"Sophomore" spelled backwards and without the "e" equals Romophos, the sophomore men's honorary founded in 1932. Its original objectives were to further interests of the sophomore class, stimulate school and class spirit, advance scholastic endeavors, and perpetuate University traditions. Candidates for initiation were notified of their acceptance the night before the initiation ceremony, which originally involved wearing red fezzes and carrying a lock and chain. In the 1950's and 1960's burlap bags and the fezzes were worn to class for one day. Sometimes initiates could be seen linked together with rope or dancing around a group of Mirrors members (see photo to the right). They also were required to duck waddle through seven sorority houses while singing the Romophos song and then crawl up the Long Walk to the Thompson Statue and perform for the old members.

Bill Hosket, an OSU alumnus and basketball player, now TV basketball announcer, was a member of Romophos in 1965. Woody Hayes was an honorary member. In 1979, a Romophos Rock was placed on West Campus, between Rightmire and Pressey Halls, to promote interest in the honorary.

The above title, symbol, and caption were part of the Bulletin Board display in the Main Library during Spring Quarter, 1991.
ROMOPHOS

Lloyd Bernard
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Willis Deming
William Dittoe
John Dods
Arthur Downes
Charles Ebersold
John Garmhausen
Freeman Gehres
Robert Gibbs

Homer Hagaman
Frederick LeFevre
Robert Maclvor
Paul Miller
Arnold Pavlish
William Poe
Robert C. Potts
Robert E. Potts
John Prior
Robert Pullin

Gilbert Ray
Robert Roush
James Scott
William Swanson
Richard Vance
John Von Stein
Harry Weyrich
Merlin Willey
William Zipf

ROMOPHOS, men's sophomore honorary society, was founded in 1932 by the outstanding members of the Class of 1935. The objectives of the organization are the furtherance of the interests of the Sophomore class, the stimulation of school and class spirit, advancement of scholastic endeavors, promulgation and perpetuation of meritorious University traditions, and the promotion of a high moral code of conduct. It is a rule of the society that only students who show future promise as citizens and who will reflect credit on Ohio State University shall be elected to membership. All new members, who are selected on the first Thursday in May and officially inducted at the last meeting of the year, are chosen on a basis of character, scholarship, personality, and activities. Membership may consist of from twelve to thirty-five members.
Randolph Should Be Best In Brevities; Streetcar' Tops List In AP Film Poll

Buckeye Brevities of 1952 opens at 8:15 p.m. today in the Uni-

Leslye Randle was named best supporting actress in the Streetcar which is the top film.

Karl Morden, who played Miss Leight's lover in "Streetcar," hoped to win the list of supporting actors.

The only award not going to the Williams film's cast was the one for the top supporting actress. Le Grant, who played the scared shop lifter hauled into a New York police station in "Detective Story," won in this category.

I was among the 241 AP critics who sent in ballots, but I did come out too well. I hit just first places and two thirds.

In a previous column, if I remember, I picked "Streetcar" as the best movie. And I also said Miss Leigh would be named top actress.

But my nod for the top actor went to Kirk Douglas for his portrayal of the unyielding detective. Jim McLeod, in "Detective Story," Douglas came in third in the AP poll.

I also picked Shelley Winters as the top supporting actress for her work in "A Place in the Sun." She too, came in third.

And I really missed the boat in the supporting actor division. I said the top award in this category should go posthumously to Robert Walker for his portrayal of the intellectual but demented murderer in "Strangers on a Train."

Walker didn't even come within shouting distance of Malden. (To my knowledge, such a posthumous award has never been presented. But if I had my way, Walker would get one.)

Konstantine Kotcho (Konnie) Solaco (left) and John Crawford in the comedy team which will brighten up the two performances of Buckeye Brevities of 1952. The two comedians have performed at Candlelight Inn and in Scarlet Mask shows. The Brevities, a variety show, is sponsored by Romophos.
Don't trip. The Romophos rock, dedicated to the Romophos Sophomore Honor Society founded in 1932, lies between Rightmire Hall and the Learning Resource Center on West Campus.

By David Winters

They could have gotten a rock star. They might have tried Rocky but no, they got only a rock.

Romophos, the sophomore honorary, needed a way to coax freshmen into applying for membership.

The illustrious sophomores put their noses to the grindstone and came up with a boulder which sits between Rightmire Hall and the Learning Resource Center on West Campus.

We were missing some excellent quality students because they didn't know we existed," said James Tootle, secretary of University College and faculty adviser for the group.

So, three years ago, the honorary began planning a way to get eligible freshmen to apply.

In earlier years, Romophos was open only to students whom a faculty member had nominated.

"We suddenly found ourselves out looking for members," Tootle said.

The work of three generations of Romophos members paid off earlier this summer when the boulder was rolled into the heart of West Campus.

But it wasn't as easy as it sounds. In fact, the group probably thought it was caught between a rock and a hard place fighting the red tape involved.

"You can't put a boulder just anywhere on this campus," Tootle said.

"We had to clear it with the office of Public Administration, Physical Plant Facilities, and an architect."

The saga of rock and man ended Sept. 25, when an auspicious bronze plaque was affixed to the stone proclaiming the truth of Romophos to an eager freshman world.
Hi Romophites,

I hope that your summer has been cool, profitable, and long enough! This is the newsletter that you have been promised! We know that you have been waiting for this all summer.

The 1984-1985 Romophos officers are:

President: Darrell Geis
Vice-President: Louis DeLuca
Secretary: Elizabeth Watters
Treasurer: Rich Shields
AOSH Reps: Julie Kimmel, Scott Baron

The officers had a meeting 5/29 and discussed some events for the fall.

----- Displays: Romophos has a display this summer for Freshmen Orientation over in the Drake Union and is putting one together for Welcome Week.
----- Dues: We have decided an appropriate amount to be $15.00 dollars. We would like to have this collected by the second meeting.
----- Certificates: Those of you who couldn't make it to the ULA banquet can pick up their certificates from Dr. Tootle at the first meeting.
----- Homecoming: We have signed up to carry a banner in the parade. The theme this year is "Jazz it Up." Anybody out there artistically inclined or willing to help?????
----- Beach Party: There will be a get together party at the Olentangy-Drake Shelter on Sunday September 16th at 2:00 pm. We will provide chips and pop. We will also have a beach costume contest.

The first meeting will be October 4th at a tentative time of 7:30 pm in the Board Room at the Ohio Union. Be there or be left out on all of the fun!

In return for this exciting???? newsletter, PLEASE FILL OUT the following questionnaire and send it as soon as possible to Elizabeth Watters, 6292 Faircrest Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43229.

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Name ____________________________________________
Your Fall Address __________________________________
Telephone # _______________________________________
Possible Projects ___________________________________

Hope that the rest of your summer before school is great!!!!!!!!
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Member
Mrs. Patricia Liddle
Coordinator of International Studies
Candlelight Ceremony
Closing
Advisor

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Charlie Dalton
Gayle Williams
Scot Irvin
Cheryl Thielmeyer
Tina Willson
Karen Elaine Conrad
Deborah Ann Davenport
Louis Steven Deluca
Deborah Sue Double
Steven John Farmer
Debra Ruth Foster
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Stuart Alan Fagin
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Jerry Rudolph Thomas III
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Catherine Diane Watts
David Allen Waylonis
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Tina Marie Willson
David Patrick Vance
Robert William Zesch

Dr. James A. Tootle
Assistant Dean of College of Arts and Sciences
Romophos reunion

Romophos, the sophomore honorary, will hold a reunion May 7 in conjunction with initiation of the 1992-93 class. The reunion will commemorate the honorary's 60th anniversary.

Both former and honorary Romophos members are invited. The deadline for responding is April 17. Even those who cannot attend are asked to respond so the honorary can inform them of future activities.

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