

RPI HAS FIRST STREET DANCE

Partial Enrollment Numbers 813; Business School Leads

With approximately 700 upperclassmen still to register, the enrollment figures for last Thursday were totaled at 813. Of these, 392 are men and 421 women, with 249 male veterans and 14 female veterans.

The Freshman class has a total of 562 students; the Sophomore class, 119; Junior class, 85; and Senior class, 18. There are 19 graduate students and one special student.

The School of Business led in the number of students enrolled with 146. The department of Commercial Art had 70; Costume Design and Illustration and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, 69; Distributive Education 68; and Liberal Arts, 60.

Forty-one students are enrolled in the department of Interior Decoration; Fine Art, 32; Music, 28; Pre-Social Work and Physical Therapy, 23; Occupational Therapy and Laboratory Technic, 22; Drafting and Engineering, 20; Drama, 19; Nursing, 17; Journalism, 13; Biological and Chemical Technology, 12; Applied Psychology, 11; and Statistics and Applied Sociology and Physical

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New Staff Is In Dining Room

Mrs. Elizabeth Webster, who came here from Hollands college, has taken over the job of dietitian along with her new assistant, Mrs. Elsie Carter. Also on the staff is a new registered nurse, Miss Ott.

Installed in the kitchen of Founder's Hall, 827 West Franklin street, is a complete new stainless steel dish washing room and new utensils of stainless steel. New hall cabinets have also been added.

Rat Week Rules Set Up; Patrol, Court To Enforce

Definite rules concerning Rat Week have been announced by Carl Bandoian, chairman. The Week will start Monday, Oct. 4 and will conclude after Rat Court, Saturday, Oct. 9.

The rules will be enforced in the restricted area only—Shafer street between Park avenue and Franklin street. Upperclassmen on the Rat Patrol will be identified by red armbands while on duty. The 25 members on the patrol will be the only authorized upperclassmen who may summon a Rat offender before the court.

A rat jury composed of no more than six upperclassmen, will decide whether or not the offender is guilty. Those found guilty will be ordered punished by the judge, the chairman of Rat Week program.

Trials will be held on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 1 p. m. at the Shafer street entrance to the Administration building.

Rules that Freshmen must follow are simple. They must wear an R.P.I. skull cap or a pair of gloves while in the restricted area. Textbooks must be carried in a large paper bag or in a pillow case. Rats must make and wear signs which state that they

VETS NUMBER 465-- TEDDER

Checks To Start Nov. 1 June Check Added

Approximately 465 veterans are expected to return to R.P.I., according to Miss Gladys Tedder, veterans co-ordinator. Of these, 250 had registered through last Thursday.

Compensation checks will begin coming by Nov. 1.

The Veterans Administration pays all veterans a sum equal to 15 days at the subsistence rate at the end of the school year in June. This pay is subtracted from the period of eligibility. If veterans wish to cancel the pay and take the time instead, cancellation forms may be obtained from Miss Tedder in the business office before 2 p. m. These forms must be filed with her at least 30 days before June 11, 1949. Miss Tedder cautioned.

69 ARE ENROLLED IN VPI EXTENSION

Included in the new student group at R.P.I. are 69 Freshmen who have registered for the Fall term in the Virginia Polytechnic Institute extension school, according to C. A. B. Foster, head of the school. Of this number 29 are veterans.

Added to the V.P.I. staff this year are Benjamin Y. Hill, who will teach math and Frank L. Sheldon, who will teach physics.

The V.P.I. extension was started here in 1946. Sophomores and Freshmen are admitted for a two-

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Get-Together, First In City, Is Success In Shafer Street



Edward W. Kelley and Connie Turner, in charge of the street dance given here last Saturday night, talk to orchestra leader Hunter Purdie.

Another "first" was scored by Richmond Professional Institute Saturday night when a large crowd attended what is believed to be the first street dance ever held in Richmond. Sponsored by the Sophomore class, the gala event attracted wide attention in the city.

The dance was the first of its kind of the season. Planned during the summer months by Connie Turner, chairman of the Sophomore class activities committee and William G. Sewell, President of the Student Government Association, the dance became an unofficial celebration for faculty and students alike at the end of Registration Week.

Edward W. Kelley, class president, was jubilant over the success of the evening. The music of Hunter Purdie's orchestra delighted the dancers throughout the evening.

An enthusiastic crowd participated in the festivities. The unique quality of a street dance was the subject of considerable favorable comment on the part of both new and returning students.

Richmond Police were on duty throughout the evening. The co-operation of the Police officials was lauded by Mr. Kelley.

During the evening, pictures were taken by photographers from the Richmond Newspapers, Inc. Some of their photographs appear on page 4 of this issue.

REGISTRAR LAUDS SGA HELPERS

Mrs. Ann Wood of the Registrar's office praised highly the work of the Student Government Association in the role of guiding, giving information, aiding instructors and registering students during the past week. In addition to calling this help indispensable, Mrs. Wood also cited the fine planning and organization of work by the department heads, advisors and other faculty members.

Recalling the long lines, the interminable waiting, the lack of centralized information desks and informed guides at last year's opening, Mrs. Wood remarked on the orderly movement of students from one department to another last week.

Another factor in the greater efficiency achieved this year, Mrs. Wood said, was the decentralization of registration points for the various departments. This prevented the clogging of main passages, and permitted the students to move without traffic problems.

"Such a faculty as we have in R.P.I. can interview, accept, examine, and register a large number of students in a remarkably short time," Mrs. Wood said. "But this is possible only when they are assisted in the handling of records, and when the flow of students is properly regulated."

"The number of questions which were answered last week by the volunteers from the Student Government Association under the able direction of Bill Sewell, its president, can never be tabulated. But the results obtained through their help has earned the deepest gratitude of the Registrar's office."

Riding Course Offered 1 Semester Credit

A course in horseback riding, omitted through error in the schedule, will be given this year, Dean Henry H. Hibbs said.

The course gives one semester hour credit in Physical Education and costs \$25.00. Riding one hour a week, a total of 12 lessons a semester is required. This system gives a wide latitude for rain, illness, etc.

All riding is at the Brook Run Riding Academy. Students who wish to sign for the course should do so with Mrs. Irene Gordon at the switchboard. Classes meet at 5 p. m. in front of the Dean's House.

NEW FACULTY NUMBERS 28

Prof. Are Alumni Of Many Colleges

Twenty-eight faculty members have been added to the R.P.I. roster for the 1948-'49 session.

Melvin Bachman, new English instructor, came to R.P.I. from Lynn, Mass. He is a graduate of State Teachers college, and holds an M.A. degree from Columbia Teachers college, where he has also completed credit work for a Ph.D. degree. During the war, he served in the Army and saw active service in China, Burma, and India.

A native of New York City, Albert Dornfest, assistant professor of Biology, graduated from City College and attended Columbia Teachers' college and University of Pennsylvania. Before coming here, Mr. Dornfest taught at Brooklyn Hospital School of Nursing.

George R. Beech, assistant professor of Business Administration, (Continued on page 2)

MUSIC DEPT. NEEDS VOICES FOR CHORUS

Orchestra Posts Open; Concert Scheduled

Mr. R. L. Fields, of the School of Music, announced yesterday that he needs at least 125 voices to form his Mixed Chorus, namely Altos and Tenors. Both male and female students are needed and some 40 or 45 have all ready signed up.

Any students may join this Mixed Chorus. The only requirement is attendance at classes on Monday and Wednesday from 3 to 4. Up to two credits are given. "If one has the maximum 18 credits he or she may take this class without any credits at all. All sheet music and traveling expenses are furnished by the school," Mr. Fields explained.

"There is a good possibility of an opera to be presented at the school this year—that is if enough people report for the Mixed Chorus," he continued.

Last year 80 students reported (Continued on page 3)

CHELF DORM ELECTIONS TO BE HELD

Election of the House Council will take place at the meeting of the new men's dorm tomorrow night, according to Edward W. Kelley, acting house president.

The dorm is informally called Chelf's Dorm, as it is situated over the drug store at 840 West Grace street. The 21 men who live there represent every department in R.P.I.

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COUNT BERNADOTTE

Count Folke Bernadotte, United Nations mediator for Palestine, was brutally murdered 10 days ago. This dastardly deed was committed by the notorious Stern gang, which has been connected with the Russian Communists by many persons.

The tactics of the Stern gang, an extreme Leftist group, may well be compared to those of Nazis and the Communists. Bulldozing violence has been the password for all these groups. Deliberate attempts to overthrow governments and wreak havoc in other countries have been their aims. Conquest and oppression have been their goals.

What these revolutionists did not understand was that there are many more Roosevelts, Masaryks, and Bernadottes. The free, democratic peoples of the world have more aces in the deck.

Bernadotte was not the last chance of the world to obtain a lasting peace. As long as there are some who follow the Golden Rule, there will be a chance for the golden age of peace, prosperity, and happiness.

SPORTS NEED SPORTS

The sports' season will start in two weeks with a girls' hockey game scheduled with Bridgewater college. At the same time the men's basketball team will begin practice for their first game on Dec. 3 at Concord college.

Last year was the first year of the men's varsity team, and this year is the team's first year in real competition. It is to be expected that we will lose some of our games. This is no reflection on the coaching staff or the team or anyone connected with sports. It is just plain—albeit sad—fact.

But good losers and good winners make good sports. How often we have been disgruntled with an opposing team when they won and raised the roof all over town! And also how often we have been the ones who turned around and did the very things that we griped about!

We don't like it when visitors paint our city up—they don't like it when we do the same. If we are to create a good impression of our school when we are away, we must act as we want others to act when they visit us.

Let's back our teams wholeheartedly, but let's use a little discretion when it comes to celebrating.

ON HAPPINESS

It has often been a source of fascination to me to try to understand why people live where they do, and at times, why some people live at all.

I remember a group which inhabited an arid piece of property in Arizona, twenty-two miles from the nearest town. They carried all of their water; their livestock had so little to eat that their ribs were not only evident but countable. This was not a characteristic limited to cattle and horses on their "ranch." It was also true of the younger offspring of that family. The adults covered their anaemia with clothes.

A surface approach to such people gives one cause for reflection. Why do they live there? What do they see in bareness, starvation and flat horizons which has sufficient appeal to their immortal souls to keep them there year after year? A city dweller looks with disdain and rushes on. The owner of a country estate looks at a picture of it and murmurs, "How picturesque! But to live there . . ." And he turns the page.

But a closer scrutiny of these destitute people exhibits a crude kind of happiness which comes to them in their circumscribed existence. It is a happiness achieved by few people in the mechanistic cities, by few who have push-button electronic kitchens and are eased by countless servants who clean their fingernails and brush their hair.

It is a happiness unrecognized by those whose lives have become "civilized," a happiness brought forth from the challenge of fighting a battle every moment of one's life—an excitement conceived in starvation, nurtured in poverty and dedicated to the stern proposition of survival. The discontent in the world does not center on these people. They are content because theirs is the magnificent heritage of strife—for food—for water—for survival. They have not time for killing their neighbors. They are too happily busy building and sustaining life.

R.E.A.

SGA AIDS FROSH IN ORIENTATION

"The Student Government Association has been trying to acquaint new students this week with RPI practices," William Sewell, president of the SGA, said Friday.

"We cooperated with the administration in making preliminary plans for registration, and we planned the Freshman convocation and block party," Sewell continued.

In addition members of the SGA acted as a general information bureau and gave out the honor cards. These pledges, issued by the Honor Council, are an innovation at RPI.

GERMAN CLUB HAS INITIAL MEETING

The initial meeting of the new RPI German Club was held last week. Clyde Harrison presided in the absence of Marvin T. Eastman, president-elect of the organization.

Harrison expressed the hope that the German Club will establish itself as firmly and successfully a major part of RPI's social life as has the women's Cotillion Club.

Membership is open to all men of the student body. The next meeting will be held Sept. 30 on the third floor of the Library building.

PORTER, C.C. PREXY TO ENTERTAIN

"The Canterbury Club will have open house for all interested RPI students at my home to-night," said Roscoe M. Porter, president of the club. Porter added that he lives at 3020 Hanes Avenue.

The Canterbury Club is a national organization for students affiliated with the Episcopal church. The club, however, welcomes members of any faith to its meetings.

Other officers of the club are Sands Smith, Jr., vice-president; Margaret Ribble, secretary; Frances Stringfellow, treasurer; and Christine Landback and William Taylor, advisory council members.

"We are very happy to welcome Dr. Margaret Johnson as our new faculty sponsor," Porter added.

NEW FACULTY

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served as a major in the Army during the war. Mr. Beech was connected with the St. Helena extension of William and Mary before coming to Richmond. A native of Irvington, N. J., he received his education at New York University and University of Maryland.

Arthur P. Bean, Jr., new English instructor, came to R.P.I. from the University of Virginia, where he has been in graduate school. He served four years in the Navy and saw active service in the ETO. His home is in Corning, N. Y.

New assistant professor of Chemistry this year is E. E. Blanchard, who taught at St. Helena in Norfolk for two years. He received his B. S. degree from Loyola university and took graduate studies at Louisiana State university and Georgetown university. Prior to enlistment in the Air Corps, Mr. Blanchard headed the French department in one of the leading schools in New Orleans. While in service, he acted as French interpreter and was attached to the Military Intelligence. Mr. Blanchard plans to attend the University of Paris soon to work for his M.D. degree.

Malcolm Merrill, new math in-

TO ALL FRESHMEN

I would like to take this opportunity to say that the forthcoming Rat Week will not be as terrifying as some of you have pictured in your minds. The purpose behind Rat Week is not to severely punish or make life miserable for new students at R.P.I., but rather to bring about a closer unity between Freshmen and upperclassmen and embody in all of us greater school spirit.

It will give the upperclassmen an opportunity to know you better, and I am certain that you will discover that at the end of Rat Week you will have gained infinitely more friends at R.P.I. and had a lot of fun at the same time.

The informal dance sponsored by the Junior class Saturday night in the gym is especially for you, so don't fail to attend. Refreshments, entertainment and good music will be provided for your enjoyment.

Carl Bandoian,
Chairman, Rat Week.

7 STUDENTS ACT AT G. M. THEATER

By VIRGINIA CALISCH

A resident company, an ideal location, and a well-rounded repertory are the symbols of success for Raymond Hodges, owner and director of the Green Mountain Playhouse at Middlebury, Vt., and director of the School of Dramatic Art here.

Seven RPI students were at the Summer theater with Mr. Hodges as part of the apprentice company. Eight plays were produced during the season.

One of the shows, the world premiere of "Burke's Idea," was written by an ex-RPI instructor in government, C. Hart Schaaf. Mr. Schaaf was on the staff at RPI from 1940-42, then joined the Office of Price Administration. He was in Europe with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration where he got a first-hand view of the United Nations. When he returned to America he wrote his play from his own experiences.

While the Green Mountain players were trodding the boards, three motion picture companies wrote Mr. Hodges for the script. When GMP had finished with the show, another group presented it under the title "Partition." It is slated for a Broadway opening this Fall.

Other plays given were "John Loves Mary," "Hay Fever," "Hasty Heart," "Angel Street," "Mornings at Seven," and "January Thaw." A group of three folk comedies was also presented: for Russia, Chekhov's "Marriage Proposal," for Mexico, "The Red Velvet Goat," and for America, "Happy Journey" by Thornton Wilder. Mr. and Mrs. Hodges and their son Barry played in the latter.

RPI drama students who were in Vermont were Fan Cox, Norbert Edwards, Morris Law, Tyrone Morrow, Dorothy Coltrain, (Continued on page 4)

structor, is a native of Richmond, having attended the former V.P.I. extension here. After receiving his B.A. degree from Yale university, he taught school for one year. Since then he has been employed by the State Highway Department as a draftsman. He also served as an aerial navigator in the Navy during the war.

Gregg Coleman, new English instructor, holds an M.A. degree from Vanderbilt university. During the war he served two years in the Army Medical Corps. His home is in Birmingham, Ala. (Ed. Note: Additional members of the new faculty will be included next week.)

R. W. REESE TO COACH TEAMS HERE

Red Cross Sees Increased Aid To Servicemen

(Courtesy Herald-Progress)
According to the August Home Service report of the Hanover Red Cross, given recently by Mrs. Powhatan Jones, home service chairman, and Mrs. John C. Stevenson, executive secretary, an appreciable increase in aid to active servicemen has been noted.

Aside from assisting with application for family allowances and allotments, there were also verifications of emergency fur-loughs, health and welfare reports on both families and service men, numerous contacts with field directors in behalf of members of the armed forces with domestic problems, general counsel for personal problems, and financial aid to stranded servicemen.

Veterans have continued to take advantage of privileges and services rendered by the Home Service department. Some of these services cover applications for hospitalization, appeals of disallowed claims, adjustments for overpayment of subsistence allowances, financial aid to several families of disabled veterans, and special aid to war brides.

Recently, also, the Red Cross has been giving assistance to various branches of the armed forces in locating the next-of-kin of World War II dead buried overseas. In many cases, Mrs. Jones stated, next-of-kin have been difficult to locate, and when located, needed help in making the necessary decisions and meeting the requirements of the law.

The Reason

Our language is called the mother tongue because the old man seldom gets a chance to use it.—Quonset Scout, U. S. Naval Air Station, Quonset, R. L.

City To Get 28 Programs This Season

Music, Drama, Ballet All On Schedule

RPI students are fortunate in that they go to school in the midst of a theatrical, musical, and ballet atmosphere. To date 28 programs are scheduled to come to Richmond. These include concert singers, grand opera, ballet groups, musicians, and stage plays.

The Paris Opera Ballet will open the current season on Oct. 5. This tour marks the first time that the ballet has appeared in the United States. It is scheduled to make appearances in Chicago, Washington, Philadelphia, and it opened in New York.

Rise Stevens, Metropolitan mezzo-soprano, concert artist, and star of motion pictures and radio, will be in Richmond Oct. 8. Ten days later the Philadelphia Orchestra, directed by Eugene Ormandy, will make its first appearance of the season.

The Robert Shaw Chorale, composed of 32 voices, will make its Richmond debut on Oct. 29. The group was heard this Summer as the Charlie McCarthy replacement on the radio.

James Melton's tenor voice will usher in November, when the Metropolitan star sings at the Mosque on the first of the month.

Gounod's "Romeo and Juliet" is the first scheduled grand opera for the season, playing on Nov. 18. The leading roles will be sung by Metropolitan opera stars.

The French Orchestra Nationale is the last concert slated for 1948. It will be here Nov. 29.

Zino Francescatti, violinist, will usher in the new year for the concert series when he appears Jan. 5. Tenor Taglia Vini will be in Richmond Jan. 17.

Alexander Hilsberg will direct the Philadelphia Orchestra in its second performance here Jan. 24. The Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo is scheduled for Jan. 29.

February 4 is the date for Valdimir Horowitz, pianist; Feb. 18, Nadine Connor, soprano, and Charles Kullman, tenor, in a joint recital; and Feb. 21, Helen Traubel, soprano. The First Quartet, which is what its name implies, is also slated for sometime during the month.

Benno Moiseiwitsch, pianist, will appear here on March 2; the Philadelphia Orchestra, under the baton of Eugene Ormandy, March 7; and Mia Slavenska's Ballet Variante, March 27. The New York Philharmonic winds up the season on April 19, with Leopold Stokowsky conducting.

Many stage attractions are scheduled for Richmond audiences. Four Barter Theater of Virginia plays, including "Pursuit of Happiness," "Papa Is All," and "Hamlet" will be here.

The New York Theater Guild's

Interclass League Is Tentative

An inter-class league in all sports is being planned by Mr. John W. Reese, director of Physical Education for men.

Tentative arrangements call for a team in each of four sports—basketball, swimming, volleyball and soccer. "This means that each class would have four teams, but the same people could play on every one," Mr. Reese explained.

He wants to institute a trophy which will be awarded to the class rolling up the highest number of points during the year. "It will be put somewhere so that it can be on public display," the coach added.

"If a class works up a team for a sport not mentioned, and if other classes can do the same, we will institute that sport along with the original agenda," he commented.

HILLBILLY CHARMER



Lovely Dorothy Shay, the "Park Avenue Hillbilly," is neither a hillbilly nor from Park Avenue—but her unique blend of sophistication and backwoods comedy on the CBS Friday night "Spotlight Revue" has won her a tremendous following.

MUSIC DEPT.

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for the Mixed Chorus and took trips to Newport News and Norfolk, giving concerts at both cities. A concert was given at the WRVA Theater and at least 4 or 5 more at different state conventions.

The RPI orchestra is open to all students who can play an orchestral instrument. Mr. Volney Shepherd, professor of music said, in February, the group will give a concert in Petersburg and may present a program with the Mixed Chorus then.

Members of the Music School

Richmond productions are also on the agenda.

Former Star In Penna.; Directed 3 Navy Teams

Soccer Team Has 4 Game Schedule

With a definite schedule of four games, and two more pending, the soccer team will begin practice shortly at Parker Field on North Boulevard, according to Mr. John W. Reese, director of Physical Education for men.

At least 40 men are expected, half of whom are experienced. "All boys are welcome to come out for the team," Mr. Reese said.

Games are listed with High Point, Washington and Lee, University of Virginia, and Duke University. Two games with Lynchburg college are being arranged.

Home field for the team will be at McGuire hospital. "They have laid out a new field for us," Mr. Reese said.

Assisting the coach will be Mr. Lobb, local merchant, who has played with the German National team. He was rated one of the better coaches in Europe.

"I'm superstitious about making predictions, but we'll be in every game fighting," Robert W. Reese, director of men's Physical Education, said about the basketball team.

Mr. Reese, who graduated from East Stroudsburg State Teachers' College in Pennsylvania in August, will coach both the Green Devil basketball and baseball teams this year. In addition, he will teach physical education for men, hygiene, kinesiology, and first aid.

The new coach is an old hand at the job, having directed the basketball, baseball and softball teams at the Naval Air Gunnery School at Jacksonville, Fla. He spent three and a half years in the Navy.

Mr. Reese is a former star athlete at Tech High in Scranton, Pa. He gained gridiron fame as a blocking back there in 1943. He played all sports at college.

He plans to start basketball practice about the third week in October and urges all boys with previous experience to come out for the team. A 21-game schedule is already on the books. The baseball team is slated for an 11-game season in the Spring.

Athletic Program For Men To Be Centralized—Reese

Robert W. Reese, director of Physical Education for men, has announced that the entire athletic program, including varsity sports, intramural sports, and gymnasium activities, will be centralized this year under one department for men.

Mr. Reese said, "I have asked that Mr. J. W. Ziegler be appointed as my direct assistant in the handling of these activities. As in previous years, the Mens Athletic Association, under Mr. Ziegler, as faculty advisor, will handle gate funds and other funds pertaining to the Men's Athletic Association, and will dispense this money to pay umpires, make

minimum guarantees and pay for meals and lodgings for visiting teams.

Mr. Reese said that Mr. Ziegler's appointment had been made with the direct sanction of the chairman of the Faculty Athletic Council and would be submitted to the full council for its approval at an early date.

Mr. Reese also said that he considered the work of Mr. Ziegler last year of great benefit to the school in the organizing and administration of team activities in behalf of the faculty committee on men's sports.

It was further announced that team letter insignia for men's varsity sports have been selected and will be purchased by the school. The letter takes the form of a monogram consisting of a green plush "R" with a yellow "P" superimposed on it. A yellow "T" appears on the leg of the "R" against the green background.

faculty who will perform in recital during the year are Mr. William Payne, Mr. Weil, and Miss Margaret Conrad.

In addition "Student recitals will be held about once a month," Mr. Shepherd commented.

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A portion of the crowd which jammed Shafer street last Saturday night at the street dance.

First Day Here Brings Crowds Lines Homework

(Special to the Proscript)
 "Where's Ad. L.?"
 "Who teaches this class?"
 "I guess you'll have to sit on top of the tables . . . there aren't any more chairs left."
 With these remarks the first day of regular classes got under way at R.P.I.

Oh, it was a great day for the Freshmen and Seniors. The first year students felt so grand going to classes in college . . . a thing they had dreamed about since first entering high school. The Seniors wore that typical bored expression and tried to look high and mighty. All in all, the look failed to impress anyone.

Many professors dove right in and handed out assignments. "No time for loafing this year," breathed one student as he hurriedly copied down a list of source material.

The Book Store line grew by leaps and bounds. "It's like waiting in the meat line during the war," one girl said as she signaled the Coffee Shop for a cup of tea.

Present indications are that R.P.I. students have gotten into the swing of things on the first day and have buckled down to a year of hard and profitable work.

Many RPIers carried their textbooks with them, even though it was the first day and work was not anticipated. "I'm glad my teachers did give me work to do today. I feel as though I'll really

Frosh IQ Up --Tenn. Prof.

Knoxville, Tenn.—(I.F.)—Since veterans began entering the University of Tennessee in 1946, the average IQ of freshmen has risen from 108 to 109, Dr. Joseph E. Avent, director of the State Testing Program, declared recently.

Twenty-five per cent of the freshmen entering the University have an IQ of 117 to 150, Dr. Avent said. "Those with IQ's of 125 to 150 should become the brilliant leaders in the state, if they will make the proper use of their opportunity," he added.

Although some of the entering students have an IQ as low as 90, they can still graduate from the University if they will work hard enough, Dr. Avent said.

"Mental age increases from birth up to 15 or 20 years and tends to level off after mental maturity is reached," he declared. "The IQ of a person is the ratio of his mental age to his chronological age up to maturity of mental ability."

"In Tennessee, and elsewhere, the IQ appears to get slightly higher as students advance through the grades," Dr. Avent said. "This is probably because the slower-learning students tend to fall behind and drop out of school, leaving those with higher IQ's."

accomplish something this year if I get started now," one student commented.

The regular investor in U. S. Savings Bonds, is a cheerful and hopeful man.

ENROLLMENT

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Education, 10.
 Recreational Leadership had nine persons registered; Crafts department, 5; Elementary Education, 3; and graduate students in Social Work, 2.

There are also three part-time students and six in the applied music field.

SEVEN STUDENTS

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Muriel Deno, and Franklin Davis. Guest stars included Mary Frances Helm, who was at RPI from 1940-42. She toured the country in "Life With Father" and is the only woman in the Chicago cast of "Mr. Roberts." Paula Gray, character actress in 1947, is now on tour with "Escape Me Never." Bert French, character actor the past Summer, was with the Cleveland Playhouse for four seasons and is now director of the Community Theater in Duluth, Minn.

Several amusing incidents occurred during the two years in Vermont. Mr. Hodges likes to tell about the performance of "Angel Street." The second act curtain is a surprise one, and during the silence that preceded the applause, a thump resounded through the auditorium—a woman dropped her teeth from fright.

After the second night of "Hasty Heart" a Scottish gentleman came backstage with the news that there was one error in the show that should be rectified . . . the kilts were being worn backwards.

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Fredericksburg, Va.—(I.P.)—While many colleges and universities have hesitated to include Russian in their curriculum, President M. L. Combs of Mary Washington College has determinedly taken the lead by making his institution a center for Russian studies in this state.

It is emphasized by the Virginia chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Slavic and Eastern European Languages, an organization in which more than 500 teachers of these languages hold membership, that the United States needs an ever greater number of people with a good command of Russian.

Even if these people cannot speak the language fluently, a reading ability would make them valuable as translators. There are some 600 Russian magazines, creating a steady demand for translators in this field.

The Navy Communications Annex in Washington, D. C., invited several students from the Russian classes here to apply for positions. Generously aided by the Rockefeller Foundation, Columbia University last year founded the American-Russian Institute which now is able to give grants to outstanding students to continue their studies and to acquire an M.A. or Ph.D. degree in the field.

Sophs Meet Tomorrow

The meeting of the Sophomore Class will be held in the basement of the Grove Avenue Baptist church tomorrow from 1 to 2, Edward W. Kelley, president, announced.

Election of the secretary and three drawing up committees will take place.

"This is perhaps the most important meeting of the new year. It is imperative that all Sophomores attend. Without attendance there will be no organization. To have a voice in his classes' activities, a student should attend all meetings," Kelley said.

Plan Yachting Party

A "Yachting Party" will be given Friday night by the Calvary Baptist church in honor of student at R.P.I., according to a dispatch received here.

The affair will be held at the church, 3325 West Cary street,

The Journalism Department has announced the addition of two courses to the curriculum of R.P.I. in Fiction Writing. A Survey of Professional Writing will be offered days, and a course in Short Story Writing will be included in the night schedule.

Taught by Mr. Richard E. Allen of the Journalism Department, professional fiction courses have not been offered for some fifteen years, when the evening short story course was dropped. The course then attracted much interest in literary circles in the state. A number of professional writers had their start in that course.

Mr. Allen has expressed his desire to admit only Seniors in Journalism, and a few Juniors from the Journalism Department and from other departments who demonstrate considerable ability and ambition in the field as a career. A difficult course, it will consist of a survey with closely supervised work, of the entire field of fiction, including "pulp" and "slick" magazines of all sorts, playwriting and an approach to the novel. From the article standpoint, the professional magazine article, the filler, and the editorial from a magazine point of view, will be treated. The second semester will, for the most part, take the form of a specialized conference course, with each student following the field he has chosen at the end of the first semester as his major present interest. Submissions to the major magazines of the country, will be required.

In an interview with the PROSCRIPT, Mr. Allen stressed the fact that the evening short story course was open to the general public and that the people who entered it would have even more solidly professional work than those in the day course. He remarked that it was regrettable that it would not be possible to offer a preliminary course this year for those who could not meet the requirements for these courses and expressed hope that this lack might be alleviated next year.

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 year preparatory course in Engineering. After completion of this course, the men are transferred to the main school in Blacksburg.

at 8 o'clock. Mr. E. Paul Haas, former basketball coach here, will be the Master of Ceremonies.

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