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TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

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Sigma Nu's Winning Bike Team

Rose Wins Alumni Council Award

Rose Polytechnic Institute is one of 35 colleges and universities recognized for superior performance in annual giving from alumni, according to an announcement by the American Alumni Council in Washington, D.C.

The awards are made annually by the AAC in its Alumni Giving in entire Awards Competition, through grant support from the United States Steel Foundation. In the 12 years of the program more than \$415,000 has been distributed in incentive grants.

Rose, which has averaged 45 per cent alumni participation in giving programs over the last 20 years, won a \$250 grant for honorable mention in the sustained performance section of the competition. Approximately 750 colleges and universities were considered for recognition in six areas of competition.

Terrence R. Barton, director of Alumni Affairs and Annual Giving at Rose, reports the alumni fund for 1969-70 has surpassed the previous record. He also indicated that overall percentage giving should surpass the 43 per cent of 1968-69.

The American Alumni Council, which administers the awards, is a non-profit, educational association serving the professional needs of college, university and independent secondary school administrators in the fields of alumni relations, educational fund raising and development and publications.

R.O.T.C. SCHOLARS

Two Rose students have been awarded R.O.T.C. full scholarships for their junior and senior years, according to Col. Richard J. Steinborn, professor of military science.

Winners of the scholarship
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I think that this is one of the most exciting periods in the history of Rose Polytechnic Institute. We have now reached a size of approximately 1100 students, a goal which we set for ourselves back some five years ago. This is a size which gives us a student body comparable to the average engineering school in the United States, and for the first time, we can really have some impact. In other words, we are turning out enough graduates so that they are going from coast to coast and Rose Poly is simply going to be better known than ever before in its history. We've always been an outstanding school, we've always been a first-class school, but we haven't been as well known because we simply have not had enough graduates to reach out to take the positions which were available and which would give us what I call impact.

I think that our faculty is more stable now than it has been previously. It is, I think, an outstanding faculty, compares favorably with faculties of any other school in the country and compares favorably with the faculty at any other previous time in our history.

We are planning new facilities which will add to our effectiveness and our efficiency. As you know, we will be starting a new laboratory classroom building very shortly within the next two or three weeks. This will be built in conjunction with our main building. I will be presenting within the next six weeks a proposal to the Seely Mud Foundation in L.A. to consider the construction of a learning resources center which will contain, hopefully, a new auditorium, a new library, a new computer center,

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RUSH RULES REVIEWED

Meeting Monday, May 25, the Student Activities Committee with Dean Ross, Dr. Sabbagh, Dr. Meeks, Professor Lucas and Bruce Williams present, discussed the new rush rules as presented by Roger Ward.

During the discussion such topics arose as the possibility of disturbances in the dormitories due to the increasing number of fraternity men striving to become better acquainted with the incoming freshmen. Other incidents such as a greater emphasis upon drinking at private parties was also discussed. It was the opinion of some of the faculty members present that rush activities should be centered around the fraternity houses. However, Roger pointed out that the purpose of the revised rules was to promote "rushing" on week ends at the houses while allow-

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EDITORIAL

When reviewing the events of the past school year, certain accomplishments come to the forefront as representative of Rose Polytechnic Institute during the 1969-1970 school year. The areas are varied, but there is one unifying factor among all of them, and that factor is that the men of Rose are becoming more competitive with other colleges, institutes and universities in fields of endeavor.

Rose had on its campus important people with important things to say. Ralph Nader was probably the most widely known of all the guest speakers at Rose, though individual departments at Rose sponsored seminars with lecturers in their specific fields. Not closely related to but certainly as widely known as the guest speakers were the two groups, the Association and the Frijid Pink, which entertained on the Rose campus during the past year.

In sports Rose had one of its best years as both the football and track teams achieved .500 seasons, indeed a large step forward compared to previous years. The baseball and basketball teams qualified for their respective NAIA tournaments and the cross country team had another winning season with the freshmen assuming the major load, an indication that the cross country team will be strong in the coming years.

These are some of the events at Rose which made this year a

unique one in the history of Rose. These are by no means all of the accomplishments that occurred during 1969-1970 as many of the activities were viewed and participated in by only a few. It is the sincere hope that the trend will continue in the direction of the past year's. Whether on the scale of the Association and Ralph Nader or on the seminar level.

—Editorial Staff

LETTER TO EDITOR

Congratulations to the Drama Club on its excellent presentation of "You Know I Can't Hear You When the Water's Running."

The student support of our athletic teams, particularly the spectator sports, has shown marked improvement in recent years. The over-all excellence of the school band has been well recognized for some time. However, I feel that the Drama Club is deserving of better support than it received during parent's weekend for their most recent presentation. I think those students who did not attend missed a very enjoyable evening. I would hope in the future that more students take the time to recognize and support some of our lesser advertised forms of extracurricular activities. I think they would be pleased by the quality of the production of the Drama Club.

Congratulations again to the Drama Club for a job well done in the production of "You Know

I Can't Hear You When the Water's Running."

—JOHN MUTCHNER

Dear Sir:

Concerning Dave Amolsch's letter, I can only speak for myself:

When a man is to be denied the right of hope because of financial or social station;

When a man of less ability is afforded a comparably lessened choice of a happy life;

When the decision between just and unjust becomes an insignificant consideration in the judgment of a question;

Then America can't be saved, my friend, no matter how long the government of the United States. America of the brave and the free and the just and the right.

Is staggering all that is at fault with a society that allows Mr. Amolsch's "patricians" and at the same time claims to be class-less?

Is America the soul of man leaving another behind because his burden pulls him to the ground, or telling, he has no right to aspire to stand beside him?

If the United States already stands among such men as these then it could do no possible harm to America "to blow out the whole keel of her ship"—to follow Mr. Amolsch's brilliant analogy—for she already is dead.

I pray to God that she's not, and believe the same, for as long as men, and if you wish boys—or rabble—can be loyal enough to her to dissent, America will live.

Do you allow a child to continue to play in the broken glass that she has found, because she likes the pretty sparkling colours? Of course, not! Is she right to doubt your love for her, because you interrupt her "fun"?

The United States is mighty. And the mighty can make great mistakes. Yet only the mighty can afford to admit these errors. We can't fall by saying we might be wrong, but only if we allow these wrongs to grow, as disease, and murder all those that might make an effort to help, to cure, to strengthen, to care, to love.

—NICK CRAMER

NOTE: The above was aired on WRTR as a personal message reviewed and supported by the WRTR Editorial Board.

NEW ROTC SCHOLARS

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are Samuel I. Page, Indianapolis, and Kent A. Schreiber, Glastonbury, Conn. Both men

are sophomores competed against those recommended at Rose and then Army wide for the 815 two-year scholarships awarded by the U.S. Army.

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Friday, May 22, at the Country Club of Terre Haute, was the setting for the party honoring Professors John L. Bloxsome and Paul B. Headdy, who will retire this summer with a combined 65 years of service to Rose Polytechnic Institute. Playing key roles in Rose's development program over the last 10 years, these two men were instrumental in the expansion of the enrollment to 1050 men and the acquisition of many new facilities. Previous to their promotion to administrative positions in 1960, both men were active in the area of humanities and social sciences.

Professor Bloxsome joined the Rose faculty in 1929, serving as chairman (and the only member) of the English and social studies department. He has seen the enrollment reach a low of 50 during the war years and then skyrocket to its present high of 1050.

Relinquishing his role as chairman of the department, he was appointed the college's first director of development in which he assumed the responsibility of admissions, place-

ment, alumni affairs, public relations and fund raising programs of the school. In 1965, Professor Bloxsome was appointed vice president for development and in 1969 was named vice president and special assistant to the president.

Serving as five-term president of the Terre Haute Board of School Trustees during a 12-year tenure from 1948 to 1960, he also served as president of the Indiana School Boards Association in 1951 and 1952.

A Rector Scholar at DePauw University, he earned his A.B. in English and history and received his masters degree at the University of Chicago in 1935.

Also active in Masonry, he received the thirty-third degree in Scottish Rite Masonry in 1962 and was Grand Master, Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana in 1967 to 1968.

Professor Headdy, who joined the Rose faculty in 1948, taught economics and history while advancing to the rank of full professor. Named as director of admissions and placement in

1960, he held the position until 1968 when the increasing enrollment required a full time director of placement.

A graduate of Ball State University, Professor Headdy did his graduate work at Indiana University. Following graduate school, he worked in college administration at Indiana before joining Indiana State University and a position at Laboratory School.

Congratulations are in hand for these two men who served Rose Poly throughout their stay here.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

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and a number of experimental classrooms. These will be operated in conjunction with the laboratory classroom building and will give us adequate facilities in an area where now we are not adequately provided for.

In addition, we have a recreation building in design now which will be presented also for functioning and when these three new buildings are completed, hopefully by 1974, we will have completed this stage of our development, the Centennial Development Stage which terminates in 1974.

We will, of course, continue

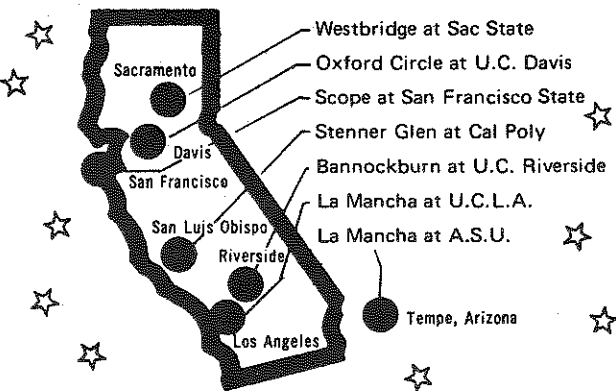
to emphasize good teaching, concern of the individual, and I think that these are particularly important in 1970, as we move into this new decade. I feel that 1970 is going to be a critical period, not only for institutions of higher learning, but for the United States and for the world. We have a great many problems to solve, the pollution problem, the population problem, the problems of crime, of poverty, of uncontrolled development, of urban centers, transportation, and it is obvious that the engineer and the scientist are vitally important in the solution of these problems. In fact, if we don't, during this decade, face these problems with the same enthusiasm, the same determination, the same resources that we have faced other major problems, like WW2, I'm afraid that we are going to move towards the end of the century with the problems that are simply going to overwhelm us. Most of these problems are of a nature which do involve engineers and scientists, the engineer and the scientist is going to be critically important, and I feel that Rose engineers and Rose scientists can and will play an important part in the solution of these problems in the decade

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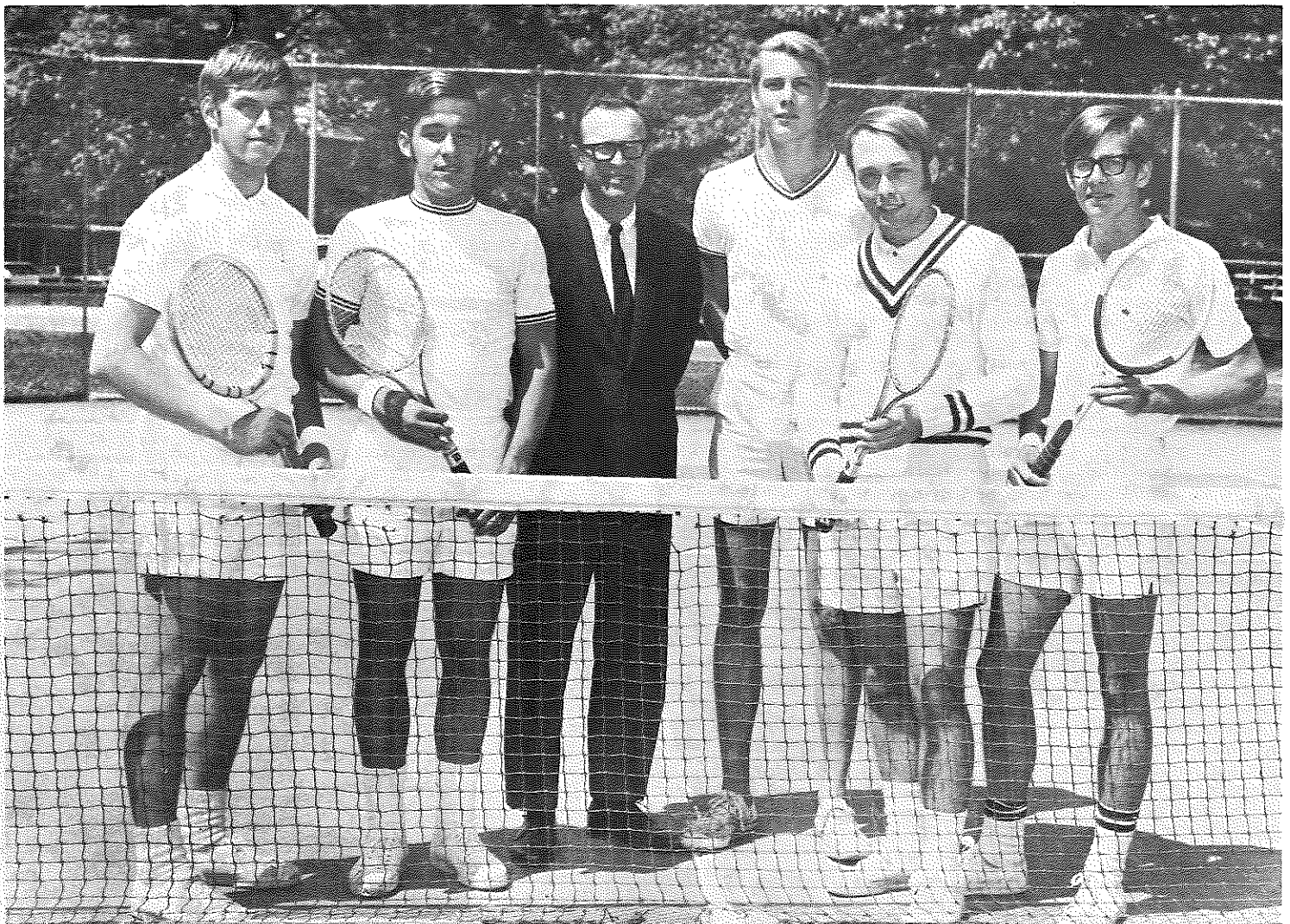
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Members of the 1970 Tennis Team are (from left to right) Gery Hess, Ken Brown, Coach Mutchner, Rick Keevin, Al Hruby and Ron Westby.

Tommyknockers

by Bill Strahle

ITEM:

The Frijid Pink concert must be termed a success. Though it took the group a little while to jell, the music forthcoming was well worth the wait. The few couples who surrendered to the numerous mosquito attacks early in the concert and exited so hurriedly missed the best part of the show. I certainly hope that once the Activities Board becomes a reality, it will be able to continue the trend

of bringing Rose students good entertainment.

ITEM:

The business office, in its zeal for running a sound financial ship, may end up treading on academic toes.

ITEM:

While enjoying the hospitality of Mr. Hulman by using his lake, let's not abuse this "un-official" privilege. If we clean up the beer cans and not be overly destructive, the students at Rose may continue to be welcome on or in Hulman Lake.

ITEM:

Dr. Hill informs me that he could use a little "muscle power" this weekend to remove the bed of the famed Zebra Safari Truck. We can't go racin' if the truck isn't equipped to haul around the beautiful golden body of the Unhemi. Volun-


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ITEM:

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couple of butterfingered biologists taking Oceanography this quarter.

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Highlighting the Greek Week-End festivities was this 10-mile bike race.

More On Greek Week-end

In last week's issue of the *Institute Inklings* I wrote an article concerning Greek Week-End. Since then I have been approached by several members of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity due to a misunderstanding which has occurred with regard to the idea behind my story. It was not my intention too belittle Lambda Chi's effort in the Songfest. It was, and still is, my intention to see a set of rules governing all the activities connected with Greek Week-End.

In the past, each fraternity that has participated in the Songfest was represented by a majority of its members. Just as Lambda Chi was represented by 19 men, a fraternity might choose to back one person. This is not the proper attitude to take toward our Fraternity Songfest. Just as the other contests had written rules governing their function, the Songfest had an unwritten rule (until this year) concerning the fact that a participating fraternity would have a majority of its members participating. I am sure if the men in charge of Lambda Chi's contingent would have contacted Jack

Parks, or some other knowledgeable person, the incident would not have occurred. Let's work towards improving Greek Week-End by avoiding the mistakes all of us made this year. This was the best fraternity events in the past decade, let's work to make it even better next year.

—GREG DAWE

THANKS

At this point, I wish to thank Dr. Logan, who has taken an avid interest in our editorial policy, and Dan Lawther, who has sat in on many of our meetings, and has over all been a great help.

Most important, though, are those members of the WRTR Editorial Board who have formulated policy and have spent many long hours in composition. Jim Duvall, Rick Engelman and Dave Scheidt, who have been with the board since its formulation, as well as Bill Kirtley, Doug Haldeman, Keith Nosal, Hugh Trimble, John Medero, Charles Kindrick and Rob Bruner.

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The team, comprised of only six men, was one of much high school experience, but for the most part had seen little college action. Team members include: seniors, Fred Krampe,

Plainfield, and Stan Miller, Cincinnati; junior, Tom Merrill, Terre Haute; freshmen, Joe Pognant, Clinton; Kevin Gerner, Carmel, and Jim Story, Danville, Ill.

As far as next year predictions go, the team members feel that they can improve on their 4-3 dual meet record and with a little help from incoming freshmen could rate as a "team to beat" in the NAIA. With three of the top five golfers returning, along with three good freshmen prospects Rose should definitely improve on this year's achievements.

MEN OF THE YEAR

As the school year draws to a close, the WRTR Editorial Board would like to present two awards, an event which we hope will occur annually. These awards are two Men of the Year Awards, one to be presented to the student and the other to the administrator who have in the past year shown outstanding service to Rose as an institution, the student body as a whole, and to the individuals who make up the student body. These are men who have given more than their share of time and effort to see things done. These awards are given because those who try to get things done are too often criticized for failing and not often enough thanked for what they have accomplished.

The Student of the Year is John Hodsdon, who has served as president of the Student Government this past year. As such, he saw the realization of two concerts by name groups on

the Rose campus, the Association concert last fall and the Frigid Pink concert this spring. John personally devoted a great deal of time to the Association concert, doing small things such as marking off seats when no help was volunteered. John has had much to do with the writing and printing of the new Student Government handbook which will be distributed this next fall and hopefully will clear up some misunderstandings. John is also responsible for the student-faculty meetings of the past year which have helped open communication between students and administration. These are just a few of the major things John has done this past year. There are many little things, such as correcting a number of misprints in the Student Government constitution, which would be impossible to list. Thank you, John Hodsdon, our Student of the Year.

The Administrator of the Year Award goes to Dan Lawther, who has served as Director of Dormitories this past year. We would like to thank Dan for the many things he has done this year and in general for a job well done in his first attempt at such a job. One of Dan's outstanding accomplishments has been his close relationship with the students. Not many people have found themselves turned away when they have gone to Dan with a problem. He has also been an inside channel to the administration for student feelings. One result of this has been the new dorm rules which have become effective this year. Another project Dan has pushed is the remodeling of the snack bar, which will probably be started this summer. Our Administrator of the Year is Dan Lawther because of his willingness to listen and understand the students and transmit this understanding to the rest of the administration.

As a final comment, we do not want to overlook the fact that, while they may not have always seen eye to eye, both John and Dan have sought many of the same improvements for Rose even though one has succeeded where the other has not been able. And so, a final thank you to our Men of the Year, John Hodsdon and Dan Lawther.

—WRTR Editorial Board

NEW RUSH RULES

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ing fraternity members to shoot-the-bull in the dorms on week-day evenings until 8:00 p.m. The I.F.C. felt that this system would be the most equitable for all those involved. The new system would enable the freshmen to feel more at ease, thus providing a better opportunity for him to judge the men of each fraternity. In addition, the fraternity will get a much better look at each freshman.

Finally, it was the opinion of those present that the Student Activities Committee would review all appeals and cases brought before the Inter-fraternity Council so that fines and penalties could be judiciously levied and enforced.

Because of the absence of several members, the new rules could not be passed Monday. However, they will be brought before the Faculty meeting Tuesday, the 27th, for their consideration. With the addition of these revised rules to the I.F.C. Constitution, a tre-

mendous step forward for Rose's fraternity system will be completed. It is the goal of the fraternity system to enhance student life at Rose Poly while improving the public image of Rose.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

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ahead. We here, therefore, are girding up for this important challenge. I think that our educational program will keep pace with the needs and, as I say, this is perhaps the most exciting time in the history of the Institute.

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