

The 'Kids' To Open Play Season To Be at RPI Before Broadway

"The Kids," by Charles Best is the first of four major productions scheduled by the Drama Department during the 1959-60 season. It will run from October 28 through October 31 in the Shafer Street Playhouse.

The play, a story of the Hungarian revolt, has already aroused interest in the southeastern part of the country. The South-Eastern Theater Conference, of which RPI is a member, has made this play available to members prior to the play's Broadway opening.

"This is the first time a venture such as this has been attempted," said Mr. Raymond Hodges, head of the Department of Dramatic Art.

Other major productions of the year will include Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," on December 9, 10, 11 and 12; "On Borrowed Time," a fantasy, March 16, 17, 18 and 19 and "The Boy Friend," a comedy, on May 11, 12, 13 and 14.

'Cobblestone' Sales Drive To Continue

The subscription drive for RPI's annual, the "Cobblestone," will continue until October 16, it was announced Tuesday by Mr. William O'Connell, Dean of Men and advisor to the annual.

Sam Bolling, who has agreed to take on the job of business manager, has arranged to have posters made and distributed. The Student Government Association has agreed to go along with the drive continuation and help in any way possible, announced Bob Buchanan, SGA President.

(The need for student support of the Cobblestone is discussed in an editorial today on Page 2.)

Cole Waddell, a staff member, said this year's "Cobblestone" will feature a new system of off-set lithography to provide for more and better pictures.

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MR. AND MISS RAT, DeeDee Bishop of Marietta, Ga. and Bob Hill of Norfolk.

Mr. and Miss Rat, 1959-60

Bishop, Hill Win Title

By Pat Hensley

DeeDee Bishop, of Marietta, Ga. and Bob Hill of Norfolk, have been named Mr. and Miss Rat for the 1959-60 school year. Both are 18.

DeeDee, a Fashion Illustration major, and Hill, an Advertising student, were crowned during the annual Rat dance in the gym last Friday night. It was attended by more than 200 students.

The two were chosen to serve on the Rat Court earlier in the week on the basis of their participation and sportsmanship. Other members of the Court were Frank Bailey; Jill McEntee, Nancy Heller, Peggy Mays, Pete Kelsey, Toby Merkel, Gary Crain and Wally Saval.

The Rat Royalty was surprised upon receiving the honor. Said Hill, "It was one of the most wonderful things that's ever happened to me."

DeeDee agreed: "I was so

happy and so thrilled! I'll never forget that night as long as I live," she said.

For the past two years, Mr. Rat has later been elected Freshman Class president, but Hill indicated that he hadn't given much thought to running for the political office.

Billy Ayers, president of the Junior Class, who presided over the Rat Week festivities, had one proposal after the events last week. Ayers said he thinks that the

Rat Court should be moved from the Administration Building next year in order to provide more room for the spectators.

He attributed the success of Rat Week this year to regular scheduled meetings of the Rat Court.

He also said that the enthusiasm of the Rat Court members and the co-operation of the Freshman Class as a whole contributed a great deal toward its success.

Accompanied by Tulip Queen

Mayor Speaks to Students

A. Scott Anderson, mayor of Richmond, Monday night addressed a group of RPI graduate students who are taking a course in contemporary government. His topic was "The Functions and Organization of City Government."

Also speaking at the meeting were Miss Saskia de Lange, the 1959 Dutch Tulip Queen and Mr. Peter Neijer, of the Richmond Junior Chamber of Commerce, who is a native of Amsterdam. Miss de Lange, 19, is a student at the University of Holland. She spoke briefly on the organization of government in Holland. She is in Richmond as a guest of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and plans to visit 11 other cities in the United States before returning home.

Mayor Anderson discussed the organization of the Richmond city government, beginning with a brief history of the founding of the city. He concluded with the foundation and development of city government as we know it today.

The Mayor said that good government can only come from a well informed voter, the most important instrument in good city government.



MAYOR AND TULIP QUEEN speak to graduate students.

21 Take SGA Test On Rules One Failure Is Reported

One person failed among the 21 students who took a required test to qualify them for positions on the Student Council, according to Bob Buchanan, President of the Student Government Association.

Grades on the test, which concerns the functions and aims of the SGA, included 5 A's, 8 B's, 4 C's and 3 D's. Two representatives have not yet taken the test.

This is the third year such a test has been given.

Anyone failing the first test is required to take a second test which is to be given October 14. This testing time will also be compulsory for alternate representatives to the Student Council.

Any organization whose representative fails to pass either test and is therefore disqualified must elect another representative who in turn must pass the same requirements.

The purpose of the test is to insure the student body's receiving the proper representation in the Council, administration officials say.

Last year one club was suspended from the Student Council for failure to appoint another representative after the original one had failed both tests. Two students failed the first test last year and another received a grade of "D".

'Lates' Allowed For Openings

The Openings Dance will be held October 17 in the Mosque Ballroom. The Ken Henderson Band will play. Free 1:30 a.m. "lates" will be given for the SGA sponsored formal.

Card Playing Ended

The Administration announced late Tuesday afternoon that in order to assure maximum usage of the table facilities in the Rotunda, card playing will no longer be permitted there.

The announcement was contained in a letter released by Dean O'Connell. The letter also disclosed that gambling has been observed in the Rotunda.

The letter stated, "It has become necessary to take action to alleviate the crowded condition in the Rotunda and other spaces adjacent to the snack bar in the Hibbs Building; therefore, the occupying of tables by groups for prolonged periods while playing cards in the Rotunda must be discontinued.

"The College has been forced to take this action to assure the maximum usage of the lounge."

It added, "It has been observed, also, that certain groups of students have used the facility for the purpose of conducting card games for money, which is both illegal and entirely undesirable from the point of view of the College.

"The playing of card games for recreation in appropriate locations in the dormitories and elsewhere is permissible, but playing cards for money anywhere on the college campus or at any college function will be deemed cause for the imposition of severe disciplinary penalties upon those students participating."

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Organization Time

The first weeks of a new semester are a time of general organization and planning among the many clubs and extra-curricular activities at any school.

RPI has 18 clubs in addition to the four classes. Of the 18 groups, six are religious or affiliated with some church activity, 11 are departmental and one is social.

Obviously, the manner in which these groups become organized each year and set about fulfilling their purposes determines their success throughout the session.

Aside from "organization," however, any college group must have:

1. A purpose.
2. Strong leadership.
3. Enthusiastic member participation.

Yet it's safe to say that the number of school organizations possessing all three of these essentials are decidedly in the minority. RPI is no exception.

Groups do exist without #2 or #3, even if that is all they do. They can hardly be expected to flourish though.

An RPI organization that has somehow survived—and might even be said to be flourishing—without #3 is the PROSCRIPT.

Despite the fact that we are constantly moaning the blues because of the lack of student participation in their newspaper, we are continuing to put out a paper. At times, it has been said we managed to turn out a pretty fair product. But the principal subject of this editorial is not the PROSCRIPT.

The subject is the COBBLESTONE, the student yearbook and any other campus group that is short one of the three essentials. Let us be brief but emphatic:

The COBBLESTONE is hurting. It has #1. Every college must have a yearbook.

It has #2. Dean O'Connell has provided that.

The COBBLESTONE needs #3. It needs enthusiastic member participation.

IT NEEDS YOU!

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Late Tuesday the PROSCRIPT learned of the Administration's decision to discontinue card playing in the Rotunda.

This move will create a high degree of ill will among RPI's card players but we think the majority of the students will agree that the new ruling is certainly justified.

The Rotunda has a seating capacity of around 115, which is available to the 2,000-plus students here for either the day or evening college.

Something had to be done.

At the present time the only way to assure maximum usage of the space was to break up the all-day card games.

However, for those who feel seriously affected by this regulation, all is not lost.

The Student Government Association meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Shafer Street Playhouse.

It would be interesting, if not profitable, to see what results a delegation of bridge players could obtain from a request for a different place to continue their games.

Slops in Shop Again

Remember the old "Slop Shop"? And remember the excitement last year when it was replaced by the opening of the Rotunda. Well, maybe the name shouldn't have been changed.

What we mean is that the new name hasn't done away with the slops. Some students seem to insist on tossing their trash on the floor. Now this doesn't seem like a matter important enough to be writing an editorial about, but actually it has become more important than you may think.

In fact it has become so serious that the Student Government Association is soon planning to launch a "clean-up" campaign.

Instead of an attraction the Rotunda could become a major eyesore for the campus. If it continued to present a habitually ruffled appearance, only the students could be blamed. It would be a non sequitur to say this was not true, after pointing out that five trash cans are strategically placed around the lounge and maid service is provided to keep the tables cleared.

We strongly urge the student body to save the SGA its time and trouble over such an easily solved problem. We're not asking the students to mop the tables or sweep the floor but to simply use the five trash cans instead of the floor. H.B.III



VERSATILE SHAWN MABLEY reads Vicki Sharpe's palm.

Shawn Mabley

Jill of All Trades

By Bobbie Bennett

Shawn Mabley, a 21-year-old senior is a Jill of all trades.

Shawn, a recent Richmond resident, has lived in almost every state in the union. She has raised show cattle and horses, worked on a farm, as a comptometer operator, a counselor in drama and dance and currently is employed in the rheumatic fever ward at MCV. She has also "played around with palmistry."

And now, after having completed a four-week training program with the Women's Army Corps, she will be eligible to apply for a commission as second lieutenant upon receiving her bachelor's degree from RPI this June.

The summer training program in which Shawn took part at Fort McClellan, Ala., is open to young women who are juniors and seniors in college. "The purpose of this program is to better the relations between college women and the WAC," explained Shawn. "At one time the WACs had a pretty bad reputation and now they are trying to clear that up. They also want to get a higher caliber girl interested in enlisting with them."

Shawn said that the reason she took part in the basic training program offered to college women was that she was interested in travel and also wanted to see what opportunities the WACs could offer her.

"But I would not enlist with them," she stated, "not after experiencing the regimented type of life that they lead." Shawn further said that she thought that the WACs was a very good thing for a certain type of woman.

"But having never led a disciplined life, I would never be able

to take all that regimentation," she continued. "Why, we even had to roll our underpants up a certain way when we put them in the dresser drawers." And at this Shawn, a five-foot brownette made a tight little ball of hers and threw them against the wall. "If they don't bounce, they aren't rolled up right," she said.

Shawn, who was the shortest girl in her company, also had a few complaints about the uniforms. "Nothing I had fit right, and those Agnes Gooch shoes we had to wear were just too much! Especially

when we had to march in that hot Alabama sun!"

"Don't misunderstand, though. I don't regret having taken part in this training program. I learned many worthwhile things and made many new friends. And I also got to travel." During training Shawn's company was taken on a tour to Ft. Benning, Ga. And at the end of the training period the WACs paid Shawn's fare to Florida and New Orleans.

Campus Calendar

October 8—
BSU meeting, Hibbs Building, 5:30—7:00 p.m.

October 13—
German Club meeting, AD 100, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

October 15—
Westminster Fellowship meeting, Gym, 6:00—8:00 p.m.



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Girls Basketball Tryouts Scheduled

By Hugh Moore

Fall tryouts and practice for the girls' basketball team will be held October 12 through 16, according to Miss Nancy Alexander, Women's Physical Education Director.

In announcing the opening practice, Miss Alexander also arranged several changes in the practice and game schedule which the Athletic Department hopes will allow more students to participate in the sports program.

The changes include: (1) scheduling only one game per week whenever possible during the December to March season; (2) decreasing the number of long trips and road games and scheduling more local contests, and (3) holding practice from 12 to 2 p.m. rather than in the late afternoon and evening hours.

"Basketball practice and games in the past have taken too much of the students' time," said Miss Alexander. "With this proposed 'new look' we hope to give the interested student more time to participate, in addition to her work and studies."

Two Returnees

Thus far only two veterans from last year's team have indicated plans to return this season. High-

scoring forward Jo Ann Harris and letterman guard "Kackie" Bulgar are expected to pace the Devilettes. Coach Alexander also expects several members of last season's squad to begin practice Monday.

"We have several promising new prospects," said Miss Alexander, "and we should have an interesting season, maybe better than last year." The 1958-1959 team won six while losing eight.

The Devilettes will begin their four-month season in December with a tentatively arranged 14-game schedule. All home games will be played during the afternoon in the gym.

Concert Band Needs 50 Members

Dr. Donald Tennant, head of the Music Education Department and director of the band, has called for 50 students to complete a proposed concert band.

Dr. Tennant said he could be reached daily in Room 201, Hibbs Building, about the band rehearsals.

Rehearsals have been set for 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in Room 203, Hibbs Build-

German Club Gets New Vice President

Howard Kerpleman, a senior in accounting, was elected vice president of the German Club at its first meeting September 29 in the Shaffer Street Playhouse.

Kerpleman fills the vacancy left by Jim Hill who took over as president when Jim Dunn, the former president, didn't return to school this year.

Mr. Russell Johnson, faculty advisor to the club, gave a brief address welcoming new members and explained the principals and functions of the club.

Hill announced that the club will give its first dance October 31 at the Womans' Club, on E. Franklin st. The preceding three days of the dance is to be designated as pledge week.

In other business, the club elected Bill McQuail as the Student Government Association alternate.

A few school instruments are available and others may be rented for small fees.

"We would like to give open-air concerts on the mall in the spring," he continued. "At least 75 members are needed."

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Sports Shots

It looks as if the World Series flag will be flying this year in Los Angeles. After playing like Little Leaguers in the series opener, Manager Walt Alston's Bums proceeded to derail the "Go-Go" White Sox baseball train.

The Dodgers made every base hit count; the Sox did not. The Sox' pitching was good; the Bums' was better. The White Sox played good baseball; L.A. played better. Congratulations, you Bums.

Series parting shot: keep your eye on Larry Sherry, a 20-game winner next year. . . .

RPI sports gets under way next week. Coach Nancy Alexander has issued a call for girls' basketball practice for the coming year. A few veterans, a few talented newcomers and little bit of luck and the Devilettes could come up with a winning season. We hope so.

Two Roanoke College basketball players, Tom Long and Matt Simovich were injured last week in an automobile accident near Roanoke. Both Long and Simovich played against the Devils here last year. Roanoke reports both are in satisfactory condition and are expected to participate in basketball again this year. H.M.

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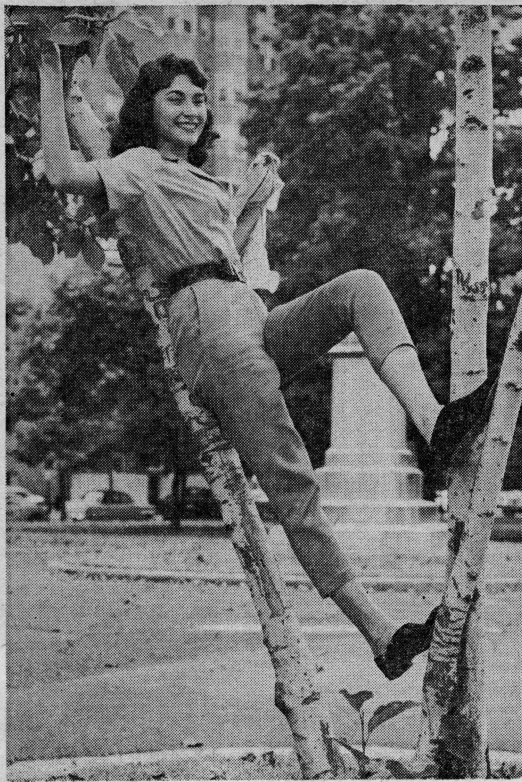
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She Calls it 'Leisure' Garb

Joy Bailey, Fashion Illustration major, looks good in an outfit she "whipped together" in her spare moments—old gold channel blouse, logan green ranch pants and black suede fruit boots. She doesn't recommend the pose for leisure. It was the photographer's idea.

Two RPI Students Play in Symphony

By Marla Cohn

Playing trombone and percussion in the Richmond Symphony Orchestra occupies the spare time of two RPI music education students, Lance Strickland and Wayne Nunnally.

Strickland, the trombonist, has been with the orchestra since it started three years ago. Nunnally, who plays percussion, joined the group last month.

In order to play in the Richmond Symphony, one must try out at the annual audition at the public library. Members are selected by the conductor, Mr. Edgar Schenkman.

Both boys agree that there are many benefits to be derived from working with a professional orchestra such as the Richmond Symphony. Strickland said, "When you work with somebody more experienced than you are you pick up

valuable short cuts and pointers." Nunnally stressed the role of a symphony orchestra in enriching the city's cultural life.

"It is something that Richmond has needed for quite a while," he said.

For good contemporary music is not yet appreciated.

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Waddell added that an increase in the number of student activity pictures and dormitory events is planned for this year.

Price for the annual is \$8 and only students who purchase the book will be entitled to have their pictures in it, Waddell noted.

Dean O'Connell still seeks additional staff members. Anyone interested should call Dean O'Connell's office for information.

Fall Stylings Promise Wider Clothing Choice

The college student is in for a great year—style-wise, at any rate. Gayer, grander and gaudier are certainly appropriate adjectives to use in describing the new collection of fall fashions.

The colorscope is broader. The coed can plan her wardrobe around such off-beat shades as sand, plum and avocado. She can purchase her shoes and handbags in these colors.

For the girl who prefers a basic tone which can be teamed with accessories of almost any color, there is a new shade: Greige. This unusual color is achieved by blending the more conventional hues of beige and grey.

Plaid Returns

Speaking of color, plaid is another big item on the fashion agenda this season. The bolder the plaid, the more fashionable the outfit.

Shaggy and baggy adequately describes the new collection of sweaters, always an around-campus favorite with men and women alike. Bulky knits are still high on the list, but the tight-fitting slipover for women is temporarily out.

In the coat department, anything goes! A girl can select a shaggy, a leather, a fitted or the ever-popular, ever-practical camel-hair coat with the belted or boxy look.

But if she's smart, she'll choose a fur-trimmed coat because fur is a must this season. And it's here, there and everywhere!

Fur is on suits. Fur is on dresses. Fur adorns collars, sleeves, hats, lapels and hemlines. Fur creates muffs. Fur forms handbags and capes and even gloves.

No matter what kind of fur one wishes—be it fox, raccoon, mink, leopard, ocelot, marmot or make-

believe—she is certain to find it on display in the downtown stores.

Corduroy For Sports

In sportswear corduroy is the thing, with pinwale suits for the man and wide wale separates for the girl.

When milady goes to church or tea, she needs a hat to complete her outfit. Whether or not she ordinarily likes hats, she'll like wearing one of the many attractive styles that are being featured this fall.

The derby is especially smart, as is also the hat that is made entirely of feathers. The latter usually consists of quail or pheasant feathers and comes in many different shapes. One can also buy feather hats in white, black, pink, red or aqua. Among other important hat shapes for this season are the turban and the beret.

Do You Think for Yourself?

(SHARPEN YOUR WITS ON THIS!*)



If you saw a girl in a bathing suit on a ski slope, would you say, (A) "What—no skis?" or (B) "Cold?" or (C) "The pool closed three months ago," or (D) "Stay right here—I'll get the guard!"

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐



Do you think the statement "It's always darkest before the dawn" is (A) an astronomical truism? (B) a good reason for getting home early? (C) a piece of hopeful philosophy? (D) an argument for night watchmen?

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐



Do you think that a man who can pole-vault 16 feet but doesn't like to, should (A) go out and do it anyway? (B) keep the whole thing to himself? (C) do a bit of self-analysis on why he doesn't like to go high? (D) have the bar set lower?

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐



When you choose a filter cigarette, do you (A) ask all your friends, and take their word for what's best? (B) take the one that makes the loudest claim? (C) investigate the facts, then use your own judgment? (D) go for the filter that gives you taste plus filtering?

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐

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