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Merry Christmas



Psychopathic To Be Housed Here!

Let Hollywood Beware

Guest in the House, a Eunson and Wilde production, will be presented by the college Dramatic League, under the direction of Miss Virginia F. Prescott, on Tuesday, January 13.

The play deals with a psychopathic girl who, through scheming and plotting, manages to disrupt the peace and harmony of Douglas Proctor's home. The sweet, lovable girl who insists upon playing over and over again a recording of *Liebestraum* turns out to be a little devil who, in trying to destroy others, destroys herself.

The cast in order of appearance includes Beth Dowling as Ann Proctor, Betty Cullen as Lee Proctor, Mildred Camara as Hilda, Frances Steere as Mrs. Shaw, Florina Langevin as Miss Prichard, Lorraine Bolduc as Aunt Martha Proctor, Norma Ferguson, as Miriam Blacke, Ray Lombardi as Dan Proctor, Harold Merritt as Douglas Proctor, Joan Taylor as Jean, Georgia Townsend as Evelyn Heath, Barbara Hitchcock as Mrs. Dow, David Brooks as Frank Dow, Sylvia Whitehead as Pamela Rhodes and Edward Bourque as Cam Tracy, the photographer.

Plays from now on will begin at 7:45 p. m. Latecomers will not be admitted to the performances until the scene in progress is over.

Kappa Delta Pi Throws Sno-Ball

The "Sno-Ball," Christmas dance sponsored by the Kadelphians, was held in Room 102 on Saturday evening, December 13. *The Designers*, a student orchestra from the Rhode Island School of Design, provided music for the affair, and carols were sung during intermission.

In the receiving line were President and Mrs. Lucius A. Whipple, Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Donovan, Miss Catherine Connor, Miss Gertrude E. McGunigle, Mrs. Bertha May Belle Andrews, Miss Marion I. Wright, Mrs. Edith C. Becker.

The committee for the dance included Theresa Ford, chairman; Terese Tedeschi, Joan Doyle, Phyllis Horton, Catherine Brady, Alice Hurl, Shirley Quimby, and Louise Holland, ex-officio.

In Naval Hospital

George Daniel, freshman, is in the Newport Naval Hospital, convalescing from an operation undergone last weekend.

THE SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

by Haig Sarkesian

Last Saturday the Ricemen entertained an impressive Arnold College quintet from Milford, Connecticut. The R.I.C.E. five held a 9-7 first period lead, but during the second period the Nutmeggers rallied to make the score 30-22 at half-time. The third period also showed the supremacy of the Connecticut team, and sent them into a 54-36 lead. The last quarter found the Ricemen gaining steadily, but as time ran out the score stood at 65 for the visitors and 52 for R.I.C.E.

Although this is the third defeat handed R.I.C.E., the team is as eager as ever to win. In spite of limited reserves and the loss of men through injuries, the Ricemen appear undaunted in the face of their next league game, with Keene State Teachers College of New Hampshire.

The R.I.C.E. quintet entertained a powerful opponent, New Britain Teachers College, on the first of December. The Ricemen showed a stalwart defense in the first half, and hopes were high, but the superior ball handling, the tricky offensive power employed by the Blue Devils, and their reserve strength contributed to the defeat of R.I.C.E. The score at the end of the half totaled 25 for New Britain and 16 for R.I.C.E. It is a credit to the Ricemen that they were the first team this year to keep New Britain from leading by a margin of more than 20 at the intermission. During the last two periods the overpowering strength of the Blue Devils showed itself. Led by their captain, who set up

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College Guests Given A Mickey!

Led by Betty Armington, Betty Corrigan, Virginia Downey, and Alice Hurl in the main roles, the Senior Class took first place in the college's annual Stunt Night competition earlier this month. Second place went to the freshmen.

Judges were three dramatic coaches: Miss Marguerite Fox of Pawtucket East High School, Raymond Baker of LaSalle Academy, and Howard Olsen of East Providence High School.

The winning script was written by Betty Corrigan and committee, and the music by Catherine Conway and Joan Doyle. The story was concerned with the efforts of a spirit, Mickey Finn, to promote co-operation, these efforts being directed at three R.I.C.E. students with some interesting and amusing results.

Bob Hargraves wrote and directed the freshman skit, in which angel Joe Devine gained his wings by acquiring a philosophy at R.I.C.E. Norma Chase and Bob Hargraves also had leading roles.

The juniors presented a satire on *Anthony and Cleopatra* in which the principal characters, Joan Burke, Gene Bouchard, and Herman Garlick, plus one or two others, had all died by the final curtain. Bill McIntyre was author and director.

Norma Ferguson produced the sophomore skit in which an R.I.C.E. student, having won a visual aid contest, attends radio broadcasts in the big city and returns a hero. The leads were played by David Brooks, Paul Donovan, Chester Fuller, and John Lauth.

Concert Today Concludes Choir Yuletide Program

Group to Sing at First Baptist Church; Tea and College Appearance Highlight the Week

With the presentation of a carol concert for the Community Workshop at the First Baptist Church auditorium this afternoon at 4 o'clock, the R.I.C.E. Choir will conclude its series of guest appearances for the 1947 Yuletide season. Also included in this week's activities were the traditional Christmas Concert and faculty tea.

Student Musical Postponed

The musical show planned by the Dramatic League has been indefinitely postponed, Miss Virginia F. Prescott, director, told an *Anchor* reporter this week.

It is felt that the production, scheduled for January 30, would prove too much of a burden for the participating students, whose schedule for the next month includes a Christmas recess, a formal dance, a Dramatic League play, a week of mid-year examinations, and sundry other activities.

Miss Prescott said that the musical may be presented later on in the year at a less busy time, but that no definite plans have been made.

News Editor Elected

Ruth Mandeville, junior, was recently elected *Anchor* News Editor to replace Alice Hurl, who resigned because of the pressure of her Ricoled duties. Miss Mandeville had previously been on the News Staff.

The combined choirs, under the leadership of Director Gertrude E. McGunigle, took part in the concert presented in the college auditorium Tuesday night. Accompanist was Miss Corina Papino. The program follows:

- Candlelight Processional
- Hark the Herald Angels Sing
- Mendelssohn*
- Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring *Bach*
- Edward Watson, Organist
- God Give Ye Merry Christmas-Tide *Bishop*
- The Other Night *Burgenin*
- The Shepherds and the Inn
- Mexican Carol*
- As It Fell Upon a Night
- Old English Carol*
- Women's Choir
- Panis Angelicus *Franck*
- Ave Maria *Bach-Gounod*
- Albert Manning, Violinist
- While By Our Sleeping Flock
- 17th century German Carol*
- Carol of the Bells
- Ukrainian Carol*
- I Wonder as I Wander
- Appalachian Carol*
- Gloucestershire Wassail
- Old English Carol*
- Girls' Carol Choir
- The First Noel
- Traditional English*
- Choir and Audience
- Yuletide Echoes *Sanders*
- Ennis Bisbano, Norman Kerr,
- George Amato
- Trumpet Trio
- 'Twas the Night Before Christmas
- Ken Darby*
- Mixed Choir
- RECESSIONAL
- Joy to the World *Handel*

"Tidings of Comfort and Joy—"



At the faculty tea, held Wednesday afternoon, faculty and choir gathered around the piano in the Reception Room to sing Christmas carols. Refreshments were served at the close of the program.

Grace Church was the scene of the choir's first Christmas appearance earlier this month. Last week the group presented a half-hour broadcast of Christmas carols over radio station WHIM.



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What We Need Is —

There's no doubt about it; the college is pretty grimy in spots. Some of the dirt and soot, we concede, is the result of outside influences acting in a continuous and virtually uncombattable process. Perhaps the college could be enveloped in an impenetrable substance, and thus kept safe from nearby manufacturers of smoke and dirt. The idea, however, seems impractical.

Then, too, improvements have been made by way of an extremely attractive new paint job on some of the floors.

Nevertheless these considerations still leave a few items hanging in the balance. One of the more prominent is the three or four inch layer of dust on the chairs and railing of the gymnasium balcony. Outside of the fact that so much dust is far from healthful, there remains the important factor that said balcony is now being used for students and guests attending basketball games. They may not enjoy dusting college furniture with their clothes.

So much for the dirt. As in every case, there are two sides to this story. The next round goes to the janitors.

Most of the janitors start work at seven o'clock; this gives them an hour and a half to accomplish a great deal of cleaning and arranging before we start tramping in.

Secondly, we leave many of our meeting places in various degrees of untidiness; i.e., we blithely drop candy wrappers, bits of paper, coke bottles, and miscellaneous other oddments in our wake.

We want our college to be clean, certainly, and there's no reason why it shouldn't be reasonably so. We are not excusing negligence. We *are* saying that a little more cooperation between student body and janitorial staff would be beneficial to all. Neither, at the moment, is living up to its responsibilities.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This column is open to letters from members of the student body and from other persons interested in the college. Letters must be signed, but names of writers will be withheld if absolutely necessary, and if a specific request is made. THE ANCHOR reserves the right to correct grammatical mistakes, but will in no way alter the sense of the letter.

To The Raving Reporter

Dear Raver Boy:

This letter was not written to boost your total of 701, or is it 903? I have a definite purpose in mind. In fact, I have several purposes, because I have several questions. Without further ado, I shall now include my inquiries.

1. Would you be so kind as to give advice to the love-lorn? D. Dix has given me no comfort and anyway I read the ANCHOR instead of the BULLETIN except the comic strip esp. Li'l Abner who is my hero.

2. Books are so full of propaganda and personal views of the author that I feel that we who are intellectually superior should have access to only the most reliable sources. Surely you know to what I am referring. For years (I'm not afraid to give my age) I have wondered how one Rgr. Wms. got across the Seekonk without benefit of Red Bridge or the U.E.R. Also how did he know he was in Providence unless he saw Brown University? Thanks to you, oh Raving Reporter, we pursuers of truth have found out. Would you educate us further or do we need the on-the-spot account as given by contemporary historians?

3. Do you think the coke bottle situation at this institution could be cleared up by having a Math-Science student invent edible glass? Then instead of the student having to reach over to the coke rack, we could chew the bottles. A similar invention might overcome the no gum-selling policy of the College Shop.

4. As inmates of this college, we should be allowed our full time off for good behavior, esp. before or after a holiday. The Warden and the trustees should not be so stern, or else their whip'll break our spirit. This method is known as overguarding and as in basketball should be regarded as a foul.

5. What do you charge for doing homework, and would you act as an agent for selling last year's notes to underclassmen?

Questionably yours,

A Little Rice Krispy

Exams! — Ouch!

Exactly two weeks after the Christmas recess the students of R.I.C.E. will be banging their heads on the nearest wall and screaming "Oh, NO! I'm not ready! I don't know a thing!" And the faculty will be murmuring in chorus, "You knew it was coming, you knew it was coming, you knew it was coming."

And they'll be so right!

Most of us are already giving out with the old bromides: "This semester has gone so fast" — "Heavens, is it Christmastime already?" — "Things just crept up on me."

Obviously the thing to do is to dig in over the holidays and try to absorb a little of that elusive but necessary stuff called knowledge. The two small weeks after vacation will be hectic; so don't say we didn't warn you.

Special note to freshmen: When you think you know all your material, get out the coffee pot and review your notes about nine more times.

THANK YOU

The reaction of the student body to the Christmas decorations placed throughout the college as a result of the efforts of the Art Department has been one of deep appreciation and enjoyment. The art students have done a marvelous job of carrying out the Yuletide motif by means of exceptionally well done paper sculpture, cleverly decorated trees and greens, and other eye-appealing products of their skill. Certainly the art work has contributed greatly to the air of Christmas cheer at R.I.C.E.

Thank you, Mrs. Becker and students, for your most attractive Christmas displays.

Dear Editor,

You might term this a radical letter, but getting it out of my system will make me feel a whole lot better.

There is just one question that I would like to put up to the students of R.I.C.E. Just what does the iron anchor mean to you? Think it over carefully, and I wonder if you will arrive at the same conclusion as I have, and I said think it over *carefully*.

A class wins the anchor, then what? It's hidden by a committee of five people or less and that's the last the class sees of it; another class might just as well have it. Once it's hidden, all fun of the anchor disappears—for just who would endeavor to find it? (Except maybe a crowd of sophomores now juniors, and even they gave it up).

They say the class who possesses the anchor is the class which displays the most college spirit. Do *you* believe that? I certainly don't! The points won in attendance are supposed to serve as an impetus to the students to get them to attend college functions. I disagree when they say it encourages college spirit—it encourages the selfish desire to acquire points and consequently the anchor. If we haven't got enough interest in our college to attend college functions without the aid of an anchor, then what kind of a place is this? People who have no interest in a college production will never have any interest in the anchor either. I have heard it said that the anchor had in the past encouraged bitterness between classes, not college spirit and friendliness, and I agree; I've seen it happen!

Then as for figuring the points—sure it's done as fair as it can be, but have you looked at the poster showing how many points each individual class has? That's right, the seniors look as though they're competing with the Empire State Building for height. It's a lot easier to get a large percentage of few people present such as the senior class than it is for the freshmen to even get a reasonable amount of their class there. If all classes were equal or near equal in number, I would consider this system fair, but as it stands now I think this system is basically unfair.

The plays that are put on in this college are good enough to encourage anyone to attend them. The same goes for the basketball games, and also the dances. If we discard the anchor, then people will attend the functions for the sake of that particular event and not for the anchor. Also knowing that people are not impelled to come because of an anchor, the people who are concerned with these functions will endeavor to work even harder. In this way we would eliminate the disinterested audience and obtain as a consequence an interested and polite audience as well as a better production.

In my opinion, let's save the money we would spend for a new anchor and split it up among the students to help them pay their \$2.00 in January. If it already has been purchased, then string it up to hide "Rhode Island Normal School."

Marilyn C. Hay

(This seems to be a controversial subject. Everyone may not agree with Miss Hay's arguments, but her stand is indicative of one trend of current thought and, as such, is not to be lightly considered.—Ed.)

Editor:

Where is all the school spirit of R.I.C.E.? Not only was there a shortage of students at the basketball game between Arnold and R.I.C.E. last Saturday, but, also, the cheerleaders were not present to coordinate the scattered cheering of the few students who were there.

While I acknowledge that Saturday afternoon is a bad time for working students to come to a game, I am sure that there were many others who could have come and didn't.

I understood that there were to be more cheerleaders instead of fewer. At least, every morning for the past two weeks I've seen half a dozen freshman girls practicing cheers in the front of the cafeteria.

Rumor has it that some of the new cheerleaders could have been present to lead the cheering last Saturday, but the head cheerleader had to work and did not want them to cheer without her. Enough said.

It seems to me that members of the college who are always clamoring for improvements should help by supporting their teams and otherwise showing an interest in college activities.

Freshman

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

from the ANCHOR Staff to

Students, Faculty, and Printer

Carnival Coming

Sponsored by Student Council

Ralph Stuart and his orchestra will provide music for the annual Student Council dance, the Winter Carnival, to be held in the college gymnasium on Saturday evening, January 9, from 8:30 to 12 o'clock.

Candidates for the position of queen of the all-college ball have been elected as follows: Freshman Class—Joyce McAllister, Doris Pendleton; Sophomore Class—Frances Ann Doyle, Virginia Kieran; Junior Class—Lorraine Boulduc, Sylvia Whitehead; and Senior Class—Phyllis Berardi, Phyllis Horton.

Madeline Walsh, Council vice-president, heads the arrangements committee, which is made up of the president and social committee chairman of each class.

The admission fee is \$2.40 per couple.

Frosh Now Have Their Own Heads

At a special class meeting held last Friday, the election of officers for the Freshman class was completed. Gilbert Bulley of East Providence was elected vice-president; Roxie Sahagian of Providence, secretary; Robert Coker of Warwick, treasurer; Jane Cooke of Providence, social committee chairman; John Littlefield of Block Island, Anchor Committee representative; Norman Kerr of Bristol, publicity chairman; and Genevieve Mainelli of Providence, Song Contest chairman.

Previously announced in the *Anchor* were Edward Travers, president; and Iva Weeden, Francis Burns, and Edward Silva, Student Council representatives.

Students Win Poetry Honors

An announcement received by the *Anchor* from the National Poetry Association in Los Angeles states that poems written by M. Patricia Di Sarro and Jacob Hohenemser of R.I.C.E. have been accepted for publication in the Annual Anthology of College Poetry.

According to the notice, "the Anthology is a compilation of the finest poetry written by the College men and women of America, representing every state in the Union. Selections were made from thousands of poems submitted."

Miss Di Sarro is a junior, and Feature Editor of the *Anchor*. Mr. Hohenemser is a Special student. His winning poem, *Latona*, was published in the September issue of the *Anchor*.

Reporter Uncovers Drastic Scarcity Here

An inquiring *Anchor* Feature apprentice reports that pogo-sticks are hard to get these days. It seems that although they are popular on the West Coast, no one around here cares much for them. They cost from \$8 to \$10 now, where as elementary models—whatever they are—could be bought for \$4 before the war.

Here 'n There

It seems assembly and chapel troubles aren't original with R.I.C.E. Our neighbor, Brown, is suffering from "chapelitis," and the R. I. State freshmen who put out *The Rambler* tell of, shall we say, *impolite* response to student presidential campaign speeches.

Caroline tells me that magic fever is contagious. The N. Y. State Teachers College *News* carried a feature about a coming performance presented, not by a student, but by a student's father! Which reminds us—how about booking Bob Hargreaves for an assembly program?

The *Lanron* is taking its readers through the whole process of publishing a paper—from "pen to print."

Why contribute to CARE? Caroline (I think I'll call her Caro from now on—short and sweet!) says that one of the letters to the editor in the *Log* showed excellent judgment in the difference between necessity and freedom from want.

We have received several copies of *Ka Leo o Hawaii*, the University of Hawaii paper. It's really surprising how universal college student problems are.

We hear that the Kappa boys at Gamma (Keene, N. H.) are wearing bright red "frat" jackets.

If I could have one wish for the world this Christmas I'd ask God to grant us the gift to put ourselves in the other fellow's place and act accordingly. A peaceful Christmas to you all.

Sincerely,
Lorraine

ALUMNI NOTES

CLASS OF '45

In addition to its annual reunion held in June the class of '45 sponsored a reunion dance at the Rhode Island Yacht Club on December 5, 1947. Agnes Keenan was chairman of the affair, which was well attended by members of the class.

CLASS OF '44

Mr. and Mrs. McNamara have announced the birth of a son. Mrs. McNamara is the former Katherine Reardon.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Masselin have announced the birth of a daughter. Mrs. Masselin is the former Marge Latham.

OLD SCROOGE WAS HERE

Members of the Dramatic League, under the direction of Miss Prescott, presented a radio adaptation of Dicken's *Christmas Carol* at the college assembly last Wednesday Morning.

SPORTS

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most of the plays, the New Britain five chalked up 46 points while R.I.C.E. managed to acquire only 17. The final score: New Britain 71, R.I.C.E. 33.

The game at Willimantic on Thursday, December 4, proved to be an interesting contest. The Connecticut team enjoyed the advantages of height and sharp shooting, but found their offensive tactics hampered by a tight R.I.C.E. zone defense. The score saw-sawed throughout all four periods. The last minutes of the game, however, proved the most spectacular. R.I.C.E., hindered by a shortage of reserve power, failed to halt a spirited drive by Willimantic. The Connecticut club scored 8 points during the last minute and forty seconds of the game, which gave them a lead of 59 to 51 for R.I.C.E.

On November 25, the Ricemen played host to a determined hoop team from the College of Pharmacy. The result was a severe defeat for the Pharmacists. The game was interesting in that it showed the well-developed offensive power of the R.I.C.E. team.

A meeting concerning the formation of a track team was held December eighth. There was a good showing of men, but many obstacles are still to be overcome. At present the greatest problem is the purchasing of track equipment.

The Dilemma of the Counselor for Veterans

Like the sounds of The Hounds of the Baskerville,
And revolving rhymes of a Gertrude Stein

I hear the same request—until
My mind forms a line in the dollar sign.

\$ \$ \$

"WHERE'S my money? Where's MY money? Where's my MONEY?"

Daily, in great numbers—increasing through the year,
The same old plea for, "Money" do I hear,—

"My check. Where's my check—?"
What the Heck!

It's a pain
In the neck.

It's inane
To explain.

Check?
Honestly, men, I don't think that I'm crazy.

It's not really I; it's the V. A. that's hazy.

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C.C.C. to Serve Spaghetti Supper

Memorial Room to Benefit

A spaghetti supper, followed by an auction, is among the future plans of the Charles Carroll Club. Members of the club will prepare the meal themselves, it is reported, but the identity of the cooks is to remain a secret for the present.

The club will stage the all-college affair to raise money for the furnishing of their new room, which they plan to dedicate as a memorial to the men of the college who died in World War II.

The committee includes John Lauth, Emilio Faiola, Conrad La Flamme, Pat Russo, Pete Vangel, Roger Vermeersch, and Bob Shields.

Students Given First Degree

At recent exercises held at the college, seven men students were initiated to the first degree of the Epsilon Chapter of Kappa Delta Phi, national fraternity in education. They were Edward Bourque, Norman Lavoie, Ray Lombardi, Bert Salois, Leo Savoie, Bob Shields, and Larry Wildgoose.

Activities this month included a conference in Boston and a dinner meeting at Johnson's Hummocks Grill at which the national secretary, Mr. Paul Bridges, was present.

The R.I.C.E. chapter visited the Gamma chapter at Keene State Teachers College in Keene, New Hampshire, last month.

Walter H. Huse is the R.I.C.E. undergraduate president of the fraternity, and Edward J. Watson is the secretary-treasurer.

Christmas Recess Change Made at Student Request

Through the efforts of Student Council, the Christmas Recess has been lengthened to include the week of New Year's Day.

Representatives met with Dr. Whipple to discuss the student wish for a longer recess, and obtained his approval of a plan to write to the Board of Trustees concerning the matter. In response to the letter, the Board ordered that the Christmas Recess should begin Wednesday, December 24 and end Sunday, January 4.

The previous calendar provided for a recess during Christmas week and on New Year's Day.

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Classes All Wet

Students Dunked Weekly

Swimming classes sponsored by the W.A.A. are now being held every Tuesday afternoon from 4:30 to 5:30 at the Plantations Club. The classes, which began their ten-week season on November 25, are divided into beginning, intermediate, and advanced groups.

Dot Smith, Sylvia Whitehead, and Betty Seiler are instructors.

The association's annual Christmas party was held in Room 102 on December 8. A variety of games, some of which were won by faculty guests, were played, and group singing was enjoyed by all. The guests contributed to the Santa Fund instead of exchanging gifts.

Dot Smith, committee chairman, was assisted by Rita Cabral, Marion Bessette, Lorraine Boudreau, Mary Norton, and Doris Pendleton.

Moon, June, Croon

An original rhyme accompanying each parcel highlighted the exchanging of gifts at the Nature Club Christmas Party held in Room 102 on December 10. Entertainment included games and carol singing. Refreshments were served following the entertainment.

Serving on the committee were: Arthur Straight, Chairman, Rita Cabral, Betty Bessette, Lorraine Boudreau, Elisa Bonaventure, and Mary Nunes.

Anchor's Away!

Student Council has purchased a new silver-painted anchor to replace the black one evidently stolen from its hiding place where the Anchor Class—the juniors—cached it earlier this semester.

The loss of the anchor, traditionally a symbol of college spirit, was discovered on the eve of the Junior Prom by Walter H. Huse, Junior Class president, and other class members, who had planned to show it at the Prom.

The price of the new anchor was about four dollars.

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The Raving Reporter

by Bill McIntyre

The Vineyard

As the name of the college implies, persons graduating from the Rhode Island College of Education are educators. Therefore, as educators, you should be very interested in the latest book by Mr. Comenius O'Flaherty, the famed educator.

Mr. O'Flaherty's latest effort, *The Grape and I*, is now dropping off the presses. It is a book which is both interesting and humorous. In fact, those who have read the book say that O'Flaherty himself is a joke. However, Mr. O'Flaherty does give us keen insight into the gigantic problems facing education today.

There can be no doubt that Mr. O'Flaherty is equipped to write a book on education. Except for the nine months he spent laboring at the shipyard during World War II, Mr. O'Flaherty has been a principal-teacher for thirty-five years. He is the father of the nationally-acclaimed O'Flaherty plan, which would substitute abacus boards for math courses. Some narrow-minded individuals have said that all Mr. O'Flaherty ever taught anyone was that he (O'Flaherty) was born in a log cabin, but *The Grape and I* is valuable notwithstanding.

"The child is a luscious grape," says Mr. O'Flaherty. "He may stay a sweet, juicy grape if his education is satisfactory. But teachers of today either let the child shrivel up like an old raisin, or they squash it." That is the first problem of education, says O'Flaherty.

"The second problem is even worse," moans O'Flaherty. "In my thirty-four years and three months of teaching, I have passed or failed 360,000 grapes. Of that number only 14 flunked. Now, of the 359,986 who passed, more than half are in public institutions, or else are members of the 52-20 club.

"What of the fourteen grapes who flunked, you ask? Well the grape who lasted three months in 3B is now my superintendent. Seven grapes are executives earning a minimum of \$17,500 per year apiece. One is considered a dark-horse for the presidential nomination in 1948. Two grapes entwined into business together and made a million manufacturing Yo-Yo's. Three died.

"There, my friends, is the problem that you, the educators of tomorrow, must solve. Our best grapes are falling by the wayside, while the misfits are making howling successes of themselves. You must halt this dangerous trend. I cannot. I am old, embittered, and tired."

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Want \$1,000?

The Taminent Social and Economic Institute, of Taminent, Pennsylvania, announces its second annual essay contest, open to undergraduate college students. The subject of this year's contest is "An American Program for World Peace in the Present Crisis." First prize is \$1,000, and the closing date for entries is April 23, 1948.

Information and entry blanks may be obtained by writing to: Taminent Institute Contest, 7 East 15th Street, New York 3, New York.

The purpose of the contest "is to stimulate college students to constructive thought on matters of social and economic importance."

Whodunit?



Does Minnie the Mermaid have the lost Anchor? The Juniors would like to know.

Turkey Lamentations

Poor bird, thy history maketh me to weep
Knew fate such as thine, thou poor murdered hen.

For thee; dear, noble fowl who seldom flew,

I hope this poem thy ghost may help to lay,

But in the barnyard sadly fatter grew,

If it still is abroad on Christmas day,

To you the axe has brought eternal sleep.

But thy short life and sorrow deep, oh fowl,

How sad to be eaten by cold-hearted men,

Are over now, so listen to my howl:

Beheaded so cruelly and roasted till brown—

At dinner, when thy corpse we 'gan to wreck,

Not even the witches of old Salem town

My brothers got thy legs, and I—alas—thy neck.

Edward G. Hunt

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Seniors Hold Party, Meeting

The Senior Class held a Christmas party and supper meeting last Monday in the faculty dining room. Mr. Charles W. Underhill and Mr. Frank E. Waite of the college faculty were guests.

The supper, prepared by members of the Senior class, consisted of tomato juice, meat loaf, mashed potatoes, peas, beans, and, for dessert, Jello Christmas trees, cake, and cookies. Favors were red and green hats.

A class meeting followed the supper. Later, Santa Claus came and distributed gifts. A collection for the Santa Claus was taken up.

In charge of the affair were Claire Feeny, chairman, Beatrice Oliver, Irene Majka, Shirley and Shelia Fay.

Wanted: '36 Anchor

Do you have—or do you know anyone who might have—a copy of the September, 1936, *Anchor*? We have received a request for a copy of the poem *Spring* which we believe was published in that issue. The *Anchor* files do not contain the September, 1936, issue, and we would greatly appreciate either a copy of the newspaper itself or of the poem.

If you can help us, please contact the *Anchor* as soon as possible.

MEN RUNNING AROUND AGAIN

A great deal of interest has been shown by the men of the college in the organization of a track team. A large number of them, many of considerable experience, have been attending the daily practice sessions.

When ground conditions permit, the tracksters practice outside; if the ground is too wet, they do their best in the narrow running space provided between the seats and walls of the gymnasium balcony.

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Shooting Season Opens Here

The '47-'48 girls' basketball season opened on Tuesday, December 2nd in the college gymnasium. Plans were made to practice twice a week, on Tuesday and Thursday, with Mrs. Allendorf as head coach.

Anyone who wishes to participate is eligible, for "the main object is to give each girl a chance to play on the team by alternating positions," says Mrs. Allendorf.

A large number of athletic-minded women from each class is expected to take part in the basketball session, thereby providing for inter-class competition.

Remember, sport fans, everyone (R.I.C.E. women, that is) is invited; so if you want to "keep fit" and have fun, join the crowd at basketball practice.

Can You Write?

Got any good poems, essays, or short stories lying around? Well, hang on to 'em, 'cause the *Helicon* Editor will soon be hounding you for them. Of course, said editor doesn't exist yet, but such minor details will be taken care of in January. (The *Helicon*, you know, is the literary issue of the *Anchor*.) If you haven't anything written, start flourishing the pencil or banging on the typewriter so that you'll have something ready for the *Helicon* Board when it sends out the signal to fire away. Of course, there isn't a Board yet, either, but don't be discouraged—there will be. One member will be elected to it by each class; so you can be thinking about that, too, if you want to.

R.I.P.A. Meeting Here

The Executive Council of the Rhode Island Intercollegiate Press Association met here on December 6. Sitting in on the business session were Messrs. Robert McLaughlin of Pawtucket West High School, Thomas Woodcock of Samuel Slater Junior High School, and Frank E. Greene of the R.I.C.E. faculty. Later the group heard a talk by Gerald W. Harrington of the law firm of Edwards and Angell. Present from the *Anchor* were vice-president Hay and delegates Holland and Pryce, and Lorraine Bolduc, Edward Bourque, Emma Mitchell, Grace Donnelly, and David L. Smith.

Art Students Provide Cheer

Deck the halls with boughs of holly—what would Christmas be without colorful decorations? This year, R.I.C.E. has really acquired the Christmas spirit, and thanks are due to the various members of the art classes and Mrs. Becker, who caught this spirit early and presented it to us in the form of original Yuletide decorations.

The Junior Elementary Art class is responsible for the clever paper sculpture designs which are found on the first floor bulletin board, the library bulletin board, and in various other rooms throughout the college.

Have you seen Ruth Ducharme's charming penguin, coyly standing 'neath a branch of mistletoe? or Olive Rothwell's very life-like hobby-horse? Terry Dzienkowski and Rosalys De Moranville seem to be specialists in the field of making angels. Better watch out, kids, or you'll soon be sprouting wings. Margaret Barden's choir boy also adds to the Christmas-y air about college.

Another accomplishment of the juniors is that of making the attractive Christmas packages you have seen on display. They hope they have given you the inspiration to try some of these novel trimmings for your own Christmas packages.

Decorations for the choir concert and tea were produced through the co-operative efforts of the Crafts class. (The evergreens and pine cones were donated by Dr. Whipple and Mrs. Andrews).

The mantle decoration, consisting of gay birds perched on a bedecked spray was executed by Stella Tesavis, the poinsettia centerpiece by Edna Gryszowka, and the large wreaths on stage by Katherine Langton, Ann Hajian, and Frances Cantwell. A feature of the tea was the use of floating candles. These candles were made in class periods by the Craft students, who are now thinking of going into the candle business.

The members of the art classes, Mrs. Becker, and your reporter wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year.

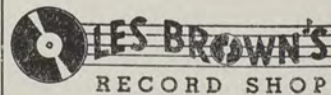
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