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# THE ROSE THORN

## Campus News Briefs

### Mandatory 11-digit dialing starts Dec. 1st

Beginning December 1, telephone users throughout Indiana will need to dial zero, or one, plus all 10 digits of every long-distance telephone call they place. This includes long-distance calls placed within a person's home area code. The change does not affect local telephone calls. During the past 90 days a transition period has been in effect and all telephone companies within Indiana are working together in this effort to provide consistency throughout

### Rotary scholarship applications available

Applications for the 1995-1996 Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship are now available from the local Rotary club presidents. These scholarships provide \$21,500 toward study or training for one academic year in another country where Rotary clubs are located. Application deadline is March 15th and interviews take place on June 2nd. For more info, contact: Dr. Barbara Passmore, School of HPER, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN 47803, 812-237-3113

### Did You Know?

- On Saturday, November 6, Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity completed the largest single-day fraternity philanthropic project by collecting over 227,646 pounds of food for needy families. The local, Rose-Hulman chapter contributed 1000 pounds of that.
- 17 sophomores were dismissed and 73 are on probation for poor fall quarter grades. 16 freshmen are on probation as well.
- Voluntary gift income as of this date for the fiscal year totals \$1,652,000.
- The 11th annual Christmas Walk at Fowler Park Pioneer Village will be held on December 3 and 4 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. A candle lit village, cider, cookies and the spirit of Christmas, 1840, promise excitement. Information: (812) 462-3391

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## Rose prepares for coeducation

The first of nine articles

by Michael G. Payne and Jarod Bradfield

Two years ago the Rose-Hulman Board of Managers mandated the single largest policy change since the founding of the institute. By a three-fourths majority vote of the Board, Rose-Hulman will admit full-time female undergraduates, beginning in the fall of 1995.

Changing to coeducation after 110 years of all male instruction is not an easy task by any standard. During the four-year wait-

ing period set by the Board of Managers, the entire Rose-Hulman community is racing against the clock to prepare for the first day of classes in fall '95.

This quarter, the *Thorn* will be investigating the implementation of coeducation at Rose-Hulman.

Each week, the *Thorn* will investigate one of seven pressing issues facing Rose during the transition. These issues include



the progress and planning of the coeducation implementation committee, how the classroom environment will change, how housing will be affected, how

the athletics department will meet the challenge of coeducation, what new security measures will be taken and how admissions/recruiting will be affected.

Throughout this series, the *Thorn* will be asking difficult

questions as well as rating how well Rose is handling the coeducation issue. This nine part series is meant to educate the students of Rose-Hulman about how current actions may affect their future at Rose. The *Thorn* wishes to hear students' views on the coed issue, and it is the *Thorn's* desire that this series will cause students to ask more questions about coeducation as well as to seek answers. If any student wishes to express their view or has suggestions for issues the *Thorn* should investigate on coeducation, please send letters to the editor at Box 170.

## Eurojazz featured in Fine Arts concert Saturday

Eurojazz, a combination of Old World music and American jazz improvisation, will be featured Saturday (Dec. 4) during a Fine Arts Series concert by Ensemble Europa at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. The ensemble's music director, Connie Gregory, says the group began by performing West European music. "As we played, we found the music moving in a direction all its own. Finally, we realized what was happening. Our European music was blending with the jazz improvisation concepts found in America." Gregory added, "American jazz legend Dave Brubeck adopted the high-energy rhythms of Eastern Europe and applied them to his western-based compositions. We've done the reverse," she explained. "We've adopted jazz and applied it to European village music."



The five-member ensemble

includes Gregory, a violinist; Brian Eastman, percussionist; Mary Mischenko and Tim Gregory, vocalists; and David Clem-

ons, guitar. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Moench Hall Auditorium. Tickets will be available at

the door. Prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for senior citizens and non-Rose students.

## Rose-Hulman Computer Science Team Tops Other Indiana Squads in Regional Contest

A team of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology computer science students was the top Indiana squad among teams from the Midwest and Canada that com-

peted recently in the annual Association for Computing Machinery Regional Programming Contest at the University of Waterloo in Canada. The Rose-

Hulman team finished fourth among 76 teams who competed. It scored higher than teams from Indiana, Purdue, Michigan State, Ohio State and Case Western universities.

lems in PASCAL and C language, says Cary Laxer, professor of computer science and Rose-Hulman team adviser.

Rose-Hulman's team consisted of seniors Joe Batt, Winchester, Ind.; Jim Hicks, Brandenburg, Ky.; and David Holscher of Vincennes.

## Medical devices demonstrated to Rose students



Recently, Rose-Hulman students learned about new medical devices used to treat heart disease. Rick Mellinger (center), marketing manager for Cook Group Inc. of Bloomington, demonstrated the devices during a biomedical class taught by Rose-Hulman President Samuel Hulbert (seated right). Mellinger and Bill Cook, founder and CEO of Cook Group (far left) also answered students' questions.

## Weekend Weather Forecast

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Cloudy with a 70% chance of rain	Cloudy	Cloudy
Highs in the low 50's	High in the low 50's	High in the upper 40's

## Campus Calendar

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

Final Date To Add A Class

Basketball, Rose-Hulman Invitational, Shook Fieldhouse

\* Colorado College vs. UMass-Dartmouth, 6:30 p.m.

\* Rose-Hulman vs. Albion, 9 p.m.

Wrestling, at Little State Invitational, Wabash College

Swimming, at DePauw Invitational, Greencastle

Career Services Information Session: Eli Lilly, Room 4, Templeton

Building, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (All prospective applicants can get insight into Lilly's future hiring plans and procedures)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

Fine Arts Series, Europa Ensemble, Moench Hall Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Basketball, Rose-Hulman Invitational, Shook Fieldhouse

\* Consolation Game, 2 p.m.

\* Championship Game, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling, at Little State Invitational, Wabash College

Swimming, at DePauw Invitational, Greencastle

### WEEK OF DECEMBER 5-11

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

Meeting For All Prospective Track Athletes, Shook Fieldhouse

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

SGA Senate Meeting, GM Room, 4:30 p.m.

Fencing Club Meeting, Shook Fieldhouse, 7 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

President's Administrative Council, PA Room, Hulman Union, 8 a.m.

Solar Phantom Team Meeting, GM Room, 7 p.m.

Career Services Interview: Ford Transmission & Chassis

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

Wrestling, Wabash & Millikin, Shook Fieldhouse, 6:30 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

SAB Presents Hypnotist Frederick Winters

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

Basketball, at Illinois Wesleyan, Bloomington, Ill., 3 p.m.

Alpha Phi Omega's Clothes For Kids Drive, Toys-R-Us & Krogers-North, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

### WEEK OF DECEMBER 12-18

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

Alpha Phi Omega's Clothes For Kids Drive, Toys-R-Us & Krogers-North, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Institute Meeting, E-104, 4:20 p.m.

Fencing Club Meeting, Shook Fieldhouse, 7 p.m.

SGA Club Council Meeting, PA Room, 4:30 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

President's Administrative Council, PA Room, Hulman Union, 8 a.m.

Solar Phantom Team Meeting, GM Room, 7 p.m.

Basketball, at Earlham College, Richmond, 7:30 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

Hanukkah

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Start Of Christmas Break, 4:15 p.m.

#### FUTURE FILE

DEC. 28-29 -- Basketball, at Kalamazoo Invitational, Kalamazoo, Mich.

JAN. 3 -- Resume Classes For Winter Quarter

JAN. 5 -- Basketball, Wabash College, Shook Fieldhouse, 7:30 p.m.

JAN. 8 -- Fine Arts Series, Westbrook String Quartet, 7:30 p.m.

**ORGANIZATION NOTICES:** Information on club meetings, lectures/speeches, and athletic events must be received before noon each Wednesday. Please contact Dale Long, associate director of communications, at Box 14 or extension 8418.

### NEW DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS HIRED

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College recently hired Lynn Rubick (Richmond, Kan.) as director of Admissions.

Prior to her employment at The Woods, Rubick was an admissions counselor for Ottawa University, in Ottawa, Kan. Her position was advising prospective students and their families. During her time there, Rubick helped Ottawa achieve its enrollment goal in the first year and exceed the goals for two subsequent years.

Rubick earned a bachelor of science degree in journalism with an emphasis in public relations from the University of Kansas in May 1989.

After graduation, Rubick worked as a public relations assistant for Garrett and Associates, Inc., in Topeka, Kan. She conducted market surveys, directed fund raising, handled advertising, published a monthly newsletter, and developed and implemented a statewide reading program for elementary school children.

Rubick's goal is to increase enrollment by arousing interest in the resident program at SMWC.

### COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College Community Orchestra presents their Christmas concert on Sunday, December 5. The concert begins at 2:00 P.M. in the Cecilian Auditorium on the Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College campus. Admission is free, however a \$2.00 donation is suggested.

Sunday's concert is called "Christmas Images" according to Laura Savage, conductor of the Orchestra. Traditional Christmas carols are featured. There is a suite of "A Child is Born", "Good King Wenceslas", "Good Christian Men Rejoice!" and "Adeste Fideles" by the famous composer Franz Liszt. Rounding out the carols performed are a nice setting of "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming," and a hauntingly beautiful version of "Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella" arranged for Mannheim Steamroller.

The SMWC Community Orchestra will also perform music symbolic of the holiday

## SMWC News

season. Pachelbell's "Canon" is one of the best-known pieces in the classical music repertoire. It features the violin section with color added by the woodwinds and brasses. Another popular composition is "Hallelujah Chorus" from Inhales oratorio "The Messiah." A surprise treat is Charles Ives' "Holiday Quickstep for Theater Orchestra." Ives features the violins, piccolo, trumpets and piano. Finally is the Orchestra's wish for 1994—"Let There be Peace on Earth."

The SMWC Community Orchestra is an ensemble of students and faculty from the College, as well as students and teachers from Rose Hulman Institute of Technology, area secondary schools, and the community. It is a volunteer ensemble whose members enjoy performing together.

"This is a great group," Savage said. "They've worked very hard to prepare a solid performance for Sunday afternoon. I hope the Wabash Valley will give them an hour. The audience will not be disappointed!"

For more information contact Laura Savage at 535-5154 or 832-2467.

## The Rose Bush

### Campus News and Information

#### ASTRONOMY CLUB

The Rose-Hulman Astronomical Society will hold a meeting on Tuesday, December 7 at 8:00 in the Lynn Reeder Lab. If you have any questions, please call an officer.

Pres: Matthew K. Cole X- 8688

VP: Adam Staley X-8613

Sec: Scott Allen X-8867

#### FACULTY AND STAFF

Since Christmas falls on Saturday this year, the holidays for Rose-Hulman will be Thursday and Friday, December 23 and 24. Monthly and weekly paychecks will be distributed (or direct deposited) on Wednesday, December 22.

#### BASKETBALL PASSES

Any faculty or staff who would like a complimentary ICAC Basketball Pass for all home and away games should see Linda Sears in D-227.

#### COMMITTEE TO IMPLEMENT COEDUCATION

The committee will show the video "A Tale of 'O': On Being Different" on Dec. 8 and Dec. 9, with a discussion following each viewing. The film (27 minutes long) is about what happens to any new and different kind of person in a group. It is used in corporations, schools, and government agencies around the country.

On Wednesday, Dec. 8, faculty and staff are invited to bring lunches to the PA Room in the Union at 11:45 to watch and discuss the film. It will also be shown Thursday, Dec. 9, 10th hour, in A220 for faculty, staff, and students. (All are invited on Tuesday, Dec. 8 to the Open Discussion Group--see related announcement.)

#### HP CALCULATOR HELP SESSION

10th Hour (4:30) Tuesday, December 7 in O-203

Possible topics to be covered:

Systems of Equations	Matrices
Graphing	Solver
Polar Rectangular	Directories/Menus
Complex Numbers	Unit Conversions
Programming	Multiplying
Polynomials	

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See Coach Ruark in office D-223 of Moench Hall. The registration deadline is Friday, December 17. Play will begin in January. A \$10 entry fee is required.

#### OPEN DISCUSSION GROUP

Tuesday, Dec. 7, 5:30, A203. FREE PIZZA. Please let Dr. Carvill (8284) or Dan Hector (8691) know if you plan to attend so we can order enough food. We'll watch the video "A Tale of 'O': On Being Different" (27 minutes) with a discussion following. This film is used by businesses, government agencies, and schools around the country in diversity

training. All students, faculty, and staff are invited.

#### MANAGEMENT GROUP

Ward Snearly, the Associate Director of Professional Masters Programs at the Purdue Krannert School of Management will be in O203 at 4:30 on December 8.

- find out about management
- find out about the Krannert School (one of the best in the country)
- meet the admissions officer
- bring any grad school questions

If you don't want responsibility, power or money, then you might not be interested in an MBA. Can you really afford not to check it out?

Any questions, contact Adam Gersting, Ext. 8641.

#### PURCHASING BATTERY JUMPER CABLES

TEN MINUTES BEFORE THE PARTY IS NOT THE TIME TO LEARN TO DANCE! As adverse weather approaches it would be wise for you to consider purchasing your own personal set of battery (booster) jumper cables and keep them in your vehicle.

Jumper cables are manufactured in 8, 10, 12, 16 and 20-foot lengths. Twelve-foot cables are generally the ideal length for non-commercial use motor vehicles. Vans, various recreational vehicles and 4-wheel drive vehicles that sit higher may require longer cables. Voltage loss will be excessive if long cables are not top quality.

Electrical conductors should be solid copper. Some aluminum "economy" cables, with a lower conductivity, can overheat and melt. Clamps should be copperplated steel for strength and corrosion protection. Rubber insulation should be formulated to remain flexible in cold weather. The two conductors should be in one cable rather than two and should be clearly marked and color-coded to tell them apart. Clamps should be well insulated with conductor wire firmly attached.

The lower the gauge number of the cable, the heavier it is and the greater load it can handle (3-gauge is heavier than 10). Any cable lighter, higher in number, than 8 is "light duty" and may be too skimpy. "Standard" 8 gauge wire is adequate for boosting passenger car batteries occasionally. And please....Store your newly purchased jumper cables after use in the trunk of your vehicle! The corrosive residue that contaminates the clamps of used cables will eat holes in upholstery and carpet. Please do not lay them on your back seat or on your carpet.

This information is provided by your Security Staff and the Hoosier Motor Club.

#### CLOTHES - FOR - KIDS

All types of used clothes will be collected from Dec. 6 to Dec. 10 in department offices, Hulman Union, the Lost and found, the Commons, and the Security office. Coats will be given to Terre Haute South Rotary for distribution to schools. Women's clothing will be given to Vigo County Victim's Association. The remaining donated materials will be donated to the Bethany House for needy families and the homeless. The clothing drive is being sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega. Please help those who need what you may be able to provide. Contact John Emley for any questions: 234-8904.

### CHRISTMAS AT THE WOODS CAST SELECTED

The Saint Mary-of-the-Woods college theater area has recently selected the cast for its annual Christmas at the Woods dinner theater.

The parts of Henry and Antha MacPherson will be played by Charles Shutt and Susan Monts-Bologna, both of Terre Haute. Their children will be played by Missy LaCivita, a junior from Chicago, IL, and Bill Adams, a Terre Haute resident. Forest and Rosie Quinn will be played by Kurt Wahamaki of Terre Haute, and Colleen T. Walsh, a junior from South Bend.

Cari L. Ray, a sophomore from Rockville, IN has been cast as Ida June, while Jerry Burns of Terre Haute will play Charles Dickens. Mary MacPherson's school friends will be played by Misty Maloney Montgomery and Misti Thorton, seniors from Terre Haute and Cayuga, and Rita Zarazura Riggins, an alum from Terre Haute.

## Letters

### Readers give views on violence column

After reading [Chris] Lawrence's article concerning violence in the last Thorn, I'm forced to agree...and disagree. I agree that the Washington is too out of touch with reality to do anything about the violence problem in our country. But I think it's because that nearly everyone in Washington is sheltered. Ask your nearest congressman the last time he or she was actually on the street, the last time they saw a gang, the last time they did anything other than make laws that affect things that they have never even seen. That's the problem. They won't put money into new prisons, larger police forces or anything else that would help our problem. They would rather pour millions if not billions of dollars to aid nearly any country that "needs" it. If, for some cosmic reason, our congressmen lived in Oakland, Brooklyn, or East St. Louis you can bet there would be some improvements in our police force, larger prisons and a safe place to live. Perhaps then they would wish they hadn't tried to take our guns away.

Lige Hensley

To the editor:

In the opinion column "Big Brother Takes on Beavis and Butt-head" many reasons are given as to why Chris Lawrence thinks that Washington is blaming Hollywood for television violence. One of the "possibilities" that he gives is "Most of the people in Washington are afraid of the NRA and ACLU's lobbying efforts." It is not clear what is implied here. Are we to assume that the author thinks that the NRA and the ACLU advocate violence? As a member of the NRA, I am aware that much of the lobbying done in Congress is to push for laws that help fight violent crime. Is the author implying that the NRA's fight for legal gun ownership is the cause of violence? In that case I don't think that "heavily armed, drug-dealing gang members" care whether the guns they are using are legal or not. Personally, I think advocating taking away our rights because someone else is breaking the law "gives me that Orwellian thing."

Leonard Dattilo

As an aside, the controversial Brady Bill passed through Congress and was signed by President Clinton on Tuesday, November 30. Any further comments on this issue by Thorn readers are welcomed.

## One graduate's fight to leave Rose

by Paul Sigler  
Features Editor

Charles Wilson, a.k.a. "Elf," had thought his graduate studies at Rose-Hulman were finished after he defended his thesis on the Wednesday of tenth week, Fall Quarter. There were only a few touch-ups to be made before "'Aardvark,' a Highly Resistant Computer Architecture" would be ready for binding and Elf's degree would be on the books.

He tried to turn the finished thesis in to the library to be bound two weeks later, but they had left for the holiday. He returned Monday morning, only to be told that he needed to take the thesis to the Office for Research and Graduate Studies instead.

No problem.

He presented the thesis and a check for the binding costs to Menka, Buck Brown's secretary, and was informed of the fact that proper procedure called for him to present the check to the John Robson, who would then give him a receipt. He would then give the thesis and a copy of the receipt to the Graduate Studies office. From there, the thesis would go to the library to be bound.

But now there was a problem.

Graduate students at Rose-Hulman must be enrolled in EM-500, a zero-credit graduate seminar, for the quarter in which they turn in their thesis.

Elf had finished his thesis during Fall quarter. But, since he was turning it in during Winter quarter...

Elf got his drop/add slip from the registrar, got the slip signed by various dignitaries in various places, and returned it to the registrar, thus adding the course to his previously non-existent schedule.

But it costs money to be registered as a student at Rose-Hulman, even if the class is zero-credit and doesn't require you to be present to pass.

There should be a form for graduate students requesting fee waivers for classes which they don't intend to take, but there isn't, so Elf wrote his fee waiver request on a sheet of notebook paper and sent it off to Paul Stewart. The request probably still wandering the halls of the beehive we know as the south end of Moench Hall, and when the bill is eventually generated, it may be interesting to see how much of a service charge you actually have to pay for a class which you aren't taking.

Bureaucracy could never have developed on its own. Like some sort of perennial virus, it survives on other institutions, piggybacking onto healthy organizations and choking them in a stagnant sea of cellulose. With the possible exception of organized crime, there's not an industry or institution in America that doesn't have to constantly battle its

own bureaucratic beltlines in an attempt to keep from growing obese on needless, indigestible paperwork.

Bureaucracy is universally hated. The seventeen pounds of papyrus necessary to procure a Stafford Loan are not relished by financial aid officers any more than they are by students. As such, bureaucracy is apologetic. While Elf was wading through forms in the Graduate Studies office, Menka remarked that she knew what he was going through must have been aggravating.

Elf's reply was brutally truthful. "No. It's just silly."

Silly or not, Elf has the distinction of being the only Rose student I know of who couldn't care less what his midterm grades look like. And when his certificate comes in a week or two, he'll also have the dubious honor of being the only graduated graduate student at Rose still registered because they hadn't yet created a form that would have cut him loose.

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# Senioritis reflected in "boob tube" addiction

by Kevin Neilson  
Thorn Columnist

*This piece was written near the end of Fall quarter, and due to space constraints, we have been unable to print it until now. -ed*

I've experienced a phenomenon this quarter which I like to refer to as the Neilsonian Last-Quarter Senior Law of Increasing Negative Returns. The name indicates that it is only valid for last-quarter seniors, but it has been observed elsewhere.

Let me explain.

A perfect student will complete his total workload. A normal student will complete a smaller percentage of total workload as the workload increases. A last-quarter senior will perform normally up to a certain point, and then begin to do LESS work as workload increases until the point of Neilsonic Saturation, at which the senior does NO work. It is somewhat nonsensical, but it does occur.

If the senior isn't doing any work, what then is he doing?

Unfortunately, it has been observed that he spends much of his time in front of the television, an instrument of evil whose questionable pleasures he has foregone up until this time.

My roommate is the owner of nice color version of this tool of intellectual destruction. He fancies he can do homework while watching it. I know I can't. I do know one thing: it's deadening my mind.

There was a time when I used to watch PBS programming. I used to watch shows with content. I notice, as my years at Rose have progressed, that my viewing preferences have steadily degraded.

I posed a question to my comrade the other evening as we watched "Bay watch."

"Does this show have any redeeming qualities?"

"Yes," they replied. "It's got babes."

I paused and queried again. "Why do we watch 'Superman'?"

"Because it's got a babe."

"Why do we watch 'Acapulco Heat'?"

"Babe."

"Silk Stalkings'?"

"Babe."

"Why do we have a TV?"

"Babes."

Have we become so desensitized to the plight of the female?

The effect is scary. The second a commercial comes on, the channel gets changed. The person in control begins to run what I term the Babescan Algorithm. Plotlines become unnecessary; character development irrelevant. The viewer scans at maximum possible rate until a babe is detected.

I have tried to quantify this algorithm to maximize babe viewage. For example, what if you were watching a show with a babe, but a commercial came on, so you switched to an interim station with a lower degree of babeage? Do you switch back after the commercial?

It was while I was at work on this that I came up with the goal of my life for the next two years. The BDSF, or Babe Digital Signal Processor. A perfect thesis project for grad school!

I doubted, however, that I would be able to find a professor interested in this topic. But my doubts proved wrong. While looking in a directory of Purdue faculty, I came across the name of a prof who specialized in that very subject. I called him up to see if I might be able to study under him.

The first thing I heard when I answered the phone was the theme song to "Bay watch" in the background. I explained to him what I needed.

"Yes, yes," he agreed excitedly. "We definitely need more people to work in this rapidly progressing field. We have about fifteen people working on the project now... well, it seems like we can't get anything done. We spend a disproportionate amount of time in front of the tube."

I was enthused that there was already some work done in the field. I didn't think I could have pioneered it alone. "What progress have you actually made?" I asked.

"Well, as you know, a BDSF unit analyzes the datastream demodulated from a TV picture

signal. The highly sophisticated algorithms are intended to form a babe detector and, ideally, a degree of babeness. What we have now is primitive. It is unable at this point to differentiate between Kathy Ireland and Roseanne Arnold. But in its very rudimentary stages. When finished, it will be the heart of an all-new TV controller unit."

He continued, voice rising. "Imagine a TV which is scanning for babes full time. As soon as a higher degree of babeage is detected, channels are switched

instantly. This means the viewer doesn't have to think."

Isn't that the point of TV?

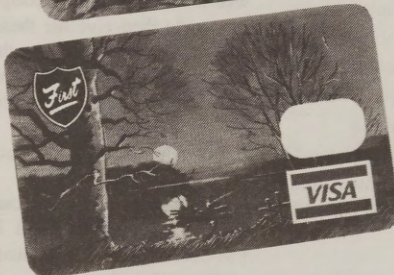
"It will even be equipped with an automatic babe recorder. When a degree of babeage over a programmed threshold is detected, the VCR will instantly add that section of programming to the archive videocassette, which can be played back at times of dearth when only educational programming is being shown."

I'm there. Next semester I'm going to be doing something that

not only has theoretical ramifications, but will be an aid to students all over the world.

When I heard Janet Reno speaking of the lowest common denominator that television caters to, it took me a while to realize who it was she was talking about. I finally realized who was responsible for making TV as worthless as it is--she was referring to me. After all, isn't programming determined from results of the Neilson Ratings?

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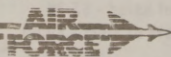
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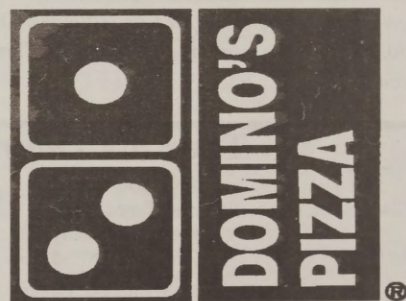
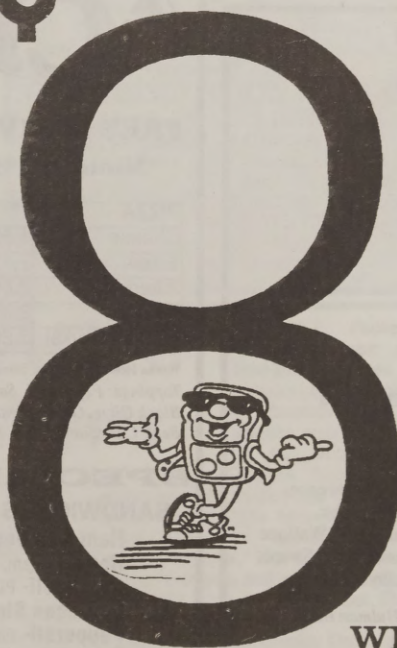
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# Cagers unpack bags, host invitational tonight



Senior forward Ryan Steinhart goes up for a shot at Shook Fieldhouse. The Engineers will open at home tonight against Albion College in the second game of the Rose-Hulman Invitational.

Photo by Dale Long

by Greg Rossi  
Sports Reporter

Blackburn College this past Tuesday.

14 out of the 15 players who saw action scored, as 6'-9" freshman center Kent Murphy lead the Engineers with 12 points.

"Anytime you can get all 15 players to contribute, you've got to be pleased," said Perkins. "We're starting to come together, just as I knew we could."

Senior forward Ryan Steinhart has dominated the backboards,

having racked up 47 boards before the win over Blackburn.

Sophomore guard Kiley Gwaltney leads the Rose team in scoring, as his 15 points guided Rose's offensive effort in



Kiley Gwaltney

their game with Monmouth College on November 28.

The upcoming Invitational may be one of the strongest Division III tournaments in the Midwest this season. The tournament opens at 6:30 p.m. with Colorado College, 20-6 last season, meeting Massachusetts-Dartmouth, a

Final Four team a year ago.

Friday's 9 p.m. face-off versus Albion comes in the midst of an upward swing by the Engineers. It is the home appearance for the Engineers. There will be a lot of new faces appearing at Shook Fieldhouse for the first time, but under the guidance of experienced upperclassmen, the Engineers will put on a good show.

## Rose-Hulman Invitational Preview

### Friday, December 3 at Shook Fieldhouse

**Game 1:** Colorado College(Tigers) vs. Mass.-Dartmouth (Corsairs)

**1993 Records:** Colorado is 3-1; Mass.-Dartmouth is 1-0.

**Coaches:** Steve Proefrock is in his first year as Colorado's coach; Brian Baptiste is in his 10th year as coach for Mass.-Dartmouth

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Game 2:** Rose-Hulman (Engineers) vs. Albion College (Britons)

**1993 Records:** The Engineers are 2-4; Albion is 3-1.

**Coaches:** Bill Perkins is in his third year as coach for the Engineers; Mike Turner is in his 20th year as coach for Albion.

**Time:** 9 p.m.

### Saturday, December 3 at Shook Fieldhouse

**Game 3:** Consolation Game

**Time:** 2 p.m.

**Game 4:** Championship Game

**Time:** 4:30 p.m.

## Sports Briefs

### Rose grapplers scrimmage, prepare for tournament

The Rose-Hulman wrestling team took on the Indiana University wrestling club on Tuesday, walking away with four victories out of 13 matches.

Leading the Rose grapplers were junior Joe Labbe, who won 13-2; junior Jim Labbe, winning 3-2; and senior Jeff Johnson, winning 7-6.

Rose will travel to Wabash College on Friday to take part in the two-day Little State Tournament, then they will be at home triangular meet against Wabash and Millikin.

### Swimming team continues winning ways

Led by sophomore Aaron Lindsey and senior Rob Danforth, the Rose-Hulman swimming team scored 46 points in the Wabash Invitational at the Indiana University Natatorium in Indianapolis.

Lindsey scored 14 points with a third-place finish in the 200-meter individual medley, and two fifth-place finishes in the 100- and 200-meter backstroke.

Danforth had six points with a fourth-place finish in the 50-meter freestyle and an eighth place-place finish in the 100-meter freestyle.

Also performing well for the Engineers was freshman diver Steve Baumeister, who finished seventh in the one-meter competition and eighth in the three meter event.

### Engineer football standouts named to academic team

For the second straight year, seniors Greg Hubbard and Todd Holthaus were named to the District 5 College Division All-Academic Football Team by sports information directors in Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. Both players are now eligible for Academic All-American honors.

Hubbard, an offensive lineman, was a first-team Academic All-American last year with a 4.0 GPA in mechanical engineering.

Holthaus, a placekicker/punter, was a second-team choice in 1992, with a 3.7 GPA in electrical engineering.

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# Technology brings classroom into the future

by College Press Service

The changing needs of students has caused a technological revolution in the college classroom, officials in academe say.

Classes that were once filled with rows of wooden desks are making way for classrooms with computer terminals and modems. Students who used to stare at college professors during lectures now look at a television screen because the professor is teaching via satellite.

At Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., 200 classrooms have been wired with fiber-optic video information systems that enable instructors to use visual information from satellites, computers and video images.

From the classroom, professors can tap into information in the school's library of films, videos and laser discs. They simply

punch the information into the computer and the image is viewed on the color monitors in the room.

Ball State also produces an MBA program by television program. The interactive courses are beamed by satellite to 60 sites in Indiana and Kentucky.

Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash., has given foreign language students the option to choose audiotapes or the latest computer and video equipment when watching foreign programs via satellite from around the world. Mexican news programs are beamed into the school live.

About half of the foreign language students are still reluctant to use the new technology that has been available at Whitman since 1991.

The equipment's mobility makes it suitable for classroom computer applications and presentations, said Gary Esarey, director of Whitman's Language

Learning Center.

Esarey said the technology will probably not stop in the classrooms at Whitman. He said the video and satellite equipment will most likely lead to a closed-circuit cable system in the residence halls.

He said the school will probably develop a campus satellite system so the technology will reach out of the labs and into the dorm rooms.

The University of Florida in Gainesville is using its technology to reach students in other parts of Florida. The university is using its pest management class to get the bugs out of high tech learning by beaming these classes via satellite to rural areas of Florida.

Students on the receiving end of the satellite classes are gaining college credit. These fully interactive stations are hooked to the actual university classroom via satellite and modem.

"This is mainly for the non-

traditional student who can't just drop everything and come to UF," Warren Croke, the university's distance education specialist, said.

According to Croke, the system is relatively cheap to run after the initial setup costs. He said that the university's satellite transmitter is rented to reduce the cost of the class. The total cost per satellite class including the conference call fee is about \$5 per site.

The pest management class has been offered via satellite for the past two years and there are plans to offer other satellite classes.

In order to put technology to use in the classroom, an electronic system design team has been formed to design the classroom for the school year 2000. The Department of Education is working in conjunction with the Center of Education Technology and Florida State University in Tallahassee to design the classroom of the future.

The classroom of the future has computers instead of notebooks and networks instead of textbooks, said Owen Gaede, the design team leader for the Center for Educational Technology.

Gaede said students spend valuable time memorizing the answers to questions when they should instead be learning the process of finding the answers.

The new technology will

most likely make way for a new system of grading that would evaluate students based on their own merit and not what they can memorize, Gaede said.

Instead of the traditional grade point system, students would be evaluated by portfolio assessments. Although it is still being researched, Gaede said this system would allow students to succeed without being measured against one another.

In the classroom of the future the role of the professor would also change, Gaede said.

"The teacher becomes a partner in learning. The role becomes more like a coach," he said.

According to Gaede, the professor will no longer be the primary source of information. He said this change may be drastic because many college students view the college professor as the source of authority in learning.

Gaede said all colleges and universities will eventually be forced to join the technology era and change their teaching methods, and that competition from commercial businesses offering worldwide network access will force colleges to change.

"Universities will either change or cease to exist," Gaede said.

Due to the rising cost of education, Gaede said the team is trying to make the cost of the technology cost-effective.

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## Security staff provides winter driving tips

The arrival of winter driving, and especially road travel during the holiday season can create a great many challenges for us as drivers. As the old saying goes, "If you don't like the weather in Indiana stick around because it will change." Change can at times mean that extreme driving conditions come about rather quickly.

This is a very good time to evaluate the condition of your vehicle while initiating safety preparation for the winter months. Some suggestions might be as follows:

### 1. ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Battery--Cold weather starts require a good battery that is fully charged.

Recharge or replace weak batteries. Check the fluid levels and make certain battery posts and clamps are tight. Have your voltage regulator or alternator checked. At times a weak battery can signal an alternator problem which might be resolved by re-tightening the alternator belt.

Lights--Inspect and test all vehicle lighting. Check headlights, parking lights, directional signals (front and rear), tail lights, and brake lights for proper operation. Weak headlights can signal an alternator problem which might be resolved by re-tightening the alternator belt.

Ignition System--Worn, frayed or damaged ignition wires, a cracked distributor cap, or worn spark plugs can make starting difficult or cause sudden breakdown. An engine tune-up will reveal potential problems.

### 2. BRAKE SYSTEM

Brakes should be inspected, and if needed, properly adjusted to ensure equal braking. The fluid level within the master cylinder should be checked, and if needed, topped off with an appropriate amount of fluid.

### 3. TIRES

Control of your vehicle depends a great deal on the quality and condition of your tires. The only contact your vehicle has with the roadway is with your tires. Inspect for tread wear which can signal they need replaced, wheel alignment needs attention, or something as simple as an appropriate distribution of air is needed in them.

Snow tires are recommended, and chains provide the best starting and stopping performance in severe snow, and on icy surfaces. If you have a front wheel drive vehicle snow tires and chains are recommended on all four wheels. All season radials serve well in areas that experience moderate snowfall. Snow tires require 4 pounds psi more pressure than regular tires, but should not exceed maximum pressure.

**NEVER MIX RADIAL TIRES WITH OTHER TIRE TYPES!**

### 4. THE EXHAUST SYSTEM

Minimize chances of carbon monoxide poisoning by having your exhaust system inspected for leaks. Carbon monoxide is odorless, very hard to detect, and it can kill. When stuck in snow with the engine running, open a window slightly and clear snow away from the exhaust pipe.

### 5. HEATING AND COOLING

Inspect your radiator and hoses for leaks and cracks. The recommended range or amount of engine coolant (antifreeze) for the coldest weather is at least -30 degrees (F-below zero). Test your heater, and front and rear defroster for proper operation.

Inspect for potentially defective coolant lines and hoses. Dry rot is a common problem and is usually detected by observing for cracks or break down (softness) in rubber composition. Locations of hose clamps and/or turns in the hose are good locations to start with.

Aged or rusty hose clamps should be replaced. It's a very good idea to inspect the hose area around the clamp insuring mechanical installation had not created a hidden problem. Excessive torque on the hose clamp will cause the clamp to cut into the hose. A combination of this, and excessive hose pressure which is normally associated with an inadequate level of engine coolant may become a major unannounced problem for you.

### 6. WINDSHIELD WIPERS AND WASHER RESERVOIR

Wipers and the windshield washer system should properly function. It is important to understand that wiper blades are replaced according to hours of use and not annual use. Blades that streak the windshield should be replaced, and the windshield washer reservoir bottle should be kept full of antifreeze washer solvent. **DO NOT PUT RADIATOR ANTIFREEZE IN THE WINDSHIELD WASHER RESERVOIR!**

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Extra clothing	A snow brush
Traction mats	A flashlight (extra alkaline batteries)
Ice scraper	Rags or paper towels
Jumper cables	Warning devices (flares or triangles)
Blankets	

### 8. DRIVER PREPARATION

Avoid driving while fatigued. Never warm up your vehicle in an enclosed area, such as your garage. Be knowledgeable in advance of posted snow routes. Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze up. Consider adding gas line antifreeze to your tank with each fill up. Always fasten your seat belt. Always operate your vehicle approximately 5 to 10mph under the posted speed limit during adverse weather. Always expect the unexpected in observing the actions of other drivers and pedestrians.

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### Suggestions for your weekend entertainment

by Troubled Bunny,  
WMHD

I always have this terrible feeling that the spirit of Terre Haute nightlife is lingering over me, ready to suck out the last bit of soul from my life. But I won't let that happen this weekend, for it is so close to last week's refreshing break. No! No! I am going to enjoy this weekend, for there are two bands coming to town tonight that promise to put on an entertaining show. The bands are They Came In Doves and Busker Soundcheck, and they both will be performing tonight, December 3, at the 4th Quarter.

They Came In Doves claim to be an "aggressive and melodic" rock and roll band from Springfield who have just recently released their second CD "Get Out Of Me" (Fuse), and are currently on a Midwest tour to promote their CD. In the past, TCID was regularly compared to U2; however, more recently the band has been developing their own style and continues to mature as they create a base here in the Midwest. Keith "Fluffy" Auerbach, who is a recent addition to TCID and has worked with Ministry and L7,

and has helped to build their new, hard-hitting sound. TCID is a strong performance band who write some tunes live, on-stage, where they feel some of their best material was created.

Appearing with TCID is Chicago's alternative band, Busker Soundcheck. I definitely expect a power performance from this trio after reviewing their 8-song demo tape. With their roots planted in heavy metal, BS should attract some of Rose's large, silent, headbanger population. For those of you who like a little lighter stuff, don't let their roots scare you for BS is not total metal. On their demo tape, they go from songs with strong electric guitar riffs to acoustical pieces. I feel that there songs have much to say about social life in the 90's, both good and bad. One of their songs, "Trip To Mars", even reminded me a little of the Clash. Join me and my salvation this Friday. Call up and request some BS (Tell DJ Cassette Tape) or TCID (CD) today.

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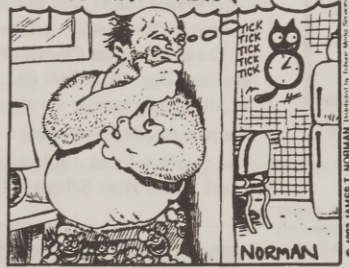
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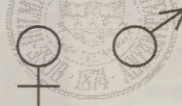
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9. Dissolve phosphorus in 15M hydrochloric acid
8. Entertain guests
7. Eat lychee fruit
6. Luge
5. Strip poker
4. Fry bacon
3. Play goalie for the Mighty Ducks
2. Camp fire cookouts
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