VIGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY NAMES LIBRARY IN HONOR OF JOHN BIEL

For his long years of service in the Vigo County Historical Society, John G. Biel, local attorney and historian and Rose professor of business law, was honored at the February meeting of the historical society at a recent meeting held at the Historical Museum of the Wabash Valley.

As a surprise to Biel, he was presented with a walnut plaque with bronze plate on which is the inscription "John G. Biel Library—in recognition of devoted service, 1971."

The plaque will be placed on the door of the reference library of the historical museum.

Biel has been a long-time member of the society, of which he is the immediate past president and still a director.

In November of 1945, a small group of history-minded citizens met to discuss plans to re-activate the Vigo County Historical Society after a lapse of meetings during the World War II years.

Biel was one of 10 dedicated local persons at this meeting.

Shortly after the session, he was elected a director of the society, in which office he has served ever since. He also served as legal advisor, as vice president from 1956 until the death of Loring Halberstadt, the president, when he became president. He also has served as chairman of several important committees during these 25 years.

In 1947, he became permanent quarters chairman, which culminated in the opening of the Historical Museum of the Wabash Valley in 1959, 11 years later.

Biel has presented many programs and has been active in obtaining life members and major gifts of both money and articles for the museum.

In 1958, he was elected an honorary member of the society "in consideration of contributions he has made toward preserving early history of Terre Haute, Vigo County and the Wabash Valley, his talks to organizations and his appointment to the Harrison Trail Commission."

ATTENTION SENIORS

Graduation has been officially set for Friday, May 28, 1971. The schedule for that day includes a reception from 2:30-4:30 p.m. and commencement from 8:00-10:00 p.m.

In the past graduation has been held on a Saturday, but the Indianapolis 500 mile race is to be held on Saturday, the 29th of May. Since a large number of students and people associated with Rose-Hulman attend the race, it was decided to move to this Friday evening graduation. This decision was made by the Senior class officers and approved by the Rose Board of Managers.

If any senior has his family or a "friend" planning to spend that evening in Terre Haute, he will want to make reservations for a place to stay far in advance. Due to the large number of people that will come to Terre Haute planning to go to the "500" next day, motel space will be at a minimum.

MOENCH PROMOTED AT BOARD MEETING

The Board of Managers of Rose-Hulman approved a $3.8 million budget for the 1971-72 academic year and promoted Prof. Herman A. Moench from Vice President of Academic Affairs to Vice President of the Institute during the Winter meeting of the governing body of the college Friday.

Benjamin G. Cox, chairman of the board, reported the approval of the $3,563,176 budget based on an estimated enrollment of 1,050 next fall. Official stated the rise of $150,000 was the smallest increase in the annual budget in more than a decade.

The board also heard reports on promotions and tenure, academics, admission and placement, development, and the change in the role of vice president.

Under the revised role for the vice president, Prof. Moench will be responsible for areas of general administration not covered in the former position which related to academic affairs.

In other action, the board promoted Herman Cole, Jr., director of the library, from assistant professor to associate professor, and Robert E. Bergman, head football coach, from instructor to assistant professor.

Reports on the "state of the college" were promising. According to these reports, Rose-Hulman appears to be backing national trends in the areas of student recruitment and placement of its graduates.

While applications for next fall's freshman class are down from previous years, projections indicate the college will admit a 350-man freshman class for the third year in a row.

FREE BEER

We lied, now! Anyone who is interested in working on the Institute Inklings next quarter should contact either Ron Westby or Bob Hofstadter via Box 606. WORKERS in all departments are needed.
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Shades of communist (or is it Nazi) oppression of the press!! I am wondering why Dean Ross is not being applauded for his heroic efforts in saving money by not having The Rose Thorns distributed at the expense of the school. This gallant effort to save a few paltry dollars can only make people think of him in the spirit of Caesar, Napoleon, Lenin (opposing the Reds!), and many others. If I think I slipped a cog there, etc., these are inadvisable examples, I am sure. However, his histrionics are tarnished considerably (maybe he can order impounded the Chemistry Department to renew his histrionics) when one considers the fate of the meanings of words they use so loosely the communication gap will necessarily exist.

I write letters not to represent the faculty or any other group but as an individual who chooses to express himself in writing as the occasion arises. I live in a nation where such recourse is guaranteed for I am a natural-born citizen of the United States and thus entitled to all its rights and privileges including freedom of speech. It is not within my control to have my personal opinions become distorted to be representative of a group. I have just as much right to speak against particular distasteful cartoons as those who create them do to thrust it upon my fellow human beings. I think of myself as a human being first rather than a faculty member. If the lowering of a human being in any way is promoted, I will resist such thoughts as long as I am able for I seek a better, improved world for the sake of all human beings!

Sincerely yours,

-Terry Ishihara

Dear Sir:

Time after time you have published articles defending your right to print whatever you students (human beings) wish. Then certainly you won't deny this prof. (human being) the right to read whatever he wishes, please cancel my free subscription to the Inklings; the price is too high.

-Warren J. Wayne

P.S.: How very clever of you to spell obscenities backwards in your "cartoons." (Yeh, I know, and how clever of me to read it backwards.)

Dear Editor:

Isn't it grand to know that students at Rose can freely voice their opinions on various aspects of school life? However too many misuse this privilege (heritage, indeed!) to gripe, complain and otherwise bitch. One could get the mistaken impression that Rose students do nothing but gripe!

So, as a change, we would like to offer these words of praise for a new and successful facet of Rose life—Experimental Chem I.

The success of Chem I can easily be gauged by the ever-increasing number of students who rise at wee hours on the mornings of lectures in order to be assured of a front-row seat!

During the action-filled 50-minute period, Dr. Hill presents most exciting presentations which help the inquisitive student by providing extraordinary insight into such matters as pornography in the student paper, reasons for the Chem I book, the most interesting problem in lecture, the occupational hazards like chalk dust and the psycho-chemical reasons for high student attendance at 8:00 a.m. lectures. Despite all the topic-oriented material previously discussed, the students are entertained by such amusing sideshows as famous acrobatic act in which Dr. Hill stands on his head on a trash can while attempting to point out Helium on the periodic table.

Another successful facet of the new system is that of having tutors. The students have found that the Chem I tutors are always available when needed! After all, what more does a 19-year-old chem major have to do than sit patiently by the phone at all hours of the night for a student to call? Also, it is great to know that the responsibility of grading the tests is now in the hands of those most capable.

Despite the added relief of not grading tests, Dr. Hill still takes added burden with a heavier class schedule than under the previous system. The new system now provides for a full three hours of lecture every two weeks—opposed to only six or eight hours of class under the old system!

However, the extra burden has paid off well. Only 46 students out of 119 received an A.

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"F" for mid-term. This means that possibly there will be 38.6 per cent fewer students to crowd the lectures of Chem II next quarter!

With all these advantages how could anybody gripe? (Except those few who are flunking).

Sincerely,
— Two "A" Chem I students

It seems like I needed a new pair of glasses when I saw the article "Porter Speaks." First of all, I would like to know how he justifies his statement of Rose having one of the best Hum. Departments in the nation. Is it not possible for many other colleges to have a better Hum. program than Rose? Prof. Porter obviously must have made a survey of all the colleges in the U.S. in order to have arrived at his rather outlandish conclusion. A superhuman task to do and he must be hailed for it. Maybe it would be asking too much for him to find out if Rose has the best Math program, the best Chemistry program, etc. It might be interesting to see how he conducts the survey and how he draws his conclusions.

A reason he cited for his conclusion being that the staff shows a concern for the student response to the material presented. I am very sure this is so when the department has such unpalatable books as The Arab World, The Thought and Action, etc., returned year after year when most likely the students had protested to such books.

The complaints made by the students who Prof. Porter called the "Bellyachers" were not mentioned but there is something to be said about the Hum. Dept. The pioneering methods of teaching introduced by Vari, Les, and Johnson are to be applauded as a departure from the stuffy, traditional, old routine of "read book, discuss book in class, take test to see how well you can please the prof. with the reaction he wants you to have. This method comes close to being a memorization course. The Hum prof. who shy away from anything that constitutes a departure from established, well set routines might do well to examine their teaching methods, as the recent Hum survey indicated.

Name withheld by request because I am one of the people who are able to catch up on my sleep in a Hum class.

RHEE'S FAMOUS QUOTATIONS

— God said, let Newton be! and all was light.
— Pope

— Physics is very simple only when analyzed on the local campus.

— Physics Prof.

— Don't compete unless you know the answer.

— Who's First Moral Principle

— What did the famous Sicilian astronomer Pizzi do on Jan. 1, 1801—He invented pizza and discovered the first Asteroid Ceres.
Rose Fourth In State Team Chess Championship

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, for the first time in many years, competed in the Indiana Intercollegiate Chess Team Championship held at Ball State University last weekend.

The team consisted of first board Dennis J. Paustenbach, second board Phil Ross, third board Stan Baker and fourth board Lenny Overton. Eight of Indiana’s top college teams strained their brains for 22 hours to have Indiana University come out on top of the heap, and have a young and very disappointed Rose Team place fourth. Although Rose was greatly disadvantaged without two of its regular players, a number of outstanding performances helped to give Rose possibilities while it played Indiana University, Earlham A & B, Vincennes University and Ball State. D.J. Paustenbach lost no games, winning two and drawing three while Sophomore Stan Baker came through brilliantly with a 4-1 record. This is remarkable since he has not played in tournaments for three years. Phil Ross won important games against both Ball State and Vincennes and Lenny Overton had the biggest upset of the tournament by defeating John Campbell, a Ball State professor and tournament director.

The Institute has been challenged to a match by Earlham College for the month of May. Those interested in participating in this Nationally rated event should contact a Chess Team member. The club’s next meeting will be Tuesday night, March 16, after break, in the Faculty Dining Room of the Union at 7:00.

V.3. Manufacturers’ specimen sheets will be incorrect by a factor of 0.5 or 2.0, depending on which multiplier gives the most optimistic value. For salesmen’s claims, these factors will be 0.1 or 10.0.

V.4. In an instrument or device characterized by a number of plus-or-minus errors, the total error will be the sum of all errors added in the same direction.

Magistrate: You cannot drive now for two years, for you’re a danger to pedestrians.

Defendant: But your honor, my living depends on it.

Magistrate: So does theirs.

Deserter Gets Army Sentence

The first American soldier to be deported from Sweden pleaded guilty Friday to desertion from the Army and was sentenced to 18 months in prison.

Pvt. Joseph G. Parra, 21, who was ordered to leave Sweden for violating drug laws, could have drawn a maximum of three years confinement for desertion.

Lt. Col. Madison C. Wright, the trial judge in his two-hour court-martial, said he gave him only half the maximum sentence because he already had been confined for months for his drug habit.

The young soldier from Pearl River, La., testified that he deserted the Army July 21, 1968, while working in a military hospital at Yokohama, Japan. He said he had been horrified by sights of wounded and dead from the Vietnam War being brought to the hospital.

“Thus was my first experience with death,” he said. “It upset me greatly.”

Two months later he arrived in Sweden and, like about 400 other American soldiers now in that country, was granted asylum.

The following summer Parra was arrested three times for possessing and smuggling LSD pills. He was sentenced to 21 months in a Swedish prison for drug peddling.

The Swedish government ordered Parra expelled to the United States after he served two-thirds of his sentence. Shortly after that he slashed his arm in a suicide attempt, and he remained depressed until he was deported.

Parra, who admitted he was addicted to hard drugs, remained confined after arriving in the United States last November. Col. Wright, noting that American prisoners were hostile to Parra because he was accused of desertion, said his pre-trial confinement was “more rigorous than normal.”

When Parra was deported, he left behind a 30-year-old suburban Stockholm bus driver whom he had married in 1969.

An insurance agent said to a new client: I want to sell you this policy. But I’m not like other insurance agents. I’m not going to scare you into buying it. Take the policy home. Sleep on it tonight. If you wake up in the morning, give me a call.

A farmer bought a horse. After stabling it, he gave it some feed. The animal refused to eat. A little later it refused water. The farmer’s eyes gleamed.

“If only this nag’s a good worker,” he said, “what a bargain I’ve made!”

The job applicant tried his best to fill out the employment application. On the line asking length of residence at present address, he thought and thought and finally wrote: About forty feet, not counting the garage.

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DRINKING HABITS

I don't ordinarily drink very much or very often. Once in awhile, though, I'll have an occasional Scotch, an occasional beer, an occasional Brandy Alexander, an occasional Manhattan, an occasional Whiskey Sour, an occasional glass of wine, an occasional Margarita, an occasional Screwdriver, an occasional mug of malt liquor, an occasional Daiquiri, an occasional Zombi, and an occasional hangover.

But I'm interested in other people's drinking habits because, although drinking in itself isn't very important, I think it's indicative of many things; people drink for reasons that are reflections on our society (e.g. the social drinker, the alcoholic), and often it's just another way of avoiding reality in tumultuous times.

So I decided to find out the drinking tastes of students around the country—what they are drinking and why they are drinking it. What could have been just an arduous task became an interesting one because—as I called around the nation asking students at different colleges what they drank—every time they mentioned the favorite drink of their region, I would try some. For research purposes, of course.

I first talked with a girl who lives in Washington, D.C., where, she said, she knows students from George Washington University, Georgetown and Howard, three colleges in the area.

"People here," she said, "are fairly conservative drinkers. "They drink Scotch or Bourbon," she said as I mixed myself a little Scotch and water in one glass and a bit of Bourbon and water in another.

"There's hardly any beer drinking here," she said, "because liquor's relatively cheap compared to other parts of the country—and beer's not so cheap." She added that not many of her friends seem to be drinking wine "because people here just don't savor the wine flavor."

"There's an emphasis on drinking hard liquor because of the heavy pressures on sophistication—and there's something less sophisticated about beer," she said.

Thanking her, I downed my Scotch and Bourbon and made my next call to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where I talked with an art major at Wisconsin State University.

"Beer is the biggest thing here because it's the cheapest—and because 18-year-olds can drink beer in Wisconsin," he said as I poured myself a tall glass of beer.

He said that many marijuana smokers drink during and after smoking. "It's sort of a new fad, I guess. People like to taste something sweet after smoking—you know, they're hungry for something that tastes good," he said.

"There's a national phenomenon here—apple wine—at a quart. Everyone drinks it. It's cheap and—well, it's pretty good."

Signing off from Oshkosh, I finished my beer and started in on my apple wine.

When I returned from the bathroom, I placed a call to Colorado where I talked with a girl who attends Denver University.

"Definitely beer and wine," she said. "There's no doubt about Beer and wine, Definitely.

I asked her to hold on as I poured myself some glasses of definitely beer and wine.

"Well," she said, "I guess sometimes students drink those exotic types of drinks—tequilas and Margaritas—but for the most part, they definitely drink—"

Beer and wine. Definitely.

The tequila and the Margaritas went down smoothly as the operator placed my call to Albuquerque where I talked with a guy from the University of New Mexico and asked him what people drink there, getting ready to pour myself a glass of whatever it was.

"People here drink what's cheapest," he said. "So they drink beer and wine."

"Please," I said. "No."

"No?"
Statement On "Engineering To Improve The Quality Of Life"

In the final analysis, it is man who constitutes the most important link in the chain of life. From the human standpoint, at least, it is humanity which matters most in the overall scheme of things. And so the question arises, what is being done to assure that man—the hub of his total environment—is afforded the maximum opportunity for safety, dignity, comfort, and the stretching of muscles, mind and spirit?

We need to ask ourselves if Americans can continue to enjoy an increasingly good life while at the same time avoid waste, pollution, and the deterioration of the natural landscape. A new determination is needed to keep America—and the world—from becoming uninhabitable...a new sense of life and a new pride in the importance of living in a clean and healthful environment. From pollution (air, land, and water), to housing and urban problems, to minority problems and economic conditions, the goal to improve our quality of life is a major challenge to our technology engineers everywhere.

Technology is our tool, for better or for worse; how we use its power depends upon how successful we are in setting goals and in implementing our social efforts to achieve them. President Howard W. Johnson of Massachusetts Institute of Technology said recently, "Technology is at once our blessing and our bane, the well-spring of our aspirations, yet the threat to our well-being. Technology is both social benefactor and social calamity." The times call out for the engineering profession to accept the highest challenge to participate in the new environmental movement to improve the quality of life.

MIND GARDEN

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New York City, Barry also spent some time in California doing graduate work in oceanography.

Stop down a couple of nights to hear Barry Drake, I think you'll find it a very worthwhile investment.

—Mark Murnan
Student Activities Board

V.5. In any given price estimate, cost of equipment will exceed estimate by a factor of 5.

HAVE YOU BEEN TO THE BOOKSTORE RECENTLY?

1971 Graduates are ordering caps and gowns this week.

Also, there is a record sale and a BIG clearance sale of sportswear!

POLYTECHNIC BOOKSHOP

ROTC ROCK

Do your tastes run in the direction of formal affairs? If so, the Military Ball should be a social event that will suit your fancy. Plan to attend the "Mill Ball" on Saturday, March 27, from 9:00 to 12:00 p.m. at the Halman Union. It's formal and tickets are $3.00 per couple, available from any advanced military student. Music will be provided by the Jimmy Van Orchestra.

Would you like to have your girl crowned "Honorary Cadet Colonel" of the Military Ball? If so, submit either a 5x7 or an 8x10 color or black and white photograph of her to Steve Kinsell via campus mail by March 16. Any girl who will be attending the Ball is eligible, and the "Colonel" will be selected by a vote of the couples attending the dance, based on the photographs. Remember: March 27, 9-12, $3.00—The Military Ball.

Paper currency notes issued during the French Revolution were called assignats.

ITEMS IN THE FIELD-HOUSE WHICH HAVE BEEN FOUND AND TURNED IN TO COACH MUNCHNER:

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1 Pair Gloves

IF YOU HAVE LOST AN ABOVE ITEM, CHECK WITH COACH MUNCHNER AT THE FIELD-HOUSE AND IDENTIFY THEM.

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Trapping animals like the raccoon is neither a friendly nor humble occupation. Forty million leg hold traps are set out continuously in the United States and Canada alone. The cruel, jagged toothed hooks catch the animal's leg, leaving him to bleed, suffer and starve days before the trap comes to deal the final death blow. The animals are so agonized that they often chew off their own feet.

A trap is forty seconds to make one catch of a human yet hundreds of defenseless animals may die before those forty pells are collected. The traps snap at any thing — turtles, egrets, groundhogs, porcupines, dogs and cats. A trap doesn't have any feeling about that and neither does a trapper.

You, too, can help in the crusade to stop the vicious killing of animals that keep our environment alive and give joy to our children. You can refuse to wear the skins of animals for prestige or pleasure. You can speak out against those unjustly trapping practices in the name of the animals that still survive. And you can make a TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION to Friends of Animals which is doing something constructive about this wanton destruction. DO IT NOW and feel better immediately in the knowledge that you are helping to preserve our natural wildlife heritage for your children and their children.

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