

Class Cuts Announced

Holiday Absences To Be Fined

In every class which meets three times a week a student is allowed three unexcused cuts, and in a two-credit course two unexcused cuts. If she is ill an excuse must be presented within a week after her return to college. Students are urged to read the following notice carefully.

"The College of William and Mary has a rule of requiring students who are absent from classes before or after Thanksgiving or Christmas or Spring Holidays or other vacations to pay a fine of \$5.00 for each class missed. The only excuses are illness or other providential causes.

"We have corresponded with the College about this and have been able to obtain concessions in favor of the students in Richmond, whereby this fine is reduced to \$2.00 for each day or fractional part thereof a student is absent before or after vacations.

"A further concession has been obtained, in accordance with which students who have not used but one cut in any given class will be given permission to absent themselves from that class either before or after a holiday. This means that each cut taken before or after a holiday will count double, that is, one cut will count as two cuts. If a student has enough free cuts available, she may, therefore, extend her holiday by being absent from a class only one other excused time during the term.

"If the student is absent more than this amount, then she will have to pay the fine set forth in the catalog, and no one in the Richmond Division can excuse the student. It will be greatly appreciated if the students will not ask for exceptions to this, since we cannot grant them."

Students Invited To Social Work Tea

-By Harriette Gwin

Dr. George T. Kalif, new head of the School of Social Work, announces that a tea will be given Wednesday at 4:00, in the Front Library to let the new students who are interested in this field of work become acquainted with its faculty and its purpose.

Dr. Kalif hopes that the new students, or those who have not yet decided upon a definite course, will be interested in this department, for trained workers in social work are needed badly throughout the country.

Announcements

WORK NOTICE

Dr. Margaret Johnson, administrative assistant, makes the following announcement:

"All students who are now working or who are interested in working part time this year in stores, offices, or any other business or organization must sign up in Dr. Johnson's office at once."

20 MINUTE PERIOD

All meetings to be called at the 20-Minute Period must be scheduled in advance with Mrs. Chalkley, chairman of the schedule committee. Requests for meeting dates may also be given in writing to Dr. Johnson and Miss Dix, who will forward the requests to Mrs. Chalkley. Cooperation of all in this matter will help to prevent conflict of meetings.

BOOK STORE

Miss Jean Kirkhuff, art major, has been assigned the management of the Book Store this year.

The office announces that the Book Store will be open at the following hours:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:30 to 9:00 and 1:30 to 2:00; Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 to 10:45 and 1:30 to 4:00; Saturday 8:30 to 10:45.

Cotillion Club Plans Rush Week

By Dottie Mills

Plans for Rush Week and the opening dance of the Cotillion Club were made at the club's first meeting held last Wednesday night, in the rear library.

Rush Week starts on Monday, October 4, and lasts until the following Friday, October 8, at which time the initiation fee of \$2.00 must be paid to Dela Tazewell, treasurer. It is a tradition of the club to hold one Rush Week a semester, and only at this time may the new students accept a bid. During this week each new student will be invited to become a member.

The formal initiation will take place Saturday night, October 9, at 8 o'clock, in Founders Hall, 827 West Franklin Street. Following this, Mrs. Virgie A. Chalkley, sponsor of the club and also housemother of Founders Hall, will be hostess at a reception, this being given for the old and new members of the club.

After this reception, a formal dance will be held in the gym, with officers from the Richmond Army Air Base and Camp Lee as guests. Music for the affair will be from the school nickelodeon.

Another meeting will be held to complete plans for a Victory Dance and the Fall Formal. The latter will be around the first of November.

Dean's Welcome

The Dean and faculty extend their cordial greetings to the new and returning students of Richmond Professional Institute. We welcome you from wherever you may come—from Maine or Florida, from California or Puerto Rico. We trust that this will be a happy and profitable year for all of you.

H. H. HIBBS, Jr., Dean.



Officers of the Student Government Association. Front row: Nancy Angell, financial manager; and Dorothy Burrill, president. Second row: Mary Sue Hibbs, treasurer; Norma Culler, secretary; and Demie Browne, vice president.

(Photo by Art Staff)

Student Officers Are Introduced

By Emma Jeanne Spears

The meeting of the Student Government Association was held on September 21 for the benefit of new students. Dot Burrill, president of the association, presented the other officers: Demie Browne, vice-president; Norma Culler, secretary; Mary Sue Hibbs, treasurer; and Nancy Angell, financial manager.

In her address, Dot Burrill explained the functions and purpose of the Student Government. She emphasized the value and necessity of complete union and cooperation of the student body. "With such a loyal following, the achievements of school activities and standards will encounter few obstacles along the road to a successful and inspiring year. The Student Government officers are not the policemen of the school; they are rather to be looked upon as your guides and helpers. They are people to whom one may go with questions and ideas vitally important to the individual as a citizen of our school. We expect this fine spirit of loyalty to have a rebirth among you new students who have chosen R.P.I. as your school."

The heads of other organizations addressed the students briefly, and the new-comers received handbooks.

"The surest way to get somewhere is to know where you are going."

RPI Begins Fall Term

Enrollment Increased; Dormitories Filled

The largest dormitory enrollment in the history of Richmond Professional Institute and a total initial enrollment exceeding that of last year marked the opening of the college on September 13.

Dr. H. H. Hibbs, Jr., dean, announced a decrease in the number of advanced students. However, he said, the increased enrollment of younger students raised the total above that at the beginning of the 1942-1943 session.

Approximately 200 students are housed in the dormitories, which are filled to capacity. One of the dormitories, formerly used by graduate students at 908 West Franklin Street, has been converted into a freshman dormitory. Miss Elizabeth Manson is hostess at 908.

Approximately 250 local students are enrolled, making a total enrollment, exclusive of extension students, of approximately 450.

New members of the faculty for the 1943-1944 session are Miss Annie Dix, English; Dr. George Kalif, director of the School of Social Work; Mr. Arthur Palmer, Advertising Art; Dr. Marsdon A. Sherman, Business; Mr. Clyfford Still, Fine Arts; Mrs. J. Robert Beades, Mr. Charles Craig, Jr., Mrs. Annette Talman, Mr. C. Burdette Wolfe, Mr. A. J. Gumprecht, Music.

New students, including all freshmen and transfers, reported for enrollment on September 13 and 14 for a week of orientation. Returning students enrolled later in the week to be ready for the opening classes of the session which began on Monday, September 20.

Orientation activities for the new students included conferences with advisers, psychological and English placement tests, address of welcome by Dean Hibbs, an informal reception at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Hibbs, a "Big Sister" party, and orientation instructions at a meeting of the Student Government Association.

Subscriptions Wanted

Notice to last year's students who did not return and to parents and interested friends!

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From the Editor

I wish to thank each student who contributed so willingly to this, our first publication of the "Proscript." Due to the limited size of our paper all contributions could not be used; but your time and energy spent in writing have not been wasted, for it is only through this medium that we can become acquainted with your various writing styles and you can find your place in the work of the paper.

It is indeed a pleasure to meet and work with such a cooperative and enthusiastic group.

It is also with great pleasure that I introduce to the student body this week's guest editors, Emma Jeanne Spears and Duane E. Croft. Both have done outstanding work in handling the last page and sports page respectively. Further recognition should be paid to Dela Tazewell for her makeup of the front page.

Within a few weeks the permanent staff of "The Proscript" will be organized.

To Our Advisor

By Norma Culler

"The Proscript" Staff and the student body at large are very fortunate in having Miss Annie Goulding Dix as our newspaper adviser this year. For the past two weeks the editor has been in frequent conferences and meetings with our new faculty advisor. During this period she has encountered only the most enthusiastic and competent assistance. Miss Dix's suggestions and criticisms have been invaluable in organizing the staff this year. In this short time, she has already become endeared to those who have worked with her, for it is her fine spirit of cooperation and her keen sense of understanding that has given our staff the feeling of closeness and unity.

During the recent years, Miss Dix has taught English in Birmingham. It was in Alabama that she did many years of interesting work with a school paper and due to this experience brings new ideas for "The Proscript."

A Challenge

By Demie Brown

In beginning a new year we face a renewed challenge. You and I are Student Government. Student Government is what we make it, what we want it to be.

Through our Student Government let us prove that democracy does work—the kind of democracy that faces its responsibilities as well as its privileges. To do this we will have to pool our ideas and pull together. Everything we do that affects our school affects our whole country. It helps either to make or break democracy.

Let's really unite our school. Unity means cooperation between you and the others with whom you may agree or differ. The person you have never bothered to know may be a student or a faculty member who upon closer acquaintance is revealed as an interesting and valuable friend.

Now this is fine talk about good ideas, but we must practice it. We must stand for the things we believe in. After all, if we don't stand for something, we'll fall for anything.

We will make R.P.I., if we meet our challenge, worth the sacrifice the boys are making for us.

Proscript Notices

The bulletin board directly to the right of the Treasurer's window on the first floor of the Administration Building has been assigned to the "Proscript." All students who are contributing to or assisting with the paper are urged to watch the board carefully for assignments and other material of help and interest.

A pilot who had bailed out in North Africa was coming down when he was amazed to see another man with his parachute going up.

"Hi, there!" he shouted. "What's happening to you?"

"It's all right, old man," came the reply. "Mine's a tent. It's windy down below."

Progress begins with getting a clear view of obstacles.

Mrs. Lee Leaving

Mrs. Lee is leaving! That caption was taken up like a doleful chant by one person after another—students and faculty alike—when it became known that Mrs. Lee had resigned her position as receptionist in the Richmond Professional Institute.

Of course our regret is tempered with happiness for Mrs. Lee that, while she is leaving many good friends here, she is returning to George Washington University, where she was situated before coming to R.P.I., to be hostess in a large dormitory.

As a receptionist—she's given untold help to everybody, particularly lost and bewildered freshmen and "outsiders" who have come seeking information and the light of learning.

As a switchboard operator—she's been plugging away from 8:30 to 4:30 every day, on slow days and frantic days, and somehow she always got our number.

As a person—she's a grand and gay companion with a never failing sense of humor. Whatever situation arises she meets it with tact and competence. She refers to herself as an "old lady," but few people at twenty have her youthful spirit and wholehearted interest in all that goes on.

And so, Mrs. Jessie R. Lee, we shall miss you, but you go with our best wishes for your health and happiness always.

The Students Speak

To the Editor:

September 20 marked a great day in my life, for on this day I entered R. P. I. It was like my first day in kindergarten. Everything and everyone was new to me. It was a dream come true.

Once inside, I had the feeling that I wanted to know about it and everyone in it. It was a wonderful sensation! Then I paused to think of how much I knew about it. It was really very little, because our school has so many departments.

I know that there are many Freshmen like myself who feel the same as I, filled with the same curiosity, what goes on in these departments—the Music, Art, Social Work and others? I look forward to becoming better acquainted with our school through our paper.

Rose Minkoff

To the Editor:

I wish to express my thanks to the Librarian and all others who have made it possible for the library to remain open at night.

College work requires a great deal of library study, and those of us who have all day classes will find the library being open at night a great help. I am sure that all the students would like to join me in expressing my thanks.

Vernon Powell

Knowing half your subject doesn't help much; it's always the other half you need.

It is more important to observe a good rule than to have one.

Who Can Tell?

Since the quiz program has become one of the most popular forms of entertainment, it may be that the R.P.I. students may like to keep in practice by a weekly "Proscript" teaser.

The poem below expresses a theme much in the thoughts of most people today. Who wrote it and to what does it refer? The answer will be given next week.

LONELINESS

White clouds are in the sky.

Great shoulders of the hills

Between us two must lie.

The road is rough and far.

Deep fords between us are.

I pray you not to die.

Club Entertains

By Patsy Royal

The Glee Club entertained the freshmen and transfer students at a tea in the Music building Friday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30. The purpose of this event was to introduce the new students to the organization and urge them to join.

Punch and cakes were served by the hostesses of the afternoon and the guests were entertained with solos by members of the Glee Club. "My Hero" was sung by Ann Field. Mann Valentine, a music major, sang "The Road to Mandalay." Mary Elizabeth Kimsey played a piano solo, "Staccato Etude." Another solo was sung by Mary Jean Blayne. The entire Glee Club sang "Here's to William and Mary."

Our College Campus

The college has purchased a nickelodeon to place in the gym for use in the dancing classes, as there seems to be an acute shortage of pianists. It ought to be a big help in informal dances as well as in the classes, but we have to admit that it will lack the personal touch that Miss Nesbitt's singing of folk songs has given.

Some college view books may show pictures of students riding horseback, and that's the end of it. But R.P.I. it is the real thing. And it's not every college that can boast that its head man dons his boots and actually teaches the art of riding. It was good to see Thurman Hawthorne, Mrs. Poulton, Anne Wootton, Victoria Jamgochian, and all the others looking so equestrian last week.

Victory Recipe

Take one draftee, slightly green. Stir from bed at early hour. Soak in shower or tub daily. Dress in olive drab. Mix with others of his kind. Then toughten with maneuvers and grate on sergeant's nerves. Add liberal portion of baked beans and corned beef. Season with wind, sun and snow. Sweeten from time to time with chocolate bars. Let smoke occasionally. Bake in 110-degree summer and let cool in below-zero winter. Serves 130,000,000 people.

"How hard do I have to hit it to knock it into the water?" asked the nervous wife of the mayor at her first ship launching.

Athletic Plans For Fall Given

By Patsy Royal

The Athletic Association of R.P.I. has announced its plans for the 1943-44 season. Fall activities will include hockey, tennis, horseback riding, swimming, life-saving, bowling, and archery.

This year the Athletic Association Council is introducing a new point system by which letters will be awarded, not only for participation in varsity sports, but also for taking part in intramural activities. Miss Nesbitt urges all students who are interested in athletics but feel that they are not varsity material to come out for the activities.

Officers of the Athletic Association are as follows: President, Virginia Vanni; Vice-president, Ann Edge; Secretary, Ellen Dyer; Treasurer, Virginia Coles; Interclub Representative, Mildred English.

The practice schedule follows: Hockey, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 3:45; Tennis, Monday 3:45; Horseback riding, Monday evening, 7-9; Friday 5-7; Swimming, Tuesday night 7:30-8:30; Life-saving, Tuesday night 8:30-9:30; Bowling, Friday 3:45; Archery, Friday 3:45.

Naval Students Guests at Dance

By June Wharton

Sixty Naval V-12 boys now stationed at the University of Richmond were guests of R.P.I. students at a dance in the school gym sponsored by the Student Government Association as a means of getting the new students into the whirl of R.P.I. social events. The music, furnished by Ray Raymond and his orchestra, set the dancing feet of R.P.I. students in motion.

Those responsible for the plans of the dance were the Student Government officers. Other members of the floor committee acting as hostesses were: Mary Louise Jackson, Mary Garvey, and Marion McCloud, House Presidents of 827, 819, and 821 respectively. Helen Joucher, Minnie Bee Goodwin, June Wharton and Margaret Barbre also gave able assistance. It was the duty of these students to introduce the guest V-12 boys to the Betty-Co-eds of R.P.I.

Mrs. Chalkley, advisor of the Dance committee, shared the duties as chaperone with Dr. Margaret Johnson, Mrs. Nathaniel Hawke and various other members of the faculty.

The dance cleared \$40 which has been deposited in the Student Government account for the purpose of providing worthwhile entertainment for the students of R.P.I. the coming winter and spring season.

"When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on."

—Theodore Roosevelt

Support Your Hockey Team

An Editorial

By Pat Quisenberry

Attention, all you sports-minded co-eds of R.P.I.! You have your chance now to play hockey. Practice has started so you had better come on out and join the team. Everyone is welcome. This year we will have an active season playing the schools of Richmond. The practice days are on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons at 3:45. You don't have to be an expert, don't even have to know how. Just come on out to the East Lawn on those days and have some fun. If you don't want to try for the

team, you can come out and play with us.

Those of you who don't play or aren't interested in playing, please watch the bulletin board for the schedule of games, and come out and support your team. You know, a team without rooters is like the war without War Bonds. So come on, all you kids, and back your school team. Get on the ball, and support your team this fall.

Strawberry Shortcake,
Huckleberry Pie,

Why don't you root for
R.P.I.?

War Problems Class Plans Program

By Ruth Sussman

Speakers, panels, discussions, and weekly reports is the program planned for Dr. Curt Bondy's War Problems class, which meets Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 9:45 in the rear library.

The thirty students of the class, as well as Dr. Bondy, Dr. S. J. McCoy, and Dr. Alice Davis, who direct the class, planned this program. Virginia Stone, a member of the class, suggested they form a panel to discuss post-war health problems. Geo-politics, education, and the South American problem were also topics the group wished to discuss.

First speakers for the session were Dr. Bondy and Dr. McCoy, discussing The Political and Military Situation, and the Reverend Roy Smith, who discussed The Churches in the War.

RPI Has Quiz Kids

By Francelle Adams

Richmond Professional Institute played its part in the Quiz Kids program, which appeared at the Mosque Theatre on Sunday, September 26.

Eleven-year-old Eva Fischer, youngest of the five local contestants who took part in the final eliminations, is the daughter of Mrs. Anne Fischer, a graduate student in the School of Social Work at R.P.I.

Although they did not participate, Natalie and Patricia Naylor, twin daughters of Dr. William Naylor, director of the School of Music at R.P.I., received invitations to enter the contest.

Betty Royston was in charge of supplying ushers from R.P.I. The girls who ushered were: Betty Dillon, Jamie Jameson, Margie Tyree, Martineau Crews, Mary Irene Jarrett, Jean Woodward, and Rosemary Comrey. Dudley Francis, Francelle Adams, Jane Haltiwanger, Berkeley Stevenson, Harriette Gwin, Ethyl Merritt, Anne Willingham, Muriel Deno, Frances Danto, Lee Howell, Betty Williams, and Betty Pritchett.

Ernie Moskowitz.

RPI Fashions Seen Among the Best

By Martha Davis

Vogue, Mademoiselle, and Harper's Bazaar—yes, R.P.I. lassies slipped directly from these fashion publications to ascend into the social world this past week-end. America's best dressed women would find competition among these modish fall creations.

You couldn't have missed Joan Straus and Cathy Tsern in their new rabbit's hair wool dresses. Joan wore a yellow sports dress with buttons down the front, while Cathy's black wool had a checkerboard top. Fashion followers all know that these dresses spell wear because they can go everywhere.

Norma Culler was stunning in her white silk blouse and black skirt. Smart women are rapidly choosing this effect for evening wear. Need I say how well Norma wore the new front ruffles?

Everyone noticed the style of the upper classmen in their smart black dresses. Note: Mary Garvey, Jane Quinn, Pollyanna Booth, and Lee Howell.

The Army, Navy, and Marines favored the R.P.I. Vogue followers this week end. Joan Shapiro, in her red suit, was a perfect twosome with her Navy man.

Students Feted

By Ernie Moskowitz

A reception for freshmen and transfers was held at the home of Dean and Mrs. Henry H. Hibbs, 908 W. Franklin Street, Friday evening, September 17.

Members of the Theater Associates entertained the students with a program. Included were a reading from "The Education of Hyman Kaplan" given by Mrs. Raymond Hodges and a dance by Miss Edna Jane Nesbitt and Mrs. Virginia Ball Stoeckle.

In the receiving line were Dean and Mrs. Hibbs, Dr. Margaret Johnson, freshman adviser; Dorothy Burrill, Norma Culler, Mary Sue Hibbs, Demie Browne, and Nancy Angell.

Punch and cookies were served by Mrs. Nathaniel Hawke, Mrs. Conway Mundy, Dr. Margaret Johnson, and Miss Katherine Bell.

Prying Polly

"The crop is poor and the pickin's are lean—" so bemoans a certain popular song on the male situation; and just between you and me, I'm inclined to believe that's more truth than poetry! However, we note with equal amazement and yearning that R.P.I.'s farmerettes have managed to reap a pretty good harvest of masculinity this season in spite of the draft and shortages . . . or so we observed through keyholes, dorm windows, and base drums.

Any change in Carrie Carter's complexion may be attributed to the glow of anticipation which the prospect of seeing Joe this week-end brought on.

Hope Weaver kept exciting hours the first week end.

Any student having visions of flashes streaking through the hall may dispell his fears that too much homework is the cause of the mental quirk. We have discovered the flash to be Jane Buffett dashing out to meet her Med. student.

Kay Frangk and Elise Bowles made the rounds with two ensigns last week end!!!

Marjorie Blumberg was literally out of this world 't'other night . . . (was it the third or fourth balcony, Skylark?)

We clumsy Ducks would like to know how Marion Yelton manages to stay upright while jittersbugging in those soooooo high heels!

Question: what vitamins did that certain telegram contain to put that sparkle in Julianna Norfleet's eyes?

It's over the hills to a picnic at Bryant Park for the girls at Hickock House Wednesday.

Cupid has caught many of the R.P.I. alumnae. Marshall Hawthorne, last year's president of 827, was married two weeks ago. Mary Churchill Walker made a trip up the aisle also, sometime during the summer. Best wishes to you both. Phil Goldman announced her engagement and Carol Bobbe's ceremony took place at the Waldorf Astoria last Friday. We are still suffering from shock but share the happiness of the new Mrs. Holley, (Wheeler, to you).

Irene Godwin rates a V for victory with that handsome V-12-er at the dance.

Sadie Johnson saw that amazing Air Base versus U. of R. game, when the score soared to 45-0 in the U. of R. favor.

Wanted: 'Someone to teach me how to play golf in TWO weeks so I'll know how when my man gets back from Panama.' Signed, Lu Elwood.

Betty Schenk dated her special man from Hampton Sidney last week end.

Irene Leff was as excited over the promotion of a certain lucky man as the lucky man himself.

Dottie Harrell thinks the best way to a man's heart is through his stomach. (But, Dottie, peanuts don't go far!)

Huiet dangles her feet over the pier while waiting for Gardemal to come in.

Bertha Friedman still holds to the "play hard to get" method—(But, Bertha, men are sooooo scarce!)

Well, kids, that's all for now, but do something startling and this column may startle you.

Frosh Welcomed By Old Students

By Francelle Adams

Just as December is the month for Santa Clause, and March is the month of the winds (wool-oo . . . or is that a wolf?), so September is the month taken over by the green freshmen of dear ole R.P.I.! Seniors are nice! Juniors are nice! And the "new-uns" try to get it across to the sophmores, especially, that they are nice, too, for there is a gentle quacking in the distance that fortells of Duck Week! Even so the freshmen get almost all of the attention during September. For this one, short month the "lowliest" are in the limelight. To prove the point . . . read on.

The Junior class Big Sister Party was one of the main attractions for the freshmen. This event took place on September 16 on the lawn of the Administration Building. Games were led by Virginia Coles, Mary Clair Dineen and Ann Harris; and then papers were passed around so that every freshman could write down his first impression of R.P.I. These "valuable manuscripts" are to be made into a scrapbook and kept to be read by the freshman of '43 when they are "heap big" seniors! Refreshments were served in the Day Students' Room.

Other freshman events during September included the reception given by Dean and Mrs. Hibbs, the Retail Club Tea, Dr. Hibbs' welcome, a Student Government meeting for all new members, and aptitude and placement tests.

The receiving line at the tea consisted of Misses Katherine Bell, Rosemary MacMillan, Helen Norton, Louise Bernard, State Superintendent of Distribution of Education, and Miss Helen Huston, who is with the Miller and Rhodes Advertising Department.

So ya see, dear readers, like a duck takes to water, so do the "ducks" of R.P.I. take to September! Quack! Quack!

Juniors and Seniors Elect Officers

By Marilyn Tickner

Senior and Junior classes held elections last week to fill office vacancies. Helen Hall was elected secretary of the Senior class. Clara Ballenger was elected treasurer of the Junior class and Dot Tennent Athletic Association representative.

Other officers of the Senior class are Harriet Cooper, president; Elaine Goldman, treasurer; Marion McCleod, representative to the Student Council; and Mary Louise Jackson, representative to the Interclub Council. Junior marshals chosen for convocations are Mary Jane Tarbuton, Gene Hardy, Margaret Benedict, Betty Royston, Evelyn Hulet, and Virginia Coles.

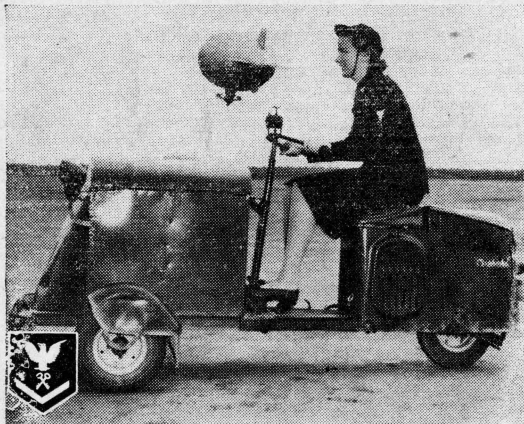
Other Junior Class officers are: Margaret Benedict, president; Virginia Coles, vice-president; Margaret Barbre, secretary.

Are you buying War Stamps every week?

Are you cheering the men in the service with letters?

Are you putting your best into every minute?

WAVES in Action *** Storekeeper



OFFICIAL U. S. NAVY PHOTOGRAPH

This is one of the diversified duties of storekeepers in the WAVES. The girl—Storekeeper, Third Class, indicated by a single chevron and crossed keys on her rating badge—is a "dispatch rider," speeding between blimp hangars on a special car at the Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, N. J. That's a blimp in the background. After indoctrination at the Naval Training School in New York City, which formerly was Hunter College, she was sent to an advanced school for further instruction. Like thousands of other patriotic American girls, aged 20 to 36, she is playing an active rôle in winning the war. The WAVES need many more storekeepers, as well as girls to fill dozens of other immensely important jobs.

NO MALE TODAY

Feminine Angle

By Emma Jeanne Spears

September 13! College opens at R.P.I.! And a few hundred bright-eyed Sloppy Janes dash madly (and gladly) into the Honored Halls of Higher Education after a dull and dateless summer—hopefully remembering all the stories they've read of gals roping in husbands at college!—and with those roving "where-can-he-be" expression in their eyes!

Where indeed! Other than a few million who happen to in Africa at the time—a couple of hundred thousand working their way into Italy—and a few odd million in various Army Camps—I can't imagine.

Only one thing is certain—no such number of American males has been massed on the premises of R.P.I.! And as a so called Co-ed College, it must be admitted that this one is decidedly more Betty Co than Ed! This fact has been revealed in all its significance to the Betty Co's and is no doubt responsible for the replacement of the former look of hopeful bliss in their eyes by the present expression of despair.

This fact of course is not meant to cast aspersions on the five rare specimens of Homo Sapiens now brightening the feminine outlook at R.P.I. No kidding, fellas. We're all just crazy about you (in the name of common sense—we have to be). But you must realize that however super you may be with the gals, you simply aren't enough to go around.

Ah, well—C'est la guerre!

Masculine Angle

By Duane Eugene Croft

There are two reasons why my presence in this school is outstanding: I am a freshman, and I'm a male. The former reason is of importance only to me because college life is a new experience as far as I am concerned. The latter, however, is found to be unusual and, unfortunately, immediately noticed by the entire organization, including fellow members of my sex.

I was first introduced to the predicament of a prevailing number of females by my advisor, who asked me if I would mind being the only man in some (which later developed into all) of my classes, at the same time probably thinking that she didn't know what I should do about it if I did object.

Then, as my financial affairs were being settled at the Treasurer's office, a pretty little number slipped past me, stopped, gazed with her mouth open, then, recovering her senses, uttered in a coma-like manner, "Ye gods, a man!" From that time on I was prepared for the worst.

Of course, I am still having difficulty informing my instructors that there should be a "Mr." rather than a "Miss" preceding my name, and every time I see a male in the halls, I struggle toward him as though he were an oasis.

Although I have become accustomed to my position as a novelty, I sometimes wonder if every one else has.

"The only way to have a friend is to be one."—Emerson.

Theater Group Announces Plays

By Margaret Page

The Theatre Association, entering the fourth year of existence, announces their program for the coming year. The first play is a thriller, "Ladies In Waiting", by Cyril Champion. It is a delightful "who-done-it" with an all female cast. Tryouts were held in the Studio Theatre last Monday, but as yet the final casting has not been completed.

"Ladies In Waiting", however, is only the beginning of a gala season. "The York Nativity," a miracle play based on adaptations from the York Cycle, will be produced sometime in December. Next on the bill will be "Letters to Lucern" by Ratter and Vincent. This is the only war play on the list.

Modern Dance has been leaping forward in such strides that a Dance Drama will be presented as a major production for the first time this year.

The fifth major production of the season will be a hearty Moliere comedy. For several years we wanted to do a Moliere but never have. This year we must!

There is evidence of much good talent this year, and the Theatre Associates want to utilize it. There will be an open meeting Monday, October 4, at 7:30 P.M. in the Studio Theatre. All interested students are invited to attend. A program has been planned and refreshments will be served. We hope you will attend.

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