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Last Sunday, April 1, 1979, a day that will live in infamy, the Rose-Hulman campus was viciously and without warning attacked by "Not the Thorn."

"Not the Thorn" hit the newsstands in observation of that popular holiday — April Fool's Day. A parody of "The Thorn," it satirized much of this paper's news and features.

Every page of the four-page paper was numbered "Page 5," after the Thorn's popular satirical feature; the real "Page 5" meanwhile was replaced by "Page 1" of heavy political propaganda. Volume 14, number 19½ of "Not the Thorn" boasts lead articles on "Rose goes coed: Hades freezes over" (implemented to raise tuition and placement figures, plus provide something worth looking at) and the deposing of Shah Beaugard Sam by the Supreme Governing Authority (SGA) under its leader Weekly Frill.

Also adorning page 1 (rather, the first page 5) of the paper is an account of an implausibly strenuous RHRA road rally complete with a picture of a Volkswagen disappearing down a

"Not the Thorn" makes April Fool appearance

chuckhole, and an account of upcoming SGA elections, which urges readers to "Vote often!"

Other articles take potshots at such diverse subjects as the Drama Club (an all-male production of "Oh, Calcutta"), the shelving arrangement of the library (16 people are still lost after an orienteering meet there), and the computer center (they have a new electric slide rule). There are even phony ads, like the one for Mussolini's Pizzeria ("Try our Jimmy Carter special: peanuts and grits pizza").

The trouble is, none of the alleged perpetrators of the gag issue will own up to it. "I had nothing at all to do with this," said smiling Thorn editor John Rasp, "and I know several other people who had nothing to do

with it either. Allegations that 'Not the Thorn' was put together Monday night along with the regular 'Thorn' are completely untrue as well. I should know, because I was there in the Thorn office until 3 a.m."

Rasp further denied being "Not the Thorn" editor Jack File, denied writing a story about a student government election between two outrageous candidates with ridiculous platforms, and denied that Decent Chick of the Week Jennifer Jean Reeves was his 15-month-old niece.

Thorn assistant editor Dwight Dively denied writing the "editorial" denouncing the Thorn as "that terrible, idiotic, insipid rag which passes for the school newspaper," and denied writing articles on the Master

Plan (called the "Final Solution"), the deposing of Shah Beaugard Sam, and parodies of the Thorn's omnipresent Drama Club and Debate Team articles. He further denied that the listing of "Ass. Edirtor-Harry S" in "Not the Thorn" had anything to do with the fact that he is a Harry S. Truman Scholar.

Thorn sports editors Bob Pease and Paul Wallace denied any involvement with the issue, especially the "sports page," and emphatically denied that their page was purposely printed upside down. "Actually, that page was the only one right-side-up; the other three were upside down," they noted.

Copy editor Peter Kehoe denied that he was the "Typo Edirtor" of what he referred to as "that rag," emphasizing that

he especially had nothing to do with stories on coed, new faculty, and orienteering.

John Sparks claims no responsibility for the road rally article, and Rick Warner issued a similar disclaimer about the story on the computer center.

Not everyone associated with the Thorn was this eager to deny involvement in the scheme. Faculty advisor W. Kent Harris could not be reached to deny that he was the "Faculty Advisor — Wesley Kent" mentioned on the masthead of "Not the Thorn."

Rumors still persist, though that the Thorn staff was in fact responsible for the spurious edition. Comments Rasp, "We will repeatedly deny that we had anything to do with this outrage, and we will continue to deny participation in this monstrous hoax until there is no doubt in anyone's mind on the question of our involvement."

"Besides," he continued, "it was particularly upsetting when most of the students here didn't notice any difference between 'Not the Thorn' and the real thing."

Oscar C. Schmidt lecturer here today

Richard S. Gray, vice president - corporate development for Republic Steel Corporation, delivered the annual Oscar C. Schmidt Memorial Lecture of free enterprise and received the Chauncey Rose Medal in recognition of his contributions to the American economic system during a special convocation at Rose today.

The endowed lecture series was begun at Rose-Hulman in 1953 through the generosity of the Cincinnati Butchers' Supply Company in memory of the late Mr. Schmidt, a leader in the manufacture of machinery for the packing industry and a staunch supporter and advocate of the free enterprise system.

Each year leaders of business and industry have presented lectures which bring the importance of free enterprise to the student body at Rose. The Rose Medal, which honors the school's founder, has been presented to the Schmidt lecturer since 1968.

Former speakers have included U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona, J. Erik Johnson, formerly mayor of Dallas and chairman of the board of Texas Instruments, Inc.; and J. Irwin Miller, chairman of the board of Cummins Engine Company. Last year's speaker was Robert J. Greenebaum, treasurer of Inland Steel Company.

This year's speaker is responsible for the activities of Republic Steel's economics, planning and technical research departments.

Gray joined Republic Steel in 1958 as a market analyst, and

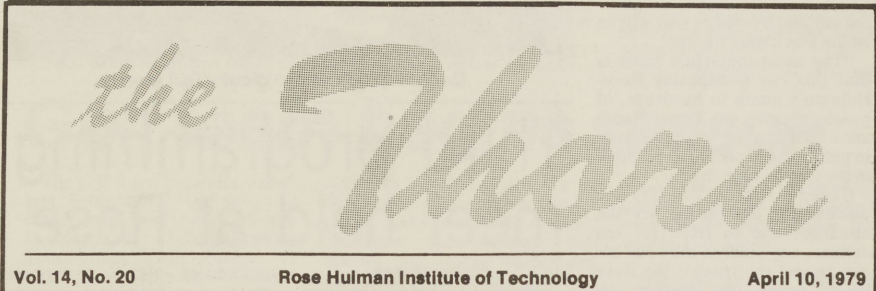


Richard Gray

after serving in a number of marketing and administrative positions, was appointed director of marketing in 1971. In 1974, Gray was named director of Republic's then newly formed Corporate Development Department and was elected vice president in 1977.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Amherst College, Gray received his master's degree in business administration from Harvard University. He is chairman of the Greater Cleveland Chapter of the American Red Cross, serves on the Board of Overseers of Case Western Reserve University, and is a member of the Visiting Committee for the School of Management at Case Western.

He also serves on the board of trustees of Plymouth Church and is chairman of the Cleveland Corporate Gifts Committee of the United Negro College Fund.



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April 10, 1979

Fine Arts Series continues Mark Twain sketches

The Chamber Repertory Theatre, Boston's continually touring professional theatre company, will be performing its nationally acclaimed production of "Mark Twain Sketches" 7:30 P.M., Wednesday, April 11, 1979, in the Rose-Hulman Auditorium.

From the pitiless pennings of one of America's greatest writers and humorists, the Chamber Repertory Theatre has created an outrageous theatrical experience. "Mark Twain Sketches." Hailed throughout sixty cities last year, CRT is now touring this vintage Twain up and down the eastern portion of the United States. Its appearance at the Rose Auditorium marks the first time local residents will have the opportunity of seeing it.

"Mark Twain Sketches" goes beyond the traditional view of Twain the clever humorist and lecturer and gives the audience a full panorama of Twain's fools and foolers in the excitingly unique and fully staged chamber theatre form. Blundering bluejays, tedious tourists, cannibalistic congressmen, a celebrated jumping frog, and an



array of incredible characters weave in and out of this crazy quilt of sketches, short stories, and travelogues.

Twain in CRT's guise, in hilarious fashion, mirrors Congress at work, enterprising businessmen, death rituals, medicine, pompous journalists. In withering satirical style, Twain thumbs his nose at anything in sight, then winks and says, "But, I was only foolin'."

Twain comes in many sizes, shapes and disguises and CRT director Ted Davis integrates a cast of five professional performers into a pure Twain event.

Mr. Davis, who appears along with the acting ensemble, is a veteran performer-director-writer who has recently finished directing the long running Boston hit of James Kirkwood's "P.S. Your Cat Is Dead."

China talk scheduled

On Tuesday, April 17, at 4:20 p.m., Dr. Betty Foster Blumberg will speak on "China and the Gung Ho." The talk, which will be in room B119, was deliberately scheduled at this time, as several humanities classes are now talking about China.

Dr. Blumberg will illustrate the talk with her slides as there were few restrictions on picture taking. Slides will be shown of the Great Wall and other engineering feats and she will discuss one of the greatest engineering projects of all time which the Chinese have recently begun.

In addition to her primary interests of art and politics, topics will include the education, food, customs, health care, transportation and agriculture of modern China.

Dr. Blumberg was invited by the government of the people's Republic of China to spend three weeks as a government guest and as a member of the second

feminist group to enter China. The leader of the first group of 24 was movie actress Shirley MacLaine and resulted in the movie "The Other Half of the Sky."

Two members of the first group, one a mayor, accompanied this second group which consisted of women attorneys, one judge, bankers, Capitol Hill administrators, political activists, sociologists, missionaries, writers and one poet.

Cities visited were Peking, Shanghai, Hangchow, Changsha, Shaoshan, and Canton.

Previous to the China trip Dr. Blumberg had been around the world twice, and she was a delegate for the United States at International Congresses of Business & Professional Women's Club in Paris, Stockholm and Oslo.

She has made some thirty trips outside the United States. In 1977 she completed a three week assignment in Brazil, South

America, for the State Department in conjunction with the Partners of the Americas.

Dr. Blumberg was a Republican nominee for State Senator in 1974, is immediate past president of Indiana Women's Political Caucus and was the Republican Lobbyist for the coalition for ERA during the years 1975-76 before its ratification in 1977.

She is a member of the National Advisory Committee of National Women's Political Caucus, Indiana Blue Cross Executive Committee and board, and the boards of The Terre Haute Symphony Association, the Indiana Humanities Committee, Terre Haute Regional Hospital, Indiana Committee to review Public Broadcasting, Terre Haute Boys Club, the Indiana Nature Conservancy and Progress Building Corporation. She is Women's Chairman of Indiana United States bond sales.

Edison symposium attended

by Dwight Dively

Rose-Hulman professors Dr. William Pickett and Dr. Theodore Sakano travelled to the Edison Centennial Symposium in San Francisco last week. The symposium was sponsored by the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) to discuss science, technology, and the human prospect.

Dr. Pickett, associate professor of history, and Dr. Sakano, professor of chemistry, joined a group of outstanding representatives from business and academia for the symposium, which ran from April 1-4 at the San Francisco Hilton.

The meeting was in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Edison's invention of the electric light

bulb. Thus, the program involved discussions of the role of science and technology in society in the past, present, and future.

Several outstanding speakers were lined up for the conference. The symposium was chaired by Dr. Chauncey Starr, former dean of engineering at UCLA and now Vice-Chairman of EPRI. He gave a keynote address on the "Growth of Limits," which shows how technology has opened new frontiers for man.

Among the other speakers were Dr. Philip Morrison of MIT, Jean-Jacques Salomon of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, philosopher Eric Hoffer, and Philip Handler, president of the National Academy of Science.

"The Thorn" will not publish this Friday, since classes have been cancelled in observation of Friday the 13th and the Easter Holiday. The next issue will be Friday, March 20th.

Housing picture gloomy

by John Sparks

Preliminary figures indicate that once again seniors desiring to live on-campus will be forced to locate alternative housing in the Terre Haute area.

Actually, according to Housing Director Pete Gustafson, the situation is about the same as it was at this time last year.

Approximately 394 present students required spots on-campus next fall, which is 71 over capacity. Sixty-one of those extras will be seniors.

However, Gustafson hasn't yet finalized the housing figures, as he has been busy with Resident Assistant selection. When people with low priorities, such as students presently living off-campus who desire on-campus housing, are separated out, the situation should improve.

The numbers should also drop

when the fifty dollar deposit is due later this quarter. Last year 15 people neglected to deposit. Final cuts in the number of applicants that actually do live on campus will come this summer as students cancel out.

The problem with this, Gustafson acknowledged, is that seniors that do get on-campus housing will not have choice of either room or roommate, but will have to settle for pot-luck.

Rose has to walk a fine line with the housing issue. While no one likes to force students off campus, Rose also doesn't want to wind up with a half-empty dorm. Hence, the over-crowding.

When cancellation projections are good, as they usually are, a minimum of people are forced into alternative locations and dorms are full.

However, when the system

goes awry as it did three years ago, freshmen may be overflowed into upperclass rooms, and many people are displaced.

To help students find other housing, Gustafson does have a list of off-campus housing available to students. Although many are already rented, some are still not taken.

Negotiations are also taking place with the Ritz Plaza Motel located east of the campus. If a competitive price can be agreed upon, students may live in the motel.

The ATO fraternity has had experience with the Ritz Plaza, which is still within reasonable walking distance of the campus.

A more definite picture of next year's housing situation will probably be known within the next month.

Buick to run at IRP

by Eric Dansker

The Rose-Hulman Racing Association (RHRA) Buick is nearly ready to race, says RHRA President Bill Rush. For the remainder of this school year, the car will be entered only at Indianapolis Raceway Park (IRP).

The major reason for this is insurance. "IRP provides one million dollars' coverage in case the driver accidentally loses control and hits someone in the crowd. The school's insurance man has suggested that we carry an extra million dollars' coverage. The man could make the argument, 'How much is too much?'"

Bill noted that IRP is a

comparatively safe track; there is a wide space between the stands and the race track, and safety facilities such as guardrails are well designed.

RHRA wishes to thank those that have helped in the Buick project. These include various local speed shops, Dr. Hulbert, Dean Lucas and the Buick Motor Division with representative, Gary White. Also, 55-gallon drum of racing gasoline has been donated by R. R. Dean Hill, a Rose chemistry instructor on sabbatical.

Bill emphasized that all interested members of RHRA may participate in racing the Buick. Release forms have to be signed by those wishing to drive

the car and by others who will be on the track near the car.

"The most important thing is that this car is exposing Rose-Hulman's name to hundreds of people outside the Terre Haute area," Bill said. "We are trying to get as many people as possible in the club to race the car."

Other RHRA activities planned for this Spring are the bi-annual trip to IRP (for ten dollars, any student may run his car around the track); the Rose Show, which will feature the Buick on display and have sparkplug and tire changing contests; and the Spring Road Rally. The overall points champion for RHRA's three rallies this year will receive a trophy.

Rose seniors take EIT exam

by Eric Dansker

On Saturday, April 7, the Engineer - in - Training examination (EIT) was given to senior engineering students at Rose-Hulman. This exam is the first step toward registration as a professional engineer.

Professor Irvin Hooper, Rose-Hulman's designated Faculty Consultant for the EIT, says that about ninety percent of the seniors took the test on Saturday, although they are not required to take it at this time. However, said Professor Hooper, it is advantageous to take it now because registration

for the test is difficult later.

The test has two four-hour sections. Eighty-five percent of the students pass the test nationally, and the Rose record has been even better.

The first part is given in the morning and is made up of approximately 150 multiple-choice questions which are scored by machine. The questions deal with such subjects as mathematics, chemistry, statics and dynamics, and circuits.

The second part, given in the afternoon, has lists of problems divided by discipline; the student

must select four, not necessarily all from his own discipline. The problems are designed to test the student's ability to apply basic engineering principles.

The EIT exam began in 1947. Some large corporations had unionized their young engineers after World War II; this was considered unprofessional by teachers and professional engineers. It was hoped that engineering graduates would be less inclined to join unions if they had a "semi-professional" status as Engineers-in-Training, said Dr. Herman Moench.



Decent Chick of the Week: Teri Merrie

Third programming meet held at Rose

by Jim Weber

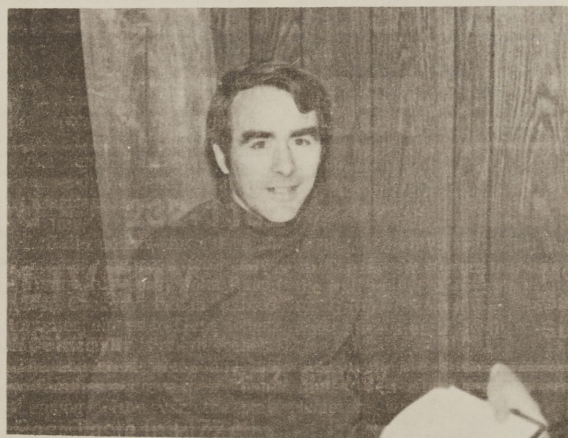
This past Saturday, the Rose-Hulman Computer Science Department sponsored an invitational computer programming contest using the Water's Center facilities. The competition which, although the first to be sponsored by Rose, is the third annual. It was attended by teams representing seven schools and featured a system designed by Rose students to fully automate the scorekeeping.

The contest itself consisted of a set of six problems to be solved using the basic language. Each school was represented by a team of four undergraduates who worked at the problems until they felt they have a workable solution. Their solutions were submitted to four computer experts who judged the problems. Wrong programs were returned to the team with a fifteen minute penalty assessed.

An addition to this year's competition was a specially designed system by which all submitting of programs and scorekeeping will be fully

automated. Each team was assigned an individual computer terminal from which all their work will be done. At no time did the team see the judges, nor did the judges see any of the teams. Also, at any time the team could call for its score and its relation to the other teams competing. In this way the contest was assured of maximum efficiency with a minimum of bias.

Dr. Darrell E. Criss, head of the Computer Science Department, acted as the host and coordinator of the event. The seven schools which were scheduled to compete were Taylor University, Wabash College, Grace College, DePauw University, Earlham College, and Rose-Hulman (all from Indiana) and Grinnell College of Grinnell, Iowa. Members of the Rose-Hulman team, under the sponsorship of professor Sam Dupree, were: Dave Bakken, senior C.S.; Dan Day, sophomore C.S.; Chris Thomas, sophomore C.S.; and Dave Moody, freshman C.S.



Voltmer joins EE faculty

New to the Rose faculty this quarter is Dr. David Voltmer. Dr. Voltmer will be teaching courses in electrical engineering.

Dr. Voltmer received his education from Iowa State University, the University of Southern California, and Ohio State University. He has spent the past 9½ years teaching at Pennsylvania State University.

One of the reasons that Dr. Voltmer likes teaching here is the size of the school. Involvement between the students and the teachers is

easier at a small school.

Dr. Voltmer has several accomplishments to his credit. First of all, he was involved with the 1975 NASA/Stanford Summer Study of Space Colonization where he researched the microwave beaming of energy. He is also an accomplished long-distance runner. He has run in several marathons, including the Boston Marathon three times.

Dr. Voltmer enjoys playing tennis and the blue-grass banjo. He is supposed to be one of the top tennis players on the faculty.

Drama sets first musical

Nine people will be acting April 20, 21, 27, and 28 in the Drama Club's first musical endeavor, "The Fantasticks," a comedy romance about a boy and a girl.

The young man, Matt, played by Joe Gaines, and the girl, Luisa, played by Julia Wood, are in love. Their feuding fathers, however, have built a wall between them to keep them apart.

The fathers, played by Tom Cornell and Bill Sutton, only pretended to fight. They bring their children together by forbidding them to see each other. "To manipulate children, you merely

say, 'no' " they explain.

To end the feud, the fathers hire a bandit, El Gallo, played by Rich Robbins. He is to abduct, or "rape," Luisa so that Matt can rescue her and be a hero. This would end the feud, guarantee the marriage, and provide a happy ending.

El Gallo enlists the aid of an aging Shakespearean actor named Henry, played by John Rasp, and a Cockney Indian named Mortimer, played by Gene Jones, whose specialty is death scenes.

The abduction works and the two families achieve their "happy ending." However, the play

isn't over.

The children fight with their fathers, who admit the "arrangement" that they made. When Matt and Luisa discover that their marriage was arranged, they fight and go their separate ways.

The children return and make up. The fathers start to tear down the wall again but are stopped by El Gallo. "Remember, there must always be the wall."

Also in the show are two mutes, Jeff Koechling and Jeff Knierem, who add effects.

THORN GETS AWARD

At its Spring Convention held last Saturday, March 30, at St. Mary's, the Indiana-Collegiate Press Association awarded second place in the Best Editorial competition to the THORN.

Rose's newspaper was cited for its September 28, 1978, editorial on communications and humanities at Rose. First place went to the "Communicator" of Indiana-Purdue of Ft. Wayne.

The ICPA is an association of nearly all the state's college papers, magazines, and yearbooks.

JACKSON WINS CONTEST

Rose-Hulman senior Tim Jackson won first prize in the regional competition of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers student paper contest held in Lexington, Kentucky last March 30-31.

Jackson's presentation, entitled "The Design of a Micro-Processor Controlled Robot," describes a project he is currently working on here at Rose.

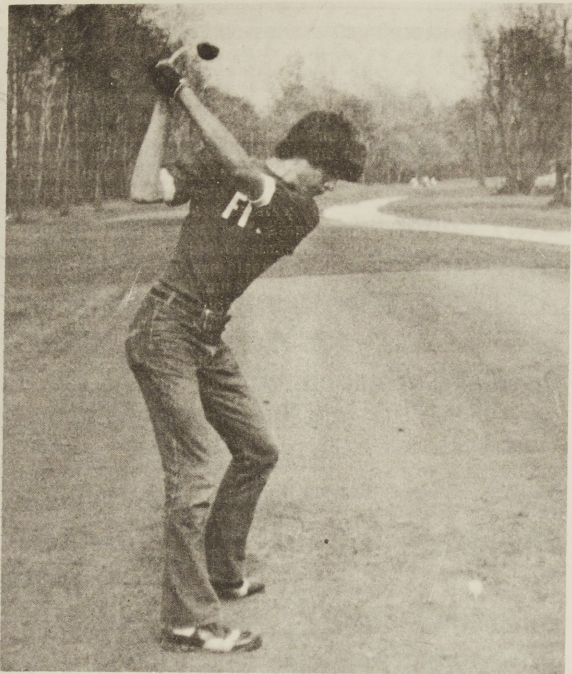
Tim received \$100 for his efforts and will take an expense-paid trip to the ASME Winter Annual Meeting in New York.

FREE FILM

Tonight, at 7:00 p.m., the movie, "The Night of the Iguana," will be shown. It is open to all students and will be in room B-119. There is no charge for admission.

SGA ELECTIONS

The new SGA President is Don Umpleby. He won easily over Bob Pease, 427-189. Scott Hueber gathered five more votes than Blair Hughes to become the new Vice-President, (300 to 295).



Doug Shull shows his perfect swing as he tees off at Hulman Links. Shull is shown while practicing at the number six hole.

Track team sets 3 new records

by David Womble

The Rose-Hulman Track team opened its outdoor season with an 82½ to 72½ victory over Hanover last Saturday. They remained undefeated as they upset rival Wabash 82-72 on Tuesday.

Despite the rain, cold and wind at Saturday's meet, Rose runners captured nine first places. They were Steve Stroder in the high hurdles with a time of 16:06, Dave Tappendorf in the 440 with a time 50.6. Randy Hancock won the 100 yard dash in 10.2. Jay Cassidy won the 400 Intermediate Hurdles with a time of 58.7 and Tony Lenox won the 220 in 22.5. Both relay teams came out ahead.

The 440 relay team won with a time of 43.9, and the mile relay team won with a time of 3:31. In the field events, Eric Matovich won shot put with a throw of 45' 3¼", and Jim Novecek jumped 13 feet to win the pole vault.

Tuesday's meet against Wabash was, "a big team win," according to Coach Thompson. The day was culminated by new school records in the 440, javelin, and pole vault.

Jim Novecek's 14' 9" vault

also qualified him for the Division III nationals held in May.

There were eleven first place finished for Rose. Tony Lenox broke the school record and won the 440 with a time of 49.56. Ken Hilk won the 3000 meter steeplechase with a time of 10:23.7.

Steve Stroder won the high hurdles in 15.2 seconds and Rex Phillips won the 440 intermediate hurdles in 57.69.

Randy Hancock won the 100 Yard dash with a time of 10.16 and Tony Lenox won the 22.0 in 22.54. The 440 relay team won with a time of 43.14 and the mile relay team won with a 3:23.21.

In field events Eric Matovich won the shot with a throw of 46' 11¼". Jim Novecek won the pole vault with a record jump of 14' 9". In the high jump, Gary Yeager won with a jump of 6' 2".



Shown above is the successful orienteering team. They are: (front row, left to right) Peter Kehoe, David Boes, Mike Sigmund, Scott Lynn, and Galen Kannarr (second row, left to right) Sergeant "Brick" Burks, and Don McCracken (back row, left to right) Tim Guetersloh, Robert Cannon (Class of '73), Paul Fahlsing, Kevin Rees, Frank Smidler, and Jim Chaney.

Golf team begins season

The golf team began its season last Saturday at DePauw and played again Sunday at the Indianapolis Intercollegiate Tournament. The results of either meet were not available at press time.

The team had a good spring practice in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and is now ready for an excellent season this year. Comments head golf coach, Glenn Baca, "This is the best team in five or six years." Coach Baca predicts that the Rose team should finish first, second, or third in the CAC.

There are ten players

currently on the team; three freshmen, two sophomores, 1 junior, and 4 seniors. This year's freshmen, Tom Chorba, Bob Stanley, and Roger Wacker are especially promising. Chorba's unique style of hitting the ball left-handed seems to give him an excellent game. Both Stanley and Wacker show a lot of potential and are consistent straight ball hitters.

This year's format for competition will be tournament as opposed to dual matches. This means that each Rose golfer will compete against the course and not against the individual

opponents. This improves the quality of play since it keeps the pressure on each player to do well on every hole.

The golf team's first home meet will be on April 14 at Hulman Links against Wabash. The 1979 Rose-Hulman golf team members are: J. C. Agee (Sr.), Tom Chorba (Fr.), Todd Hand (Sr.), Ron "Squirrel" Knecht (So.), Chris Lindhgem (Jr.), Doug Shell (So.), Bob Stanley (Fr.), Steve Thompson (Sr.), Tony Thompson (Sr.), and Roger Wacker (Fr.).

O-Club sweeps meet

The Rose - Hulman Orienteering Club drove away from the Missouri State Championships with nine individual awards and one team award.

The Rose ROTC team of Mike Sigmund, Tim Guetersloh, Galen Kannarr, and David Boes nearly swept the ROTC awards. The Rose team easily took first with a combined time of 227 minutes and 46 seconds compared to 451 minutes and 42 seconds for the second place team.

Mike Sigmund won the award for the best individual effort in the ROTC competition while teammate Tim Guetersloh got second. David Boes and Galen Kannarr finished fourth and fifth respectively.

In the open competition, Mike Sigmund was again a winner. In the 21 and over Red category, Mike won by a total of 8 seconds.

Also winning that weekend was Peter Kehoe. Peter competed in the open division on the Green course. Second place in that division went to Robert Cannon, a 1973 graduate of Rose-Hulman.

In the open division on the Orange course, Sergeant Brick Burks took second, only 60 seconds behind the winner. In

third place was freshman Don McCracken. Scott Lynn took fifth place.

Sophomore Paul Fahlsing and David Boes placed fourth and fifth respectively in the 19 to 20 Red category.

The final rankings for the 1977-1978 orienteering season show several Rose OC members among the top in the country. On the Red course, in the 19 to 20 age category, junior Tim Guetersloh received a Bronze Award, placing him fifth in the country. In the 21 and over category, Mike Sigmund is ranked second in the nation.

On the Orange course, five of the top twenty orienteers in the 19 to 20 age category are Rose students. Ranked fifth is John Moore, Frank Smidler is seventh and Paul Fahlsing is ninth. Also in the top twenty are Mark Mason and Galen Kannarr, ranked 18th and twentieth.

Also on the Orange course, in the twenty-one and over age category, are Sergeant Brayton Burks who is ranked sixth and Captain Kevin Byrnes is ranked eighth.

The next meet is the Intercollegiate Championships this weekend in Athens, Ohio.



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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I feel that the article in your April 1 issue "Final Solution Announced," with "Adolf Schiklgrueber" as the byline, was crude and tasteless.

Being Jewish, I am occasionally accused of having a built-in bias against this sort of thing. I think I can be excused for that, considering that Hitler was responsible for the deaths of six million Jews.

But if this does not impress you, recall that Hitler considered the German people to be a master race. Americans, to name an obvious example, are not German (except, of course,

Americans of Germanic ancestry). He had rather evil intentions toward us, formalized in a declaration of war against the United States.

The United States, also, was and is a democracy. Hitler did not declare war on America so he could run for public office.

So, one need not be Jewish to understand how unsuited the subjects of Hitler and the Final Solution are for base attempts at cute jokes. Space permitting, one could list a good many other reasons that have nothing to do with the United States either.

Ergo, clean it up.

Eric N. Dansker

Editor's Reply

While we, of course, have no responsibility for "Not the THORN," we were able to obtain this reply from Ass. Editor Harry S.:

"Sir, we have read your protest, and it has been duly noted. Please accept our apologies if you have been offended.

"However, we might point out that the majority of humor is at

someone else's expense, and we see no reason to exclude any particular group from such consideration.

"Thus, we feel you are being awfully thin-skinned, for we meant our jest only in fun. One is more of a human when one can laugh at himself, and one can go farther when he is not afraid of his past."

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Misc.

by Irving Trust

One hundred ninety members of the senior class took the Engineer in Training exam last Saturday. 178 of them managed to survive the ordeal. The test this year claimed fewer lives than any other year in Rose history.

School officials blamed this on the increasing quality of the student body. "When you get a class whose average SAT score is 1700, and where 38% of the members ranked first or higher in their high school graduating class, you just have to expect things like that to happen," noted one.

The EIT exam measures the degree to which an engineering student is prepared to enter the "real world." In addition to such mundane matters as calculus, statics and dynamics, chemistry, electrical science, and other forms of technical wizardry, the exam tested the student's ability to handle "real life" engineering situations.

Problems in this section dealt with such topics as generating data to meet government regulations, creative interpretation of specifications, the writing of incomprehensible memos, behavior at cocktail parties, and methods of obtaining a raise.

School officials today denied that the cancellation of classes this Friday had anything to do with the fact that it is Friday the 13th. At a press conference called today, Beauregard Sam, holding a rabbit's foot and a four-leaf clover, stated, "We pay no credence to such superstitious nonsense, and never will, knock on wood."

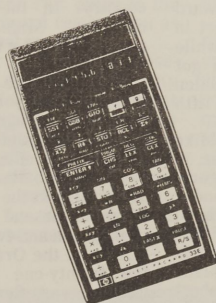
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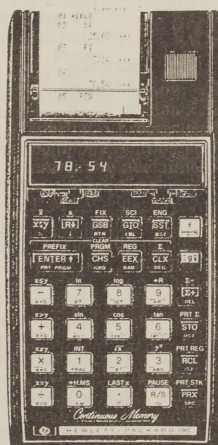
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