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## Homecoming is upon us

The homecoming queen candidates seen on this page will be among the more pleasurable sights to see during Homecoming. One of these girls will earn the honor of Homecoming Queen on October 1 at the pep rally kicking off the weekend. The pep rally which starts at 8:30 p.m. will include the traditional banner and cheer contests. Following the rally, the freshman bonfire will be lit on the practice football field at 9:15.

October 2 features the Homecoming football game against Principia at 1:30 p.m. Following the game is Happy Hour, open to all alumni and

seniors in the fieldhouse. At 9:00 p.m. in Shook Fieldhouse the Student Activities Board will present the Atlanta Rhythm Section.

The Homecoming Queen is elected by the student body. To assist the student in choosing the perfect candidate we have a brief biography of each nominee.

Charla Willison, representing the Apartments, is a junior at ISU majoring in Textiles and Clothing and a member of The Indiana Home Economics Association. Her interests range from tennis, bowling and swimming to designing and making her own clothes.

Susan Stiegman, presented by

Phi Gamma Delta, is a senior at ISU majoring in Special Education. She has been in many campus activities including Order of Omega and the Blue Berets and has been named to the Dean's List all four years. She enjoys gymnastics, horseback riding and an occasional (?) Michelob.

Sally French, Lambda Chi Alpha's Homecoming Queen candidate, is a senior at ISU majoring in Marketing. She is a member of the Sparkette Corps and the P3 Club. Sally is also Miss February in the current Lambda Chi Alpha Calendar.

Cathi Yatsko, the candidate from Delta Sigma Phi, is a



Joyce Hoggatt

freshman at ISU where she is studying Pre-med. Cathi enjoys such activities as swimming, painting and fixing her car.

Michele Renay Altman, representing Triangle, is a junior at ISU studying Broadcasting and Journalism. She is a reporter for "The Statesman" and is interested in drama, the outdoors and fall leaves.

Joyce Hoggatt is also sponsored by the Apartments. She is a junior at ISU's Nursing School and works for Vermillion County Hospital. She is a member of the



Tracy Lyn Hurley

Sycamore Singers and enjoys flower arranging.

Tracy Lyn Hurley, representing Alpha Tau Omega, is a sophomore at ISU where she is majoring in Radio and Television. Last year she served as captain of the Lady Sycamores' cheerleading squad. Tracy plans to be a news anchor woman.

Other candidates are said to be nominated for Homecoming Queen, but photos and information on them were not available at press time.

## Placement predictions look bad

by Dave Slavin

A senior's best hope during the current recession is in an informed and aggressive interviewing schedule. That was Bill Sisson's primary message to the Senior Class on Wednesday, September 15. As Director of Corporate Relations and Placement, Sisson was delivering his yearly message on placement outlooks to a large group of prospective engineers.

According to Sisson, the placement outlook for this year is one of the worst in the school's history. With the current state of the economy, many companies are hesitating to hire new employees until an end to the recession is seen. Thus about thirty interview spots have been cancelled. These cancellations represent about 10% of this year's interviewing schedule.

The senior's answer to this must be a desire to interview all

companies he might consider working for, and to prepare fully for each of his interviews. Sisson gave much advice on the particulars of interviewing such as dress, promptness, how to fill out a Data Sheet, and how to act during an interview.

Some of the bad effects of the current recession are companies reneiging on job offers, as happened in the Spring, and concentration of economic malaise to certain cities and areas. Especially noted in this category was Houston, from where unfounded rumors of job openings have led a few seniors on a wild goose chase.

There are still some students from the class of 1982 looking for jobs, primarily Civil Engineers, but even given this in addition to the presently dreary outlook, Sisson still has hopes that the interviewing schedules will swell again near the beginning of next

year if the economy begins to turn around.

Along with further information on interviewing procedures, Sisson noted that the interviews are aimed primarily at Seniors looking for full-time work upon graduation. Juniors, sophomores, and freshmen looking for summer jobs were encouraged to keep tabs on the interview schedule sheet posted outside of the Moech lounge, but should only interview with those companies specifically looking for summer employees.

Of further interest is the Graduate Studies Seminar to be held on Monday, September 27. The seminar will begin with an early morning general presentation by a number of key graduate schools, to be followed by individual interviews of interested students by the graduate school representatives.

## The 4.00 syndrome analyzed

by Rob Jacoby

What happens when you consistently achieve all A's every quarter? Simple, you get a 4.0 G.P.A. And that sounds rather nice doesn't it? It's an object that you can flaunt to prospective employers to demonstrate your excellent intellectual achievements. It helps you gain easy access to top-notch graduate schools. However, despite these obvious pluses, you may in the end wish you never had a 4.0 G.P.A..

According to a study reported in the Journal of Higher Education (1977), a psychologist, Douglas H. Heath, set out to investigate the relationship between academic predictors and adult maturity and competence. He came up with some surprising results.

Heath studied students from Haverford College, an all male liberal arts institution. The student body contained about 475 men with an average ranking in the top 10% of the nation.

So just what did Heath find

about the ability of the SAT and other indicators of academic success to predict adult competence ten to fifteen years after graduation? They don't predict at all.

The SAT scores did not indicate postcollege success. The final summary grade in college predicted next to nothing. The departmental chairman's evaluation of each student was of little worth. The receipt of honors in college had no more correlation with success than chance. The only consistent theme through all of the data was that increased interpersonal immaturity was related to increased academic measures.

The man who scored high academically seemed to have a lack on integration of his self concept. Heath states that this may be due to the man's belief that others don't view him as he views himself. The man also believes that his wife and closest friends don't understand him, even though he feels that close, intimate relationships are

important. He views the world in a more abstract and conceptual vein. He usually becomes less practical, less concerned over his financial situation, and increasingly fails to take the initiative sexually in his marriage. The man is more apt to be depressed and frequent aggressive fantasies, more so than those who did not attain honors in college.

How can we account for the fact that our academic predictors seem better suited to indicate immaturity in later adult life rather than success.

One idea is that a person who has the ability to perform well in the scholastic environment, will stick around doing what he does best. The very act of striving for academic excellence calls for logic, objective reasoning and the suppression of emotions on the part of the student. The increased mental discipline needed causes a loss of spontaneity of emotion. Heath notes Kinsey's conclusion that increased education is inversely

## Playfair breaks ice

Playfair, a noncompetitive game situation, appeared this year to entertain the freshmen.

Being a new addition to the "freshmen orientation" program, Playfair was designed to acquaint the freshmen with their classmates and to introduce them to the fairer sex of St. Mary-of-the-Woods College. Playfair was sponsored by the Residence Hall Association, the Student Activities Board and the Student Affairs Office.

"This lady came in and we had Rose and Saint Mary's freshmen here and she led them in various non-competitive games," Donna Gustafson, Union director, said.

"We brought them in as an icebreaker so freshmen could get to know other freshmen."

"The games were geared for freshmen and designed to help relieve the anxieties new freshmen have," Gustafson said. The games, such as amoeba tag, involved the whole group. In amoeba tag, those tagged join up

and eventually form one large organism. Then the amoeba chant begins...

"Everyone was a part," Gustafson said. "It's not like when you were young and always wondered, 'Will I be picked?'" Those who wanted to be there got a lot out of it, she said.

At the weekly meeting of the R.H.A., and the R.H.A. workshop, the issue of Playfair arose. It came to consensus, from freshmen representatives, that Playfair needed a more balanced ratio between the two sexes. Having this in mind, the R.H.A. has decided to suggest inviting the freshmen women of I.S.U. to also join the activities.

"I guess there was about 95 percent participation," freshman Tom Vorjohan said. "Most of the ones sitting out were Saint Mary's girls."

"It was successful considering we didn't know anything about what we were going to do," Vorjohan said. "It hit you for a loop when you first went in."

## LCA sponsors run

by Dave Franke

"Run for Those Who Can't" is the theme of Lambda Chi Alpha's annual football relay for Big Brother-Big Sister. Around 180 Rose-Hulman and Indiana State students will run a football in relay fashion from Rose-Hulman through Wabash, Purdue, Butler

and DePauw universities, finally returning to Rose-Hulman for a total run of about 240 miles. The relay will begin Thursday, Sept. 30, at 5:00 p.m. and will go on until late Friday afternoon.

Just how long it takes to make the run could be very important to you. If you can guess the time the relay will end you could win the grand prize of 100 dollars of gas or one of 43 other prizes donated to Lambda Chi by gracious local merchants. Tickets for the predictions are 25¢ each or 5 for \$1.00 from any member of Lambda Chi Alpha.

This is Lambda Chi Alpha's 15th straight year for the football relay. Through that time they have successfully raised over \$10,300 for Muscular Dystrophy. This year's goal is for \$2,500 in donations, but to achieve this goal they need your immediate help and support.

proportional to sexual activity. One wife of the men stated her husband's emotional state as "like a computer."

The men's emotional inhibition was one factor that caused them difficulty in achieving mature adult relationships.

Heath indicates that the problem lies not in the talented individual, but instead in the nature of higher education. Part II will examine the implications of this study in relation to Rose and ways to combat the 4.0 syndrome.



**EDITORIAL**

**Parking explained**

by John Marum

Students this year were greeted with a new and frustrating problem: parking. Although there has been an increase in the total number of parking spaces, the assignment of the lots has been changed, leading to confusion and complaints by many students.

For those who do not own cars, this is how parking now stands: Junior, Senior and Graduate commuters are on the east side of Moench Hall, along with the faculty, staff and Deming residents. Mees, Scharpenberg, Blumberg, the on campus fraternities, and the Apartments are in the same location as last year, but Speed and B.S.B. Hall residents now must park down by the fieldhouse. Speed lot is now used for faculty parking and freshman and sophomore commuter parking. It is quite a switch from last year.

Speed and B.S.B. seem to have the biggest gripes about their new location, but they do not have a monopoly on complaints. Faculty and staff no longer have their convenient spots along side of B.S.B., Templeton and Moench Hall. But believe it or not, there is some pretty good justification behind the new lot assignments.

First, the residents of Speed Hall are mainly freshmen, with the exception of a handful of R.A.s and S.A.s. Nearly half of B.S.B. is freshmen as well. To make freshmen park a block away from their residence hall is no great inconvenience, considering many schools do not allow freshmen to have cars on campus at all. University of Miami in Ohio, for example, does not allow any cars on campus, and its campus is many times the size of Rose.

Second, by making Speed and B.S.B. residents park by the fieldhouse, the commuter students can now have closer parking to Moench Hall. Since the commuters have to walk to their cars just about every day, often while carrying an armload of books, they should get priority parking (which they did). On campus residents, who use their cars mainly during the weekend (when restrictions do not apply) should not feel that they have a "right" to prime parking areas. Living off campus is a big enough hassle without having to walk up from the fieldhouse every day.

Some minor improvements, however, might be in line for next year. Allowing sophomores, juniors and seniors in B.S.B. and Speed Halls to park in Speed lot would not tie it up, and this would help reduce the congestion at the fieldhouse lot which is bound to occur as home games during the football and basketball seasons set in. Deming residents could park in the upperclass lot (which is just about as close as the far side of Moench), which would open up more of Moench lot for commuters and faculty, who were displaced out of Speed lot.

Considering the inconvenience caused by the construction of Olin Hall, the parking problem has been handled fairly well. Once understood, the new policy provides a practical remedy.

**Daffynitions**



by John Rohlfing

Since the Rose-Hulman student is caught up in the thought of "the job", this week's column is devoted to the subject of the working fields:

- atomic research — nuclear fishin'.
- dermatology — itcraft.
- diplomacy — the art of saying "nice doggie" till you can find a rock.
- ecology — pollutical science.
- education — the ability to quote Shakespeare without crediting to the Bible.
- gardening — remedial weeding.

- genetic research — clowning around.
- history — nothing at all like her story.
- oceanography — research in depth.
- orthodontia — the dental technique that keeps children braced and parents strapped.
- psychoanalysis — panned parenthood.
- science — an orderly arrangement of what at the moment seem to be facts.
- statistics — a group of numbers looking for an argument.

**Secular shroud revisited**

by Dave Slavin

Implicit in Andrew Thomas's editorial of the Tenth are two unfounded notions: first, that the interests of business and of the public in general are primarily at odds, while secondly, the interests of the "environmentalists" and the public in general are primarily in agreement.

Because James Watt has a reputation for supporting proposals agreeable to large corporations, and for increasing environmentalist's respective blood pressures, he is seen by Thomas as "rat" whose impeachment or resignation is long overdue.

Where does Thomas get such notions? Hasn't anyone told him that the logical support for environmental extremism along with liberalism in general died years ago?

More accurately, liberalism has reached its Dawn of the Dead stage, with thousands wandering aimlessly about the same old programs, the same old platforms, fervently and illogically spouting-off the same old slogans as they did when they were among the living.

James Watt is one of the greatest assets of the Reagan administration. He rightfully perceived the difference between environmentalism and preservationism. True environmentalists realize that humans are part of the environment and that their

economic and social needs must be taken into consideration along with the needs of the snail darter, et. al. The preservationists (i.e., today's self-avowed "environmentalists") seek only to hold onto and gain control of vast tracts of otherwise developable land for their own neo-religious satisfaction. The Sierra Club, purported to be a public-interest group, recently lost track of one of its inter-office memoranda which detailed techniques for making Sierra Club generated ideas seem to come from grass-root sources. What need for such tactics if they are truly serving the public good! James Watt sees through such deceit and continues to speak for the public in supporting rational development of natural resources. Resources this country needs to regain economic viability and energy independence. James Watt represents millions of workers and consumers, most of whom realize the need for a sensible amount of environmental regulation. The Sierra Club represents some true environmentalists and a horde of pantheistic preservationists whose ideal world is as far from reality as its spokesmen are from coherency. One more thing: on researching this column I found no end to articles detailing Watt's purported inadequacies, while noticing a singular lack of information on the Sierra Club scandal.

effects on the environment.  
3. Long-term environmental negative effects outlast short-term business gains.  
4. Man cannot survive without a healthy ecosystem.

Watt's wish to trust that Big Business will regulate itself is rather naive in a capitalistic system.  
Economies come and go, but Extinction is forever.

— Andrew Thomas

**Reagan threatens 4th**

Every Man's Home Was His Castle...

The above saying, slightly altered, originated in England in the late 1700's when, after much abuse, searches and seizures became very restricted. This country's dislike of unreasonable searches manifested itself in the form of the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution, which basically states that law officers are required to be issued search warrants based upon probable cause before being allowed to search private property without consent.

The Fourth Amendment had a child, which came to be called the exclusionary rule. The offspring prohibited evidence

seized in violation of the Fourth Amendment from being used in trial.

In the year 1982, one hundred and ninety-one years after the Bill of Rights took effect, President Ronald Reagan has proposed a crime bill that would, among other things, weaken the exclusionary rule. The new guidelines would allow this evidence to be used if the officer were acting in "reasonable good faith" that his actions were legal. This effort is meant to show the voters that the President is doing something to counter crime, utilizing the "send more criminals to jail" approach.

But alas, the effort is

superficial. The exclusionary rule isn't even involved in more than ninety-eight percent of all cases', according to a study by the federal General Accounting Office.

Presidential Counselor Edwin Meese III claims the "exclusionary rule has never helped an innocent person." Meese, unfortunately, neglects the indirect effects the bill would produce. The possibility of using evidence gathered illegally would encourage law officers, often dedicated to stopping crime at all costs — even if it means breaking the law, to disregard the Fourth Amendment. And the "reasonable good faith"? This may come as a shock to the reader, but police officers on occasion have misrepresented the truth.

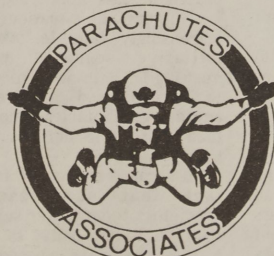
Is the small number of extra convictions worth the loss of our privacy, our right to be secure in our homes?

When someone is harmed by a crime, an atrocity has been committed. But officially-sanctioned crime is worse still.

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# Thorn Sports

## Kickers fall in overtime

by "Mush" and Bob Mattingly  
Rose's soccer team is looking forward to what could be their best season yet. After only two weeks of daily dribbling, they opened their season against a more experienced Principia squad: The engineers played an excellent first half as Freshman Adam Dixon scored in the opening minutes from the assist from Senior Dave Watson. Shortly thereafter Rick Correll, freshman, scored a second goal which was nullified as offsides was called against the Rose kickers. Twenty minutes into the first half, Senior Jeff Trang scored the Engineers final goal

making the score 2-0.

It was then the lack of conditioning took its toll as Principia was allowed to score, closing the first half of play with the score standing at 2-1 in favor of the Fighting Engineers. A penalty shot midway through the second half as the game went into overtime with the score at 2-2. Principia scored the winning goal early in the overtime period, deciding the game with a disappointing final score of 3-2.

The Engineers are gunning to better their 3-14 record of last year in addition to improving their fourth place CAC finish of 1981.

Head Coach Jim Rendel is optimistic about the season at Rose-Hulman. "1983 could be the most productive year in the short five year history of varsity soccer at Rose-Hulman," stated Rendel.

The Engineers have more depth and talent than at any time in the history of the sport at Rose-Hulman.

Rose's next soccer challenge comes this Saturday at 11:00 as they face DePauw University. Fans are welcome and encouraged to be there and cheer the Mighty Engineers to a victory.

## Fall baseball begins

by Bill Browning

The Rose-Hulman baseball team has once again started their annual fall workouts. These workouts basically consist of several after school practices, a few scrimmage games, and a chance to get back into the "swing" of things. They are particularly useful in that it gives coach Jim Rendel a chance to get a look at the new incoming freshmen and make a cut down to the 25-26 man level needed to start the 1983 spring season. Coach Rendel said that most of the positions will be filled by returning lettermen although it looks like there may be three good pitchers and two promising catchers amongst the new freshmen.

expected the Sycamores scored more runs, but more importantly, showed the freshmen what the world of college baseball is all about.

This year the team is led by seniors Steve Nowak, Kevin Cvengros, and all-conference second baseman Andy Meyer. Rose will be faced with a schedule much the same as last years. As you may or may not have known, the Engineers finished last season with a rather disappointing 11-22 record and finished fourth in the College Athletic Conference (C.A.C.) tourney. This year however, looks much brighter as the two positions the team needed most seem to be supplied by this year's freshmen class. The team will be playing I.S.U. again on Oct. 8 at 2:00 p.m. and will host an alumni/varsity game on Oct. 2 during homecoming.

The Engineers played their first scrimmage game last Sunday against in-town foe I.S.U. Nearly everyone got a chance to show what they could do and got an idea of what their strengths and weaknesses are. As was

## IM Sports Round-Up

by Rob Schmidline

Fall classes are now in session, and now its time for the fall Intramural Sports Program to begin. Sigma Nu and Alpha Tau Omega are ready to defend their co-championships in major football. Out to defend their first place finish in minor football is Lambda Chi. Also, there is a fall softball league organized by Dr. Logan. This

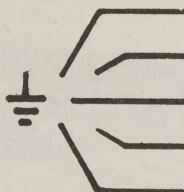
softball league is just for fun with no points awarded for the Intramural All-Sports Trophy. Later in the quarter, for the runners in the school, there will be an I.M. cross-country meet. Weekly standings for all I.M. sports will appear in this column along with updates of who is leading the race for the All-Sports Trophy. (G.A.)

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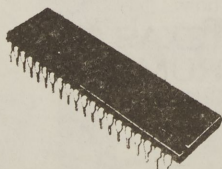
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# Rose open rescheduled

Because of circumstances beyond control, the Rose-Hulman Open will not be held next Thursday and has been rescheduled for after the Spring Break. But the chess team has already moved into what promises to be another successful season, with their first meeting last Tuesday.

Last year's team took the Pan

American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championship by storm, sweeping over U.C.L.A., pausing to tie M.I.T., before blowing over the many other schools in its path to carry home the first place award in their division. This year promises to be even better with the addition of some nationally ranked freshmen to the team.

The Chess Club meets every Tuesday at 7:30 in the faculty dining room and has monthly tournaments for Rose-Hulman students and faculty. It has about fifty members representing all ranges of ability and interest and is led by president Ed Klages. All are welcome, so go and join — to help lead Rose-Hulman to victory, or just to have some fun.

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## Thorn staff mesmerized

by Booger Sczyncnck  
Staff Idiot

The Thorn was headed for almost certain annihilation this past week when it became evident that its staff members lost touch with their minds. The following is a reconstruction of the fateful event, pieced together from nosewitness accounts.

It seems that the editor of the Thorn, John Moron, coerced his entire staff (all but one) into attending the recent performance of Ken W. Blowmind. (It may also be noted that John used many of the same techniques to "recruit" his cracked reporters.) What happened next is unclear, but evidently the staff was too close to the stage, and was put into a deep sleep — a natural condition for them, as they do most of their work in the same state. The on-stage volunteers were told that when they woke up, they would forget everything. However, no one noticed that the Thorn staff had taken this suggestion literally. They were, in the words of Dr. Jet the Vet, "paralyzed from the neck up."

This unfortunate condition stuck with the staff members throughout the week; nobody noticed the effect of their collective brainlessness in that week's issue of the Thorn; however, there was evidence of it in the Thorn office — papers strewn about, supplies lying all over — clearly the work of someone who knows absolutely nothing about putting a paper together. There was other evidence, too; some went to the fieldhouse to swim in the pool they claimed Chuck Howier said would be built as part of "Blueprint for Mediocrity." The Sports Editor was seen trying to submit his stories through the 13<sup>1/2</sup>/69 (on time, even!). The sophomore staff members wanted to create a story by throwing railroad ties into the creek. When they realized the freshman

class had yet to collect ties, they threw the freshman staff members in the creek. Another was seen using real money to purchase supplies in the Crookstore, and still another was actually seen using the stairs in front of the library, instead of the path provided. Possibly the strongest evidence of the mind loss comes from two separate events: First, one of the civil staff members was seen attending class in Mt. St. Holin Hall, and lastly, the entire staff was seen eating breakfast, lunch and dinner at ARAT the whole week — one even claimed to have liked the meals!

Finally, someone recognized that these staffers were not avoiding the people that they normally would, such as all the people responsible for radio station WMUD. It was then obvious that they were not in full possession of their mental faculties. Ken W. Blowmind was called back (for a fee) to remove the hex he put on them. He said that it was a rather easy job reversing the "brain paralysis" on the reporters, but said that the editor "presented a little difficulty — I couldn't tell whether he was in a hypnotic state or not." Evidently, he still is, as this story is in print.

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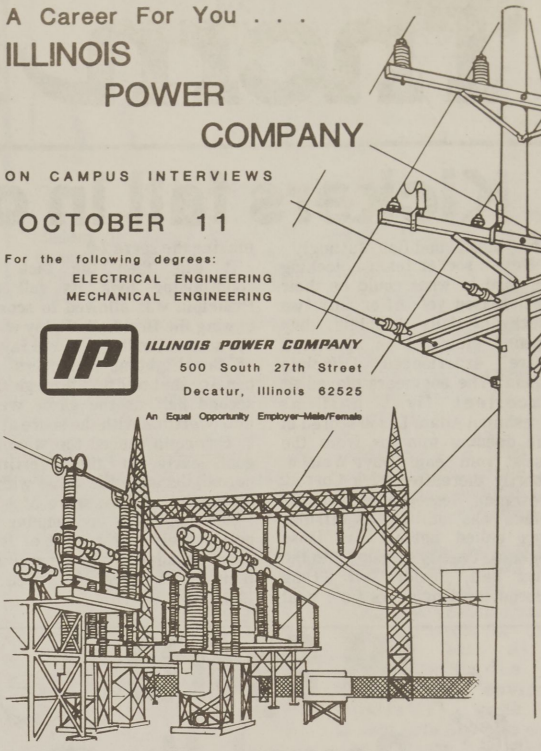
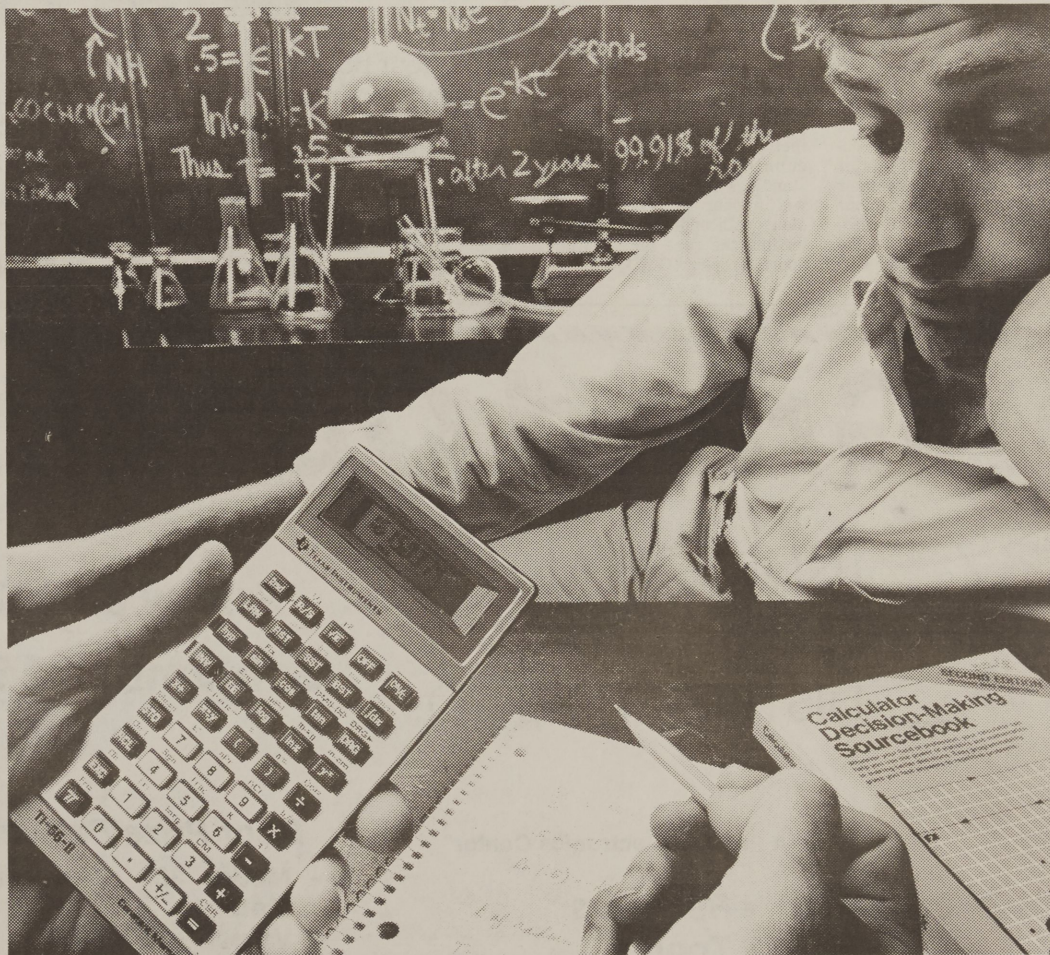
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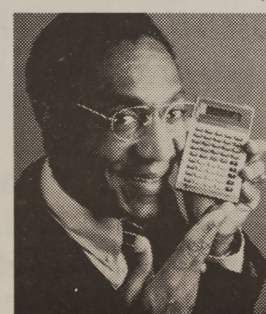



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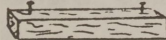
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