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## Engineers In Concert Musical students perform Tuesday

by Brian Evans

The Fourth Annual Engineers in Concert will be held on Tuesday, April 3, in the Moench Hall Auditorium from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

This year, Engineers in Concert features eleven acts whose music styles range from jazz to classical to pop. Each act is limited to eight minutes. Since all acts had to audition, each performance in the show is musically talented, and the show should be very enjoyable.

Engineers in Concert is sponsored by the President's Commission on the Visual and Performing Arts which is chaired by Dr. Benjamin Benjaminov. This commission has brought the Rose community many fine cultural events, such as Ballet Tic.

Dr. Mallory North, a member of this commission and the organizer of Engineers in Concert, said that a student (David Dvorak) and an adjunct professor of music organized this event "to demonstrate to the community that engineering students don't just have a variety of interests, particularly in the musical arts" and "to portray a different image than is stereotyped."

Through this Forum for the Arts, "we will not only give some of our students the opportunity to perform, but we also showcase a portion of our very talented student body," stated Dr. North. He feels that this year's concert is a good sample of the talent of Rose's student body, but he knows that many other acts are capable of a professional performance but they do not audition. Dr. North also hopes that in the future, more of the faculty and staff will become involved as well.

At least two of the acts in Engineers in Concert had representation in the Talent Show, even though these two events are independent of each other. The Jazz Combo is composed of Phil Moore, Brian Mast, Mike Hawkey, Mike Morrison, Dave Yates, and Steve Proffitt. In the Talent Show, Phil Moore's jazz trio took fourth place. The Vocal Duet composed of R. Daniel Harrison and Richard Pavonk will sing "Mr. Tanner" (a Harry Chapin song), which was one of the three selections they performed in the Talent Show to capture second place.

The classics as well as the popular will have strong representation at Engineers in Concert. Doug Springer, with the accompaniment of Dr. Schmidt, will sing "Pilgrim's Song" by Tchaikovsky. In two different acts, Christopher McGill will perform "Memory" from "Cats" (a contemporary Broadway musical based on the works of T. S. Eliot) and "Bridge Over Troubled Water" by Paul Simon.

The six acts which have not been mentioned are: (1) the Rose Glee Club; (2) marimba/piano duet with Todd Duckworth and Dr. North performing "Rhapsodic Fantasie"; (3) the flugelhorn/piano duet with Brian Mast and Bill Lindstaedt; (4) the barbershop quartet with Ken Schnabel, John Rohlfing, Doug Springer, and Brian Henry, performing a six-song medley; (5) piano soloist Craig Coder performing the Intrada/Overture to "The Suite of the King"; and (6) saxophone soloist Dallas Peak performing "Improvisation et Caprice."

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Dr. Mark Berrio (center), associate professor of civil engineering, points to the details of an elaborate model he designed for local developer J.C. Spence (left).

## Agency offers credit for plant trips

by Bill Bradford

World Wide Travel Agency offers credit to Rose seniors for plant trips. According to Tim Marquart, Junior Resident Assistant, this courtesy is available exclusively to Rose seniors.

"Seniors usually have to pay their expenses for plant trips with either cash or a credit card before being reimbursed by the company," said Marquart. "World Wide Travel gives seniors the opportunity to finance their plant trip without having advanced funds. They set everything up at no cost to you. They're paid a percentage of the

ticket price by the company offering the interview."

According to Marquart, most seniors are not aware of this offer. Marquart learned of the policy through a Resident Assistant educational program in which World Wide Travel was asked to talk about travel packages for spring break.

"The word just hasn't been publicized," said Marquart. "I think a lot of seniors could make good use of it."

Reservations can be made anytime and tickets are issued three to five days prior to the date of departure. The senior is totally responsible for the

reservations, the ticket, and payment.

Payment must be made within 15 days from the return date. "It's very convenient. Most seniors have been reimbursed by the company by then," said Marquart.

Harry Flotemersch, senior electrical engineer, has taken advantage of the offer. "I just called and said I'm a Rose student and I have a plant trip to Connecticut. They took care of everything. Then afterwards, I took the check from the company and signed it over to World Wide Travel and that was it," said Flotemersch.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Bowl team battles Big Ten

The Rose-Hulman College Bowl Team competed in the National College Bowl Regional Tournament at Purdue University.

Rose defeated Western Illinois University (Edwardsville) and Millikin University. But the Fightin' Engineers could not handle the Big Ten schools and lost to the University of Illinois and Purdue University on their home court.

Since most College Bowl questions do not involve engineering or science, the

Rose team was denied its strong suit. The team made a good showing anyway. The College Bowl is yet another place where the humanities, social and life sciences are useful.

The Rose-Hulman College Bowl Team is made up of A. J. Fossett, Captain (Senior ME), Dan Dillon (Senior CH), Vin Vena (Senior EE), Phil Shook (Senior ME) and Eric Christenson (Soph EE). The College Bowl Team was coached by Profs. Kyker and Vuchinich.

### Physics Club sponsors contest

by Bob Patti

The Physics Club will sponsor a computer physics competition.

Entries should involve microcomputers in a physical experiment or theoretical computations. Rules and

entry forms are available from the physics office. Entries are due Saturday, April 21. There are four place prizes being offered. First prize is \$75. The entries will be on display Parents' Day.

### Rohlfing awarded scholarship

On Wednesday, March 28, at the German Oberlander Clubhouse in Terre Haute, John Rohlfing was presented with the 1984 Frances Sanders Memorial Scholarship for excellence in the study of German.

The scholarship is awarded each year to a Rose junior in his third year of German who shows ability in scholarship, leadership and an interest in continuing his studies of the German culture and language. The \$500 scholarship is awarded in memory of Frances Sanders, a woman

instrumental in founding the Terre Haute German Oberlander Club, a group of Terre Haute residents interested in promoting the German language and culture. Their most public functions are the Terre Haute Oktoberfest and Strassenfest.

John, a junior chemical engineering student, described himself as "pleasantly shocked" at receiving the award. He plans to complete the Technical Translator's Certificate Program next year.

## Smith and Luegenbiehl visit colleges

by Del Schneider

Two members of the Rose faculty have been honored for their teaching expertise in political science and philosophy by being selected as visiting professors at two of the nation's prestigious military colleges.

Dr. Thad D. Smith, professor of political science, has been chosen as one of only two visiting civilian professors who will serve on the faculty of the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle, Pa., for the 1984-85 academic year.

Selected as one of only six visiting professors by the U.S. Air Force Academy is Dr. Heinz C. Luegenbiehl, associate professor of philosophy.

In November, Colonel David Hanson, formerly of the Rose ROTC department, requested Dr. Smith to teach. Dr. Smith was later offered a position at the War College after being selected from over 200 applicants. Dr. Smith will spend one year at the College teaching international politics and global perspectives.

The Army War College is a training school for "lieutenant colonels on their way to being generals," said Dr. Smith. They spend one year at the War College broadening their military training to cover national public policy, international relations, national security policy, and other topics

not discussed in typical military training.

Dr. Smith's position at the War College is one of Visiting Professorship which is either a one- or two-year period. During this time he will take a leave of absence from Rose.

To replace Dr. Smith, the one-man political science department, Rose is in the process of finding a visiting professor.

Dr. Smith said he is looking forward to his new position because he will be working with "16 specialists in international politics," and will be lecturing "to a mature audience," with most of the War College students in their forties.

The War College is located in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and instruction is from July to July. The first semester consists mostly of "seminars by major people like the Vice President and Henry Kissinger." The second semester is much like any graduate school. The Army uses the War College to further train top men. Generals are later selected from this select group.

Luegenbiehl, who has conducted research and written articles regarding engineering ethics, will be visiting professor of philosophy and teach courses in ethics and the philosophy of science.

According to the Air Force Academy, the six visiting professors chosen each year are considered to be eminent civilian teachers and are expected to make recommendations regarding appropriate curriculum development at the academy.



Bob Patti photo

Professor Priest speaks at last week's Russian Banquet.



# EDITORIAL

## Honor keys

With the onset of May comes the awarding of honor keys — SGA's sponsored recognition for students involved in extracurriculars. But just how "honorable" is their means of distribution?

Doug Byrer, SGA president, says that SGA originally created honor keys "to award active people on campus. There are awards for academics and sports and this award is for those people contributing to student life."

SGA assigns each student activity a given point value. Students who receive 50 points in one year or 100 points in two years receive an Honor Key.

Honor Keys are distributed in May. Each Rose student is sent an application form requesting a list of his extracurricular activities. If he fills in enough activities, he probably will get an honor key.

The above description raises several questions concerning the basis for the award, the definition of award criteria, and investigation of those applying for the award.

The original basis of the award was to recognize and promote those persons involved in extracurriculars. But one article in the THORN per year is usually as far as the recognition goes. And since most people are not aware of the award or what it means, the award probably does not promote extracurriculars as much as it could.

The definition of points awarded is highly subjective. Each year an SGA committee convenes to review the list of points used the year before. According to Doug Byrer, the only on-going basis for point distribution is time commitment. The more time required for an extracurricular, the more points awarded. So student body presidents, publication editors, programming directors, presidents of clubs all receive the most points. The award is therefore not based on politics, but solely on merit.

If one examines the list of points used last year closely, however, there are several discrepancies. SGA representatives actually could receive more points than the president or vice president of a small club. And SGA representatives probably spend only about 20 hours representing their district the entire year. Most club presidents will easily spend this much time just planning the year.

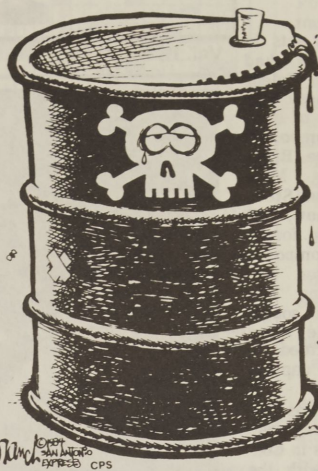
The point is that each SGA committee should pick a basis for criteria and stick with it. Just because a student is an SGA member and has the right to change the honor key points does not mean said student should get an honor key.

Another problem is validating that a student should actually receive an honor key. Supposedly, there is a two-person committee set up to call the sponsors of each club to validate each recipient. But this has not often been accomplished.

Also, many deserving students have not received an honor key because they had to figure out the honor key system. Perhaps if SGA requests lists of active members and officers from each club's faculty sponsor, people who deserve recognition will receive it. That way, no student will erroneously claim he was an active member of a student club. And SGA will save time validating award recipients. Everybody gains and the credibility of the honor key increases.

The Honor Key is a good idea and needs a defined set of principles and better distribution. With better credibility and a more objective distribution system, more students will benefit from the award.

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## Across campus

### More cheating . . .

The accounting department at Arizona State University threw out the results of 2700 midterms because copies of the tests apparently had been sold to some students before the tests were administered.

There'll be no make-up, either.

Principles of Accounting I and II professors will give additional weight to other assigned coursework instead, and will no longer leave printed exams in the campus printing office overnight.

### Sit ins

At Hampshire College in Massachusetts, 300 students sat outside in a closed faculty meeting about tightening academic standards at the school.

The students say they should play a role in making such decisions.

At nearby Smith, 20 students sat in at the president's office to protest the change in a dorm's governing structure.

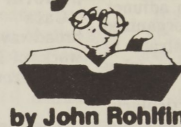
The change, they said, was aimed at dispersing lesbians who live in Hover House.

Smith President Jill Conway said the change was dictated by an upcoming housing shortage on the campus.

At Michigan, 11 members of the Progressive Student Network sat in at the library to protect the university's participation in military research.

And Henry Kissinger called off a lecture at the Univ. of South Florida after protestors passed out leaflets emphasizing Kissinger's role in overthrowing the Chilean government and prolonging the war in Vietnam.

## Daffynitions



by John Rohlfing

The animal kingdom is so vast and diverse that to cover the whole spectrum would be impossible. So instead, a select few species are listed in this week's column:

ant — a busy insect that still finds time to go with folks on picnics.

calf — attractive scenery that adorns the well-known peninsula south of the feminine knee.

chihuahua — ice pack designed for the lower part of the face.

cobra — a brassiere for Siamese twins.

elephant — an animal occurring in one of three colors, depending on whether you are on a safari, a church committee, or a weekend party.

fish — an animal that grows fastest between the time it is caught and the time a fisherman describes it to his friends.

fox — a wolf who sends flowers.

peacock — a chicken in bloom.

zebra — the largest size.

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— Joel Schneider



## S.G.A. News

The following people have been nominated for the S.G.A. Executive Committee for the 1984-1985 school year. They are Mark Parsons, treasurer; Dan Tretter, secretary; Dale Schnarr, historian; and Sean Maher, business manager. These positions require Student Congress approval.

The budget making process for 1984-1985 has begun. Budgets for all clubs requesting funds are due April 1 in box 498. A club information sheet is also due at that time.

We are also requesting a copy of each club's constitution before May 1. This is because certain clubs are unable to find their constitutions. A constitution is required for funding. In other budget related news, the audit of the S.G.A. records has begun. This should be completed before late April.

Office hours are currently 8th and 9th periods. These will be expanded later in the quarter.

## Cinemascope

# Tank crushes humor

Starring James Garner,  
Shirley Jones  
Rated PG

Showing at Honey Creek Square  
Tank is a different kind of movie with a mixture of humor and drama typifying the old Rockford Files series: good inevitably conquers bad. With James Garner, Tank should appear to be a sure hit, but it falls short of the mark.

James Garner, as Sergeant Major Zack Carey, gets transferred to a new army base. He also has the distinction of being the only owner of a fully operational Sherman Tank.

When Carey arrives at the base, he begins to grow increasingly disgruntled with the base, the town it's in, and the army in general. He soon gets into trouble with the local

authorities. The rest of the movie deals with the local authorities attempting to punish Carey and Carey's attempts to straighten out the whole mess.

Except for the fact that Garner played an army man and didn't go snooping around, this could very well have been another Rockford Files episode. The best feature of the movie is the way it combines Garner's serious sense of humor, his repressed anger, and his almost instinctive desire, especially when upset, to go beyond the law to find justice.

This, however, was the only bright spot in an otherwise sorry film. Shirley Jones, as Carey's wife, looks like a floundering idiot through most of the film. This may have been fine in The Partridge Family, but in Tank it

is ridiculous.

Some of the scenes in the movie were hilarious, like when Carey destroys the local sheriff's office by driving his tank through it. Also, his first speech upon arriving on the base, when he complains about the base's night club, is worthwhile.

Overall, the film suffered from a general overdose of stupidity reminiscent of Porky's. After the recent rush of second-rate films — Weekend Pass, DC Cab, Blame It on Rio, and Police Academy, to name a few feeble attempts at entertainment — it appears that anyone with a movie camera and a few thousand dollars can make a "big name" movie, and Tank is no exception.



## Tracksters away again

The Rose-Hulman track and field teams, fresh off an impressive win over Hanover College, travels to Anderson Saturday for a 1 p.m. dual meet with Anderson College. The Engineers were to travel to Crawfordsville to face Wabash College on Tuesday, March 27.

Rose-Hulman opened up the outdoor season last Saturday with a 111.5-42.5 home win over Hanover. Two Engineers qualified for the NCAA Championships with their winning performances, while two others were double winners.

Stacy Himes threw the discus 156-11, surpassing the NCAA standard of 154-10, to qualify for the Division III Championships for the second straight year. Martv Jones, who also qualified

for the NCAA's last year in the discus, qualified in the shot put Saturday with a heave of 51-6. That mark equaled the qualifying standard. The NCAA Division III Championships will be held May 21-26 at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn.

The Engineers' double winners in the meet were Bill Sears and Craig Dargan. Sears won the 100-meter dash (11.38) and the 110-meter high hurdles (16.0), while Dargan took both the high jump (6-0) and the triple jump (40-11½). Rose-Hulman had 14 firsts in the 18-event meet.

Following the Wabash and Anderson duals, Coach Bob Thompson's squad hosts Taylor and Illinois Wesleyan universities on April 7.

## Baseball and golf teams fall to weather

Rose-Hulman's baseball and golf teams both lost out to the weatherman last week, with baseball games and a golf tournament postponed. The 2-7 baseball team, which has not played since March 9, had six games postponed last week, while the golf team's season-opening tournament at Indiana University-Southeast also was washed out and has been rescheduled for April 6.

Coach Jim Rendel's baseball team has four doubleheaders slated for this week, including the home opener on Tuesday, March 27, with DePauw University at Art Nehf Field. Following those contests, the Engineers host Wabash College

at 2 p.m. on Thursday and Marian College at 1 p.m. on Saturday, before traveling to Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis on Sunday for 1 p.m. games.

Rose-Hulman lost a pair of games at Wabash last year by 4-0 and 17-6 counts, and did not play either Marian or I.U.-P.U.-I.

The golf team, under Glenn Baca, is scheduled to go to the Centre College Invitational on Wednesday and the Hanover College Invitational on Saturday. The former tourney begins at 9 a.m., with the latter scheduled for 9:30. Centre's course is the site of this year's College Athletic Conference Championships.

# Thorn Sports

## Tennis team is on road

Coach Randy Dickens' Engineer tennis squad travels to city rival Indiana State University on Thursday for a 3 p.m. match. Rose-Hulman was to travel to Indiana State University-Evansville on Tuesday, March 27, before meeting the Sycamores.

The Engineers opened the 1984 season last week with a loss and

win. The team traveled to Eastern Illinois University on Tuesday and suffered a 9-0 setback, but came back the following afternoon to win at Wabash College, 7-2. Both matches were played indoors.

Singles winners for the Engineers against Wabash included Cary Stokes at No. 1; Brian Ramey at No. 3; Barry

Peterson at No. 4, and Dave Norman at No. 6. The doubles teams of Stokes and Ramey, Mick Smythe and Peterson, and Don Akers and Norman also were winners.

Following the I.S.U.-Evansville and I.S.U. matches, Rose-Hulman has its first home match of the year against Wabash College on April 4.

## Jones, Himes qualify for NCAA championships in shot put and discus

Although the weather conditions last weekend were less than ideal, the sun was shining brightly Saturday on a pair of Rose-Hulman track standouts at Phil Brown Field.

Juniors Stacy Himes and Martv Jones, both from Indianapolis, qualified for the NCAA Division III Championships in the discus and shot put, respectively, in the Engineers' first outdoor meet of the year against Hanover College.

Making it to the nationals is nothing new for this pair of muscle men, though. Last year the duo competed in the NCAA's in the discus. Himes gained all-America status by placing fifth, while Jones was one place away

from the same honors, finishing seventh. Both have all-America on their minds again this year.

"I definitely want to repeat as an all-American," said Himes, who threw the discus 156 feet, 11 inches Saturday. "I don't know if placing first is a reasonable goal, but I'm shooting for that anyway."

"Just missing all-American last year makes you want to succeed that much more," said Jones, who qualified with a shot put of 51 feet, 6 inches Saturday. "I had a pretty good indoor season with the shot, but it's the discus which I like better. Hopefully, I'll peak at the right time this year."

While Himes became an all-American last year in the discus

and has qualified for the nationals already this season in the event, Jones ironically holds the school record in the discus. He had a top mark of 160-4 last May, one inch better than Himes' top throw.

Jones has the better mark in the shot put, too, with a high mark of 51-8½ coming in February during the indoor season.

While the two like to joke around and kid each other as to who is better, they know it takes a lot of hard work to succeed in both events.

"Power is the name of the game," said Himes, an electrical engineering major. "If you're a fast person who isn't that strong you need to build strength. If you're a strong person who's not very fast you need to build speed. I'm in the speed building stage right now." "Strength is the area I have to work on," said Jones, a computer science major. "I'm just not as strong as the people I compete against."

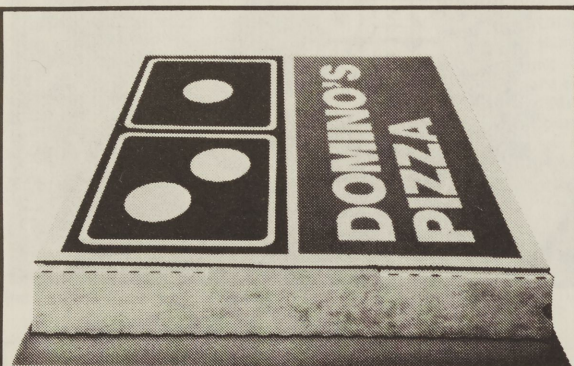
Himes and Jones believe they benefit by having each other to compete against every day in practice. They said they were aided last year by having two-time shot put all-American John Singleton on the team.

"I think it's a positive thing to have someone close to you to work with," said Himes, an Engineer tri-captain this season. "A lot of guys will burn out if they don't have the competition, so I think it works out well."

"We throw and lift weights together and give each other pointers once in a while," Jones added. "We're competitive, but it's a positive thing."

Both say it's the competitiveness of the shot put and discus that keep them interested in the sports. Himes started throwing in junior high school, and Jones started in high school.

"I just enjoy the competition," said Jones, a 6-6, 235-pounder who graduated from Arsenal Technical High School. "I like to compete and strive to do better than I did the last time."



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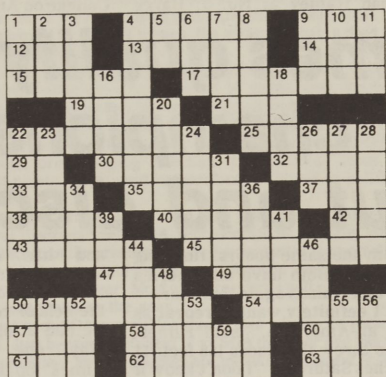
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## Campus notes

## New rule puts aid in mess

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CPS) — Despite howls of controversy during debates over new rules requiring students to make "satisfactory academic progress" in order to get financial aid, campus aid offices have been bothered by it more than students so far, reports from around the country suggest.

Some observers, moreover, say the new rules — aimed at forcing students who don't keep their grades up off the federal aid roles — may actually convince some campuses to lower their minimum grade requirements to qualify for federal aid.

The new federal rule, which went into effect on January 1st and which aid offices around the country are now trying to implement for the first time, stiffens old "academic progress" requirements.

The U.S. Department of Education now requires colleges to make students maintain "satisfactory academic progress" toward completing 120 credit hours within six years.

That means students must keep making the progress during terms in which they don't receive any aid, too.

"Some institutions are just too darn lenient," in letting students with bad grades or without a

clear degree program keep getting aid, explains Duncan Helmrich, a U.S. Dept. of Education spokesman.

Last April, the National Commission on Student Financial Assistance reported that, while all schools require students to maintain satisfactory academic progress in order to get aid, few colleges actually monitored their aid recipients' progress very closely.

The commission, created in 1980 to draw up student aid bills for Congress, could find few examples of colleges taking away aid from students with bad grades or who took too long to get through college.

Colleges individually must now publish guidelines for just how fast a student must progress over six years toward 120 hours, and submit reports on each aid recipient's compliance with those guidelines.

Financial aid offices must also identify recipients as part- or full-time, account for dropped courses in computing students' aid eligibility, and be ready to bar aid to students who don't keep progressing toward their degrees at the pace prescribed by the school's guidelines.

"I don't know that there's going to be any measurable impact on students," says Dennis Martin of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

The major chance is that, when being checked for eligibility for federal aid, a student's entire college academic record — not just a part of it — will be examined.

Martin says the rule, however, could convince some schools to lower their academic standards for making satisfactory progress in order to make the new federal paperwork easier to do.

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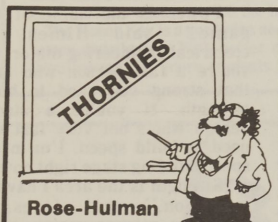
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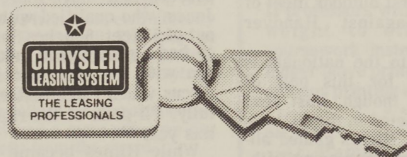
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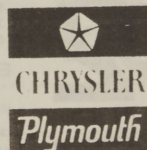
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