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Integration plan for BSB and Mees will be tested next fall

by John Sparks
News Editor

BSB and Mees halls will be integrated next year in an experiment to determine the benefits of having freshmen and upperclassmen in residence on the same floors.

The move, recommended by the Freshman Housing Committee in May, 1979, was made for a number of reasons.

First of all, it is hoped that both upperclass spirit and freshman maturity and responsibility will increase as a result of the plan.

Secondly, more continuity in the halls is expected as students will now have the option of remaining in the same hall during their stay at Rose-Hulman.

Finally, it is hoped that integrating the halls will create a more natural on-campus living environment.

Pete Gustafson, Assistant Dean of Students, expressed optimism for the success of the trial program.

He points out that the freshman hall as it exists at Rose is unique, and that schools such as Indiana State University would laugh at the suggestion to segregate freshmen.

He also said that a November survey of students currently residing in BSB revealed that thirty of them would return next year if BSB were to be available.

And incoming freshmen, advised of the plan, have supplanted perennial favorite Speed with Mees as the most requested hall.

BSB was selected for the program because of this year's painting project. BSB was one of the dorms painted, and Gustafson feels a number of students who invested time in painting their rooms may want

to keep them.

Mees, on the other hand, was selected because four years ago it was used as an overflow hall for freshman housing.

Each dorm will remain over half freshmen, as freshmen make up over one-half of the on-campus population at Rose-Hulman.

BSB will retain freshman visiting hours, but will also cost ten dollars less per quarter than Mees. Mees will retain its open visitation option.

Upperclass students will not be forced to live in either BSB or Mees. They will retain their option for first choice of room. If they do not choose BSB, Mees will remain essentially upperclassmen.

Most of the opposition to the experiment has ironically come from fraternities. Fraternities have expressed a fear that it will be harder for them to recruit the number of members essential for

financial success.

Other reasons for not integrating the halls include loss of freshman spirit due to apathetic upperclassmen, loss of freshman spirit due to the private nature of the architecture of the upperclass dorms, and concern for loss of class unity.

Gustafson, however, remains optimistic. Using the fact that no study on collegiate housing has ever recommended freshman residence halls for men, he feels that Rose is not making a mistake in undertaking this experiment.

In fact, Rose-Hulman itself did not separate upperclassmen and freshmen until Speed was completed in 1963.

And if next year's plan proves a success, Rose may once again be completely integrated with respect to class.

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Deming project passed

by John Sparks
News Editor

The Rose-Hulman Board of Managers has approved the expansion of the Deming attic by budgeting a maximum of \$300,000 for the project.

The move, which was passed by the Board at its February meeting, will result in increased on-campus housing for upperclassmen next fall.

In fact, room assignments and Resident Assistant selection is proceeding under the assumption that there will be some form of housing in the Deming attic this fall.

Just what form that housing will take has yet to be determined.

Presently, three plans have been submitted for the renovation of the Deming attic. None has been singled out as the solution.

The latest plan, by Garmon Construction, calls for a study loft to be built over the main living area of the floor.

This study loft would be open to the living area below it through the use of railings. A detailed model is located in the Union Office.

Another variation on the loft theme was presented by Board member Shelton Hannig and his Marsh, Inc., firm. His plan calls for sleeping lofts to be erected above three and four-man living suites.

While admittedly an expensive option, Hannig's plan can still be built within the \$300,000 allotment.

A third variation employs unique architectural styling to create the appearance of increased area in the attic.

The plan, by Earl C. Rodgers, Associates, consists of standard two-man rooms located on either

side of the hall, with four-man rooms running across each end.

However, this plan will be modified slightly if it is selected. Dr. Jess Lucas, Dean of Students, indicates that two of each of the two-man rooms will be combined into one three-man room to allow extra living space.

Each plan includes a lounge, toilet and shower room, and Resident Assistant's room.

Lucas welcomes comments by the student body on any of the plans. All three of the plans are on display in the Union Office.

A decision on the predominantly senior-oriented structure will be made later this month by the Executive Committee on Housing.

Construction will begin immediately, and completion should come well before the start of the 1980-81 academic year.



An unidentified squirrel basks in the afternoon sunlight reminding us that Spring is indeed on the way.

SGA sets budget; announces elections

The two most important activities of the Student Government Association will take place this quarter. Elections for the 1980-81 officers will occur in early April, and the preparation of the budget will begin soon thereafter.

The current schedule calls for primary elections on Wednesday, April 2, followed by a general election runoff between the top two candidates on Friday the 11th.

The primary could not be held on Friday the 4th because of the Good Friday holiday.

The only positions to be filled are President and Vice-President. All other SGA jobs are appointed positions.

Anyone wishing to run for either office must complete a petition, which is available in the SGA office. Candidates for Vice-President must have at least junior standing next year, while Presidential hopefuls must be seniors during 1980-81.

Petitions are due on March 31. Any candidate wishing publicity in the March 28 issue of the THORN should submit a photo

and a statement not exceeding 300 words to the newspaper by this Sunday, March 23.

Each statement should include a brief record of campus activities and positions held, plus an outline of the candidates goals and plans if elected. Final election platforms will be published in the April 11 issue.

Any organization desiring SGA funding must submit a request by Wednesday, April 2. Mrs. Linda Sears, the SGA secretary, can provide the needed application and information.

After all requests have been received, the budget preparation process will begin. Meetings will be held weekly, starting on Tuesday, April 8.

The SGA representatives will go over each group's request and evaluate how much funding each should receive out of the limited total available. Cuts will then be made, and a final budget voted upon.

The newly-elected SGA President will then approve the final budget and implement it for the following year.

Photo contest announced

Are you interested in expressing your creativity? Become a celebrity? Gaining the admiration of hundreds (thousands?) of people? Making a "statement"? Winning money?

If you have answered "yes" to any of the above questions you are the type of person who has been looking forward to the spring photography exhibition sponsored by the Humanities, Social and Life Science (Hum) Division. The "hummers," aided by the Rose Camera Club and other experts, invite you to submit your photographic efforts to Dr. Sam Vuchinich, Room A-235, by April 7, for display within the Hulman Union and the "Galleria" (the "Galleria" will be a display area within the A wing of Moench Hall).

Two hundred dollars in

prizes will be awarded during a gala "Galleria" reception featuring refreshments and dancing ladies. Two photographs per entrant will be reviewed by a panel and displayed for one week, 21-25 April, prior to the award presentation. Photos (BW or color) to be entered in the exhibition should be 3" by 5" or larger and need not be mounted. The Rose Camera Club has agreed to provide their expertise to aid entrants who wish to enlarge their photos and mount finished prints. Chemicals and black and white print paper will be provided by the "hummers."

An effort will be made to display all entries provided space is available and public decency is not offended. All students, staff, and faculty are eligible to enter their photographs.

Mapmen tune for Nationals

by Peter Kehoe
Assistant Editor

Some of the members of the Rose Orienteering Club took a break from their work on the upcoming Yellowwood meet to attend a class "B" meet last Saturday. The meet was hosted by the Flatlanders Orienteering Club and was held in the Forest Glen Reserve near Danville, Illinois.

As usual, the club did well, coming back with five awards. On the White (beginners') course, freshmen Mike Major and Rick Harris swept the first two places in the under-21 category. Mike also had the fastest time of any of the runners on the White course in any category.

The other first place went to sophomore Don McCracken. He competed on the Orange course in the under-21 age category. He also had the fastest time of all of the Orange runners.

On the Red course, the Rose OC took the second and third places in the under-21 category. David Boes, another sophomore, was second, while freshman Andy Hill took third. Dave Donovan, another freshman, was fourth in that category.

Also competing for Rose at the meet were freshmen Mike Hopper, Dale Arand, and Jeff Baldwin. Tim Guetersloh, another member of the Rose OC, ran in the Red, over-21 category.

Preparations are continuing for the national orienteering meet which the O' Club is hosting. Well over a hundred entries have been received thus far, making it already the



Above is a picture of the 1978-79 Rose-Hulman Orienteering Team after their victorious return from the Missouri State Championships a year ago. Many of the same members of the club will be returning to St. Louis this weekend to defend their titles. The team is also preparing for the National Orienteering Meet later this spring, which they will be hosting.

largest orienteering meet ever in the state of Indiana. About four hundred total competitors are expected.

In an effort to attract as many Rose students and faculty as possible, there will be a table set up in the main hall with registration forms and directions to the meet. The meet is open to anyone. There will be no charge for any Rose student who competes on the White (beginners') course; however, a

small fee (\$1 per day) is required for any of the other courses.

The orienteering club will be in action again this weekend. The club will be attending the Missouri State Championships which will be held in Washington State Park, near St. Louis. A large group is expected from Rose, and if past years are any indication, the club should continue to do well.

Editorial Thorn

Engineering Ethics

by Dwight Dively
Editor

The subject of professional ethics is one which few engineers — especially the younger ones — care to talk about. In today's rather permissive society, the concepts of responsibility for one's actions and belief in certain moral principles are rarely contemplated. Yet, the senior starting out as an engineer may encounter several types of ethical problems.

Initially, the choice of a job may involve ethical factors. Two major considerations involving engineering firms are corporate morality and defense construction. Corporate morality includes things such as bribery and payoffs, especially to foreign firms, in an effort to make sales. Although these practices are not always illegal, they are certainly unethical. Also, many firms are involved in defense construction which raises questions for some students as to whether engineers should devote so much effort to manufacturing weapons systems. These two concerns often do not become important to engineers until they begin work, but then cause serious reflection and often a change in job. Thus, it would probably be better for students to consider ethics while they look for a job.

The next encounter with ethics can occur when the engineer holds a junior position in a corporation. There are many possible situations in which his boss asks the engineer to undertake a project the latter considers improper. For example, many plants still use antiquated environmental protection techniques, and a new engineer may be reluctant to use improper waste disposal sites. He could then come into conflict with his superior, who wasn't taught the same respect for the environment. In an effort to hold down costs, the boss may order the new engineer to utilize the old, improper facility. The engineer is thus confronted with an ethical problem: is he willing to risk his job to stand up for what he believes is right? Problems like this one are quite common today.

A third type of ethical problem occurs later in the engineer's career when he has reached a management position. He is now in charge of the overall design and construction of a facility which is supposed to be built with top-quality materials. The temptation to use cheaper, sub-standard equipment is often great, since the resulting savings can usually be pocketed. Probably no harm will come from skimping, since even the cheaper materials will stand up quite well anyway. Even though there is that chance of failure and possible injury due to the cost savings, it requires a strong sense of ethics to avoid taking action which is in your own economic self-interest.

It is clear then that most engineers will have to deal with professional ethics while they are on the job. It should also be obvious that each new engineer should have both a sense of responsibility and enough self-discipline to ensure that he makes the right choices after serious thought. Sometimes there are no "right" choices, so the engineer must decide for himself what is best.

The education process is probably the only avenue through which ethics can be developed in engineers. By the time a man has begun his job, his moral outlook is probably already developed. There is some question about what is the best way to go about this education, however.

Rose probably has the best way: no formal courses, but a general development of principles as part of other classes. In this way, the concepts of engineering ethics are an integral part of the curriculum without being a separate boring course.

Several of the professional societies have tried to codify ethics, but their considerations tend to become trivial references to various by-laws. It seems that the general, integrated approach used by Rose is the best. In the end, ethics is a subject every man must learn for himself.

EDITORIAL

Thorn Opinion

Hannig's plan best

Next week, Rose-Hulman will decide on a design for the expansion of the Deming attic. The project, intended primarily for seniors, will house approximately thirty students.

Three plans for the expansion are being considered. Of the three, only one is appropriate and is clearly superior to the other two designs. This plan is that of Board member Shelton Hannig's firm, Marsh, Inc.

Hannig's design indicates that he is truly in tune with the needs of Rose-Hulman and its student body. Consider the shortcomings of the alternate plans.

The design by Garmong Construction is totally inadequate. A model located in the Union Office details a main living area with a study loft located above it. The loft is continuous throughout the entire building and open to the rooms below.

Questions about the security of books, calculators, and even class assignments in the study loft immediately arise. And what of the open concept of the loft and area below it? Stereo music, televisions, and alarm clocks will sound across the entire structure. Also, rooms will no longer be private as almost anyone can look in from above.

The plan of Earl C. Rodgers, Associates, while not quite as repulsive as that of Garmong, is nevertheless also ill-conceived. For starters, the four-man rooms included in the plan are cramped and inappropriate for seniors. Some of the two-man rooms don't even include windows. However, combining these rooms with adjacent windowed rooms and converting the product into a three-man room has been mentioned and is definitely better, although still not perfect.

The Resident Assistant's room still will not have a window, though. The final aspect of the design which is poor is a storage room accessible only through an open shower room. The upperclass dorms have curtains on the showers, but Deming would have people tramping through the shower room on their way to the storeroom!

Not only does Hannig's plan avoid the pitfalls of these other designs, it also adds many attractive innovations.



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Secondly, suites are wisely divided into three and four-man configurations. Each room will contain a window. And floor space should be ample, unlike the Rodgers plan, with the removal of the beds to the loft.

Finally, the quality of the Hannig plan is consistent with that of the upperclass dorms. Deming will be an active place to live. Rose seems already saddled with one "weak sister" dorm, the Apartments, and selecting a plan other than Hannig's would up that number to two.

It might be easy to deny Hannig the contract because of his position on the Board. At one point, even The Thorn itself was advocating that stance. All things being equal, the contract should probably be awarded to someone else.

But all things are not equal. Hannig's plan is the superior one. As long as Rose-Hulman can afford to build it, to do any other would be ridiculous.

Dr. Lucas, Pete Gustafson, and Donna Gustafson are interested in your opinion. If you agree with the above, drop in today and let them know about your feelings. Now is the time for action. Next week may be too late.

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Elections 1980

Brown's longshot try

As a service to our readers, during the few weeks before the Indiana primary, the Thorn will run a profile of each of the major presidential candidates from each party.

While Jimmy Carter and Edward Kennedy are getting all the publicity, there is a third candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination: California Governor Jerry Brown. Although widely dismissed as a "flake," Brown's unique proposal and relative youth make him a power to be reckoned with in the future.

Brown has attracted little support so far, and in fact has won no delegates in the primaries or the caucuses to date. His showings have been so poor that federal campaign matching funds have been cut off.

Jerry Brown is now in his second term as governor of the nation's most populous state. He lives simply, preferring a bachelor apartment to the Governor's Mansion, and has concentrated on programs helping the disadvantaged while still being a fiscal moderate.

Brown has several major campaign issues, including:

1) Support for a shutdown of nuclear power plants, and greater development of solar energy.

2) An increased space exploration effort.

3) A Constitutional amendment outlawing deficit spending except in the case of a national emergency.

4) A North American Common Market for energy. This group

would include the U.S., Mexico, and Canada, and would provide, in theory, stable prices and supplies of fuel.

Brown is given virtually no chance of winning the nomination, although he may carry his home state. He is, however, building support for another try: either for the Senate in 1982 or the White House in 1984.



Delegate count

Democrats	Republicans
Kennedy 137	Reagan 167
Carter 271	Bush 45
Brown 0	Anderson 17

Totals include only active candidates as of 3/17.

Sports Thorn

Tracksters drop indoor meet

by Mike Dunkel
Staff Writer

The track team lost its first indoor meet since 1973 here last Friday against a strong Division II school.

Indiana Central won 80 to 51. Track coach Bob Thompson called them a "Division II power and a super track team." He continued, "This was our first loss in a dual or triangular meet indoors since 1973."

The competitiveness of the meet was shown when freshman Mike O'Brien smashed Rose's mile record in 4:19.7 but still finished second in the race. O'Brien also won the 1000-yard run in 2:21.3.

Other winners for Rose were: Jay Cassidy in the 50, John Smith in the 880, Tony Lennox in the 300, and Jim Novacek in the pole vault.

Coach Thompson also mentioned runners with outstanding performances: "Howard Menser in the hurdles, John Whitaker in the mile, Rex Phillips in the 440, Jim Harris and Mike Shipper in the 600, Ken Hilk in the 2-mile, Tom Pendergast in the triple and long jumps, and freshman John Singleton in the shot put."

This Saturday Rose hosts the NCAA Division III Midwest Indoor Invitational. "This is the second year for the Invitational and from the nine team field, Rose will have its hardest test from Albion College (Mich.) and Carthage College (Wis.)," according to Thompson.

Thus far in indoor meets this year, runners have broken four school records. Scott Maxwell leaped 6'6½" in the high jump and Tony Lennox ran the 600 in 1:15.74 to set records in earlier meets.

Mike O'Brien, a freshman, now holds the 1000 and mile records in 2:21.33 and 4:19.73 respectively.

Last year the Rose track team



The three co-captains for the 1980 Rose-Hulman Track Team are, from left to right, Steve Stroder, Ken Hilk and Tony Lennox. (Pete Soller photo).

compiled an impressive record. In dual and triangular meets they were 10-0. They were the College Athletic Conference champs, won both the DePauw and Midwest Division III invitational, and were third in a 22-team field in the Little State meet.

"This season it is a more

competitive schedule than we have ever had before with the addition of the Principia Invitational on April 12," said Thompson. "We also have very tough competition in the Rose-Hulman Invitational and Little State while our biggest effort may be the CAC meet," continued Thompson.

Pitchers seen as key to season

by Paul Curtin
Sports Editor

Pitching holds the key for the well-balanced Rose baseball squad this spring, according to Coach Jim Rendel.

Coach Rendel feels that he has his best defensive team ever, and that is certainly a key to a good season. He also feels that his starters should hit rather well, although "hopefully they won't have to face pitching all year like they did down South."

But the quality of the team really depends on the pitchers. Coach Rendel is looking for Senior Stan Woszczyński and Junior Steve Hill to lead his staff. Stan had an ERA of 0.75 in 12 innings against Valdosta, while Steve came through with a perfect 0.00 in almost 10 innings.

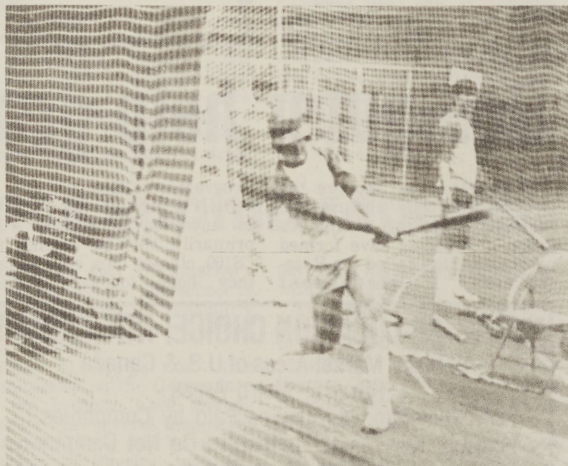
However, since the team will be playing many doubleheaders on consecutive days, four starters will be needed. Keith Oehlman, who hasn't had much of a chance to throw as yet because of basketball, is expected to fill one spot.

The other will probably be won by either Kent Cutler or Steve Felix. Both are sophomores, while Felix is the only left-hander among the starters.

Vince Foushee is expected to pick up the slack in relief, with Roberts or Stewart behind him.

Around the diamond, the starters are stacking up like this. Steve Hill will start at first, with junior John Brabender taking his place when he pitches. Senior Jay Gehring holds down second base, with freshman Andy Meyer backing him up.

On the left side, freshman



Cold, wet weather has forced the baseball team to do most of its practicing indoors. (Soller photo).

Steve Nowak will start at short, with Senior Denny Byram behind him. Senior Marty Schramm will handle duties at third base.

Around the outfield, sophomore Kevin Chafee will start in left, backed by sophomore Mike Donahue. Keith Oehlman and Steve Felix will trade positions in center when the other is not pitching. In right field Tony Radecki starts, backed by Perry Stephens.

Finally, senior Al Bell will handle the catching chores. Al led the team down South with a .428 batting average.

While the hitting was not good on the spring trip, Coach Rendel expects it to get much better as

the hitters get more opportunity to hit outside. Coach Rendel is looking forward to a good season and said, "I'll be disappointed if we don't win the C.A.C."

"Southwestern should be tough, and a lot of it depends on the draw. They will have the best pitcher, and if we don't have to face him in the first round, we could win it."

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IM Sports Round-Up

by Randy Braker

Lambda Chi Alpha has a substantial lead in the race for the All Sports Trophy. LCA widened their lead over the Winter quarter to seventy points over second place ATO, gathering a total of 508 points. ATO has 422 points and the Independent-Off-Campus combination is hot on their

heels with 400 points.

Fiji is fourth with 296, Speed is fifth with 285, and Sigma Nu is sixth with 281 points.

Rounding out the field is BSB with 278, the Apartments with 242, Deming-Mees with 201, Blumberg-Scharpenberg with 144, Triangle with 88, and Theta Xi with 72.

All Sports Trophy Standings

Lambda Chi Alpha	508
Alpha Tau Omega	422
Independent - Off Campus	400
Phi Gamma Delta	296
Speed	285
Sigma Nu	281
BSB	278
Apartments	242
Deming - Mees	201
Blumberg-Scharpenberg	144
Triangle	88
Theta Xi	72

The One-on-One Basketball Tournament is now past the final four. Jeff Wolfe defeated Ed O'Neill to gain a berth to the championship game.

Kim Borgman and Steve Kennedy will battle for the right to take on Jeff Wolfe for the title.

LCA finished on top of Major bowling with a record of 14.5-3.5. Independents No. 2 and ATO finished tied for second with identical records of 11-7.

Apartments No. 2 and Independents No. 1 finished tied for first in Minor A1. Both teams finished the season 18-3.

LCA took first in Minor A2 by a single game over Independents No. 3. LCA finished at 19-2 while the Independents wound up 18-3.

Minor B bowling finished even closer as BSB 3 pulled out the victory over LCA No. 5 by only a half of a game. BSB 3 finished 19-8 and a disappointed Lambda Chi team finished 18.5-8.5.

Triangle finished a close third with a record of 17-10.

Deming placed three teams in the top five of Minor C including first and second. Deming No. 5 finished on top

at 23-10 while Deming No. 2 finished number two with a record of 21-12.

Deming No. 3 finished in a three-way tie for third with Apartments No. 3 and speed No. 1. All three completed the season with a record of 20-13.

Deming No. 4 also finished in a three-way tie. This time for sixth place with Sharpenberg and Speed 2 No. 1. All three finished 15-18.

My apology for not mentioning LCA winning Double A basketball. LCA finished on top with a record of 8-1. Speed No. 11 and ATO finished tied for second with records of 7-2.

Minor D bowling standings are not in at this time. As soon as they come in they will be printed.

Get out there and start up that pitching arm. Intramural softball rosters are due on Monday, March 24, and the leagues begin on Tuesday, April 1.

Open basketball is now on its way. All five leagues began this Wednesday.

Look for results of the Free Throw contest next week.

The Intramural Track meet is scheduled for April 23 and 24. Get ready to run that four-minute mile.

FINAL STANDINGS MAJOR BOWLING

Lambda Chi Alpha	14.5-3.5
Independent No. 2	11-7
Alpha Tau Omega	11-7
Off Campus	8.5-9.5
Apartment No. 1	7-11
Sigma Nu	6-12
Phi Gamma Delta	5-13

MINOR A - 1

Apt. No. 2	18-3
Ind. No. 1	18-3
Ind. No. 11	13.5-7.5
Ind. No. 13	12.5-8.5
ATO No. 2	7-14
LCA No. 2	7-14
Fiji No. 3	5-16
Sigma Nu No. 3	3-18

MINOR A - 2

LCA No. 1	19-2
Ind. No. 3	18-3
ATO No. 4	16-5
Sigma Nu No. 1	13-8
Ind. No. 10	9-12
Fiji No. 2	6-15
Fiji No. 4	3-18

MINOR B

BSB 3 No. D	19-8
LCA No. 5	18.5-8.5
Triangle No. 1	17-10
BSB 2 No. 2	15-12
Fiji No. 1	13.5-13.5
Sigma Nu No. 2	12-15
Triangle No. 3	12-15
Deming No. 1	11-16
ATO No. 4	9-18
LCA No. 3	7-20

MINOR C

Deming No. 5	23-10
Deming No. 2	21-12
Apt. No. 3	20-13
Speed No. 1	20-13
Deming No. 3	20-13
Scharpenberg	15-18
Deming No. 4	15-18
Speed 2 No 1	15-18
BSB 3 No. C	14-19
Speed 2 No 3	12-21
Speed 2 No. 2	10-23
BSB 3 No A	13-20

Letter from home

Dear Son,

I'm glad Gary and Greg asked to camp out last weekend. Although it was cool, it wasn't chilly and we didn't have to worry about snow or rain.

I left all the arrangements for the overnight up to the boys. They enjoyed the responsibility and conferred with each other all week, planning what equipment to take and making out an "activity schedule" for the trip.

We left as soon as I got home Friday. Evidently the boys figured that a man coming home from an eight-hour work day would surely have 45 minutes worth of energy left for a hike to Jackson Grove. So we prepared to hit the trail.

We arranged with Mother to "chauffeur" the tent and sleeping bags to Jackson Grove while we trudged the distance. Considering how exhausted we were by the time we got to the grove, I'd have to say that was one time when driving was more energy-efficient than walking!

Mother was waiting for us when we reached the grove. We relieved her of the supplies, bid goodbye, and found a clearing in which to set up camp. We were hungry enough to eat then, but we decided to set up the tent before dusk.

Finally, we decided it was chow time. "I could sure tear into those beans and franks now," I said. In response, Greg blurted, "You'll have to tear into the can, too. I forgot the can opener."

Well, I passed up the opportunity to display my brute strength and settled for a well-balanced meal of marshmallows and graham crackers instead.

So much for sustenance. The boys got out their "activity list." First item on the list was "singing camp songs." Uncultured slob that I am, I had to ask what distinguishes a camp song from any other song. The boys duly informed me that a camp song is a song appropriate for singing around a campfire.

That reminded the boys that we needed a campfire, but I was able to convince them that hovering over a Sterno can would suffice.

After the songs came ghost stories. It took a while to get the ball rolling, but after a couple tries, we were able to spin some pretty good yarns.

Gary was the master yarnspinner. People claim that storytelling is a lost art. Gary must have found it. I could have listened to his tales for hours. He put inflection and expression into each line, and what's more, his stories were more complex than ours. They involved several characters to which he imparted different voices. His funniest story was about a schizophrenic old crone who died, but when her ghost returned to haunt her family, the ghost was also schizophrenic. That's some imagination!

We finally gave up the ghosts about 10:30 and sacked out. None of us slept too well — sleeping bags aren't featherbeds — but we didn't get cold since we had extra blankets and a couple layers of thermal underwear.

After a hearty breakfast of marshmallows and graham crackers, we walked around and I identified the trees for the boys. By the time Mother arrived to take us home, Gary and Gregg could recognize about a dozen types of trees they hadn't known before. Next time you're home, walk over to the grove with the boys and see whether they still remember the trees.

Anyway, I was really glad we went for two reasons. First, although it's hard to believe that all that hiking can actually be refreshing, it certainly did make me less tense. Second, Gary's knack for storytelling might have lay undiscovered for 14 more years if we hadn't huddled around the Sterno can Friday night.

That's the big news. What else is new? Claire and Jeff bought a new sofa, so I helped Jeff move it into their family room. Claire told us she was going to renew our energy by serving us cheesecake — it turned out to be cottage cheesecake. I could hardly believe that there was such a thing, but she showed me the recipe.

I've got to give your sister credit for her persistence in trying to make me learn to like cottage cheese, but finding curds

in my cake (no, they didn't cook out) isn't likely to increase my fondness for that dairy product.

One last thing. You must have been shocked to get two letters from me within two weeks, especially since they were the first letters I've written to you since you entered Rose. There's a reason behind this sudden glut of correspondence.

Two weeks ago, I cleaned the attic. (Translation: Rearranged its contents.) In one of the boxes up there, I discovered a bundle of letters. Most had been written by Grandma — your grandmother, my mother — to me during the war. Other letters had come from the family, some from my old girlfriends, a few from some of my pals stationed in another part of the world, even some from the neighbors.

I reread those letters and recalled what a thrill it was to get a letter from back home. To hear what was going on back where your heart was, was one of the few saving graces when you felt you were in the middle of nowhere.

I had forgotten about those wonderful letters. Something else I had forgotten: Though letters came from my mother, my grandmother, and my brothers and sisters, I never got a letter from Dad. It wasn't that he didn't love me, or that he was too lazy to write, or that he was plain inconsiderate — you know Grandpa well enough to know that those things aren't true.

The reason he never wrote to me was because he was afraid that his feelings would show through the lines. He didn't want to risk sounding sentimental, so the most I heard from Dad was closeted in the family's other letters. Mother would always write "Dad sends his love" at the close of her letters, and sometimes I'd get a letter that included "Dad says to tell you . . ."

Dad felt that letters should be like newspapers: proper, precise, current, and unbiased. But how I longed to hear from him . . . I would have ignored any grammatical or spelling errors, excused any "old" news, pardoned any signs of sentiment.

I guess I have been using Dad's rationale as an excuse for not writing you.

So forgive me when my letters aren't letter-perfect. The guy who's writing them isn't perfect either.

Yours,
Dad

FRANKLY SPEAKING ...by phil frank

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A WEEKLY CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 22	Track, NCAA Division III Midwest Indoor Invitational, Rose-Hulman
Saturday, March 22	Baseball, Rose vs. Indiana Central, Doubleheader, Rose-Hulman, 1:00 P.M.
Saturday, March 22	Rifle, ISU Drill Meet, Indiana State Univ.
Sunday, March 23	Baseball, Rose vs. Franklin, Doubleheader, Franklin College, 1:00 P.M.
Thursday, March 27	Tennis, Rose vs. Wabash, Wabash College, 3:00 P.M.
Saturday, March 29	SAB Formal Dinner Dance, Hulman Union
Saturday, March 29	Track, Rose vs. Hanover, Rose-Hulman, 1:00 P.M.
Saturday, March 29	Tennis, Rose vs. Marian, Rose-Hulman, 12:30 P.M.
Saturday, March 29	Baseball, Rose vs. Earlham, Doubleheader, Earlham College, 1:00 P.M.
Sat.-Sunday, March 29-30	Orienteering, Yellowwood 1980, U.S. Intercollegiate Orienteering Championships, Yellowwood State Forest, Bloomington, Indiana
Sunday, March 30	RHA Film, Dr. Zhivago, Rose-Hulman, B-119, 7:30 P.M.
Sunday, March 30	Baseball, Rose vs. Butler, Doubleheader, Rose-Hulman, Art Neff Field, 1:00 P.M.
Monday, March 31	Golf, St. Louis Invitational, Normandie Golf Course
Tuesday, April 1	Track, Rose vs. Wabash, Wabash College, 4:00 P.M.

Dinner-Dance slated

For all those people wanting to relive their high school prom, the Student Activities Board has just what you've been waiting for.

By popular request, SAB will sponsor a Spring Formal dinner-dance on March 29. The 8:00 p.m. dance will be preceded by a 6:30 p.m. buffet dinner in the Hulman Memorial Union.

Music for the dance will be provided by a live dance band from Indiana University.

Tickets for the buffet dinner and dance are available only through today. Tickets for the dinner and dance are ten dollars per couple.

Tickets for the dance only are five dollars per couple.

Tickets for the dance only will be available through Friday, March 28.

For only five dollars extra per couple, the buffet dinner promises to be a true bargain. Entrees will include baked ham with fruit sauce, roast sirloin of beef au jus, and turkey tetrazini.

Other items served will include a chilled relish tray, potato salad, tossed salad, cucumbers in sour cream, cottage cheese, cranberry sauce, mixed fruit bowl, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, and hot rolls with butter.

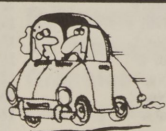
Cherry cheesecake and fresh fruit pies will be offered for dessert.

ARA says thanks

The daytime dishroom crew wants to thank all the students who dine in the Hulman Memorial Union Building for patience and courtesy during our "long wait" to get the belt repaired.

Thank you again,

Pat, Rea Ann and Juanita



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Computer help group formed

In an effort to improve the lives of everybody who uses the Waters Computing Center, a group of students have formed an organization called the Rose-Hulman Independent

Programmers' Group.

RHIGP, which is not affiliated in any way with the WCC, primarily will be helping the CS100 classes this quarter and they hope to expand their

services next year.

There is now a consultant's desk in the Computing Center where a RHIGP member will often be available to help anyone who is having difficulties with the computer. This consulting service is provided in addition to the window service furnished by WCC operators.

Currently, hours for RHIGP consultants are: Mon.-Thurs., 6-11 p.m.; Fri., 6-8 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. and 8-10 p.m.; Sun., 2-4 p.m. and 6-10 p.m.; but members are generally willing to help people even when off-duty.

Note that these hours are expected to change near the end of the term to accommodate the increased use of the computer.

RHIGP will be working on various group projects, such as modifying the Princeton Circuit Analysis Program (PCAP) so it will work on our system. The group will also try to sponsor a series of open meetings at which users and the WCC management can discuss matters of common interest.

Any person interested in joining RHIGP should submit their name and box number through campus mail to RHIGP, Campus Box 884.

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