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Alumni Responding To "Challenge Year"

Rose alumni are responding enthusiastically to the first personal challenge for funds in the history of the college, according to Prof. John L. Bloxsome, Vice President for Development.

Heretofore, the Alumni Fund, supported by contributions last year from almost 45 per cent of the more than 2,600 living alumni, was based on a direct mail campaign. Although the percentage of alumni contributing to Rose has been more than double the national average, it was felt that a personal solicitation campaign would encourage increase in contributions and create interest in helping among those alumni who had not done so before.

Therefore, Professor Bloxsome and Miss Helen Mahley, Secretary for Alumni Affairs, organized the first Terre Haute challenge, with the help of Russell E. Archer, Sr., as chairman.

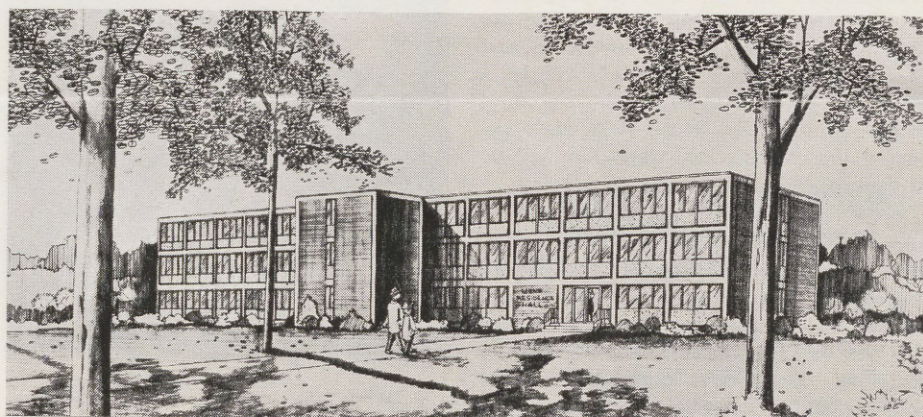
Mr. Archer reports that in the Wabash Valley area the amount of contributions increased as well as the number of subscribers. With Terre Haute as the "pilot" challenge, similar challenges were organized during November in Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Dayton, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Washington-Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York. After the first of the year, there will be other such meetings in Detroit, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Louisville, and Phoenix.

Total gifts to Rose from Sept. 1 to Dec. 1, 1961, are reported as follows:

Alumni Fund	\$28,063.76
Friends & Memorial Gifts	404.88
Associated Colleges of	
Indiana	10,708.47
Unrestricted Gifts	53,170.00
Restricted Gifts	16,215.00

Total \$108,562.11

Prof. Bloxsome said that all funds for which there are comparative reports have increased this year over the same period last year.



Recruitment Committee Outlines Plans

The Recruitment Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Delmer Huppert of Indianapolis and Mr. Hugh Rice of Fort Wayne, is presently strengthening its membership to a full scaled working force.

This will be done, according to plans outlined at the committee meeting on Oct. 21, through the selection of a Rose parent in each community to be responsible for locating prospects for September freshman classes. This single Rose parent, Mr. Huppert said, in order to obtain complete coverage of the area, will enlist the help of the other Rose parents in the community. Referrals will be made to the local chairman, who will either directly advise Prof. Paul B. Headdy, Director of Admissions and Placement, or to either of the chairmen named above.

It should be emphasized, Mr. Huppert continued, that the work of the Rose parent should not cease with the mere referral of a student to Professor Headdy. It will be part of the committee's work to follow up such contacts by presenting to prospective Rose parents a "testimonial" or viewpoint about the college.

Mr. Huppert stressed that no parent is in a position to speak for the Ad-

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Bids Received for New Dorm

Bids totaling approximately \$450,000 for construction of a new dormitory at Rose Polytechnic Institute were received on Nov. 17 and taken under advisement by the Board of Managers.

Dean Herman A. Moench, Acting President, said that the sealed bids were received from 14 local firms and others in the state as well as from a number of out-of-state firms.

Local architects for the project are Miller-Miller and Associates, in cooperation with McGuire & Shook, Campton, Richey and Associates of Indianapolis. At the time *Rose Echoes* went to press, no date had been set for the awarding of contracts.

The final approval of a \$450,000 loan from the Housing and Home Financing Agency was received in October. The loan, combined with an estimated \$70,000 of the college's own funds, will be used for the construction of the three-story building similar to Baur-Sames-Bogart Hall.

The new dormitory, to be built on the south side of the lake, will form, with the other dormitories a "U" around the northeast and south side of the lake. With the addition, the college will be able to house 320 men on campus, or about 60 per cent of the anticipated enrollment.

Faculty Studies Curriculum Improvement

Under the leadership of Dr. Darrell E. Criss, acting chairman of the Electrical Engineering Department, the curriculum committee with representative faculty members from each department has been hard at work on the study of revisions and changes in the curricula of the college to meet the long-term needs of its graduates over the next decade.

Dean Herman A. Moench, acting president, emphasized that the faculty in each department has devoted tremendous effort to work out the details of this preliminary study. The faculty approved at the December faculty meeting the outline of the various curricula and the next step, Dr. Criss said, will be a study of the individual courses and course content. By Sept., 1962, it is expected that the revised curricula will be in use.

With the revised curriculum, it is hoped that the student will receive a broader course of study in science and the engineering sciences so that he will be better prepared for his career over the next several decades. The proposed revisions, Dr. Criss explained, reflect changes which have been going on and are continuing in engineering education.

The faculty at Rose hope to steer a middle course between two extremes in educational philosophy: one is the core curriculum concept whereby the student studies the general subject of engineering as a whole without departmentalization, and the other philosophy of the highly specialized curriculum with emphasis on one and only one particular area of engineering or the sciences.

The faculty believe that the ratio will be some 50 to 60 per cent of the curriculum for common material or courses for all students and the other 40 or 50 per cent of the curriculum for specialization in the area of the student's greatest interest.

"We have tried to provide flexibility to meet the needs of the students as well as obtain a more unified set of course offerings," Dr. Criss pointed out, "with the thought that the college must keep up to date and operate at as high an efficiency of instruction as possible."

"For example, it is hoped that a common offering in the science of materials can be devised and that a unified and coordinated presentation of the whole field of engineering mechanics can be accomplished, perhaps administered by a committee from all departments," he said.

(Specific revisions in each department will be discussed in subsequent issues of ROSE ECHOES.)

Dr. Bergmann now in Terre Haute

Dr. Richard F. Bergmann, chairman of the board of managers of Rose Polytechnic Institute, and Mrs. Bergmann have arrived in Terre Haute. They will live here temporarily following Dr. Bergmann's retirement last month as vice president and chief engineer of the Link-Belt Company of Chicago.



Dr. Bergmann

An alumnus of the class of 1918 and chairman of the board of Rose since last October, Dr. Bergmann, in making the announcement, said he hoped to devote his time to his alma mater on the new dormitory construction program as well as "other physical improvements on the campus."

Student-Faculty Dinner

Atmosphere of the recent student-faculty dinner, an annual event at Rose for the past several years, was "constructive and mature, with expressions of pride in the past record of Rose Polytechnic Institute, and its students and alumni," Dean Herman A. Moench, Acting President, said.

"There was an absence of any cynical or defeatist expressions but a determination to seek improvement in every area of academic and extra-curricular activity," he continued.

In attendance were representatives of all student organizations, editors of the student publications, all members of the Student Council, and heads of the academic departments and principal administrative officers.

The discussion, which began after the dinner and continued until almost 11 o'clock, was open to all attending, and the students were free to speak with complete candor. Most important of the topics which came before the group were scheduling, convocations, athletics, parking, food service and dining facilities,

mail service and the discipline committee. Highlights of the discussion were brought together in a report by Dean Moench with the assistance of Steve Ban, Hammond, Ind., senior and co-editor of the *Rose Tech Explorer*. This report was printed in the Dec. 8 issue of the paper.

The Chairman's Message

from

DELMER HUPPERT
Recruitment Chairman

(Ed.'s Note: We hope to run in each issue a message from one of the officers of the Rose Parents' Association.)

The opportunity for parents of Rose students to assist in the recruitment of high caliber prospective engineers and science majors among high school boys at local levels was the topic of discussion in a meeting of the Rose Parents' Association Recruitment Committee on the campus Oct. 21, 1961. Plans were formulated which will implement the program for the current year.

The committee chairmen request any parent vitally interested in this program and wishing to become a part of it to contact either Mr. Huppert or Mr. Rice. So little time on the part of any single parent will be required to accomplish a task so important to the future of Rose that no one should pass up this opportunity to serve.

Delmer Huppert

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Football Story Read Around the World

Reverberations in print of the original story by Indianapolis Associated Press sports writer Dale Burgess about the Rose football team and its losses echoed almost literally around the world.

Coach Max Kidd received news stories about the team and the school from newspapers from coast to coast and Maine to Florida. The most surprising reprint appeared in the Paris, France, English edition of the New York Herald-Tribune printed overseas and in the Stars and Stripes in Germany.

Coach Kidd was invited to appear, and accepted on the national television show, "To Tell the Truth," which Rose parents undoubtedly saw in November. General tone of all the releases and the telecast was complimentary to the college, and the fact that the academic achievement was most important was stressed at all times.

In his report on intramural sports news, Coach Kidd reported that the tough football season finished with some very good games between the seniors, juniors and sophomores. The seniors won the championship with an undefeated season.

The regular season in all sports opened after Thanksgiving vacation with teams organized for bowling, basketball, and volleyball. The faculty has organized two bowling teams and a volleyball team. After one volleyball game, it is reported that the faculty team "raised the morale of the sophomore team."

Kidd pointed out that Rose was caught in a varsity football season when it had only three upperclassmen out for the sport, due in part to a small senior class this year. Of the 21 men who were on the squad at the end of the season, 20 will be back again, and he hopes to pick up a few more upperclassmen who were not out this year. If the Sept., '62, freshmen come out for the game, Kidd hopes to have a 35 to 40-man squad for 1962.

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Missions and Placement Office in what might be termed an official capacity in regard to college entrance. Rather, he is free to speak in a general way, but should check with, or refer to, the catalogue in regard to entrance requirements, costs, and other specifics.

Rose representatives from the campus are continually visiting high schools, talking to the interested seniors and others at local levels. In this area, a Rose parent can also be helpful by attending the college day activities that are more and more a part of the high school program.

ROSE BUDS

Freshmen elected their class officers this Fall and the following were named: **MICHAEL FRANCIS**, Mattoon, Ill., president; **GRADY WALLACE**, New Albany, Ind., vice president; **GUS CARROLL**, Clarendon Hills, Ill., secretary-treasurer. Freshman representatives to the Student Council were elected also. They are **ROBERT R. PARKS, JR.**, Dallas, Tex.; **RONALD L. CHAPMAN**, Anderson, Ind., and **RONALD F. TURASKI**, Cleveland, Ohio.

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When the Faculty Wives Club held the annual Christmas dinner for husbands and guests, several students sang Christmas carols for the group after the dinner under the direction of Prof. Alfred Schmidt who accompanied them at the piano. Students who added so much to the pleasure of the evening were **JON HUNT**, Anderson, Ind.; **BRONIS DE SUPINSKI**, Parkersburg, W. Va.; **MERLE RICE**, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; **DAVID MORGAN** and **DAVID RENNELS**, both from Terre Haute; **CHARLES HUPPERT**, Indianapolis; **KENNETH STUBER**, Kell, Ill., and **WILLIAM N. KUSCHEL**, Morton Grove, Ill.

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RODNEY BOGUE, Indianapolis, Ind., senior, has completed a project in the dormitory which will enable more students to receive FM broadcasts over their radios. This means, Bogue said, that better and more music will be available with less distracting commercials. Other students, he said, have worked on the project in Baur-Sames-Bogart Hall for the past two years after the Campus Club appropriated the funds for equipment and supplies. Last year **TOM ROSE**, Hammond, Ind., was in charge and helping Bogue this year was **ALFRED J. MAYLE**, Ft. Wayne, Ind. Bogue completed the electronic work and put the system on the air permanently. The FM broadcasts are received on a tuner and rebroadcast over FM bands.

MRS. CHARLES HUPPERT

brightened the Christmas of the office secretaries with her holiday gift of homemade peanut brittle. The girls opened it at the pitch-in luncheon which they held on Dec. 20, after the students raced from the campus at noon. The candy was delicious and the thought was much appreciated.

The radio room is set up also with a microphone and turntable for broadcasting records over the individuals radios. Provision has been made for the installation of a tape unit at some future time which could be used for a special program.

Concert Band Formed Plan Spring Program

Under the leadership of John Rohr, sophomore from Hinsdale, Ill., the Rose concert band was organized this fall for all Rose students and any faculty members interested in such a project.

Directed by Leslie Bain, a faculty member of the Terre Haute city schools in the music department, the band has been practicing on the tone poem "Finlandia" by Sibelius for a Spring convocation concert. No positive date has been set as yet.

The nucleus of the band is made up of the Rose Regiment marching band which does not perform during the winter months.

Rohr said many of the Rose men had been members of their respective high school bands and welcomed the opportunity to continue their practice and playing.

Fraternities Outline Plans for Rushing

Inter-Fraternity Council has made plans for the regular rushing program for Rose freshmen on Feb. 9, 10, and 11.

At this time, the four fraternities—Alpha Tau Omega, Lambda Chi Alpha, Sigma Nu and Theta Xi—will hold an open house for men interested in possible affiliation with a fraternity. Equal opportunity will be given to each fraternity for its individual open house. The only rushing that may be done up to and including this weekend must be done during the open house.

On Monday morning, following Rush weekend, each fraternity will submit a preferential list to Prof. Ralph M. Ross, Dean of Students, and each freshman also submits his fraternity choice or choices. These two lists are then matched and the results announced later in the day.

Attendance at the rush parties, it was pointed out, does not obligate a man to pledge. Following formal rush weekend, any fraternity which does not fill its quota of rushees (one-fourth of the total number of rushees), may rush unaffiliated men openly.

The pledge period which follows and lasts usually about ten weeks, is designed to prepare a man for membership in the fraternity. A pledge learns the history and traditions of his fraternity, he will be assigned pledge duties, work around the house, and in many cases a pledge project, usually designed to improve the chapter house. Each man will be subjected to a limited amount of discipline, but hazing in the traditional sense has been eliminated.

A pledge is required to keep his grades up, and the fraternity will provide tutoring if needed.

Honor Frats Initiate Pledges

Tau Beta Pi and Blue Key national honor fraternities held separate initiation ceremonies last month for their pledges.

The five new members of Tau Beta Pi chapter are Billy L. Crynes, Terre Haute junior; Philip A. Chute, Arlington, Va., and Gregory L. Bolt, Bremen, Ind., all juniors, and Joseph Snyder and Jerry Badger, both seniors from Indianapolis.

The chapter, installed in 1928 on the campus as a result of the efforts of the late Dr. Frank C. Wagner, president of Rose from 1923 to 1928, selects for its membership students from all branches of engineering. However, only those students in the upper fifth of the senior class and upper eighth of the junior class and with a cumulative point average of 3.10 or better (out of a possible 4.00 maximum) are eligible for consideration. The men elected are those "who in addition to their high scholastic record have shown by their exemplary character that they are truly outstanding students."

The Rose chapter of Blue Key was installed in 1932 and is essentially a service organization which recognizes participation in extra-curricular activities which are of benefit to the college. Men in the junior or senior classes who meet this requirement and that of character and scholarship (based on all-men's average which approximates 2.5) are eligible, and not more than 15 per cent of any class may be selected.

These initiates are Philip A. Chute, Joseph G. Grumme, Terre Haute; Max E. Goodwin, Paris, Ill., all juniors, and Lee R. Brda, Cleveland, Ohio, senior.

Interviewers Commend College, Students

According to comments filed in the Office of Admissions and Placement, interviewers on campus from some 78 companies during November and December were full of praise for Rose.

They commended first of all the fine reception they received from faculty, staff and the school in general and called their visits "successful and enjoyable," and said they were always glad to come back.

Although the companies were particularly interested in talking with the seniors, many of the interviewers were interested in talking with undergraduates about summer employment.

Prof. Paul B. Headdy, director, reported that as of December 19, 1961, 184 students have applied for admission to Rose for the Sept., 1962, class.

PROF. RALPH M. ROSS, Dean of students, and Mrs. Ross made sure by a student-to-student census, that all the boys whose homes were any great distance were taken care of for the holidays. As it turned out, these students made arrangements to be with friends or relatives, or with classmates. However, the Rosses planned to make provisions for Christmas in the dorm if any of the students needed to remain on the campus. Prof. Ross said "everybody was very happy with the arrangements."

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October **ROSE ECHOES** noted the freshmen from many sections of the United States and overseas, and inadvertently omitted the name of **JACOBUS KOOIMAN**, freshman from Maracaibo, Venezuela.

First Bogart Prize Presented at Convo

The Paul N. Bogart Memorial Prize for scholarship was presented for the first time at the Fall Honors Convocation in October when sophomore, junior and senior students were cited for class honors and other distinctions.

The Bogart Prize was established by friends in memory of the late Dr. Bogart who retired last October a year ago after serving 31 years as chairman of the Board of Managers of Rose, and who died last April. It is awarded the student achieving the highest average for the freshman and sophomore years, or for four semesters totaling at least 69 credits of work.

The prize was won by Richard B. Esker, a junior, of Teutopolis, Ill.

The much coveted Heminway Bronze Medal for freshman scholarship, awarded for the first time in 1889 from a fund established by the late Mrs. S. A. Heminway, was presented to John A. Rohr of Hinsdale, Ill., for the highest academic standing for the freshman year.

Rohr, now a sophomore, received a straight 4.00 average, the highest possible average, for his work during his freshman year during which time he carried a nine-hour overload.

Present plans include a Spring meeting of the Rose Parents' Association, according to an announcement from Mr. Lester Hunt, president.

However, details had not been worked out at the time **ROSE ECHOES** went to press, and parents will receive further information either by separate letter or in the April issue of **ROSE ECHOES**.

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