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Fall grades are "Best ever seen"

Dean Lucas feels that students earned "the best overall grades I have ever seen at Rose." The All Men's Average was 2.966 for fall quarter and 2.928 cumulative.

The overall grade point for freshmen was 3.102; sophomores, 2.844; juniors, 2.939; and seniors, 2.982.

Lucas said that good performance was due in part to "the fact that students are aware of the job market-place and that prospective employers are looking more carefully at

grades."

The All Fraternity average was 2.796 overall with Alpha Tau Omega first at 2.935. Sigma Nu followed at 2.861 with Delta Sigma Phi close at 2.860. Then came Phi Gamma Delta at 2.738; Triangle at 2.735; Lambda Chi Alpha at 2.711; and Theta Xi at 2.543.

Only seven freshmen are on probation this quarter compared to the near 30 last year.

Transfer students also performed well with two receiving 4.0 averages.

NEWS BRIEFS

ISU and Woods Awarded grants

At a meeting on November 17 in Indianapolis, the Indiana Committee for the Humanities voted to award grants totaling approximately \$60,000 to nine organizations in the state.

Two Terre Haute area organizations won major grants. Indiana State University received \$10,000 for WORKSHOP IN TEACHING THE RESEARCH AND WRITING OF LOCAL HISTORY IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. This grant will fund a summer seminar to train teachers and historians in the use of local history materials in the public schools. ISU also received \$166 in gifts-and-matching

support.

A direct grant of \$3,095, along with \$875 in gifts and matching funds, went to St. Mary-of-the-Woods College for the project GROWING UP CHINESE. This award will help to fund SMWC's spring culture festival, devoted to learning about the Chinese. Dr. Anne Morgan, Assistant Professor of History at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, will direct the project.

The Indiana Committee for the Humanities is an independent, tax-exempt, non-profit organization by an all-volunteer board and funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), supplemented by private sources.

Planetarium explores sky For Christmas star

Allen Memorial Planetarium is showing an unusual holiday program, the Star of Bethlehem.

The program examines the scientific possibility for the Christmas Star. The Star of Bethlehem goes in search of the star by examining the calendar to establish the year in which Jesus was most likely born. Various possibilities are tested; a bright meteor; a

comet; a supernova; the normal motion of bright planets which brings them into rare conjunctions and groupings.

The program goes beyond this searching and considers reasons for celebrating Christmas in winter.

Showtimes for the program are as follows: Dec. 11 at 2:00 or 3:00 p.m.; Dec. 14 at 7:00 or 8:00 p.m. and Dec. 16 at 7:00 or 8:00 p.m.

The Rose Gaming Club Joins campus

by Richard Allman
The Rose Gaming Club is now a member of the Rose community.

Last quarter, the club was founded to act as a medium for those who wish to play recreational games. The club plans to accomplish this by sponsoring weekend tournaments and games.

The club plans to publish a list of those students in-

terested in specific games, to form a library of games, and to take trips to gaming conventions.

Tomorrow, the club will feature Monopoly games at 12:30 in the Music Room of the Hulman Union. All students, faculty, and friends are welcome to attend. Address all questions to Richard Allman, Box 1031 or faculty sponsor Dr. William Pickett.

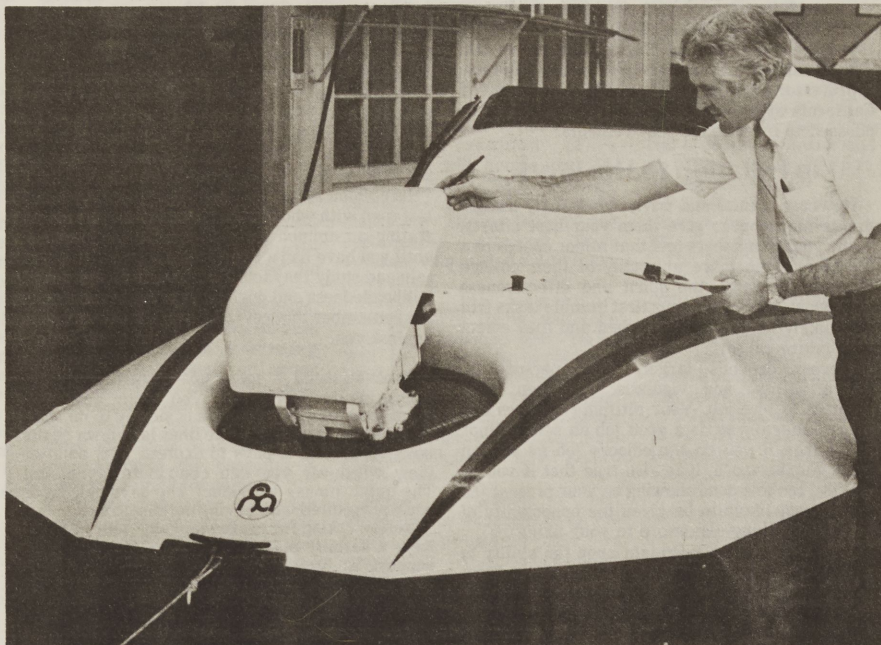
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Chris Fitzgerald, Rose's first entrepreneur-in-residence, checks the engine which provides the lift for a hovercraft he intends to mass produce for the recreational market.

Rose welcomes first Entrepreneur-in-residence

Christopher J. Fitzgerald, president of Neoteric-USA-Incorporated of Terre Haute, a company which specialized in the development of light hovercraft for the U.S. market, has been appointed as Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology's first entrepreneur-in-residence, according to Dr. Hulbert.

Hulbert said the entrepreneur-in-residence program should provide benefits for the college's student body and faculty, as well as for Fitzgerald, who plans to develop his company from one of design and development of hovercraft to a manufacturing mode and a move to becoming a public stock corporation.

Dr. James R. Eifert, vice president for academic affairs and coordinator of the entre-

preneur-in-residence program, said the selection of Fitzgerald for the position "is an excellent combination . . . the right person . . . the right product and the right school."

"Christ happens to be an engineer . . . and a pretty good one," relates Eifert. "He has the fundamental personal skills and attributes that make one feel good about putting him in the classroom. He makes a product that will be of interest to the students. This provides an excellent opportunity for our faculty and students to have a 'real world' laboratory in design and production of a product that involves many of the aspects of mechanical engineering." Eifert mentioned things such as

structural questions, aerodynamics, noise and vibration — many of the kinds of things mechanical engineers study.

In addition, Eifert said the hope is that Fitzgerald will develop a plan while he is at Rose-Hulman which will allow the institute and Neoteric to have a long term relationship in the research and development aspects of the business.

Fitzgerald said he will attempt to introduce the students to things an engineer encounters in business and industry which are not always in the engineering textbook. "The recreational hovercraft is an ideal product because it is in its embryonic stages," suggests Fitzgerald.

Incorrect addressing causes Third-class service

by Mitch Day

This is the last article of a two part series dealing with the difficulties the mailroom has experienced this year. This article contains present and future solutions to some problems.

Steve Miller, director of Administrative Services, recently attended a seminar on postal services in St. Louis. The seminar, held by the National Association of College and University Business Officers, dealt with improving the service and efficiency of mail delivery at

the college level.

Several facts were learned by Miller. For example, leaving the zip code off an address will cause a letter to be thrown into a special handling box where it must be hand sorted. This could cause a delay of several days in the delivery time. Also causing delays in the delivery time are such things as using red or other light colored inks, and using dark-colored envelopes. "You are paying for first class mail, but you are receiving third class service," stated Miller.

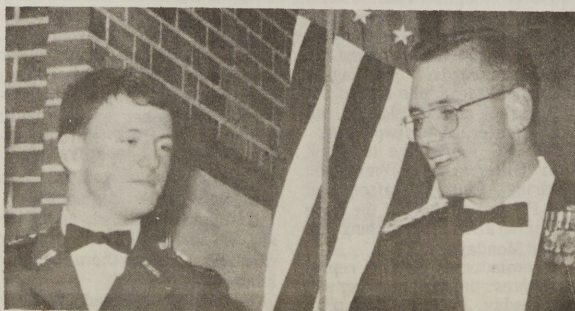
An idea which Miller plans to

implement in the near future is having 3x5 inch cards printed showing how to properly address mail to a student on campus. Students may send these cards to parents, friends, etc. Properly addressed envelopes will ensure that the student will receive his mail in the first sorting.

A program started for priority inter-faculty mail, called "special handling," was recently initiated. Important faculty mail is placed in a bin at the switchboard and twice daily, (at 9:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.) the mail is taken by Mrs. Irwin and placed in the appropriate boxes. Although this program is still in the testing stages, Mr. Miller says it has already been very effective.

Another improvement this year is the availability of at-cost stamps. This has been a big job for Administrative Services. According to Betty Evinger over \$1,100 of stamps were sold in the first six weeks.

If anyone has questions, problems, or suggestions concerning the mailroom or its services, please contact Steve Miller or Betty Evinger in the Administrative Services office, room F-04.



Above, Bob Barns and Colonel Kakel enjoy hanging out at dining in.

EDITORIAL

Unwritten Laws of Engineering

During the quarter, the THORN will present a guest editorial in several parts. The editorial concerns an important part of Rose engineering students' careers initial job performance.

The editorial is an article published in the May 1944 issue of Mechanical Engineering, pages 323-332. The article was written by W.J. King, in 1944, a professor of engineering at the University of California at Los Angeles. The article was paraphrased to meet space requirements.

In Relation to His Work

However menial and trivial your early assignments may appear give them your best efforts. Many young engineers feel that minor chores of a technical project are unworthy of their college training. Actually, the spirit and effectiveness with which you tackle your first humble tasks will very likely be carefully watched and may effect your entire career.

Success depends largely upon personality, native ability, and vigorous, intelligent prosecution of any job. Your ultimate chances are much better if you do a good job on some minor detail than if you do a mediocre job as section head. Furthermore, it is also true that if you do not first make a good showing on your present job you are not likely to be given the opportunity of trying something else more to your liking.

There is always a premium upon the ability to get things done. This can probably be reduced to a combination of three basic characteristics:

(a) Energy expressed in initiative to start things and aggressiveness to keep them moving briskly.

(b) Resourcefulness or ingenuity, i.e., the faculty for finding ways to accomplish the desired result, and

(c) Persistence (tenacity), which is the disposition to persevere in spite of difficulties, discouragement, or indifference.

In carrying out a project do not wait for foremen, vendors, and others to deliver the goods; go after them and keep everlastingly after them. This is one of the first things a new man has to learn in entering a manufacturing organization. Many novices assume that it is a sufficient to place the order and sit back and wait until the goods are delivered.

Most jobs move in direct proportion to the amount of follow-up and expediting that is applied to them. Expediting means planning, investigating, promoting and facilitating every step in the process. Cultivate the habit of looking immediately for some way around each obstacle encountered.

Confirm your instructions and the other fellow's commitments in writing. Do not assume that the job will be done or the bargain kept just because the other fellow agreed to do it. Many people have poor memories, others are too busy, and almost everyone will take the matter a great deal more

seriously if they see it in writing.

When sent out on any complaint or other assignment stick with it and see it through to a successful finish. All too often a young engineer from the home office will leave a job half done or poorly done in order to catch a train or keep some other engagement. Wire the boss that you've got to stay over to clean up the job. Neither he nor the customer will like it if another man has to be sent out later to finish up.

Avoid the very appearance of vacillation. One of the gravest indictments of an engineer is to say: "His opinion at any time depends merely upon the last man with whom he has talked." Refrain from stating an opinion or promoting an undertaking until you have had a reasonable opportunity to obtain and study the facts. Obviously the extreme of bullheadedness and dogmatism should be avoided, but remember that reversed decisions will be held against you.

Don't be timid — speak up — express yourself and promote your ideas. Too many new men seem to think that their job is simply to do what they're told to do, along the lines laid down by the boss. As a rule, it pays to express your point-of-view whenever you can contribute something. The quiet, mousy individual who says nothing is usually credited with having nothing to say.

Before asking for approval of any major action, have a definite plan and program worked out to support it. Executives generally will refuse to approve any proposed undertaking not well-planned and thought out as regards to the details of its execution. Often a young man will propose a project without having worked out the means against the difficulties and costs. This is the difference between a "well-considered" and a "half-baked" scheme.

Strive for conciseness and clarity in oral and written reports. There is a curious and widespread tendency among engineers to surround the answers to a simple question with so many preliminaries that the answer itself can hardly be discerned. It is so difficult to get a direct answer out of some men that their usefulness is thereby greatly diminished.

The tendency is to explain the answer before answering the question. Very few questions admit of simple answers without qualifications, but the important thing is to state the crux of the matter as succinctly as possible first.

Be extremely careful of the accuracy of your statements. Many engineers lose the confidence of their superiors and associates by habitually guessing when they do not know the answer to a direct question. It is certainly important to be able to answer questions concerning your responsibilities, but a wrong answer is worse than no answer. If you do not know, say so, but also say, "I'll find out right away." If you are not certain, indicate the exact degree of certainty upon which your answer is based. A reputation for dependability and reliability can be one of your most valuable assets.

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Even though the army is the only branch of the service that has classes here at Rose, this week's column includes words from the other branches of the military as well.

Army captain — a uniform with two chips on each shoulder.

chemical warfare — the eternal struggle between blonds and brunettes.

civil service — something you get in restaurants between wars.

draft board — the world's largest travel service.

jeep — a cocktail shaker with three speeds.

lieutenant commander — a lieutenant's wife.

Marine — a booby-trap that's on our side.

military expert — one who tells you what's going to happen tomorrow — then tells you why it didn't.

paratrooper — a soldier who climbs down trees he never climbed up.

pillage — sixteen for most girls.

sailor — wolf in ship's clothing.

submarine — a ship that sinks on purpose.

tank — a means of transportation the Soviet army uses to visit its friends.

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FRATERNITY RHO

by Jim Grimshaw

Theta Xi had a special Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday, Nov. 13, which Dr. and Mrs. Herb Bailey and Tom Miller attended.

Triangle Fraternity hosted thirty-five guests from the administration and faculty at its annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 17. This year's dinner, the fifteenth, was prepared by the chapter's cook and served with the help of the Little Sisters. Triangle also has four new pledges: junior Paul Vencel, and sophomores Randy Cape, Brian Harvie and Bradd Lehmann.

Alpha Tau Omega celebrated its Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 17. The ATO House Corporation, made up of local alumni, and ATO faculty members cooked the dinner for the active chapter as they do every year.

For the final weekend of Rush here are some important times and notices. Formal Rush Parties will be tonight starting at 7:00 and Sunday afternoon at 2:00. Each party will be 45 minutes long with a half an hour in between each. Rushes will be picked up from their rooms for every party they are attending. Formal attire required. If there are any problems, contact the rush chairman of the appropriate

fraternity.

This Monday, Dec. 12, is Bid Monday. Rushes are to go to the Moench Auditorium Monday morning at 7:30 a.m. Each rusher will receive his own envelope with bids in it from every fraternity that has accepted him, and a no-preference card. Sign one of the cards in the envelope and return it to one of the persons in charge.

Complete Closed Rush begins at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. There will be no verbal contact from fraternity men to the rushes from 5:00 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12. By 5:00 p.m., Dr. Lucas will have compiled a list for each fraternity and a no-preference list. Rush will then be over, except for those who signed no-preference cards. According to IFC rules, those who signed no-preference cannot sign a bid from a fraternity for two weeks.

The IFC would like to thank Tom Miller, Brian Dyer, Bob Goldring, Pete Gustafson and Tim Prickel, all part of the Rose Administration, for helping out on Bid Monday.

A reminder to all IFC representatives: the next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 8:00 p.m. and discussion will center around Rush.

Samaritans Not on dope

The following letter appeared in the Terre Haute Tribune-Star on Nov. 12, 1983.

To the Editor:

I want your readers to know — not all young men are dope fiends or vandals.

A few Saturday evenings ago my daughter and I were in Terre Haute. She discovered a headlight out so she went to K-Mart at 25th Street and purchased one. She usually can change a headlight herself and as we live 16 miles west and it was dark, she attempted to change it. She couldn't because her screw driver was too small.

Some young men were also having car trouble. But they took time out from their problems and with the aid of our almost-worn-out flashlight they changed the headlight. They were courteous. There was no foul language nor smart remarks. We didn't learn their names but from their conversation we learned they were students at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. We thanked them, which was all that was required, and left for home.

If this is published, again we say we know of six nice young men and we thank them for their kindness.

—Jeanne and Brenda Wallace
—Route 2
—Marshall, Ill.

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Album review

Yes returns with
New lineup, 90125

At first glance, the odds for the group Yes making a successful comeback seem unfavorable. One reason is that they are now without keyboardist Rick Wakeman and guitarist Steve Howe (presently in the group Asia). Also, the last two studio albums recorded by Yes (**Drama** and **Tormato**) were both disappointments when compared to some of the group's earlier efforts. With these disadvantages, could the album 90125 be a successful comeback? Surprisingly, my answer would be an emphatic "YES!"

The Yes personnel now include veterans Jon Anderson, Chris Squire, Alan White, and newcomers Trevor Robin and Tony Kay. (Kaye had played with the band before 1972.) As a team, they seem to work very well together. Almost every song on the album was written by at least three members, and four of the members sing vocals throughout the album. Also, no longer does Jon Anderson sing all of the lead vocals. Guitarist Trevor Robin has a very capable voice, and he sings lead on two of the album's selections.

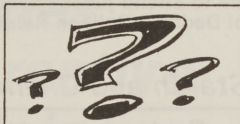
The album 90125 (which received its name from the bar code number on the album cover) is full of high energy, excellent musicianship, and genuinely catchy rhythms and melodies. By saying "catchy melodies," I do not mean to imply

that Yes has gone commercial with the likes of Journey and Asia. This album is not a drastic change in style for the group. The lyrics still seem to have Jon Anderson's trademark. Who else would write lines such as, "Many moons cascade one river," or a chorus which always begins with "Change changing places/ Root yourself to the ground."?

The songs on this album are shorter in length than most Yes classics, but they do have more energy and better vocalizations. Former member Trevor Horn should be congratulated for his production on this album. My one complaint is that the album needs a little more change of pace; maybe having a slow, mellow song on it would have helped. However, I would still say that 90125 is an excellent album, and some listeners will regard it as the best work Yes has ever done.

Rating (0 to 5): 4.25

— Rob Gollon



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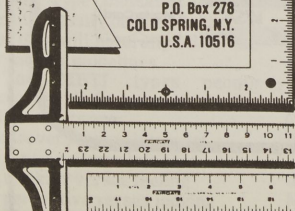
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Thorn Sports

Wrestlers start season

The Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology wrestling squad began its seventh season of intercollegiate competition Friday and Saturday when it traveled to DePauw University for the Little State Championships.

Approximately 10 teams were represented in the double-elimination tournament, but no team scoring was kept.

Head coach Dan McGrath, who has guided Rose-Hulman from the inception of its wrestling program, will count on seven lettermen and a talented trio of freshmen to lead the Engineers this season. McGrath, whose squad was 2-6 in dual meets last year, believes the potential is there for a fine campaign.

"If we can keep everyone healthy and all the guys make their weights, this could be the best team we've ever had," he said. "I'm looking forward to getting started."

Mutchner picks
Hisle to assist

John Mutchner, director of athletics and head basketball coach at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, has announced the hiring of Ernie Hisle as a part-time assistant basketball coach.

Hisle, a native of Cambridge City, comes to Rose-Hulman after serving as head basketball coach at South Vermillion High School the past five seasons. Hisle also has had coaching stints at Delphi, Fountain Central and Martinsville high schools.

"I'm very pleased with the addition of Ernie to our staff," said Mutchner. "He has a very fine basketball reputation and a lot of experience. He is someone who will fit in very well with our program."

He led South Vermillion to the Western Indiana Conference Tournament championship in 1980 and guided the Wildcats to a sectional runner-up spot in 1982, the school's first winning campaign in several years.

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Rose-Hulman will have to go without a 118-pounder this season, but otherwise the Engineers appear to have a solid lineup. Freshman Mark Sherbondy will handle the 126-pound class. A fine prospect, Sherbondy will be backed by classmate Derin Bluhm and sophomore letterman Dave Coldren, who posted a 6-13 mark last season.

Another top newcomer, freshman Wes Davis, will take over the 134-pound spot. Davis will be backed by sophomore letterman Preston Robinson.

Senior captain Tom Eidenschink is back at the 142-pound position. A three-year letterman, Eidenschink posted a 16-7 record last season.

Junior Al Carty, a 1981 letterman, is expected to be the top 150-pounder. He is recovering from a shoulder injury and must ward off challenges from freshmen Mark Crampton and Jim Moran.

A pair of sophomores will handle the 158- and 167-pound classes. Bert Stone will be at the former spot and letterman Mike

Septer will be at the latter.

Moving down a weight class is senior Ron Savoia at 177. A two-time all-conference defensive end in football, Savoia was 10-12 at 190 last season. He has three letters in wrestling.

Talented freshman Ron Grammas will take over the 190-pound position.

The heavyweight spot will be handled by another two-time all-conference football player, Tony Moshak, a center in football, was 13-7-1 last season when he earned his second letter. Freshmen Dave Fountain and John Kantner will serve as backups.

"I feel that we should be solid at 142, 177 and heavyweight with Eidenschink, Savoia and Moshak back," said McGrath. "Having Carty at full strength at 150 will help, too. And the three freshmen — Sherbondy, Davis and Grammas — have good skills and come from fine programs."

Following the Little State Championships, Rose-Hulman returned home on Wednesday, Dec. 7, for a 6 p.m. triangular match with Hanover College and Washington University.

IM Sports
Round-Up

1983-84 WINTER

INTRAMURAL SCHEDULE

Mon., Dec. 12	Volleyball Leagues Begin	6:30
Mon., Dec. 19	Indoor Soccer Rosters Due	
Sat., Jan. 14	Indoor Soccer Begins	9:00
Mon., Jan. 23	Athletic Managers' Meeting	4:30
Mon., Feb. 13	Open Basketball League Sign-up	
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S.G.A. News

by Joe Kunkel

The class of '87 recently held their class officer elections. One hundred sixty-four members of the class voted. Those elected were: Dean Moretton, President; Kevin Kaufman, Vice President; Ron Grammas, Secretary and Mitch Day, Treasurer.

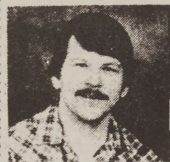
Student government will have a meeting Thursday, Dec. 15. The meeting will be held at 4:20 p.m. In this meeting two main things will

be discussed.

The Finance Committee will present its findings concerning SAB's Homecoming losses, since they may need more money to last the year.

The constitution revisions will also be considered. These revisions will include different SGA election dates.

If there is anything else that needs to be brought before the SGA, feel free to contact myself, Brad Newman, or any SGA representative.



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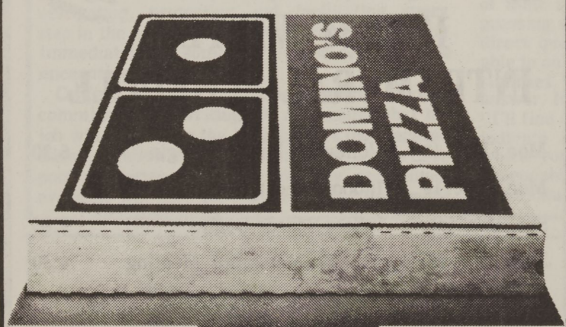
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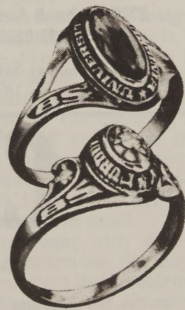
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