

## Spring Recess Is Announced

### Registration Offers Many New Courses

R. P. I. will have its spring vacation from March 27 at 4:00 p. m. to April 4 at 8:45 a. m., Dr. Margaret Johnson announced yesterday. Registration for the second semester will be on Friday and Saturday, February 1 and 2, and classes for the new semester will begin on Monday, February 4.

Several new courses in various departments are being planned for next semester. Mr. Roy Bowers will offer courses in Child Psychology for Parents, a night class, and Introduction to Education and Occupational Counseling. Dr. Bondy will teach Psychology of Personality, a new course in Educational Psychology, Part II. Graphic Presentation, a course for students in social science, business, and research will be taught by Mr. John Poulton. In the Physical Education department, classes in golf will be started if enough students are interested.

Dr. George Kalif, head of the School of Social Work, has announced that Miss Cordelia Cox will continue to carry on an In-Service Training Program for visiting teachers in which she meets with visiting teachers out on the job and discusses with them their problems. These teachers require the same training that social workers need. This semester, there was a new course, Child Welfare of Virginia, helpful to visiting teachers, and next semester, The Child, The School, and the Visiting Teacher, a course taught by Miss Cox will be offered. This work is in addition to her teaching in the Richmond School of Social Work.

### Dr. Kalif, Mrs. Washer Attend S. W. Conference

Dr. George T. Kalif, director of the School of Social Work, and Mrs. Lois Washer, head of Recreational Leadership, are attending an American Association of Schools of Social Work Conference at Pittsburgh, Pa., which began January 22, and will last through January 26. The Richmond School of Social Work is a charter member of this organization.

Dr. Kalif is a member of the Curriculum Committee of the association, whose duty it is to make a survey of the curricula of various schools of Social Work and make recommendations for preprofessional or undergraduate curriculum.

Mrs. Washer is on a program Friday morning for Group Work Teachers to discuss content and method of the first graduate year course in group work.

On January 26 and 27, Dr. Kalif and Mrs. Washer are attending the Recreation and Group Work Schools Conference.

## May Chairmen Are Elected

### Stigall and Albright To Head May Festival

Ebbie Stigall and Pat Albright were elected chairmen of the May day festival in an election held last Thursday in the gymnasium.

Ebbie will be in charge of the whole May activities. That is, she will work with the faculty and various committees on the Glee Club concert, the fashion show and open-house which are a part of the May festival.

Pat will supervise the program in which the May Queen is crowned. This program will include the May court and the dances.

They were chosen from a list drawn up by the Student Council. Those who were nominated were Betty Anderson, Ebbie Stigall, Mae Dickerson, Ethyl Merritt, and Betty Hodge, for May chairmen; and Page Carruth, Dena Davis, and Pat Albright, for May day chairmen.

All the nominees were introduced to the students on Thursday at a special meeting held to elect the May Queen and to make nominations for Who's Who.

Last year's chairmen, Betty Donahue and June Wharton, have offered to assist Pat and Ebbie in making tentative plans.

As yet no definite plans have been made for the May celebration. The drama group, according to Mr. Hodge, may present a Shakespearean play. Last year they presented *Mid-Summers Night Dream*.

## Blizzard, Tornado, Balmly Weather Greet Xmas Holiday Travelers

R. P. I. students who live in other parts of the country encountered almost every extreme in weather on returning to their homes for the holidays.

Charla Frey, who left for Buffalo on the fifteenth, arrived in time to be caught in the worst blizzard in the city's history. It took her train an hour to cover the last eighteen miles to Buffalo. Then it was stalled at the railroad yards by snow more than waist deep. The passengers remained there from nine in the morning until six in the evening, with neither food nor heat available. Several of the passengers, including Charla, finally left the train and walked about half a mile to a restaurant, where Charla telephoned her father. Since there were no taxis running, it took him two hours to reach her.

During that day and night, forty-eight inches of snow fell, and by three or four more days a total of eighty-one inches had fallen.

Hannah Bromberg spent the holidays in New York. The plane she was to take from Norfolk was grounded for two days, and on the



Ashie Joyner, senior, has been chosen to be Queen of May.

### TA Postpones Play; Plans New Production

"The Late Christopher Bean," originally scheduled to be presented January 17 and 18, has been postponed until February 14 and 15, Mr. Raymond Hodges has announced. The cast for the play will include Elaine Weiner, Suzanne Thornton, Joan Wallerstein, Carolyn Graves, Charles Gale, and Irving Brownfield. Plans are now being made for a new production, "Ladies in Retirement," which will be directed by Miss Gertrude Reinhold, and will be given sometime in early March.

third day she had to wait in the air station from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. before she could leave. She says it was one of the roughest air trips she has ever had. After she had reached New York, she was told that a plane from the same air line, which took off before hers, had crashed near La Guardia Field. Buddy Kolb found Sherman, Texas, a sharp contrast to Richmond's snow and the consequent twenty-four hour delay of his train trip home. The ground was snow covered in Virginia, West Virginia, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri and parts of Alabama, but for Texas the holiday season was as balmy as spring. The only bad weather he experienced while there was the tail end of the South Texas tornado. This, he supposed, was only a "norther", the sudden high wind which characterizes Texas weather.

Nerida Varela, Helen Wallerstein, and Natalie Goldstein spent their vacations in Miami, where the temperature was 90 degrees. Natalie enjoyed the beach and the yacht trips and Nerida found it quite a contrast to go swimming after having had a snow fight the week before.

## Ashie Joyner Queen of May

### Classes Choose Representatives

Ashie Joyner was elected May Queen in a school-wide election held Thursday, January 17, and will reign as Queen at the May Day Festival to be held in May.

The Queen's court was chosen at all class meetings held January 14, 1946. Senior Class representatives are Davis Batchelder, Gainesville, and Mary Helen Holmes, Statesville, N. C.

Junior Class representatives are Margaret Snell, Staten Island, N. Y., and Dorothy Turock, Norfolk. Sophomore representatives are Byrd Bradshaw, Laurel, and Sue Hutzler, Richmond. Freshman Class representatives are Ann Pettit, Richmond, and Charlotte Fowler, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Nominees for May Queen were Ashie Joyner, Doris Smith, Mary Helen Holmes, and Ann Gwynn.

Ashie, a costume design senior, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Joyner of Waverly, Virginia. She transferred last year from Madison College in Harrisonburg to RPI.

Byrd Bradshaw is participating for the second year.

## House, Hibbs, Gibbs Lead in Who's Who

Bill House, winning three places, and Mary Sue Hibbs and Dick Gibbs capturing two titles each, took honors in the 1946 Who's Who elections held this week under the sponsorship of the Wigwam, student annual.

Named wittiest, best all around and most intellectual boy was Bill House. Mary Sue Hibbs placed first in most popular and best all around girl and Dick Gibbs in most popular and best looking boy in the contest.

Best dressed students are Frankie Payne and Darrell Landrum. Honors for the best personality went to Byrd Bradshaw and Ray Doggett. RPI's favorite athletes are Mary Munce and Herbie Weisberger.

Ashie Joyner, May Queen elect, captured the title for the most beautiful girl. Most intellectual girl is Pat Albright. Jean McChreits was named wittiest.

### Mrs. Marion Speaks At Parenthood Meet

Mrs. Beatrice Marion, instructor of Marriage Relations and Personality Development, spoke at the annual event of the Planned Parenthood Federation in New York City yesterday.

Her address was on the work that has been done in securing the co-operation of educators of Virginia in the Planned Parenthood League.

Mrs. Marion will participate in an interview on the radio Friday morning over station WQXR on marriage counseling.

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## This Issue

This issue of the *Proscript* is prepared by students of the Journalism class. They wish to express their appreciation to the editors of the *Proscript* for giving them this opportunity. It's great fun and lots of work.

Guest editors and writers of this issue are Pat Albright, Nikki Calisch, Sara Elizabeth Jones, Jody Miller, Jane Scates, Marilyn Strohkorb, and Chuck Wood.

## Help Yourself

Numerous incentives can be advanced for keeping RPI clean and neat but the most forceful of any is the entirely selfish one that a clean school is more attractive and pleasant to live in.

Emphasis can be placed on the shortage of maids, on our responsibility toward creating a favorable impression with our visitors, on school spirit, but these carry little weight compared to the incentive of individual comfort.

Lunch becomes infinitely less fun when the table is cluttered with remnants of another snack, and floors littered with cigarette butts create anything but a pleasant atmosphere in either lounge or classroom.

Your mess makes less fun for you. Help yourself.

## Go After The Facts

Within the past few weeks you can't help but be struck in the face by the alarming number of strikes and pending strikes; the telephone, the meat, the telegraph, the automobile, the electric, and the steel industries are on the verge of striking or are on strike now. The last, the steel industry will affect the production of the whole country.

The president has been trying to avert these strikes by bringing about a compromise between industry and labor but one or the other finds fault and the situation remains tense.

Open violence began in Los Angeles when the strikers disobeyed an injunction; clubs, nightsticks, and tear gas were used by police and a number of pickets were arrested.

Are these strikes a good sign, a healthy sign? Do they show that the people want to better themselves, or is it a sign of unrest and future difficulties in the country.

As college students, we have the opportunity to do some basic "fact-finding" in regard to the social and economic situations that exist in our state and country. Suggestions: read the daily papers; read thought-provoking magazines, such as the *Atlantic Monthly*, *Harpers*, and the *American Mercury* (all in the school library); listen to radio programs such as *Town Meeting of the Air* on Thursday night; attend discussions such as the *Richmond Public Forum*. Above all: Stop talking in terms of uninformed opinion; go after the facts.

## Contribute to March of Dimes

In this March of Dimes campaign which is now being launched, we have an opportunity to help those stricken by the dread disease of Infantile Paralysis. In this way we can also pay tribute to the late Franklin D. Roosevelt.



## You Write Us

Dear Editor:

In order to complete my *Proscript* file for last year, I need a copy of *Proscript* Vol. 6, No. 7. This is the issue published in January 1945.

I shall deeply appreciate it if some student or faculty member can furnish a copy for me.

Annie G. Dix.

Dear Editor:

I have noticed in the hall of the Ad building the barrel which is for the clothing to go to Europe. At least there is a barrel there, but I think it would be fruitless to send it to the starving, homeless, and half frozen people of Europe. What we, the students of RPI, should do is to fill it to the brim. And not just once. Many, many times.

Can't we give? It isn't too much to ask of a nation who were spared the actual war on our land, is it?

Sincerely,

Jody Miller.

Dear Editor:

It would seem that the Student Government Association had never sponsored such a thing as a Messy Pest Purge just a few weeks ago.

Let's start a new all-out program for keeping our school nicer to attend and give the effect of order and neatness to the quarters in which we live and work, by just remembering little habits which our parents have tried to instill within us.

Yours truly,

Margaret Wiggins.

## Popular Books on Library Shelves

Lover of good books? Like to read the popular ones? Miss Rosamond MacCanless, librarian, has announced that the following have been shelved in the library.

Toor—Mexican Popular Arts  
Scott—Houses of Old Richmond  
Sholosky—Evenings With Music  
Taylor—A Pictorial History of the Movies

Bowers—Let's Plan A Party  
Jacobs—The Chinese-American Song and Game Book  
Radir—Modern Dance for the Youth of America

Broks—The World of Washington Irving  
Beach—American Fiction, 1920-1940

Boynton—America in Contemporary Fiction

Cerf—Try and Stop Me  
Webster—Shakespeare Without Tears

Dabney—Below the Potomac  
Freeman—Lee's Lieutenants Vol. 1-3.

Fowler—Goodnight Sweet Prince  
Pierson—Roughly Speaking  
Maugham—The Summing Up  
Wolfe—Thomas Wolfe's Letters to His Mother

Fiction

Baum—Hotel Berlin  
Benson—Junior Miss  
Carpenter—Experiment Perilous

Don Passos—Number One  
Dowdey—Tidewater

Forbes—Mama's Bank Account  
Habe—Katherine

Hershey—A Bell for Adano  
Maugham—The Razor's Edge  
Parrish—Poor Child

Pennell—The History of Rome

Hanks

Seeton—Dragonwyck  
Smith—A Tree Grows In Brooklyn

Steinbeck—Cannery Row  
Westcott—Apartment in Athens

Weston—Indigo  
Wolfe—The Hills Beyond

## Out of the Dark at Last



## Exams Delay League Finals

"Exams have forced the postponement of the finals of the Girls' Basketball Tournament until Friday afternoon, February eighth," says Ann Crymes, manager of the girls' team.

The Day Students (A team), 908 Franklin, and 818-820 Park will meet on Feb. 8 in the semi-finals.

818-820 Park won first chance at the semi-finals when they stopped 816 Park, 15 to 7 in the first round. The Day Students (B team) won in their first round game with Founders' by a score of 19-10, but dropped their next game to (fellow day students (team A) by a 28-16 count. Moore House gained their way into the playoff by a decisive 15-0 victory over 821, while 908 eliminated 216 Shafer by a 15-19 score.

## Boys Split Games With Volunteers

The boys' basketball team dropped their first game of the season on Saturday night, Jan. 12, to the strong Richmond Volunteers by a score of 21-12, after defeating them on the previous Monday night, 23-17.

Both teams played a strong defensive game during the first half, with the score at halftime 11-10 in favor of the visitors. Lamb, whom the R. P. I. has had stopped in the first game, broke away for a lay-up shot near the end of the third period to give the Volunteers a lead that they never gave up.

Lamb led the victors with 8 points, while Meredith House and Joe Slivka led the locals with 4 points each.

## Russell Jones Speaks At Birthday Banquet

"That the people of Europe do not want war is evident," declared Mr. Russell Jones, speaker at the Second Anniversary celebration of the Richmond Intercollegiate Council, Wednesday January 16, 1946, at Virginia Union University.

Russell returned from Europe in November, where he served as one of twenty-five delegates to the World-Wide Youth Conference which was held in London, England.

Russell served as secretary to the American delegation. He also was elected as one of the six delegates from the United States to the World Federation of Democratic Youth, a newly formed foundation with headquarters in Paris.

Last year Russell was president of the R. I. C. and through him the council was organized. He was succeeded by Martha Jane Coleman, a student of the Richmond Professional Institute.

## Patsy Royal Printed In National Magazine

Patsy Royal, first page editor of the *Proscript* and promotions secretary of the City Division of Recreation, has written an article which appeared in the national magazine, *Recreation*, of January, 1946. It was entitled the Children's Theater Goes Traveling, and appeared on page 535.

## Girls' Basketball Plans Announced

"Ann Crymes, manager of the girls' basketball team, has about completed the schedule for the coming season," said Coach Edna J. Dexter yesterday.

Two games for both the varsity and reserve teams are pending with St. Catherine and Westhampton. They will also meet the William and Mary sextet at Williamsburg on a date that has not yet been decided, and will play host to the Norfolk team on March 1, to complete the season.

"The intramural program is also nearing completion. The teams of Freshman A, B, C, and D of the Freshman class and Sections A, B, and C of the sophomore class will compete for the Physical Education Championship in the near future," continued Coach Dexter.

"The tournament between the senior, junior, sophomore and freshman classes will begin about the first of March, and will round out the season," she concluded.

## Orchestra to Give Concert in Feb.

The college orchestra will present a concert February 25, 1946, under the direction of Mr. Volney Shepard, professor of music, where two senior soloists will appear.

Lois Rosenbaum, pianist, will play the first movement of the B Flat Piano Concerto by Beethoven; and Dorothy White, violinist, will play the last movement of G Minor Concerto by Bruch.

The orchestra will have another concert in the spring at which time two other senior soloists will appear.

Mr. Shepard announced that there will be two student recitals. These will be February 12 and 19.

On April 18, Mr. Shepard will present his recital. A definite announcement will be made at a later date.

## Miss Elizabeth Shannon Joins RPI Faculty

Recently discharged from the WAC, Miss Elizabeth Shannon has joined the RPI faculty in the Store Service Department, where she is at present teaching a class in Consumer Economics in the day and Institute classes in the night school.

Miss Shannon, a former Captain in the WAC, comes to us from Tampa, Florida. She graduated from the Florida State College for Women and from there went to the New York University of Retailing, where she received her Master's Degree. She taught mathematics and psychology in a high school in Tampa and was doing work in Distributive Education when the war emergency arose and she joined the WAC.

Miss Shannon was stationed in Richmond for some time, where she was head of WAC recruiting for the State of Virginia, and later in Baltimore, recruiting for the State of Maryland. Before her discharge she was stationed in Fort Bragg, N. C., at the separation center where she supervised counseling problems. Miss Shannon received her discharge in December after having served forty months.

## VanArnam Heads Therpies Club

The Therpies Club elected officers, Monday night, January 14, for the next semester.

Officers elected are as follows: president, Cornelia VanArnam; vice president, Jen Beach; recording secretary, Wynn Edwards; treasurer, Jane Atwood; and publicity chairman, Jo Roy.

The newly elected officers will succeed the following, who will retire from office January 31: president, Jo Roy; vice president, Gloria Gaa; recreation secretary, Mardy Purdum; corresponding secretary, Majorie Broad; treasurer, E. Ann Myers; and publicity chairman, May Fazel.

## Music Majors Form New Club

A new club has been organized by the music majors of the Richmond School of Music, affiliated with the Richmond Professional Institute, called "The Accidental Club".

Recitals will be presented to members of the club only. The first being February 5, 1946.

Officers have been elected and they are as follows: president, Dorothy White; vice-president, Helen Briesmeister; secretary, Maude Spindler; and treasurer, Lois Tressler. The chairman of the Social Committee is Nancy King; Poster Committee, Hannah Bromberg; Publicity Committee, Mildred Hale, Mr. Charles W. Craig, Jr., F.A.G.O., has been named as faculty sponsor.

## Store Service Seniors Visit New York City

Seniors in the RPI Store Service Department met Sunday, January 6, in New York City, where they spent five days attending meetings and making field trips relative to their work in store service.

The students together with the Store Service faculty, Mrs. Kathleen Chrismond, Miss Louise Bernard, Miss Rosemary McMillan, Miss Mary Katherine Van Sant, and Miss Elizabeth Shannon, visited a central buying office, the shopping sections of the city, and the merchandising editor of *Charm Magazine*. They also attended the General and Personnel sections of the National Retail Dry Goods Association.

Several nights were left free for the students who attended some of the current shows and radio broadcasts.

## Miss Cady Entertains This Years Hockey Team

Miss Ruth Cady, hockey coach, entertained the members of this year's hockey team at an informal buffet supper on Wednesday, January 15, at 6:15 P. M.

Assisting Miss Cady in the serving of food were Miss Mary Jane Dole and Miss Gertrude Reinbold.

Those players present were Eddie Stigall, captain of the team; Mary Munce, Pat Albright, Gene Layne, Margaret Snell, Jean Wilson, Gladys Watson, Norma Gilmer, Verna Englehart, Lila Chappel, and Katherine Tarter.

## Minority Club Gives Dance

The Minority club sponsored the first dance of 1946, Saturday, January 12 in the school gymnasium from 8:30-12:00.

A basketball game was held between the R.P.I. boys and the Richmond "Volunteers" as a pre-dance feature. The final score of the game was 21-12 in favor of the Volunteers.

On the various committees were Lindley Hill, Bill Robinson and Dick Gibbs, entertainment; Ray Doggett and Bill House, men; Frenchy Grumiaux, Bud Sheaks, Joe Slivka and Irving Beatley, advertising; Dewey Lovelace and Herby Weisberger, tickets; and James Fish and Emory Newton, refreshments.

## O. T. Students Get Clinical Training

Five students in the department of Occupational Therapy will leave in February for clinical training, according to Miss Sue Hurt, head of the Occupational Therapy department.

Students leaving include Marjorie Broad, Helen Cooper, Ruth Fitts, Jean Lindsay and Marian Straus.

Their training will take them to Washington, Baltimore, Cleveland, Indianapolis, Rochester, Hartford, and other cities. Each student will spend two months in at least four different hospitals in which she will receive experience and training in working with all types of physical and mental disabilities. In this way she finds the type of work in which she wants to specialize.

## Sculpture Exhibit Is Placed on Display

A Teacher-Student Sculpture exhibit showing the works of Mr. Armin Scheler and his students at Louisiana State University has been placed on display in the Studio Theater by Mr. Wolfgang Behl and his students of sculpture. The display will remain through January 26.

Mr. Scheler took his training in sculpture at the State Art School and the State Academy of Fine Arts, both in Munich, Germany, and did supplementary work at the studio of Paul Manship in New York City. Mr. Behl spoke Thursday evening, January 17, to the Fine Art Group and members of the student body on the subject "Sculpture Is Timeless."

The next program which the Fine Arts Group is sponsoring will be presented on February 7, at 7:45 P. M. in the Studio Theatre. *Mobile Sculpture and Hobbies Across the Seas*, two movies on art from the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, will be shown by Alexander Calder. Everyone is invited.

## Jack Gordon Visits RPI After Discharge

Pfc. Jack Gordon, son of Mrs. Irene Gordon, receptionist, visited RPI last week after receiving his discharge from the United States Army.

Jack, who was doing intelligence work in the Army, of Occupation in Germany, is planning to enter Cornell University in March.





## What's In A Name?

by Nikki Calisch

Jody not baker  
Jody not farmer  
Jody Miller.

Pat not all wrong  
Pat not all dark  
Pat Albright.

Mildred not French  
Mildred not Dutch  
Mildred English

Martha Jane not iron man  
Martha Jane not water man  
Martha Jane Coleman.

Chuck not steel  
Chuck not paper  
Chuck Wood.

Louise not sit  
Louise not stand  
Louise Ligh.

Dewey don't love silk  
Dewey don't love satin  
Dewey Lovelace.

Meredith not cabin  
Meredith not cottage  
Meredith House.

Ruth not Peoria  
Ruth not Reading  
Ruth Richmond.

Lucy don't Kreml it  
Lucy don't Drene it  
Lucy Fitchette.

Jane not a bicycle  
Jane not a motorcycle  
Jane Scates.

Jackie don't lose  
Jackie don't win  
Jackie Gaines.

Leigh not cooking  
Leigh not baking  
Leigh Breuer.

Skeeter not mountain  
Skeeter not mound  
Skeeter Hill.

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# Sunny Spots

By Sunny Gilmer

Ft. Lauderdale's languorous living has lots of attractions according to Avril Clay and alumna Mary Clare Dinneen who spent their holidays there.

To brand new mama Jane, and father Jack Poulton, we say "congratulations and best wishes" to them and their seven-pound, son, John Wood Poulton.

Shirley Goldfarb middle-aided as maid of honor for sister Esther, who recently took her MRS degree.

Hope to see Hazel Phillips back soon after she rests following a bout with pneumonia.

Natalie Garner and Jane Fivel went a-visiting to New Jersey and had a lovely time.

Jo Elsner went 'way up to Peoria, Ill., to visit her "man" and his family during the holidays.

The huntin' and the skin' in New Hampshire are fine, says Blanche Geekie.

Byrd Bradshaw seems to have had quite an interesting visit in New York.. How about that ex-marine she met?

Also having a gay time in the big city during Christmas was Alice Arch.

They tell us Barbara Sears had so much luggage to lug that she had to collect a retinue of men to help lug.

Following a whirlwind courtship, Jean Mattox is getting married in February—lucky girl!

Ruth Croft hasn't a ring yet, but she certainly is pinned.

Did you see the shiner Peg Christian got? She has witnesses that she got it playing basketball.

Mary Lane Williams' fiancé just came back ffrom overseas. We hear the two asked M. L.'s father for three good reasons not to get married now, and he said, "Breakfast, dinner, and supper."

Mariam Wells now has a beautiful "frat" pin from boy friend Duncan.

Why not ask Doris Ehrencrona about her admirer at Fork Union Military Academy?

If you notice that gleam in Mary MacEntee's eye, ask her who drove her home from "Christmas in Connecticut."

June Stewart got a V. P. I. miniature from Coleman McGee. It's just friendship, she says, but she's wearing it on third left.

Speaking of VPI minatures, Jane Carol Brown received one from t.d. & h. Jim.

Susan Griffin, who's leaving for a New York modeling school in January, had not less than a dozen males in the living room paying a parting call Sunday afternoon.

## Exams Cause Pains To Those Who Study

By Marilyn Strohkorb

Exams—the word that spells doom to all those miserable creatures on earth known as students. It haunts their existence continually, but never to the extent of making them do something about it. There are usually two different kinds of students who react accordingly to the approaching disaster.

First, there is the eager beaver who becomes truly alarmed a whole week before the dreaded day. She begins studying at that early date and becomes a slave to her books for the remaining seven days. She eats Napoleon's Empire on toast for breakfast; she recites Shakespeare at the dinner table; and she dreams about the psychology lecture given last week. Then on the eve of her very first exam, Miss Eager Beaver collapses from a nervous breakdown and is confined to her bed for two weeks. Alas! 'Tis a sad fate!

On the other hand there is the carefree student whose motto is, "Never do today what can be put off until tomorrow." She is always too busy listening to Frankie's latest record or talking to the dee-vine sailor to bother about studying. On the night before the big day she gathers all of her books around her and sits down to start cramming. However, her plans are soon altered by some of her fellow dorm inmates who are looking for a fourth for bridge. But after all, bridge will certainly teach you how to concentrate, and that is one thing she will have to do tomorrow.

Statisticians have been unable to decide which of these techniques proves to be most valuable in the end. It is rumored, however, that in every school there is a small group who think they have the only formula for success. Who? The faculty, of course!!

## Crystal Ball Reveals Thrills of Last Year

The crystal ball reveals that last semester was quite an exciting one.

The clouds part and disclose the student body of RPI registering from September 18-21. Then on the 24th, classes begin, with the usual late-comers and transfers involved.

Coming into vision now is the first dance of the year, an informal affair sponsored by the Glee Club and held in the gym. The Cotillion Club formal follows close on its heels in November.

The men now take the spotlight as the Minority Club holds its beauty contest and "Frenchy" Grumiaux is elected Miss RPI of 1945.

A great light blinds the ball as December 19 comes up—Christmas vacation is here and all is quiet at the school until January 4.

The clouds are slowly closing now and gloom spreads over the crystal. Exams are here.

"I need a holiday," said the pretty cashier, "I'm not looking my best these days."

"Nonsense," said the manager. "It isn't either, the men are beginning to count their change before they leave."

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## Diamond Row

Ye ole jewelry shop carried on so much business in the past few weeks that we've had to set up shop just for them.

Lila Bloomberg has become engaged to Dr. Jack Herzfeld, ex-U.S. Army captain.

Doris Smith's captain—oops, pardon,—Major Eddie arrived home for the holidays, and Doris arrived at school a few days late plus engagement ring.

Laura Dunn is also receiving congratulations on her new engagement—to a childhood beau.

Nonny Glass is wearing a ring—as soon as she and he find an apartment the knot will be tied.

Sunny Gilmer is sporting her ring from "Cotton". After visiting his home during the holidays, she claims Kentucky is marvelous.

Doris Batchelder also joined the ranks by receiving her solitaire from Captain Buck Creel.

Nancy Gleason received her diamond from that man called Brad. He's at the U. of Va.

Ethel Townsend also has a ring—from Fred Miller who just returned from India.

Helen Anthony is sporting her diamond from Steve, and expects wedding bells in February.

Anita Spivey is our latest engagee—to that darling navy guy "Skip". Best wishes!

## Vacation Blues

Despite the happy faces of many of the studes right after the Christmas vacation, some RPItes returned to school with gloomy stories of their trips home and elsewhere.

Dr. Margaret Johnson had perhaps the saddest tale to tell. While she was reveling in the joy of home life, including a guest to be taken about, the basement of her house was flooded. They bailed for a couple of days, but then the heating system broke down and they were forced to live in the kitchen. After a while it got too tough for them and they evacuated into a hotel for the remainder of the holidays.

Mis Ruth Cady was sadly disappointed in her attempts to fly home to Texas. The planes were grounded due to this "sunny Southern weather" and she had to suffer three days of riding the rails.

Miss Annie Dix was a participant in a train fire, or at least there was a lot of smoke. While riding from New York back to Richmond, smoke began pouring from under the seats, eventually forcing the passengers to leave the car. Pierce Wood, was also in the car.