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Poetic Papers

ARCHIVE: For much of the 20th century, the study of poetry at Rochester was synonymous with the name of Hyam Plutzik, a noted poet and the John H. Deane Professor of Rhetoric and Poetry. More than 40 years after Plutzik’s death in 1962, his legacy lives on in campus programs such as the English department’s Plutzik Reading Series and in his collected papers housed at Rush Rhees Library’s Department of Rare Books and Special Collections. Tracing the evolution of some works—such as “Bomber Base,” written when Plutzik was stationed in England with the Army Air Corps during World War II—the collection is a valuable resource for scholars and for publishers such as Wesleyan University Press, which is planning a 2011 edition of Plutzik’s long narrative poem, “Horatio,” together with other selected Plutzik poems.