

Enrollment may reach 10,000

A total of 9,333 students have enrolled this fall surpassing last year's total of 7,951 by 17 per cent.

Merle V. Slater, director of admissions and registrar, said, "We do expect to hit 10,000 total student body." If this total is reached, RPI will be the first college in Virginia located on one campus to reach that figure.

Slater reported that 5,844 day and 3,489 evening students were registered as of Friday, September 15. Last year at this time 4,817 day and 3,134 evening students had registered.

Late registration ends today at 3:30 p.m. Since 824 students registered during the final period last year, Slater said, "If this trend continues, we could have 10,000 students."

A BREAKDOWN of registered day students includes 5,101 full-time and 743 part-time students. Day enrollment is up 21 per cent over last year. Evening college enrollment is 11 per cent above last year's total.

Although there is no breakdown available of how many of the registered students are freshmen, Slater said that of 4,880 applications received, 2,582 students were accepted for enrollment this semester. This means, he said, "that approximately two students were accepted from every four applications."

Registration was held this semester in the Mosque as it has been in previous years, and Slater said, "Everything went smoothly except the permit line." He referred to the line where students had to receive their permit to register before they were allowed to register.

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Barriers erected on Shafer street

Shafer street was closed between Park avenue and Franklin street last Friday.

The reason given by the administration for the closing of Shafer street is the growing student body which continuously crosses the street to and from classes.

The street was officially closed at 2:15 p.m. by Milton Wallace, Director of the Physical Plant.

Four metal posts connected by a chain form a barricade at either end of the street. A distance of 12 feet has been left to allow emergency vehicles passage into the now closed street.

According to W. O. Edwards, Director of Development, plans are now being studied to beautify the area.

Plans for closing Shafer street originated in September, 1959 when Dr. Henry H. Hibbs, then president of the college, offered a plan to the Board of Visitors proposing the closing of Shafer street along with several alleys on campus.

David Bradley, President of the junior class last year, revived



Staff Photo by John Edwards

President Nelson Surveys the RPI Campus

SGA leader proposes changes for SAC budget allocations

By Donald N. Dulin
Associate Editor

Mark Auman, Student Government Association president who took office late last spring, took sharp issue with allocations proposed last spring for Activities Fund-supported student programs.

Noting that the Student Activities Committee that drew up the allocations last spring was to be reconstituted and its decisions reviewed by a new committee, Auman said he would propose drastic changes in the tentatively set figures for the Cobblestone, both campus magazines, the dance committee and the SGA.

AUMAN WOULD cut \$3,600 off the old committee's \$12,600 allocation to the Cobblestone. He said that the student price per annual should be raised from the present one dollar to three or four. The annual is an expensive publi-

New president gives opinions on local issues

On July 1, Dr. Roland H. Nelson Jr. became the second president RPI has ever had. Formerly chairman of the department of education at Duke University, Dr. Nelson succeeded Dr. George J. Oliver, president since 1959.

The new president, 39, brought with him his own ideas about the administration and the role of an urban college, which he says should be "truly concerned with the problems of an urban age."

And Dr. Nelson has his formula for handling the problems. He approaches new proposals and ideas not only from the front, but from the back and sides to get an objective view. Dr. Nelson added that students sometimes overlook that the college must please a number of groups, including the state of Virginia, the alumni, the students, the faculty and administration.

Issues at RPI and Dr. Nelson have met and become acquainted.

The president believes that fraternities tend to serve a less positive purpose in urban colleges than they do in isolated ones.

But he does agree with their overall objectives.

Fraternities, he believes, should be established according to two guidelines. First, they must show that they can perform a function which cannot be performed by another organization. Second, fraternities must not perform negatively—they must not adversely affect the college.

Students, he said, are often unhappy over certain rules and they should question those rules which seem unfair or arbitrary. However, responsibility attaches itself to the student's lot, and simply because students don't like a rule, it isn't necessarily a bad one, he said.

The president further commented that if a student wants to have a rule changed he should go to the official responsible for its interpretation and try to get a new interpretation. If this change is not possible, then the student should try to persuade the same official to recommend a change in policy to the rule-making body.

Dr. Nelson sees the Student Government Association's relationship to the administration as a two-fold one.

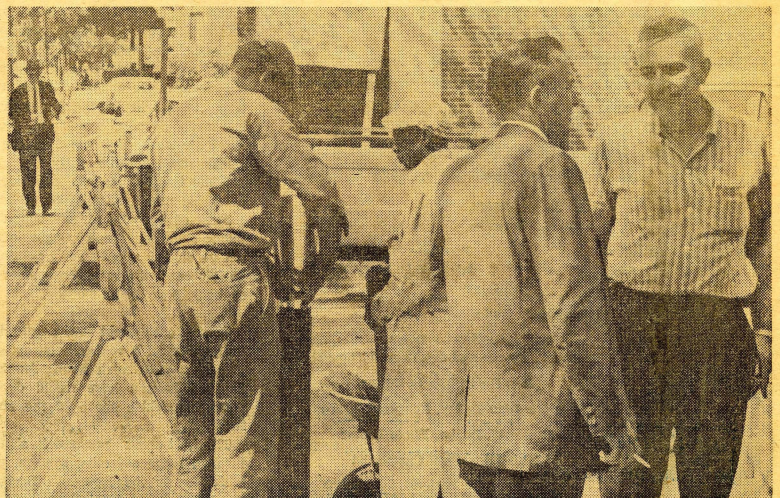
First, the SGA should be a communications medium to reflect student views to the administration. Second, the SGA can help to interpret administrative policies to the students.

He also said that he would like the SGA to give serious study to both the existing and projected programs that seem important to the overall education of the students and to recommend improvements.

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Drop-Add

The add-drop period ends today. Merle V. Slater, director of admissions and registrar, said early this week, "The add-drop lines have either dropped out from fatigue or we're handling them."



Staff Photo by Emil Soukup

Workmen Put Up the Permanent Barricade to Close Shafer
Earl Beck (Second from Right) Discusses the Street Closing

We're Glad, Finally

Shafer Street is closed, but we're a little too tired to cheer.

Of course we're happy about the closing of the street, and in another eight or ten years we could probably expect equally pleasing feats from the powers that be in this "All America City." In all honesty, we can view the closing of one small block of a very small street as only a slight recognition by Richmond that RPI does indeed exist.

When the chains went up at either end of the block last week, they completed a drama that began in September, 1959 (see story, page 1). Yes, it was in 1959 that Dr. Henry H. Hibbs first suggested to the Board of Visitors that the street be closed.

Last year the wheels began to roll again when the administration resumed deliberation with city council. Students joined the drive to close the street after David Bradley, the junior class president, suggested that the Student Congress take part in pushing for the closing.

Luckily, there have been no serious accidents on the street. But with more than 20,000 pedestrian crossings on the street daily, there could well have been many.

But perhaps Richmond is realizing that RPI does indeed exist—does, in fact, contribute a great deal to this city. Many cash registers in this city rings daily with purchases by RPI students.

And, of course, there is always the procession of graduates who join the city's work force.

Yes, perhaps those chains that closed Shafer st. signify more than just a street closing. Perhaps they can be interpreted as a form of awakening by the city that we're here to stay, and that it would be to Richmond's advantage as well as ours to help this college grow.

Dr. Nelson

Returning and new students who arrived Sunday, September 10, may have seen a young and vigorous man hustling about greeting students, shaking hands and introducing himself.

For those who may not have met him, the affable gentleman was Dr. Roland H. Nelson Jr., RPI's new president. And that handshaking was not a rarity with Dr. Nelson. It was a personification of a man who in only a few months in office has become known and respected by officials and students alike.

RPI's rapid growth has posed problems never before envisioned, and the college's special geographical location adds to the heap of headaches we face. With these problems facing RPI, Dr. Nelson's arrival comes none too soon. The General Assembly next spring will be considering a budget request from RPI that more than doubles any previous appropriations and there is a good chance that RPI will be engaged in some form of merger with the Medical College of Virginia in the near future. The college is being called on to supply more and more practical courses aimed at benefiting members of this and other metropolitan areas. With these potentially great opportunities ahead, we need a powerful spokesman—a man to place RPI in the best possible bargaining position.

We wish Dr. Nelson the best of luck in his efforts here. Students may not always agree with him. Certainly the **Proscript** does not promise always to agree with him. But he, along with anyone else working to make this a great university has our support.

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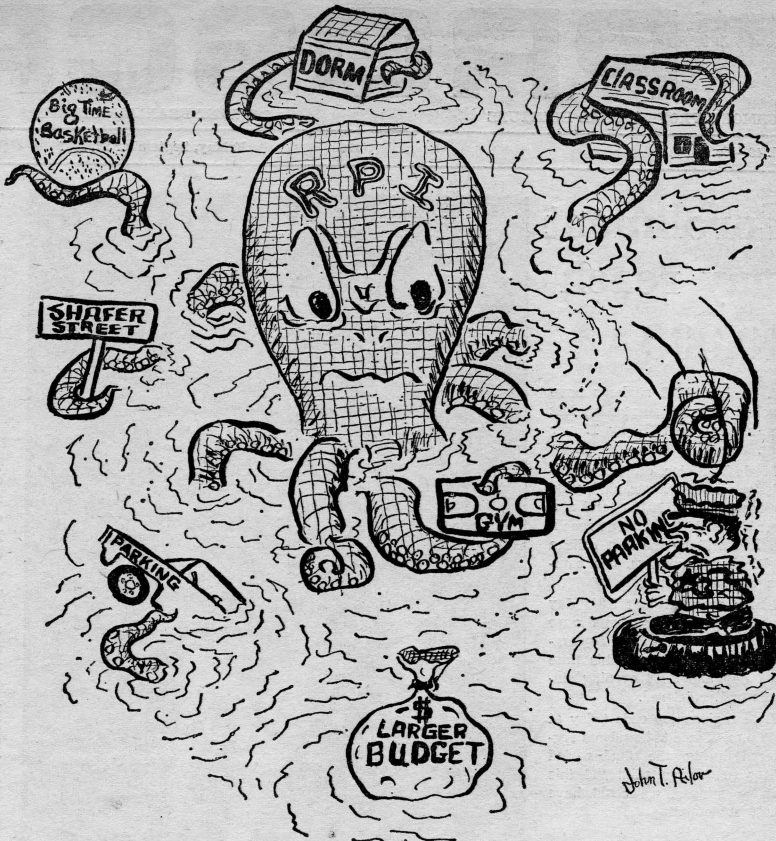
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We look forward to an enjoyable year. The newspaper can be made enriching with your participation.

A New Era

With the announcement of the hiring of Benny Dees as head basketball coach at RPI, the college has taken a big step forward. This move, on top of the acceptance of the college into Mason-Dixon Conference membership, beginning in 1968, shows the quality of athletics at the school is on the rise.

Dees seems to be an eager young man anxious to sink his teeth into the basketball program on the Cobblestone Campus. His record and association with Viv Bubas of Duke, one of the most highly regarded coaches in the country, lead one to believe that Dees is the right man for the job.

This is not meant to take anything away from the previous basketball coach Ed Allen, but when a college grows as fast as this one has in the past few years the athletic program and staff must grow to meet the need. Dees appointment will allow Allen to concentrate on baseball, which has been taking a downward course, and allow him to develop cross-country into a competitive fall sport, something which RPI has never had.

The Observer

Research Bureau Hit

By Donald N. Dulin

The House of Representatives was informed this week of an extension of the executive branch of the SGA, or what might be more appropriately called an over-extension or invasion.

The executive branch, or the president and his appointees, will be running something called a Research Bureau, which will "collect and disseminate data of interest to the Student Body, Administration and Faculty."

While the bureau is a good idea and has considerable merit, as devised, it has drawbacks.

First of all, any agency which will be polling public opinion and collecting objective data should not be closely allied to any political organization. In this case, the research bureau is an extension of the SGA president's office.

Secondly, to avoid corrupt practices and insure independence, a research bureau should have its own money to work with. As devised, the student-led bureau here would depend on money from the SGA's share of the student activities fund.

Third, bureau personnel should be chosen through some objective system, preferably competitive. As the Research Bureau now stands, the bureau director is appointed by the student government president. Then, together, the director and president appoint the other staff members, who serve at the discretion of the director

and president. Even the faculty advisor to the bureau is chosen by the director.

Thus, the SGA president has his foot in the door at every turn.

The irregularities should be and can easily be corrected.

SGA support for the research bureau is a desired thing, since the SGA would benefit greatly from the bureau findings in a variety of areas. But this is where the affiliation with the government should end. That the bureau is directly under the thumb of the president is obviously wrong. The bureau must be an independently functioning agency.

Funds for such an agency should be separate from the SGA allocation. To function independently, an agency must be financially independent.

Staffing the student bureau through competitive means on a college campus is probably impossible. Nobody here is an expert or knows enough about intensive and interpretative research to get past question one. Therefore, an appointive system is the only recourse. However, we should not have to rely on one man's judgment.

To get the ball rolling, the SGA Senate should choose the first director of the bureau and in ensuing years the staff should choose its own director.

As far as the staff goes, there should be a "whosoever will may come" arrangement.

Twenty-two hundred students spend week becoming oriented

A new President greeted over 2,200 new students last week during RPI's annual Orientation program.

From the President's address delivered by Dr. Roland H. Nelson to parents of the new students Sunday, September 11, to last Saturday's two President's coffee hours, newcomers became acquainted with the campus and the new head of the college.

ACTIVITIES FOR HIS fall's Orientation combined the old with the new. The system of organizing groups with upperclassmen leaders was reinstated this year. Seventy groups were formed from randomly assigned freshmen and transfer students.

Dean Richard A. MacDougall, Dean of Men and director of Orientation for the past six years, said the system was used again since the number of freshmen and transfer students this fall made it impossible to find one location from which to direct the whole group. Last year the Mosque was used for mass meetings, but the building was unavailable this year due to interior construction.

Auditorium and Room 115 in the Science Building in order to address all the new students.

TRANSFER STUDENTS were addressed at a single Convocation in the Franklin Street Gymnasium.

On Monday, September 12, the English placement test was given and Honor Court Orientation was held. School and departmental meetings began Monday afternoon, and that night the first social activity was held. The Town Criers, a folk-rock singing group, entertained at a dance in the gymnasium.

Departmental meetings and individual advising continued Tuesday, and Math, French and Spanish placement tests were given Tuesday afternoon. Club night began at 6:45 p.m. when campus religious clubs held open house for interested newcomers and other campus clubs set up booths on Shafer Street Court to tell new students of their activities and objectives Tuesday night. The Circle K club sponsored a dance on Shafer Street Court later Tuesday night.

this year by the ladies of Grace and Holy Trinity Church, which borders the Mosque, who served free coffee to students waiting in the registration lines. The Mosque Ballroom was used again this year for registration. Weary freshmen and transfers were rewarded Thursday afternoon with a picnic at Ancarrow Marina in South Richmond. There music was presented by The Tropics band and the singing Robinson Brothers.

REGISTRATION WAS completed Friday and the Student Government Association held a Convocation that afternoon. On Friday night an annual tradition, "Talent Unlimited," was presented by the freshmen themselves and sponsored by the Freshman Advisory Board.

On Saturday an old tradition ended and a new one began. Instead of a reception in the President's home, due to the large number of new students, Dr. and Mrs. Nelson hosted two separate coffee hours in the Hibbs Dining Hall Saturday morning. At these occasions new students were able to meet and chat informally with the President and his wife.

Topping off Orientation week, the German club sponsored a dance Saturday night with Bob Collins and the Fabulous Five as guests.



Staff Photo by John Edwards

The Big Move

Upon returning to campus for the opening of fall semester classes, many students like Marsha Newell, an elementary education transfer student from Winchester, were faced with the unpleasant task of moving their possessions into campus housing facilities.

Hirsuteness abounds

Ban on beards is rescinded

By Larry Evans
Managing Editor

Whether it be due to a deeply-rooted desire to prove ones manhood or just a repugnance toward shaving, beards are back.

The hair-raising experience began in earnest late this summer when the college administration rescinded its views on long hair and beards and stated that "a person's dress and general appearance are considered to be a matter of personal taste."

In stating in the Signpost its feeling's on campus dress, the administration said that it "reserved the right to judge general standards of dress and appearance." The statement in the Signpost also said that if "in the opinion of the faculty and the administration, a student's appearance is inappropriate to the place or occasion, the administration will consult with the student and, if necessary, initiate disciplinary action."

Relaxation of rules about student appearance was hinted at last spring when Dr. Roland H. Nelson, Jr. was named to succeed the retiring Dr. George J. Oliver as president of the college.

DURING AN INTERVIEW soon after he was appointed, Dr. Nelson mentioned that beards, per se, did not hinder the progress of education. With that statement members of the hirsute set got their hopes up.

Controversy over beards and long hair came to a head two years ago when three students attempted to register for classes and were told by the college administration to shave and get hair cuts.

The three students took their case to the Richmond Circuit

Court, which refused to grant them an injunction against the beard and long hair ruling.

TWO OF THE students, Robert Shofner and Salvatore Federico, then submitted to shaves and haircuts and were reinstated in school.

The third student, Norman Marshall, refused to comply with the administration's ban and con-

tinued to fight the case in court.

The senior English major carried his plea to the U.S. Supreme Court, which last November refused to hear the case. The High Court's refusal to judge the case upheld a Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals decision declaring the college had the right to make rules governing the appearance of students.

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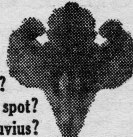
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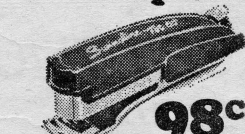
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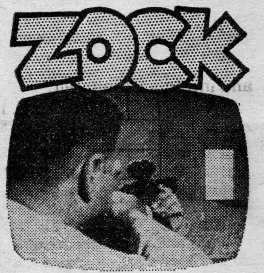
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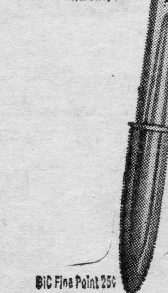
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Fiftieth anniversary will be celebrated at a cost of \$44,000

As the 50th anniversary year of the college begins, the administration, faculty, student groups, parents and alumni are planning a year-long celebration that will cost nearly \$44,000.

The reason for spotlighting the anniversary year is to increase public awareness and esteem for the college, W. O. Edwards, Office of Development said. Faculty, students, alumni and parents will be encouraged to give greater support in planning and attending the special events. Those not directly connected with the college will be shown the importance of RPI in higher education. Among this last group are legislative leaders on the state and municipal levels.

A steering committee, composed of members of the faculty and administration, was appointed by Dr. George J. Oliver, former president of the college. These people will assist the Office of Development in planning and financing the celebration.

W. O. EDWARDS is chairman of the group. Other members are Herbert J. Burgart, dean of the School of Art; Milton Cherry, associate professor of music; Raymond Hodges, professor and head of the Department of Drama; Mary Kapp, professor of chemistry; E. Cofer Loomer, instructor in the School of Distribution; Charles M. Renneisen, Dean of Students; Dojelo C. Russell, assistant professor of Social Work;

and Howard L. Sparks, head of the Special Education, School of Education.

The chairmen of the following subcommittees have been appointed and have begun work in their respective areas: major events, Dr. Burgart; budget, Dr. Renneisen; student involvement, Dr. Renneisen; faculty involvement, Hodges; alumni, parents and friends involvement, James Dunn; Liaison with the Board of Visitors, Edwards.

MAJOR EVENTS proposed by the committee are the opening convocation Oct. 4, 10 a.m. ground-breaking ceremonies for the School of Art building and the library, homecoming for alumni, Richmond Day at RPI, installation of Dr. Nelson, and the dedication of the Monroe Terrace and "700" dormitories.

In addition to these and other special events planned by various groups, the regular college activities will be centered around the anniversary theme.

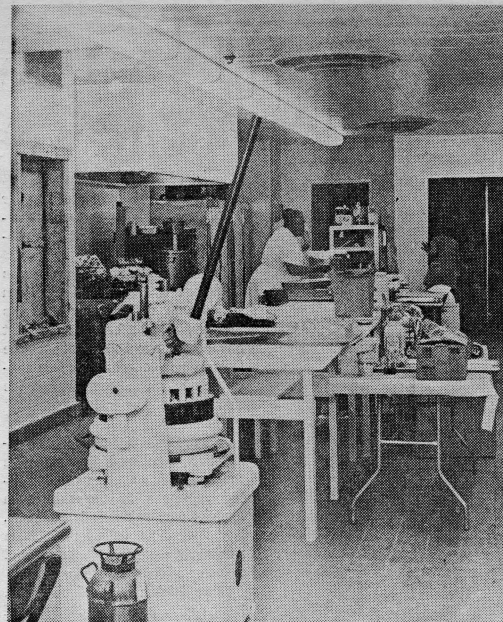
SAC allocations

SGA leader proposes changes

(Continued from Page 1) cations to both campus magazines, Image and Spectrum.

The old committee recommended that each get \$1,125. Auman, calling the publications a "continual drain," proposed that they split \$1,000.

He said that the magazines are taking in ads this year and are "not putting out what the students want to buy."



Staff Photo by John Edwards

What's Cooking?

Kitchen workers prepare to face the onslaught of new students taking advantage of one of the two new cafeterias located in the recently constructed Hibbs building extension. A spokesman said the second eating facility in the building would open in the near future.

Auman says VASG group is only a title

Student Government Association President Mark Auman told the Student House of Representatives Monday night that "if the president of the Virginia Association of Student Government (VASG) doesn't prove himself, I want to get out."

Last year under Auman's leadership the SGA voted to join the VASG.

HOWEVER, HE said the association has been lacking in communication with the SGA in such matters as the payment of membership fees.

Auman said that the organization could be a drain on the student body and the SGA.

The VASG "looks good on paper . . . with committees to co-ordinate activities such as faculty evaluation," Auman noted. However, he was apprehensive that VASG "is just a bunch of people with a lot of titles."

THE SGA Research Bureau, a new extension of the executive branch, was introduced to the House Monday night by John Norcutt, director of the bureau.

Norcutt, Art&Sc3 Richmond, explained that the bureau's purpose would be to collect and disseminate data concerning questions submitted to the bureau by any inquiring group at RPI.

"It is seldom that a particular problem area receives the adequate research and statistical analysis it deserves. Rather it is often necessary to attempt solutions . . . through the 'hit or miss' method," Norcutt explained in his introductory letter to the SGA.

AFTER STUDYING a particular problem, the Research Bureau is supposed to make recommendations to the SGA.

In other House business this week, Barrie Jones, chairman of the concert and dance committee, outlined plans for RPI's first Homecoming, which is to become an annual affair.

A joint session of the Student Congress will be held Monday, October 2 at 5:30 p.m. in Hibbs 402.

Enrollment figures rise

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Schools and administrative offices had booths set up around the ballroom, and students moved from place to place picking up course cards. Three checkout stations completed the registration process after all students cards were checked and payment cards were checked and payment cards stamped paid.

The add-drop period ends today after what Slater termed earlier this week as a successful period. He said, "Either they are falling down from fatigue or we're handling them," referring to the long lines outside the Office of Student Records.

SLATER EXPRESSED the hope that the add-drop period can be shortened next year "to two or three days."

Class rolls were printed within 24 hours after the last student was registered last Friday, Slater said, and the IBM computer center will have permanent class rolls ready after the add-drop period ends today.

President states views on RPI's future role

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With Dr. Nelson, the stress is on the individual. He had not been here a month before the administration changed its position on beards and appearance. Dr. Nelson does not see how a beard can affect a student's academic prowess. But in his democratic way, the new president will not stand for one student's rights infringing upon another's rights.

Dr. Nelson came to RPI with a long line of educational endeavors behind him. He holds an A.B. degree from Duke University, a masters from the University of Virginia and a doctorate from Harvard.

Since his beginning as a high school teacher of history and English, the new president has been the assistant dean of arts

and sciences at the University of Louisville, Ky., and associate dean of the school of education at Northwestern University.

Janitor shot

Pauline Grant, 29, of Richmond, has been charged with felonious assault in the shooting of an RPI janitor Monday morning.

The janitor, identified as Linwood M. Campbell, was shot at approximately 10:15 a.m. in the Student Center at 916 W. Franklin st.

Campbell, 28, was taken to Medical College of Virginia, where he was listed in satisfactory condition on Tuesday.

Hearing has been set for September 28.

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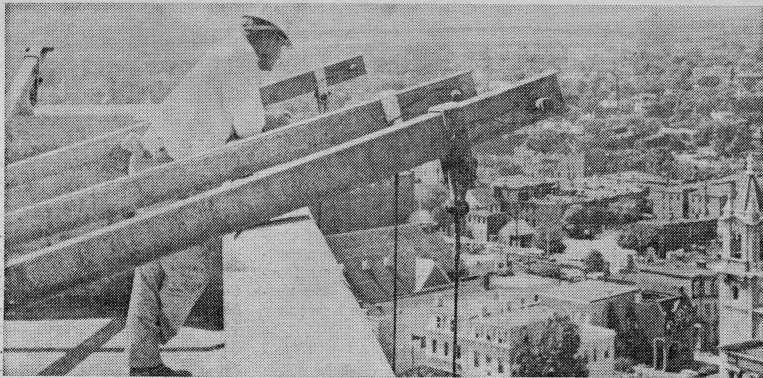
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View From the Top

A workman pauses to admire the view from atop the 18-story women's dormitory presently under construction at the corner of Laurel and W. Franklin sts. The 700 building, so named for its capacity to house 700 women, is scheduled for completion early next year. Pictured at the right is a view of the building from the sidewalk.

College's race for space leads up, down and around

By Christy Cooke

Financially speaking, how much is RPI worth?

Last year the value of its physical plant was about \$6,242,947. However, due to the vast amount of construction under way, RPI's value will increase to approximately \$20 million by July 1968, according to William O. Edwards of the Development Office.

An anticipated enrollment of 10,330 students reveals that RPI's student body has doubled in five years. Continued growth in the future is predicted. Thus, the construction program has virtually become a race for space.

Major construction projects are the Hibbs Building extension, "700 Dorm," a new library, gymnasium addition and classroom building for the School of Art.

Both federal and state funds have been granted to aid these educational facilities.

NEARING COMPLETION, the Hibbs extension will alleviate somewhat the problem of classroom space. Accommodating mainly the School of Arts and Sciences, its 18 large classrooms are windowless.

A larger book store is included in the Hibbs extension as well as 25 faculty offices. In addition, there are two cafeterias (one for faculty, the other for students) and a walnut-paneled President's dining room.

The Hibbs cafeteria for students is replacing the one in Founder's Hall, which is now used for Arts and Crafts. After construction is completed it will accommodate about 1,700 students on the boarding plan, according to Robert Monroe, cafeteria manager.

THE TOWERING "700 Dorm," called this because of its capacity

and location in the 700 block of Franklin St., "might be finished during the first semester," said Mrs. Jane Bell Gladding, dean of women.

THE 700 Dorm's 18-story tower has a three-story wing with sliding walls that open onto a dance patio.

The first floor of the tower will have reception and television rooms, mail boxes and residence administrative offices.

Located in a sub-level will be an art studio, reference library, music practice rooms and art studies quarters.

Each floor will house 45 to 50 co-eds whose rooms will be furnished in walnut.

CONSTRUCTION of the new 72,000 square foot library will begin this spring and should be completed the spring of 1969, according to Raymond T. Holmes, comptroller.

The current library holds only about 75,000 volumes, but the new ultra-modern building will have an initial capacity of 200,000 volumes.

Location of the library, which will cover most of a block, will be on Park Ave. bordered by Linden Street and Cathedral Place.

In preparation for the big demolition job, the college has obtained 21 properties at this site.

Relieving still further RPI's race for space, a new physical education building will extend from the present gymnasium to Monroe Terrace.

AN OLYMPIC swimming pool (80 feet by 37 feet) and a large locker room for men will occupy the basement of this building, which is to be advertised for bidding within a week, according to Holmes.

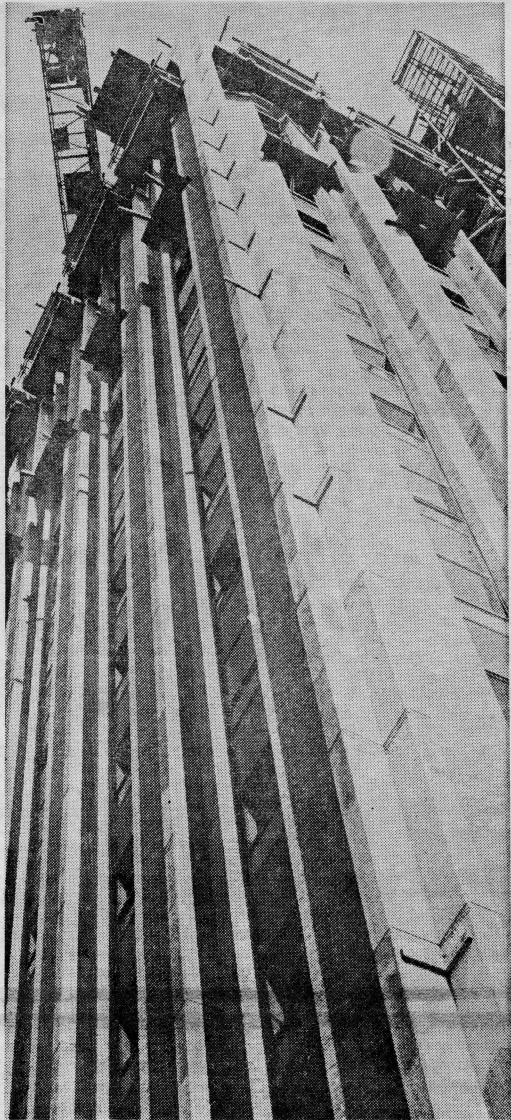
Comprising the first floor will be a men's gymnasium seating approximately 2,000 and a small snack bar.

A second floor is to have two large physical education classrooms and four smaller ones.

And what will become of the present gymnasium? It will belong to the co-eds, according to Milton I. Wallace, director of the physical plant. Co-eds living in Monroe Terrace will be able to walk from the dormitory to the gymnasium without going outside.

The new Physical Education building will be "ready for occupancy approximately 18 months after bidding," Holmes said.

ANOTHER construction project will provide 33 classrooms for the School of Art.



Staff Photo by Billy Burke

Deferred enrollment program found unappealing by students

Sharon Santos, a freshman majoring in English Education from Portsmouth, is one campus newcomer who didn't participate in the frenzy of orientation activities.

In fact, Sharon won't be seen on campus this fall. She is one of four female dormitory freshmen who chose RPI's new deferred enrollment plan.

Instituted this past summer, the plan allows Sharon and the others who chose it to complete their freshman year of studies beginning February 1. Sharon has completed twelve semester credits toward her major in the 1967 summer session.

The letter of acceptance sent by the registrar's office to all new female admissions offered two choices of enrollment; one suggesting a summer-spring schedule, and the second allowing the usual fall-spring schedule with the probability of increased cost of off-campus housing for several months of the fall semester.

MERLE V. SLATER, director of admissions and registrar, said he feels the additional \$1.50 per day charged to girls housed off campus awaiting completion of the 700 Dormitory, at the corner of Laurel and Franklin streets, did not deter female applicants who are now living off campus. Apparently the deferred enrollment plan did not appeal to ap-

plicants, however, as Mr. Slater said, "Four accepted the (deferred enrollment) plan, but I think only two showed up."

Sharon, a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School in Portsmouth, is one who did choose the plan and said she accepted it on the spur of the moment.

"I got the letter on Thursday, June 15," she said, referring to her letter of acceptance. "Friday I came up here to talk with the registrar and my adviser; Saturday I went shopping; and Sunday, June 18, I came up to live in Monroe Terrace."

SUMMER CLASSES began Monday, June 19.

Sharon chose RPI for two reasons. She had heard good reviews of the English department, and her older sister Sylvia had attended the college.

To complete twelve hours of work, Sharon took three nine-week courses, English 101, Math 105 and Sociology 205. She began a six-week day course in English 102 on July 28. Her semester was completed on September 8, just in time to return home before the campus was swamped with "regular" freshmen undergoing orientation beginning Monday, September 11.

NOW WHEN other students are settling down to classes, Sharon is pounding the sidewalks of her home town looking for a job — to last approximately five

months until her classes resume in February. Sharon doesn't think she will have any difficulty finding a job because "I can type and do office work."

Looking on the bright side of her situation Sharon said her adviser assured her that "I won't have to come next summer. I'll be taking half-year courses in biology and other subjects second semester but eventually I'll catch up."

Cobblestone lists staff

"We hope the 1968 Cobblestone will be the most different, interesting, and best yearbook RPI has ever produced," stated Patti Jones, Eled4 Richmond, editor of the Cobblestone staff.

Assisting Patti in compiling the publication will be Pam Ramey, Bus4 Warrenton, assistant editor; Denny Attillisi, CA4 Falls Church, layout editor; Janice Foster, J3 Richmond, copy editor; Elsa Perry, Acc3 Chesapeake, business manager; Jim Sanders, Eled4 Bon Air, and Ray Berbit, Mgt4 Philadelphia, photographers.

There will be a meeting for all students interested in working on the Cobblestone staff at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, September 27, on the third floor of the Student Center. "We urge any students who wish to contribute to the Cobblestone to attend this meeting," Jones said.

Property is added as college expands

For expansion purposes, RPI has acquired many properties within the last two years.

The college now owns 23 properties in the 900 block of Park ave., the prospective of the new library.

Presently much of the housing in this block is being used for temporary dormitories until the new "700 Dorm" is completed.

One of RPI's biggest purchases, according to Ernest V. Woodall, bursar, is the Franklin Terrace

Apartments (812 and 814 West Franklin st.). Faculty offices and classrooms for art and business students will be conducted there, thus eliminating some overcrowded classes.

Two co-ed dormitories have also been added to the college's expansion program this year. These are 810 and 920 West Franklin st.

A relatively new purchase, 926 Park ave. is temporarily being used to house men.

Co-ed finds pageant informative

By Cheryl Patteson

"Everybody was hugging everyone else; we didn't know what was up."

This was Miss RPI's reflection on her first reaction to the news that she was chosen one of the ten finalists of the 1967 Miss Virginia pageant.

Asked how it felt to be a celebrity, bubbly Noel Walsh, MusEd 4, Newport News, replied, "I never thought of it like that."

As the representative from RPI for the state title which precedes the competition for the Miss America title, Noel spent five days competing against 38 other girls in Roanoke. The girls were judged through the entire week of July 10-15, as well as the two nights of competition previous to the final Saturday night, which was telecast state-wide.

"Everywhere you went, the judges were there, but you didn't see them, or weren't directly put with them."

All of the contestants were assigned a chaperone and a studio hostess during their five day stay in Roanoke. Their schedule was tight, with little recreation.

UPON THEIR arrival at Roanoke the girls participated in

taped interviews for radio and television and were photographed.

"You know, you'd put on a swimsuit and walk through the hotel. Then you had two minutes

to get into an evening gown for pictures. Then you had various group pictures after that." They later appeared in a parade.

Breakfast was served at 7:30



Staff Photo by Horton Belme

Noel Walsh Is Crowned Miss RPI

Special committee chairman urges constitutional change

Unless our current Constitution is drastically altered, student government will be destroyed here within five years.

Such is the opinion of Roland Worth Jr., chairman of the special committee on constitutional revision, which met three times this summer to prepare a tentative draft of a new constitution.

"We are writing a constitution . . . that will be adaptable to changing needs, just as we have in our federal Constitution," Worth said. "We are not thinking of one year, but of ten, twenty, thirty or more."

Worth, H4 Richmond, compared the present Constitution to a voodoo doll. It was being "amended to death," he said, as though everyone was "sticking pins into it."

WITHIN THE NEXT two months the tentative draft will be presented in a referendum to the student body for reactions and criticism. Later the revision committee will conduct open hearings.

Under the tentative draft, the most important change will be

the method of selecting House members, Worth continued. He emphasized that commuting students should have more adequate representation in the House. Dormitory students have a larger voice because they elect House representatives, he stressed.

Therefore, the tentative draft will balance this situation by making provisions for several representatives to be elected at large, thus representing the entire student body.

ANOTHER AIM of the tentative draft is to increase the power of the executive branch.

"Right now the President's power is split and it is very uncertain what he can do," Worth observed.

The new constitution will state the President's privileges in more generic, elastic terms.

If the tentative draft is approved by the student Congress, one of the president's expressed powers being considered by the committee will be that of appointing the Student Government Association secretary and treasurer, two positions which have

always been elected by the student body.

Justification of appointing these two offices is that "their work is administrative rather than executive," Worth explained.

A presidential cabinet comprised of the SGA vice president and other appointees is another addition the committee suggests in their draft.

Jody Forman, one of the revision committee's members, presented a new approach in the Honor Court structure. She proposed that the investigative function of the Honor Court be separated from the judicial. In other words, court members who investigate a case cannot serve on the jury.

Last April there was some controversy on whether the student Congress would remain a bicameral body or become unicameral.

However, the revision committee rejected this proposal.

"Everything we have done is still subject to change," Worth commented, but "through student interest a better government can and will be adopted."

a.m. sharp, and the contestants were driven to the theater with their chaperones at 8 a.m.

Noel recalled some inconveniences in the schedule, which occurred on the first night of competition. The girls were all eating supper, unaware until informed, that they had five minutes in which to dress before they left for the studio.

None of the girls was allowed to talk to any males all week. "Even my father," reminisced Noel. "When I wanted to talk person-to-person on the phone to him, it had to be done through my chaperone."

ALL OF THE contestants shared the same feelings of nervousness. Although there were no talent rehearsals, Noel described the run-throughs for stage positions as being, "a wee bit hectic."

"You went through positions on stage for the opening number. They just picked any 10 of the 39 of us and let them be the guinea pigs to run through." This was done in preparation for the finals, since no one knew who would be selected until the last night.

"THEY ALSO HAD to be sure everyone looked into the camera . . . if there was any nerve-wracking part, it was finding the marks on stage and being sure you were on the right one." She described the cameramen as being understanding and helpful throughout the rehearsals.

The participants also practiced dancing on stage. "No one really knew what to do . . . We worried about what foot to start on and who do I dance with? But if you weren't one of the first in evening competition, you didn't get to dance on stage anyway."

"After the first night, it was just a part of you. You lived at the theater. It had to be part of you."

Asked at what moment the jitters plagued her the worst, she thought for a moment before replying and said, "When it was all over, it finally hit you . . . I think the highlight was Saturday night."

Of her performance in the talent division, Noel said, "It was

real exciting, because I felt that the audience was in my hands when I sang . . . I think I did the best I could."

WAS SHE very upset at not becoming Miss Virginia for 1967? "No. I feel that once you get that far, you've done what you feel is your best; there's no use going to pieces. I do feel that RPI would have been honored, and I'm hoping next year RPI will go all the way."

The petite senior said that she thoroughly enjoyed the chance to compete, because she considered it an educational experience in itself.

"You learned a lot about how other beauty contests are run . . . You learn also to make friends for a lifetime with all these girls."

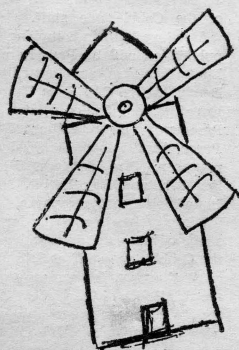
"Everyone was friendly. It was just like you'd known them for years, just as soon as you said hello . . . When some of the girls' outfits were the same, no one seemed to mind. Everyone was so good to us, and what was so nice was they gave us each a contestants' book with everyone's name and address." "Two of the girls," said Noel, "will be here as freshmen this year."

"The nicest thing is that some of the girls are asked to come back each year to be in the Honor Corps and entertain."

Noel was already a friend of the new Miss Virginia, Barbara Jane Yost, who accompanied her at the piano.

Between being a semifinalist for the Miss Virginia title and twice Miss RPI, she says the latter has meant more personally. "It's not only being Miss RPI, but through the chaperones and sponsors that went with me, the image of RPI was improved. Many people have misconceptions about RPI."

Asked what she believed was the deciding factor that put her in the top ten, she commented, "It could have had a lot to do with my interview, but I think talent was the number one factor I had going for me." The ten finalists were announced one hour before the pageant finals were televised July 15.

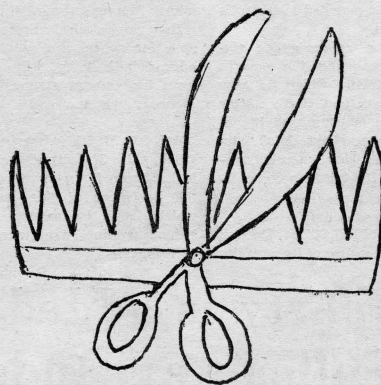


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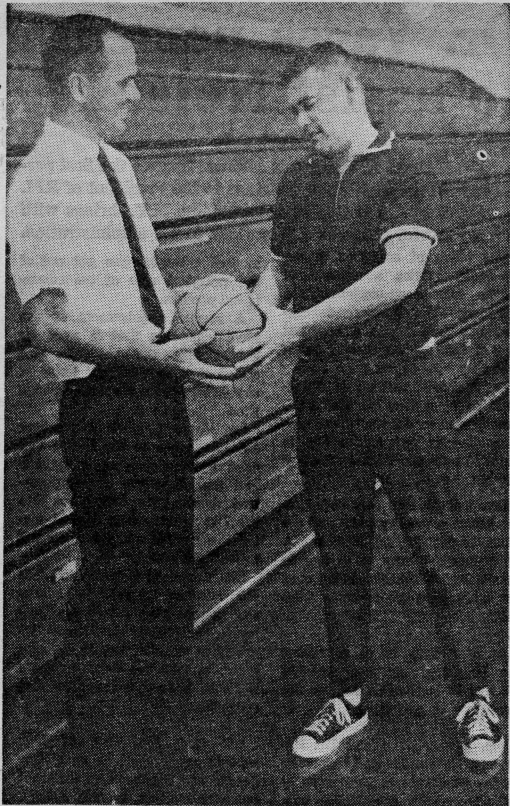
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Basketball Coach Benny Dees is Shown on the Right
With Him is Assistant Coach Buck Jones

New basketball coach hired to build program

RPI has hired a new basketball coach in an attempt to build up the school's basketball program, according to James W. Bailey, Assistant Dean of the College. He is Benny Dees, a highly successful junior college coach from Georgia.

Dees was recommended to Dr. Roland H. Nelson Jr., new president of RPI, by Duke University basketball coach Vic Bubas. Dr. Nelson came to RPI from Duke, where he knew Bubas.

"Because of RPI's interest in joining the Mason-Dixon Conference and the National Collegiate Athletic Association, and because we don't have a well-rounded athletic program including football, we have decided to emphasize basketball," said Bailey. "And we believe the hiring of Mr. Dees as basketball coach to be a step in this direction."

Dees succeeds Ed Allen as head basketball coach. Coach Allen will take over the new cross-country team and will continue to coach the baseball team.

Allen will also teach physical education classes.

Buck Jones, assistant coach under Allen the past two years, will remain in that position under Dees.

"I think we're very, very, lucky to have him", said Coach Dees. "I think he is one of the fine young minds in basketball."

Dees coached the past five years at Baldwin Junior College in Georgia. Baldwin is a member of the Georgia Junior College Conference and of the National Junior College Athletic Association. Bubas recommended Coach

Co-ed cagers

The 1967-68 edition of the co-ed basketball team has scheduled its first meeting for 5 p.m. Monday in room Gym C. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Birindelli in the same office.

Dees to Dr. Nelson because of his outstanding abilities as a player and coach according to Bailey.

Dees overall record at Baldwin was 102-40, and last year his team racked up 26 wins while losing only one. His teams won the conference title twice and the state Junior College title once. Baldwin was ranked 13th nationally last year. The year before Dees took over as basketball coach there, Baldwin won only three games.

Coach Dees became acquainted with Bubas while working at a summer camp and coaching clinics in the South.

Dees is a native of Tifton, Georgia, and played college ball at the University of Wyoming. He lettered three years in both basketball and baseball there.

Football Forecast

Last year the Proscript added a feature where members of the staff predicted the outcome of certain college football games involving Virginia teams. This year the staff will continue this with hope of attaining a higher right-wrong percentage than the 67.3 per cent of last year's staff. The staff is positive that they will do better than the local newspapers as well as the national wire services and other professional prognosticators.

As the fearless forecasters embark on the new season they all have one thing in common in that they all have perfect records. Now to introduce the forecasters: John Edwards, who is the editor

of the paper, and since John is the "big man" he said that he will finish with the best record.

Larry Evans, managing editor, is confident that he will lead the forecasters since he the number two man on the paper and every-

Horton Beirne, co-news editor is next, and he claims that his knowledge of football is confined to the fact that it is played outside.

Don Dulin, associate editor, knows nothing about football either.

Judy Thomason is the other news-editor and the only female of the fearless forecasters.

Ray Reed is next. Reed is a sports reporter and the junior member of the staff, so he won't be right very often.

Last, but not least, is Emil Soukup who says that he has an inside line on the games and will do anything to come out on top.

Sports

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body knows number two tries harder.

Next is Ken Heite, the sports editor. Heite will probably have the lowest mark even though this pertains to his line of work.

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R-M-Millersville St.	R-M	R-M	R-M	R-M	R-M	Mil	R-M	R-M
B. C.-W. Va. Tech	Tech	B.C.	Tech	Tech	B.C.	Tech	Tech	Tech
H-SC-Shepherd	H-S	H-S	H-S	H-S	H-S	H-S	H-S	H-S
Va. St.-Howard	How	V-S	How	V-S	V-S	V-S	V-S	How
Hampton-Shaw	Ham	Shaw	Ham	Ham	Ham	Ham	Shaw	Ham
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Crew gets barge

The RPI crew has acquired a training barge according to coach Donald Bowles. The barge, a 32 foot flat bottom boat used to train oarsmen, will be ready for the first practice. The barge is equipped with a pathway down the middle with room for 10 oars.

Bowles also announced that the first meeting for all candidates for the crew will be 3 p.m., Monday in room 303 of the Hibbs building. All candidates interested in being oarsmen, coxswains, or managers are asked to attend.

One major change in the program this year is that all members of the crew will be required to swim 100 yards.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting coach Bowles.

Cross-country squad hopes to run this Fall

RPI will have a fall sport this year for the first time in over 20 years if coach Ed Allen can find enough boys to form a cross-country squad.

The college needs a fall sport before it can participate in the Mason Dixon Intercollegiate Athletic Conference but only a few boys attended the cross country organizational meeting held Tuesday afternoon.

Coach Allen plans two dual meets and to participate in the

annual Virginia small college meet if he can organize a complete team. The dual meets would be held with Randolph-Macon and Hampden-Sydney.

Because RPI has no facilities for a cross-country team, arrangements have been made for the use of the University of Richmond track.

Anyone interested in participating is asked to contact coach Allen in the Franklin St. Gymnasium as soon as possible.

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Annual Rat Week to begin Monday

Rat Week, sponsored annually by the junior class, will begin September 25 and continue through September 30.

Juniors who have paid their class dues and received class cards may request freshman rats to perform duties for them. Freshman may participate as rats by purchasing a rat hat for 50c. Participation is voluntary.

The rat week is under the reign of the Rat Court which includes ten members. The court consists of the five class officers and five others selected by the junior class. They are David Bradley Ad3 Salem, president; Donald Strosnider, Ed3 Montpelier, Vice president; Richard Jessee, Dis3

Lebanon, secretary; Connie Williams, SoSc3 Hopewell, treasurer; Nellie Sue Layman, A3 Healing Springs, senator; Richard Abbott, Dis3 Annandale; Lenard Shields, B3 Richmond; Judy Bock, ED3 Rockville, Md.; Mary Tanner, A3 Rocky Mount, N. C.; and Robin Tate, A3 Winchester, Ky.

Rat Court is held once each day of Rat Week at noon in Shafer Court to discipline disobedient rats. A disobedient rat is one who breaks any of the six rules he must follow.

He must wear his rat hat at all times during rat week, with exceptions for classes, evenings and off-campus attire.

Rats must carry a sign, cut in the shape of a rat with specified information.

Rats must carry at all times an egg with five juniors' signatures, a toothbrush, a plastic spoon, fifty small birthday candles, a baby bottle, and bubble gum.

Rats must use every courtesy with juniors, addressing them as Sir and Ma'am and tipping rat hats.

Rats must memorize the definition of a rat.

The Rat Court is the only body with the privilege of calling floods or air raids. No ratting may take place in the cafeteria.

Turn-out day is held Friday, Sept. 30. This is the day when rats may rat the juniors. To rat a junior, the Freshman must have their class cards.

Saturday, Oct. 1, the Freshman Rat Court will choose a Rat King and Queen who will be honored at a dance Saturday.



Dr. Richard S. Vacca
Assistant to President

Byrd hotel used as dorm

Approximately 51 co-eds are living off campus, under supervision, at the William Byrd Motor Hotel this year. The William Byrd, located at 2501 W. Broad st., is housing girls until the new "700" dormitory is completed.

According to Mrs. Jane Bell Gladding, dean of women, there are three areas of housing besides the standard dormitories. The first is the William Byrd Motor Hotel. The second and third areas are those temporary houses that have been assigned pending completion of the new dormitory, and those temporary houses which have been assigned for housing but will be demolished later in the year to make way for new campus buildings.

The 900 block, southside, of Park ave., now in use as co-ed housing, will be demolished so construction on the new library can begin. Buildings at 921 and 810 W. Franklin st. will be vacated at a later date.

Dr. Vacca named to assist Nelson

By Al Shahda

Dr. Richard S. Vacca this summer became the first person to hold the position of assistant to the President of RPI. Dr. Vacca, a native of Schenectady, N.Y., brings with him a youthful (30 year old) outlook to the administration.

The office of assistant to the President carries a number of duties. Dr. Vacca explained, the president of a dynamic institution like RPI needs a constant flow of information coming in on a variety of subjects.

Dr. Vacca's position is differentiated from that of vice president in that he does not have persons directly under him; he is there to help the President carry out his many duties.

DR. VACCA also acts as a liaison between the President and the other administration officials. A third internal duty is to handle details which the President may not have time to consider himself.

Another duty is to represent the President at engagements when it is impossible for the President to attend.

DR. VACCA first met Dr. Roland H. Nelson Jr. while working on his Doctorate in Education at Duke University (Dr. Nelson was formerly chairman of Department of Education at Duke.)

Dr. Vacca's favorite subject is education. Although he was quick to admit that it is impossible to give a good definition of education, he did give a brief description of the ideal school as he envisions it.

THE SCHOOL, Dr. Vacca said, must attempt to provide the theoretical side of education, but at the same time must show the

student what he can get out of the practical side of the educational process.

A second requirement of the ideal school is that it must be honest with the students. He added that he does not know of any school that fits the description.

Dr. Vacca predicts that school administrators in the future will need a knowledge of computers and the utilization of computerized data. "We cannot go into the 21st century with the old system; we must change with the times," he added.

Dr. Vacca was graduated this past summer from Duke University, where he obtained his Doctorate in Education. His undergraduate degree was in government, and he has done graduate work in history, economics, and education.

HE HAS TAUGHT at high schools in New York and New Jersey and has been an assistant basketball coach in high school. He has also sponsored a high school student council and a Key Club.

During the 1966-67 school year he was a graduate assistant at the Duke University Department of Education and also served as vice president of Kappa Delta Pi, the Duke University Education Honor Society.

Dr. Vacca is married to the former Nancy R. Turner. They have two children; Richard Steven, 5 and Lynn Marie, 3.

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