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### CANDIDATES FOR SOPHOMORE QUEEN



Joan Cavanaugh



Virginia Cox



Connie Doyle



Claire Rankowitz



Joan Shea

### Classes Plan Novel Stunts

**Annual Stunt Night To Be Held At College On Dec. 2**

Each class at the college is in the process of preparing its presentation for the annual Stunt Night which is scheduled this year for the night of Dec. 2. Three members of the faculty, Miss Catherine Connor, dean of women and member of the History Department; Miss Marion Wright of the Geography Department; and Miss Helen Scott of the Psychology Department; will read and pass judgement on the scripts submitted by the individual classes.

A new feature has been added to Stunt Night in the form of the *Ricoled's* sponsorship of the affair. Editor Frances Steere gave the reasons for the yearbook's sponsorship as being; first, to enforce the present rulings for Stunt Night; second, to use the "dead time" between stunts; and third, to gain publicity for the *Ricoled*, an all-college organization. The sponsorship has been accepted by all classes and has been passed by Student Council. In the near future, the *Ricoled* staff will conduct auditions in search of talent from all classes to be used during the intermissions between stunts. "The utilization of new talent and the creation of an all college spirit is our aim," stated Frances Steere.

From the chairman of the class of '50, Libby O'Neil, comes the promise of a worthy farewell to college life. The Junior Class, with Helen Agronick and Bob Hargraves at the head, has intentions of presenting a skit worthy of the possessors of the anchor. Co-chairmen Jane McKenna and Sally Reynolds of the Sophomore class predict a winner from their class

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### Students' Violations Threaten to End Coffee Hour

At a recent chapel exercise, the student body was warned that continued misuse of the cafeteria during the morning coffee hour would force the administration to discontinue the practice of opening the cafeteria between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Upon investigation the *Anchor* discovered that the most prevalent violations are: failure to dispose of used paper cups and paper napkins, failure to use the ashtrays which have been provided, and leaving the tables in general disorder.

### Holidays Force Schedule Shift

**Plan Designed To Make Up For Two Lost Fridays**

The college will follow a Friday schedule on Monday, November 21, and Tuesday, December 20, it was announced by the administration. On Tuesday, December 20, the Friday schedule will include chapel exercises at 1:10 p.m.

The changes were made in order to somewhat equalize class losses in some departments since an excessive number of holidays are coming on Friday.

To date Friday classes have been cancelled for the Rhode Island Institute of Instruction and Armistice Day. The Thanksgiving recess will interfere with Friday classes on November 25 and the Christmas recess will cancel Friday classes on December 23 and 30.

### Anchor Day Is Observed

**Juniors Honor Walter Littlefield During Exercises**

Edward Travers, president of the Junior Class, read a proclamation at forum on Wed., Nov. 16, which declaring that day to be Anchor Day and also Walter Littlefield Day.

Walter Littlefield, a former member of the Junior Class, has returned to the college, after a year's absence, as a member of the Sophomore Class. He was presented with a plaque honoring him for his service to the class while a member and was awarded honorary membership in the class of '51.

During the day Juniors wore emblems signifying their membership in the Anchor Class and, as a part of the forum program,

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### Sophomore Hop Will Be Staged Tomorrow Night

**Examinations Advanced To Allow Annual Soph Hop**

The Sophomore Hop, which will be held tomorrow night in the college gymnasium, was originally scheduled for the night of November 5. Since the gymnasium was being used for an Industrial Arts Program on the morning of November 5, the committee for the Hop postponed the affair in order to have more time in which to adequately decorate the gym.

Quarterly exams would have been given this week, but the faculty called an emergency meeting and decided to give the quarterly tests during the week previous to the Hop.

**Gymnasium to be Scene of Annual Dance, "La Soiree Bleue"**

The Sophomore Class will hold its annual Soph Hop this Saturday night, November 19, in the gymnasium at eight P.M. This year the title of the dance is "La Soiree Bleue."

Following the annual custom of electing one girl Queen of the Sophomore Hop, the class has elected the following candidates: Joan Cavanaugh, Virginia Cox, Connie Doyle, and Claire Rankowitz of the elementary divisions and Joan Shea, an English-Social major. Although only the Sophomore class is eligible to vote for the Queen, all members of the student body who attend the dance will see the coronation ceremonies which will constitute the highlight of the evening.

Miss Connie Doyle, Sophomore social committee chairman, is general chairman of the hop, with Vartkis Kinoian, ex-officio. The rest of the committee for the dance is as follows:

Decorations, Raymond Fontaine and Arpy Kinoian; Favors, Claire Rankowitz and Ann Toole; Orchestrations, William Ferrara; Programs, Ruth Grady; Publicity, Dick Stevens and Roslyn Toomey; and Refreshments, Catherine Brelsford.

The committee and members of the Sophomore class state that they expect a large attendance and insure a good time for all. Tickets are Three Dollars (\$3.00) per couple and the committee especially requests that corsages be omitted.

### Mystery Stalks Corridors As Stunt Night Approaches

Stunt Night will dispel the aura of mystery that now envelops the campus. Juniors will no longer slam doors and lock windows at the approach of a Senior. Sophomores will no longer whisper together in closely knit circles. Freshmen will be allowed to converse with upper classmen without fear of being termed informers. But until that night, mystery prevails as classes work on their individual presentations.

Your reporter had hoped to assemble some pertinent facts for the interests of *Anchor* readers, but found it impossible. Each class has devised a scheme of protection so elaborate that the iron curtain seems a picture window by comparison. Although all classes spend five minutes before each committee meeting plugging key holes and closing transoms, they claim

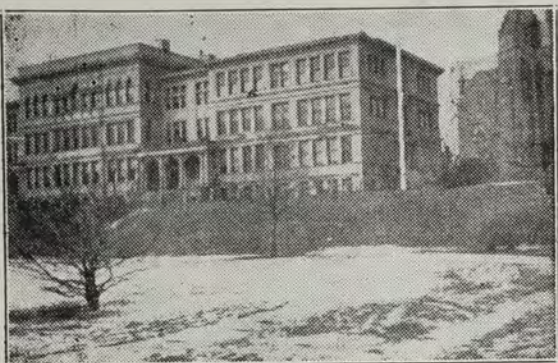
even more subtle means of subterfuge. Whenever a Senior is pressed for information, he will reply, "You're absolutely right, I agree with you completely." Hours of cajolery, threats, and pleading, have resulted in the discovery that the Senior skit employs potted palms.

Each Junior has developed the technique of denying vigorously that he even knows that such an affair as Stunt Night exists. Since the Junior Class now possesses the *Anchor*, and since their committee has been formed since July, it is the consensus that someone in the class must know something.

Sophomores have originated a quaint custom of gathering into tightly knit groups "to discuss the weather." Their co-chairmen deny that they have created a modified

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## Ricean Drama

Ricean drama has gone beyond the confines of this college and has taken to the road. Since the Dramatic League announced its intension of operating on a road company basis, it has presented play productions at the college, the Veterans Hospital, and Wallum Lake Sanitarium. Other road tours are planned for the future.

The *Anchor* wishes to congratulate the Dramatic League on its splendid efforts and results. The Double Bill presentation was received at the college with a response equalled only by that which it received at the two hospitals. Choice of the two plays constituting the Double Bill seems to have been a wise one. The two comedies were enjoyed by students and would appear to be ideal for presentation at hospitals and civic organizations. By creating good will throughout Rhode Island, the Dramatic League has merited the appreciation of all Riceans. Each time that the League performs away from the college, more and more people become aware of the existence of Rhode Island College of Education.

## Coffee Hour

"Coffee hour discontinued." These words mean a great deal to Riceans. They mean the forfeiting of the simple and enjoyable pleasure of an extra half hour or more in the cafeteria during the morning. It has not happened as yet, but it may.

It seems that during the past few weeks the Caf has been in a state of general disorder by 10 a.m. Investigation discloses that, although only the regular kitchen staff is handling the work, enough work is created to warrant the services of two additional helpers.

Remember—the day of reckoning has not yet arrived, but each paper cup left on a table and each cigarette butt which is thrown on the floor brings it a little closer.

## Change in Schedule

It seems that 1949's holidays are raising havoc with class schedules at R.I.C.E. Something had to be done about it. Courses with classes scheduled for Fridays were losing out and apparently the instructors were beginning to feel slighted. The student body is divided into two distinct groups concerning the question. There are those who have a full day on Friday and those who do not. Nevertheless, the situation is about to be corrected.

A neat little scheme has been devised whereby Mondays and Tuesdays are no longer Monday or Tuesday but are Friday instead. For those who were confused before the advent of this little scheme, it will, the *Anchor* admits, be slightly difficult. If last week's quarterlies had you all mixed up, just wait till next week, and you won't even know what day of the week it is.

Actually, those who have a firm grip on themselves, will welcome the change in schedule. As was said before, something had to be done about the situation. Each course has a definite field of knowledge to cover in one semester. If any one course is deprived too often of class time, that field of knowledge cannot be adequately covered. At the end of a semester, students would find that there were whole chapters of their texts which would have to be mastered without any instructional assistance. It seems fortunate that the academic schedule of the college is flexible enough to provide for the proposed change by the simple expedient of making Monday of next week Friday, and Tuesday of Christmas week another Friday.

## Enter Basketball

To quote Mike Francis, whose Sportsman Column appears on page four of this issue, "finis soccer, enter basketball." Before the publication of another issue of this paper, the basketball season at R.I.C.E. will have begun. The *Anchor* wonders how many students will have witnessed one of these games by that time.

Athletic teams are indispensable to a college. They create and maintain relations with other colleges. They form an intrinsic part of college life and perform a definite service in drawing a student body together.

Certainly the Ricean basketball team cannot be expected to accomplish these aims without assistance from the student body as a whole. That is why student attendance at basketball games is vitally important. The basketball team cannot draw the student body together if students will not cooperate and lend their support by attending the games. It seems that crowds did not flock to the soccer games. Perhaps there is an explanation in the fact that several games were played away from home and during the day when many students were working. But certainly there can be no reason for students not to attend the basketball games which are played at the college and in the evening.

## Writers Are Human

Probably it had to happen sometime, but we who work on the *Anchor* wish that it hadn't happened during our regime. Before we made those mistakes, in the last issue, the *Anchor* was considered by students to be an infallible source of information. Now they too know that the people who write for this paper are only human and are as likely to err as the person in the next seat in the History Class. Well, it was nice while it lasted—being infallible, that is.

As for those unfortunate mistakes, it seems that we have several things to clear up. (We *know* that you shouldn't end a sentence with a preposition, but we have been known to err before.) Louisa May Alcott's house is located in Concord, not in Sudbury. And now we know that there is no *s* between the *d* and *b* in Sudbury. Sudbury cannot claim the Wayside Inn, either. It seems that that distinction belongs to South Sudbury. Then there is the Anti-quarian Museum. We hope no one went looking for this museum outside of Concord, because it is in Concord and that does make a difference. We spoke of the Babcock Institute, and we wish we hadn't. It should have been the Babson Institute. Last, but not least, we sincerely regret that Mr. Ethier's name was misspelled in the article. That was a typographical error. Honestly we do know how to spell Ethier's name.

You are probably wondering why the entire editorial board is not on probation. To tell you the truth, sometimes we do, too.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Editor:

This letter is in answer to Case Number 000x who wrote a letter of complaint in the last issue of the *Anchor* concerning Absence Plan Board's action on his case. Since the request was made in behalf of any and all other "confused" cases, I feel it my duty to explain a little further. First of all, Case No. 000x was suspended from extra-curricular activities, and I might add was not deprived of unexcused absences for the present semester.

At the end of each semester, all instructors submit to the president of the college a list of those students who were absent one or more times more than the number of hours the course is held per week. These absences include both excused and unexcused. The list is then referred to the Absence Plan Board via Student Council for investigation. Within a week's time the individual is notified of his violation and given a form (Form 1A) to be filled out in duplicate.

A deadline is set for the returning of these forms to the committee. The board meets and considers each case separately. If more information is needed, then the individual is called in before the board for questioning. This method saves time both for the individuals whose cases are self-explanatory and for the committee. After the action on cases has been decided upon, each violator is notified in writing and the committee enters the action on the forms, which are kept in Student Council files and in the office of the college president. Once the forms are submitted, the violators do not have access to them.

This past semester the board handled approximately fifty cases excluding the Class of 1949. Each case has to be handled individually because of the many facts which enter into the story. A total of twelve hours has been spent by this board in handling cases for violators from the 2nd semester of the college year 1948-49.

If case No. 000x had read the Absence Plan, he would have known that he could have appealed his case to the president of the college who would have appointed an agent to investigate the case further.

It is not the duty or the wish of this committee to suspend individuals from extra-curricular activities. If this were so, approximately 25% of the student body would be on the suspension from extra-curricular activity list. Our duty is to deal with the extreme abuser and to preserve this liberal plan so that the student body may profit from it when the time necessitates.

The committee has not stopped

working but rather has been revising the plan in an outline form with several minor changes. These changes are now pending and action will be passed on them in the near future. The plan remains for the time being as it appears in the College Handbook of 1949. I wish to assure Case No. 000x that the answers to his three questions to the editor in the last issue will not reduce the amount of violators. The only way to reduce the number of violators is for the student body to read and understand the plan and not to deliberately miss a class. In closing I wish to say, in general to the student body, "Abide by the rules set forth by the Student Government (that's you) and you will be privileged; abuse the plan and we will lose it. It is not up to the committee to keep this plan but rather it is up to you, the student body of Rhode Island College of Education, for we are here only to serve you by enforcing its rules to the best of our ability.

Sincerely yours,

Edward P. Travers,  
Board Chairman

### Editor:

In this column in the last issue was printed a letter offering a student's impressions of the elementary curriculum. I would like to apply the statements that "The number of one and two courses in the present curriculum appears to be excessive" and "fewer courses (of greater length) would give students an opportunity to concentrate their efforts" to the other divisions of study here at the college.

I will grant that as varied a course as possible is by all means necessary in our freshman year to serve as a basis for advancement with certain fundamental principles well established. Our freshman schedule, though a concentrated one of long hours in varied subjects, is essential. However, after the certain field of endeavor has been chosen in the second year, concentration in the major fields would seem to be most profitable. By the time one has reached the senior year, the broadness of the subjects themselves, well perceived by this time, would correlate any of the minor aspects in answering the "whys" of advancement. Was not one thing brought about because of another? In this correlation through gradual widening of the larger divisions, one automatically weaves all attributes into the pattern of evolution and finds an orderly organization of essential material from which we can teach in the years ahead.

In several of the nearby colleges, the limit of subjects in the senior curriculum is five, in most places the concentration is in four subjects. Even students with this limited schedule find no time to waste; for with the lengthiness of the presences of the subject, the deepness of its content is discovered and the theories and principles are clearly gain. Perhaps this longer and deeper concentration could be of value to the prospective teacher.

Confused Senior



## Carroll Club Makes Plans For Dedication Ceremonies

Before the close of the first semester, formal dedication ceremonies will be held for the Charles Carroll Club Memorial Room, it was announced today by Joe Devine, president of the club. The room is now in the process of being decorated and furnished.

With the money the Carroll Club has in its treasury at the present time, together with the proceeds from a turkey raffle which the club is now sponsoring, and donations which have been solicited from various clubs and organizations, new furniture will be purchased for the memorial room and the furniture in the Carroll Club will be repaired.

A new modern type of steel tubular furniture will be placed in the memorial room. This furniture will consist of chairs, tables, and two and three seated divans, as well as lamps and ashtrays. Pine paneling, similar to that in the cafeteria, will be installed within the next week or two.

It is tentatively planned to hold the annual open house party, usually held in December or January, in conjunction with the dedication of the memorial room. A committee is making arrangements to secure prominent men as speakers for the occasion.

## Soccer Supper Served In Caf

The Women's Athletic Association, in conjunction with the Men's Athletic Association sponsored the annual Soccer Supper which was held this year on Nov. 8 in the college cafeteria. General Chairman for the affair was Cappi Assermely, assisted by a W. A. A. committee, a M. A. A. committee, and a committee of Sophomore girls who decorated the cafeteria for the occasion.

In accordance with a honored tradition of the college, the dishes were washed by the women of the Freshman Class.

During the supper, popular records provided the entertainment. Community singing, led by Gilbert Bully, Jack McCambridge, and Mike Grady followed. One of the features of the entertainment was a group rendition, complete with pantomime, of *John Brown's Baby*. At the request of Chairman Assermely, Cheerleaders Dot Pendleton, Barbara Hughes, Dee Baldoni, and Barbara Hitchcock led a team cheer.

Seated at the head table were Dr. and Mrs. Whipple, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Allendorf, Mr. Brown, and Frank Burns.

Members of the committees were: W. A. A., Roselyn Toomey, chairman, Joan Shea, and Barbara Hughes; M. A. A., Cappi Assermely, chairman, Glen Hopkins, Peter Vangel, Frank Williams, Raymond Lanoue, and Stan Nawrocki; Sophomore Connie Doyle, chairman, Phylis Logan and Ruth Grady.

## Dr. Scott to Present Doctorate Paper At B. U.

Dr. Helen E. Scott has been invited to present her doctorate dissertation at the annual Alumni Day at Boston University. The title of the work is *An Evaluation of Two Types of Workbook Exercises for the Improvement of Oral and Written Recall*. Dr. Scott is Professor of Psychology at the college and recently received her doctorate degree from Boston University.

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united in singing the class cheer song.

Frank Burns was committee chairman for the occasion. He was assisted by Jean Levesque and Emily McClusky. Mary Williams was in charge of publicity.

The Plaque which was presented to Walter Littlefield read as follows:

Today the member of the Junior Class, the class of '51, are proud to honor one of their former leaders. Walter Littlefield entered Rhode Island College of Education in September 1947. At the outset of his collegiate life he displayed the fine qualities of leadership, dependability, initiative, and scholastic efficiency that are so essential to one preparing for the greatest profession in the world.

The members of his class were quick to recognize the keen ability of this individual. When the time arrived to elect an Anchor Point Representative, Walter Littlefield was the unanimous choice of his classmates. The position of Anchor Point Representative is not an easy one—it requires hours of the individual's time, coupled with the desire and spirit to achieve for his class the coveted Iron Anchor. But the choice of the Freshman Class that year was a wise one—Walter Littlefield became a land mark here at the college. One could see this energetic young student at all social and athletic events busily engaged in checking attendance for his class.

When June came, the harvest of his work was an important factor in obtaining for our Class the symbolic Iron Anchor. When we returned to college the next September to begin our Sophomore Year, the familiar figure of Walter Littlefield was conspicuous by its absence. Walt had been stricken by illness during the summer and was forced to enjoy a well deserved rest.

Today Walt has returned to R.I.C.E. as a member of the Sophomore Class. Our loss is their gain. We hope that they are fully cognizant of this asset and capitalize thereon. We honor Walt Littlefield today not only for what he has done in the past, but for what he will continue to do for his college in the years ahead.

It is our distinct privilege to offer him an honorary membership in the Class of 1951. Although we are no longer his classmates in college affairs, we will forever be his classmates in the college of life.

## Here 'n There

with Christine Gagnon

Campus papers sent to our exchange department afford inside views of the clubs of other colleges. Athletic Clubs rank first in popularity. Western Washington College of Education, because of its northern and mountainous location boasts an active Ski Club whose members are already sliding down the slopes of nearby Mount Baker. The Women's Recreation Club of the college takes frequent outings to an island where they own a newly equipped cabin. The W.A.A. of State College, Albany, will add roller skating and, of all things, water ballet to its round of activities. The sharpshooters of the college Rifle Club are anticipating a new rifle range and courses in teaching the skill. The M.A.A. of New Britain State Teachers' College is sponsoring something for the small fry—a Knute Rockne Club which will give its grammar school members an opportunity to see college football games for the price of one thin dime.

Language Clubs still hold their own. The French Club of N. Y. State has shed formality by gathering daily in the cafeteria to eat and converse in French at *La Table Francaise*. A parallel group, the Commerce Club, gives regular foreign movie programs.

Scientific organizations have wide appeal among budding Einsteins and Burbanks. The Science Club of Jersey City Teachers' College recently camped on a state forest reservation where they found first hand information on geology, conservation, and nature study.

Unique groups, such as the Chess Club of Western Washington, are springing up. The game has become so fascinating to its male members that they sacrifice all else for the sake of chess and are pondering the feasibility of a chess-widows' group.

Religious groups are prominent—the Newman Club, Hillel Club, Inter-Variety Fellowship, and Student Christian Association are four of the most outstanding. At N. Y. State a joint picnic of the clubs was recently held on the dorm field.

Industrial Arts Clubs are carrying on pre-Christmas drives for old toys which they will recondition and distribute to needy children.

A regiment of The Scabbard and Blade, a national military honor society, is active at R. I. State. Members recently observed Scabbard and Blade Day with formation and band music on the quadrangle.

The Masquers' Club of Bryant has a new director who promises bigger and better productions this season. "Paging John Brown" and "Valiant" are their current dramas. All interested Riceans are invited to attend the performances.

## NOTED EDUCATOR GIVES PLAN FOR GOOD SCHOOL SYSTEM

Dr. Ambrose L. Shurie, prominent educator and professor emeritus of New York University, recently spent a day at R.I.C.E. Dr. Shurie addressed the student body at an assembly, visited classes at the college and Henry Barnard School, spoke informally to a group of students who gathered in the auditorium after

his assembly address, and attended a tea given in his honor by members of the faculty.

Dr. Shurie has visited all tax supported teacher preparatory institutions in this country and has lectured at nearly all of them. He is an author and the editor of *New Possibilities in Education* and *Problems in Teacher Training*.

In his assembly address Dr. Shurie gave his definition of an effective state school system as one:

*First*, Which earnestly endeavors to serve the educational needs of all the children of the commonwealth with equal fidelity and regardless of race, of location, of economic or social status, or native ability or of vocational destination;

*Second*, Which magnifies the relative importance of competent leadership in local school systems as contrasted with expensive buildings and elaborate equipment;

*Third*, Which regards no administrative or supervisory leadership as competent in the best sense of the term unless it is genuinely democratic in spirit and as wholeheartedly cooperative with the humblest member of the teaching staff as with the most powerful official superior;

*Fourth*, Which concerns itself more fundamentally and persistently with the improvement of pupil-teacher relationships than with refinements of organization and of administrative and supervisory procedures;

*Fifth*, Which provides for all pupils of all age levels;

(a) Administrative officers who are young enough in spirit to find fellowship with children and youth and who are as much concerned to understand as to control them,

(b) A faculty composed of persons who are as willing to learn as they are to teach and who are effective counsellors because they are agreeable companions,

(c) A teacher in each individual classroom who is able to cooperate as effectively with each and every member of his "flock" as with his teacher-associates and his official superiors as a thing inherently worthy, regards distinctive individual differences as potentially significant for "the enrichment of the common life" and strives so to organize the group and so to direct its energies and its activities that all may be of assistance to each and each to all;

*Sixth*, Which is so dominated by the desire to share privileges and opportunities and so controlled by the spirit of mutual helpfulness that its teachers assume leadership only on occasion, and its pupils are students together always; and

*Seven*, Which somehow, and in spite of all difficulties, makes each school an ideal republic and each classroom group within it a true democracy.

## R. I. I. P. A. Meets At Salve Regina

Representatives from the staffs of four of Rhode Island campus newspapers attended the October meeting of the Rhode Island Intercollegiate Press Association which was held at Salve Regina College in Newport. Patricia McCarthy, a junior training student and the treasurer of R. I. I. P. A.; Joan Stacy; and Ann Toole were the delegates from R.I.C.E.

R. I. I. P. A. functions as an organization of the staffs of various college newspapers in the state. Its purpose is to promote the exchange of ideas and views concerning problems involved in collegiate publications. The organization was formed in the fall of '47 at the instigation of Mr. Frank Greene, member of the R.I.C.E. faculty and advisor to the *Anchor*.

At the October meeting, plans for several panel discussions were formulated. "News Coverage" will be the topic of a panel for the November meeting.

Rhode Island College of Education, Providence College, Bryant College, and Salve Regina College were represented at the meeting. Rhode Island State College and Edgewood Junior College are also members of the Association.

Officers of R. I. I. P. A. are President, O. A. Rogers of Bryant; Vice President, Patricia Byrnes of Salve Regina; Secretary, Bill Plummer of Providence College; and Treasurer, Patricia McCarthy of R.I.C.E.

## Student Council Purchases Radio

Student Council recently acquired a radio for the cafeteria. The radio, a table model was purchased from a faculty member at a cost of \$25.00 and was exchanged for the radio-phonograph combination in the Charles Carroll Club.

Student Council voted to appropriate \$10.00 and each class has donated \$5.00 towards the upkeep of the radio phonograph. A committee has been appointed to keep the radio in working condition and to obtain records. The committee includes Majorie Ward, Audrey Lucy, Pete Bertani, and Ann Hogan, chairman.

The radio has been placed in the cafeteria. Records will be placed close by. The committee stated that the student body will be allowed to use the radio as long as the privilege is not abused.



## Vets Hospital Employs Dramatic League Member

No one—least of all, Tom McVay himself—knew that his work connected with the last Dramatic League production would result in a job for him after school. But it did just the same.

For Tom, one of the "old faithfuls" of the Dramatic League when it comes to hard unobtrusive work backstage which is seldom appreciated by those "down front", attracted the attention of Jim Petterson, recreational director at the Veterans Administration Hospital, when the Dramatic League presented its "Double Bill" there recently. Mr. Petterson liked Tom's work, and asked him if he would like to serve as his permanent aide in preparing entertainment programs for the men in the hospital. Tom said yes, sure; and so now he has a job after school and during the evenings.

It is difficult—though very interesting—work, Tom tells us. Under Mr. Petterson's direction, he must help plan for two main shows a week to be given in the hospital auditorium, not including smaller entertainments such as movies. These main shows must be "live" acts, and are recruited from the various sorts of talent available in the neighborhood of

## Kappa Delta Pi Receives Prof.

Dr. Helen E. Scott, professor of Education at R.I.C.E., received honorary membership in Epsilon Rho Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi during exercises held in Room 102 on November 8. After initiation and the presenting of the society's key by Miss Mildred Dambruch, President of the chapter, Dr. Scott addressed the group and stressed the value of the opportunities before the graduate student of education.

Also initiated at this gathering was Harold Merritt who is at present out training. Faculty members present included Miss Marion Wright and Mrs. Bertha M. Andrews. The guests of the evening were Dr. Lucius Whipple and Mrs. Whipple.

Refreshments were served by the Misses Elizabeth Doyle and Barbara Kotrys.

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sign language, but answer all queries about their progress with the crisp retort, "40 points!"

Freshmen hold their meetings in the middle of the assembly hall. Sentries posted at each door challenge each comer to state his name, class, and life history to date. Although outwardly confident of success, they assuage the burning curiosity of questioners with: "It's just a thing."

Until December 2, then, Clandestine meetings, passwords, and mental telepathy will hold sway as each class warns the other with "shh, it's a secret."

Providence. Thus far on the programs have been regular productions of plays by such groups as the Bryant Masquers, the New Yorkers, and our own R.I.C.E. Dramatic League; and there are night-club acts for variety, with visiting entertainers donating their services.

Recently, a few other members of R.I.C.E. have joined Tom in this work: and they too deserve congratulations. Frank Burns, Mike Grady, and Jack McCambridge are all serving as Tom's aides in this work.

## Slate Chosen By Freshmen

As a result of recent elections, Freshmen now have their own officers who will preside over class meetings and handle the general affairs of the class. Elections were held during the regular class meeting and were completed at a special meeting.

The Freshmen elected the following people to office: President, John Beverly; Vice President, Abraham Schwadron; Secretary, Iris Kinoin; Treasurer, Robert Hamlin; Social Committee Co-chairman, Ann Votolato and John Sousa; Student Council representatives, Nancy Warner, Palmer Wald, and Sydney Williams.

An interesting note is discovered in the fact that all but one of the Freshman officers are members of Division IV or V. John Beverly, Robert Hamlin, Ann Votolato, and Palmer Wald are all members of Freshman Division IV. Iris Kinoin, John Sousa, Nancy Warner, and Sydney Williams are members of Freshman Division V. Abraham Schwadron is a member of Division III.

## Prof. Leonelli To Take Bride

Mr. Renato Leonelli, instructor of Science at Rhode Island College of Education, will be married to tomorrow morning to Miss Elena Calabro, a teacher at Calef Junior High School. The couple will be married at St. Pius' Church in Providence.

Mr. Leonelli graduated from Rhode Island State College with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He received his degree of Master of Education at Boston University. Miss Calabro is a graduate of Rhode Island College of Education and received her master's degree at Brown University.

### CLASSES PLAN

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this year. The Freshmen, according to co-chairmen Jack Beverly and Frank Williams, have entered the contest with a cooperative attitude and vital spirit indicative of success.

## Sports Caravan

by "Mike" Francis

By the time this issue goes to press, the Rhode Island College of Education's 1949 soccer season will have come to a close. The running record is R.I.C.E. four wins and four defeats. The calibre of competition has been high and next year Athletic Director, Robert L. Brown, in conjunction with Myron Francis, soccer manager, is planning an even more rigid schedule, to include such stalwart aggregations as Bridgewater, M.I.T., Boston University, and many others.

The only black marks on the soccer scene this year have been the injuries suffered by Karl Antonevich, Bill Drury, and Ed (Stiff) Tartaglia, three of R.I.C.E.'s first string standard bearers. Before this columnist concludes reviewing the past soccer season, he would like to commend highly the spirited efforts of those whom he considers the outstanding soccerites—they are: William Taylor, a very fine and typical representative of the Freshman Class; Nick Jaroma, always a courageous boy, symbolic of Sophomore efforts; and last but certainly not least, Capt. John Nassar and Jack McCambridge—beyond doubt these members were far and away the most outstanding participants all season long. Finish soccer, enter basketball.

"He who cometh a sphere passeth round and round," quoth Albert Manning. With this moral leading the way, the basketball season opens. Beginning practice sessions on Oct. 31, last, Coach Brown had his hands full with the 35 court aspirants who turned out. Because of the conflict with soccer practice, sessions have been limited to twice a week until next Monday. Mr. Brown has high hopes of producing a consistent winner this year and will endeavor to urge the Ricoleds in their attempts at bettering last year's mark of nine wins and ten losses. Along with Gil Bully, Jack McCambridge, Frank Burns, Vin McCrystal, Joe Devine, Ray Lanoue, Pete Vangel, George Tracy, and Paul Donovan, who have turned out again, are many new and enthusiastic Freshmen and Sophomores who will strengthen the squad.

In an attempt to break the monotony of this writer's ramblings, he is adding a "What's My Name" feature to this issue.

"I came to the college from LaSalle Academy and hail from Georgiaville. While at LaSalle I was a member of the band and also a javelin thrower on the track team. During the war I was a member of the Fifth Calvary Regiment which was stationed at Hayama, Japan.

"I am the Executive Production Director of the Dramatic League and the Orientation Officer of Kappa Delta Phi. I hope to graduate with the illustrious Anchor Class. Who am I?"



Jack Dalton, (Frank Burns), the virtuous hero of Gold in the Hills, grapples with Mr. Murgatroyd, (Jack McCambridge), the villain of the play. The Dramatic League has produced "Gold in the Hills" and "The Wedding" at the college, the Veterans Hospital, and Wallum Lake. Other road tours are planned for the future.

## Femme Slants

by Peggy Reinsant

On October 27, twelve girls left Union Station in Providence at 9:25 bound for Wyoming and the American Youth Hostel of Mrs. Slocumb. The bicycles had been stored in the baggage car and the hostellers settled themselves on the train for the ride to Kingston where they were to embark and proceed the remaining distance to Wyoming by bicycle.

After much difficulty with the excited station master, who probably never had so much baggage at one time, the weary traveling females finally reached their destination.

Needless to say, the hostel was a welcomed sight despite the fact that the odor of chickens did prevail within the surrounding atmosphere. Upon their arrival, "Ma" Slocumb immediately showed them their sleeping quarters, (barn), the "mess" hall and the hired hands. (The cyclists lost out in this last situation since the hikers like the marines, had already landed and had the situation well in hand.)

The rest of the afternoon was spent getting settled within their new environment, shopping, and making preparations for the evening meal. However, before dinner was served (simple stew) Pa Slocumb displayed his ability on "how to kill a chicken in one easy lesson." This type of entertainment was never surpassed during the rest of the trip. So appetizing!

Community singing, kindergarten games under the direction of Miss Dolores Baldoni, and square dancing in the barn to one record and an old piano completed the end of a hectic day on a farm.

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All spent a freezing sleepless night—to say the least.

The following day, these farmerettes awoke bright and early to the crowing of the rooster and the cackling of the hens, and after "thawing" out, they enjoyed a warm and hearty breakfast, followed by a brisk hike through the woods.

At 12:30 these enthusiastic schoolmarmes left the hostel to return to Kingston in order to hop aboard the 2:15 train. A good time was had by all, who are looking forward to another one in the near future.

Despite the fact that the Soccer Supper has already been held, the soccer season will continue to be in full swing till Jack Frost makes its appearance. So just hop into your "red flannels", girls, and be prepared to dribble the ball down the field.

Plans are now in progress for the commencement of the badminton season. Our manager this year will be Dorothy Christianson and our supervisor, Mrs. N. Allendorf.

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