

# SGA Delays Sending Scroll to LBJ

Student Government Association meetings covered an area from the "Valley of the Jolly Green Giant" to Viet Nam as the wheels of student legislation turned this week.

A week-old motion that was passed by both the House and the Senate unanimously and an attack on the "humiliating" practices of Rat Week drew heated discussion in both legislative houses.

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The issue which caused most debate concerned a proposed scroll which was to be drawn up to support President Johnson's policies in Viet Nam and signed by at least 500 students.

In the Senate Monday—because

SGA President Emmett Powell had not signed the bill, and it was technically not in effect—a motion was made to rescind last week's scroll motion.

Paulette McCall, Senior class senator, asked for the motion to be stricken off SGA records because she said it would not reflect the views of the entire student body.

**HOWARD KOCH**, Freshman visory Board chairman, then made a second motion which would table the legislation rather than rescind it.

Because of parliamentary procedure, the motion to table the bill was voted on first and passed; this action automatically voided the move to rescind.

The motion now awaits investi-

gation and study before it will be brought off the table to be re-voted upon.

In the Senate a student attending the meeting accused the proposed scroll as being "a cheap publicity stunt" to offset other publicity recently given the college. The "other publicity" was an obvious reference to the refusal of the administration to admit three students with long hair and beards earlier this year and the subsequent picket lines.

The student—Sal Federico, who was one of the trio refused permission to register—told the Senate it was this generation's duty to work for world peace and to stop the killing and mutilation inherited from our parents.

Another one of the three who were refused permission to reg-

ister earlier in the year—Robert Shoffner—told both student legislative houses that Rat Week was in violation of state law. He said hazing—whether voluntary or involuntary—was not allowed at this school. He quoted from Virginia state law and the Signpost, the guide to student life here.

As Shoffner stood in the House Tuesday night with a cigarette in his hand, he read from page 15 of the Signpost under the heading "hazing."

**ALSO ON PAGE 15** is the heading "smoking": Fire regulations prohibit smoking in the classrooms, studios or laboratories.

Both Shoffner and Federico were permitted to register after they trimmed their hair. The third student, Norman Marshall

of Richmond, was not given permission to register.

Speaking in defense of Rat Week, Larry Bracken, a Freshman Liberal Arts major from Richmond, said in his opinion no hazing occurred during the week.

Bracken, who was selected Rat King, said he enjoyed the week.

In other action this week, the Sophomore class announced that the November 6 Openings dance at the Mosque will carry the theme "A Night in the Valley (of the Jolly Green Giant)."

The House approved Honor Court membership of John Armstrong, a Senior Drama major from McGaheysville, and a bill to lengthen the time of the passage of bills, proposals and amendments was unanimously passed by the House.

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### Attendance Rules Await Approval To Be Changed

A committee of seven faculty members appointed last June by Dr. Oliver to revise the college's student attendance regulations this week submitted its recommendations to the President for approval.

Committee Chairman James Pendleton, assistant professor of English, said Dr. Oliver, at the suggestion of the Student Personnel deans, asked for the revision because "existing regulations need to be improved."

After two meetings the committee had already drawn up its proposals, which were presented late this week to Dr. Oliver, but ac-

cording to Mr. Pendleton the committee does not wish to attempt to explain specific changes before final approval is received because of possible misunderstanding or mis-interpretation.

Mr. Pendleton said simply: "The proposals would allow individual instructors greater freedom and more responsibility in dealing with student absences."

"The committee hopes to create a system that will evaluate individual circumstances (regarding class absences)."

Mr. Pendleton said Dr. Oliver should reach a decision within a week or two.

The present ruling on class attendance is limited to one paragraph in the "Signpost":

"Education at the Richmond Professional Institute is centered around a system of classroom instruction and students are expected to keep all class appointments. Specific regulations govern-

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### Homecoming Is Scheduled October 22-23

Homecoming, the time of the year when many graduates return to their alma maters, will get under way here October 22. The weekend will feature a visiting newspaper columnist, breakfast, meetings, luncheons and dances.

Well-known humorist Art Buchwald will kick off the annual return of alumni at 8 p.m., October 22, in the gymnasium.

Breakfasts are planned for 8 a.m. by the School of Business and the School of Distribution, followed by the President's coffee from 9-10. Registration will be from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in the lobby of the Hibbs Building.

Chapter meetings for the Baltimore, Blue Ridge, Richmond, Washington, Hampton-Newport News-Williamsburg and Norfolk-Suffolk-Virginia Beach areas will be held from 10 to 11. At 11 a General Session will be held in the auditorium of the Science Building, room 115.

A luncheon at 1 p.m. is scheduled in the gym with the Rector of the

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### SGA Sets \$2,000 Goal

November will start the drive for the annual Student Government Association Scholarship Fund.

The goal of the fund this year is \$2,000.



Harvey Photo

### Campus Royalty

Rat King Larry Bracken and his Queen Pam Smith reminisce over last week's Rat Week activities. Bracken, a Liberal Arts major from Richmond, and Pam, a Commercial Art major from Wallingford, Pa., were selected as rat royalty during intermission at Saturday night's Rat Dance.

### Identical Names Is Reason

## Social Security Digits To Replace Student Numbers

A shortage of numbers caused by a record enrollment of more than 7,700 requires the student numbering system to be changed to individual Social Security digits, according to A. Lee Hall, assistant dean of the college.

Enrollment had increased to 7,790 at last count, 1,480 over last year.

"We felt sure we had enough numbers to go around, but we were swamped," the assistant dean said.

The present system—which was established last year and underwent changes this semester—will be dropped at the beginning of the spring term, Mr. Hall said.

He urged students who do not have a Social Security number to obtain one by November 29, the beginning of pre-registration for the spring semester. Application forms

are available at the information desk located in the lobby of the Administration Building.

"We realize some students have already been assigned two numbers since we began using (IBM) data processing equipment (in September of 1963). However, with the Social Security numbering system, we don't anticipate any future changes," Mr. Hall said.

"The problem is, to put it simply, there have been more students with identical names than we anticipated, Smith, for an example. This can be attributed to a heavy influx of new students who had to

be given numbers," he explained.

The college experienced the same difficulty last year and allowed for it in re-assigning new numbers this semester, he said. "But we have run into another shortage."

Student numbers are designated on an alphabetical basis. When there are 26 Smiths and the number allotment is 25, for example, the present system "doesn't work," the assistant dean said.

"Since no two Social Security numbers are alike, and most students hold Social Security cards, this system seems to be the most feasible."

Student numbers are fed into the college's IBM equipment, enabling a school official to withdraw information on a student in a matter of seconds, he explained.

### University Status Seen For College

#### Dr. Oliver Cites Enrollment Rise

By Bob Lindsey

RPI, described as located in the hub of the urban corridor, will become a university within five years, President George J. Oliver predicted Monday at the first of four convocations planned for the school year.

Dr. Oliver told a gathering of approximately 700 students and faculty members that the college already has many characteristics of an urban university.

He said the main characteristic normally associated with a university-type organization is the division of different study areas into schools. RPI has 13 such divisions, according to the current college catalog.

#### In Five Years

"This proposed change to a university has been tossed around before, but I believe it very probably will be made at least five years from now," the President said.

During his talk Dr. Oliver briefly described the history of the college and made other predictions. Some of his more newsworthy forecasts were confined off the record to those attending.

Dr. Oliver dwelt at length on the college's location and said current estimates place the school's 1980 enrollment at over 20,000. He attributed the expected growth to RPI being centrally located in the urban corridor.

The corridor, he said, stretches from Maine to Florida and is based on the concept of a megalopolis

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### Students to Attend Miami Conference

Students from the School of Occupational Therapy will go to Miami this month.

Between 35 and 40 OT students will attend the American Occupational Therapy Conference in Miami the week of October 30.

All students in OT are eligible to attend the meeting.

Cornelius A. Kooiman, director of the School of Occupational Therapy, will accompany the students.



## Baa, Baa

The State Fair has folded its tents, cleared the midway and swept the animal pens, but the sheep are still in Richmond.

This week they gathered Tuesday evening in room 403 of the Hibbs Building. They call themselves representatives in the Student Government Association.

Last week they unanimously approved an expression of support of President Johnson's policies in Viet Nam. This week they unanimously tabled that expression and decided it needed some more contented chewing.

This week they also unanimously accepted the appointment of a new Honor Court member without question. Then they unanimously agreed a complete investigation of Rat Week should be undertaken.

Unanimously they approved a bill to extend to four weeks the formalization of student legislation. They agreed that SGA motions should be given more consideration before being voted upon, but their unanimous vote for the bill came two and one-half minutes after it was introduced.

It seems that lively discussion of SGA measures in the House sometimes comes from non-member students who attend meetings out of their own curiosity or when a bill affects them individually or conflicts with their individual opinions.

So the sheep sit there week after week. Sometimes they don't even bother to come and graze in the SGA pasture, and attendance is at an embarrassing low.

The wool has grown over their eyes, and we accuse many of them of being uninterested—bored, in general.

There are several who are sincerely interested in the goings-on, but that is a sad number in a legislative house that represents each club and organization on campus with the exception of the four classes.

The Proscript challenges the House of Representatives to make an analysis of itself—individually and collectively—and to see wherein the problem lies.

If the problem is general apathy, let's not just talk about it but do something about it. We suggest the SGA live up to its stated purposes: to encourage a spirit of fellowship and co-operation in all activities of the student body and to stimulate intelligent thinking on college problems.

With the SGA as a practitioner of what it preaches, maybe a wave of interest would be generated over the student body.

Until that time, "Baa, baa, SGA sheep."



Photograph by Masaaki Okada

### 'Hato'

This is the first in a series of photographs and paintings to be included as a regular feature of the Proscript. The photograph was

taken by Commercial Art Senior Masaaki Okada of Virginia Beach.

## University Status Expected For College Within 5 Years

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meaning an extensive, heavily populated, continuously urban area, including any number of cities.

"At present, 55 per cent of Virginia's population lives in our part of the corridor. From 1950 through 1960, the state population in the

corridor increased by 48 per cent," Dr. Oliver said.

"By 1970, there will be some 50,000 young people of college age in this area. Not all of them will want to come to RPI—let's hope not—but our enrollment will increase proportionately," the President explained.

According to Dr. Oliver, RPI students will increase in numbers at an average of 1,000 a year. He said 1,890 new students—freshmen and transfers—were admitted this year. (Monday, enrollment this year was 7,790.)

"Our only restriction to accom-

modating extra students will be facilities. We have not set a figure on the number of students we will accept. If we did, many would be forced to attend college at an out-of-state institution, since we offer courses here not available at any other Virginia school," he said.

Dr. Oliver, in commenting on a proposed master site plan, explained how the college will enlarge its facilities to make room for additional students.

A new organizational structure at the administrative level will accompany expansion, Dr. Oliver said.

## Campus News Briefs

Don't try to park your car on Shafer St. after noon on Sunday. The Circle K club plans a clean-up of the campus thoroughfare beginning at 2 p.m. The street will be closed to traffic at 12.

The first departmental library on campus will open next week.

Cornellus A. Koilman, director of the School of Occupational Therapy, said his would be the first school on campus to have its own library.

Recruiters from the U. S. Air Force will be here Wednesday to talk to interested students about air force opportunities. Recruiters

will meet with students in the lobby of the Rotunda.

On October 21, a Pure Oil Company recruiter for manager trainees will be here. Students interested in an interview should make an appointment in the Office of Development, Room 21, Administration Building.

Working in conjunction with the Medical College of Virginia, the School of Business is offering a course to MCV graduate students for the first time.

Ten students from the MCV graduate school of Hospital Administration are enrolled in the

course, "Data Processing Systems and Methods."

Mary Brownlee, vice president of the Junior class, has been appointed corresponding secretary of the Student Government Association.

She is an Interior Design major from Fecane, Penn.

The Madrigalists, an exclusive group of 12 singers from the School of Music, has announced the addition of four new members.

New members are soprano Sherry Hudson, Freshman, Richmond, Music Education; alto Susan Eve, Junior, Arlington, Music Education; tenor Richard Weston, Sophomore, Annandale, and base Cary Jackson, Freshman, Richmond, Drama.

The group is scheduled to perform October 11 for members of the Barton Heights Woman's club, Pine Camp Recreation Center.

Louis J. Ampolo, instructor of Physical Education, clicking his heels, outlined plans for the Modern Dance club which he hopes to organize 11 a.m., Saturday in the gym.

All interested students who have had training in modern dance or ballet are invited to meet in rooms A and B in the basement of the gymnasium. The club is for both men and women.

Ampolo's main goal is to get together a performing group who will work with him in choreographing an original ballet to be presented at the Modern Dance Festival at the Virginia Museum in March.

## Campus Calendar

- Oct. 8—Image staff meeting, 4 p.m., Student Center, 2-C.
- Oct. 9—German club dance, 8 p.m., gymnasium.
- Oct. 10—Newman club meeting, 6:30 p.m., Rotunda.....
- Oct. 11—Wesley Foundation, 5:15 p.m., Student Center, 2-G.  
German club, 5 p.m., Student Center, 2-B.
- Oct. 12—Phi Beta Lambda meeting, 5 p.m., Hibbs 303.
- Oct. 13—Inter-dorm Council, 6 p.m., Student Center, 2-G.

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## Hollins Chaplain To Speak On Sex

Hollins College Chaplain Alvord Beardslee will speak here Tuesday and Wednesday on "Sex and the College Student" at the first of four freshman orientation programs and in separate assemblies for upperclassmen.

All Freshmen are required to attend Mr. Beardslee's lecture 5 p.m. in the gymnasium as the first in four orientation programs. The plan was introduced this year by the Student Personnel Office to expose a cross-section of the stu-

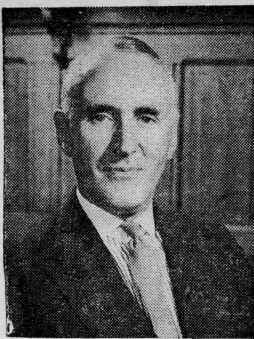
dents to ideas in a variety of areas outside their curriculums.

Freshmen whose last names begin with the letters A-M must attend the Tuesday meeting and the remainder (N-Z), Wednesday.

Students are reminded to bring the white IBM card numbered "1" from their orientation packet, which they should have received during Orientation Week but which may be picked up in the Student Personnel Office by those who have not received them. These cards will be used to keep a record of student attendance.

Mr. Beardslee will present his talk on sex to upperclassmen in two meetings in the Student Center—7:15 p.m. Tuesday to women students and 8:30 Wednesday to male students.

Open to all is his lecture on "Suicide and Freedom," 7:15 p.m. Wednesday in the gym.



David Lidderdale

### British Envoy Due Here Tuesday

David William Shuckburg Lidderdale of the Washington British Embassy will speak on "The British House of Commons as a Workshop" at 2 p.m., Tuesday in Hibbs 303.

The program is being presented by the Department of History and Political Science and the University Center in Virginia.

## Rejected Stories Will Be Printed

An English instructor who was "very upset" because work by some of her students in a creative writing course was rejected last year by the Image has done something about it.

Mrs. Gertrude Curtler, assistant professor of English, announced this week that 1,000 copies of Folio 5, a magazine featuring short stories and poems written by students, will be distributed to interested faculty and students by Monday, October 18.

"What I'm hoping these stories will do," Mrs. Curtler said, "is suggest that the editors of Image might have been overcritical when they complained about the quality of the material submitted to them."

Nine short stories, written last semester by Mrs. Curtler's creative writing class, and 10 poems by members of Mrs. Ulrich Troubetzkoy's poetry class will make up the issue. The illustrations of

an art student also will be featured.

Mrs. Curtler felt that the Image is resented by students because they are being forced to support a publication which doesn't concern them in any way. She stated that last semester's Image only contained two pieces of prose.

"As for the poetry, it was equally esoteric and equally incomprehensible to the average student who, however, was probably smart enough to sense that Image's editors were not only disinterested in him but more than a little contemptuous of him," she said.

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ing attendance in each class will be announced by the instructor."

In 300- and 400-level courses instructors do make their own rules. However, instructors in 100- and 200-level courses receive instruction sheets recommending only three absences be allowed per student and that three tardies equal one absence (these are unexcused absences).

The committee includes Nancy Alexander, assistant professor of Physical Education; James Bailey, director of the School of Education; Dr. Robert Bass, associate professor of Chemistry; Maurice Bonds, head of the Fine Arts Department; John Lambert, associate professor of Business; and Dr. Edwin Thomas, head of the Psychology Department.

### Homecoming Set October 22-23

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Board of Visitors, Robert A. Wilson, addressing the alumni. Mr. Wilson, president of a local advertising firm, will tell alumni about the future of RPI.

The week end will conclude with a dinner at the Hotel Richmond's Winter Garden and dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Reservations can be made through the Alumni Association or through James Dunn, chairman of the Homecoming activities, in the Placement Office, room 22, Administration Building.

### Albee's 'Zoo Story' To Be Given Here

Edward Albee's contemporary play, "The Zoo Story," will be the first production of the "directing class" at 8:30 p.m. October 14 in the Studio Theater at 908 West Franklin St.

## GOP Nominee Chides Opponent At Young Republican Rally Here

Linwood Holton, Republican candidate for governor, at a Young Republican rally Saturday on Shafer Court, charged his opponent Lt. Gov. Mills E. Godwin, democratic nominee for Governor, with "still having a problem with his perspective."

"He's standing so close to the tree, he can't see the forest," Holton said. The Roanoke attorney, citing figures released by the Southern Regional Education Board, of which Gov. Albertis S.

Harrison is chairman, showed Virginia to be third from the bottom among southern states in its percentage of increases in investments for public education during the past five years.

Holton also estimated that over 1,000 qualified high school graduates were denied admission to Virginia's colleges because of lack of space. His source of information, Holton said, was the General Assembly's Commission on Higher Education.

Holton's running mate for lieutenant governor, Vincent F. Callahan, also on hand for the rally, predicted that less than 25 percent of the eligible adults will vote in the general election. Callahan hit the Democrats for "their arrogant and contemptable stand of keeping Virginians from voting." The GOP has advocated revocation of the poll tax, which some believe keeps the voting percentage low in Virginia.

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