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Rose To Succeed Miller In RIT Presidency

RIT's Board of Trustees has announced the appointment of a new president, Dr. M. Richard Rose. Dr. Rose is currently president of Alfred University in Alfred, New York. The announcement came after months of searching for the right man to replace Dr. Paul A. Miller. Dr. Miller announced his intentions to resign on March 14.

Sources indicate that Dr. Rose was chosen over Dr. Todd Bullard, RIT's provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. Both men were in contention after the Search Committee's final screening. Dr. Rose will assume the duties of president on January 1, 1979 when Dr. Miller is expected to step down.

The 45-year old Dr. Rose was chosen from among 127 candidates following a six-month search, said Mr. Richard Eisenhart, chairman of RIT's Board of Trustees.

"Dr. Rose is the type of exciting, innovative academic leader that RIT needs as it approaches the many new challenges awaiting it in the 1980's" added Mr. Eisenhart. "We are extremely pleased that he has chosen to help us meet those challenges."

A native of Fredonia, Pennsylvania, Dr. Rose obtained his undergraduate degree in 1955 from Slippery Rock State College. He later earned a master's degree in counseling from Westminster College and a Ph.D. in higher education administration from the University of Pittsburgh.

The former U.S. Marine Corps officer began his academic career as a teacher and guidance counselor in Pennsylvania. In 1962, he joined the University of Pittsburgh administrative staff. During his ten years at that university, he held a variety of administrative and academic positions, including assistant provost.

Dr. Rose had primary responsibility for the initial construction study and eventual administration of Pittsburgh's four regional campuses, and also was responsible for academic planning, curriculum development and implementation of a master plan for those campuses.

In 1972, Dr. Rose was appointed a deputy assistant U.S. Secretary of Defense for Education. In that capacity, he oversaw a sprawling educational establishment operated by the Defense Department.

He had responsibility for policy and fiscal direction of programs relating to the military academies, Reserve Officers Training Corps, overseas dependent schools, and professional military education and off-duty education, adult and management education funded or directly operated by the military.

In addition, his responsibilities included fiscal guidance in the preparation of the Defense Department's multi-billion dollar annual operating budget.

Two years later, in 1974, Dr. Rose returned to the academic world as Alfred's president. At Alfred, Dr. Rose concntrated on strengthening the university's economic position and improving the general academic climate, primarily through raising admissions standards.

"My years at Alfred have been among the most enjoyable and meaningful of my career. I'm proud of what we accomplished there, and I will leave with memoriesof a fine institution. As I look back to the challenges met at Alfred in the past four years, I also look forward to new challenges at RIT. I welcome the opportunity to carry on the exceptional work of Dr. Miller and his predecessors that has given RIT the outstanding technological reputation it so stongly deserves."

Among his many professional and community organization affiliations are memberships on the boards of Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester; the Bethesda Community Hospitalof Hornell, New York; Anderson College of Anderson, Indiana, and the Servicemen's Opportunity College, among others.

"I see many challenges ahead both for the Institute and myself as we approach the 80's, and RIT will find itself in lively competition with other institutions of higher education for a decreasing pool of potential students," Dr. Rose said. "But I believe that RIT's tradition, firmly rooted in its ability to provide relevant technological training leading to meaningful jobs for thousands, will enable it to meet this challenge and overcome it."

Dr. Rose and his wife, Clarice, have three children: Scott 21, a senior at Alfred; Eric, 20 a sophomore at Anderson College, and Craig, 10, a fifth grade student.

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