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Ten awards given during convocation

by Dwight Dively

The Spring Honors Convocation was held last Tuesday, and a total of ten awards were presented in conjunction with the selection of students for several honoraries.

Dr. Jess Lucas started the proceedings by naming this year's selections for Who's Who Among College and University Students. The nine juniors selected were Steve Anderson, Dwight Dively, Bob Froetscher, Steve Long, Bob Pease, Todd Royer, Chuck Sigman, Don Umpleby, and Paul Wallace.

Seniors selected included J. Carl Agee, Buddy Atherton, Ken Burch, Jon Burke, Tom Burtzlaff, Bob Burwell, Mark Denzin, Dennis Grannan, Daily Hill, Matt Hodson, and Tony Mazzoni.

Also named were Jeff McCreary, Mike McPherron, Dale Newby, Rod Norder, Rich Priem, John Rasp, Jan Slupesky, Doug Stearly, Greg Tarvin, and Nick Willing.

Dr. Lucas also presented the D. J. Angus - Sciencetech Foundation Awards for greatest improvement in Grade Point

Average. The freshman who has raised his GPA the most is Charles Clarkson, and the student who improved his the most between his freshman and sophomore years is Robert Gann.

Dr. Tom Mason next presented the HSL Division awards. The Wall Street Journal Award for performance in the study of economics went to junior Kevin Green, who received a certificate and a paperweight.

The Pawley Foreign Study Fellowships were awarded to John Edmondsen, Norm Frey, Doug Gundlach, and Scott Linn, who will study in either Germany or the USSR this summer.

The Pawley Award for Excellence in History and Political Science, which provided a trip to the SCNA Conference this past February, went to junior Dwight Dively.

Dr. Gerald Matsumoto presented the mechanical engineering awards. Jamie Skinner was named as the ASME Student Outstanding Section Member, and Jeff Hidebrand and Tim Jackson were cited for their

participation in the ASME Paper Contest. Both won in the competition at Rose, and Jackson went on to win the Midwest regional competition. He will thus go to the national meeting next year.

The C. L. Mason Award for physics excellence was presented by Dr. Michael Moloney. John Bolin received a \$25 check and a group of physics books.

Dr. Frank Guthrie presented two awards on behalf of the Chemistry Department: the American Institute of Chemists Award, and the W. A. Noyes Award. Senior Dale Campau won both of these awards.

Jan Slupesky was named as the Outstanding Senior Electrical Engineer, and received a plaque from Department Chairman Dr. Glen Richardson.

Don Umpleby presented Honor Keys on behalf of the Student Government Association. Those honored were J. Carl Agee, Rob Graebe, Matt Hodson, Tim Jackson, Bruce Kistler, Gary Meier, Ron Miller, Rich Priem, Nick Willing, and Tom Wiltout.

Omega Chi Epsilon, the chemical engineering honorary, selected twelve new members: Steve Brockman, Tom Burtzlaff, Tim Collins, Mike Jacobs, Doug Kuper, James Mann, Anil Patel, Dave Rice, Andy Roach, Greg Schmit, Joe Glazier, and Greg Hemmer.

The mechanical engineering honorary, Pi Tau Sigma, tapped Darl Boysel, Meredith Gafford, Richard Kurzdofer, Gary Myers, Dennis Pepper, and Tom Roetker for membership.

Blue Key selected ten new pledges this spring, including Steve Anderson, Kevin Barrer, Dwight Dively, Roe East, Jerry Fish, Ray Farmer, Dan Haas, James Huston, Steve Long, and Bob Pease.

Tau Beta Pi selected seniors Gordon Burns, Tim Jackson, Bruce Montgomery, Rod Norder, Rich Priem, Dewayne Sermersheim, and Rich Wolfe.

Juniors selected were Bob Froetscher, Greg Gemmer, Peter Haines, Dan Hatten, Greg Hemmer, Bob Luoma, Benni Schoffman, Steve Stroder, Eric Viscito, John Vogel, and Bruce Wight.

New food service hired to replace Macke Foods

Next year students at Rose won't have Macke around to pick on any more.

The Macke Company, which held the food service contract at Rose this year, will be replaced by A/R/A-Slater on May 28, according to Dean of Students Jess Lucas. This represents a switch from one of the smallest to the largest college food service company in the nation.

Macke is leaving for financial reasons. They have lost money this year. To be able to make any kind of profit next year their charges to the school would have to be prohibitively high.

When Macke was first brought in last year, it was thought their small size would mean more personalized service. However food costs drove their costs way up, as the company had problems with being able to buy based on their volume across the country.

ARA will implement a program called FOCUS, which provides a greatly expanded menu selection at reduced cost. A typical menu may include six entree selections plus a large assortment of fast foods, a salad bar, and a deli bar for lunch.

"You've got to see it to believe it," says Lucas. He and Pete and Donna Gustafson travelled to observe the program in operation at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where over 300 students a day are fed by the program.

The secret to reducing cost while expanding selection is reduced waste. FOCUS is a

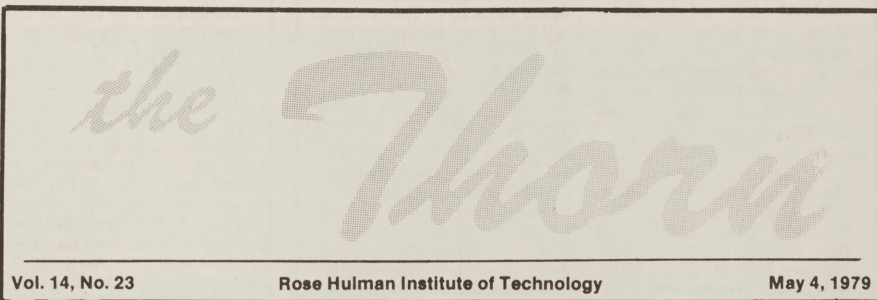
computerized system developed by ARA to control food production. It provides data necessary for each step in the food service operation: menu forecasting, cost accounting, purchasing, inventory, and the like.

It will take about three months and a lot of work to get the system started, but thereafter the food service management will see what menu offerings are preferred and how many portions of each item should be prepared. Company literature claims the system can forecast participation to within 1% accuracy, so that there is in effect no wastage.

ARA has food service contracts at over 350 schools across the country, including Butler, Anderson College, and the University of Evansville in Indiana. The district manager for the company is located in Indianapolis. This proximity is viewed as an advantage over Macke, which is based on the East Coast.

SAGA Foods, which held the food service contract at Rose prior to this year, also bid on the account, but could not compete cost-wise.

Lucas noted while in general the food service this year was better than last year in many people's opinion, the cost of retaining Macke was unaffordable. He hoped that the new contract would meet the administration's and students' expectations.



Charges for overloads being considered

by John Sparks

An Ad Hoc Committee on Tuition Charges for Overloads has been formed under the chairmanship of Dr. Duane Bruley.

The committee, consisting of Drs. Bruce Danner, Dennis Lewis, Tom Mason, James Eifert, and Dale Oexmann, Professor Lou Harmening, Duncan Murdoch, Steve Miller, and students Kevin Meersman and John Brabender, is investigating the possibility of charging students for any overloads they may take.

Their findings will be turned over to President Hulbert who, in turn, will recommend action to the Board of Directors. The Board will make the final decision.

Numbers compiled by Miller, computing center comptroller, indicate that presently 445 students are overloading a total of 1445 credit hours. During Winter Quarter this number was even higher; with 276 students attempting a total of 1556 overload credit hours.

However, 576 hours were dropped last quarter, so only 980 overload credit hours were completed.

These numbers represent a substantial cost to Rose-Hulman. And, in effect, everyone now pays for the one-fourth of the student body that overloads.

With costs ever increasing, some kind of a tuition raise must be made to cover the overloads. Two of the choices which have arisen are a tuition increase for every student or directly charging only the student who overloads.

The latter has attracted support for many reasons. First of all, an overload charge can generate revenue for the school without coming at the expense of everyone.

Secondly, students who graduate early, with a double major, or as a technical translator effectively receive their degree with less expense than the student who follows the guidelines. The unusual degree is worth more money and should

cost more.

Also, the faculty is asked to do a little extra when a student overloads. However, salaries do not reflect this. The charge can then be used to compensate the instructor in some way.

Finally, an overload charge may make students decide against overextending themselves academically by overloading.

The arguments against an overload charge also are impressive. Students who need to repeat a course but received a D or D+ may not take a class again if they have to pay for it.

Also, good students may not pay money to overload elective upper level classes. Hence, enrollment in these courses may suffer.

The definition of an overload has also been tough. The two numbers suggested after which an overload charge would be levied are eighteen and twenty credit hours. While charging after eighteen would generate revenue, charging after twenty probably wouldn't.

Proposal to integrate halls

by Peter Kehoe

Until the fall of 1973 when Speed Hall was completed, all of the classes at Rose were housed in the same dorms. Since then, freshmen and upperclassmen have been separated. A proposal is now being considered that would revert back to the integrated situation.

A poll was conducted to determine the reaction of the students to such a proposal. For the most part, the students polled were against the idea of eliminating "all freshmen" halls. The greatest concern expressed by those polled was that class unity would decline.

Also cited by the students was that the relations between the freshmen and the upperclassmen would also decline. Another problem cited was that fraternity rush would be more difficult to conduct.

Another reason mentioned was a loss of freshman spirit due to interaction with "lazy upperclassmen" and lack of interaction with other freshmen.

There were also several advantages mentioned. The most common reason was that it

would help the freshmen become more responsible. It was felt that the mixing with upperclassmen would curb the unnecessary freshman pranks. They would become more mature and more responsible.

The mixing of classes would create a more natural (real-world) environment. It would end separation by age and allow interaction between people of more varied backgrounds. Some felt that it would be beneficial to the social life in the dorms. Also cited was the fact that freshmen would be helped in their studying.

One problem was noted if the proposal was to be accepted. Many of the students felt that few upperclassmen would want to live in the now-freshmen dorms. Most of the students agreed that the present upperclass dorms are much nicer.

Unless the freshman halls were made more attractive, they would not be a popular choice of the upperclassmen; which would lead to little deviation from the present system.



The Residence Hall Association will sponsor a concert by the Special Consensus Bluegrass Band this Friday, May 4, at 8:00 P.M. The performance is tentatively scheduled for the lawn in front of Moench Hall, weather permitting. Special Consensus, which has performed at Rose before, consists of banjo player Greg Cahill, bass player Mark Edelen, Ed Walsh on the guitar, and Mark Weiss playing the mandolin. The group performs mostly bluegrass music and their own original compositions, and tours college campuses throughout the Midwest.

HSLS faculty present papers

by Dwight Dively

The faculty of the HSLS Division has been very active this quarter by presenting a total of eleven papers at various conferences.

Faculty papers are a valuable means by which professors can learn new material which will help in teaching courses at Rose. Besides the research needed to prepare the presentation, the conferences allow the faculty to receive feedback from colleagues in their fields.

Dr. Patricia Carlson, Associate Professor of American Literature, attended three different meetings this quarter. She presented a paper on "Rose-Hulman's Integrated Writing Program: A Description

and a Projection" at the Midwest Writing Conference on April 3 at ISU-Evansville.

Hannelore Lehr, Associate Professor of German and Comparative Literature, attended St. Mary-of-the-Woods' Workshop on Translation in early April and discussed "Hints in Translation."

Dr. Peter Parshall, Associate Professor of Comparative Literature, attended the Conference on Comedy in Art and Literature on March 15 at the University of Alabama - Birmingham. There he presented a paper on "Carnival Comedy in Moliere."

Although he didn't travel far, Dr. William Pickett, Associate Professor of History, delivered

his paper on "The American City Today: Problems and Prospects" to the Midwest Conference of the American Society of Civil Engineers on March 30. The conference was held at Rose.

Dr. Samuel Vuchinich, Assistant Professor of Sociology, delivered a paper entitled "Conflict in Family Groups: Conditions Determining Functional Value" in Atlanta on April 4. The paper was presented to the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society.

This weekend, Dr. Stratten is speaking to the National Association of Environmental Education in Blacksburg, Virginia. His subject is "Environmental Education in an Engineering Curriculum."



Decent Chick of the Week: Laura Patterson

Bits & Pieces

Orienteering Club sweeps meet

The orienteering team added to their successful season with a sweep at the meet last weekend. The meet was a class 'C' meet held in Danville, Illinois. It was a score orienteering course where the orienteers looked for points with different values assigned them depending on distance and difficulty.

In the end, all five top places on the Orange course belonged to Rose OC members. Mark Mason was first with 35 points. He was followed by Scott Linn with 34 and Chuck Geswein with 33. Peter Kehoe and Sergeant

Brick Burks finished fourth and fifth respectively.

This weekend, the club will again be active. This time it will be sending three members to West Point for a class "A" meet. Attending the meet will be Mike Sigmund, Scott Linn, and Sergeant Burks.

On May 12, the club will hold a meet in Owen-Putnam State Park. The club wishes to invite everyone to try this popular sport. A clinic will be given to teach the basics. For more information about the meet, contact Peter Kehoe, box 1041.

SAB hosts Erin Isaac

Tonight at 8:00 p.m. in the Worx bar, the Rose SAB will be presenting Erin Isaac.

Erin, a 25-year-old blonde from Batavia, Ill., is considered by many to be an excellent singer and songwriter. She has been playing the guitar for 14 years, the last 5 of which have been on the professional circuit. Erin started out her career playing the ski resort circuit in Aspen and Boulder, Colorado. She really liked beautiful Colorado, but wants to expand her tour a bit.

Erin has been an opening act for a lot of big names. She has performed with Tom Chapin, Steve Martin, and Leo Kotke the consummate guitarist. Her first album will be released soon.

New mail room policies announced

by Jim Weber

Recent problems have forced a change in mail room policies in regards to personnel allowed in the room and bulk mail handling. These changes, as dictated by the Safety, Security, and Traffic Commission, are:

The mailroom doors and windows will be locked from the time the mail comes in until it is distributed.

No package will be issued without identification.

Work study students will distribute all material. Others will not be permitted in the mail room except for

divisional or departmental secretaries, librarian Herman Cole, or those with permission.

Bettie Evinger, who is in charge of the room, explained these policy changes as being precipitated by theft of valuable packages in the room. One case in particular involved a forged signature when a package was issued.

As Evinger explained, "The Institute is responsible for the mail as soon as it leaves the post office. We must take steps to keep it secure, even if it means a little inconvenience."

Senior Countdown

As of 5:00 p.m. Today, There Are
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Adventure Club

The Rose Adventure Club closed out this school year's weekend trip schedule by going to Cleveland, Tennessee, to raft the white water of the Ocoee River.

This year the Adventure Club went skiing to Boyne Mountain, Michigan, at Thanksgiving; Jackson Hole, Wyoming, right after New Year's; and again to Boyne Mountain in February. Every Wednesday in January and February the club went to Paoli Peaks for night skiing.

Next year more events will be planned if student participation increases. This year's president was Harry Preste and club advisor was Capt. Roger Somerville.

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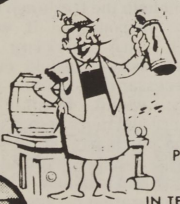
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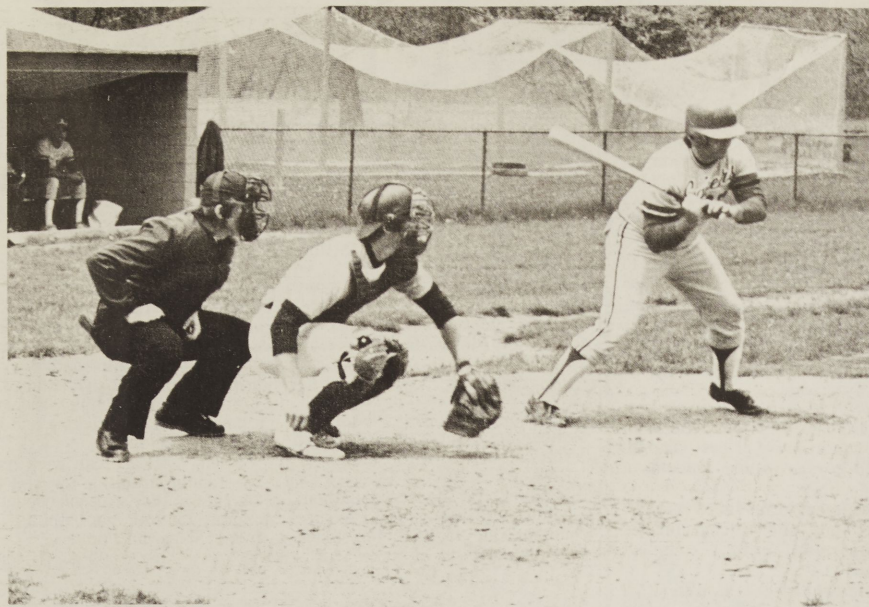
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An Engineer batter prepares to take a cut in the fourth inning of play of the first game with Franklin last Sunday. Rose took eleven innings before narrowly beating the Grizzlies two to one. The split brings the team record to 7-16 as they prepare for the C.A.C. tourney.

Rose diamondmen split two games

The Engineer baseball team had yet another .500 weekend as this time they split a pair of one run decisions with Franklin. The first game was an eleven inning 2-1 victory for Rose-Hulman and Kent Cuttler. The nightcap was a seven to six decision with Vince Foushee taking the loss.

In the first game Keith Oehlman scattered just five hits for most of the game before Kent Cuttler came in and gave up just two hits and one run. Franklin's eleventh inning run came on a lead-off triple and a lazy single.

Rose came back in the second half of the inning and picked up the necessary margin of victory. Oehlman started the rally with a single and John Brabender and Bob Burwell followed with one bounce over the fence doubles. For the game Al Bell and Marty Schramm each collected three hits.

Hits did not seem to go with runs for Rose on Sunday. In the first game the Engineers spread out twelve hits but could manage only two runs. In the second game Rose scored six runs on a

disappointing four hits. Errors also were a problem as the team committed five on the day.

The second game was even more unusual than even the Engineers run to hit ratio might indicate. In the first inning the Grizzlies committed one of three errors in the game. Barry Haskins reached first on an error and Brabender picked up two RBI's by following it up with a homerun.

However in the fifth inning Rose lost a golden opportunity to assure themselves the victory. After scoring one run, three Engineer batters fanned with the bases loaded.

Although Rose lost, the team had several opportunities to take the win but errors and stranded men kept them from doing so.

Tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. Rose will play a home doubleheader with Marion College. The games will be the last home games of the season and the final games before the Spring Sports Carnival on May 10, 11 and 12 at Centre College.

Relay team sets new track mark

Tony Lenox won the 400 meter run and anchored the winning 400 meter relay team as the Rose-Hulman track team ran fourth among 15 teams in the Little State Track Meet last Saturday. Rose was just 3 points behind Taylor and one point behind third place Wabash.

The 400m relay team of Tappendorf, Hancock, Cassady and Lennox set a school record with a time of 42.5 which was a full second ahead of the closest competitor.

Jim Novacek had an outstanding performance in the pole vault, placing first with a height of 14 feet. Novacek presently has the school record at 14'6" and this has also qualified him for the NCAA Division III National Track Meet.

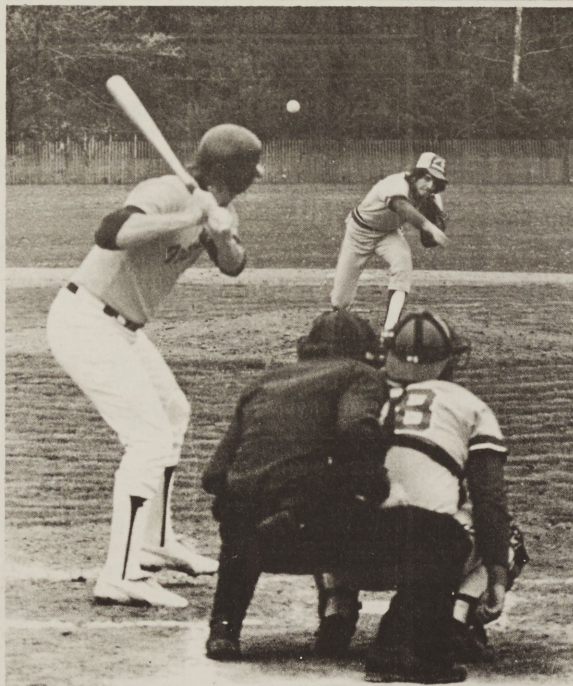
Rick Matovich placed fourth in the shot put with a distance of 47'1/2". In the javelin, Dan Haas was fourth throwing a distance of 174'8".

Ken Hilk had a good race in the 3000 meter steeplechase finishing fourth in 9:52.8. Steve Stroder placed sixth in the 110 meter high hurdles with a time of 15.45.

Dave Tappendorf ran third in the 400 meters in a time of 50.6. In the 200 meter race, it was Randy Hancock third in 22.5 seconds.

Rex Phillips was sixth in the 400 meter hurdles in 56.7 seconds. Then, in the last race of the day, the 1600 meter relay team of Phillips, Bruns, Tappendorf, and Lennox, was third with a time of 3:23.1 seconds.

The track team will run in the DePauw Invitational Saturday. Then, the last meet of the year is the conference meet May 11 and 12. Coach Thompson said it will be a "big dual meet" between Rose and Principia because they should be the strong favorites.



Keith Oehlman releases the pitch in the first game against Franklin. Oehlman held the Franklin batters to just five hits and zero runs for most of the game before being relieved by Kent Cuttler.

Rose golfers beat Wabash 416 to 422

by Paul Wallace

Although last Saturday's Anderson match was cancelled, the Rose-Hulman Golf team came through with consistency to beat Wabash 416 to 422 in a dual meet at Hulman Links on April 21. The meet was planned to be a four-way meet, but Marian and Evansville were unable to participate.

The top five Rose golfers and their scores were Tom Chorba, 81; Ron Knecht, 82; Tony Thompson, 83; Steve Thompson, 84; and Todd Hand, 86. Wabash was able to capture first and second place with golfers scoring 77 and 80. Their next three team members had scores of 87, 87, and 90. Thus it was Rose's consistency that won them the match.

Knecht was a surprise as he pulled out of a slump and finished second with an excellent 82. Apparently, last week's increased driving practice helped bring his game back to normal. Unfortunately, Hand and Chris Lindhjem did not perform as well as expected.

J. C. Agee, the sixth man on the golf team, shot an 81 at last Saturday's dual meet. His score did not count because only five players can be designated as team members. Agee shot another 81 in Monday's practice, and according to Coach Glenn Baca he will be one of the five team members who will play in tomorrow's dual meet at Taylor.

Hand had an eagle on the treacherous second hole at Hulman Links in Monday's practice. He shot over and around water to do this. He should be more of a factor in tomorrow's match.

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John Galt	& Short
Warren Gamaliel	
T. S. Geisel	Stan E. Slavsky
Hammurabi	Chris Wren
Joshua Josephson	Yeshua ben Yosef
Matt Koehl	John Peter Zenger

EDITORIAL

Overloads

Because of the ever-increasing costs of running an university, Rose is now looking for ways to cut expenses and raise income. One way being investigated is to charge for overloads taken by students, in amounts varying between \$20 and \$50 per credit hour. While this idea may seem reasonable on the surface, there are great dangers lurking in this scheme.

First, it is hard to believe that the costs incurred by overloads are all that substantial. How many additional faculty have been hired to handle overloads? Very probably, none. Many of the overloads are humanities courses, and no expansion of faculty in existing disciplines in the HSLD division has occurred for several years. Certainly, there are some costs in registration and computer time, but these are not very high. The financial justification for new charges for overloads has not been conclusively shown.

Several risks will be taken if charges for overloads are made. Students who receive a penalty grade in a course (e.g., a D or D+) will be dissuaded from retaking the course because of cost. The inevitable consequences are less-qualified graduates and probably a higher dropout rate.

A second difficulty will be lessened enrollment in advanced courses. These subjects are often taken as overloads, and by charging for them, many students will be denied an opportunity for the enrichment they provide.

Another casualty will be the student who seeks a diversified background. he may not be able to afford the extra humanities class or the course outside his major if it costs him a substantial sum. The result of this will be students with narrower perspectives, something which we are trying to avoid.

These last two problems are exacerbated by the inequality of electives between fields. Some majors, notably the science disciplines, give students a wide choice of electives, and hence encourage specialization and diversification. Other majors, especially chemical and civil engineering, allow virtually no electives other than the minimum number of humanities courses. Students in these last majors will be significantly penalized by overload requirements.

There are, however, two cases where it seems some sort of restriction is justified. Students in double major programs probably should be charged slightly more, as they are getting two degrees from Rose. This is a relatively rare occurrence.

The second case is one which undoubtedly involves an abuse of the overload system. It seems that about 40% of the overloads which are signed up for are dropped during the quarter. One of the prime causes for this is signing up for two humanities classes and then dropping the harder one at mid-term.

Rather than punishing everyone because of this abuse, a much simpler solution is available. If a student drops an overload one quarter, he won't be permitted to overload for one or two quarters after that. Another possibility would be to charge for dropping an overload. Also, faculty advisers should take a more active role in cracking down on this problem. Any of these ideas would cut down on the "non-serious" overloads without harming those who genuinely want to broaden their knowledge, but are restricted by their curricula.

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Rose-Hulman after dark

by Stan E. Slavsky

In light of recent campus-wide power outages, Beauregard Sam today announced the Comprehensive Rose Emergency Electricity Procedure (CREEP).

"We can't afford to have my boys be a-missin' any moah classuhs," explained B.S. Hubert, "specially seein' as how they's already had classes cancelled foah Frahday th' 13th."

The effect of power outages is most pronounced in the classrooms, since few of them have windows. Most professors cancelled classes, although some simply moved them into the hallways. Those doing so noted that the cinderblock walls in

Crapo Hall were just as easy to write on as the blackboards, and provided more area to work with, but were very difficult to erase.

A few professors continued to lecture in the darkened classrooms, despite the lack of light. Commented one, "I figure my students are pretty much in the dark anyway, so it shouldn't have made much difference."

Dean of the Faculty Dane Brewlee announced that in the future all faculty members will be given phosphorescent chalk to enable them to continue lectures in the event of another blackout. A suggestion to put tests on phosphorescent paper was rejected, though, as it was felt that most students do as well on

tests when they can't see them as when they can.

Directors of Student Life Pete and Donna Whatstheirname called upon the faculty to make allowances for the fact that power blackouts severely disrupt student life. They urged professors to allow students who were doing laundry when the power went off to come to class in soggy clothes.

A memo circulated yesterday advised all students that since darkness in the dorm will not be accepted as an excuse for not doing homework, they should buy flashlights. Candles in the dorms violate fire insurance provisions and tend to set off smoke alarms in the Apartments.

LETTERS:

Co-education

The discussion of Rose's future as a coed school in the April 20 THORN was very well done. Both sides were presented fairly and each had several strong points.

I don't wish to argue with any of the pros or cons presented, only to point out one issue, which for me at least, is the deciding factor in my decision to vote no on coeducation.

There may be advantages either way, but when I cast my vote, it will be for tradition. If Rose were sinking for lack of females, I'd agree: let them come by all means. But I'm sure neither side thinks the existence of the college is at stake. It is a

matter of principle. In a society that is all too concerned with change simply for the sake of change, I think that to ignore tradition is a mistake.

At the risk of sounding like the father in Fiddler on the Roof, crying out for TRADITION rather than even considering change, I think that as long as Rose has the alternative of staying all male, it should do so. The number of all male schools in the country is shrinking and I think it's a shame.

As long as Rose can keep its long-standing tradition for which it is known, that's reason enough for me to vote no both as a student and as an alumnus.

Pete Hylton

Honor Keys

Editor, The THORN,

While we will admit that our reporters aren't going to win any Pulitzer Prizes, one can hardly believe that their contributions to the schools' well-being are less meaningful than those of a group of representatives who meet about ten times annually.

After all, what has Student Congress done all year? How many times do representatives report SGA actions to their constituents? Let's face it, the SGA officers do the overwhelming majority of the work.

Our five THORN reporters are far from perfect, but it seems they do much more to inform Rose students than do 40 SGA representatives.

Senior Countdown

A fortnight is two weeks (14 days). As of 5:00 p.m. April 20 there were five weeks until graduation. That is 2.5 fortnights. At 1000 fortnights per kilofortnight that means there were 0.0025 kilofortnights until graduation, not 0.025 as printed in the THORN.

Also, taking a century to be 100 years and using the true period of the earth's revolution (365 days, 6 hours, 9 minutes, 9.54 seconds) the time until graduation was 958,231 microcenturies, not 958,904 as printed.

After all, this is a science and engineering school even if journalism isn't an exact art!

Pete Hylton

EDITOR'S REPLY

Thank you for the corrections. However, your latter calculation failed to account for the slowing of the earth's revolution, and the necessity for adding "leap seconds" periodically. Rather than computing this effect ourselves, we'll leave it for a physics gunner to compute before the next issue.

Dope, drink denounced

Last weekend's popular outdoor concert by "Roadmaster" was marred by flagrant consumption of alcoholic beverages and certain other "controlled substances."

We don't mean to be prudish or puritanical. However, school policies prohibit booze outside of the dorm, and prohibit certain other materials anywhere. All school functions must abide by these rules.

School officials are justifiably angry about the matter. We would respectfully suggest that students curtail their conspicuous consumption of leafy and liquid refreshment if they want to continue having outdoor concerts.

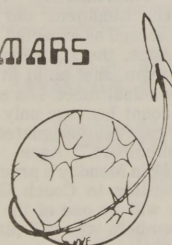
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