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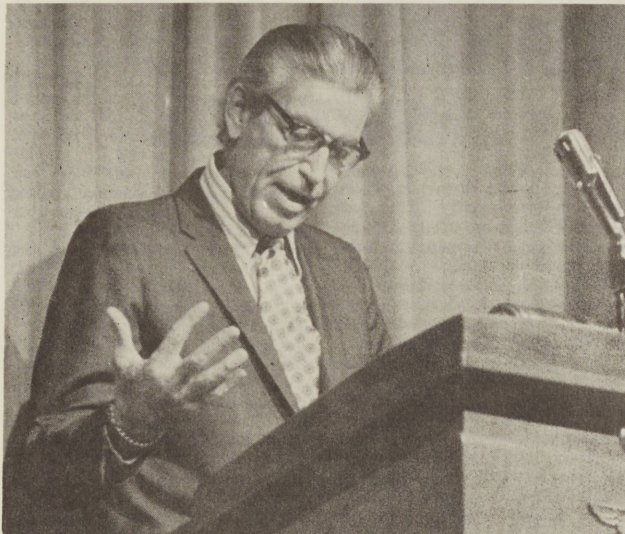
## DR. LOGAN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF AIEC

Dr. John A. Logan, president of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, was elected president of the Association of Independent Engineering Colleges during the association's recent annual meeting at the California Institute of Technology.

Formed to further the interests of non-public engineering schools, AIEC is comprised of 15 of the nation's finest engineering colleges.

Member institutions are Caltech, Carnegie-Mellon, Case Western, Clarkson, Cooper Union, Drexel, Harvey Mudd, Illinois Institute of Technology, Lehigh, M.I.T., Brooklyn Polytechnic, Rensselaer Polytechnic, Rose-Hulman, Stevens and Worcester Polytechnic.

Dr. Logan, a world-renowned environmental health engineer as well as being one of the nation's most respected engineering educators, has been active in the AIEC



since becoming president of Rose-Hulman in 1962.

He served as secretary of the association from 1966 to 1970 and continued the duties as secretary of the AIEC the first year of a term as vice president of the organization.

In addition to his work with the AIEC, Dr. Logan is active in the American Society of Civil Engineers (former national chairman of the committee on research), the National Academy of Engineers (a member of the projects and transportation committees), Indiana Conference of Higher Education (president, 1970-1971), World Health Organization, the Agency for International Development of the U.S. State Department, and numerous other professional, educational, honorary and service organizations.

Dr. Logan will serve as president of the Association of Independent Engineering Colleges through the fall of 1973.

## B'CASTING CLUB BUSY DURING HOMECOMING

This year's Homecoming found the Broadcasting Club running around with little cassette recorders, shoving microphones into faces, gathering material for periodic airing over WFRF throughout Saturday of Homecoming weekend. President Logan and Dean Moench are a few of the administrators and faculty who voiced their opinions on Homecoming institutions such as the bonfire and alumni. The football game was also carried live over WFRF by Dave Scheidt, Doug Smith and Randy Gleising; and Lanny Walter taped some choice material from happy alumni at Happy Hour. If you were too busy that weekend going to dances and bonfires to hear "Homecoming '71" over WFRF, a reairing of some of the more choice material is scheduled for this Monday at 6:00 p.m. over WRTR.

## SEE WHAT DEVELOPS

by Marc Skeel

Keyholders of the Rose Camera Club received a rude surprise recently when they went to the darkroom in the basement of Speed Hall. A new lock has been installed, and not even the conventional master keys will persuade it to open. This move has been made for several reasons, according to Stephen Moseson, president of the club. A number of Nikkor stainless steel developing tanks, as well as several stainless steel developing reels were taken from the darkroom in addition to an Ansco type enlarging meter last year, and the new lock is the avert any other happenings of this sort. Members of the club may check out the new sixteen-tumbler key from Bob Uhl (Triangle House), Bruce Van Kempena (207 Blumberg) or Stephen Moseson (312 Blumberg). The member signs his name, the time taken out and the time returned on a special sheet provided. The key is never checked out over night. Said Moseson, "We may be a little grumpy at one or two in the morning, but we'll be happy to get the key back." On occasion spot checks are made of the darkroom after return of the key, as a precaution against pilferage or damage to the equipment. Another requisite for darkroom use is cleanliness and signs that remind users to replace lens cap and cover on the new Omega enlarger and to keep chemical trays and tanks rinsed are posted throughout the darkroom. In addition to the pilferage incurred last year, one of the better enlarging easels was nearly ruined by carelessness. It appears that either fixer or stop bath (both acidic solutions) was spilled on the easel. When this went uncorrected, the easel rusted, and now, because of the rust-spotted surface, composing and focusing is difficult, to say the least. New equipment purchases are being considered by Moseson, and last week a ballot was distributed via campus mail to query whether the club members would advocate the purchase of new Nikkor tanks and reels with the dues money already collected. (\$2 per student.) These cost between \$15 and \$30, depending on the size purchased, and since some of the club members shoot film in large quantities, at least one large tank would be useful. According to Moseson, as soon as the student government allots money for the operation of the club, he will consider buying another enlarging meter, which would

## TAU BETA PI ELECTIONS

by Doug Hileman

Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society, recently announced fourteen new members from the Rose campus. Twelve seniors were elected: Rich Brunner, Miguel Chen, Dean Ford, Ken Kopecky, Glen Lash, C. Jeff Martins, Terry Nelson, William Odefy, Rich Pasco, Joel Sanders, Phil Wyssling and Herb Young. The two juniors were Jim Hastings and Gary Kelm.

Tau Beta Pi was founded in 1885 at Lehigh University to offer appropriate recognition for superior scholarship and exemplary character to technical students and professional persons. An engineering student must rank in the upper eighth of his junior class or the upper fifth of his senior class to be eligible for the Association. Students must have exceptional character and their interests must be many and varied.

Tau Beta Pi is an honor society. Nationwide, they sponsor such projects as lectures, blood drives, student tutoring, and book drives. The Association grants fellowships and loans to members.

Upon each member's election, they are required to write a non-technical oriented essay. The best one from each chapter is sent on to be judged at a national level. These winners receive cash prizes.

Elections are held twice each year, and more Rose students will be eligible for membership in the spring.

save the members that use the darkroom a great deal of money. By using an enlarging meter, a technically correct print is produced on the first try, rather than on the second or third, which is the case using a trial and error method. Arrangements are being made to transport a group of the old lockers from the main building to the darkroom. This will allow more members locker space and eliminate the need of carrying heavy bottles of chemicals all over campus and down the stairs of Speed Hall. Since these lockers are larger than the ones presently in the darkroom they will probably be utilized by those members who keep a large quantity of chemicals (i.e., those who run color prints and film) vacating the smaller lockers for others, according to Mark Hoecker, Moseson's roommate and fellow camera club member.

## BUSINESS AND ROTC

Today the military in general and the ROTC program at most colleges in the United States in particular have come under sharp attack and criticism from many people in this country. In view of this fact it seems appropriate to look at some of the beneficial aspects of the ROTC program other than its main goal of obtaining a commission in the US Army Reserve. The ROTC program at Rose offers as an additional benefit a unique opportunity to the Rose student who desires a career in business together with a strong engineering background.

Just how would the ROTC program aid such a student? As we all know, the main goal of the ROTC program is to produce officers for the Army Reserve. An officer must be able to lead and influence the actions of the men under him. An officer must be able to organize and manage the men and resources that he has under him efficiently to obtain the best results in all jobs given to his unit. An officer must be able to define and analyze a problem and then arrive at a workable solution for this problem. Moreover, he must be able to supervise his unit properly in accomplishing a job. Finally, an officer must be

confident of his own abilities as a leader and manager of men and confident in dealing with individuals both above and below his level.

The ROTC cadet receives training in the program that is designed to develop the necessary qualities and traits of an officer. For example, in instructor training the cadet learns techniques of organizing material and teaching a class on a military subject. Thus, the cadet receives training in organizing and in learning how to express himself orally both clearly and effectively.

In addition, the cadet gains a tremendous amount of confidence just by getting up in front of a group and doing something. Another example is the training a cadet receives in something as simple as the standard military operations order which is nothing more than a problem analysis. The cadet is given a situation, a mission to accomplish, men, and resources with which he must arrive at a workable solution.

The business applications of all this training should be obvious to all concerned. A business man is nothing more than a manager who must be able to plan, organize, direct, control, and supervise men

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## MUSICAL CONVO

On Tuesday, December 7, the Indiana State University Singers will present a musical program here at Rose. Under the direction of Dr. Ramon Myers, this group of 46 students has been traveling around the area giving concerts to schools and civic groups. The program includes such pieces as "The Chichester Psalms" by Leonard Bernstein and the "Te Deum" of Persichetti. This program, which is sponsored by the Student Activities Board, will be presented at 10:40 a.m. in the auditorium. This is a convo you won't want to miss.



Sigma Nu Wins Homecoming Float Contest.

-Photo by Marc Skeel



"EVERY TRUE STRENGTH IS GAINED IN STRUGGLE"

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### Letter To The Editor

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Student Government, I would like to thank Dr. Logan for taking time to address the student body on Tuesday. I think that the speech was quite informative concerning the state of the institute, and was a good example of the kind of communications which should exist between students, faculty, and administration on this campus.

James H. Graham  
 Student Body President

Dear Editor:

At the beginning of every school year, fraternities go out into the world seeking rushees. At the first sight of an unsuspecting freshman, they pounce on him and start feeding him the old line: "Hi there, I'm Joe Cool. I'm from (name of the fraternity) and what would you like to know about fraternities?" Then you are stuck for four hours and forty-five minutes talking to this cat because you can't get away. This is the way it is during "Rush Period." If you ever need anything done, they have always got a brother or the father of a brother who is an expert on this subject.

This is really a bunch of horse manure. They never mention the fees or the bad points of the fraternities. Someone should tell it like it really is, or better yet, let the freshmen find out for themselves. Yes, the fraternities really come on strong at the beginning of the school year, but are they really doing their fraternities good or harm? I mean, who likes a pushy person? They ought to knock off the horse crap and tell it like it really is.

John Sciolto

Dear Editor:

Sophomore hazing of freshmen is a tradition at Rose-Hulman, especially prior to Homecoming when the freshmen have the responsibility of building the bonfire. However, when this hazing gets out of hand it can be very dangerous and can lead to drastic results.

For example, on the evening of October 20, a Wednesday, the freshmen class rented a U-Haul to transport railroad ties from Snow Hill Mine to Rose. Jack Webb, a freshman, signed for and drove the truck. After two loads of ties Jack was taking the truck back when a group of sophomores, approximately twenty, jumped on the truck. Jack stopped and told them that he was going into town and if they didn't get off he would go straight to the police station. Most of them ignored this threat so Jack started moving again. As he pulled out of Rose onto Wabash most of the sophs jumped off but three remained on the hood.

While driving into town the three sophs were attempting to open the hood. They succeeded after passing Twenty-fifth Street and Jack, not being able to see, had to stop immediately. He almost ran into a post on the side of the road. Quickly, the three sophs ripped off the coil wire, pulled all the wires off the distributor cap, and took off running. Jack and the other freshman in the truck were now stranded in town. The time was approximately 10:30 p.m.

Jack called the police and then John Weaver, another freshman, came into town with his car to bring them back.

Jack, Steve Clauter, and Mike Ference then spent the rest of the night looking for another coil wire and trying to find the firing order of the engine in order to replace the distributor wires. They replaced the coil wire but couldn't determine the firing order because

### EDITORIAL

by C.W.

It's hard to believe, in an age of moon landings and Mars probes, that studios still make those ridiculous grade-B sci-fi flicks, but they do, and so for those of you who like that sort of thing, here is a brief list of some of the recent releases, just for reference. Of course, the plots are as far-fetched as ever. Why anyone puts up with such nonsense is beyond us:

**Invasion from Planet A:** A tiny Asian country is the target of an invasion by a large number of vicious, green-suited creatures who use immensely powerful weapons to strip whole forests bare, incinerate villages, and indiscriminately slaughter thousands of terror-stricken inhabitants.

**The Doomsday Machines:** Carbon-monoxide breathing aliens seeking a new world following destruction of their home planet by a meteor, land on earth and construct huge machines, disguised as automobiles and factories, which emit strange and poisonous substances into the air and water. Their plan to kill of humanity and at the same time make the earth habitable by beings with a sulfur-based metabolism.

**They:** Martians, armed at the pace of American space exploration, replace every top official in the U.S. government with carefully constructed androids programmed to deliberately destroy the country by driving it to economic and social collapse. The only clue to the substitution is the puppets tendency to alliterate and their total inability to tell right from wrong.

the engine. They finally gave up at 2:00 a.m. and returned the next morning to finish the job. Fortunately, they returned the truck within the deadline and weren't charged for extra time.

The freshman class intends to bring this before the Judicial Council and request payment from the sophomore class for the time, trouble and expenses which resulted from the sabotage of the truck. If the Judicial Council won't do anything conclusive then the matter will be taken to the police.

Although this may seem like a lot of fuss over a little incident, actually it's not as simple as it seems.

First, the truck was rented and not owned by a freshman. If it hadn't been fixed luckily it could have produced some long-lasting unpleasant feelings toward Rose.

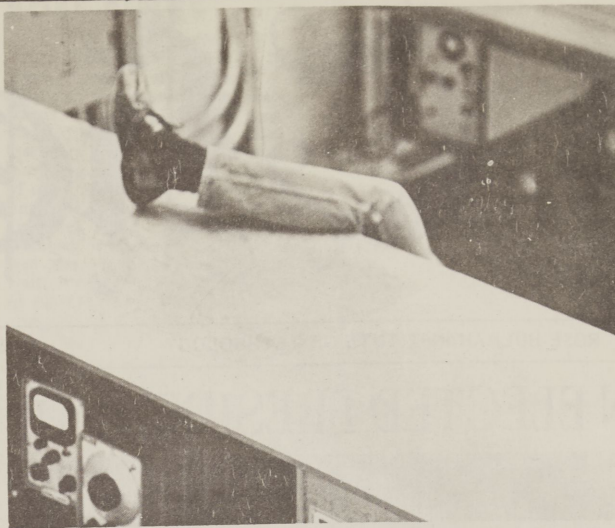
Second, opening the hood while driving down the main street in town and thereby blocking the driver's vision was very foolish and dangerous. Someone could have been killed very easily in a situation such as that.

In the future the sophomores should use more sense in hazing the freshmen and stick to the traditional meaning which is: all in fun.

Mark Schnaith

To the Editor:

The weekend of Homecoming brought an important first to this campus; for the first time, a dance was held on campus to which the students were allowed to bring alcohol. The dance to which I'm referring is the annual Homecoming Dance held on Saturday in the Union. From all indications, the students handled themselves admirably. There was no trouble whatever and everything went very well. I am pleased with the support and cooperation of the Student Body in making this experiment a success. If I might be allowed the pleasure of patting my committee and myself on the back, I think this was the best and most



## TOMMYKNOCKERS

by Bill Strahle

**Item:** About 500 rounds of ammunition were neatly lifted from the ROTC department last Thursday evening. The culprit is lucky that he didn't steal more than he did—theft of a thousand rounds or more requires notification of all law enforcement agencies . . . world wide!

**Dear Editors:** Scott writes the IM sports articles! **Ode to Btos:** How can anyone expect the quality of the present Bio-engineering program to be markedly improved without shaking loose a little cash for more equipment?

**To Whom It May Concern:** There's been a wrecked car or two left around Campus. These unsightly hulks do nothing to enhance the appearance of the Campus to visitors! Yech! **Item:** Have a happy Thanksgiving, Peggy.

**On the Play:** "The Physicists," though not attracting a full house last Friday evening, did have a very fine opening night. Only a couple of blown lines and a touch of overacting kept it from being a flawless performance. If you didn't see it . . . you lose!

**From the Rumor Mill:** The grapevine says that last Friday, a bullet from the rifle range almost came up through the floor into either the interview rooms or the hall. Can you imagine the look on the recruiter's face if he had caught a slug in the seat of his pants?

**On the Coke Machines:** One patient observer reports that five

possibilities exist when a student or faculty member drops his dime into the old Coke machines:

1. Nothing at all happens—the machine sits and glares back at you.

2. An empty cup drops down but no Coke comes out.

3. No cup drops down and the Coke runs down the drain.

4. The Coke runs down the drain, then the cup drops down.

5. Everything works right, but the Coke foams over the edges of the cup so that when the fizz dies down, you're left with half a cup of liquid!

The observer also points out that this phenomenon is not restricted to the Rose Campus.

**Item:** Hi there, Sidney! How'd the party go?

**To Whom It May Concern:** A belated thanks for moving the car that had been left so long on the grass in front of the Triangle House.

**Sports Note:** An enthusiastic Gary Bowman, alias "Garbo," set a new record at Frosty's last Saturday morning. Gary downed five Tandemburgers, beating the old record of three. This feat was witnessed by 23 Fiji brothers, this columnist, a number of truck drivers, and two ambulance attendants. Beside the tremendous publicity and the thrill of setting this new record, Garbo also won a 10c roll of Tums . . .

**Thought:** Looks like this Quarter is ending not with a bang, but with a whimper . . .

S'long until next time, Chi Chi!

## ENTERTAINMENT

by Dave Wanninger

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

TMUB All Campus Talent Show—Variety of Student acts competing for cash prizes (50¢): Tilson Music Hall, 8:00 P.M.

Community Theatre—A DOLL'S HOUSE by Henrik Ibsen, Glenn Harbaugh, Director. Seats reserved by mail or phone the box office 232-7172: 25th & Washington, 8:30 P.M. Also on Saturday evening.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

ISU Convocation Series—Dr. Rollo May, "Love and Will."

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

Rose Convocation Series—ISU Singers: Rose Auditorium, 10:30 A.M.

Movie Information (for weekend—subject to change)

CINEMA I—232-3254—Come Together (R).

CINEMA II—232-3254—Play Misty For Me (R).

GRAND—232-1260—T. R. Baskin (GP).

INDIANA—232-8076—Bless the Beast and the Children (GP).

MEADOWS—232-3090—Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolf (R).

PLAZA—466-9710—Together (X).

Television Sports

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

2:00 P.M.—This Week in Pro Football (CHIO).

4:30 P.M.—Southern California—UCLA (Ch. 2).

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

1:00 P.M.—Houston Oilers at Cincinnati Bengals (Ch. 2).

1:30 P.M.—NFC Detroit at Chicago (Ch. 10).

3:30 P.M.—San Francisco at Los Angeles (Ch. 10).

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

12:30 N—Kansas City Chiefs at Detroit Lions (Ch. 2).

3:00 P.M.—NFC Los Angeles at Dallas (Ch. 10).

2:30 P.M.—Nebraska at Oklahoma (Ch. 2).

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successful Homecoming Dance in recent years.

Mark Murnan, Chairman  
 Student Activities Board

There is no such course as B1 790.

A cocotte is a prostitute.

### Contribution

by Stan Baker

The UN has been plagued by problems from the beginning back in 1945. Policy formulation and interpretation, law enforcement, financing, and membership have all been questions up for grabs at one time or another. Considering the nebulous nature of international law the UN has a remarkable record of accomplishments. It still lacks the decisiveness that constant bickering, deal-making, and debate have taken from it; but without these activities it could not function. Perhaps the UN suffers from too many status seekers, those who feel the need to participate without helping to make that participation more meaningful. Certainly very few of the nations could be cast in the role of peace-maker and peace-keeper at all times. The U.S. has an unquestionably major role in the UN, and some nations argue that it exerts an undue influence. American officials would probably argue that the U.S. as a "great nation" is bound to be deeply involved in international affairs. In any case the relationship between the U.S. and the UN has in recent weeks come into critical focus.

Upon the vote to admit China to the UN the U.S. felt its foreign policy being sneered at, and so compelled to re-establish its pre-eminent importance in the eyes of all. Unfortunately a vote on the continued membership of Taiwan was the wrong thing to choose as a battleground. After the vote was counted and Taiwan had been officially unseated the reality of the unpopularity of American foreign policy among the member nations must finally have dawned on the U.S. delegation. What the future holds in store for the UN is quite a mystery. In the wake of the tumult, there have been many irresponsible statements issued from the U.S. government (this administration has supplied a steady stream) concerning the failure of the UN to uphold American policy, but hopefully these are only the result of wrathful indignation and not meant seriously.

The futures of the UN, China, and the United States have been irrevocably changed by recent events, and dynamicism on the international scene seems once again possible. America needs to realize that its dogmatic exclusion of China from the UN was rather short sighted. The choice of refusing to recognize a political unit of nearly one billion people is unrealistic. Now, the U.S. should take a step on its own and establish official diplomatic relations with China. Pending the Nixon visit the time seems ripe. China on the other hand should greet its new UN membership with sincere efforts to promote world peace and better understanding among all

nations (if these two are not mutually exclusive). Our expectations of China's behavior should not be imbedded in the faith of our fathers, namely, the belief in the superiority of American military, political, and religious dogmas; we cannot continue shouting unilateral hurrahs. Instead we need to scrutinize the actions of China in a context of the dynamics among nations which its UN membership is bound to cause. As for the UN, I believe troubled waters lie ahead, but if the majority rule continues to make itself felt perhaps a truly world-wide representative organization will be possible. The UN should not be used by any nation or bloc of nations as a tool or a plaything, and the UN must be strong enough to prevent this. One of the wisest things the UN could attempt would be the reseating of the Taiwan delegation, not as representative for all of China, but for the small portion it really is. The complications behind this are enormous but the forced exclusion of the Taiwan representatives would be a purely political and quite unjustified in the light of the UN's ostensible function.

An Indian near the Nevada bomb testing grounds was sending smoke signals to his friend when an atomic blast sent him flying into a ditch 20 yards away. The Indian pulled himself together in time to see smoke billow out into the sky. He watched with silent awe for a moment and said: "Wow, I wish I'd said that!"



## HOMECOMING IS

by Bob Rendaci

(An over-all look at the RHIT Civil War...)

Homecoming is the return of old graduates, football games, election of queens, dances and bonfires. This applies to most schools and colleges. For the most part this is true of Rose-Hulman, but it certainly does not end there.

During the fall, a week before Homecoming, the Rose campus literally turns into a small battlefield. A Civil War arises between the Freshmen and the Sophomores.

This year, according to our counselors, the class of "75," set a new high for the cost of damages. The estimated total was twenty-five hundred dollars in damages.

At Freshmen Orientation Monday, we picked our homecoming chairman, Steve Clauter. The

Freshman class is responsible for the traditional bonfire and then Steve and his chairmen took charge of the plans. The defense chairman made up a schedule for the groups to guard the railroad ties used for the fire. Each floor of a dorm was assigned a certain night.

The war officially started on Tuesday when the first load of railroad ties arrived. The sophomores made use of a little creek next to the tie-dump. They managed to throw about twenty ties into the creek. This action showed us that our line of defense was somewhat to be desired. Our defense chairman changed the schedule and from that moment the men from one dormitory would have to guard the ties.

Since the ties were being guarded so well, the sophomores decided to attack B.S.B., the dorm that was on guard that night. The sophomores plugged up the shower drains and turned on the water. Since no one noticed what had happened, by six o'clock the next morning, the first floor was covered with two or three inches of water. It was at this time that several of the freshmen discovered water damage to their personal belongings.

The same day the freshmen made a counter-attack. Blumberg Hall was their target and the water treatment was used again. This dormitory was not quite as water tight and the water seeped through the floor and into the ceiling of the floor below. This was our first major damage and it was brought to the attention of our floor counselor. He informed us that if we pulled another stunt like that again, we would have to face the consequences.

We still felt that our defense lacked something. That extra

something was a catapult. It proved useful for long range attacks. It was composed of several feet of elastic cord and three freshmen. Two men were used to hold each end and the other man pulled back the sling. After several trials, they became fairly accurate with this new weapon. The ammunition was mud balls and the target was one of the sophomore dorms. Our first attempt was fatal for one of the dorm windows. This resulted in the end of long range warfare for both sides.

This year the sophomores were not the only enemy. Men from Indiana State also got into the action. This was brought on by the pre-burning of States' bonfire by the Rose freshmen earlier this year. The State men succeeded in starting a fire, but it was extinguished before it got out of control.

On Wednesday morning, just prior to our second period classes, the sophomores wrecked the ties that had been erected for the bonfire. This was to have been the last of the sophomores' attacks, but it was not accepted by the freshmen. Thursday afternoon the ties were put back into place and the bonfire took shape. Thursday evening and Friday morning the freshmen retaliated by throwing water balloons at the sophomores. At one o'clock a wreck occurred on campus as a result of the balloon throwing and that action was brought to a halt.

The moment finally arrived for the bonfire and it was termed a huge success.

Even though homecoming is over for this year, the class of "75" is better prepared for the homecoming next year.

## THE VFW FILM FESTIVAL

by Ron Selby

Occasionally one of the Rose fraternities takes part in a showing of art films (commonly called "stage flicks"). A typical example was the stage flick film fest, which took place at the local VFW post early last September.

The showings were scheduled to begin at 10:00 p.m., so preparations started at the house about 8:30. These preparations consisted mainly of getting drunk. To accomplish this, the members played a game called "Indian." In this game, everyone sits in a circle, with a mug full of some liquor, usually beer, in front of him. Each person is given a sign; an extended middle finger, for example, which he must remember. Most of these signs refer to male or female genitalia, some facet of human reproduction, or the elimination of bodily wastes. When everyone has a sign, the game is started by the shout, "What's the name of the game?" and the response "Indian!" One person gives his sign, and then the sign of someone else. That second person flashes his sign again, and then gives the sign of someone else. The object of the game is to give someone's sign so quickly that he doesn't recognize it, and fails to respond. When this happens, he must drink from his mug. If he misses his sign three times, he has to "chug" what's left in his mug. Periodically everyone has a "social drink," to insure that everybody has the chance to get drunk. After an hour or so, all participants were sufficiently lubricated, and the group headed for the VFW post.

At the door we were met by two fat, old men, who has the look of ex-marines about them. They directed us toward another pair of doors, which opened into a smoke-filled auditorium. In it were crammed several hundred people, so that the average density was about four per square yard. Some appeared to be businessmen, while others were obviously laborers. There was also a large number of longhaired college students. Beer was being sold to anyone who had 20 cents, and huge jugs of wine were also being passed around. Nearly everyone was drunk, and it was easy to see why after the flicks started.

There were six films, each 16 minutes long, and a reprieve of several minutes between each. The first was rather funny because it was so gross, and the second was slightly amusing for the same reason. By the third, the only thing funny was the shouts of derision from the audience. The rest got progressively more sickening, so that by number five, when everyone was nearly sober, we had become supersaturated with skin. Many people had left already, and our group followed suit. I could easily understand why most guys go only once to such a film festival.

The unknown assailants ventured into our dorm and secretly plugged the shower drains with paper towels and then turned the showers on. This eventually caused a flood of four first floor rooms. The occupants of the water wonderlands were Bill Sinex and Keith Rieder, Jeff Wilson and myself, Marc Modisett and Al Jeyschune, and Steve Axe and Dave Gibson.

Luckily the damage was light in most of the rooms. In ours the only things wet were suitcases, a few errant clothing items, and a few cardboard boxes that were lying on the floor. Marc and Al had only rugs and clothing soaked. Bill and Keith had albums

## (Advertisement)

by David Vail

HS331 Topics in Literature (Prof. Parshall): It's a course I took this quarter. Wow. You might like it. Maybe I'll even write about it in *The Thorn*. Yea; I think, I will.

Class meets once a week for two hours, plus approximately one two-page paper to write per week and 80 pages to read. For four credits. Just another one of those silly pud hum jobs?

Not true! What is it, then? I sometimes imagine it to be an organized effort to uncover the Mind. Then sometimes I perceive it to be a simple quiet session of collective Discovery, understanding the fantastically powerful tales that we read. But it is more, still, than what we read, or what we write, or what we say. It is the temptation of that unseen beauty of what we read and all we see, laying beneath the surface, just beyond reach. Beauty inside beauty. All gathered together, into a powerful, illuminating Concept.

This quarter, for instance, we read among other works a piece by Franz Kafka, "The Metamorphosis." A story about a guy who wakes up and discovers he's transformed into a giant cockroach. What a bummer, but kind of silly, right? I mean it never happens. There of course are perfectly logical natural laws which say "absolutely not possible." But these Laws—who says they are permanent-always-for-sure, and are just as real as they appear? How can we say anything of existence or logic, really? We are just sort of randomly born onto a minor planet for an instant, for who-knows-what-purpose, then to die! Our petty science, our shallow logic, are irrelevant. We are at the mercy of the universe, and it is only a whim that we—any one of us—don't wake up as a horrible vermin. Kafka writes, and you feel the same horror he felt, that terrible impotence when confronted with these unanswerable questions. The entire universe is like a car without a driver, careening wildly off to nowhere—with a rock on the gas pedal. You try to maybe look out the window, to see where we're all headed: but the windows are mirrors, and you only see your own reflection!

Other stories. Told without a wasted word, told meaningfully at several levels, with the total impact of a sledge hammer.

But maybe you are like I had been: rather uninvolved and unimpressed with "Literature," recalling with horror the grind of high school English. Yep!! it really was as bad as you remember; Prof. Parshall will set you straight on that. He instead sees his job as one of relevance, to show you the sledge hammer and how it works. Lit becomes not grind, but sheer overwhelming power.

Perhaps you might wish to try out this course next quarter, get a hum elective out of the way, and find out what lit is really like.

To take the course next quarter, however, means speaking up now; because due to low preregistration, it probably will be canned until at least third quarter. Send a note to the head of the humanities department (Mr. Dyer) thru campus mail TODAY, stating your intention. It will be a help to all those interested.

on the floor. Although I have not heard of the condition of the albums, the covers were a complete loss. Steve and Dave had the greatest chance for expensive damage. Dave's stereo tape player was setting in two inches of water. Fortunately no damage was caused inside the stereo. Although Steve did have soggy boots nothing else of his was damaged. If not for Tony's returning to the dorm much more damage could have resulted.

When everyone whose rooms had been flooded were awake our counselor, Rick "the Stud" Keeven, was summoned to the scene. Rick then woke Bill Hathaway, one of our soph advisers. These two, Tom Myerick, BSB cutodian, and those who were involved quickly set about cleaning up the mess.

The giant vacuum cleaners used to clean the floor were used to suck up the water. By the end of second hour the greater part of water had been either mopped up or vacuumed up.

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"Have you guys looked at your floor?" asked Tony.

"What's wrong with our floor? Oh? What happened?"

You may be asking the same question. What did happen? Well, during the night or the early morning hours (my speculation is these evil-doers were sophs) visited our dorm and attempted to convert BSB into an indoor pool.



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## THE SILENT EPIDEMIC

There is a silent epidemic in the United States. In recent years, gonorrhea has reached epidemic proportions in this country and has become the Nation's number one reportable communicable disease. The other major venereal disease—syphilis—once thought to be coming under control, is on the rise again.

The cases of gonorrhea have increased three-fold since 1955, affecting more Americans than measles, whooping cough, encephalitis and tuberculosis combined. More than two million Americans were affected last year by venereal disease. Half of these cases were young people under 25 years of age.

One of the major problems facing health authorities is that most cases of VD are never reported. Hence, outbreaks often go unchecked and the chain of VD may spread rapidly—from only one infected person—to scores of people in many different cities and states. Many patients, out of ignorance or shame, may neglect to report their symptoms to the doctors. Many doctors, when they do see such cases, may not report them to public health authorities in an effort to shield the patient from embarrassment, thus allowing the infection chain to continue.

The consequences of untreated cases of syphilis and gonorrhea are extremely serious. Untreated syphilis can result in insanity, paralysis, blindness, deafness, heart disease and death. The results of untreated gonorrhea can be sterility, arthritis, and blindness. If a pregnant woman contracts syphilis and is not treated, she can pass the disease on to her unborn child. The death rate among these babies is high—three million since 1900.

Except in rare cases or in the case of the unborn child, the only way a person can be infected with VD is through sexual contact. Venereal disease is not spread by water, food, or air. Gonorrhea or syphilis cannot be contracted from toilet seats, door handles, drinking fountains or eating utensils.

Since venereal disease incidence has reached more than two million a year, and since half of all cases of infectious venereal disease in the United States are young people under 25 years of age, it is

apparent that a disease—and silent epidemic—is underway in this Nation and that the young are mainly the victims.

Obviously, the problem calls for a three-sided attack—education, prevention and treatment. There is a lot less information about VD around than there is the disease itself. There are antibiotics that can cure VD and there are preventative measures that can stop it, yet the disease incidence is epidemic.

Public knowledge about the cause, treatment and prevention of venereal disease is one of the most effective weapons available to stamp out the scourge. A control program must start with an informed public—people who understand how VD is contracted, are aware of its consequences and are willing to support education, treatment and prevention programs.

VD causes blindness and blind ignorance can cause VD. The pharmacists of our community are devoting their annual observance of National Pharmacy Week, October 3-9, to a campaign of education, prevention and treatment information on venereal disease. Visit your pharmacist or Vigo County Health Department. Get the facts on VD.

### EDITOR'S FACT SHEET ON VENEREAL DISEASE

What is VD?

—VD is the term used for venereal disease. The two most common forms of VD are syphilis and gonorrhea. Other less common venereal diseases are chancroid, granuloma, inguinale, and lymphogranuloma venereum.

—It is estimated that last year more than 2 million Americans were treated for VD. It is feared

that this figure will continue to climb in 1971.

—Young people under 25 years of age account for more than half of all cases of infectious venereal disease in the United States.

—Incidence of gonorrhea reached an all time high last year, with an estimated 2.3 million cases—up 16 per cent over the previous year.

—Incidence of infectious syphilis, although on the decline earlier in the past decade, is on the rise again, with an estimated 81,000 cases treated last year. Since 1900, syphilis has taken the lives of three million babies and one million adults in the United States. During the same period, the various forms of syphilis claimed the lives of 100 million people throughout the world. In contrast, the frightful bubonic plague that struck Europe in the 16th century killed 25 million people.

How is VD Transmitted?

—Except in rare instances, the only way a person can be infected

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## BUSINESS AND ROTC

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and resources under him. In addition, a businessman must have the confidence in dealing with others so that his superiors, peers, and subordinates will develop confidence in his judgment and abilities. How valuable then might ROTC training be for the prospective businessman?

Upon graduation an ROTC cadet receives his commission, but his training applicable to business does not end here. The ROTC gradu-

ate is required to serve a maximum of two years on active duty, during which time he will more than likely be a Platoon Leader. A Platoon Leader will have direct responsibility for anywhere from thirty to fifty men, and in some cases be directly responsible for the proper use, care and security of millions of dollars worth of equipment. He must train his platoon to accomplish missions efficiently, and he himself must plan, organize, direct, and supervise the platoon in accomplishing its mission. In short, a Platoon Leader receives extremely valuable training and experience as a manager. In order to emphasize the value of this experience the following question should be asked.

What other business or corporation in the United States would dare give a young 21-year-old college graduate such responsibility? Not one! Any business or corporation representative will tell you how much they value such experience. I think you can now see that the ROTC program is good business.

—Humans are the only carriers of venereal disease.  
—No one is immune from VD.  
What are the symptoms of VD?  
—In syphilis, a sore—called a chancre (pronounced shanker)—

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## NEW RELIGION AT ROSE

by Eric Rodts

On the second floor of Deming Hall, a new religion has recently manifested itself and is rapidly spreading throughout the dorm. This religion is the worship of the navel. The earthly objects of worship are the navels of Fred Snyder and Bob Taft.

It all began during the week of freshman orientation when, stupefied by boredom, Deming Hall residents were forced to discover the meaning of life. Fred Snyder, freshman from Charlestown, Ind., was visited by an old institute pal, David Moser, freshman from Jeffersonville, Ind. Like always, Fred locked himself in his room. When the usual water-under-the-door trick and the shaving cream ploy failed to work, Moser began pounding on the door and shouting, "Fred! Fred, I want your navel, Fred." With this outburst, Deming "Navelism" was born.

As time went on, Fred was continually being attacked, molested, and generally bothered, amid cries of, "Fred, we want your navel, Fred." For example, while his door became the dorm graffiti board, his room became the dorm wastebasket. Unable to lock his door because his key was stolen, it was not uncommon for Fred to return and find literal mounds of rubbish on his bed and the floor.

Gradually, as with most movements, "Navelism" began to diverge and to split into factions and anti-factions. The first schism came when Bob Taft, having a larger navel than Snyder's decided to become the first male "prostitute of navels." "Why go for Fred, when you can be in bed, with a better piece of navel instead. See Taffy Taft, Room 209." Such read a typical sign which Bob Taft posted throughout Deming. These signs were the first public exhibition of his business. Taft, however, is not harrassed as much or as often as Snyder. This is simply because Taft accepts it all as a joke while Fred blows his mind.

Some of the sects include those which want a picture of a navel on all Deming Rats shirts and another sect which desires to change the school mascot from Rosie to Rosie's Navel. The membership of these pro-navelism sects is constantly changing, however, their fearless leader is always Bob Taft himself.

More interesting, however, is the atheistic minority which is trying to squelch all "Navel-nonsense." These people, led by freshman Andy Qualls and sometimes freshman Roy Sprowl, seem to be bothered by hourly prayers of "Fred, we want your navel!" So far they've succeeded in squelching the religious chant only during quiet study hours. Even this wouldn't have been accomplished if the counselors Bob Guzzo, Mark Lagomarcino, and "Mean Mother" Mark Murnan were not part of the atheistic faction.

The future of "Navelism" is unsure. It could catch on among the youth, in which case Deming would become a Mecca, and its founders saints. More likely, however, Navelism will become over-worked and eventually wither out, to the joy of the "nurd" of atheism."

### A SESSION WITH THE COMMITTEE

\*A Session with the Committee," a filmed performance of this unique West Coast group, will be presented December 14 at 10:30 a.m. in the auditorium. "The Committee" does satirical takeoffs on politics, drugs, sex, education, music, patriotism, and other contemporary issues. Be sure and attend as the Student Activities Board presents "A Session with the Committee."

## PATTON

by James R. Powell

A colossal was an opportunity for a magnificent anachronism. One that emerges from the underlying continuum of time and timelessness. A reincarnation of the War Lord whose spirit washes ashore again and again, as restless as the sea itself.

General George S. Patton was a man of many moods with a demeanor as blazing and quiet as the rage of conflict he loved. He was the reflection and the total commitment of all he was surrounded by and surrounded himself with. This was a man who excused the bloodletting of war for the sake of justice one moment then for the sheer sting and euphoria of battle the next. With the enthusiasm of a child for tin soldiers he led into battle with the swashbuckling style of Don Quixote and then overconfident arrogance of a fool. In Oedipus-like introspection, this military genius of World War II felt the annals of a distant almost nebulous past, from Alexander the Great to Napoleon, echoing in his memory in constant remembrance that although he had fought under many guises and by many names, it was always him.

The recreation of this complex figure to the smallest detail was quite aptly carved and polished with the talents of George C. Scott. From this fine actor emerges all the despair of a character from the far distant past living misplaced in the twentieth century. Scott manages to build his crescendos of anger swiftly, yet with great control and can soften his gravel voice to a pleasant narrative style giving a wide range of mood and force to his performance. Without such meticulous attention to a restrained portrayal the complex characterization and dynamic nature of such a person could be ridiculously difficult to believe as having existed and emerge as a comedic parody.

With the eye of cinematographer Fred Koenekamp, director Franklin J. Schaffner captured some marvelous distorted wide angle views and hazy scenes from the parched sands of Northern Africa to the bitter cold of a European winter. Schaffner nicely balanced out the close up study of Patton with some enormous imposing battle scenes accented by dazzling special effects. The opening scene of Patton delivering the Blood and Guts speech in front of an immense American flag is an excellent stage opening for the following scenes of gory realism. Some of the rather choppy scenes were assembled with generally good continuity but there are places where better use of camera angles and movement should have been employed.

The score by Jerry Goldsmith is a beautiful assemblage of theme and characterization. The only criticism is that there was not enough of it. The stirring Patton March is better than anything John Philip Sousa ever dreamed of and represents the total of the story in the medium of music. The dying trumpet volleys echoing the ancient reincarnations of great soldiers and past battles, whispering the transient fleeting wisps of glory that belong to the warrior.

And so existed a being who cursed like a stable boy and prayed on his knees to the Almighty God as the Daniel of long ago, with a prophecy of his destiny and an ignorance of his own fate.

A marriage counselor began to ask a woman some questions concerning her disposition: Did you wake up grumpy this morning?

"No," she said. "I let him sleep."

Finish this sequence: 1 3 5 2 3 5 3 5 . . .

## THE SILENT EPIDEMIC

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usually appears 10 to 90 days (average 21 days) after contact. The sore is painless and usually appears where the germs first entered the body—the sex organs. Sometimes, the chancre may occur inside the body and go unnoticed. Although the sore disappears, the disease will continue if left untreated.

—Secondary signs of syphilis include a rash which may cover any part of the body; bald spots where patches of hair fall out; fever; a sore throat and other symptoms.

—Symptoms of gonorrhea usually appear three to five days after contact. Males usually experience painful urination accompanied by a profuse urethral discharge of mucus and pus.

—Females may have NO visible signs or may experience only a slight vaginal discharge. Most women who get gonorrhea do not know they have it.

—In many cases, by the time an individual realizes gonorrhea is present the infected person may have transmitted it to some one else.

What are the Dangers of Venereal Disease?

—Untreated syphilis can cause insanity, paralysis, blindness, deafness, heart disease and death.

—Untreated gonorrhea can cause sterility, crippling and blindness. Is VD Curable?

—Discovered early, syphilis can be cured with penicillin or other antibiotics.

—Gonorrhea, although more difficult to control, is also curable with antibiotics.

Can VD be Controlled?

—A major research program is now underway to find an effective vaccine against syphilis. The vaccine is still years away.

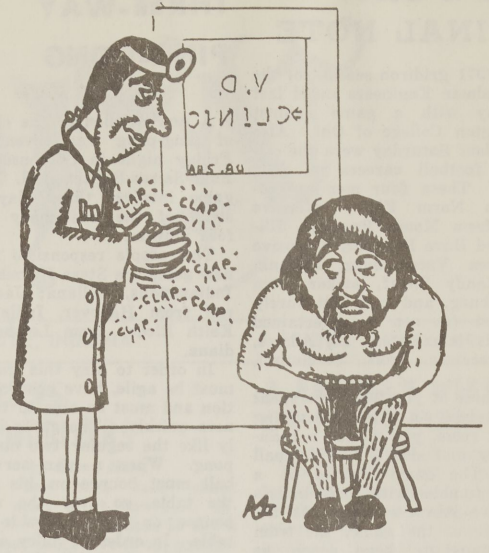
—One of the most effective weapons against VD is a public awareness of its causes and its consequences, coupled with treatment and prevention programs.

A farmer bought a horse. After stabling it, he gave it some feed. The animal refused to eat. A little later it refused water. The farmer's eyes gleamed.

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## DAD'S DAY: A FINAL NOTE

The 1971 gridiron season for the Rose-Hulman Engineers ended last Saturday with a game against Wilmington College of Ohio. Also ending last Saturday were the collegiate football careers of four seniors. These four men are co-captains Norm Klein, offensive guard from Mount Prospect, Illinois, and Dave Burgner, defensive end from Veedersburg, Indiana. Also Randy Shoaf, kicker from Veedersburg, and last, but surely not least (as can be ascertained from his teammates) Ed Adams, wide receiver from Cincinnati, Ohio.

For those of you fools who spent last Saturday in a lab or staying in your room, you missed a beautiful day and also a fine football game. The game started as a rash of fumbles with three in less than five minutes time. At the beginning of the game, the team was minus its head coach as Coach Bob Bergman was with his wife at the maternity section of a local hospital awaiting the arrival of a baby boy. Coach Bergman was greeted with a deficit of 28 points as Wilmington capitalized on Engineer errors plus showing that they are a team worthy of their 7-2 record by making their own breaks. Wilmington is a fine football team as they took the game to the Engineers and made the plays, running inside and outside and just generally keeping Rose off-balance. After their early splurge, Wilmington was held in check by the big "D," and the teams left at half-time with Wilmington leading 28-0.

After the halftime break, Rose came alive and decided they would prove to a large Dad's Day crowd that this Engineers' club just doesn't give up. Rose scored 15 points in the third quarter while blanking Wilmington. In this period, the Engineers decided they had to patent an offense to be blanked as they opened up the game with pinpoint passing by QB Mike Box and outstanding receiving by Kevin Murphy, Rick Manuszak, Ed Adams and Mike Mueller.

The fourth quarter was equal as both teams played like they had a definite purpose. The second half was very well played by both clubs, maybe the finest seen at home this year. Wilmington outscored the Rose-Hulman men 9 to 8, which includes a controversial safety call on the Engineers' Bill Randall after a pass interception on the Rose three-yard line. The Engineers running game started clicking on running by Bertram, Hastings, Holliday, and Avenatti and blocking by Klein, DeMeyer, Frushour, Steliga, and Baker. Rose, in the second half caused the Big Green's coaches to wonder if maybe Bergman had brought some recruits from the hospital. In the end, Wilmington came away victorious 37, to 23, giving them a record of 7 wins and 2 losses. The Engineers finished with a 3-6, which I feel doesn't tell a true story about this team as they were always "in the ball game;" never getting blown away.

Plaudits must go to the Rose defense which was often hard for the opposition to crack. The front wall of Burgner, Heller, Cane, Mickey, and Zumar did a very fine job in the trenches all season, sacking QB's and running backs for numerous losses. The line-backing corps of Gudorf, Banion, Wolodkiewicz, and McCleary enjoyed themselves along the same principles as the front line but also got to do some "intercepting" business in their own defensive backfield. Kominiarek, Randall, Hunt, and Kelm made up the defensive backfield; these headhunters really seemed to have their most fun when they could come up and unload on a back trying to turn the corner or a receiver who had the misfortune of having his back turned while attempting to catch a pass. The specialty teams also deserve a fair amount of praise as they kept the other team in poor field position. Credit must go to the reserves, who, the whole season, kept the pressure on the starters, making sure that they give 100 and 10 per cent. (It's not easy to come off the bench and always do a good job; take it from someone who knows).

Next year, the Engineers will have to come up with leaders to take the places of seniors Klein, Burgner, Adams, and Shoaf as

## THREE-WAY PING-PONG

by Keith Rieder

A new version of the old game of ping-pong was invented last Friday night in the basement of Baur-Sames-Bogart Hall. The new game involves three players, instead of the customary two or four players.

The people responsible for this new game are Steve Harman, from Indianapolis, Indiana; Jack Conrad from Hanover, Indiana, and Keith Rieder from Leesburg, Indiana.

In order to play this game, one must be agile, have good coordination and must be able to turn corners quickly. The game is basically like the regular two man ping-pong. When a man serves, the ball must bounce on his side of the table, go over the net and bounce on the other side of the table. In order to volley after the serve one must hit the ball over the net and onto the table on the other side. From here on the similarity ends. Instead of standing at one end of the table, the three players have to run around the table from one end to the other. At the start of the game, two players stand at one end of the table and the other player stands at the other end. The person standing at the right side of the end of the table with two players, has to serve the ball. He serves to the one man standing at the other end. After he serves, the server runs to the other end of the table. While he is running from one end to the other, the man standing alone must return the serve to the other player who is at the server's end. The man at the server's end returns it to the server who is now at the other end. In other words, each man hits the ball every second time it is to be hit. When one of the players misses the table, fails to get the ball over the net, or misses a shot, he gets a point. When one of the players gets twenty-one points, the game is over. The player with the

these men did an outstanding job of keeping the team united. Everyone realizes that next year's ball club has great potential, but it must be brought out by coaches and players alike. The schedule will be tougher, just to keep the Rose men on their toes.

The Thorn wishes to congratulate the coaches and team members on (maybe not the best record), a fine season of good football, great unity, and "esprit de Corps" among the players. Congratulations are also in order to Coach and Mrs. Bergman who are the proud parents of a baby boy.

I'm sure that the coaches, players and fans would like to thank the cheerleaders from St. Mary's so I'll do it for them all. THANKS GIRLS. Also, thanks to the fellows who joined the cheerleaders and supplied their good looks for the pleasure of the crowd.

least number of points at the end of the game is the winner.

The inventors had some interesting comments about their new game. Conrad said, "It's really a good game. You have to keep moving all the time, and for this you have to be in shape." Rieder said, "I feel like a dumb-bunny whenever someone walks in to watch us play, but it's good for you and it's a lot of fun." The third inventor, Steve Harman, said, "It's a lot more challenging than regular ping-pong. But once you get the hang of it, it's really fun to play."

Although this game hasn't gotten out of the basement of B-S-B, keep your eyes open, because three-way ping-pong may soon become one of the great American pastimes.

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