

RPI-MCV consolidation given assembly approval



MCV (See Arrow), As Seen From the 700 Dormitory
RPI Will Merge With the College July 1

Staff Photo by Horton Belrno

Senate passes bill 39-0; merger date is July 1 this year

By Don N. Dulin
Managing Editor

The Senate approved, 39-0, Tuesday the creation of the Virginia Commonwealth University.

The bill establishing the urban university—with RPI and the Medical College of Virginia as the major components — earlier passed the House 89 to 0 and cleared the Senate Educational Committee, 14 to 0.

In the Senate committee, Sen. William F. Parkerson Jr. attempted to amend the legislation. The amendment read: "The board (of visitors) shall, before purchasing or otherwise acquiring land for any capital improvement, inquire if (State) Division of Engineering and Buildings which can be authorized for the

purpose for which additional land is needed."

(Henrico County has suggested the state-owned Elko Tract in Eastern Henrico as the expansion site of the new university.)

However, provisions for the site were not included in the legislation. Sen. Edward E. Willey, Richmond, said that the issue probably would not come up again until after consolidation of the two colleges had taken place.

Parkerson offered the amendment at a public hearing on the bill Thursday. After a closed-door vote Friday, Sen. Lloyd C. Bird, committee chairman and a sponsor of the university legislation, said no member offered the amendment.

The House of Delegates required in the bill that MCV retain its name as the Health Sciences Division.

Del. Eleanor P. Sheppard, Richmond, said, "I think that really it (action on the legislation) has been a surprisingly simple thing." There have been "as few hazards as anything I know of," she said.

Both Mrs. Sheppard and Sen. (Continued on Page 4)

Auman urges unicameral body, broader Honor Court powers

By Christy Cooke

Mark Auman, president of the Student Government Association (SGA) asked the student Congress Monday night to approve a uni-cameral system of government and Honor Court jurisdiction over civil cases.

Auman was speaking to a joint session of the student Congress. Also present were members of the Student Activities Committee, Honor Court, Dr. Charles M. Ren-

neisen, dean of students, and James W. Bailey, associate dean of the college.

Although Auman did not expound on his recommendation for a unitary system of government, he did urge "immediate enactment of a constitutional amendment which would create a one-house Congress.

Asking that the Honor Court assume responsibility "for disputes of a civil nature," Auman

suggested, "this way we can underwrite honor on this campus." As an example of a civil dispute, he cited "the payment of debts among students or student groups."

Also dealing with the Honor Court, Auman recommended a constitutional amendment which would allow selection of members by the Court itself with congressional consent.

Another amendment the 25-year-old president proposed would provide for appointment of the SGA secretary and treasurer with congressional approval rather than by election. He said these offices should be chosen according to "ability, not popularity."

As was expected, Auman had a great deal to say concerning the special committee on constitutional revisions which was created by the Congress last year.

He told the Congress that next week he will present a motion requesting "this committee be changed . . . not to prepare a new SGA Constitution for formal ratification by the student body; but rather, the Revisions Committee be instructed to report its finding to the student Congress for its consideration and possible enactment through the normal amendatory process.

Emphasizing that he was not abolishing the committee, Auman offered several reasons for supporting his recommendation—the primary one being that RPI's proposed merger with the Medical College of Virginia would cast "doubt on the validity of any constitution which could . . . foresee all the ramifications of this

new university."

He added that student support and active membership of the committee has "dwindled to a point of practical non-existence."

Auman emphasized also that his discouragement of the special committee's continuance "is not a result of any conflict between myself and Chairman Worth."

Auman continued, "The major problem which was to be solved by the Revisions Committee was

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Dr. Aaron Copland here for 3-day visit

Aaron Copland, world-famous composer, will arrive on the RPI campus today and stay until Monday evening.

He's the most outstanding of the American composers' school," said L. Wayne Batty, chairman of the School of Music.

Dr. Copland is here to lecture and participate in discussions on various musical topics. He will conduct the Richmond Symphony Orchestra Monday evening at 8:30 in his most famous work, "Appalachian Spring."

Tonight, Dr. Copland will attend dinner with the music faculty. Tomorrow afternoon a reception in his honor will be held in co-operation with the Jewish Community Center.

At 8:30 p.m. tomorrow, Dr. Copland will present a lecture in room 115 of the Science Building. Because a crowd is expected, anyone interested in attending is asked to contact the Music

School office at 919 W. Franklin.

Other than his works for the symphony orchestra, Copland has written the scores for several films. Most famous among them was "Of Mice and Men," "The Red Pony," and "The Heiress," for which he won the Academy Award.

"HIS MUSIC is not so far out that the average person cannot enjoy it, but it is studied enough that the musician can," said Batty.

"In the mid-fifties I would have said that he represented the prevailing style, but now I would say no. But he is a major figure because he's a great champion of the average man, and tailors his works for the one who listens and not the musician. He believes that the young composer should be heard. He is noted for his quality of getting along with young people," said Batty.

'Lates,' senior rules relaxed for co-eds

Late permissions on Sunday evenings, lates granted by telephone, and senior privileges for all assistant residents are among new regulations approved by the Dean of Women and the Women's Interterm Council this week.

Under the new regulations, late permissions will be allowed on Sunday evenings and may be granted up to 11 p.m. either in person or by telephone. If permission is requested by telephone, the coed must call her hall and her housemother to notify them of the request. All women resident students, except seniors, are given a certain number of later permissions per semester according to their class standing.

Prior to the adoption of the new regulations, late permissions were granted only on Monday through Thursday evenings and

had to be requested in person before 9 p.m.

Recently accorded senior privileges allow women to take unlimited late permissions, or a 12:30 curfew instead of the Monday through Thursday 11 p.m. curfew. These privileges also allow seniors to use their discretion in signing out for overnights during the week except they may not sign out for an overnight to a male's apartment or hotel room. If a senior is under 21 years of age she must obtain parental permission before these privileges can be granted.

A regulation that will allow daily sign-out cards to be on an in-out basis with co-eds no longer required to specify destination, has also been accepted pending some procedural mechanics to be worked out by the

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Merger--now what?

So we will soon see RPI, the orphan of Virginia higher education, become a major—yes, major—urban university. So what?

We have been told that this merger constitutes a "bold, new development" in education; that it will be "urban-oriented", and numerous other vague remarks. Still, we are prone to ask, and with legitimate reason, "so what?" The question is a good one, for surely no one can foresee all the ramifications of the merger.

There are certain advantages which will undoubtedly come about with, or as a result of, the consolidation, and we should take a look at them.

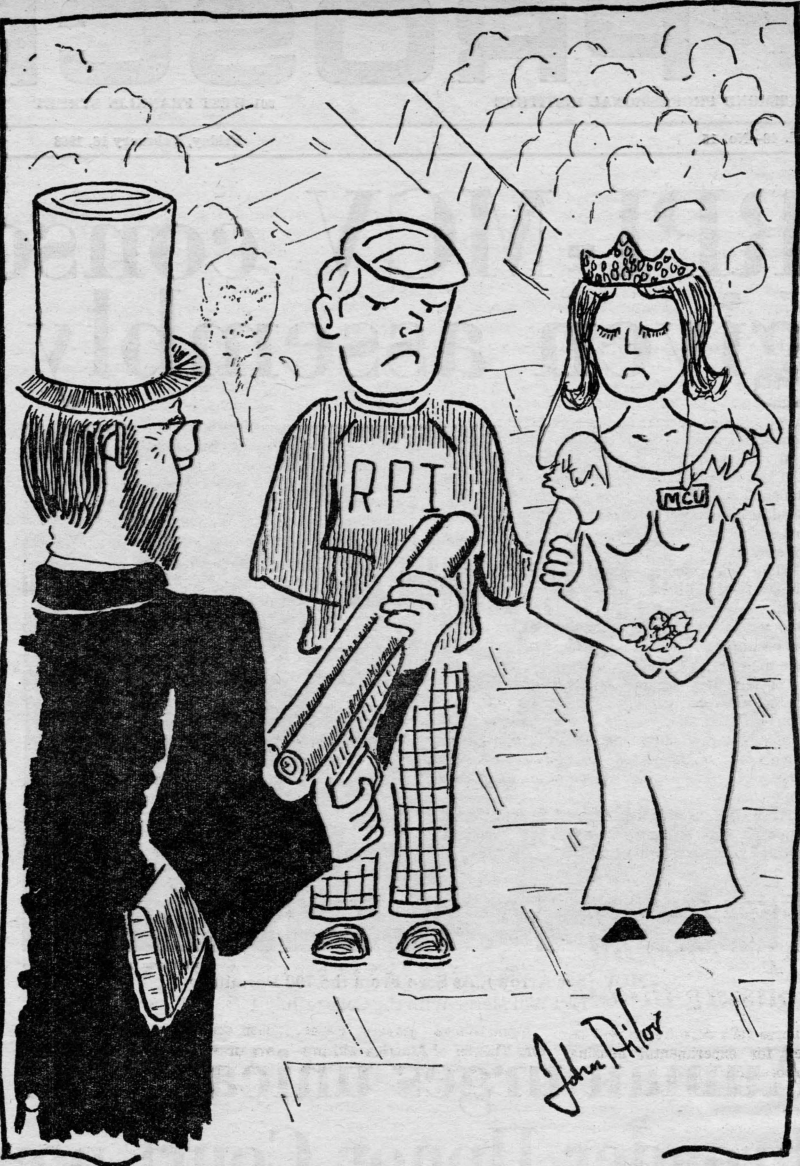
When the merger becomes official on July 1 of this year, all the property owned by MCV and RPI will be pooled into the corporation known as Virginia Commonwealth University. Though largely mechanical, the simple fact that resources will be pooled will mean that operations, initially administrative, which have been serving two separate institutions will, in some limited ways, be combined. Whence, greater efficiency will probably be the first tangible and positive effect of the merger.

THIS EFFICIENCY will also be felt, though at a later date, in the area of academics. A combined school of nursing, for example, may soon provide expanded and centrally directed efforts in that field.

But what of the intangible effects of the merger? What, for example, will the merger do to the much-discussed attitude of Richmond toward RPI? Can we expect this attitude, whatever it may be in reality, to change overnight? And what of the effect on alumni and this year's seniors? Will the death of this college's name bring a decrease in the value of those diplomas which bear that name, or will the reputation of the new university have the positive effect of increasing the value of those diplomas?

WE DON'T KNOW, nor does anyone know for sure, the answers to these and other questions associated with the merger. All we can do at this point is to wait, and hope for the best.

Two things, of course, are obvious. Whatever change results from the merger, it will be gradual—evolutionary instead of revolutionary. The second is that, negative or positive, there will be change.



Letters to the editor

Readers praise Rhoads, hit alleged dismissal

Editor, the Proscript

In a recent issue of The Proscript you carried a small article taking note of the death of Mr. Webster S. Rhoads, Jr., a member of the Board of Visitors of The Richmond Professional Institute. As an alumna of the college I believe that the students would be interested in knowing something about the great services rendered to the institution by Mr. Rhoads.

Mr. Rhoads was not, in fact, Rector of the Board as you stated, that position being capably filled by Mr. Robert A. Wilson. Although this honor had been offered to him in the past, Mr. Rhoads in his characteristically

modest manner had steadfastly refused to accept it. He never, however, refused to accept any other responsibility, no matter how difficult or menial. Two of his major areas of service were acting in a liaison capacity between the college and the members of the legislature and other state officials, and as Chairman of the Property and Finance Committee. He also served as a member of the Executive Committee. Under his guidance the college made significant gains in legislative appropriations and saw the development of a master plan which is even now beginning to take shape.

Not least among Mr. Rhoads' contributions were the prestige which his very association brought to the school, and the invaluable gift of countless hours of his time. Those of us who were privileged to be associated with him knew well the astuteness of his judgment, and his very real concern for the welfare of this institution.

The Board of The Richmond Professional Institute differs greatly from the boards of many other institutions at which this is largely an honorary position. It is an interesting and rewarding position, but it is also wearing and time consuming. Many of you going to and from your classes passed the tall man with the pleasant face on his way to yet another meeting. It is unlikely that many of you knew who he was. To have known him would greatly have enriched your education, but this type of relationship is seldom possible between board members and students—both groups are made up of busy people. However, as you enjoy the improved facilities in the Hibbs Building, admire the handsome new dormitory on Franklin, or look at the pictures of buildings yet to come join us in gratitude to the memory of a man who was a better friend to all of you than you could know.

was the first president of the Richmond chapter of the Alumni Association.

Editor, the Proscript

In the wake of the recent arrest of RPI students for alleged drug usage, and the resulting sensationalism in the local news media which followed, a meeting of the Disciplinary Committee was held on Monday, Feb. 5, to decide the fate of one of the students. After questioning him—(he was not asked whether or not he actually used drugs) the committee decided that he would not be allowed to continue in school here until and unless he is found innocent in court. In other words, the committee took the view that the accused is guilty until proven innocent. This same viewpoint may be seen in the courts of such countries as Soviet Russia and Nazi Germany.

It has taken thousands of years for man to develop and define that principle which is the basic tenet of the American judicial system; that the accused is innocent until proven guilty. The decision of the Disciplinary Committee completely ignores this principle, choosing instead its barbaric opposite. In effect, the accused has shamed the tribal group and is to be sacrificed to the god of public opinion.

There is no question concerning the power of the school administration to do this; the administration legally may set up any rules it sees as necessary to enable the school to function properly. However, there is often a vast difference between legality and morality, and it is on moral grounds that I criticize this decision.

And as you are shrugging your shoulders, my fellow students, it is well to remember that if the administration can dismiss one student merely because he was arrested, it can just as easily dismiss any other student whose arrest is publicized, regardless of the nature of the legal charge or of the student's guilt or innocence.

J. Ronald Courtney
FA4 Richmond

110 students sign petitions

Petitions bearing approximately 110 signatures advocating a change in the size of diplomas, were presented by Senior class representatives, to James W. Bailey, associate dean of the college, February 8.

"We would like to return to the original size used by RPI," said Mrs. Dorothy T. Burton, Senior class advisor and assistant professor of education. Since 1958 RPI has used the medium-sized 8½" x 11" diploma.

Beckie Schock, Senior class vice president estimated the newly requested size to be "1½" to 2" larger" than the existing size.

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The Observer

Rules are for safety

By Horton P. Beirne

Despite advances made by the Dean of Women and the Women's Interdorm Council concerning dormitory regulations, some co-eds living on campus believe that their social privileges are still restricted.

Last week, one of the advocates of complete dismissal of school-imposed rules resigned her position as a hall president of the 700 dormitory, saying "there should be no regulations on the way we live."

While a complete removal of restricting rules might make the majority of the persons living in dormitories contented, the college has obligations to the parents of the students attending RPI.

In fact, while the student is attending school, RPI has a duty to the parents as well as to the students to impose certain regulations. These regulations are not so much a matter of moral and social control as they are an effort to protect the student.

While rules for protecting students are definitely needed, out-of-date regulations concerned with the social activities of co-eds should be changed. This is currently being done by the administration through co-operation with the Women's Interdorm Council.

The girl who resigned is apparently unaware of the rule changes approved by the Dean of Women which allow co-eds to take dates on Sunday nights, give them the right to request late permissions by telephone and request late permissions as late as 11 p.m. the same night they are requested.

The council is also discussing the possibility of requiring girls to simply sign "In" or "Out" on the sign out cards without listing a destination.

The co-eds, in support of their argument for no regulations, say the school is trying to impose moral and social restrictions on them. Actually the college is more interested in the safety of the dormitory residents than in restricting their social activities.

One such rule is the curfew established for women which requires them to be in by 11 p.m. on week nights and 1 p.m. on weekends.

Mark Auman, president of the Student Government Association, during his address to the joint session of the SGA Monday, advocated an abolishment of these curfew hours.

Instead of asking for the dismissal of a rule which does not restrict the girls to a great extent but surely acts as a safety measure, Auman, as spokesman for the student body, should have asked for a change in the rules dealing with co-eds and male's apartments.

The majority of the co-eds living at RPI are mature enough to take care of themselves, or so they claim. If they desire to visit a man's apartment or dwelling that is their individual right.

Since the school should provide protection for the girls but still give them the freedom they claim they deserve, a compromise must be worked out.

With a minimum of restrictions such as the lenient curfew and overnight signout regulations, the mature students will recognize the need for the rules and abide by them. On the other hand, the immature students who claim that the administration just wants to limit their social life will continue to use various methods to sidestep any rules the school may try to enforce.

\$13.7 million cut

President seeks funds restoration

By Larry Evans

President Nelson addressed the House Appropriations Committee Tuesday afternoon in an effort to persuade General Assembly members to restore some of the funds cut from the college's budget request by Gov. Mills E. Godwin Jr.

The plea for additional financial aid came on the heels of several developments that could possibly have sizable effects on the college's request for funds.

Gov. Godwin has announced that he is restudying his entire budget after a federal court ordered the state to desist from deducting the equivalent of half the federal "impact" money it receives to offset costs of educating children of federal employees. The order is expected to deplete the state budget by \$20.5 million.

In other developments early this week it was discovered that the state will be drawing nearly \$23.8 million more than earlier projected from its sales taxes and that the state's kindergarten program will need \$15.2 million less than originally expected.

He said that the college was stabilizing its full-time enrollment in order to improve the quality of education offered and was limiting its part-time evening college enrollment to the point that it could support itself. He also said that the college was limiting its community service programs in order that they can also be self-supporting.

Dr. Nelson told the Committee that it was necessary for it to restore some of the deleted funds if the college was to improve itself in three vital areas - faculty, library facilities and maintenance of the physical plant - and to provide for two additional buildings. To do this Dr. Nelson asked for a restoration of \$4,510,128.

"By far our most critical need is faculty," Dr. Nelson told the group, "more full-time faculty, and more faculty with the doctoral degree."

To satisfy a portion of this need, Dr. Nelson asked the Committee to restore \$710,128 to the maintenance and operations appropriation to be used for faculty salaries.

In asking for these additional funds Dr. Nelson said that the college is "under instructions by two accrediting agencies to show marked improvement in number of faculty employed who possess the terminal degree and to increase the number of full-time faculty employed."

Dr. Nelson said that this could not be done with funds currently recommended.

Dr. Nelson also asked the Committee to allocate the college an additional \$320,000 to upgrade the library "to bring it up to the five percent minimum level as required by our regional accrediting association."

The college is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges which requires that five percent of the general operating budget of a school go toward the support of its library. The college's present budget provides less than three percent for support of the library.

In making this request Dr. Nelson pointed out that the college had the lowest expenditure per student for its library in the state during the last biennium. He also said that the college was next to the bottom in number of volumes in the library per student. The library contains 13.8 volumes per student while the average for other Virginia colleges is 30 volumes per student.

Dr. Nelson also requested that \$200,000 be added to the recommended appropriations to meet maintenance needs. In making this request Dr. Nelson noted that a recent state council study recommended that 53% of the buildings currently used by the college for instruction be discontinued, but that all of these buildings will have to be used during the next biennium.

"Such buildings will require considerable maintenance and modest renovation to make them useful for educational purposes and, even more important in some cases, safe for occupancy," Dr. Nelson said.

Dr. Nelson's final request to the committee dealt with the restoration of \$2,280,000 to allow for the completion of a new school of education building and a new library.

Rules freedom experimental housing theme

Campus News Briefs

'Sandburg' play set

Three RPI dormitories will be used for experimental housing purposes next year.

Ritter-Hickok, 909 West Franklin and Anderson House will be conducted as experimental housing and not as regular dormitories if enough female students show an interest in participating in the program.

The experiment will be conducted with the emphasis on seniors and freedom from rules and regulations. The girls will make their own rules and will be responsible for taking care of their dormitories.

Alpha-Omega players Repertory Theater of America will present "The World of Carl Sandburg" at the Christ Church, Laburnum Avenue and Hermitage Road, at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

A tentative get-together party is being planned for those interested in working on or participating in the Miss RPI pageant this spring, according to Diane Manley of the pageant committee.

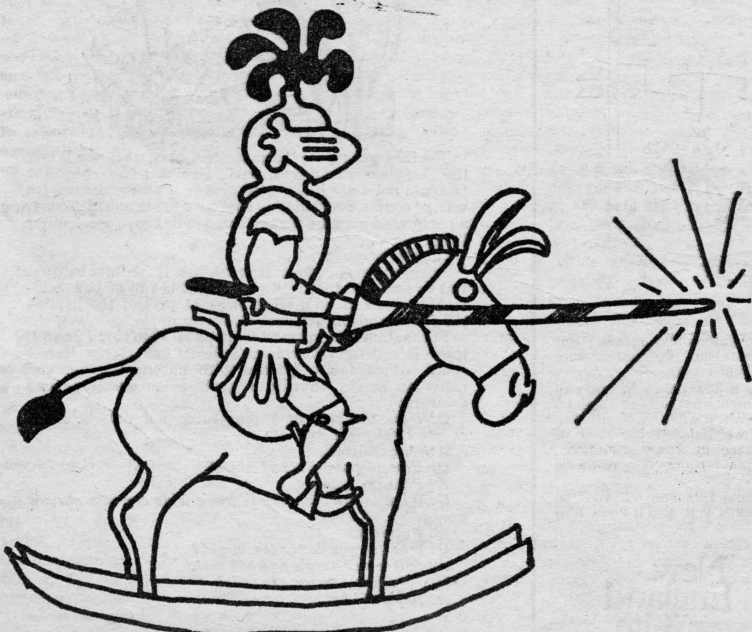
The party is usually sponsored by the Pepsi-Cola Company, which also gives Miss RPI a

cash scholarship. Contest plans are uncertain at present due to a lack of funds. Last year the money for the contest was supplied by the school.

Diane said, however, that planning is continuing and that times, dates and places for events will be known in about two weeks.

The Quota club will hold a fashion seminar on March 9 for all RPI co-eds in the multi-purpose room of the 700 Dormitory. There will be no charge for admission.

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Four categories proposed

Additional revenue to be distributed

By Robert Kirk

The \$24 increase in fees recently approved by the Board of Visitors might perhaps forestall any further raises in the students activities fee at this time, according to Dr. Charles M. Renneisen, dean of students.

The increase is part of a new plan disclosed last month by Dr. Renneisen when he addressed the student Congress. The Congress endorsed the proposal, and it was recommended to the college president and the Board of Visitors.

Renneisen's original proposal was for these additional funds to be broken down into four categories: athletics, education and culture, convocations, and student government activities.

"It hasn't been decided how much of this money will be broken down into each activity," Renneisen said, but he anticipates that the president will generally follow the guidelines set forth in the original proposal.

"WE PROBABLY will have an announcement officially as to the amounts for each category when Dr. Nelson gets an answer from the General Assembly as to how much money we will be getting from the state," he said.

The amount of money from the state will determine how many students RPI will attempt to enroll under the stabilization plans

for growth of the school.

Tuition for state students is presently \$200 per semester, from which \$5 is allocated to the Student Activities Committee (SAC). With the increase in effect September 1, tuition will be \$212 per semester with \$12 allocated for student funds.

IN HIS ADDRESS to the Congress, Renneisen outlined the four major divisions of his plan and recommended that the \$24 per student be allocated in a "somewhat equal fashion." Each of the groups, he proposed, could utilize the allocation the way it thinks best.

Dr. Renneisen said that the funds for athletic scholarships and facilities are presently inadequate and more of the student activities fee should be spent in athletics. This would help the school develop a broader sports program and enable more participation with other colleges.

Student government funds from the activities fee 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.

The cultural and educational activities category controlled by

SAC, would include convocations, the Richmond Public Forum, Richmond symphony and the American Light Opera.

Campus publications is also a category which would derive benefits from the increased fees.

Applications for admission to the school are expected to be up 25 per cent over last September, "and in anticipation of not knowing how many students we are

going to take, we are processing the best students first. The leveling-off point has not yet been decided," Renneisen stated in an attempt to project how much additional money would be available for student activities fees.

"It (the number of applications to accept) will become crucial within a month, and by that time we will know from the General Assembly just how much money we are going to get," he said.

Assembly measure
Authorizes merger

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Willey, a Senate patron of the bill, said that it is up to the university's board of visitors where the university should expand.

THE BILL would authorize the establishment of the university on July 1, 1968. However, the House bill was passed as emergency legislation and would be effective upon final passage.

The legislation puts into effect

recommendations of the Wayne Commission, which studied the feasibility of merging the two schools.

Basically, the commission recommended that (1) the university, to be named Virginia Commonwealth University, become effective July 1, and be composed of RPI and MCV; (2) that it be a dual-campus institution, with such additional land south of RPI as may be needed (the legislation did not provide for site expansion); (3) that a fifteen-man board of visitors be appointed by the governor and confirmed by the General Assembly; (4) that the university have a president and that the medical sciences division and the academic affairs division each have chief administrative officers; and (5) that priority be given to development of quality undergraduate programs in liberal arts and sciences and substantial graduate offerings.

Lates, senior rules
relaxed for co-eds

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Women's Interdorm Council this week.

Housemothers' reaction to the new regulations was favorable.

Mrs. Lucille Curtis of Monroe Terrace said, "I think they are good especially for juniors and seniors. For the freshmen, I don't know yet exactly how it will work. I don't think we will have any trouble with the new in-out system or late desk."

Mrs. Annie Seward of Monroe Terrace said she approved of most of the rules and thought they were "very good." She said she was "delighted with the

new senior privileges."

Both housemothers commented that they felt most of the resident students would take the responsibility of the new rules with no problems at all.

Campus police
recommend
buddy system

The Campus Police Department has asked that co-eds going out after dark do so only in groups of two or more.

Commenting on the success of the "buddy system" at RPI, John Veller, director of the Campus Police, said that girls rarely are attacked after dark if they walk in groups.

At this time, the Campus Police and Richmond Police are working together patrolling the campus.

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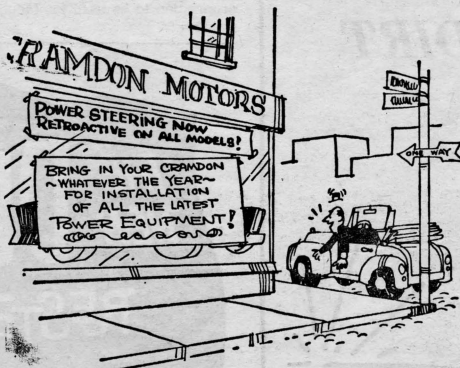
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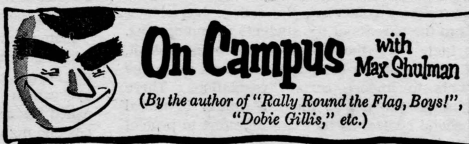
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Any man who says morning is the best time of day is either a liar or a meadow lark.

There is only one way to make morning enjoyable: sleep till noon. Failing that, the very best you can do is to make morning tolerable. This, I am pleased to report, is possible if you will follow three simple rules:

1. Shave properly.

By shaving properly I mean shaving quietly. Don't use a blade that whines and complains. Morning being a time of clanger and anger, use a blade that neither clangs nor angers. Use a blade that makes no din on your chin, no squeak on your cheek, no howl on your jaw, no rip on your lip, no waves while it shaves. Use, in short, Personna Super Stainless Steel Blades.

I have been shaving for 71 years (not too impressive until one considers that I am 49 years old) and I am here to tell you that the quietest blade I know is Personna. I not only shave with Personna, but I also admire it. Old virtues reappear in Personna; old values are reborn. Personna is a modest blade, an undemanding blade. Personna does not rasp and tug, yelling, "Hey, lookit me!" No, sir, not Personna! Silently, respectfully, unobtrusively, Personna whisks your whiskers with nary a whisper. It shucks your soil and stubble without toil and trouble. Why, you hardly know it's there, this well-bred Personna blade, this paragon of punctilio.

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2. Breakfast properly.

I assert that a Personna shave is the best of all possible shaves. But I do not assert that a Personna shave, bracing though it may be, is enough to prepare you for the hideous forenoon ahead. After shaving you must eat an ample breakfast.

Take, for example, the case of Basil Metabolism, a sophomore at V.M.I. Basil, knowing there was to be an inspection by the Commandant one morning, prepared by storing up energy. He recognized that coffee and juice would not sustain him, so he had a flitch of bacon, a clutch of eggs, a batch of bagels, a notch of ham, a bunch of butter, a swatch of grits, a hutch of honey, a patch of jelly, a thatch of jam, a twitch of pepper, and a pinch of salt.



The idea was right; the quantities, alas, were not. When the Commandant arrived, Basil, alas, was so torpid that he could not raise his bloated arm in a proper salute. He was, of course, immediately shot by a firing squad. Today, a perforated man, he earns a meagre living as a collander in Cleveland.

3. Read properly.

Always read the paper at breakfast. It inhibits bolting. But do not read the front page. That is full of bad, acid-making news. Read a more pleasant part of the paper—the Home and Garden section, for example.

For instance, in my local paper, *The Westport Peasant*, there is a delightful column called "Ask Harry Home-spun" which fairly bristles with bucolic wisdom and many an earthy chuckle. I quote some questions and answers:

Q: I am thinking of buying some power tools. What should I get first?

A: Hospitalization.

Q: How do you get rid of moles?

A: Pave the lawn.

Q: What is the best way to put a wide car in a narrow garage?

A: Butter it.

Q: What do you do for elm blight?

A: Salt water gargle and bed rest.

Q: What can I do for dry hair?

A: Get a wet hat.

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Personna's partner in shaving comfort is Burma-Shave, regular or menthol. Together, Personna and Burma-Shave make a considerable contribution toward forenoon survival.

Unicameral congress recommended by Auman

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a better system of representation." Based on the recommendations of the revisions committee, he said changes in this area could be made easily in the amendment process.

The SGA president showed much enthusiasm for support of a new committee he has proposed to Dr. Nelson.

Now being discussed by the faculty Academic Senate, this committee, the Joint Student/Faculty Committee on Academic Ar-

fairs, would accomplish "curriculum reform" and help stimulate more "student power." Auman said he would request that this committee consider academic issues such as revision of attendance regulations, reform of the advising system and school-wide faculty evaluation programs.

Amplifying on faculty evaluation, Auman said last year he was "pretty indignant about the teaching staff." However, he said he realized that the Administration was "already aware of the problems." The "real cul-

prit," he asserted, "is the General Assembly" for allocating insufficient funds to the college. Therefore, he told the joint session that this week he will write every member of the House of Delegates Appropriations Committee to request needed funds.

Auman asked the Congress to consider several budget recommendations.

After accounting for where allocations are spent, Auman said "the present budget is insufficient to the point that we are unable to inaugurate any new programs. Our \$2,500 allotment is being spent just to keep our heads above water."

To help alleviate financial problems, Auman proposed that the Congress charge special dues—\$2 from each House member and \$10 from each class. He also asked the Congress to request \$200 from the Student Activities Committee for functional purposes.

Speaking on campus construction, Auman presented several alternatives for another Student Center "since it would now appear that the proposed Student Center will not be built." If not a major renovation of the present building on Franklin st., he proposed "possible use of the present library after the new one is built" or conversion of the Temple Faculty lounge into a study room.

Auman's address

Deans' reaction mixed

James W. Bailey, Associate Dean of the College, and Dr. Charles M. Renneisen, Dean of Students, have reacted mildly and with mixed expression of approval and disapproval to Mark Auman's address to a joint session of student congress Monday night.

Dr. Renneisen said that he would sanction a separation of the legislative and executive branches of the SGA as called for by Auman, but that he sees advantages in maintaining the bicameral legislative structure. Auman asked, also, for a change to a unicameral student congress.

Renneisen explained, "You can't get the participation" in a one-house body. He cited the maturity of the Senate as an advantage in maintaining the body. "They (the Senate) can get the

feel of the students," he concluded.

In commenting on the SGA president's proposal for elimination of moral restrictions on students, Dr. Renneisen noted that there can be no comparison of college regulation in the U.S. with the minimal regulation in European colleges. Students attending universities in Europe are only a small percentage of the total student age population, while here a great percentage attend college under our democratic society.

"There is an elite group there," Renneisen said, "and you must treat the group a little differently than the multi-group here."

He also pointed out that state colleges in the United States are partly supported by the public. "Therefore," he said, "the general public has certain expectations of what the college should be like."

He added, "You're better off keeping the rules general than specific. To illustrate every possible situation, you would have to have experts to analyze them."

BAILEY COMMENTED, "I

would like to feel that all our students are mature enough not to require certain types of regulation. However, the truth of the matter is, in our society as complex and interrelated as it has become, we need some kind of social regulation."

The associate dean explained that he would like to see regulations developed that might be helpful in aiding a person in achieving his maturity.

A major factor cited by Auman for inadequacies in the school was the General Assembly's failure to appropriate sufficient funds — not in the administration. Dr. Renneisen agreed that "many of our problems could be settled right now down at the Capitol."

He expressed the hope that a merger with the MCV would alleviate the financial problems.

Bailey agreed with Auman that "the main areas of attendance regulations are unclear and need to be reviewed." He explained that the current rulings were decided essentially about a year ago by the administrative council and were at that time an improvement over the former regulation, but still need improvement.

Yearbooks to be sold without subscriptions

Approximately 300 yearbooks will be available in May at a cost of \$3.50 or \$5 to students who did not subscribe in the fall, according to Patti Jones, editor of the publication.

Patti said about 700 of the 1000 books ordered from the publishing firm have been purchased by subscription. Students who paid half of the subscription price at the time of purchase will com-

plete payment when they receive their annuals.

"Work on the book is progressing quite well," Patti said. "We have now completed three-fourths of the book, and we will have the remaining sections completed by March 10."

Patti said that she thinks the 1968 Cobblestone will "project a whole new image to both RPI students and the general public."

Vice president asks 'drastic changes'

Preceding Mark Auman's speech to the student Congress Monday night, Al Shahda asked the representatives to consider "a series of drastic changes" in student government.

Shahda, vice president of the Student Government Association (SGA), told the joint session that he "will be proposing an amendment" which would totally separate the executive branch from the legislative. Stating two reasons, Shahda said non-separation would be "bad government" and "too much work on the executive."

As Auman later did, Shahda additionally recommended that the Congress consider a unicameral student government, a constitutional amendment allowing the Honor Court selection of its own members and a motion that would direct the special committee on constitutional revisions to present its findings to the Congress.

Like Auman, Shahda had very little to say about his proposal for a unicameral government.

However, concerning the revisions committee, he commented, "I feel the student Congress is a better cross-sampling than a committee of three or four members" to revise the SGA constitution.

Shahda asserted that if power were delegated to the Honor Council to choose members (with Congressional approval), the SGA would be vesting "Räspäet" in the Council. He offered this recommendation as a solution to the "constant bickering and fueding" between the SGA and the Honor Council.

Commenting on the difference

of this year's SGA and ones of the past, the vice president pointed out mainly that Mark Auman is one of "the first to take his job responsibly." Shahda said Auman was following the precedent set down by Milt Woody, last year's SGA president and this year's SGA adviser.

Shahda stated that the SGA's primary philosophy is working "for the betterment of the student within the framework of peaceful coexistence with the Administration."

In this vein, he mentioned three goals of the SGA: to gain "sincere respect" for the college student, to stimulate "student activism and awareness of issues here and throughout the world" and to "better student representation."

The SGA vice president mentioned several projects in which SGA is presently involved, one being the establishment of Reserve Office Training Corps (ROTC) at RPI. Dr. Nelson "gave me the green light" to investigate the possibility," he explained.

Shahda also announced that the Congress will participate in Choice '68, a nationwide presidential primary for college students under 21. Underwritten by Time magazine, the primary will be held April 24. Shahda expressed the hope that student participation in this project will fulfill the SGA's philosophy on "student activism and awareness."

After his speech, Shahda added that the executive committee of the SGA and the Proscript have agreed to sponsor Choice '68 together.



Staff Photo by Harry Long

The Honor Court Shown During a Recent Mock Trial
SGA President Mark Auman Wants its Power Expanded

Rams go over century mark to defeat Eastern Mennonite

The Rams scored 104 points for their second consecutive win last Friday. The Eastern Mennonite College team was RPI's victim in the 104-81 point splurge.

Don Ross poured in 47 points, coming within two of his two-day old school record of 49 to lead the Rams win.

Eight other RPI players made the scoring column. No one was able to come close to Ross' total. Steve Harvey scored 11 points

and Mike Meehan 10.

RICK YODER led the Cour-tiers' offense with 24 points, and Dennis Purcell followed with 21. Other members of the Mennonite team didn't lend much scoring support, however, as Yoder and Purcell were the only players scoring more than 10 points.

Eastern Mennonite stayed close throughout the first half, and was down by only six, 46-40, at half time.

Frederick mauls Rams 91-63 to end 2-game winning streak

Frederick College opened up a commanding lead midway in the first half and never allowed RPI's Rams to catch up, winning a 91-63 basketball victory in the gym-

SPORTS

nasium Monday night.

Frederick got on the score-board first, but the Rams, with

Don Ross and Bob Bostain lead-ing the way, quickly opened up an 11-6 lead. Frederick was stymied by the Rams' zone de-fense, but soon began shooting over the zone and hitting.

This, coupled with a four-and-one-half minute cold spell on the part of the Rams, turned the tables in favor of Frederick. They managed only one foul shot by Ross during this period, and by the time Bostain dropped in the next field goal, Frederick was off and running with a 20-14 lead.

Frederick used a definite height advantage to control the boards. The team missed 58 of it's attempts from the floor, but collected 33 of its own missed shots. The Rams could recover only 22 rebounds under the Fred-erick basket, and a total of 35, while the other team managed a total of 62.

Frederick took a comfortable 47-29 lead to the dressing room at halftime, then came back to out-score the Rams 12-2 in the first five minutes of the second half, erasing the hopes of even the most optimistic Ram fans.

Mike Schemering led Fred-erick's offense with 23 points, most of them coming on long jumpers in the first half. In addition, Schemering held RPI's Ross to his lowest point total of the sea-

son in his team's man-to-man de-fense.

Dan Roberts, a 6-5 forward, put 22 points on the board for Frederick, most of them coming from underneath, on tap-ins and short jumpers.

Rejects edge Drafts, 46-45

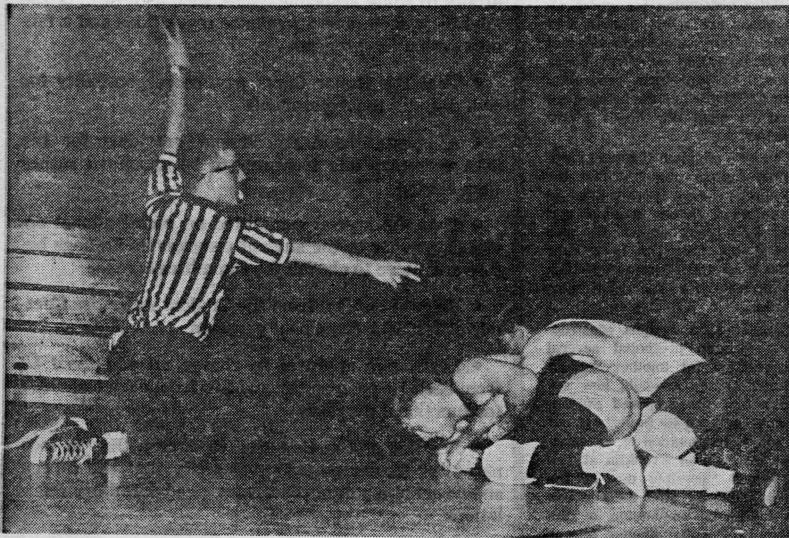
In the closest game of the week, the Rejects gained their second win in 3 days by downing the Drafts II by a one point margin, 46-45. The Rejects high scorer was Len Creech with 21 points. The Drafts II high scorer was Bob Plageman who had 12 points.

Rejects18 27-46
Draft II's20 25-45
Rejects scoring: Creech 21, Che-nault 7, Cobb 6, Wilhelm 6, Dunna-vant 6.
Draft II's scoring: Plageman 12, Minor 10, Childress 10, Jones 6, Grif-flin 6.

The Has Beens defeated the Lancers, 51-35. The Has Beens high scorer was Bucky Brockwell with 17 points. Johnny Lee had 14 points for the Lancers.

Has Beens26 25-21
Lancers16 19-35
Has Beens scoring: Brockwell 17, Foster 15, Ransome 12, Rudnick 5, McGuire 3.

Lancers scoring: Lee 14, Creech 7, Herndon 5, Brugman 6, Sprouse 3.
The LD's downed the Quiz Kids by a score of 45-36 February 6.



Staff Photo by Ray Reed

Referee Signals Two Points For Ram Wrestler in Saturday's Match With NNAS
The Shipbuilders Won the Match to Drop The Rams' Record to 1-7

NNAS wins, 20-15

Rams drop final match

By Ken Heite

The RPI wrestling team closed out its season with a 20-15 loss to Newport News Apprentice School last Saturday. It was the second defeat of the Rams by the Shipbuilders and brought their record to 1-7.

The grapplers got off to a good start in the match when Ram Lang Johnston pinned Larry Campbell after 58 seconds of the second period. This gave RPI a 5-0 lead.

The Shipbuilders quickly tied the match as RPI 130-pound wrestler Rick Ostlund was pinned.

In the next match, in the 137-pound class, the Rams regained the lead for what was to be the final time of the match. Mike Hirshman won by default and RPI led, 10-5.

The RPI matmen dropped the next four weight classes by decisions and fell behind by 17-10. In the 145-pound class Bill Loth saw a 5-4 deficit after two periods emerge into a final score of 12-6 to give the Apprentices a three-point edge.

The 152-pound class was won by Newport News in convincing fashion as Bobby Tate was defeated, 12-0.

Bob Schrum of RPI was the victim in the 160-pound class. In the first period the match was scoreless and it was tied 2-2 after the second period, but in the third period the Ram wrestler could not keep up with the Newport News grappler and bowed by the score of 11-4.

The 167-pound class saw a 2-1 lead in favor of Newport News

increase to a 12-4 margin before the match was over.

RPI then closed in with two points as they won the 177-pound weight class by a pin. This left one match to go and RPI still had a chance to win.

THE FINAL MATCH, the un-limited class, also close for a period, with Ram Hank Fitz trailing by two going into the final period. But, it was here that the experience of Ace Loding overcame Fitz. The final score for the bout was 11-0 in favor of Loding.

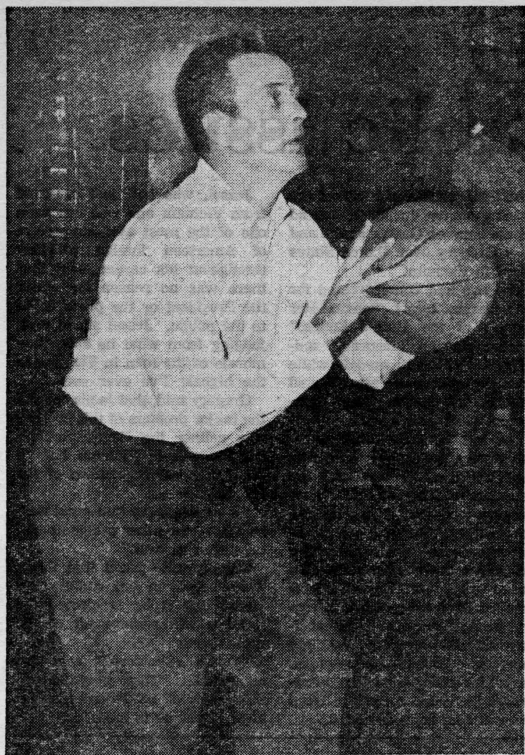
Coach Dave Magill summed up the whole season in one word. . . "disappointing." He attributed this statement to the fact that the team lost three key players, including captain Danny Red-fearn and 177-pound starter Tom Baker.

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Dr. Nelson Takes Aim From His Favorite Spot
The President Hit From 40 Feet Out on This Shot

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Quiz Kids have adept player, 'most famous man on campus'

Every time the Quiz Kids of the Intramural basketball league take the court the most famous man on the campus will be on the floor.

The Quiz Kids are a team made of the faculty and administration and included in their number is Dr. Nelson, president of the college.

Dr. Nelson astonished the crowd in the first game he played by making a 40-foot set shot.

"I used to stand for hours and practice from that place. I could probably make about 40 per cent of those shots if there was no one bothering me," he said.

Dr. Nelson's athletic career is a broad and intensive one. In high school the future educator played in both baseball and basketball, and while in college he engaged in intramural football,

basketball and baseball. In college, Dr. Nelson even played semi-pro baseball, a level of competition one step below the professional leagues.

Dr. Nelson still enjoys participating in sports.

Commenting on his physical condition then and now, the 39-year-old president said, "I haven't seen any change since college in the coordination between the hand and eye."

Playing against the president seems to be an itchy problem. At least some of the opponents have

expressed that view.

But what should one do in such a case? The opponents probably have two alternatives: maintain a reverent attitude that Dr. Nelson is the chief administrator, or consider him just "one of the guys," and play their normal aggressive game.

The idea behind the faculty basketball team was to help cultivate and improve the present instructor-student relationship, said Milton Woody, Financial Aid Director and coach of the Quiz Kids.

New sport added

RPI will field its first tennis team this spring. A meeting for prospective team members will be held Wednesday, Feb. 14 in Gym G, according to Coach Dave Magill.

Ross sets record

Rams surprise Eagles

Don Ross scored a record-breaking 49 points against the Eagles of Bridgewater to lead the Rams to their third victory of the season last Wednesday night.

Although Ross's performance was the chief factor in the win, the Rams needed a clutch basket from Bob Bostain to win the hotly contested game.

Bostain's bucket came with 38 seconds remaining in the game, breaking an 87-87 tie established by Ed Cook 17 seconds earlier.

Ross' 49 points established a school record. The old record, held by C. G. Winston, was 47 scored against Pembroke in 1963.

Ross bucketed 11 points in a space of four minutes midway in the second half, virtually carrying the entire offensive load this period.

The 6-1 guard also contributed six consecutive free throws near the end of the game to prevent

the Eagles from extending a brief one-point lead they had taken earlier.

THE RAMS trailed throughout most of the first half, and were behind 48-46 at the intermission. The Eagles started slowly in the second half, however, and Ross put the Rams on top 2:49 into the last period. RPI was able to maintain its lead for the rest of the game except for a one-point lead the Eagles held for eight seconds with about three minutes left in the game.

Ed Cook and Jim Upperman led the Eagle offense with 28 and 27 points, respectively. Rick Lockhart added 11 to the Bridgewater total.

The Rams hit a red-hot 75 per cent of their foul shots, getting 21 points at the charity stripe. The Eagles hit 24 of 40 free throws, for a 60.0 norm.

THE REBOUND BATTLE was virtually a standoff, as the Eagles collected 42 to the Rams' 41.

The Rams' team shooting average from the floor was 40 per cent, were somewhat better. He cent. Ross's individual statistics hit 19 of his 34 attempts for a percentage of 55.

The Eagles also hit 40 per cent of their floor shots.

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Comedians debate public issues

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Evidence of how the ever-growing schism between ideological factions is permeating all aspects of American society came rapidly to the forefront in last Saturday night's Richmond Public Forum.

In a meaningful discussion in which Mort Sahl and Dave Garroway complained of control of television by political factions and George Jessel and Dick Gregory argued over the Vietnam war, the audience was treated to a performance in which all of the participants appeared to be real people rather than simply paid entertainers.

The Forum was billed "A History of American Comedy," but the major portion of the evening was spent in debates concerning various aspects of American society.

Perhaps the most shocking statements of the evening came from Sahl and Garroway, who implied that there is increasing control of television by politically

oriented factions.

Sahl, a social satirist whose appearances on television have been few in recent years, said that he can now appear on only the Johnny Carson show because of the "totalitarian" methods employed by the government in keeping him off the air.

"I'M NOT SAYING that the networks are called in the middle of the night and told what can be said," Sahl said, I'm just saying they already know what to say.

"Liberals with pretty fair credentials have seen to it that I can't work on television, but I'm not going to join the cannibals," he said.

After Sahl had left the audience somewhat shocked with his statements, Garroway, who was serving as moderator, added in a somewhat nervous voice, "I've never said this in public before, but in the past six-and-one-half years I've faced the same problem Mort is talking about."

Sahl suggested that the liberals are afraid of his sharp tongue, a tongue which may have helped

them win the election in 1960. Sahl said he has been told by high-ranking Republicans that his satire was one of the main reasons for the defeat of Richard Nixon in the 1960 presidential race.

Sahl said that after the election Hubert Humphrey said to him, "Now that Eisenhower is gone you don't have anything to joke about, do you?"

Sahl said that his reply was that he realized he was living in Utopia but that he would tax his creative powers in hopes of possibly finding something to criticize.

THE AUDIENCE listened closely as Sahl exhorted them to wake up to what is happening in their country. "Your heritage is to say what you think; your duty is to know what you are talking about."

Sahl told the audience that it was "for the people to take the country back."

ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT of the evening came during a heated debate between George Jessel and Dick Gregory over United States policy in Vietnam.

The two had come dressed for the occasion. Jessel, "toastmaster general of the United States," was wearing an "honorary" uniform covered with medals while Gregory wore his recently adopted uniform of green jump suit, apricot shirt and ascot.

The rift between the two began when Gregory began criticizing President Johnson and the press for its handling of the war. Gregory said that it was ridiculous to think that with all of the talk about Khe Sahn representing the major battle of the Vietnam war when the United States only has 6,000 troops there. Gregory, an announced write-in candidate for President in the 1968 race, said that he had just returned from England where newspapers listed the American troop force at Khe Sahn as 60,000.

Jessel, who had just returned from Vietnam and who has been one of the most avid supporters of American foreign policy throughout his career, said that there was no reason for either the President or the press to lie to the public. Jessel added that, judging from what he saw, "the morale of the men in Vietnam is the highest I've ever seen."

Gregory said, that in his opinion the major problem of this country was neither the Negro problem nor the war in Vietnam but "a general moral breakdown of the people."

"If we can solve that problem," he said, "the other problems will be solved as well."

Gregory also joked that many white people in this country are afraid that if he is elected the Negroes will enslave all of the white people.

"That's ridiculous," said the comedian. "That would mean that each of us Negroes would have 12 people to feed."



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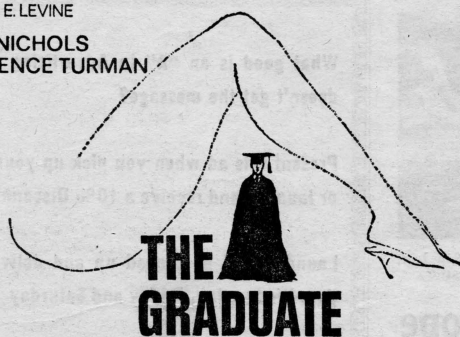
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