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The Rose-Hulman Drama Club kicked off their 1979-80 season with last week's production of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." Above, various characters from the play discuss Billy's (second from left) problem with women.

Midterm grades

Freshmen score, sophs punt

by Bill Chappell

The midterm grades for the 1979 Fall quarter provided some surprises for the Rose-Hulman administration.

The freshmen performed exceptionally well. "Freshmen midterms are the best they've been in years," claimed Dr. Jess Lucas, vice-president and dean of students. "The freshmen had by far the best grades of any of the classes."

Only 27 freshmen had a grade point average below 1.75 at midterm. In comparison, nearly twice that many, 52, freshmen were below 1.75 at midterm last year.

Dr. Lucas was unable to explain why the freshmen grades

were so high. "I don't know if the freshmen are just smarter than before, or if they are just better prepared than before, or what. I certainly don't think they've had it any easier," Dr. Lucas noted that those freshmen who did experience trouble found calculus and chemistry particularly difficult. "Same as always," he said. "This comes as no great surprise."

While the freshmen were achieving new highs, the sophomores were apparently striving for new lows. "Sophomore grades are lousy, possibly the worst in years," admitted Lucas. In fact, halfway through the quarter, 88 sophomores stood below 1.90, and nearly a third of the class

was below 2.00.

Fifty seniors stood below 2.00 at midterm, while there were 66 juniors below 2.00 at the half way mark. Dr. Lucas claimed this was about average.

At the end of the quarter, freshmen with a GPA below 1.75, sophomores below 1.90, and juniors and seniors lower than 2.00 will be placed on academic probation. Dr. Lucas pointed out that being below academic probation levels at midterm actually meant nothing, and he emphasized that there should still be time for those in trouble, particularly the sophomores, to improve. Despite this, he claimed that the administration was "very encouraged by the freshmen grades."

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Vandalism on the rise

by Don Dodson

Shattered doors, defaced paintings, battered vending machines, smashed walls... all are results of vandalism at Rose.

Jess Lucas, dean of student affairs, doesn't like to believe that Rose students were responsible for the damage. However, he does try to impress upon the student body the impact of vandalism.

Since school began in September, over a thousand dollars worth of destruction has been incurred on campus. So far, repair money has come from "unrestricted" funds, but continuing damage could mean a raise in room and board fees.

The vending machines have been particularly hard hit. Those in the student lounge have endured punches, kicks, and

shakings from people attempting to get money or free snacks. Soft drink machines have been disturbed in an upperclass hall as well.

Whenever damage is done or change is taken from vending machines, SGA is deprived of funds. Ordinarily, SGA receives a 15 percent rebate from the machines. Actually, the vandal is ripping himself off.

The doors in Crapo Hall have also fallen victim to vandals. The glass panels at the bottom of doors have been kicked out. Lucas speculates that some people vented their frustrations with a swift kick when they found the computer center closed.

Paintings in the Union building and in the residence halls have had their share of problems.

Some are marred; others are missing.

No vandalism to automobiles has been reported this year. Last year, several cars suffered damages.

What steps would be taken by school administrators in the event that vandals are caught? Lucas says that offenders would be turned over to the sheriff for prosecution. If Rose students were found responsible, they would pay for the damages and appear before the Faculty Discipline Committee.

Anyone knowing the identities of vandals can report to Lucas. He hints that a small reward will await them.

In summary, the dean concludes that the vandalism problem, though serious, is "not tremendous — it could be a lot worse."

Debate squad triumphs again

by Henry Agard

The Rose-Hulman debate team continued its domination of Midwestern debate by sweeping to second and third place finishes at the Millikin University debate tournament held in Decatur, Illinois last weekend. The team of junior Pete Kehoe and senior Dwight Dively finished second by advancing to the final round before losing to a stacked Greenville squad.

The all-junior team of Mark Bates and Jim Renfro lost to that same team in the semi-final round but managed to defeat a tough Illinois College team in the consolation round to hold onto third place. Both Rose teams did

well with the team of Bates-Renfro leading the tourney at 5-1 and Dively-Kehoe at 4-2.

The meet was attended by such forensic powers as Augustana, Freed-Hardeman, Illinois State, Murray State, Bradley, Southern Illinois, and Illinois Central. This is the third straight year of Rose domination of this meet as Rose won it in 1977 and 1978.

It also extended a personal domination by Dively, who for the third year in a row won top speaker at the meet with 153 speaker points. Kehoe was excellent while grabbing third speaker with 132 points, and

Renfro finished as fifth speaker with 128 points.

One of the highlights of the meet for the Rose squad was the fourth round debate which paired Renfro-Bates as affirmative against Kehoe-Dively as negative, with the former pair winning.

Rose continues to be a thorn in the paw of its opposition, as it has piled up a record of 22-16 against generally national competition.

The team will strike next three weeks from now at Notre Dame the weekend of November 9-11. Rose plans to send one Varsity team and two JV teams to that national circuit tourney.

Graduate scholarship offerings many

by Ed Haswell

One problem confronting many students considering graduate study is that of obtaining adequate funding. Ordinary scholarships expire with the achievement of a baccalaureate degree, leaving the student with a shortage of money.

Some students, however, don't have to worry about such trivial matters. They are recipients of National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowships.

This year, the NSF plans to award approximately 420 new three-year Fellowships, simultaneously supporting about 1000 Fellowship continuations.

NSF Graduate fellowships are awarded for work leading to master's or doctoral degrees in the mathematical, physical, medical, biological, engineering, and social sciences.

NSF Graduate Fellowships may be used at any non-profit U.S. or foreign institution offering advanced degrees in science.

Fellowship stipends for the 1980-81 academic year will be \$4320, with a cost-of-education allowance of \$3400 to cover tuition and fees.

Graduate Fellowships are awarded on the basis of academic records, recommendations, and scores attained on the Graduate Record Examinations. In addition to the GRE, applicants should take the GRE Advanced Test in their chosen area of study.

Applicants who have taken the GRE and/or GRE Advanced before Oct. 1, 1979, or have taken neither, should register for those to be administered Dec. 8, 1979. Registration forms are available at four-year colleges and the

Educational Testing Service, Princeton, N.J., 08540.

The deadline for filing applications for Graduate Fellowships is Nov. 29, 1979. Forms are available from the Fellowship Office, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20418.

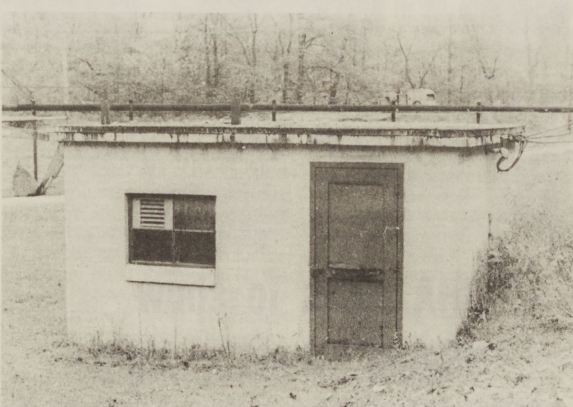
Applications are also being accepted for Broadcast Music Inc. Awards to Student Composers. The BMI Awards competition is open to student composers under 26 years of age.

Prizes from \$500 to \$2500 will be awarded.

The competition closes Feb. 15, 1980. Entry blanks are available from James G. Roy Jr., Director BMI Awards to Student Composers, Broadcast Music Inc., 320 W. 57 Street, New York, NY 10019.



Work is finally being completed on a project to link Rose with the Terre Haute sewer system. Above, the old filter tank between Moench Hall and Lost Creek has been filled in. Below, the old lift station which lifted sewage from the field house to the old septic tank, will now be obsolete. The new system will hopefully eliminate much of the stench from the old septic tank, and stop the overflow of sewage into Lost Creek.



Sewer system now connected with city

by Rob Sartain

At long last, practically all of the Rose campus is on the city sewer system. With the final installation completed in the first week of October, the Library, Deming, Moench and Crapo Halls, along with the frat houses, apartments and the fieldhouse are all connected to the Terre Haute sewer system.

This completes the system hooked up in 1970 that included the Union Building, Templeton, and BSB, Speed and Blumberg-Scharpenburg-Mees dorms.

According to Paul Phillips, Supt. of Buildings and Grounds, the rentals house was not connected because the defunct gas station east of the campus on U.S. 40 and its property may or may not be purchased and it was not feasible to extend the sewer at this time.

But nonetheless, the Rose staff and students should be glad that this job is completed. Now the old septic tank between Moench Hall and the creek is filled in, which eliminates considerable work for the maintenance employees.

Also, the filter bed, that ever-

present source of odor has had its walls caved-in and been filled in.

The lift station, that small block structure behind Crapo, no longer has to pump sewage from the fieldhouse to the septic tank, as the new system is gravity fed. Instead, it is being used by the Chemistry Division as a temporary storage place for drums of chemicals.

Heine & Son Construction, a local concern specializing in sewer and water line work did the job with the low bid of \$40,493. Construction went along fairly well, according to Phillips, until they hit quicksand when laying the pipe east of the fieldhouse. This necessitated bringing in some truckloads of rock and gravel to correct the problem which added about two thousand dollars to the total cost, but Phillips says that the new pipe, which is ten or twelve inches in diameter depending on location, is strong and well laid and should last indefinitely.

Despite frequent postponements, the new sewer project is completed at last. All in all it is something the school should be proud of.

Orienteering team prepares for Nationals in two weeks

by Peter Kehoe

In a meet attended by about a hundred runners from around the Midwest, the Rose Orienteering Club came away with several individual awards. The meet was a class "A" national meet held in Beaumont State Forest near St. Louis last Saturday and Sunday. The meet was held in very steep terrain which took its toll on a number of the runners.

Sophomore Don McCracken easily took first on the Orange course in the 19-20 B category.

He bested the second place finisher by at least 30 minutes for the two day total.

Sergeant Brick Burks also did as well. He gained first place in the 21 and over category on the Orange course. He also won by a large margin, about 40 minutes.

Andy Hill, a freshman, finished second in the tough 15-18 a category on the Orange course.

Also competing last weekend were freshman Peter Schoenoff and junior Tim Guetersloh. Peter placed sixth in the 15-18 category on the Orange course.

Tim was fifth on the Red course in the 21 and over category.

Mike Signmund, a 1979 graduate and former President of the Rose OC, also attended the meet. He finished fifth on the very difficult Blue (elite) course.

The team is now preparing for the big meet this fall, the U.S. Nationals which will be held in New York on Nov. 3-4. Nine members of the club will make the trip, the largest group that the club has ever sent to the Nationals.



The band Rapid Fire performed at the annual bonfire dance on October 5. (Photo by Steve Schuman)

Scharpenburg tops Hallympics

by Mark Bates

Victories in the Hill Climb, Jello Snarfing, Softball, and Frisbee events led Scharpenburg Hall to an easy victory in the RHA-sponsored "Hallympics."

The games were held the first three full weeks of school. The victors leveled their opposition enroute to four victories in the six events and a grand total of 22 points.

The Apartments, totally disheveled after being trounced by the other three dorms in the first two events, won two of the next four contests to finish second with 18 points. Mees and Blumberg halls tied for last with trifling scores of 13.

The games consisted of six events with two events held per

week of school. The first two events held were the Hill Climb and the Jello Snarfing contests. The Hill Climb, won by Scharp, consisted of running up the hill by the Union with a sack of Military Science books. Scharp gained the first place share of 5 points, with Mees, Blumberg and the Apts. garnering 3, 2, and 1 points respectively.

The Jello Snarfing game which involved eating jello out of pans without the use of the hands, was also won by Scharpenburg, with the other halls finishing in the same order as the Hill Climb.

The Watermelon Carry was comprised of toting a greased melon around a prescribed course. This event was won by

the Apartments, followed Blumberg, Mees, and finally Scharpenburg. Scharpenburg won the softball tournament held the same week as the Watermelon carry. Scharp won both of its games to add 5 points to its score, while the Apartments finished second, Blumberg third, and Mees last.

The final week featured the Frisbee Toss and the Trivia game. Tossing a frisbee around the perimeter of the big lake was the object of the frisbee toss, an event won by Scharpenburg, with the Apartments in second, Mees third, and Blumberg last.

The final event, a trivia contest, was won by the Apartments, with Blumberg, Mees, and Scharp finishing behind.

As a result of their victory every person in Scharpenburg Hall will receive a T-shirt which symbolizes the victory in the Hallympics.



RHA plans to show "Coma" Sunday night

On Sunday, the Residence Hall Association will present another in its series of fine movies. In the spirit of the Halloween season, the movie this week will be the fast-paced thriller, "Coma."

Many patients are admitted to Memorial Hospital for "minor surgery." However, they never wake up again after suffering irreversible brain damage. They lapse into a coma and never recover. After a young resident doctor's best friend becomes a victim of irreversible brain damage after her minor surgery, she begins to believe that it is more than just a coincidence that at least a dozen other

patients had suffered the same hideous tragedy.

Her boyfriend and the hospital administrator become upset as she searches for a pattern to the deaths. The suspense heightens as her investigation leads her to a grisly institute filled with hanging cadavers which is the key to the mystery.

The movie stars Genevieve Bujold as the spunky young doctor, Michael Douglas as her ambitious boyfriend, Elizabeth Ashley, and Richard Widmark.

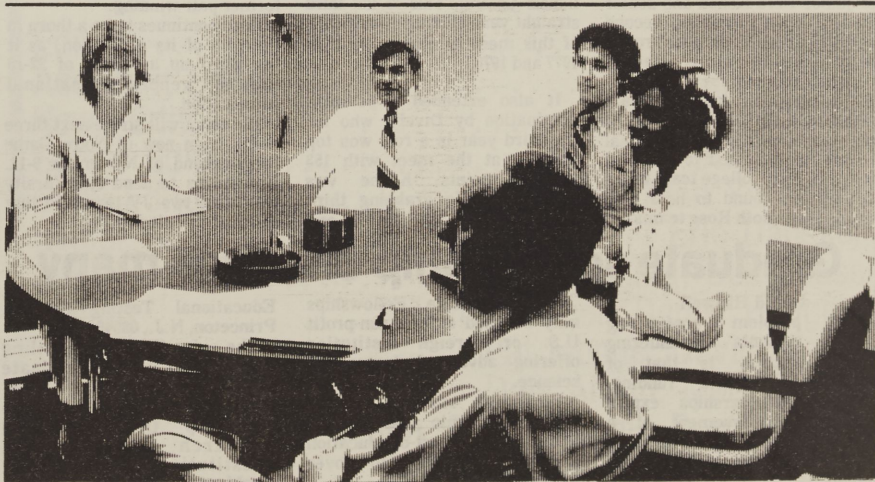
This first-rate thriller in the tradition of Alfred Hitchcock will be shown at 7:30 p.m. It will be screened in room B-119.

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A WEEKLY CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Oct. 27	Football, Rose vs. Centre, Phil Brown Field, 1:30 P.M.
Saturday, Oct. 27	Rifle, Rose vs. Notre Dame, Rose-Hulman
Saturday, Oct. 27	Cross Country, Rose vs. Sewanee College, RHIT, 11:00 A.M.
Saturday, Oct. 27	Soccer, Rose at Earlham, Earlham, 11:00 A.M.
Sunday, Oct. 28	RHA Film, "Coma," RHIT, B-119, 7:30 P.M.
Monday, Oct. 29	Art Exhibit Opening, Wabash College, Humanities Center, 8 P.M.
Tuesday, Oct. 30	Intramural Cross Country Meet, Phil Brown Field, 4:30 P.M.
Thurs., Fri., Sat., Nov. 1, 2, 3	Soccer, CAC Tournament, Southwestern at Memphis
Saturday, Nov. 3	Football, Rose vs. Sewanee, Phil Brown Field, 1:30 P.M.
Saturday, Nov. 3	Rifle, Rose vs. Ohio State, Ohio State
Saturday, Nov. 3	Cross Country, CAC Championship RHIT, 11:00 A.M.
Sat.-Sun., Nov. 3-4	Orienteering Meet, U.S. Nationals, New York, New York
Saturday, Nov. 10	Football, Rose vs. Southwestern, Southwestern at Memphis
Saturday, Nov. 10	Rifle, Walsh Invitational
Sunday, Nov. 11	Invitational
Sunday, Nov. 11	RHA Film, "Paper Chase," RHIT, B-119, 7:30 P.M.

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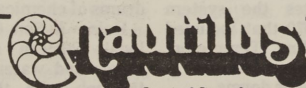
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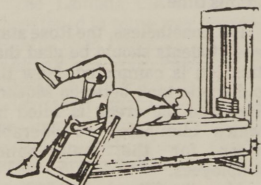
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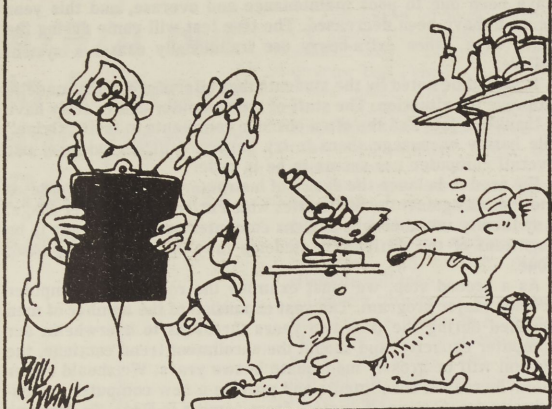
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Soccer team tops St. Meinrad's

The Rose soccer team took on two opponents last week, and came away with their first win of the season for their efforts.

On Wednesday the team travelled to Principia to encounter a team they will play later in the CAC championships in Memphis.

The game turned out to be a very physical one, with neither team gaining an advantage in the early going. Midway through the first half Prin scored with a long shot that deflected off Rose fullback Steve Wirtz and into the goal.

Early in the second period another Rose miscue resulted in another tainted goal for the Indians. Rose goalie Ray Farmer and fullback Tom Reetker collided going for the ball, and neither intercepted it as it trickled into the goal.

Although both teams had some good chances, neither scored

until Prin netted another off a corner kick to make the final 3-0. Rose will seek revenge on neutral turf in the conference playoffs.

Coach Rendel feels that the experience gained in this game will enable the team to defeat Prin in Memphis. Wednesday's game was really much closer than the score indicates.

While the rest of the school had the day off, the soccer team played St. Meinrad's on Friday. The squad was only too happy to make the long round trip after recording a 1-0 victory.

Throughout the entire game the Engineers kept St. Meinrad's bottled up in their own end, but were unable to push across the marker that would give them the lead.

Although St. Meinrad's did not have a good scoring opportunity during the entire game, after the

Rose picked on winless Earlham to record their fourth consecutive victory in impressive fashion last Saturday at Phil Brown Field. Senior Kurt Pfanstiel passed for one touchdown and ran for another to lead the Engineers to a 31-0 win.

Pfanstiel, who has been starting quarterback for the last four games, was injured at the close of the first half. The injury occurred as he dove for a touchdown and was speared in the ribs. X-rays were taken, but his condition was still unknown after the game.

Last year the Quakers spoiled a 4-1-1 start for the Engineers, and they were not about to let it happen again. Rose got on the board quickly, with Pfanstiel passing 14 yards to Novacek for a touchdown only 7:24 from the opening kickoff.

Greg Peak missed the PAT, and the remainder of the quarter was dominated by defense, leaving Rose with a 6-0 lead going into the second quarter.

It was the Rose defense that

regulation 90 minutes the match was still scoreless. For the third time this season the Engineers were forced into an overtime.

This time Rose did not let the game slip away. During the first ten minute period forward Jim Murduck headed in a corner kick.

It was his first goal of the season after contributing several assists earlier, and the only score Rose would need with St. Meinrad's continuing futility on the offensive end. Tom Roetker also scored, but his goal came just after the buzzer, and was disallowed.

The team looks forward to a good week of practice with this win under their belts. They will travel to Earlham to face last year's Ind.-Ill. conference champs tomorrow, and will end the season next weekend in the CAD conference tournament in Memphis.

Pfanstiel leads Rose to 31-0 win

came up with the next score. Wolodkiewicz and Bogaert sacked the quarterback at his own nine, and on the very next play Kitchens picked off a pass at the 17 and ran down the sideline for the score. Pfanstiel ran the ball over for the conversion, and the Engineers led 14-0.

The defense continued to dominate, as Ben Brian recovered a fumble on the next Earlham possession. Nothing came of this opportunity, but the offense managed to convert after Schramm intercepted a pass with only 1:28 remaining in the half.

Pfanstiel moved the ball to the two, and dived over from there himself with just 12 seconds to play. It was on this play that the Engineer quarterback was hurt. Peak's kick made the score 21-0 at the half.

During the second half the defense did not let up. The Quakers were not allowed to cross the Engineer 30-yard line and the entire second half, even with the liberal substitution Coach Touchton employed.

Meanwhile, the Rose offense continued to pile up points. Jay Cassidy ran the ball six consecutive times to move the ball 36 yards and into field goal range. Peak's 36-yard boot midway through the third quarter put Rose up by 24.

The next Earlham drive ended in an interception, and the offense again turned the mistake into a touchdown. With Dan Haas at quarterback, and the offensive

line blowing out Earlham defenders, the Engineers moved surely downfield.

Haas passed nine yards to Mark Kafuman for the tally. Peak's conversion made the score 31-0, and was the last point of the day.

The last quarter was simply an exercise for the Rose substitutes, and many of them did rather well. Bob Stanley came up with an interception and fumble recovery on consecutive Earlham possessions.

Jim Krieg also had an interception, giving the Engineers a total of five for the game. Wolodkiewicz had the other Rose theft earlier.

The offensive line played a solid game. The Engineers used three quarterbacks, and none were sacked. In addition, the line opened up gaping holes in the Earlham defense, enabling the backs to rush for 212 yards in 47 carries.

Cassidy was the leading Rose rusher with 68 yards, while Kaufman led the receivers. Pfanstiel passed for 67 yards with 6 of 11, and Haas had 61 yards, completing three of six passes.

Tomorrow Rose will take on Centre, and needs a win to retain a share of the CAC conference lead. Last year the team scored in the final seconds at Centre to win by a 21-29 score. Coach Touchton foresees a good game against a good team, reminding, "They'll be out to get us after last year."

Rose runners ready for final three meets

The Rose-Hulman Cross Country team has completed its dual-meet season with a 7-2 record and is preparing for three additional scheduled meets.

Coach Jim Hargis feels the team has improved significantly since last year and predicts an even stronger winning record for the future.

Hargis pointed out that last year at Purdue the team finished 21st out of 22 teams. "This year we improved ten places, placing 11th out of 20. We are trying to be in the top seven," Hargis said.

Hargis cited examples of the team's improvement. "In the Hokum-Karem meet at Wabash we finished third out of nine competing teams. In the Danville Invitational we were second out of ten, the DePauw Invitational placed us third in nine, the Hanover Invitational ended with us third in ten."

Meets coming up are the Siena Heights College Meet at Adrian, Mich., Sat., Oct. 27; the College Athletic Conference meet at Rose, Sat., Nov. 3; and the NCAA Division III Regional Meet at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio,

Sat., Nov. 10.

The top four teams and the first five finishers in the NCAA Division III Regional Meet will advance to the NCAA III Championships. A total of 30 teams will compete for this honor.

Hargis predicts that Mike O'Brien, a freshman from Grand Island, Nev., will be among the first five finishers. O'Brien has been the top runner for Rose all season. His best time is 25 minutes, 35 seconds in the 8,000 meter or five-mile run.

A "walk-on" runner from Black River Falls, Wisc., E. J. Rosenberg, is in the number two position. "He just showed up one day and said, 'Hey, I think I'll run,'" Hargis said. Rosenberg has been running ever since, his best time being 25 minutes, 35 seconds in the five-mile stretch.

Other team members making a strong showing this season include: John Whitaker, Terre Haute sophomore; John Smith, Orleans freshman; Dean Billheimer, Pendleton sophomore; Steve Schnell, Jeffersonville freshman; and Vince Foushee, Lanesville senior.

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EDITORIAL

Of crashing computers and screaming students

No student can graduate from Rose-Hulman without using the computer. In the introductory computer programming course, CS 100, and later in advanced courses in each major, students are required to utilize various aspects of the computer and learn its abilities. Although we can hardly claim to be experts, the number of complaints about the computer signify that there are serious problems involved with the 11/70 system.

As computers become a part of more and more industrial processes, each Rose curriculum requires more and more computer analysis to prepare their students for their careers. Not only are specific computer courses scheduled, but many other classes require the use of the computer on homework problems. When this usage is coupled with CS100 programs and the work of computer science majors, a severe burden is placed on our current computer capacity.

Student complaints about the machine fall generally into three areas: accessibility, time, and reliability. Although steps have been taken to respond to all of these questions, none of the problems has been solved.

The complaint most commonly heard involves accessibility: essentially the number of terminals available for student use. It is true that during popular hours, a terminal is often impossible to find. This problem is exacerbated during the final weeks of the quarter, when it is difficult to find a point of access at any time, even the early morning or late evening. This is obviously an unnecessary burden upon students.

The simple solution — more terminals — has been used to its utmost. The present computer machinery can't handle more terminals. So, an addition to the system should be purchased to allow the use of more input terminals, a step which is rumored to be in process right now.

Students also complain about the time it takes to use the computer. These protests can be grouped into two areas which correspond to specific computer functions: storage space and computing time.

The limitations on storage in an individual account are often troublesome, but there is little way to avoid such restrictions. By the end of last spring, almost every single unit of storage was in use, and an intolerable situation had developed. Hence, student storage had to be further cut back, which means more retyping for students and more delays while files are relinked and recompiled.

The lack of processing space means very slow response during peak periods. Delays are often so great that students bring other homework to do while the computer responds to their commands. With limited storage space, this problem is compounded since students have no space to store compiled programs and must recompile each time a program is used. Overcoming the slow response problem will be difficult, since it is a function of the com-

puter itself, and not its associated equipment.

Finally, students complain about reliability: the frequent system "crashes" which seem to occur at the worst possible times. These have been due to poor maintenance and overuse, and this year seem to have been decreased. The true test will come during the tenth week, when extra-heavy use traditionally causes a system failure.

It should be noted by the students that efforts are being made to improve the situation. The staff of the computer center truly have a thankless job, and the often obscene comments in their "Gripe" file hardly encourage them to try harder. Still, a review of our overall computer use seems to be in order.

We need to balance the desire of instructors to use the computer more often against the difficulties which arise from greater usage. Any faculty member who assigns computer problems needs to be cognizant of the difficulties students may have in getting them done.

As a second step, we must examine the role of our computer science major program. The vast expansion of the number of men enrolled during the past two years threatens to overwhelm our computer capacity, and should the enrollment trend continue, the system will be grossly inadequate in two years. We should either allow increased enrollments and provide a new computer, or discourage prospective CS majors from coming to Rose. To continue admitting students without improving facilities is hardly fair.

Recent steps to "clean up" the computer center should be encouraged. Banning "GAMES" was an important psychological step, and the improved appearance of the center and those using it make it a far more desirable place to work. The computer staff deserves commendation for this action.

The problem of poor repair service could be overcome by hiring our own expert to handle such problems. He could do routine maintenance and make emergency repairs, which would avoid the use of unreliable and often inefficient servicemen. The cost of paying such a person would easily be made up through increased service.

Finally, the bottom line of the whole problem — money — should be addressed. We need a new computer, but the dollars just aren't available. Certainly, this should be a higher priority than many aspects of the Master Plan. A special fund-raising campaign for the center might be undertaken. Or, if necessary, a portion of the endowment could be diverted to this purchase, with the proviso that the money be repaid over time. Regardless of how it is done, this money needs to be spent.

Computer use is essential to Rose and to the education of Rose students. As it now stands, this isn't being done very well. A concerted effort is required to make the real improvements necessary to solve the problem.

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The cartel strikes!

by W. S. Porter

It came to pass in the year of the Prophet 1399 that Beauregard Sam, the Shah of Shahs, declared the "new economics." Henceforth and forever more, all disciples would pay for that which they received if they obtained more than 18 units per quarter. Gone was the ancient and venerable tradition of uniform pricing.

Although the fedayeen did protest initially, and filled the halls and lounges with screams for holy war, calm soon returned to the lonely campus in the trees.

But the Shah's actions had set the wheels in motion, and the next year there evolved the concept of "differential pricing." Logically extending Sam's argument from not only "how much" one got to also "how good" one got, a group proposed charging more for popular courses.

The wise Shah, fearful of further angering the fedayeen, declined to act. But the most affected group, collectively known as the "HSLs," pressed their demands, arguing that good courses, as indicated by popularity, should cost more.

To get their way, HSLs formed the Organization of Superb Humanities Instructors and Teachers, which soon became known by the acronym "OSHIT." They then embargoed the distribution of all credit for HSLs courses.

Panic ensued in the Tumbledown Administration Building. Accreditations were revoked, seniors could not graduate, and enrollment declined precipitously. The Shah at last had to give in.

The Shiek Abdul Ibn Saud Diemer of the august state of Polisci doubled the price of his ever-popular courses. His Excellency the Grand Duke of Patrick followed for his psych-out program.

The leaders of the small but powerful state of Mathecon, as the only degree-granting power, quadrupled their rates, and proclaimed their love of the free market system.

But the most powerful part of OSHIT was the sub-cartel ONWET (Organization of Non-Western Exporting Teachers). Since all students needed a Non-West, they had powerful leverage, and could charge whatever they asked, knowing that job-crazed seniors would pay any price.

So, ONWET established the following price, known as the "marker price" for a Non-Western course: one auto, one stereo, two three-piece suits, 20 used textbooks (no Graphics, please), and thirty back copies of "Playboy."

The effects of all this soon became clear. Students sold off all their possessions, stripped their dorm rooms, and finally auctioned off the dorms themselves. The once-mighty Rose students now lived in surplus ROTC tents, ate the leaves of trees, and guarded their "In-

dian Literature" books with their lives.

And so, by the year of the Prophet 1402, a mere three solar cycles after Sam's original decree, the situation was so bad

that the course "Political and Economic Development of the Third World" used the Rose student body as an example of a group so impoverished as to be beyond help.

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