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**Comedian
Songwriter
Waller
headlines
Saturday
in Worx**

Harry Waller, singer / songwriter and comedian, will appear tomorrow at 8:00 p.m. in WORX.

Waller's songs run a gamut of subjects, from Girl Scout cookies to cat haters. His song, "Cockroaches on Parade" is listed on Dr. Demento's All-Time Top Ten, and is played regularly on the nationally syndicated radio show.

Waller's slightly warped perspective on the world hold together his songs with an off-beat comment on life, lust, love, and the search for all three.

Waller is nocturnal, joining the list of other things that glow the brightest in the dark, like nuclear reactors, Mickey Mouse nightlights, and iridescent leprechauns.

By the end of the evening, though, Waller will have the audience convinced that the world is off-center, while he remains right on target. On stage, he is simply one of the best performers ever to put his poetic license to music.



Health Office sets new operating hours

by Jim Weber
Staff reporter

The Health Office, located on the basement level of Deming Hall, will be operating under a new schedule this year. Director of Health Services Eloise Haymaker has announced that the office will be open Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. for those students with medical concerns.

Dr. Jett will then be arriving at 10:00 a.m. to handle the sick call. In addition to these hours Haymaker can be reached in her apartment between 11:00 a.m. and 4 p.m.

There have been several misconceptions about the Health Services in the past which Haymaker wishes to clarify. The school provides a health insurance policy for its students which like all policies requires the submittal of a claim form before compensation can be received.

These claim forms must be picked up by the student from the Health Office and returned as soon as possible after the accident. The school does not fill out the claim forms.

Also, Haymaker's apartment is not her office but her home. Anyone who feels they need emergency help after 4:00 p.m. should first see their Resident Assistant before seeing her. A first aid kit is kept in each hall for emergency use.

However, someone in immediate need of medical attention, such as a gaping wound or uncontrolled vomiting, should not hesitate in seeing Haymaker.

Since school's opening last week Haymaker feels that she has encountered relatively few problems and is generally pleased with everyone's cooperation. Hopefully, the new schedule will prove to be convenient and efficient in the coming months.

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Excellence keys Freshmen

by David Slavin
Staff reporter

Rose-Hulman has been noted for its exceptional freshman classes, and this year is no different. Once again Rose has admitted the best freshman class in the midwest. This year's class is not only the best among neighboring colleges and universities, but is also one of the best to ever be admitted to Rose.

Fully 359 freshmen were enrolled this year out of 2,120 applications accepted. The median or "middle man" of the 359 ranked at the ninety-fourth percentile of his high school class. The freshmen also received high scores on their College Board SAT's with the average verbal score being 544, and the average math score being 657. This is in comparison to a national average of 429 verbal and 465 math.

This year's class is, however, not unused to being on the top scholastically as twenty-three percent of the freshmen, or 84, ranked in the top three of their high school classes. 47 ranked first, 21 ranked second, and 16 ranked third. This high

achievement has not gone unrewarded as 325, or a record ninety-one percent of the freshmen are receiving scholarships, loans, grants, and/or are working part time on campus to help with their educational expenses.

Of the 325, 33 are National Merit Scholarship Winners. This will increase the number of National Merit Scholars at Rose to 100 and put Rose into seventh or eighth place among the nation's more than 3,000 colleges and universities on a per capita basis. Another 42 freshmen in the National Merit competition were recognized as Winners, Finalists, Semifinalists or Commended Scholars.

The Indiana freshmen also did exceptionally well, as seventy-four percent, or 148, of them received a Hoosier Scholarship from the Indiana Student's Assistance Commission. Another seven of the freshman class have received 4-year ROTC Scholarships.

This year's class is not only exceptional in its Scholastic Achievement, but in its national diversity as well. Thirty-five

states are represented in this year's freshman class with some freshmen members coming from as far away as Hawaii and Alaska in the West and Maine and Florida in the East. The majority of Rose freshmen are still from Indiana with 220 in this year's class, the majority coming from the Indianapolis area.

Chuck Howard, Director of Admissions, described this year's class as one that would not only be exceptional in Scholastics, but would be very active in Rose organizations and activities as well. A third of this year's freshmen class participated in varsity sports in high school. A fourth can play a musical instrument. Forty-three attended Boys' State and sixteen were class or student council officers.

In addition, this year's class contains 19 debaters, 35 actors, 14 editors, and 15 choral and instrumental musicians. With this background, this year's freshman class can also be expected to be among the most active to ever attend Rose-Hulman.



One of 359 members of the Class of 1984 checks into Speed Hall. Freshmen arrived on campus on Labor Day, immediately beginning a three-day orientation session. Sessions included the Math diagnostic test and Chemistry placement test. Once again the Freshman class has established a record for honors and activities.

Financial Aid reductions causing problems for many Rose students

by Bill Chappell
News Editor

Many Rose students were dismayed this summer to discover that their financial aid for the 1980-81 academic year was less than they had anticipated. This failure of students to meet filing deadlines and a shortage of federal funds were the major reasons.

Over fifty returning Indiana residents failed to file applications to renew their Indiana State Scholarships before the deadline. As a result, each one lost \$2,000 in scholarship money.

Other students lost as much as \$1,000 in scholarship funds from Rose-Hulman because they failed to renew. Most of these students are sophomores who were unaware that they had to renew these scholarships, as their previous financial aid applications were part of their applications for admission.

The National Direct Student

Loans of 226 students were cut during the summer because the school received less federal funding than it expected. Student loans were reduced \$50 to \$450, depending upon the original size of the loan. Only those with loans of \$400 or less received no cuts.

Even with the reductions, the school expects to absorb a \$40,000 to \$45,000 loss. Although the school has requested additional federal funds, it can expect little more, since whatever funds are not originally allocated go first to schools located within national disaster areas, like the Texas hurricane area.

While the school has had trouble receiving money for loans, it has had little trouble finding Work-Study funds. Rose-Hulman handed out a record amount of Work-Study this year. Some students received a maximum of \$975, which is ten hours per week.

The Financial Aid Office at Rose attempts to hand out as

much aid as it can, because the formula for determining federal funding is based on the amount of aid delivered the previous year. This has posed problems for Rose. Because of its small size, Rose was slow getting involved in programs like NDSL, which makes it difficult for the school to attract federal money.

Next year, costs for attending Rose will rise an undetermined amount. This, combined with inflation will make increased financial aid a necessity for most Rose students.

Presently, financial aid is determined on the basis that a year at Rose will cost the student \$6,000. This figure is seen as unrealistic without cost increases, so next year it will be raised approximately \$1,400.

In addition, the expected family contribution will be decreased by \$600 to allow for inflation. The financial aid office hopes that these measures will enable each student to receive sufficient aid next year.

Pi Mu Epsilon begins problem solving contest

This year Pi Mu Epsilon, the mathematics honorary, will sponsor a problem solving contest each quarter. A new problem will be posted on the Mathematics bulletin board in Crapo Hall each Friday at 12:00 and will also appear in that afternoon's Thorn. Solutions (partial solutions also accepted) must be turned into Dr. Lautzenheiser, Pi Mu Epsilon officers (Tim Drabik, Fred McGurk, Mike Call) or Mary Lou McCullough (Mathematics secretary) within two weeks of the time the problem is posted.

At the end of each quarter prizes will be awarded according to the number of problems solved. In case of ties, the winners will be determined by the dates, exposition and eloquence of the solutions.

All students except members of the committee in charge of the contest may compete for the prizes. Faculty members are encouraged to submit solutions but are not eligible to receive prizes.

Prizes

- 1st Place: \$20.00 + book + certificate
- 2nd Place: \$10.00 + book + certificate
- 3rd Place: \$5.00 + certificate

PROBLEM 1. (Solution is due by noon, Sept. 26). In overtaking a freight, a passenger train, which is x times as fast, takes x times as long to pass as it takes the two trains to pass when going in opposite directions. Find x .

Editorial Thorn

The college vote

In a short two months the citizens of this nation will make a major decision on its future. On November 4, Americans will elect leaders to guide us into the eighties. Each and every Rose-Hulman student should not let this opportunity slip by.

Apathy is too often the dominant feature of any election. This is especially a problem among voters eligible for the first time; a category practically all Rose-Hulman students fall into. The election of this fall has all the signs of being one of light voter turnout. Voters have spent most of the summer bemoaning the lack of choices for President already.

But a choice for President does exist. The campaign is already beginning to point out the ideological differences between Reagan, Anderson and Carter. And the focus is likely to become much sharper as September fades into October. Statewide and local elections will also heat up. Clearly it is not a year to give up the precious right to vote.

Registering to vote is a start. Although dates vary from state to state, the Indiana registration deadline is September 22. All that is required is proof of age and a social security card. Registration is a quick and easy process at your county courthouse.

Rose-Hulman students may also register to vote in Indiana no matter what state they call home. Requirements only include residence in the area for a period of one month prior to the election. This requirement is met by every student here. Of course, registrants will receive a local ballot dominated by Vigo County and Indiana state elections. Nevertheless, the Presidential choice will still appear.

The second step is obtaining an absentee ballot if necessary. Again, laws vary. In Indiana, a voter can receive an absentee ballot by applying at any courthouse. Consequently, a Rose student need only apply at the Vigo County courthouse. Out-of-state students may have to write to parents or their local Board of Voter Registration.

The final step is to prepare for the election. Read the newspapers, watch the television, and really know the candidates for whom your vote is cast. It is not difficult to discover how the candidates stand on important issues with a minimum of digging.

Rose students are likely to step into positions of leadership. By voting, we can set a leadership example for all colleges to follow.

Registration comes to campus

Rose-Hulman students wishing to register in Vigo County to vote in the November 4 election will find it as easy as a trip to Moench Hall.

The College Republicans, founded at Rose-Hulman by senior Brock Rule, will include a voter registration drive as part of their planned activities.

Students will be able to vote in the Vigo County election, including the Presidential election, once registered. And although registered by Republicans, students will have no obligation in the fall elections.

In fact, according to Rule the "real purpose is to get people involved." Rule hopes that

registration will get people active in the elective process.

Registrants will simply need a social security number and a proof of age. A specific time and place for the registration will be announced later.

Any Rose student who will be eighteen years of age on or before November 4 is eligible to register.

The College Republicans are a student organization formed to aid Republican candidates in their election efforts. Dr. Bowden will serve as a faculty advisor.

Students will initially be working closely in the re-

election of Representative John Myers. Eventually they hope to branch into the campaigns of other Republican nominees, such as Senate hopeful Dan Quayle.

Meanwhile, the College Republicans are looking for members. Activities will include canvassing, phone calling, and stuffing envelopes.

Their first meeting will be on Monday, September 15, at 4:30 in room B-119. Speakers will be Ron Hardman, Administrative Aid of Vigo County;

Congressman John Myers, and Dave Lewis, Indiana Vice-Chairman of the College Republicans.

Thorn welcomes contributions

The editorial staff of THE THORN hereby announces its policies for the coming school year.

PARTICIPATION: The Thorn is the school's newspaper: input from anyone in the Rose community (not just regular staffers) is welcome and encouraged. Staff membership is open to any Rose student. Journalism experience is not required, just an interest in the paper and the willingness to commit a little time and effort to it.

ARTICLES: The Thorn welcomes articles from outside sources. Any article submitted should be neatly written or (preferably) typed double-spaced. It should be in The Thorn office no later than Monday evening (and preferably by Sunday evening) prior to Friday publication. All articles are subject to editing to conform with standards of grammar, style, and length.

LETTERS: The Thorn also welcomes letters to the Editor for publication. All letters must be signed; the author's name will be withheld and held in confidence upon request. Policy

for letters is the same as that outlined above for articles.

PUBLICITY: Campus and off-campus organizations are welcome to use The Thorn as a means of publicizing their activities or special events. Organizations are free to submit articles, or notices to the "Upcoming" column.

TIPS - HOT and otherwise: The staff can't keep track of everything that is happening at Rose. The staff would appreciate being informed of any newsworthy event that may have

escaped its notice so a reporter can be assigned to cover it.

PUBLICATION SCHEDULE: The Thorn plans to publish weekly, every Friday that school is in session except each tenth week, but reserves the right to change this schedule at any time.

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ADDRESS: The Thorn may be contacted at Campus Box 891. The office is located inside the Student Lounge.



On the album front

by A.J. Fossett

It is a sad fact of rock n' roll that the Rolling Stones went through the entire Seventies without ever quite duplicating the power and intensity that marked their music in the Sixties.

So far, the same is true for the Eighties. "Emotional Rescue", on their Rolling Stone label, demonstrates above all else that the Stones are definitely a blues-based band; it also demonstrates that the chutzpah that marked their music in the past is probably gone forever.

"Let Me Go" - maybe - is the best reminder of the bygone era, for what it's worth. It leads one to hope that the Stones can recover before they fade away. It's unlikely, though, and that's too bad.

Another rock n' roll giant has released a new album, with

somewhat better results. "Drama", Yes' new album on Atlantic, promised to mark a new direction for the band, but it's essentially the same old Yes. Newcomers Geoff Downes on Keyboards and Trevor Horn on vocals both had a hard act to follow - Rick Wakeman and Jon Anderson, respectively.

Instead of trying to fill Wakeman's and Anderson's shoes, they just decided to be good old Geoff and Trevor, with ultimately pleasing results. Outside of Horn's voice being a bit lower than Anderson's Farinelli-like soar, you can scarce tell the difference.

The recording is typically sharp, the playing expert (especially Steve Howe, who stands as the best guitarist in the business) and the composition

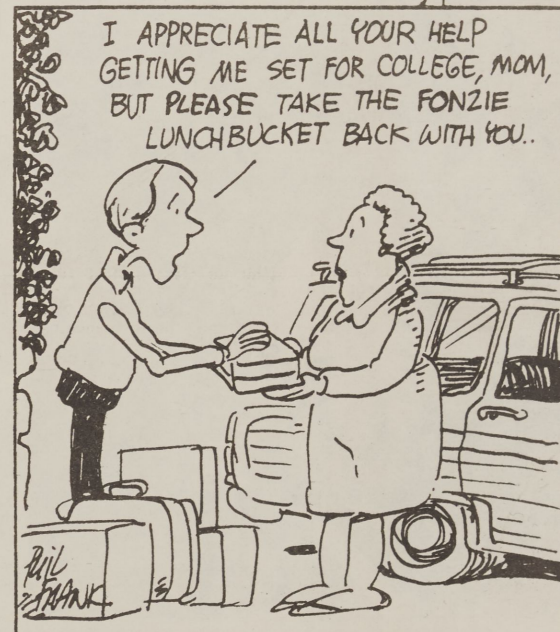
unusually strong, since Anderson wrote most of the band's previous material. "Machine Messiah", the opening set on the record, abandons the usual elliptical lyric approach and alludes to a mechanical god, all the while maintaining a high degree of musical quality that is held up throughout the record.

"Into the Lens", likewise stands out, musically the best tune on the record. It would appear that Yes is still alive and kicking after eleven years on the scene.

I'm sorry if I gave so much space to Yes and very little to the Stones. You would too, though, if there was that much difference in quality.

Thanks goes to Headstone Friends for supplying the albums.

FRANKLY SPEAKING ...by phil frank



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Upcoming

Friday, September 12

Deadline for IM football rosters is today. Also, Dr. Logan will have a meeting for those interested in an open softball league. Last day for upperclass Congress and Freshman Class Officer petitions (turn into Box 618).

Saturday, September 13

Rose entertains DePauw at 1:30 in football at Phil Brown Field, the soccer team hosts Greenville, and the cross-country team visits Danville College to participate in the Hokum-Karum Invitational. SAB presents comedian Harry Waller at 8:00 in WORX.

Sunday, September 14

The Physics Club hosts a picnic at 2 p.m.

Monday, September 15

Monday is the final day for schedule changes. Tickets for the Homecoming Concert featuring Harry Chapin and Tom Chapin will go on sale in the Union Office to Rose students. There will be a limit of 10 per person. Bring your I.D. Reserve seats are \$6.00.

Tuesday, September 16

Rifle Club and Team meeting is today, while Chess Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room. Sister Carol Nolan holds rehearsal for an amateur Instrumental Ensemble at 7:00 p.m. in Room 319 of the Conservatory, SMWC. Rose-Hulman students are welcome and may contact Sister Nolan at 535-4141.

Wednesday, September 17

Tickets for Harry Chapin and Tom Chapin go on sale to the public.

Friday, September 19

Election day for upperclass Congress representatives and Freshman Class Officers. Last day for Freshman Congress petitions.

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Coach's Corner

Touchton eyes good season

by Joe Touchton
Varsity football coach
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology's football team, which notched its sixth straight 500 or better season in 1979 and gained a share of the College Athletic Conference championship, will be aiming to continue and enhance the tradition in 1980.

Our defensive unit is our strong suit, while our offense is somewhat a question mark at this point in view of the loss to graduation of our all-time leading passer, Kurt Pfanstiel, and our all-time leading receiver, Mark Kaufman. Others who were graduated in the spring after very good careers were wide receiver John Lewis, offensive linemen Mike Coddington, Joe Haniford, Dave Mayfield and Dave Morris, and middle linebacker Marty Schramm.

The Engineers have 35 returning lettermen and appear to have experience and depth in five areas - defensive line, linebacker, defensive secondary, running back, kicking and specialty teams. The four players who carried the ball most for the Engineers in 1979 return with two to three years of experience.

The conference race, as usual, is expected to go down to the last week of the season. I look for Sewanee and Southwestern to be strong. Centre and Principia are unknown because of coaching changes, as is Illinois College, participating in the conference for the first time this season. Since not all conference members play Illinois College, a "wild card" arrangement will be used to include the Blue Boys in the conference race.

My staff and I believe we have as much talent as has ever been

assembled at Rose-Hulman, leaving the question of how quickly they can rebuild an offensive line and replace the strong aerial attack of Pfanstiel to Kaufman and others as the keys to success in 1980.

Leading candidates to replace Schramm include seniors Tom Heckel and Bill Krasson and Sophomores David Hill and John Pruett. Outside linebacker Ed Wheeler returns and additional depth should be provided by freshmen Jeff Ball, David Delvecchio, and Bryan Nestar.

The secondary returns intact with five who have started and others pushing for a starting role. Junior Gary Quick is joined by other cornerbacks Brad Kitchens and Chris Bagarus, roverback Dan Wolodikewicz and all-conference safety Paul Gunn.

Perhaps the strongest point is the depth and experience on the defensive line led by All-America candidate senior Scott Lidner and Doug Plumer. Other starters returning are interior linemen Alan Fiscus, Ben Brian, and Steve Bogaert. Considerable depth will be provided by senior end David Forbes, junior linemen Mike Donoghue, Barry Fiscus, Tom Nash, and Dan Swanson. Sophomores Chris Jackson and Paul Grush, and freshmen Tony Lozier, Nick Neargarter, and Shane Roberst.

Curt Bilby is the heir apparent to the quarterback spot. Although Curt hasn't played a great deal the last two years, I have a great deal of confidence in his ability both as a player and a team leader.

Running back is one offensive area where Rose-Hulman should be its strongest in several years. Senior Tony Radecki and junior Troy Matz shared the fullback slot last year, while juniors Jay Cassidy and Randy Hancock are experienced running backs.

The receiving corps should be led by senior Jim Enloe, sophomores Bernie Smith and Mark Copeland, freshmen Jim Luckiewicz and Tom Butenhoff.

Leading candidates for the offensive line positions are senior tight ends Jim Novacek and Steve Jenison, senior guard Lance Molenda, juniors Jud Alexander, Pat Freeland and John Wooden, and sophomores Alan Avey, Mark Burdslal, Ed Evers, Rob Kilhefner, Todd King and Scott Welham. Leading freshmen are Gregg Lowe and Greg Duffey.



The soccer team practices in preparation for the upcoming season. The opener will be tomorrow against Greenville here at Rose.

The Engineers opened the 1980 season last week with an impressive win over Taylor, 35-13.

Head Coach Joe Touchton noted that it was the best opening game he's seen in ten years.

Neither team scored in the first quarter, but Rose racked up four answered touchdowns in the second and third quarters to just about ice the game.

Taylor finally put a touchdown and two field goals on the board in the last period while Rose added another score.

The Engineers defense performed well, holding Taylor to 51 yards rushing in 44 carries and intercepting three passes from Taylor quarterback Ron Korfmacher.

Touchton commented on the excellence of the kicking game which kept the Trojans backed up throughout most of the game.

Senior Tony Radecki scored two touchdowns while senior Jim Enloe and juniors Randy Hancock and Troy Matz added one each.

Matz scored first on a one-yard run early in the second quarter.

Minutes later the Engineers regained possession when senior Tom Heckel blocked a Taylor punt. Radecki then threw a 43-yard touchdown pass to Enloe.

adding seven more and giving Rose a 14-0 halftime lead.

Radecki dove in from one yard out for his first score early in period three. The score was set up by a 15-yard pass from junior quarterback Curt Bilby to Enloe on the one.

Later Bilby threw a spectacular 40-yard pass to Enloe which set up Radecki's second score.

Hancock scored in the fourth quarter on an exciting 40-yard sweep around the outside.

Placekicker Jeff Jackson showed his stuff going five for five extra points.

Trojan placekicker Tom Mortland was good on field goals of 21 and 35 yards accounting for six of the Trojan's thirteen.

Taylor's only touchdown came when Rose fumbled the ball over to the Trojans deep in Engineer territory. Freshman lefthander Dean Hill threw an 18-yard strike to Greg Fetzner for the score.

Overall, Touchton was pleased with the performance, but sighted the need for improvement before taking on a tough DePauw team this week. The engineers, now 1-0, take on DePauw tomorrow at Phil Brown Field. Starting time for the game is 1:30 p.m. Let's all be there.

B.T.H.O.O.W.

G.M. Career Day

Wednesday, September 24, 1980

Interview rooms along main hallway in Moench Hall

Representatives from the various operating divisions of General Motors Corporation will be on campus Wednesday, September 24 to discuss challenging careers G.M. will be offering to engineers and scientists during the decade of the 1980s. This is an excellent opportunity to gain valuable insight into the corporation's plans on an informal basis throughout the day. Please feel free to drop by at your leisure.



IM Sports Round-Up

by Brad Burton



Once again it is time for calculus, all-nighters, and for some, interviews. While we are all well aware of these academic and job-related aspects of Rose-Hulman, there is a tendency to overlook a valuable segment of campus life: Intramural Sports.

We are fortunate enough to have a strong intramural program and an enthusiastic intramural director in Jim Rendel. The strength of our program stems from the fact that it is aimed at everyone: those in it for physical fitness, those who like some fun, and those of us who play to win.

This fall, the ever-popular flag football kicks off the intramural season. For those who are not familiar with the intramural program, there will be minor and major divisions to suit your style of play. Football rosters are due at 4:00 p.m. today, so there is

still time to enter that team you have been thinking about.

Sign-up sheets should be available on the bulletin board in Moench Hall, or rosters can be turned in directly to Coach Rendel at his office in the fieldhouse. Football is slated to begin Wednesday, September 17.

For racquet sports advocates, football will be backed up by a tennis tournament later this month; while a racquetball tournament follows in October. For all you runners out there, October will also bring the annual Intramural cross country meet.

Softball enthusiasts can get out on the diamond this fall in Dr. Logan's open softball league. No intramural sports points are awarded but everyone is eligible. The first meeting will be held today. Contact Dr. Logan for more information.

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Hallympics to include freshmen

by Dale Arund
and Rod Braun
Staff reporters

This year's first major hall activity, the Hallympics, is scheduled to begin next Tuesday, September 16; however, there will be some changes made in order to increase participation in the annual event.

This year, freshmen will be allowed to take part in the events.

The events this year have also

been modified slightly to add more interest. There will be 6 events which include: jello snarling, an innertube race, the softball tourney, the hillclimb relay, the greased watermelon over and under relay and the frisbee relay around the lake.

The events will take place every Tuesday with one event before dinner and one after. The softball tourney, however, will extend into Wednesday.

The first event, the jello

snarling contest, is a holdover from last year. Teams for the snarf will consist of five students. Each member will be given 30 seconds to eat as much as possible. The team that consumes the most jello, by weight, will be the winner.

The second event, the innertube race, will be a race around the obstacles placed on the lake.

The second week will have the softball tourney and the

hillclimb relay.

The final week features the greased watermelon relay. The greased watermelon will be passed through the legs of the first team member and over the head of the next member, and so on. The final event of the games will be a frisbee relay around the lake.

The Hallympics are sponsored by RHA and the events will be run by the R.A.'s.


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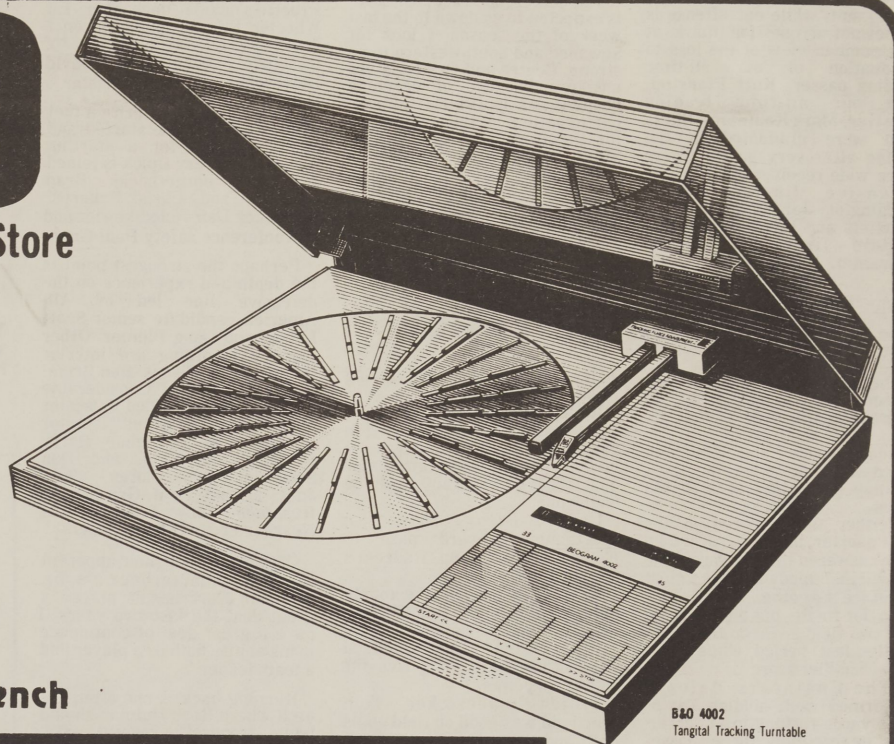
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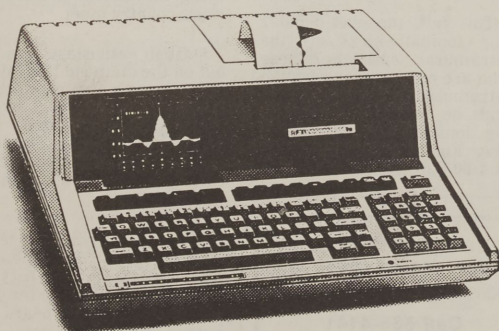


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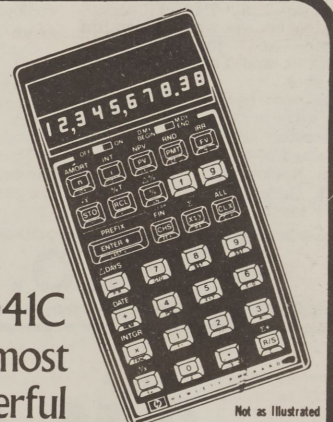
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