

Students Asked To Vote On Spring Vacation Date

A definite decision as to whether spring vacation will be changed from its original March 31 through April 9 dates to March 24 through April 1, will be reached through student vote.

Ballots for voting will be found on Page 3 of today's PROSCRIPT. Students must vote by Saturday and return ballots to SGA office.

SGA President Baxter Duffy stated that a student vote was deemed the best solution to the proposal since the number of students favoring and opposing the issue seemed to be equally divided.

Duffy emphasized that a minimum of 500 students favoring the change must vote before the new dates will be adopted. All votes not cast will be considered negative votes.

Since the initial request favoring the date changes was made public, numerous students have approached SGA officials opposing the proposal. Many veterans desired the original dates because they would receive their government checks before going home. There are a number of students in opposition of the change because of arrangements for job interviews during that period. If the new dates are adopted, these students must either curtail their spring vacation or cancel their interviews.

The major advantage of the change, according to students favoring the March 24-April 1 dates, is the elimination of

excess travel in order to spend Easter at home. The original dates would necessitate traveling home for Easter one week-end and then returning for one week of classes before returning home a second time for spring vacation.

Lucas Wins "Mr" Votes Of Freshmen

The freshman class took another step ahead Thursday, February 15 when they elected a "Mr. Freshman '51" in addition to a class sweetheart and May court representative.

Arnold Lucas is the first "Mr. Freshman" in RPI history. Jean Edmonston won out over four contenders for the sweetheart crown, and Cheryl McLaughlin took the may court representative crown.

The elections were held by secret ballot at a regular meeting of the class in the school gym.

A native of Hewlett, L.I., liberal arts major Lucas has been very active in freshman affairs. He ran for president on the losing ticket in recent freshman elections. Miss Edmonston, a OT major from Asheville, N.C. also holds the title of "Basketball Queen" Miss McLaughlin, hailing from Pittsburgh, Pa., is majoring in drama.

Committees for May Day weekend were also appointed at the meeting.

'Skeets' Morris Band To Play For Mid-winters On February 24



Coleen Mowery and Maxie Mason render a duet during the Booster club's production of "The Lid's Off." The two-hour long musical comedy opens in the Gym February 27 at 8:30 p.m. for a two day run.

The social highlight of the year, Mid-winters, will be held at the Mosque ballroom February 24 from 9 until 12, featuring the music of Leonard "Skeets" Morris and his orchestra, the SGA announced.

This annual formal dance is considered to be one of the outstanding affairs in the school's calendar of social events. Last year's dance found over a hundred couples enjoying the entertainment.

Baxter Duffy, SGA president, stated that there would be no theme for the dance as had been the custom in the past.

The Mosque will be decorated and entertainment will be provided during intermission. These plans have not been completed as yet, Duffy said.

No Admission

There will be no admission charge for RPI students and all alumni are invited to attend, Duffy stated. He added that students wishing to bring guests may get bids for them from the SGA office before the day of the dance. Bids will also be issued Saturday morning before the affair.

Dormitory students will receive free lates until 1:30 to attend the dance.

"Skeets" Morris' band is well known in this area. He has played at the Marshall Room of the John Marshall hotel on several week long engagements and also at radio station WRVA for the March of Dimes. Morris sings with the orchestra and has been featured on a number of recordings made in Richmond.

Receiving Line

There will be a receiving line including SGA officers and their dates. The dance will also have a floor committee composed of student government officers and student council members to see that the SGA dance rules are enforced.

It has been requested by the SGA that no flowers be given to dates for this dance.

It is hoped by the SGA officials that students comply with this request and with the dance rules concerning alcoholic beverages set up by the governing organization two years ago.

Eighty Featured In "Lid's Off" Opening Tuesday

The Booster club's student variety show, "The Lid's Off" to be presented February 27 and 28 in the gym, is casted by more than 80 students representing 20 states and every major city in Virginia, club president Eddie Martin, announced this week.

The sparkling musical comedy is an enlarged production of the show by the same name presented at the Art Student's League Carnival in January.

Martin said tickets are selling like "hot cakes" and that only 250 persons can be seated for each production. Tickets are on sale at the SGA office, Miller and Rhoads or from any officer of the Booster club.

The production is under the direction of its former director Don Cronan, who is shaping up some new acts for the big production.

Veterans at McGuire hospital will be host to the company on February 26, Martin said.

Highlights of the show will be the comedy team of Mitch and Churn, Maxie Mason and Karl Hallbrook. Master of ceremonies will be Tom Chick a local radio announcer.

The show is being reproduced in response to wide

Peppermint, Pigtails Win ASL Crowns

Dorothy Tobin and Ronald Greene were crowned king and queen of RPI's Mardi Gras Saturday, February 17 in the Mosque ballroom.

Runners-up to the couple were Lola Mae Shifflet and M.V. Slusher. Third place honors were taken by Caroline Ganzert and Pat Davenport.

The king was dressed as a peppermint stick and the queen as a little girl. The second place attendants represented Bo Peep and her lamb, while the third place winners wore Egyptian costumes.

The costume ball, sponsored by the Art students League, was attended by approximately 500 students and guests.

Curtain Rises On Triplet-1

"Triplet-1" opened last night in the gymnasium playhouse. The production, staged by the author, Peter Prodan, is the first of three graduate thesis plays scheduled for this semester.

The play will continue through Friday. Tickets are now on sale at the SGA office or at the box office before each performance. The curtain rises at 8:30 p.m.



FRESHMAN CLASS HONORS — (left to right) Jean Edmonston, class sweetheart; Arnold Lucas, "Mr. Freshman"; and Cheryl McLaughlin, may court representative.

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Enrollment And ROTC

By last week's poll on the establishment of a ROTC unit at RPI, unofficial tabulations show 80% of the students and faculty strongly in favor of the idea.

It will be some time before the tabulations go through the channels that accept or reject the establishment of a unit or service at this school. But the strong approval of the students and faculty here shows far-sighted thinking on the questions of military mobilization and the expected decrease in enrollment.

Although the setting up of such a unit would individually effect only the freshmen and sophomores here, even the upperclassmen and alumni would benefit in the long-run. The enrollment prognosis for next semester would be favorable if high school graduates become draft exempt through affiliation with the ROTC training program. This would in turn assure the high quality of instruction and continuance of all departments. Degrees would continue to carry weight if some departments that would have to be cut out by lack of enrollment were preserved.

The school of business administration, for example, was established after the war due to the influx of veterans seeking courses in business. If universal military training is adopted and the draft age lowered to 18 years, the blow to this school would be severe, since girls enrolled in business courses are in the minority. Those who have degrees or will receive them from the school of business administration in June would find these degrees ineffective if the school were abolished for lack of men.

As it stands now, RPI will join the ranks of small colleges expecting large chunks of their present male enrollment to be consumed by the armed services. Easement is contingent upon the acceptance of the application for a ROTC unit, which may keep a number of freshmen and sophomores here and attract large numbers of high school graduates.

A Weekend For Mid-winters

RPI social affairs take an upward swing in February. With Mardi Gras festivities behind us, the next large social function will make its dressed-up appearance this Saturday night.

To many of us who have been at RPI for several years, Mid-winters means the climax of the winter season and a chance to give formal attire a good showing off.

Yet, many of us would like to see Mid-winters a weekend long fete as found at a good many other colleges and as planned for the other major social function, May Day. It is not necessary that a name band be imported, for student reaction in a former year showed that such a dance is not more popular, perhaps because of the individual cost. But such activities as a jazz concert, open house at the dormitories, a stocking dance on Friday night could also be planned for a Mid-winters weekend, bringing in more guests who would be impressed by the semblance of a "traditional" college weekend.

Even though RPI does not have a campus with its facilities, if the proper spirit were shown, two party weekends could headline the bill in the year's social calendar.

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RPI Annual Needs Photos Of Students

Informal photographs of college activities are needed for the RPI annual Jack Roach, editor of the Wigwam announced.

Roach stated that the Wigwam will pay 65 cents for each photo accepted. Pictures should be turned in to Carolyn Crutchfield at Founders hall by March 5th.

Roach stressed the fact that the success of the Wigwam photo section depends upon the response by the student body to this request.

Cards have been sent to all graduating students requesting their permanent home addresses and a list of their extra-curricular activities. Those graduating students who have not received such a card should contact Elaine Jacobs in Founders hall or Jack Roach immediately.

Students Hold Fashion Show Of Muslin Goods

An unusual show of fashion illustrations was held on February 8 when fashion students in clothes made of muslin paraded in front of the judges.

Twenty-six designs were chosen and the winners will be awarded fabrics from the various fabric people that attended this show.

The names of the winners are: Betty Bartholomew, Jane Beale, Carol Jones, Barbara Patton, Pat Ricks, Pat Stadler, Hildegard Victor, Faye Dickerson, Lee Hickson, Virginia Morton, Margaret Quarles, Jo Ellen Saratt, Fern Copenhagen, Jane Hunter, Ann Steele, and Kay Wood. Some of these students took two or more prizes in various designs.

These winners will compete in the final fashion show to be held at Thalimer's on March 15. Prizes will be awarded and the show is open to the public.

Total Enrollment Set At 1397 For Semester

The enrollment for this semester totaled 1397 full-time students, as of February 14, according to Mrs. Ann E. Heller, assistant registrar. At least 66 of this number are new students, she said.

These figures do not include part-time students at RPI. Late registrations are still coming in the evening school division.

Seventy-Four Win Place On Dean's List Last Term

Seventy-four full-time students were placed on dean's list for the first semester of 1950-51.

To meet requirements for dean's list, a student taking a full-time schedule must have A's on 60% of his work. All classes which do not have a grade of A must have a grade of B. There must be no C's. Physical education, extension classes, and courses in art and music, unless taken as a major, are disregarded in making up the dean's list.

The following students have met the necessary requirements listed above:

BUSINESS - Maude Armistead, Charles Edmisten, Gloria Gilbert, George Gouldin, Edwin Hall, Jane Hazelgrove, James Justic, Allen McFarland, Bernard Powell.

CHEMISTRY - Martha Edwards.

COMMERCIAL ART - Herbert Briggs, Kenneth McCray, Wiley Martin, Maxie Mason, William Meacham, Ashton Mitchell, Robert Owens, Nancy Riddick, and Lloyd Rogers.

COSTUME DESIGN - Evelyn Kool, Hildegard Victor.

DISTRIBUTIVE EDUCATION - Rona Baker, Rudolph Basso, Leroy Buckner, Katherine Owen, Barbara Robeson, and Patricia Vint.

DRAMA - Ann Graves, Arthur Greene, John Hurdle, John Hurdle, John de Veaux Riddle.

WOOD - SCHUTTE

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Wood, of Studley, announce the engagement of their daughter, Nell Virginia, of Richmond, to George John Schutte, son of Mr. and Mrs. Graham F. Schutte, of Ellersong, Miss Wood attended RPI. Mr. Schutte is a graduate of the college.

GENTRY - HARDING

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WAINWRIGHT - KESSLER

The wedding of Miss Marguerite Elizabeth Kessler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Madison Kessler, of Narrows, and Harold Edward Wainwright, of Richmond, son of Robert W. Wainwright and Mrs. Perry Dudley Davis of Roanoke, took place February 10. The bride

received her B.S. degree from RPI. The bridegroom is now attending RPI.

EDUCATION - Mary Anne Boyd, Elizabeth Burnett, Lowell Ellett, Ina Fisher, John Spivey, and Lucille Winton.

FASHION ILLUSTRATION - Shirley Mooring, and Phyllis Poole.

FINE ART - Lewis Buck, Gwendolyn Garren, William Ward Jackson, George Karney, Alan Kleiman, Carl Larsen, and Eugenia Sanford.

INTERIOR DECORATION - William Bethel.

JOURNALISM - Cornelia Wellman.

LAB TECHNOLOGY - Betty Ann Amos.

LIBERAL ARTS - Calvin Belkov, Mary Chrisman, Margaret Cogle, and Florence Widener.

MUSIC - Joseph Centrone, James Jeritt, Rachelen Jones, Donald Murrill, and Evelyn Synan.

NURSING - Mary Stanley, and Margaret Sullivan.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY - Ann Broadbudd, Dorothy Brooks, and Mary Rowland.

PRE-SCHOOL WORK - An-luise Wooten.

PSYCHOLOGY - Marion Guthrie, John McBride.

RECREATIONAL LEADERSHIP - Ann Atkins, Muriel Davis.

SOCIOLOGY - Ann Buford, Carolyn Derby, Margiene Geary, Weston Knox, Joan Ovington, Mildred Solari.

The Social Light

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All social light news should be turned in to the Society Editor at the PROSCRIPT office.

SGA Petitions

Due February 24

Petitions nominating next years SGA officers must be in by midnight February 24. Baxter Duffy, SGA president announced.

Elections are March 19, 20, and 21.

Petitions for Honor Council are due March 3 at midnight. Election dates are set for March 26, 27 and 28, Duffy stated. Petitions were open January 17.

Students submitting them should state the person nominated and have it signed by 25 students before it will be accepted. They should be turned in at the SGA office in the Ad building.

Vote For Spring Vacation

CHECK ONE

I want spring vacation
changed to March 24 - April 1

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I want spring vacation
to remain March 31 - April 9

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Signed _____

RPI Art Work Seen In Norfolk

Faculty, present students, and alumni of RPI are represented in the ninth annual Irene Leache Memorial show at the Norfolk Museum of Arts and Sciences, February 4-25.

Judith Godwin, a new student in the fine art department this year, from Suffolk, claims the distinction of having three paintings on exhibition, two oils and a water color, Green Street. This is one of the ten award paintings selected by the jury for consideration as prize purchases for the museum's permanent collection.

Lewis Buck, of Norfolk, also a present student, is represented by an oil, "No. 5".

FORMER STUDENTS

Former RPI students whose works were selected are Joseph H. Adams, of Kilmarnock, Va., Marilyn Birtles Bevilacqua a last year's graduate from the fine art department, now of Greensboro, N.C., and Emily Whaley of Norfolk, a graduate of RPI in '49.

Representing the faculty are Robert R. Harrison, head of the commercial art department. Each has an oil painting on exhibit entitled respectively, "Industrial Theme" and "Yo-Yo".

GOOD ADVICE

The assistant Dean of Men at Syracuse University advised students considering enlistment not to overlook the opportunities offered by the various branches of the organized reserves.

He said joining a reserve unit would give the student some choice of his branch of service and would enable him to stay in college longer than if he signed up for immediate duty.

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

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Extra Month Granted To College Draftees

Students who will be drafted at the end of the school year have been given an extra 30 day period to enlist in the service of their choice, the state selective service headquarters announced last week.

This rule applies to high school and college students who have been called for in-

duction but have not finished the present term with the help of postponements.

The delay order already has been applied to mid-term graduates. They will have until March 1, or 30 days, to enlist. A telegram from draft director Lewis Hershey to the headquarters in Richmond said in

its outline of the new order.

The previous order allowed students to enlist in the service of their choice during the 30 days preceeding the end of the term.



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JUNE IN FEBRUARY—groups of students in shirtsleeves linger yawningly outside the Shafer street entrance to the Ad building on Thursday of last week in 75 degree temperature. The spring-like weather didn't last long though. Thursday night the mercury plunged to the 30's.

DE's Planning Convention Juniors Install Class Officers

Plans are underway in the DE department for the eight annual convention to be held March 5 and 6 at WRNL theater.

This two day convention is a delegate convention for high schools in Virginia which have DE clubs.

Highlight of the meeting will be a talk by leading merchants, store tours and elections of state officers for the club and delegates for the national convention.

A banquet and a square dance in the RPI gym are also on the schedule.

Seniors Discuss Announcements For Graduation

The ordering of graduation announcements and calling cards was the main topic of business discussed at the senior class meeting held February 15.

Carson Overton, president, said that the announcements and cards could be ordered all day long on March 5, 6, 7 and 8 in the SGA office. A representative from Josten's Ring Company will be there to take the orders. These will be the only days that the announcements and cards may be gotten.

The announcements will be 12 cents apiece and as many as wished may be ordered. The calling cards will be \$2.50 per 100 and a dollar deposit must be placed. No deposit is necessary for the announcements, Overton said.

Ronald Feaster was installed as the new president of the junior class at a meeting held February 13.

The other new officers for the coming year were also installed at this meeting. They are: vice-president, Edith Ferguson; Secretary, Bill Heywood; treasurer, Drury Lyle; SGA representative, Raymond Ayres; and WAA representative, Myra Lipman.

Following the installation, a business meeting was held and plans for the junior-senior dance were discussed. It was also stressed that the juniors should play their class dues as soon as possible and to attend all meetings.

VARIETY SHOW (from p. 1)

spread requests of students. We expect a big success, Martin said, and much of it is due to the free advertising given the show by local newspapers and radio stations.

February 27 has been named Alumni night, Martin said. Many local Alumni members have purchased tickets for the opening night.

Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. and admission price is 50 cents.

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Students Invited To Health Meet

Richmond will be host to the nineteenth annual convention of the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation on February 28 through March 2 at the John Marshall Hotel.

Those interested in any phase of health, physical education, safety, and recreation may attend the functions of the convention.

Miss Chapman, assistant instructor of the physical education department, outlined

some events that she believes to be of interest to students of RPI, especially physical education majors. These events include an aquatic demonstration and speeches by Jay B. Nash from New York university, who is chairman of the department of physical education and health. Mr. Nash is "the leading man in the field of physical education and recreation", according to Miss Chapman.

Other functions of the convention include camping, thera-

putic, safty, professional education, college men and women athletic, sections, also a dance demonstration, luncheons, and social functions and dances.



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MONDAY

8:00 P.M.—INNER SANCTUM presents the strange adventure of Claude, the man who convinced his sister that she was a cat. The famous "creaking door" swings open tonight on "Fear of Night" with Everett Sloan in the starring role.

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

11:15 P.M.—THE LONESOME GAL who plays tunes just for you, the one person she loves in all the world. Its soothing and comforting listening, and it's also strangely exciting! Listen tonight for your gal who's lonesome, too.

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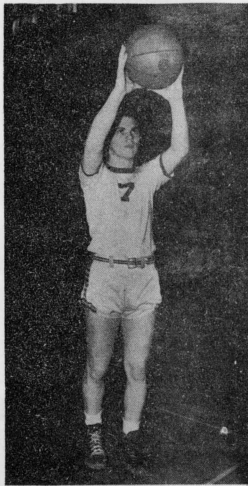
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SPORTS



Devils Win Thriller Over Hornets 73-70



Bill Smith

Smith Guides Devils In Win Over Teachers

Bill Smith, RPI's half-point basketball magician, applied a mandrake climax to the RPI-Wilson game by scoring a pair of field goals in the last four seconds of play to give the Devils a 81 to 78 win over the Teachers.

Bob Tester and Frank Gerwin with 25 and 18 points respectively had kept the Devils in the running until the waning seconds when Smith's dramatic race with the clock splurge clinched the Green's first triumph over the Teachers in two seasons.

The Teachers held an unstable 41 to 39 halftime lead in the nip and tuck chase but the Allenmen came back in a (Continued on p. 6)

RPI's resurging Green Devils grabbed their third stretch drive upset in four outings last Thursday by uprooting the Shenandoah Hornets 73 to 70 at the Central YMCA.

The Hornets joined Wilson and Apprentice School as previous masters of RPI in basketball who have taken it on the chin from the upstart Green Devils in the last week. Shenandoah had routed the Green 86 to 53 in an earlier game.

"Rapid" Bob Tester, who establishes a new sports record practically every time he pulls on the RPI green, hit the cords for 26 points, running his growing record season to 269 points. The Devils got yeoman service from Al Mullian, runner-up to Tester with 20 markers. The Homet's "Slim" O'Connell, 6'6" pivotman, scored 34 points for the losers' cause.

RPI	G	F	T
Kimball	4	3-5	11
Allen	3	0-4	6
Mullian	10	0-0	20
Tester	12	2-7	26
Budlove	3	1-1	7
Novak	1	1-3	3
Jones	0	0-0	0
Total	33	7-20	73
Shenandoah	G	F	T
Booth	3	2-3	8
Glenn	1	3-4	5
McKinney	2	5-6	9
Howdyshe	0	2-2	2
O'Connell	14	6-8	34
Ward	1	1-1	3
Woodward	4	1-2	9
Total	25	20-26	70

Femme Sports Feature

By Jay Howeth

One of the most popular sports at RPI seems to be of an aquatic nature. The swimming classes that are being taught at the YMCA from 4:30 to 6 p.m. have an enrollment of 50 girls. Some of the femmes are even willing to forego their dinner at the dining hall in order to make like Esther Williams. That's a sacrifice?

Upon completion of the life-saving course, the collegiate mermaids will receive a certificate from the American Red Cross. There will also be an intra-mural swim meet in May and a trophy will be awarded to the winner.

Some of the better swimmers are: Lois Shultz, Elaine Johncox, Mary Lou Freizzell, Elizabeth Cather, and Nancy McCracken.

Tennis will get underway about March 15. Practices will be held at Battery Park and the matches will occur (do matches occur?) at Byrd Park. This is an intra-collegiate sport.

Thank you Madam Editor for not slaughtering this one column. And don't think it hasn't been-----!

Despite the meagerness of the score difference, the game lacked the luster of the heated Apprentice School and Wilson tilts. The demons were in command after the first half.



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Day Students Win Cage Award In Intramurals

RPI's day students clinched first place in the girl's intramural basketball competition on February 12, by downing 902, 48 to 20.

Meredith House was runner-up in the cage series which ended with the day students

-- 902 game on the 12th. The first place plaque will be awarded the day students team at a banquet in May.

Varsity Basketball Practice every evening at 2:30, Central YMCA Hardwood.

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Devils Downed By MCV 88-81

RPI's unpredictable Green Devil court squad suffered another of its many setbacks. The last on the locals list of defeats came at the hands of the Medical College Doctors 88 to 81. The game was played on the Central Y's hardwood.

Hicks, center for MCV, led the scoring parade with 32 points followed closely by Devil guard, Bobby Tester with 25 markers to his credit.

Miller of MCV and Allen Mullian of RPI took third and fourth place honors with 20 and 15 points respectively.

Braves Trim RPI 51-48

Norfolk division basketball team skimmed past the Devils in the last seconds to a 51 to 48 victory after a fast moving game.

RPI girls were leading by three points in the last action packed minutes, but the ball headed toward the Division's scoring forwards.

The Devils lagged six points during the third quarter after a 28-28 deadlock at the

half. However, points were quickly racked up and the score soared to 41 to 40 at the end of the third quarter in Norfolk's favor.

Both teams plunged into the first quarter with somewhat equal cage ability, RPI leading at the end of this quarter 16 to 12.

Next on RPI girl's calendar of sports is the Richmond club on March 6 and ATS, March 12.

SMITH GUIDES (from p. 5)

second half rush building up a 76 to 68 margin with two minutes left in the fourth quarter. But the Teachers closed the gap and with 30 seconds left went ahead 78 to 77. With the certainty of doom mounting



Smith came off the bench to play his cinderella role.

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