools. At pres-

ent, this is the only applications software planned for purchase.

The new MicroVAX system will have three megabytes of main memory, as compared to one megabyte on the 11/70. Disk storage will be decreased from 188 megabytes to 71 megabytes.

### Orienteering club wins national award

by John Vierow

The Rose Orienteering Club traveled to Milford, Michigan for the U.S. Championships on October 26-27. Four members won awards. Brock Ridgway and Matthew Robbins took second and third places respectively in the red (advanced) championship class. Jeff Volpert and Tim Beitz took first and third places

respectively in the orange (intermediate) category. There are many different categories, each corresponding to a certain age group and ability.

The club will be holding its last meet of the season tomorrow, November 9, at the field house between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Anyone from the Rose community is invited to participate, especially beginners.

### Bermuda Band to burst into Worx

by Cary Weldy

Tomorrow night, at 7:30 p.m., the Bermuda Triangle Band will energize the Worx. The Student Activities Board is sponsoring this appearance of Bermuda Triangle, a "zany rock band that does everything" (New York Times). Their high energy, low volume repertoire careens through rock classics and powerful originals, then skids through comedy and an audience participation routine that will knock your socks off.

It is hard to believe what an incredibly big live sound two people create. Roger, formerly an electronics engineer, has developed a way to play live digital drums simultaneously with his electric autoharp or synthesizer. Wendy, a keyboardist and percussionist, "mesmerizes with a crystal clear soprano

that's got to be one of the best in the business" (Entertainment - New York). The duo hails from New York City, where they began playing clubs. Joining two friends for a year, they formed the group Euphoria, recording an album for MGM, which received rave reviews and was a top 40 hit in Italy and the Netherlands.

The "Bermudas" have been guests on countless TV shows as well as performing with such artists as Billy Joel and Harry Chapin.

They have released three albums, and their latest recording, BERMUDAS II, will be available at the performance this Saturday night in the Worx.

Be sure to include this night of entertainment on your calendar. The concert is free.



Artist-in-residence Tom Swopes (center) discusses his art during his reception.

staff photo  
— Bryan Everly photo

## Swopes: a non-traditional artist

by Tom Vorjohan

This year Rose has started an artist-in-residence program that they hope to continue for years to come; but it's having problems getting started. This year's artist is Mr. Tom Swopes, a talented creator from Bloomington, Ind.

Swopes doesn't think of himself as an artist, "I wouldn't call myself an artist; I think I'm a teacher and I make art to teach." And Swopes is not your "traditional" artist either, and that's causing a big delay in publicly displaying his art at Rose.

Swopes states, "I use art as a tool to express and explore myself and the world I live in." He demonstrates a great philosophical impulse in his art, and every painting, drawing, sculpture, and creation is laced with symbolism and metaphors. Simply put, Tom said, "It's not just objects, but ideas."

His art represents the insanity of the world we live in, and what he believes, doesn't believe, thinks right and thinks wrong. Society today is obviously not depicted by pretty sunsets and gorgeous landscapes to Swopes.

At Rose, there is an obvious difficulty for some people to accept his art. Peter Parshall, head of the humanities department, feels Swopes needs a place to display his work and is working to get him space. However, Swopes has been here since early September, and he still has not

had his art displayed.

Swopes' art isn't pretty, and he doesn't want it to be. He believes in the power of negative influences, and he said, "Bad experiences are great teachers."

He combines his knowledge of psychology and the way people respond to images to try to get an emotional response from his audience. The philosopher, Sir Charles Popper, has had a great influence on Swopes. Popper applied scientific methodology to human ideology and human existence, and Swopes goes at his artwork in a similar manner.

"Education has taught us to look at the lines," said Swopes. He went on to explain that people in today's generation have a narrative impulse; to look for a storyline, the good and the bad in a clear-cut black and white fashion. "You miss about three-fourths of what's going on if you just look at the black and white," he said; and this is very true of his work.

Currently, he has a class of about twenty Rose students who he is instructing on how to draw. "There's no such thing as talent - drawing is a learnable skill," he said to his drawing class on their first day.

Swopes has received his MFA degree in art which is equivalent to a doctorate. He has won numerous awards for his art, and his art is displayed in several galleries in the country.

Many discussions at Rose have

been raised because of some of Swopes' subject matters. One of his statues, which is valued at over one thousand dollars, is missing, another piece was damaged while it was sitting outside of his studio behind Moench Hall, and the artwork he had displayed in the "A" section of Moench was removed just prior to homecoming. To all this, Swopes smilingly said, "So I'm not having a good time."

Although Hulbert and Parshall are very much in favor of the artist-in-residence program and have nothing against Swopes' art, suitable arrangements have not yet been made so that he can display his works without censorship or vandalism. As Swopes said, "They just keep putting it off."

He does not ever claim to be an absolutist with all the answers. "My stuff contains values, too," he said, just like a pretty sunset contains values - they're just different values. The relationship between an artist and his audience is tough to define. Swopes doesn't want to push his beliefs and views on anyone, "Sometimes I just create things to point something out and to make people think," he stated.

The best tip that can be given to viewers to Swopes' paintings, drawings, and sculptures is to look past the lines; because that's where you can find the entire meaning of his art, his thoughts and his view on this culture that we live in.

## Shakespeare buff Mead joins faculty

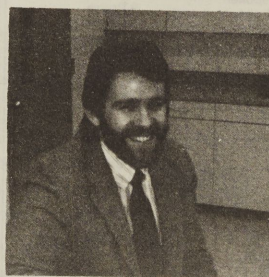
by Gary Hall

This year's humanities department has been augmented by the addition of Stephen Xavier Mead. Prof. Mead is filling the vacancy created by Prof. Cal Dyer who is on sabbatical.

In addition to working as a professor at Rose-Hulman, Mead is working on his dissertation for his Ph.D. from Indiana University. He hopes to have his work done and presented within the next two months.

Although he is only here temporarily, Mead enjoys his work here. In fact, he "likes the students better than at any other place."

After he finishes his post-graduate work, Mead hopes to find a job as a college professor in Washington state. He cited personal reasons for influencing



his choice of work area.

Working at Rose-Hulman while finishing his dissertation is good preparation, Mead feels. It gives him a chance to interact with students while finishing his dissertation.

In his spare time, Mead likes to play guitar, write poetry, play

racquetball and run. A recently injured ankle has curtailed the running, though.

Mead, originally from New York, received his bachelor's degree in Literature from S.U.N.Y. in 1978. He went on to earn Master's degrees in English and Creative Writing from Indiana University. Currently, he is working towards his doctorate in English at IU.

Though he has experience in a wide range of literature styles and eras, Mead likes to focus on the Renaissance era, and on William Shakespeare in particular. As a matter of fact, his dissertation focuses on Shakespeare's work. It is tentatively entitled "Shakespeare's Concept of Chastity: A Study of the Problem Plays."



## Opinion

## EDITORIAL

The arrival of our artist-in-residence, Tom Swopes, has created a fair amount of controversy on campus.

Many people in the Rose community have found his work to be distasteful or even offensive. Personally, I have a difficult time understanding the man's concept of art. My opinion, however, is based essentially on a first impression. Most of the students I know who are in Swopes' class strongly support the artist and his work.

This leads me to feel that there must be some merit to his work, to at least part of the Rose community. Unfortunately, certain incidents have affected Swopes' ability to display his work. These incidents have placed a very negative comment on the Rose student body. It is important to remember, however, that these incidents were probably only brought about by a very small number of individuals.

At least one person seems to have forgotten this in responding to one of these incidents. After the disappearance of one of Swopes' works, a "Dear Mr. Thief" letter appeared in every mailbox on campus. While there was merit to the content of the letter, the directly accusing and insulting manner in which the letter was written offended many people on campus. The seriousness of the incident is obvious, however, such a blatantly insulting anonymous letter distributed to every person on campus was certainly not the manner in which to respond to it. It may have reached the culprit, but in doing so offended a large portion of the campus. Surely a less insulting format could have been used for the letter.

The key to appreciating Mr. Swopes' art seems to be understanding it. Today's article on page one provides some insight into the man and his art. Whether we agree or disagree with the man's work, though, we should at least show him the respect due any individual at Rose.

— RCK

## SEPTEMBER

## Campus Paperback Bestsellers

1. "...and Ladies of the Club", by Helen Hoover Santmyer (Berkeley, \$5.95) Life in a small Ohio town
2. Penguin Dreams and Stranger Things, by Berke Breathed (Little, Brown, \$6.95) Collection of the comic strips of the 80's
3. The Road Less Traveled, by M. Scott Peck (Touchstone, \$8.95) Psychological and spiritual inspiration by a psychiatrist
4. Lincoln, by Gore Vidal (Ballantine, \$4.95) Lincoln as seen by his loved ones, rivals and enemies
5. Bride of the Far Side, by Gary Larson (Andrews, McMeel & Parker, \$5.95) More cartoons from the Far Side
6. Full Circle, by Danielle Steel (Dell, \$4.50) Four decades of a mother-daughter relationship
7. In Search of Excellence, by T. J. Peters & R. H. Waterman Jr. (Warner, \$8.95) A look at the secrets of successful business
8. The Hajj, by Leon Uris (Bantam, \$4.95) Middle East Conflict streams the story of vengeance and forgiveness
9. Though Guys don't Dance, by Norman Mailer (Ballantine, \$3.95) Cape Cod murder mystery
10. The Witches of Eastwick, by John Updike (Fawcett, \$4.50) Contemporary Rhode Island town is ravaged by three witches

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The Bishop's Heir, by Katherine Kurtz (Ballantine, \$3.50) Volume I of the Histories of King Kelson: A rich feast of medieval chivalry, romance and magic.

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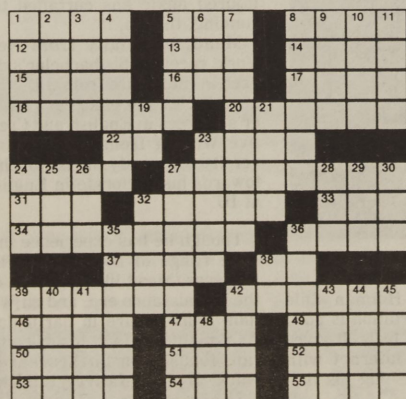
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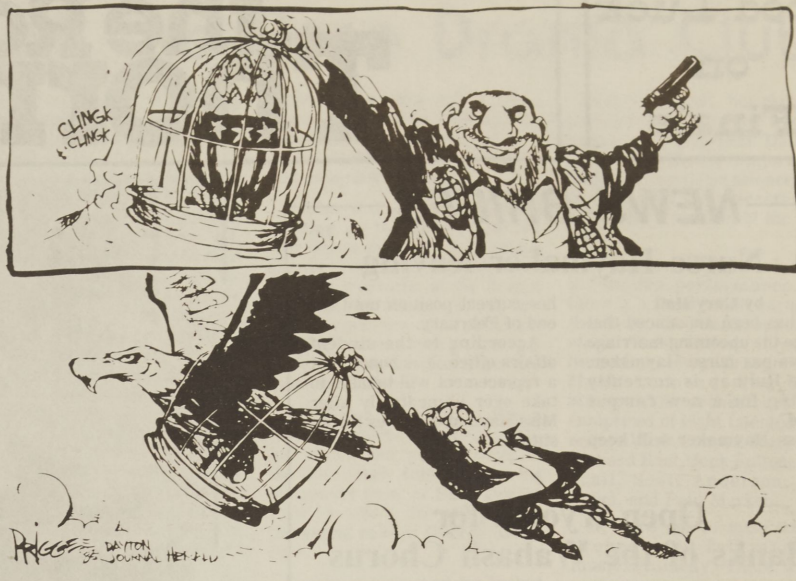
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## Movie Review

## 'To Live and Die' Best Yet

The recent flood of movies has brought with it at least one hit. "To Live and Die in L.A." is a drama that takes several twists and turns on its way to a surprising conclusion.

The film stars William Petersen as a secret service agent that is trying to track down master counterfeiter R. Masters. Masters, besides being a counterfeiter, is the man responsible for the death of Petersen's partner.

This film takes a realistic look at life in the underworld of crime. Not everything in the film is cut-and-dried. As Petersen's

character tracks down the elusive Mr. Masters, he finds himself becoming more and more like the criminals he is trying to catch.

There are quite a few shocks to the audience along the way. The plot twists and distorts your image of what is happening. The violence is overwhelming, yet realistic.

Though this film is rated R, it is quite shocking. This film pushes the R rating to the limit at times, showing explicit violence (shotgun blasts to the face), several nude scenes and coarse language. Those who are

offended by such things should not view this film.

If you are willing to sit through the violence and nudity and language, you will see a film that shows the world as it can be when people are greedy and ruthless.

This film is highly recommended for those who wish to view a drama that pulls no punches.

Grade: B+  
Starring: William Petersen  
Rating: R

— Gary Hall

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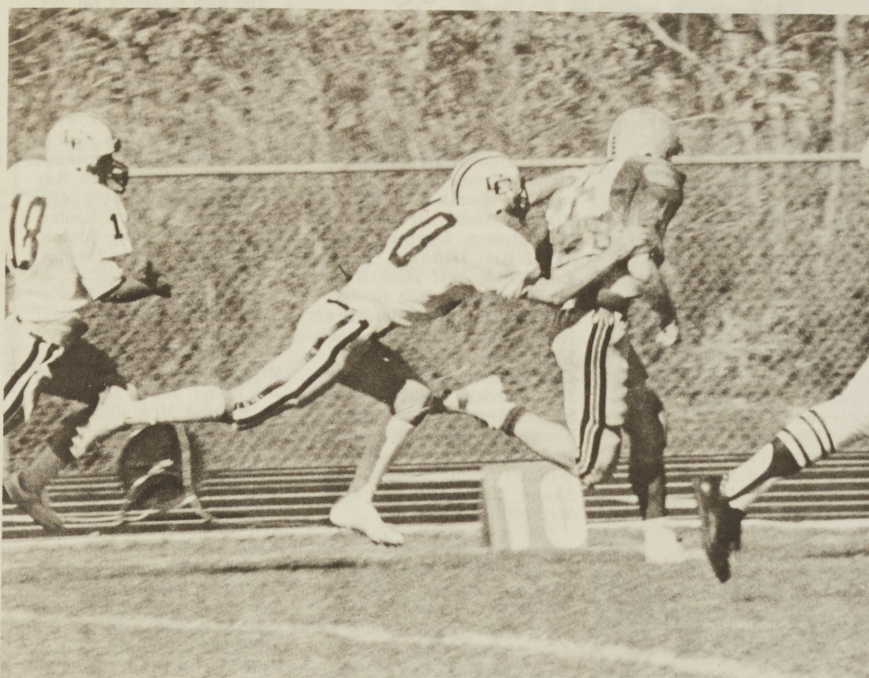
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## Sports



Bill Sears, shown above in the Centre game, provided most of the offense against Sewanee.  
— Bryan Everly photo

## Fake field goal beats rose

by Steve Zeiglin

Rose-Hulman's hopes for an undisputed CAC championship were ruined in a 14-7 loss against Sewanee this past Saturday at Phil Brown Field. The Engineers are now 2-1 in CAC play and 4-4 overall this season. With a victory over Rhodes College next Saturday, Rose can tie Centre College for the CAC title.

The key play of the game was a fake field goal that gave Sewanee a 14-7 lead in the fourth quarter. With only 10:40 left in the fourth quarter the Tigers lined up as if to kick a 32-yard field goal but the holder, who is also the starting quarterback, took the snap and threw to tight end Alan Hardee for the go ahead touchdown.

"We saw that they weren't covering the men on the first extra-point kick. The next time we decided to go for it," said

Sewanee coach Horace Moore about the crucial play. Coach Thompson couldn't explain why the coverage on the play was so poor.

The Engineer offense was the main problem on the day. The offense scored its lone touchdown on their second offensive play of the game. Bill Sears took the handoff and broke off-tackle for a 74-yard touchdown run. After this run, Rose was held to just 140 more yards the rest of the day. The Sewanee defense covered the pitch back, fullback and quarterback the rest of the game. Also, the offense was assessed 40 yards in penalties.

"We just never got it on track on offense. Every time we thought we would get out of the hole, we would get a penalty and we would be back even deeper," said a frustrated coach Thompson.

The Sewanee offense used a

balanced attack on the day gaining about 160 yards on the ground and 170 through the air. The combination of Phil Savage throwing to split end Sullins, who seemed to be wide open most of the day, worked five times for 71 yards including Sewanee's third quarter game-tying touchdown.

## CAC crown to be settled at rhodes

by Sports Editor  
Steve Ufheil

The fighting Engineers will travel to Memphis, Tenn., tomorrow to do battle with Rhodes College in a game which will mark the end of the season for both teams.

The contest on Faragason Field begins at 2:30 p.m. and is for a piece of the CAC championship. Both Rose and Rhodes have 2-1 records in the CAC and will be fighting for a share of the championship crown with Centre, who has finished CAC play with a record of 3-1.

Rose is coming off a disheartening 14-7 defeat by the Uni-

versity of the South which dropped their overall record to 4-4. Rhodes, on the other hand, defeated Earlham College last Saturday by a score of 24-9. The victory lifted their overall record to 7-1-1.

Saturday's game will mark the 12th meeting between the two teams. Last season, the Engineers defeated the Lynx 7-3 at Phil Brown Field. The Engineers have won four of the last five games and lead the series 6-4-1.

Rhodes will be taking some impressive numbers statistically into the game. The Lynx lead the CAC in rushing defense at 75 yards per game, and in total defense at 225 yards per game. The offense is led by senior quarterback Jim Elgin, who has

passed for over 900 yards this season. Elgin also leads the CAC in punting with an average of 40.4 yards. In addition, Rhodes boasts an outstanding placekicker in senior Jim Hever. He leads all NCAA Division III with an average of 6.5 points per game.

Coach Thompson is well aware of the situation his team is in. He states, "It's now a one-game season for us. We'll be trying to get a piece of the conference championship and a winning season."

"Rhodes is a very good football team. They present a big challenge for us, both offensively and defensively. They're ranked first in the conference in rushing defense, and we like to run the ball," he continued.

Dixon pointed to a strong freshman group on the soccer team as being key to the success of next year's team. He also pointed out that with high school soccer programs on the rise, Rose can expect to be getting more students who are interested in playing soccer.

## Harriers second in CAC

by Robert Kline

The Rose-Hulman cross country team placed second in the College Athletic Conference meet last Saturday at Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn. Rhodes College brought an extremely strong team and captured the conference championship with a score of 38 points. Rose took second with 48 points. Sewanee finished third with 60, Earlham was fifth with 64, Centre was fifth with 139, and Fisk did not have a full team finish.

Three Rose runners finished in the top ten. Roger Hruskovich led the engineer effort, finishing

fifth overall in a time of 26:35. Kurt Kelso finished sixth in a time of 26:41 and Lee Beckham finished ninth in a time of 26:46. Hruskovich and Kelso were awarded all-conference status. Rounding out the scoring for Rose were Dennis Dobbs and Mark Tebbe.

Rose's top three runners finished in their closest ever pack, but the effort fell ten points short of victory.

The prospects for next year's team look extremely bright as the team will only be graduating Senior Lee Beckham out of this year's top seven.

## Soccer ends on high note

by Gary Hall

The Rose-Hulman soccer team finished up its 1985 season on a positive note. Though they lost 1-0 in their next to last game, against Brescia, they bounced back to win 2-1 against CAC rival Centre.

The loss to Brescia dropped the soccer team's record to 3-11. Though Rose outshot their opponents 30-23, they were unable to get any of the shots into the opponent's goal.

In the final game of the season, the Engineers took the lead early and never looked back. Building up a 2-0 lead by the half, they held on to capture a 2-1 victory over Centre.

The last victory put the Engineer's record at 4-11 for the season, with a 2-2 record in the CAC. That was good enough to land the team third place in the conference, which is the best they

have ever done.

According to senior member Adam Dixon, the final game was a physical game. Four yellow card warnings were issued during the game. The crowd was one of the biggest of the year, and the team didn't let them down.

Dixon also said that the team is "looking for a much better year next year." He also said that "next season, if all goes well, should be the best season in the history of the soccer team. They should finish well above .500."

## Rifle team drops U of I

The Rose-Hulman rifle team opened up its 1985 season with a 1232-964 victory over the University of Illinois. Senior Dirk Hall led the Engineers with an individual score of 268 which was supported by a 99 out of a possible 100 in firing from the prone

position. Rounding out the Rose top five were Don Boughton (249), Jeff Janik (247), J. Groom (244), and Chris Doyle (224).

The rifle team is coached by ROTC MSG Joe S. Bohannon and is captained by Dirk Hall.

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**AIMING FOR THE TOP** — Cadet CSM Kevin Reed, a Rose-Hulman junior, uses the prussik climbing style to climb the 60-foot Fern Cliff near Greencastle, Indiana. Reed was part of a five-man detachment from the Rose-Hulman Ranger Company which hosted 15 members of the local Devaney School Boy Scout Troop No. 30 for a demonstration of rappelling and climbing techniques.

## FRATERNITY RHO

by Bill Bradford

The men of Alpha Tau Omega welcome their new pledges: Todd Bechtold, Mark Braun, Tim Crowell, Jeff Hampel, Kris Hebel, Sean Helle, Todd Hoevener, Mike Knott, John Leonard, Mike Lindsey, Chuck Marr, Kelvin Mason, Gavin McFarland, Eric Meeks, Steve Mericle, Andrew Murray, Gary Olson, Paul Palmer, Scott Phillips, Greg Reese, Kyle Schroeder, Tony Stewart, Scott Workman.

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The men of Theta Xi welcome their new pledges: Scott Anderson, Bill Archibald, Fred Baatz, Tony Cantrell, Mike Childers, Scott Davison, Jeff Kleiss, Jamie Mackercher, Edlund McMullin, Tony Nicks, John Thompson.

The men of Triangle welcome their new pledges: John Bings, Scott Bilik, Chris Churney, Tom Duex, Eric Gjolvik, Ken Johnson, John Pedigo, Steve Sanders, Ted Siewert, Trent Thomsa, Chris Zadlo.

In other fraternity news, the men of Alpha Tau Omega took to the streets for the American Heart Association Friday, October 25. The ATO's earned \$1,204 for the Heart Fund.

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## Campus NewsNotes

David Owen, an active opponent of the Scholastic Aptitude Test, claims SAT has become "little more than a test of whether parents can afford to pay for a coaching course."

Owen and Richard Noeth of the Education Testing Service, the SAT's creator, debated the test's effectiveness at a National Association of College Admissions Counselors' meeting in October.

While Noeth admits informal test preparation can increase a student's score, he says claims that coaching can raise scores by 150 points or more are based on nothing more than "anecdotal evidence."

The Princeton Review, a coaching firm currently involved in litigation with the ETS, says it can raise test scores by up to 250.

**U. OF MINNESOTA PROTESTORS ACCUSE C.I.A. OF ATROCITIES**

About 25 demonstrators waved signs and chanted protest slogans when CIA recruiters set up shop at UM earlier this month.

The demonstrators demanded the CIA get out of Central America and off the UM campus.

Meanwhile, pro-CIA bystanders heckled the protestors with shouts of "communist pigs" and "pinkos."

**GAME SALES EXPECTED TO TOP \$1 MILLION**

Sales of the Tennessee Trivia game could raise more than \$1 million for a Tennessee Homecoming '86 Schools project.

The game, which includes a section of questions about Tennessee, sells for \$15 with half the proceeds going to state and private schools, and half to game production costs.

U. of Tennessee faculty helped write questions for the game, which will be marketed through UT and local retailers. Pepsi Cola and Apple Computers sponsored the project.

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