

## Rat Dance Scheduled For Tonight

By Sandra Turner

Mr. and Miss Rat will be crowned tonight at the annual Big Brother-Big Sister dance in the Gymnasium, climaxing a week of "ratting" activities.

The king and queen of the Rats will be chosen by the Junior Class from the Freshman Rat Court, which reigned over "turnabout" activities today because of their participation during the week.

Music for the dance, scheduled from 8 to 11 p.m., will be provided by the Specks. The dance is sponsored by the neighborhood merchants, including the Village, Meadow's Automatic Laundry, Dutch's Restaurant, Sandor's Book Store and Ray's 5 & 10c store.

### Turnabout

Turnabout Day today gave freshmen a chance to turn the tables on the juniors.

The Junior Rat Court has managed to keep the freshmen on their toes this week. The Rat Court was held in the Shafer Court each day at noon, and rats were punished if they did not comply with wishes of the juniors.

Such punitive measures as blindfolded shaving spree, a blindfolded banana feeding contest, and a Christmas carol sing from astride the mail box were imposed upon the offenders.

Chaos reigned in the cafeteria during meal time, especially when "air raids" and "floods" were called by Rat Court members. Every freshman also greeted diners with a loud "Hi, y'all!" when they entered the dining areas.

Rats were easily recognizable in their bright green and yellow Rat hats and with Rat signs hung around their necks.



Albert Briggs Jr. Is Typically Harassed Rat Activities Were at Rat Court on Monday

## Day Enrollment Rises; Night School Is Down

RPI enrollment is expected to approximate or exceed last year's record-breaking 4,674, it appeared this week.

Day school enrollment already tops the comparable figure last year and one department has not yet reported.

Evening College rolls are down 157 from last year, but that loss—attributed to a cutback in classroom facilities and splitting of some courses—may be more than made up in the day school final figure.

Day school enrollment had reached a record number of 2,337

early in the week. Last year it was 2,302. The former figure does not include any registration in the School of Social Work, which has not yet been released, according to Mrs. Ethel Riebe, registrar.

"I'd like to make it clear that the figures are incomplete," said Mrs. Riebe, "as were the figures in last week's PROSCRIPT, which said this year's registration had fallen below that of last year."

The Evening College's figure of (Continued on Page 2)

## Science Building Remodeling Set For Late October

Remodeling and reconstruction of the Science Building and addition of a new east wing should get started about the last of October, President Oliver said this week.

The new building will extend from 810 to 816 Park ave. Substandard areas of the present building will be demolished. Construction is expected to be completed in 1963.

The project was to have begun last June and have been completed in September, 1962.

Difficulties were encountered, however, in setting up schedules for the various stages of demolition and reconstruction work. These had to be co-ordinated with the architectural work.

The working drawings have been completed. Sometime this week these will be ready, and advertising for construction bids will begin. A 30-day period is customary for accepting bids.

If the bids are acceptable, a contract will be awarded and the construction work will begin.

Until construction has been completed, the School of Science is out four classrooms. Other rooms are being utilized to counteract the shortage. Hibbs 306 is reserved exclusively for Chemistry. Biology has the exclusive use of Hibbs 206 and physics is meeting in Gym 0.

### Some Classes Dropped

Due to the loss of facilities, all science classes were dropped from the Evening College curriculum. Analytical chemistry is not being offered in the day school this year.

The faculty offices and the Arts and Crafts department will move (Continued on Page 2)

## Academic Probation Dropped

The academic probation standard at RPI has been discontinued.

In preparing the current issue of the college catalogue, the Committee on Academic Status initiated a new method of determining academic standing.

The committee now requires that students accumulate a designated number of credit hours and quality points as stated in the catalogue for individual classes in order to remain in college.

Formerly, students were placed on probation if their semester grades were unsatisfactory to the academic status committee. If a student on probation failed to achieve a satisfactory average at the end of the semester, he was placed on strict probation. He was then required to withdraw from the college if his average did not meet committee standards the semester following notice of placement. (Continued on Page 2)

### Miss Hanover

## RPI Coed Participates In Tobacco Festival

By Virginia Gibson

An RPI freshman is one of 28 princesses participating in this week's celebration of the tobacco harvest.

Gloria Pollard of Ashland is representing Hanover county in the 13th annual Tobacco Festival. The festival opened last Saturday with a grand ball and ends tomorrow.

A student in Music Education, Gloria competed with 11 other contestants for the title of Miss Hanover in a beauty-talent pageant in August. It was her first beauty pageant.

For her winning talent act—music from the Roaring '20's—she received a \$100 savings bond and the chance to compete for the Tobacco Festival throne.

The June graduating class at Patrick Henry High School voted Gloria the most talented girl in the senior class. "My specialty is the piano," Gloria said.

### Duties of Princess

As a Tobacco Festival princess, Gloria's duties include attending various Richmond civic club luncheons, fashion shows and balls.

This week, Gloria and two other

princesses were part of a delegation on tour of Jamestown, the birthplace of the Virginia tobacco industry.

Gloria, who has brown hair and eyes, is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Wickham. Her mother is also a student here, majoring in Elementary Education.

The princesses, representing tobacco-growing counties in Virginia, North Carolina, West Virginia, Kentucky and Pennsylvania, were presented to a three-man jury last night at the Mosque to determine the winner in the talent category.

### Act Includes Song, Dance

Gloria sang and danced in a routine, "Songs of the Southland." Her costume, which she designed herself, depicted a Southern belle in pink and white pantaloons, ruffled skirt, picture hat and parasol.

"Because I'm an exuberant Southern lass," Gloria said, "I had some trouble designing the skirt; I flung out of it."

Tonight, she will ride one of the floats in the Tobacco Festival parade. The parade starts from Hanover ave. and Broad st. at 8:30 and proceeds down Broad st. to Parker Field.



Gloria Pollard Will Represent Hanover in Festival  
Music Education Major Specializes in Piano

## Book Store Burglary Probed

Police this week were still investigating the break-in of the RPI Book Store last week and theft of \$2,183.

A book store spokesman said officers had "dusted" areas believed touched by the thief (or thieves) for fingerprints. No arrests were reported.

The unknown prowler forced entrance to the building by removing a section of thin casing about an air conditioning unit in a rear window. After gaining entrance, he forced open two doors—one a heavy metal door with steel casing—apparently by use of a crowbar.

The cash was taken from a cash register at the entrance to the store. It represented receipts from (Continued on Page 2)



## PROSCRIPT

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## Pre-Registration

Each year at this time, one hears loud protests on every side about the madness known as registration. Students complain that sections are filled before they've had an opportunity to enroll, that no provision is made to reserve seats in certain courses for students whose departments require these courses, and that pre-registration is a total waste of time.

It seems to us that these complaints are justified, in large part, even when allowance is made for the difficulties that are bound to crop up with an enrollment as large as that at RPI. Specifically, it seems to us that the system of pre-registration is not properly administered.

Pre-registration is supposed to shorten the length of time required in registration at the start of each semester. By selecting courses and preparing a schedule of classes before the next semester, the student is saved the inconvenience of all this important planning in one day—or that's the way it's supposed to work.

It doesn't.

We believe there are two important causes of this breakdown in the pre-registration system. They are: (1) No attempt is made to inform department heads of the number of students enrolled in courses offered by their departments, either during the Summer or between December and February. The department head does not learn until final registration how many students from other departments planned to take a given course in his department; this, despite the fact that the information has been gathered and lies fallow in the registrar's office all summer, or over the midyear recess in January.

(2) Although spring pre-registration is in May, the Evening College catalogue is not printed until late summer. Many day college students plan to take night courses in order to: (a) work part-time during the day; (b) spread their schedules over a wide range of hours; or (c) take advantage of certain night courses not available in the day school. It is the height of ridiculousness for the college to schedule pre-registration in the spring for students who are expected to sign up for Evening College classes in the fall.

To recognize the problem is to go a long way toward answering it. It seems to us that the solution to the registration madness lies in the breakdown of the pre-registration system. And if the pre-registration system can't be straightened out, why let's throw it out.

## Day School Registration Rises

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1,215 is 157 short of last year's 2,372. "Several factors contributed to this drop," said Mr. Fuller. "Loss of the Science Building (for renovation) eliminated both classroom space and some science courses," he said.

The splitting of English classes into two sessions and the transfer of 5 p.m. classes from Evening to

## Police Investigate School Burglary

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one evening's sale of books.

According to a spokesman, book store receipts customarily are removed from the cash registers and either locked in a safe or are deposited in a bank. However, since the Book Store personnel had worked late the night before and throughout the day Wednesday immediately preceding the burglary, receipts of Wednesday evening were left in the register.

The loss was insured, a spokesman said.

Book Store Manager Bruce Locke said additional precautions would be taken in the future.

day school were additional reasons he cited.

"Actually when you add over a thousand day students attending night classes, along with students in the Business Advancement Center, the figure rises to well above 3,600 students," Mr. Fuller added.

There are 1,991 full-time students having registered—1,651 of which are from Virginia and 340 of which are non-residents. Part-Time figures show 319 students from this state and only 27 from without.

Female registration, outnumbered 1,201 to 1,101 last year, edged the men this year, 1,172-1,165.

Eleven per cent of this year's freshmen compiled "A" averages in high school classes. Thirty-nine per cent were "B" students, 40 per cent "C" students and only 10 per cent less than "C".

The accident record of drivers of old cars is worse than for drivers of newer cars, according to a Massachusetts study on accident costs. Accident involvement of cars eight years old or older was more than twice as bad as the record for cars under two years old.

## Sadu Kapadia

# India Native Studies Here

By Nolan Kegley

A busy, busy girl has been Sadu Kapadia.

Since she arrived in the United States on September 8, Sadu has gone through the ordeal of registering at RPI, gotten married, gone on a one-day honeymoon and started classes here.

Sadu came to America to marry her childhood sweetheart, Jayesh Kapadia, who is now an engineer for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad. Her husband has been in America for three years, and in Richmond for two years.

Sadu already has obtained a BS in Psychology at the University of Gujarat in India. While here, she hopes to get her master's degree, which will enable her to teach high school or college when she returns to India.

With her two brothers and sisters, Sadu lived in the town of Ahmedabad, which is in the interior of India, about 300 miles north of Bombay.

### Wears Saris

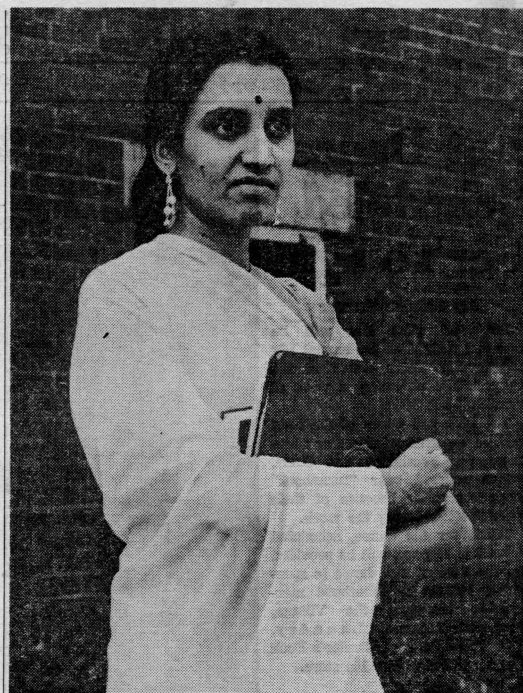
The beautiful saris which Sadu wears to class are made in textile plants near her home in India. Textile manufacturing and agriculture are the principle occupations in the area where she formerly lived. Sadu said that she has not always worn the sari. The girls in India wear skirts and blouses and simple frocks until they are 18 years old.

In addition to her exotic sari, Sadu usually wears thonged sandals called chappals.

The Kankoo, which is the dark spot that Sadu wears in the middle of her forehead is, according to custom, a symbol of marriage.

All married women must wear the kankoo, just as American wives must wear a wedding band. Now it is sometimes worn ornamentally by unmarried girls. It has become fashionable to wear them, Sadu said.

Most Indians are vegetarians, as cattle are sacred and it is "taboo" to eat pork. Sadu prepares different kinds of bean's, peas, green vegetables, and, naturally, rice for her husband.



Sadu Kapadia Has Been "Woman on the Move"  
India Native Studies Graduate Psychology Here

The food is delicious, but a little too hot for the average American taste, said Sadu, who notes that after three years her husband is glad to get some home-cooked meals.

### Schools Differ

The schools in India are a little different from American schools. The grades are not "A", "B", "C", or "D", but students are classed as first, second, third, and fourth class students. Here, if you fail one course, you can repeat the one subject. In India, if you fail one course, you must repeat the entire year.

We asked Sadu if that system didn't encourage students to be

more studious. She said there was a lot of "fooling around" in college. English is taught as a regular part of the curriculum of most Indian schools.

In addition to being a student and a wife, Sadu sings and does some of the classical Indian dances. But after being in school all day and preparing supper, she was too tired to give us a demonstration.

Possessing still more talent, Sadu plays the harmonium, an instrument which is similar to an organ but smaller.

Sadu says now she wants to settle down to keep house and study, but someday she and her husband hope to return to India.

## Renovation Set For October

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to 915 and 919 West Franklin st. RPI has recently purchased these two buildings.

The Science Building will be 136 feet long and 80 feet deep. It will occupy an area of 33,757 square feet.

Plans call for all floor areas to be on the same level in the new building.

Of the \$563,000 granted by the General Assembly, \$30,000 will be spent on new equipment. This includes new furniture for the analytical laboratory, a down-draft hood over each desk, and gas, water and electricity for each desk unit for four persons.

The first-floor chemistry laboratory and the physics laboratory will remain. The biology laboratories on the second floor and the drawing room will be redesigned to accommodate 26 students per section.

## Academic Probation Dropped

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ment on strict probation.

The old system was too strict and did not take into account a student's progress before he was placed on academic probation, President George J. Oliver said.

"The new standard allows accumulation over a period of time and it is also less cumbersome to administer."

Employing the new system of quality points and credit hours,

## 'Five Finger Exercise' To Open on October 25

By Charles Bryant

"Five Finger Exercise" will run October 25-28 in the Shafer Street Playhouse as the first of six Drama Department major productions for the year.

Selection of the plays was announced this week by Raymond Hodges, department director.

"Five Finger Exercise," an English play by Peter Shaffer, was awarded the New York Critics' Circle award last year as the best foreign play of the season. Mr. Hodges will direct the play here.

The second production, "The Twin Menachmi," will run December 6-9 in the playhouse. A Roman comedy by Plautus, the play will be directed by Thomas R. Long, the department's assistant director.

Mr. Long came to RPI this year from Michigan State University,

where he has been working on his doctorate and directing for that university's drama department.

### Thesis Play

A thesis play, which has not yet been chosen, will run from February 21-24 in the playhouse as the third major production. This play will be directed by a graduate student in the department and will fulfill part of the requirements for the master of fine arts degree.

"Hamlet," Shakespeare's tragedy, will be presented on March 21. It will run through March 24 in the playhouse. Mr. Long will direct.

On April 27, 28 and again on May 4, 5, 11 and 12, "The Fantasticks" will be presented on the Shafer Court. This musical was recently produced in an off-Broadway theater. It will be staged by Mr. Hodges and will be the first major production presented in the court, which is next to the playhouse.

Another graduate thesis play will close the season on May 23-26 in the playhouse. Selection of the play has not been made.

Miss Agnes David, costume director for the department, will do the costuming.

Henry Higgins, a new member of the department, will serve as technical director for the 1961-62 season. Mr. Higgins received his MA from Pennsylvania State University.

the catalogue states that a freshman must pass for the session 21 semester credits and have at least 21 quality points. A sophomore must have accumulated 45 credits and quality points; a junior, 72 credits and quality points.

The committee also reserves the right at any time to dismiss any student (or to refuse to allow any student to re-enter) whose academic standing is, in its judgement, unsatisfactory."



## Women's Tennis

## Candidates Start Fall Practice

Fifteen candidates turned out last week for RPT's first fall women's tennis team tryouts. Tryouts had previously been held in the spring.

It is still not too late for candidates to come out, Coach Nancy S. Alexander said, and the names of persons who make the team will not be announced until completion of fall tryouts.

Tryouts started last Wednesday and will continue as long as the

weather is warm enough. The team leaves for practice at Byrd Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3 p.m. Transportation is provided for students who cannot get out of classes early.

The women's varsity tennis team will not compete with other schools until the spring. Miss Alexander explained the tryouts are being held now so the girls can avoid the "unpredictable" spring weather which has plagued them in the

past. By getting organized this early, she hopes the team's performance will be improved.

Five veterans of last year's team are returning. Virginia Team, 20-year-old Commercial Art sophomore, has had the most experience in tennis tournament competition. She was runner-up in the second-division singles match and runner-up in the first-division doubles match of the 1960 South Carolina state high school tournament.



Coaching Staff Maps Plans for Coming Season  
(Left to Right) Timberlake, Alexander and Allen

## PROSCRIPT SPORTS

By Tom Weedon

A big season is in prospect for all students and faculty members who wish to take part in intramurals.

Intramural Director J. S. Timberlake has announced an expanded program which includes all of last year's sports—badminton, basketball and bowling—plus volleyball and ping pong. Ten-pin bowling will be scheduled instead of duck pin. This is expected to add to the turnout, because students showed a preference for ten-pin bowling last year.

The program has been arranged so there will be an intramural sport in progress during the entire year, except for holidays and exams.

The season will get under way much earlier than last year. At this writing, badminton participants are already practicing. The tournament is scheduled to start Monday; however, Coach Timberlake said that he might delay the tournament another week to enable participants to practice.

### Pairing Listed In Gym.

The tournament will be played at the convenience of the participants. Coach Timberlake said that pairings will be placed on the bulletin board in the gym and that the matches can be played anytime as long as they are completed by the beginning of basketball. (Nov. 13)

Intramural sports again will be played in the late afternoon. This proved very popular last year because day students and those who had night classes were able to participate. The hours are the same as last year—Women, 4-7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Men, 4-7 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Students are already beginning to form basketball teams for the coming season. P. T. Hastings, manager of last year's tournament champions, Hastings Has Beens, said that he will enter his team again this year. Basketball, which drew by far the largest turnout of any intramural sport last year, will start in November instead of December.

There is no limit to the number of teams or the number of individuals who can enter intramural events. Coach Timberlake said that its program would accommodate everyone as long as his entry is in on time.

### Shafer Court to Open

Coach Allen announced Monday that organized play in such sports as badminton, ping pong and volleyball will get under way this week on the Shafer Court. Plans are indefinite at this time; however, he said that he hoped also to have the gym open on week ends so that it could be used to its fullest possible extent.

There is also a horseshoe pit on Harrison st. at Park ave. for students to use. Anyone desiring to play will have to check the irons out at Coach Allen's office.

Organized play at the Shafer Court will probably start in the afternoon (around 2 p.m.) and continue until dark. More information about times will be published in next week's paper.

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## SGA May Purchase Announcing System

The Student Government Association is considering buying a portable public address system.

Purchase of the system has been approved by the school's four classes, which will donate \$50 each toward the estimated purchase price of \$250. SGA will pay the other \$50.

The address system would be

used on the Shafer Court and in other campus areas where student activities require loud speaker.

President Pat Scott said a proposal to purchase a PA system had been studied in previous years, but the need for such a system became apparent during orientation week.

The council tabled action on a proposal to open the Rotunda with some form of entertainment on Friday nights.

President Scott announced that SGA tests will be given again at 5:30 p.m. October 4. Members who failed or missed the first test will take it then.

A semi-formal Openings dance was scheduled for Saturday October 21 and the third Thursday of each month was set as a permanent date for class meetings. Any club or class activities, in addition to meetings, must be scheduled through the Dean's office.

Membership in the Dance Band Club was reported at 316, a number approaching the 400 mark cited earlier by the executive council as a membership goal.

### Loan Applicants Must See Dean

Applicants for National Defense Loans must report to the Student Personnel Office between today and Tuesday to complete remaining loan forms, Dean Pendleton announced this week.

## Later Hours For Coeds On Fridays

Changes which will allow freshman women dormitory residents later curfews on Friday nights were made in the new handbook for dormitory residents printed this summer.

The Women's Interdormitory Council suggested the changes, with the approval of Mrs. Gladding, Dean of Women.

Previously freshman curfew was 10 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday nights. This year freshmen have 11 p.m. on Friday night, the same as the Saturday curfew.

Last year, late permissions were regulated by academic standing. Now there is no status of probation, and each girl may have late permissions.

Girls may have a blanket permission to go on field trips outside a 20-mile radius of Richmond, instead of having to obtain special permission each time.

Calls after hours have been limited to necessary long distance telephone.

The penalty for missing desk duty is a campus, plus the desk duty of the girl who worked desk the night the offender missed. Previously, only double desk duty was imposed.

This year the dorms will close at 12:30 a.m. on Friday with a 1 a.m. deadline on Saturday. Previously males were not allowed in the dorm after midnight.

No set penalty exists for failure of a woman dorm student to sign out. This was a camping offense last year, but the revised rules call for a house council decision on the punishment.

## Bradley Named To Head Freshman Advisory Board

Jim Bradley, senior Commercial Art major, has been appointed president of the Freshman Class advisory board, which will take the place of class officers.

Dean Pendleton said past experience has shown that freshmen do not have enough experience to be able to run the class and its social functions.

Bradley, a senior, said: "The freshmen will run their own class and we, a group of juniors and seniors, will act as advisors. Freshmen will come to us with suggestions, which we will act upon."

Upperclassmen on the advisory board are: vice-chairman, Brenda Whitehurst; treasurer Rick Heidloff; SGA representative, Bob Nitchie; and secretary, Mary Anderson.

## Commercial Art Exhibited at Fair

The Commercial Art Department's exhibit at the Virginia State Fair will end Sunday night.

Comprising the exhibit are thesis projects, letterheads, lettering term projects, and work from painting and design classes.

## Three Senior Offices Filled At First Meet

Three Senior class offices were filled during the class' first meeting of the year last Thursday.

Nancy Vanderslice, Interior Design major, was named as corresponding secretary. Mary Lou Metzger, a Commercial Art major, will act as alternate Student Government representative, and another ID major, Mariana Proctor, was elected sergeant-at-arms.

## Juniors Elect Prince New Vice President

Newton Prince, a Commercial Art major from Fuquay Springs, N.C., was elected vice president of the Junior class last week.

Prince takes the place of Woody Eney, who did not return to school.

Of the 10 persons nominated, all but two withdrew from the running. Sixty-three juniors voted at the first class meeting.

Prince was president of the 712 W. Franklin st. dormitory during his freshman year and was president of the Sophomore class last year. He is a member of the pres-

ent Rat Court.

Officers of the Junior class are: Margaret Zeigler, president; Prince, vice-president; Carolyn Williams, secretary; Margaret (Dee Dee) Bishop, treasurer; and Barbara Jenks, SGA representative.

The Junior class meets in Hibbs 303 at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

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