

Public honor trials approved



Staff Photo by Billy Burke

SENIOR ANNOUNCEMENTS—A senior orders announcements in the Quadrangle of the Hibbs building. The announcements may be ordered through today, at a cost of 17 cents each. Orders for thank-you notes are also being taken.

RPI to be discussed

General Assembly opens new session

By Pat Hooper

The General Assembly opened its 1968 session this week and it will be considering several issues directly connected with RPI.

Among others to be brought up, the main issues are the Wayne Commission Report, and the college's capital outlay request of \$16 million.

Thomas P. Bryan, a member of the Board of Visitors and a delegate from Richmond, this week said, "As a member of the Board of Visitors, I have approved the Wayne report and will support it." He continued that he would like to see the report remain as it is, using the city site as the location so the university could expand within the city.

Bryan said that the assembly should follow the recommendations of the commission, although he acknowledged the probability of requests from the floor suggesting the Elco Tract, state-owned property in Henrico County.

When asked if he thought the report would undergo any change

while being considered by the Assembly, he said it depends upon where the bill is presented, whether to the House of Delegates or the Senate. He assumes that the report and enabling legislation will be referred to the committees on education and

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- The RPI Cagers lose again. For the sad details, see page 7.

Open trials are now option of the accused

By Craig Sirles

The Honor Council has passed a motion giving a person accused of an honor offense the option of a public trial if he desires it.

The motion, introduced by John Norcutt, Honor Council member, is a reversal of previous court policy. Under the old rule, all trials were closed.

Two other proposals concerning Council procedures were also brought up by Norcutt and passed at the meeting. One of them abolished secrecy among Honor Council members concerning trials and the other involved the administration of a test for all new Council members, quizzing them on their knowledge of the Honor Code.

A fourth Norcutt-proposed motion that would require all new Honor Council members to participate in at least two mock trials before sitting at formal trials was tabled.

NORCUTT said, "The accused student has every right that he has ever had with an additional choice to be made or not to be made at his own discretion." Norcutt, who also head the SGA, Research Bureau, said, since the Honor Council has passed his resolution, it is in effect right now. His three passed proposals will go before both houses of the student congress as "an extra step just to see if they concur with our actions," but he added that the congress has no power to "in any way veto or reject them" since the Honor Council is a self-governing body.

Marvin Edwards, co-chairman of the group, said "The administration can ignore these motions if they want. They can't veto them. As far as we (the Honor Council members) know, they are passed. We don't feel that the passage of them by the House and Senate is necessary."

THE PASSAGE of the motion concerning the abolition of secrecy among members of the Council calls for another change in previous policy of the group. The bill, passed unanimously, now allows all Honor Council members to attend cases if they choose. The old rule set the maximum number of Council

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New plan for SAC disclosed

Dr. Charles M. Renneisen, dean of students, explained to the student Congress this week his proposal for a comprehensive student activities fee which would be paid by all full-time students in addition to tuition.

The dean emphasized that this plan, which would "meet the cost of higher education," is just a recommendation to the executive committee of the college and that it must be endorsed not only by the student Congress, but also by the college president and the Board of Visitors.

Presently tuition per semester is \$200, from which \$5 is allocated to the Student Activities Committee (SAC). Dr. Renneisen proposes that a "slight increase" of \$12 per semester, or \$24 annually, be paid by all full-time students "over and above tuition." Such a fee made effective this September might forestall any other raises in tuition, he said.

The dean explained that under his plan part time day students "would pay half . . . and nothing for the Evening College."

Dr. Renneisen also outlined four major groups under his plan which would be allocated portions of each student's \$24 in a "somewhat equal fashion." Then each group, he proposes, "could cut it (the allocation) up the way it thinks is best," which he called

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Mitch Ryder to perform

"The Prophet of Sock 'n' Soul" will be on the RPI campus tomorrow night. Mitch Ryder with a ten-piece show band, will perform at 9 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Advanced sale of tickets ends today and a limited number are to be available at the door.

Ryder will bring along the Good Earth Trio, a pop rock group that has just been signed to a record contract with the producer of the Four Seasons.

On the same bill is the Mitch Ryder Ten-Piece Show Band. Members of the band have their own plexiglass stands. The stands, each with its own revolving lights, are arranged on the stage in a graduated formation.

Dance numbers for the group are arranged by Jamie Rodgers, who choreographed "Golden Boy" for Broadway. Musical numbers are arranged by Hutch Davie.

COSTUMES for Mitch Ryder are designed by Charles Lisenby at a cost of \$1,000 apiece. The three costumes are made of lame, orandy and translucent silk.

Remembered from his original group, Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels, Ryder has now moved into a more sophisticated type of soul show. He tries to portray his background in rhythm and blues and connects all of his



Mitch Ryder

numbers in the show to the theme of musical development.

His most famous numbers are from his days of rock and soul - "Devil with the Blue Dress On," "Good Golly Miss Molly," "Jenny Take a Ride," "Little Latin Lupe Lu," "Shake a Tail Feather," "What Now My Love" and "Sock it to me, Baby!"

AT HOME Ryder seems not at all the loud, outgoing performer. He has a quiet manner. He reads a great deal and concentrates on biography, having recently read Churchill, Lincoln, Grant, and Socrates. He is an artist and works in oils, pen, pencil and water color, and is fond of collecting still lifes and portraits.

Governor comments

Gov. Mills E. Godwin Jr., addressing a joint session of the Virginia General Assembly Wednesday, commented on the report of the Wayne Commission, saying:

"Here is an opportunity unique in Virginia, and one with virtually unlimited potential. I earnestly recommend to you the commission's general concept."

A new Assembly

In 1619, the first representative body to assemble in an English speaking American colony convened at nearby Jamestown. Out of that crudely organized body, known as the House of Burgesses, has grown the body that convened in the state capitol Wednesday—the Virginia General Assembly.

The years between that first gathering and the present assembly have been marked by periods of rapid growth, the holocaust of war, slow recovery and, more recently, a period of almost snail-paced conservatism.

It has taken many years, but the product of these periods may well be one that other states will be able to look to with admiration. For we see in the present assembly the remnants of that recent conservatism—just enough to restrain today's legislators from seeking change for the sake of change alone. But combined with this force is a desire to get things done.

CHANGE IS COMING. Of this we may be certain. But it will not be a change in which proven principles chucked simply because they are old. It will, we feel confident, be that type of calculated modification that looks to the past for guidance and to the future for purpose.

And what does this attitude have to do with students here? Obviously, we will be affected by the assembly's decision concerning the Wayne Commission report. But equally important, we may look with interest on such proposed changes as the modification or abolishment of Virginia's pay-as-you-go policy.

In the Wayne report, we see the vision of a plan that would create a university truly modern in concept and execution. But even if the assembly approves the report, such a program cannot operate on words alone. It will take money, and plenty of it, to build a major university here or anywhere else. Virginia does not have such money at its fingertips—at least not under its present fiscal program. Money must be borrowed, and we hope that the General Assembly recognizes the fact in its full import.

RPI has asked for \$16 million for the upcoming biennium—an enormous increase over past requests and allocations. If the Assembly is to come anywhere near meeting this and similar requests, pay as you go, workable though it may have been in years past, must be modified.

We have confidence in the men now assembled on capitol hill. They are average men. There is probably not a Jefferson or a Franklin among them. But from such men we can expect practical, and usually down-to-earth solutions to Virginia's problems.

Demonstrate? Brrr

We were amused to note a unique twist on a recently-scheduled peace demonstration. It seems the gathering of dedicated doves was to have taken place Sunday afternoon in Monroe Park. As it turned out, however, the doves were something less than dedicated.

As the appointed time for the gathering drew near, the mercury slipped below freezing. Scarcely a handful of demonstrators showed up, and most of them stood around stamping their feet presumably to keep warm, not in protest of anything.

These people say they are truly dedicated. But one wonders. We may not agree with these people, but we did feel that we could respect their determination. Now even that is respect is shaky (or perhaps just shivering).

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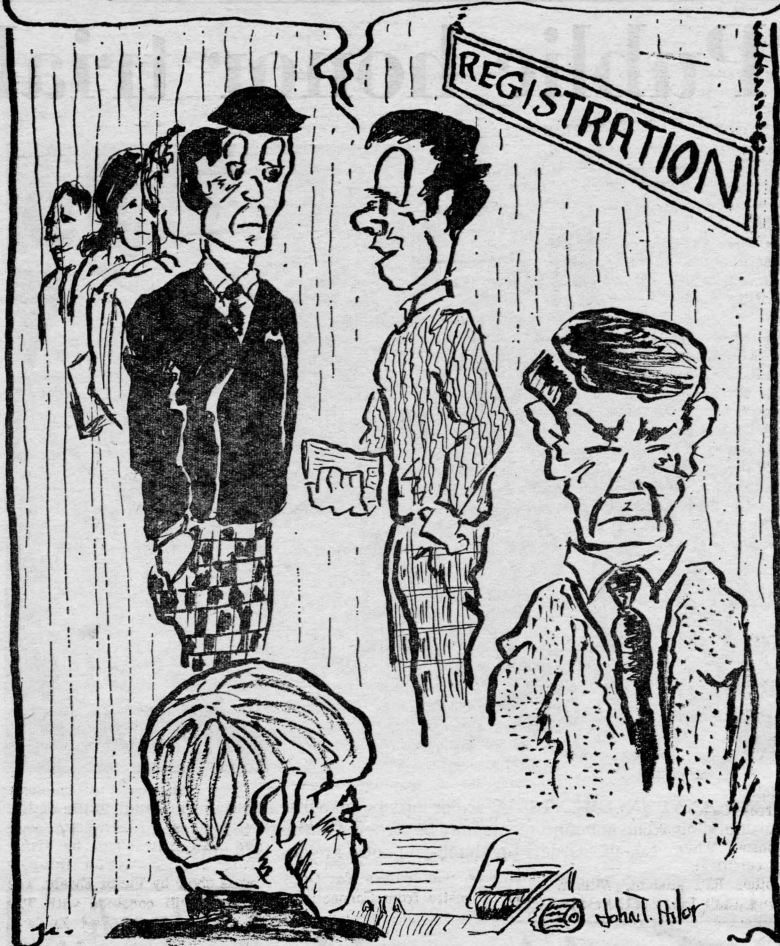
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Letters to the editor

Campaign Promise not 'phrase'

Editor, The Proscript

During my campaign last year, the Proscript (April 28) published an open letter which was a summary of my campaign platform. In it, I related that "the fundamental issue of my campaign is to promote a sincere respect for the college student." This was not merely another vote-getting phrase. I have felt for some time that certain aspects of campus life at this college do not exhibit a trust and respect for college students as responsible young adults.

One area of concern is the question of dormitory regulations. In this connection, I would like to applaud the recent results of proposals made by the Women's Interdormitory Council for liberalization of dormitory regulations for senior women. I believe the Dean of Women has made a constructive decision in approving these proposals. However, I do not think enough has been said or done in regard to dormitory regulations. I would also like to point out that these regulations are part of a much larger question—"Whether this college, or any college, should attempt to legislate moral standards for the students."

Some weeks ago I requested the Student Congress to take this question under consideration, and in the near future I will ask for a definite answer from Student Congress. I have also requested the SGA Research Bureau to survey student opinion on this same question and I am confident that the final result will be general agreement

that, within limits, one's social conduct is one's own concern. If that concept can, in fact, be proven to be the opinion of the student body, then I will feel obligated to work towards seeing it become a central philosophy for the college.

I would be the very first to defend the establishment of rules and regulations, either as laws of state or policies of a college. A positive value arises from college youth learning to live within the bounds of established rules and regulations. So I do not condemn the concept of rules and regulations. What I do take objection to is the ends which some regulations support and pursue. A case in point is certain segments of the existing dormitory regulations, specifically, those which have a moral justification for their existence.

I firmly believe that the only justifiable dormitory regulations are those which have a direct relation to either security (of the building and the students) and/or the maintenance of an atmosphere conducive to an academic environment. It is my firm conviction that any dormitory regulation which serves any other purpose than the two I have listed above, should be struck down as an obstacle to the free expression of the social and moral consciousness of the adult college student.

Quite often I have presented proposals which have not been endorsed by the majority of the student body—not because these proposals were unpopular or without value, but because I see

my duty as promoting what I consider the best interest of the student body. The simple fact is that not every student has the time or the inclination to become involved with these many issues and thus we see this responsibility delegated to others. This concept of delegated authority is the whole essence of our national political system.

So I do not despair because every last student does not live and breathe student government. It would be unnatural for them to do so, because this responsibility has been delegated to various students, myself included. Yet, I know that all students have a very real interest in the success of the SGA. And taking Dr. Nelson's statement for what it was intended to be—constructive advice—I would like to earnestly request your support. A strong show of support and student involvement is the best argument I can ever present. And it will have the advantage of assuring the administration that the requests being made are desired by the students. Make yourself heard. Write letters to the editor of the Proscript, speak to the president of your dormitory, call the deans, or write a note to Dr. Nelson, but make yourself heard.

Finally, I would like to note that on issues of major importance, such as evaluating dormitory regulations, I will always seek to conduct myself and my administration according to the consensus of student opinion.

Markham D. Auman
President, SGA



The Observer

Inflation won't hurt

By Donald N. Dulin

The student is probably in for a bit of inflation. But he really shouldn't mind too much.

The dean of students has proposed that the student activities fee go up almost two and a half times and be called a comprehensive fee. It is now \$5 per semester. The proposal is for \$12 per semester.

This year there was \$50,000 to divide among the groups financed by the fund. Had the new plan been in effect the groups would have shared about \$125,000.

The dean, Dr. Charles M. Renneisen, proposed further that the receivers of the fund be classified in four groups and that each group get a per cent of the fund.

THE BEAUTIFUL part here is that each group—the SGA, for example—will decide which of its related functions gets how much money. The groups still say that they are not getting enough money, but they will have the satisfaction of applying their shares to the most critical areas.

(The dean announced his proposals at Monday night's meeting of the House of Representatives. He emphasized then that his decision was not final. The Board of Visitors decides all tuition and fee changes.)

The analogy here is with the national govern-

ment. Americans are always craving more and more from the government and screaming about higher taxes.

The increase in the fee, if it goes through, will tug at everybody's pocket to the tune of \$24 a year. This year, like the past, there were worthwhile ventures which were not funded enough money and those which got too much.

But if students want more and better entertainment, more and better magazines, more and better service from the SGA they are going to have to pay for it. (Let's face it. There are those who'll really want to pay two and a half times as much to hear a really great, sensational, splendid, fabulous group like Saliva and the Spitoons.)

Incidentally, the dean says he thinks tuition is going up, too.

While the price of guns and butter spirals, there is no reason to believe that tuition and fees won't go up pretty soon.

And while the dean of students says he doesn't make the final decisions, he is close to the situation and the board of visitors is going to look to him for some suggestions as to how to meet rising costs.

The student can probably look forward to writing a bigger check for the 1968 fall semester.

Survey being taken to gauge RPI's effect

A survey is being made to find out the influence RPI is making on Richmond economy. Neale M. Robertson, Bus. Grad. Richmond is making the survey with the help of Dr. George W. Jennings, associate professor of economics.

In attempting to find the impact which RPI has made, and is making on our city, Robertson and Dr. Jennings are making a general survey of the positions held in the city by RPI students and graduates, the salaries of the faculty and other needs for money in the college.

John Taylor, a member of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, is helping to locate the RPI graduates employed throughout the city. Interviews are being used to locate student and faculty employees in the city. Interviews are being used also to help find out how student spending affects the city's economy. The Business Office of RPI is offering its services in helping the

surveyors to find out the salaries of faculty and in permitting access to school records.

The main purpose of the survey is to establish some idea of RPI's effect on and aid to Richmond's economy.

Several schools, including William and Mary and Rutgers University, have made similar surveys. None of these, however, is as large as RPI.

"It is time," said Dr. Jennings, "for RPI to let people know what RPI really means to our community!"

In doing this Robertson and Dr. Jennings hope to be able to show that the inhabitants of RPI do more than just go to school.

The survey is expected to be finished in April.

Battle due to speak here

William C. Battle, a Charlottesville lawyer and former United States ambassador to Australia, will speak on honor, February 5, at 8 p.m. in the gymnasium.

His appearance, sponsored by the Honor Council, will kick off Honor Code week, February 5-9.

Battle was ambassador during the Kennedy administration.

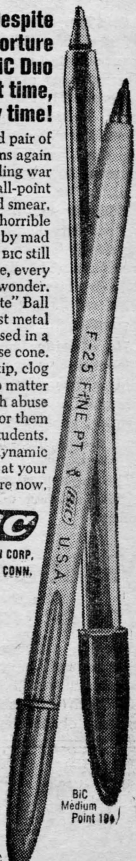
New, second semester students will be required to attend the speech.



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Heart attack, cycle accident claim lives

A sophomore Art student died in his dormitory at 926 Park Ave. the night before Christmas vacation began, according to school officials.

Darrell Cage, FA 2, Charlotte, N. C., died in his room of Wolfe Parkinson White Syndrome, a heart condition.

Another RPI student, William Harvey Abel, Bus 2, Richmond, was killed in a motorcycle-automobile accident on Christmas Eve. Abel, 20, was on his way to Blackstone to visit his parents when he collided with a car on Hull Street in Richmond.

Although the 1600 Grove Ave. resident was wearing a helmet, he died of head and extensive bodily injuries, received when he was thrown from the motorcycle.

There will be a meeting Saturday, January 20, at 9 a.m. in Hibbs 407 for all Secondary Education majors who will be student teaching next semester.

Campus News Briefs

Turtles may appear here

The Mid-winters concert sponsored by the Junior Class and financed by the Concert and Dance Committee will be held on February 23. A tentative contract has been made with the Turtles. The tickets will be \$2.50 per person.

The dance to be held on February 24, will feature Pat Dorn and Orchestra from Connecticut. The group features the big band sound of today. It has specialized in night clubs and playing the college circuits. The tickets will be \$5 a couple.

The School of Music will present a concert of Brass Ensemble on January 15 at 3 p.m. in the Monumental Church, 1226 E. Broad st.

The concert will be directed by Edward A. Mirr, assistant professor of music.

The first part of the concert will include a Pastoral from Christmas Concerto Grosso by

Arcangelo Corelli. Selections written by Antoine Francisque, Robert Fleming and Paul Whear will be presented.

The second part of the program will consist of Exhibition, which is a demonstration piece for brass instruments by Fisher Tull, a symphony for five-part brass choir by Victor Ewald. The concert will conclude with The Brass Square by Earl Zindans, which is a first prize winning composition of the 1952 Thor Johnson Awards.

The location of the Economic Department, part of the School of Business, has been moved from its temporary housing, 800 W. Franklin st., to another temporary office at Franklin Terrace, 812 W. Franklin st.

The School of Business was

given this building for use until the completion of a new building for the school, scheduled for 1970 or 1971. Because the Economic Department's faculty numbers eight, it is regarded as well-suited for the space available in Franklin Terrace.

Several Economics classes will be located in this building in addition to the faculty offices.

The Senior class will hold its next meeting, February 18, at 5:30 p.m., in room 307 of the Hibbs Building.

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School seeking closer city ties

By Donald N. Dulin
Associate Editor

The college is seeking still closer ties with the city of Richmond.

In a memo January 3, W. O. Edwards, director of development, asked the academic deans, heads of departments and administrative staff to recommend how "functions at RPI could benefit from more cooperation from the city."

Edwards said that he will analyze responses to the memo and attempt to arrange a meeting between the college administration, Allen F. Kiepper, city manager of Richmond, and other city officials.

Edwards said that he has heard Kiepper "talk about the contributions of RPI" to the city and is "most pleased at Kiepper's understanding of the effects of an urban university on a municipality."

According to the memo, Kiepper, in a letter to Dr. Nelson, expressed the desire for city government departments to assist RPI within the limits of their administrative jurisdiction.

Kiepper has a "very real understanding of how the university complements city government," Edwards said. For example, 120 RPI graduates are teaching in Richmond public schools, Richmond employs RPI graduates in every major city department, a large number of the city's employees take night classes here, and 50 graduates, primarily social workers, are employed in Richmond's recreational program.

Currently, the development director said, the continuing educa-

tion center is running a nine-credit management development training program, in which city-employed supervisory personnel participate.

Edwards said that, if the meeting becomes a reality, administrative officials here who are concerned with specific problem areas will meet with those city officials who would be the most helpful in solving the problems.

Following are suggested areas, which, according to Edwards, are worthy of consideration by the city: the city could assist in land acquisition by purchasing city real estate and selling it to the college as the college gets the money to buy it; the city could support financially those educational programs which directly supply trained personnel to departments and agencies; the city could construct additional recreational facilities in Monroe Park; and it could provide more parking in the college vicinity.

Edwards noted that the city has already been of assistance to the college: the city provided the first three rooms in which classes began initially in September, 1917; provided on a rental basis the north wing of the Mosque for instructional use; furnished additional police protection; and most recently closed Shafer Street.

College offers finance class for executives

RPI is offering a course in cooperation with the City of Richmond in Municipal Finance Administration for city executives. The class is sponsored by the International City Managers Association.

Twenty-four city executives are currently taking the course each week on Monday mornings.

The Municipal Finance course is part of a corps of five courses offered to city personnel. Upon completion of the five courses and an exam, the executive is entitled to a certificate from the International City Managers Association.

E. Cofer Loomer, instructor in the School of Distributive Education, explained that other such courses are planned as a continuing effort by the city and RPI.

RPI Rector succumbs

Webster Rhoads, a member of the Board of Visitors, died December 26 of a heart attack while driving his automobile from Gloucester.

Rhoads, a member of the Board of Visitors for five years, also was a member of the executive committee and chairman of the Property and Finance committee of the college.

Schools negotiating for possible merger

Negotiations are under way which would merge the Schools of Distribution with the School of Business.

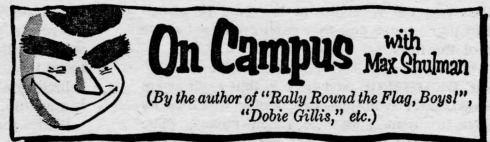
The associate dean of the college, James W. Bailey, Monday said little about the prospects because the final decision must come from the Board of Visitors, which meets later this month.

However, he said, there is a good chance that the merger will be accomplished.

Distribution departments would become departments in the School of Business.

Spectrum sets submission date

March 1 is the deadline for submissions to the spring issue of Spectrum, according to Bob Chavrier, editor. The spring issue is scheduled to go on sale in April.



1968: ITS CAUSE AND CURE

Are you still writing "1967" on your papers and letters? I'll bet you are, you scamp! But I am not one to be harsh with those who forgot we are in a new year, for I myself have long been guilty of the same lapse. In fact, in my senior year at college, I wrote 1873 on my papers until nearly November of 1874! (It turned out, incidentally, not to be such a serious error because, as we all know, 1874 was later repealed by President Chester A. Arthur in a fit of pique over the Black Tom Explosion. And, as we all know, Mr. Arthur later came to regret his hasty action. Who does not recall that famous meeting between Mr. Arthur and Louis Napoleon when Mr. Arthur said, "Lou, I wish I hadn't of repealed 1874" Whereupon the French emperor made his immortal rejoinder, "T'piti que nous et tyler tu". Well sir, they had many a good laugh about that, as you can imagine.)

But I digress. How can we remember to write 1968 on our papers and letters? Well sir, the best way is to find something memorable about 1968, something unique to fix it firmly in your mind. Happily, this is very simple because, as we all know, 1968 is the first year in history that is divisible by 2, by 5, and by 7. Take a pencil and try it: 1968 divided by 2 is 984; 1968 divided by 5 is 393.6; 1968 divided by 7 is 281.14. This mathematical curiosity will not occur again until the year 2079, but we will all be so busy then celebrating the Chester A. Arthur bi-centenary that we will scarcely have time to be writing papers and letters and like that.



Another clever little trick to fix the year 1968 in your mind is to remember that 1968 spelled backwards is 8691. "Year" spelled backwards is "raey" "Personna" spelled backwards is "Annosrep" I mention Personna because I am paid to write this column by the makers of Personna Super Stainless Steel Blades, and they are inclined to withhold my check if I omit to mention their product.

Not, mind you, that it is any chore for me to sing the praises of Personna, for it is a seemingly blade that shaves you cleanly, a gleaming blade that leaves you beaming, a trouble-free blade that leaves you stubble-free, a matchless blade that leaves you scratchless. If you are tired of facial slump, if you are fed up with jowl blight, try Personna today... available both in double-edge style and Injector style. And if I seem a bit excessive in my admiration for Personna, I ask you to remember that to me Personna is more than a razor blade; it is also an employer.

But I digress. We were speaking of the memorable aspects of 1968 and high among them, of course, is the fact that in 1968 the entire House of Representatives stands for election. There will, no doubt, be many lively and interesting contests, but none, I'll wager, quite so lively and interesting as the one in my own district where the leading candidate is none other than Chester A. Arthur!

Mr. Arthur, incidentally, is not the first ex-president to come out of retirement and run for the House of Representatives. John Quincy Adams was the first. Mr. Adams also holds another distinction: he was the first son of a president ever to serve as president. It is true that Martin Van Buren's son, Walter "Blinky" Van Buren, was at one time offered the nomination for the presidency, but he, alas, had already accepted a bid to become Mad Ludwig of Bavaria. James K. Polk's son, on the other hand, became Salmon P. Chase. Millard Fillmore's son went into aluminum siding. This later became known as the Missouri Compromise.

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Horace H. Edwards, who for years battled the problems of Richmond city government, is in his third year instructing students in how the modern city is run.

Edwards said his principal tool is "current events." It is from the news that he draws realistic problems. The first 30 minutes of each class were given to the news, with the textbook used as a supplement.

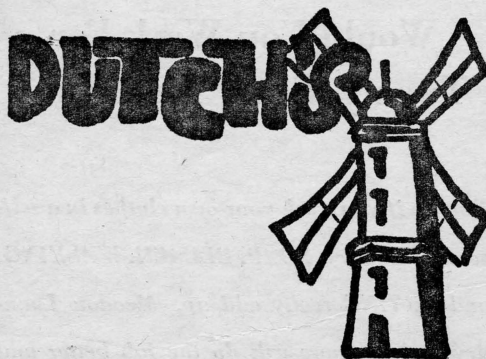
He classifies his students as older-than-average, with many holding jobs and positions in the community. One is a school teacher, another a graduate student, and another is a captain in the Navy.

The one semester course began in 1965 as part of the Evening College.

Night exams are scheduled

Evening College classes will meet through January 20. Final examinations will be given January 22-27 at the scheduled meeting time of the class.

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Research poll results released

By Christy Cooke

Current class attendance regulations are the grounds for a 50-page report which has been released recently by the Student Government Research Bureau.

According to the report's hypothesis, the present regulations on attendance which allows no unexcused absences are "ambiguously interpreted by both students and faculty" and constitute "an unsatisfactory system to both."

Compiled by John C. Norcutt, director of the bureau and Anne LaGow assistant director, the study grew out of a project in a social research class.

First of all, it defines the present attendance regulations and presents a brief history of the policy prior to and following RPI's separation from the College of William and Mary. The report, which took five months to complete, also points out that it is the college administrators who formulate the attendance rules.

Secondly, the report compares RPI's attendance regulations to those of 25 urban universities "parallel in location and/or nature" to RPI.

The report states, that of the colleges polled "47 per cent of the colleges place the responsibility of attendance in the hands of the individual instructor; 27 per cent no attendance policy; and 27 per cent allows no unexcused absences from classes."

The third approach gives an evaluation of student, faculty and administrative opinions concerning the present attendance rules. A repre-

sentative sampling of students were mailed questionnaires. All full-time faculty members were questioned "in order to obtain the most comprehensive faculty opinion evaluation possible." (See adjacent poll).

AMONG STUDENT PARTICIPANTS, the most frequent recommendations for attendance regulations were: unlimited absences, one absence allowed per semester hour of credit, or absences permitted 25 per cent of class time, respectively.

The report also points out that the faculty and students are dissatisfied in the fact that the Administration formulates attendance policies. When asked to suggest an alternative system, the report states, "the majority of both the students and faculty preferred a system devised by a combination of student, faculty and Administration."

THE RESEARCHERS also point out the liberal attitudes of the majority of instructors concerning absences. The report cites an example of one professor who "went so far as to graphically display a student sitting in a class room with a ball and chain attached to his left limb, inferring that the ball and chain were the attendance regulations."

"In a general over-view of the background information obtained from the participants of both faculty and student questionnaires, there seemed to be a normal and appropriate dispersion in regard to age, classification and experience at RPI. We found no unwarranted figures which would indicate an esoteric group response."

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One-third favor abolition

Poll considers Honor Court

Abolition of the Honor Court was favored by almost one third of student participants in a poll on "RPI issues" released this week by the student government Research Bureau.

The general survey encom-

passed 1,313 students (mostly fulltime), and all faculty members were questioned. Dormitory residents constituted less than one half (40.8 per cent) of the student participants so that the poll would be representative also

of off-campus students.

Only 17.8 per cent of the faculty responded in favor of abolishing the Honor Court.

The poll also indicated that more than half of the students (54.2 per cent) are in favor of a four-point quality system to replace the present three-point one. Faculty members preferring the four-point system constituted 65.6 per cent.

IN OTHER AREAS approximately 60 per cent of the students indicated that the "Bang" Arts Festival should be reinstated with funds from the Student Activities Committee, whereas about 30 per cent of the faculty were in favor of this. Abstaining from answering were approximately 40 per cent of the faculty.

Whether co-eds should be permitted in men's dormitories was replied to in the affirmative by 72.7 per cent. Less liberal was the faculty—33.9 per cent in favor 47.2 per cent not in favor, and 18.8 per cent abstained from answering.

A LITTLE LESS than one third of the students indicated that RPI's recreational and entertainment facilities are adequate. Only 19.4 per cent of the faculty approved the present facilities.

Students who felt the Proscript keeps the RPI community adequately informed were 61.2 per cent. Of the faculty, 42.8 per cent indicated that the Proscript provides adequate service.

John C. Norcutt, director of the Research Bureau, said the bureau plans to take samplings often of student and faculty opinions "on matters of interest to the RPI educational community."

Gymnasium addition bids opened

Bids for construction of the Gymnasium addition were opened Tuesday, but a decision on which bid to accept will not be made for seven days, according to Milton Wallace, director of buildings and grounds.

Six companies submitted bids. The apparent low estimate was \$1,487,207 offered by Robert M.

Attendance poll

The following are some of the results obtained in the Research Bureau's poll on student and faculty opinions of the present attendance regulations. Approximately 500 names of students were chosen at random from the student directory while all full-time faculty members were questioned.

(figures in percentages)

	Yes	No	Answer Given
Student approval of present system	21.1	69.7	9.2
Student understanding of attendance regulations	61.1	36.2	2.7
Student who have read regulations as set forth in college catalogue	43.8	54.6	1.1
Students who know how Administration formulates attendance rules	18.4	80	1.6
Students' statements on frequency of roll calling in classes	52	45	3
Student opinion on present system being an aid to student success	20	76	4
Student opinion on whether students should be allowed to participate in regulation formation	70.8	15.7	13.5
Faculty members who approve present system	31.8	46.5	21.7
Faculty members who understand present attendance regulations	67	26	7
Faculty members who have read attendance regulations	48.8	37.2	14
Faculty members who know how Administration formulates attendance policy	9	66	25
Faculty members who were contacted about formation of current regulations	60.5	35.7	3.8
Faculty members who feel the present system places unnecessary mechanical duties on faculty	44.2	43.4	12.4
Faculty opinions on students participating in formulating attendance regulations	51.1	27.1	21.8
Faculty members who take roll every day in every class	64.3	20.9	14.8
Faculty members who have warned or dropped students	60.4	22.5	17.1

State library sources available to students

By Eugene Yates

RPI students seeking new sources of information, may find the Virginia State Library a valuable storehouse of knowledge.

"The library is available to all students for their use," said Milton Russell, head librarian of the reference department. "The library is essentially a general reference library, but most of its books may be lent freely."

Since non-reference books are in closed stacks, the student must list his choices on forms provided in the card catalogue room, and then give them to one of the librarians, who finds them for him.

RUSSELL, COMMENTING on regulations for student borrowing, said, "Students wishing to borrow books must be permanent residents of Richmond and over 21 years old. Otherwise, they may borrow on their parents' card or may obtain slips from the college library enabling them to borrow books, with responsibility on the library."

"Students may borrow books for two weeks and may renew them for two weeks," he continued. "A fine of five cents a day is charged for each overdue book, and the borrower must pay for damage and loss."

The library, across from Capi-

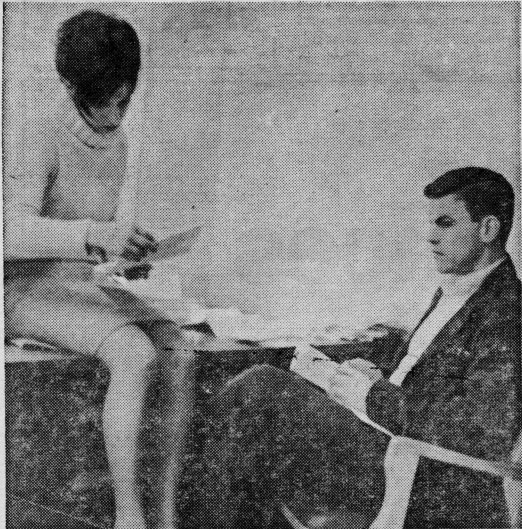
tol Square, is centrally located and convenient to the RPI student. The building covers an entire block and contains many books and periodicals. "The library has more than 480,000 books and subscribers to over 900 magazines," commented Russell. (In total number of volumes, it is the largest public library in Virginia, according to a report by the extension division of the Virginia State Library).

OF PARTICULAR interest to the RPI students majoring in History, English, or social science is the collection of volumes the library has in these subjects. "The library has a comprehensive collection of books in Confederate and Southern history, American and English history, the political and social sciences, and English and American literature," Russell explained. "There is good representation in most other subjects."

The General Library Division, located on the first floor at the west end, corresponds to a large reference library of printed books, magazines, and newspapers. It is composed of a general reading room, where the student may study or use the reference collection on open shelves; a periodical reading room, where the student may peruse the magazines and newspapers; and a catalogue room, where the book listing are found.

The Archives Division corresponds to a State public record office. It has a general reading room, may room and catalogue room, and is located on the first floor at the west end.

The library is open from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday.



John Norcutt, Anne LaGow
Compiled Research Bureau Poll

Functions of bureau explained by Norcutt

John C. Norcutt, director of the Research Bureau, said last week that the bureau will become "absolutely necessary" as a full-time research organ if and when RPI becomes a major urban university.

Established this year as an extension of the executive branch of the Student Government Association (SGA), the Research Bureau has been created to "collect and disseminate data of interest to the student body, Administration and faculty," as its constitution states.

Norcutt, a junior in Psychology from Richmond, said that the

bureau is funded by the SGA and Student Activities Committee, but it receives financial aid from the Sociology Department for many projects conducted by a class in social research methods.

Norcutt explained the procedure in requesting a study of the bureau. Anyone desiring a study of a particular problem concerning RPI may obtain a request form from the SGA office after which the bureau may accept, reject or hold the request until a suitable time.

A present plan of the bureau is a comprehensive study of the Honor Court system.



Staff Photo by Horton Belrne

MOVIN' IN—Co-eds begin moving into the 700 dormitory amid continuing construction work. More girls are expected in the building January 29. The first co-eds arrived at the dormitory December 14.

Open hearings now option of the accused

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members who could attend the trial at only nine or ten—a presiding officer, prosecuting attorney, and about seven jurors. Other members were not allowed to participate in or discuss any portion of the trial.

Richard E. MacDougall, dean of men, said complications could arise with the student congress depending on the way they interpret this new ruling.

"I feel it borders in many cases on changes in the code. If so, it would require voting from the SGA. If not, the entire matter is the concern of the court."

MacDougall said procedural changes of the Council "are basically up to the court. But the question may arise, 'Do these

rules change the Honor Code?' If the student congress feels they do, it will be a matter for all three parties (Honor Council, Senate, and House of Representatives)."

MacDougall pointed out that compulsory secrecy among all Honor Council members was stated in the Honor Code under the heading of "Additional Infractions."

In other action by the group, the Honor Code was modified to conform to the result of last year's student referendum concerning failure to report an offense. The last sentence of the Code was changed to read, "Failure to report an offense shall carry a lesser penalty than dishonorable separation."

Adults may register for Evening College classes January 29-31 from 5-9 p.m. in the Mosque ballroom.

According to Mrs. Sophia U. Hodges, assistant to the director of the Evening College, adults are given only one reminder for registration. Changes in schedules can be made during the add-drop period, February 5-9.

Day students who wish to take evening courses but did not register for them during Advanced Day Registration period now must register for evening courses during the regular day registration on February 1.

General Assembly opens session

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that changes may be suggested. He said one of the suggestions might be to leave the site unfixed, giving the other locations mentioned in the report a chance to vie for the winning position again.

The 1966 General Assembly has been called the "education Assembly" because of the measures passed in that session concerning higher education. Bryan commented that he thought the 1968 Assembly would make "continued efforts" in the field of education, not only in higher education, but in general with the public school system. He men-

tioned the consolidation measure which was discussed by the State Board of Education last week.

RPI has asked for a capital outlay fund of \$16 million. Bryan said, "Everybody is asking for more than we can put up. Not only RPI, but welfare, mental institutions, construction and many others."

Bryan said that during the past two years, ending June 30, 1967, a total of \$980 million was appropriated by the state, including a capital outlay of \$101 million for construction. requests for the next two years, ending June, 1970, totaled \$1,000,614,000.

Dean discusses plan for SAC allocation

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a "philosophical change" from past methods.

Foremost, he said, would be sports because "athletics may possibly be emphasized at our school." He pointed out the inadequate funds for athletic scholarships and facilities which are necessary to develop a broader sports program.

A second group the dean mentioned which would receive funds from an activities fee is the student government. This division would include organizations such as the SGA itself, the Concert and Dance Committee, Honor Court, film society, Spring Arts Festival and the Miss RPI contest.

Another area Dr. Renneisen considered under his plan is what he termed "cultural and educational activities," controlled by the SAC. Included in

this category would be, for a few examples, convocations, the Richmond Public Forum, Richmond symphony and the American Light Opera.

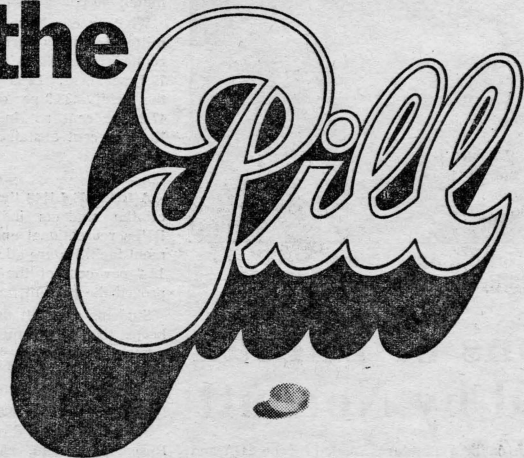
A fourth group which would derive benefits from the fee, the dean suggested, is campus publications.

"The students are going to be a little bit leary," he remarked. He appealed to the Congress for reactions to the proposal by letters to him or to the Proscript editor.

In the president's report this week, Auman announced that the SGA is taking applications for a vacancy on the Honor Court.

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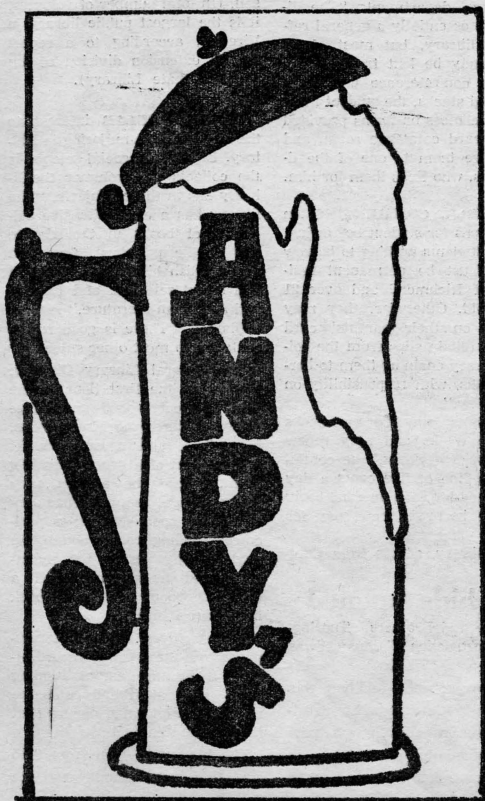
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The RPI Cheerleaders Watch the Action During the Recent Game With Washington and Lee

RPI downed by W & L

By Ray Reed

Washington & Lee handed RPI its ninth loss of the season, 64-46, in a sloppily-played game Monday night on the Rams' home court.

The Generals started slowly, not scoring until 3:17 of the game had elapsed, and had the Blue and Gray been able to take advantage of W&L's bad passes, they might have been able to grab an early lead.

However, the Rams weren't able to hold on to the ball any better than W&L, and the Generals, with 6'7" Mike Neer, and Mel Cartwright and Mal Weselink at 6'6", began to dominate the game.

For the second straight game the Rams were unable to find the range from the floor, hitting on only 16 of 74 attempts, for a 21.6 average.

To make matters worse, RPI handed the ball over to the Generals 16 times on errors.

The officials called a total of 43 fouls in the wild and woolly contest, 25 of them on the home team. To add to the Rams' woes, they were unable to hit from the foul line, and this was one category in which the Generals didn't have an off night.

The Rams weren't alone with their shooting problems, as W&L also had an off night.

Grapplers bow to H-SC, 25-10

By Greg Marshall

Hampden-Sydney seems to have put a jinx on the RPI wrestling team. Saturday the Rams suffered their second straight defeat at the hands of the Tigers. The match was almost a repeat performance of the previous one. The score was exactly the same, 25-10.

COACH DAVE Magill commented on the match by saying, "In several of the matches I felt our men were better wrestlers but they just tired before the match was over." He went on to

say that this was mainly because "a few of our boys were overweight the day of the match and they had to spend the time before the match trying to rid themselves of the extra weight. This definitely resulted in weakening them somewhat."

IN THE 123 lb. weight class Lang Johnston pinned his opponent with 1:20 remaining in the first period. This put RPI into a quick 5 point lead. Rick Ostlund lost in the 130 lb. weight class by a pin with 4:54 to go in the second period. Hampden - Sydney gained 3 points by this and the score was now 5-3, RPI's favor.

In 137 lb. weight class Bill Loth pinned his adversary with 1:05 remaining in the final period. This enabled RPI to soar to a 10-3 lead. However, every thing was downhill from here. In the

wrestled in the 152 lb. weight class, lost a decision by the score of 10-1. Hampden-Sydney now led the match for the first time 11-10. They increased their lead when Gar Wood, wrestling in the 160 lb. weight class, was defeated, 3-2.

Sports

145 lb. weight class Al Kemp was unable to score in his match while his opponent received 2 points. Mike Hirshman who

IN THE 167 lb. weight class Bob Schrum lost by a 9-1 decision. Neil Wolfe lost his match in the 177 lb. weight class by a 5-3 decision. Hampden-Sydney now had a 10 point margin over the Rams. In the unlimited weight class Hank Fitz was pinned with 3:05 remaining in the second period.

Eight teams undefeated in intramurals

With three weeks of the intramural basketball season up, eight teams have unblemished records with three wins and no losses. Tied for first place in the Day League are the Gentlemen, the Mates + 1, and Sevilla No. 1. The Black Knights, 808, and the Drifters are tied for second place with one win against two setbacks each and the Floyd Boys and the Super Rehabs are tied for third with 0-3 marks.

In the Night League, Division 1, Drafts II, the Left Overs, and the Rejects lead with three wins in as many games. The Hot Shots are close behind with 2 wins and one loss and the Bonzos, the German Club and the Rebels are tied for cellar with three losses each.

In the Night League, Division II, the Has Beens and the DD's are leading with 3-0 records. The Lancers and Sevilla No. 2 are tied for second with two wins and one defeat and the Chargers and the Quiz Kids are tied for third place with one win and two setbacks. The LD's and the Pressman are in last place with three losses each.

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Comedy Co-ed goes abroad to be topic for Christmas for Christmas

By Sandra Fink

The "History of American Comedy," featuring Dick Gregory, George Jessel, Henry Morgan and Roger Price, with Dave Garroway moderating, will open the fifth year of the Richmond Public Forum on February 10.

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The second forum speaker will be U. S. Sen. Edward Brooke, R-Mass., the first Negro to be elected to the Senate in 85 years. Eric Seavareid, commentator for Columbia Broadcasting System news, will moderate the panel when Brooke speaks on March 9.

On March 30, Erich Fromm, author and psychiatrist, will speak. Fromm left Germany and came to the United States during World War II. He has taught and lectured extensively here. He now resides in Mexico and teaches at the National University.

One co-ed spent the holiday in a land where the day after Christmas is celebrated as Boxing Day.

Patti Jones, whose father is an executive officer with the Royal Air Force, left Friday, December 15, to spend Christmas in London with her parents.

Patti, a senior Elementary Education major from Bristol, said Christmas in England is like Christmas here. "Regent street is traditionally beautiful. They call Santa Claus St. Nicholas or

Father Christ. The day after Christmas is known as Boxing Day. This is the day when lords give their servants gifts or boxes."

Patti lived in London for one year and attended the University of London. She has also taken extension courses from the University of Maryland. This was Patti's second trip abroad. She lived in Tripoli, Libya before living in London. She prefers Virginia, her birthplace, to London and Tripoli. "It's home," she says.

SGA tells Governor of report approval

The Student Government Association in a letter this week to Governor Mills E. Godwin Jr. endorsed the Wayne Commission recommendations calling for the creation of a major urban university in Richmond.

The letter asks the Governor to convey the SGA's endorsement of the recommendations to the General Assembly.

A joint resolution passed by the House and Senate on December 11, requested SGA president Mark Auman to write the Governor of the organization's endorsement of the report.

dorsement of the report.

The letter dated January 9, also said, "The concepts of education embodied in the Wayne Commission report present a bold, new challenge for Virginia. Students at Richmond Professional Institute are excited about being participants and beneficiaries of this challenge. . ."



Patti Jones Traveled to London, England Cobblestone Editor Spent Holiday With Parents

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