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## Jean Girard Recipient of Three NDEA Fellowships

Mr. Jean Girard of Providence, a senior at Rhode Island College is the recipient of three National Defense Education Association Fellowships from the University of Virginia and Rutgers University with an alternate at Brown University. The Fellowships carry annual allowances of \$3900, \$4100, and \$4300 for the first, second, and third year respectively. In an interview this week, Mr. Girard informed *The Anchor* that he has decided to accept the Fellowship to the University of Virginia. Prior to attending Rhode Island

College, Mr. Girard served three years in the Army, spending most of his service time in Hawaii. He attended St. Joseph's High School Seminary of the Oblate Fathers in Bucksport, Maine and Mount St. Charles Academy in Woonsocket. Mr. Girard, who is a History Major emphasized that the honors which he has received are due in large part to the consistent help and encouragement he has had from his wife, and from his professors. Mr. Girard is married to the former Simone Pepin, a 1962 graduate of RIC and he has two daughters, ages 3 and 1.

## Vera Zorn of Headstart Speaks at RIC Saturday

Vera Zorn, regional training officer for Project Head Start in New York, will give the principal address at the second annual Clara E. Craig Conference at Rhode Island College on Saturday, April 2. The all-day conference for the state's teachers of "pre-school" (nursery school and kindergarten) children, their supervisors and principals, will open with registration at 9 a.m. in Clarke Science Building. Dr. S. Elizabeth Campbell, professor of education at RIC, will preside at the morning session. After greetings from college officials and introductory commentary by Miss Prudence Fish, assistant professor in RIC's Henry Barnard School, Miss Geraldine Carley, also an assistant professor at Henry Barnard, will present the day's theme, "Freeing Children for Self-Learning." Group discussions will follow.

Dr. Mary T. Thorp, Distinguished Professor of Education, will preside at the luncheon session, and Miss Zorn will speak at 1:15. Miss Zorn is also an assistant professor of education at New York University, where she is director of pre-service and in-service programs in early childhood and elementary education, and supervisor of student teaching.

## Irving Howe Speaks Here On Thursday

Irving Howe, professor of English at Hunter College, New York, will speak at Rhode Island College on Thursday, March 31, in the last of this year's Robert Marshall Brown lectures. Editor of *Dissent* magazine, Professor Howe is the author of numerous books, including *Politics and the Novel*. He has been awarded the Bollingen Award, the National Institute of Arts and Letters Award, and the Guggenheim Fellowship. Professor Howe will speak on "The Idea of the Modern" at 8 p.m. in Amos Assembly Room, Clarke Science Building.

## Former Governor Roberts To Lecture Here Thursday

Former Governor and current chairman of the Rhode Island Constitutional Convention, Dennis J. Roberts, will be a guest lecturer for the *Aspects of Contemporary Civilization* class on Thursday, March 31, at 4:00 p.m. in the Amos Assembly Room, Clarke Science Building. The class is focusing this

semester upon aspects of mid-twentieth century American conditions which challenge the American way of life. Discussion, readings, and lectures center upon the difficulties of maintaining a free society in the face of modern technological complexity, mass living, and ever accelerating change. In connection with the topic, *Modern Man and Self-Government*, Mr. Roberts will be discussing the degree to which citizens may, or may not, be capable of assuming the responsibilities of democratic government. Mr. Roberts brings many

years of experience in public affairs to bear upon the topic and should have things to say that will be of interest to a wide audience. The lecture, therefore, is not limited to class members. Interested faculty, students, and the public are cordially invited.

Mr. Roberts is senior law partner in the Providence law firm of Roberts and McMahon. He received his LLB degree from Boston University, having attained his BS from Fordham University.

The endeavors in which Mr. Roberts has been involved are many and varied. He was a State Senator from the 1st district from 1934-38. In 1950, he was elected Mayor of Providence for a five-year term and was reelected, serving in that capacity until 1950. In 1950 he was elected Governor of Rhode Island and was thereafter reelected in 1952-54-56 and 1958.

In 1955, Mr. Roberts was appointed a United States delegate to the United Nations by President Eisenhower. Mr. Roberts has also served on the Executive Committee of the National Governor's conference. Other organizations with which Mr. Roberts is associated

## Dr. Ridgway F. Shinn Testifies In Washington

Increased federal funds for educational research are being urged by Dr. Ridgway F. Shinn, Jr., dean of liberal studies at Rhode Island College, who describes the Providence metropolitan complex as "a fine laboratory for educational research."

Dr. Shinn testified in Washington last Wednesday before the House Subcommittee on Labor, Health, Education and Welfare, and related House Appropriations Committee agencies. Congressman John E. Fogarty is chairman of the subcommittee.

Dr. Shinn was one of six college educators testifying. He told the committee that the Bureau of the Budget's recommendation of \$16.9 million for educational research for fiscal 1967 was "disappointingly low," and urged a total increase in the vicinity of \$25 to \$30 million.

The RIC dean said he was concerned that the budget bureau's recommendation would mean that no additional research and development centers would be established, that sums available for "small contract" research would not increase substantially, and that the proposed budget will not allow for "new thrusts in educational research."

Dr. Shinn declared that the crux of America's education problems lies in teacher education. He said it was especially important that colleges like RIC be encouraged to increase step up research in the ways educators are being trained and motivated.



"Don't look at me like that"

## Trinity Square On Campus

On April 19, at 4:15 p.m., there will be a panel discussion in Amos Auditorium by Adrian Hall, Katherine Helmond and Robert Van Hooten of the Trinity Square Players about their current production of Synge's *Playboy of the Western World*. The panelists will discuss how they approached the play, how they interpreted the roles and the action. The moderator for the panel will be Dr. James E. White, for whose Modern Drama class the panel has been arranged. Members of the class and of Alpha Psi Omega will attend a production of the comedy before the panel takes place and will join in an open discussion of the play as a work of literature and as a theatre piece.

**RIC GRADUATE RECEIVES BRONZE STAR MEDAL**  
First Lt. Robert L. Hamel of the Marine Corps and a 1964 graduate of R. I. College has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Gold Star for heroism in action in Viet Nam. Lt. Hamel of 9 Hanover St., Providence, was awarded the Bronze Star for his bravery on September 9 near Le Bong, south of Da Nang. Lt. Hamel is the son of Mrs. Leo Hamel and the late Mr. Hamel.



"I want my Maypo"

## Theatre Group To Present

### 'The Male Animal'

The Rhode Island College Theatre will present its next production, "The Male Animal," May 12, 13 and 14. A tentative cast for the play has been announced by Prof. Joseph Graham of the Speech Department.

"The play is a romantic comedy with a message," said Mr. Graham. It concerns a college professor and his wife, and the romantic triangle which occurs when the wife's ex-boyfriend, a former college football hero, returns for a football game. Meanwhile, her husband wants to read a letter written by Bartholomew Vanzetti, partner in the famous Sacco-Vanzetti trial, but his academic freedom is threatened by the college trustees.

The final question of the play is: Who is the male animal? In other words, who is braver, the professor who has the courage to read the controversial letter and fight for a cause or the muscular football hero-type.

The professor's wife is played by Margaret Henry, her husband is played by Edward Murphy, the football hero is played by Ronald McLarty, the student directors are Pamela Barker and Ronald Rathier. Rehearsals are being held at the Little Theater in Roberts Hall.



"I Love A Parade"

## Christian Association Conference to be Held

A Christian Association conference sponsored by the Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant student groups on campus, will be held at the LaSalette Retreat House in Attleboro, Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2. The conference will focus upon the theme, "Christianity in a Post-Christian Era."

Speakers for the conference will include: Jason Blank, Ara Dostourian, and Pat O'Reagan. Mr. Blank will give an introductory speech about the meaning of the process of urbanization in today's world. Mr. Dostourian will speak on whether or not the Church should be involved in this process of urbanization, and Mr. O'Reagan will express his views on the nature and function of the Church.

The conference will begin with supper at 6:30 p.m. on Friday sponsored by the Protestants, and an all-night party is expected after dinner. Saturday morning, an Eastern Orthodox worship service will be held.

Throughout the day, there will be discussions focusing on how the Church should work in the city and particularly, at Rhode Island College. The conference will conclude Saturday at 3:00 p.m. with a Roman Catholic worship.

The cost will be \$5.00 for the entire two days, but anyone is welcome to drop by at different times and the cost will be proportionate. Additional information and registration forms may be received by calling 317.



# EDITORIALS

## are these our allies?

The governments of West Germany and France are planning to sell a multi-million dollar steel mill to Communist China. This transaction with the arch-enemy of free people displays a complete disregard for the interests of the United States and the entire free world.

Were it not for the military aid of America in both world wars, France would have become a subjugated nation. Germany, on the other hand, was completely financed and rehabilitated by United States dollars, following her total defeat. Of even greater significance, the Berlin airlift rescued the German people from starvation as the result of over 200,000 flights conducted by the British and Americans. This massive transport of over 2,000,000 tons of fuel, food, and other necessities seems to have been forgotten by our German allies.

Today the United States maintains thousands of troops in West Germany to insure freedom for its citizens, and yet, Bonn contemplates selling a steel mill to Peking, use of which, without doubt, will be the forging of weapons for use against the free world.

The American people have become somewhat accustomed to the affrontery which periodically emanates from the raucous mouth of General De Gaulle so that one more slap in the face should not really surprise us.

West German officials, however, if they close this deal with Peking will set a precedent of unprovoked injury to the nation which has raised Germany from the suppliant position of the vanquished to a place of honor and respect in the world community.

## Mr. Chafee's decision

Last week, Governor John H. Chafee made known his plans to run for re-election as Governor in lieu of ~~completing his term as Governor~~ ~~Senator~~ ~~Harborne~~ ~~Pell~~. While many Rhode Islanders may have harbored the desire that Mr. Chafee ascend the political ladder to Washington, The Anchor believes Mr. Chafee has made the decision which will more profitably benefit the majority of this state's citizens at the present time.

This should not be interpreted as a partisan view on the part of The Anchor because the facts speak for themselves. Mr. Chafee's administration has made possible the expansion of Rhode Island College and the adoption of a state medicare program for the benefit of Rhode Island's elder citizens.

While we do not propose to limit the sphere of Mr. Chafee's political life, we are sincerely happy to hear of his intentions to be a candidate once again in the gubernatorial race.

## Letters to the Editor

### To the Editor:

Dr. Fred J. Donovan was honored at a testimonial dinner given by Kappa Delta Phi on Tuesday, March 22, at Oates Tavern. The testimonial was in honor of Dr. Donovan's retirement from the office of Vice President at RIC.

Attending the testimonial were Brothers, Alumni Brothers and Honorary Brothers of Kappa as well as several distinguished college administrators. Speakers included Deans Willard and Shinn, Mr. Poretz as well as Ed Kelly and Frank Gromling presidents of the alumni and undergraduate fraternities respectively. Dean Willard spoke on the long relationship he and Fred Donovan have enjoyed over the many years and the days when they were both members of the same high-school faculty.

Frank Gromling expressed on behalf of the Brothers the appreciation all have for Dr. Donovan and how endeared to him so many are for aid and assistance which helped many to graduate. He then

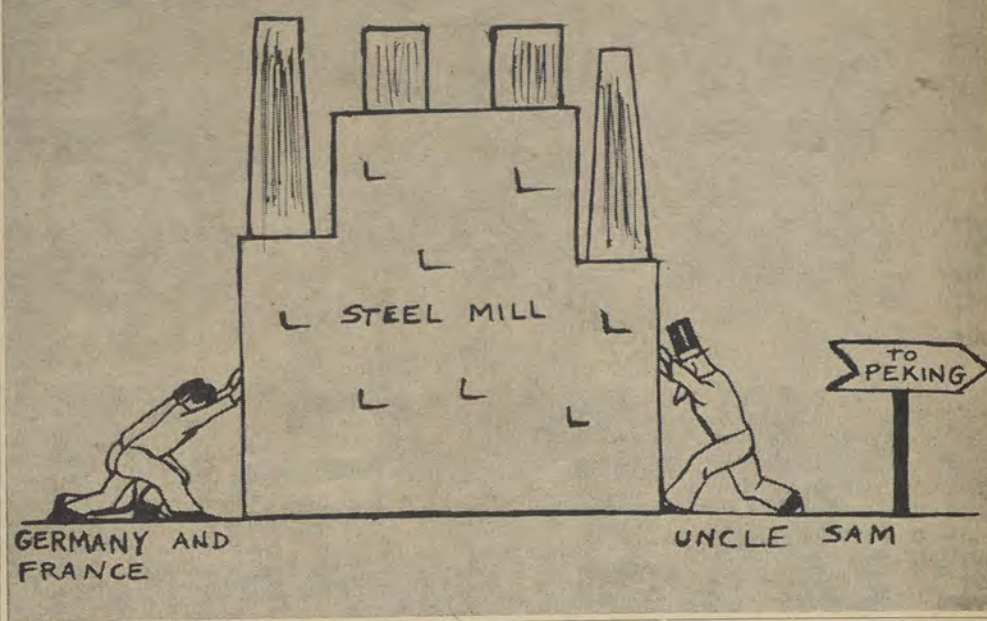
presented the Vice President with two chairs—a College Rocker and a straight chair.

Then Dr. Donovan spoke and reminded us all of the due pride we should have for Rhode Island College and how we should never cease to defend her. In reminiscing over his 22 years as vice president, Fred Donovan became adamant, as he had then, in describing the fight with the Board of Trustees in which the future of the then R.I.C.E. was desperately at stake. At the conclusion of his speech, Dr. Donovan was awarded a round of sincere applause.

Sincerely,  
Frederick J. Rabidoux

### To the Editor:

I am a '65 graduate of RIC, now serving in the armed services. Throughout this year I have kept in contact with the campus by receiving the Anchor by mail. Through the Anchor I have learned of an interesting series of events which have caused considerable controversy both on the



campus and in the state. I refer to those events which began with your President's speech on protest, and were sublimated in some pamphlet burning by a few of your more impetuous classmates.

I do not wish to belabor these events, for I can readily see that this has been thoroughly done in both your "editorial" and "letter" sections. It is the results and not the events that I wish to discuss. For what I am concerned with is the apprehension and ridicule with which this speech was met.

Well, how did the constituents fare? I doubt that the burners now consider their act anything but a success. Exhibitionism always held a place of honor on college campuses and I am certain that they are getting their share.

And the pacifists? What act could lend more support for their cause?

And the president . . . What did he gain for his efforts? The issue may be a bit clouded by embarrassing circumstances but, because of that "ridiculous" speech, over 2,000 college students gained a very valuable lesson in respect for the ideals of others.

It is quite probable that this particular end was not the reason for the speech, but without this prodding spear, cast at campus apathy, nothing would have been gained.

Sincerely, Logg '65  
(Pvt. Poli—US 51588507)

### To the Editor:

In accordance with the original constitution of the Class of 1968, the Morale Committee of that class chose students of the month for December and January. This was publicized on one of the portable bulletin boards in the Student Center, by the Publicity Committee for the Sophomore Class. An entire Sunday afternoon was devoted to this purpose and the resulting display remained intact for approximately 1½ hours on Monday morning. At this time, someone took it upon himself to destroy the display constructed for one of the students.

Not just a display of jealousy and immaturity on the part of the vandals involved, it seemed to me to be also another example of the extreme ignorance possessed by certain members of our college community. Dissent has and always will have its place in our society, but there are proper and improper ways to express it.

In passing, I think it should also be mentioned that the display was found in our latest hotbed

of demonstrations — the men's lounge.

Sincerely yours,  
Chairman, Publicity Committee  
Charlene Hall  
Class of 1968

### Dear Editor:

Having seen the RIC Theatre presentation of "The Rope Dancers" on March 11 and the reading the review of that production in the Anchor and the Providence Journal, this viewer would like to mention a few points about the production.

Both the Anchor and the Providence Journal reviewers failed to note that Jane Chorney's performance as Mrs. Farrow was outstanding. One looked forward to her appearance on stage because of her brilliant handling of the role as well as the comic relief which the role offers.

Although Elaine Thibodeau and Richard Manley performed well, they seemed too young for the roles; make-up did not hide their youthful faces. In spite of this, the viewer thoroughly enjoyed the play.

Barbara Granieri De Silva

### To the Editor:

Congratulations on your penetrating editorial concerning fraternities and sororities. It did a pretty good job of revealing the many drawbacks and limitations of the social organizations that exist on American campuses. As members of academic community, fraternal organizations cannot afford to disengage themselves entirely from their purpose: that of contributing to the broad and meaningful educational experience.

Colleges must continue to help prepare predominantly post-adolescent students for a "place in the world" and must teach them to strive to strengthen their democratic ideals. Fraternities, if they are to continue functioning as an

integral part of college life, must gear their activities as much as possible to enhancing the efforts of the institutions of which they are a part.

Having been a member of a fraternity during my undergraduate years I think I can look back on those days somewhat objectively and honestly criticize many of the selfish ideals which the fraternity system embraces. But I somehow can't help denying that the picture is all negative. I feel that social fraternal organizations do have a constructive part to play in the total educational experience of the college student. As we all know the academic pursuit can be a long and arduous one. It can be tiring. The pressures are great. Everyone needs some kind of recreational diversion from this exhausting intellectual activity. Social groups provide this necessary outlet for tensions.

Fraternities furnish the setting within which young people satisfy a perfectly normal need for belonging. Fraternities offer students the opportunity to petition to the organization most appealing to them. This privilege to choose one's own friends is a right guaranteed to us by our democratic way of life. If not we wouldn't have such organizations as the Knights of Columbus, Masons or Hillel, to name just a few.

Fraternities provide an appropriate means for student participation in friendly competition. One illustration of this is the annual rivalry for the coveted award given that chapter achieving the highest academic proficiency. Other examples are intramurals and singing contests. Our competitive society is a totality of which fraternities are merely one reflective microcosm. If not we wouldn't have businesses.

Fraternal organizations must realize their obligation to serve

LETTERS

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# The ANCHOR

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## Official College Notices

### NEWSPAPER WORKSHOP

A scholarship is offered by the Providence Journal for the Newspaper Workshop, to be held at the University of Rhode Island, June 26 to July 1. All expenses will be paid by the Journal. Seniors who are interested in being considered should apply to the Office of the Dean of Students. Preference will be given to students who are majors in English who have worked on any of the College publications, and who are hoping to teach English. Deadline for application, April 15th.

### PRELIMINARY INFORMATION REGARDING 1966-67 PRE-REGISTRATION

Students and Faculty are asked to note the dates scheduled for Pre-Registration. All Pre-Registration will be from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

- April 11 — Class of 1967  
 April 18 — Class of 1968 — A Division  
 April 25 — Class of 1968 — B Division, Liberal Arts and Industrial Arts.  
 May 2 — Class of 1969 — A Division  
 May 9 — Class of 1969 — B Division, Liberal Arts and Industrial Arts.

Complete details for procedures will be posted in the Student Center on bulletin boards. Students are asked to look for these notices.

### ALL FRESHMEN PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY

A meeting is scheduled for April 14th at 1:00 P.M. in Roberts Hall Auditorium for all freshmen. At this time, complete instructions concerning Pre-Registration and curriculum planning will be given. It is imperative that all freshmen attend.

Dorothy R. Mierzwa  
 Dean of Students

### SELECTIVE SERVICE INFORMATION OF IMPORTANCE TO MEN

Rhode Island College is happy to announce that it will be a Test Center for the Selective Service College Qualifying Test. The S.S.C.Q.T. will be administered in Horace Mann Hall on Saturday, May 14, Saturday, May 21, and Friday, June 3.

Test Application Forms and Bulletins of Information will be available in local Draft Boards on April 1. The registration deadline is April 23. Students will register for the test by indicating a preferred Test Center for each date on the Application Card and by forwarding this form to Science Research Associates which will forward further details.

The student will be instructed to report at 8:30 A.M. The test contains 150 items without subtests and has a three hour time limit. Prior to entering the testing room, the student's thumbprint will be marked on the Ticket of Admission utilizing ink pads and tissues that will be provided in appropriate quantities. The Ticket of Admission and the Test Center Address Card will both be collected before the students enter the test room.

It is assumed that students in good standing currently enrolled for the 1965-66 school year will be allowed to finish the year. At the close of the year it is expected that there will be a review of the records of those who finished the year, and that, depending on the need for manpower for the armed forces, those with the best potential for further education will be deferred from 1966-67, while those whose records measure up less well will be considered eligible for military service.

It should be understood that it is the responsibility of the individual registrant to keep his local board informed of his status. During the Korean period rank in class or test score, whichever was higher, was used as a basis for determining further deferment. It is believed that this alternative approach will be reinstated. In the absence of information on either one, the local board must rely solely on the other; in the absence of both, local boards will have to make their judgments on the basis of whatever information, from whatever sources, they can secure.

Fred J. Donovan  
 Vice President

## Freshman Math Course Discussed

BY BARBARA CILLI

There is much discussion among the freshman concerning the Math 101-102 course that is required of most students. The majority of these students are enrolled in the TV section and the remainder participate in the classroom discussion held three times weekly without the aid of the TV.

The opinions received from the polled freshmen were varied. One student stated, "it's challenging and it weeds out the poor students at the end of the first semester."

Another opinion was "that it is hard on the incoming freshman, not to be able to ask questions when the basic subject matter is

taught on TV and that most of the professors expect you to know the material at the class discussions and questions are more confused in the students mind at these discussion periods." Another student thought, "It was easier to learn on TV if the sheets were passed out on time and the student followed extra closely to the TV presentation."

One other student disliked the fact the exams are the only means of a grade." Other students thought that "TV was too complicated but the notes were a good help."

Other students who were polled and did not have the TV course but had the three class discussions thought it was "a good basic introduction for elementary education students" and that one learn-

## Kephart Speaks at Rhode Island College

Dr. Newell C. Kephart, a specialist in the area of the slow learning child, spoke at Rhode Island College on Tuesday, March 29 at 8 p.m.

Dr. Kephart, professor of education and psychology at Purdue University and executive director of the nationally renowned Achievement Center for Children at Purdue, has for several years specialized in the education of the slow-learning and brain-injured child. He has published numerous articles in this field and written two of the definitive college textbooks, Volume II of *Psychopathology and Education of*



Newell C. Kephart

*the Brain-Injured Child* was written with Dr. Alfred A. Strauss in 1955, and *The Slow Learner in the Classroom* was published by Charles E. Merrill in 1960.

Dr. Kephart is a member of many professional organizations. He is a consultant to groups devoted to the study and training of retarded and handicapped children and the education of their parents.

## First Balcony

By PAUL HATHAWAY

Jazz in church . . . that's what it was. Last Sunday (March 20) at 4:00 p.m. people gathered at the large, dome-topped Central Congregational Church on Angell St. in Providence for a *Christian Worship Service in the Jazz Idiom*. Participating in this most unique service was the Reverend Philip McKean of Central Congregational Church, the Reverend Ben Owens; the Episcopal College Chaplin and the Phil Wilson Quartet from Boston, featuring Phil Wilson; trombone, Lennie Hochman; tenor sax, flute and bass clarinet, Tom Sarni; drums, and George Moyer; bass.

The service consisted of a regular (almost) chronology of sections with a sermon. The quartet took all of the parts that would normally be handled by the organ or choir.

Service began with the quartet playing "the Prologue," which was active, and up-tempo. This was followed by the call to worship and the reading of the psalm #100 by Rev. McKean and the congregation. Then the quartet broke loose with "Song of Joy." After this Rev. Owens read psalm #42 from the Old Testament. The quartet followed this with "A Song of Sorrow" which featured a wailing, agonizing trombone solo by Phil Wilson. Then there was the reading from the gospel by Rev. Owens, he read from John and Luke and he was accompanied during the reading from Luke by the solo trombone of Phil Wilson. Following the reading the quartet presented their own "Commentary on the Gospel."

Next came the offertory sentences, and the passing of the plates to meet the expenses of the service and then Lennie Hochman presented his own "Song of Giving" with a mighty riff on the tenor sax then he was accompanied by the rest of the quartet for the remainder of the set. To conclude the service Rev. McKean offered a prayer for all artists and expressed his feeling concerning their importance in the world of today and then the congregation joined him in the recitation of the Lord's Prayer . . . the benediction was given and the quartet finalized the service with the "Epilogue."

I found this to be a different and exciting hour. All of the sets that the quartet played were improvised at the altar as the service progressed. Although the four had played in the church on the Thursday evening before without worshipers in order to "get the feel of church" and experiment with their sound within it, they did not prearrange any of the music.

Watching them perform jazz so freely improvised, so dissonant, so un-gimmicked, and yet making such natural patterns of order in such a holy atmosphere was to experience the talent of musicianship combined with artistry and reverence in an ineffable way.

The trombone has long been a church instrument and after hearing Phil Wilson's trombone echoing within the seven story high dome of Central Congregational Church I know why. Plus, the matching of that "instrument of the Angels" with the bass clarinet provided a texture as rich as royal tapistry.

When Duke Ellington recently presented jazz in church which was broadcast by CBS Television, I had the feeling that I was witnessing a "performance of jazz" not a worship service. But this improvisation (which the Ellington presentation was not!) of last Sunday here in Providence was for me a most valid and most acceptable method of worship. May the clergy at Central Congregational do it often.

## Folk Music and the Twentieth Century

BY ANTHONY LA FAZIA

"While not all popular music is folk music, most of what we call folk music is pop. I, like many others, seem to have come to the point where I'm not sure if there is any such thing as pure, unadulterated folk music, at least outside of the textbook and theoretical discussion," commented Dave Wilson in the February-March issue of *Sing Out!*

Wilson's view is one that has become increasingly popular to-

day — and rightly so. His statement takes into account the fact that, if one employs the rigid, textbook definition of folk music, there can be no real folk songs produced today. This is obviously nonsense, but it does underscore the notion that a more pliable criteria for judging folk art must be established. To James Francis Childs, who collected medieval English ballads in the mid nineteenth century, the rules that a folk song must be orally transmitted, must be of unknown authorship, and have become modified either in music or content by succeeding generations, were probably valid. To one living in the twentieth century with its copyright laws, records, and trans-communications set-ups, a new philosophy must be devised. The twentieth century intellect must recognize that folk music is the music of the people — all the people and not a select group of pro-government supporters, pacifists, or pregnant mothers. This interpretation brings groups like the Animals, the Stones, the Byrds, Peter, Paul and Mary, the Pennywhistlers under the folk emblem, and in so doing is altering the folk process to the point where it stretches from Baez to the Beatles, Dylan to Mike Jagger, the Kweskin Jug Band to the Supremes and the Lovin' Spoonful. Folk music is being revived!

This revival of folk music, stemming from a new definition, has led to what critics often term musical amalgamation, a form that is exemplified in the music of Richard and Mimi Farina. They have developed an art form which is a musical synthesis of classical, folk, and rock themes, have subjected it to electrified instruments, and have produced a sound that, completely overwhelming the crowds at Newport last year, kept thousands of fans begging for "more" during the thunderstorm.

Most people explain that this acceptance of rock was christened by Bob Dylan with songs like *Subterranean Homesick Blues* and *Queen Jane Approximately*. It is often overlooked that Dylan is only one performer in a tradition that stretches from Muddy Waters to the Chambers Brothers. Moreover, rock and roll itself is an offshoot of folk themes; Elvis Presley's sound was not a complete musical innovation on his part — it was, instead, a statement of the Southern blues and Negro spirituals that framed his musical background.

These observations, then, should lead one to the conclusion that all good music is borne of basically the same stuff. This essential continuity of all music has been recognized by many who are termed folk singers.



# Letters

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their community and must never fail to actualize their potential. Members of social groups must not forget to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen and should always try to bring credit to their school.

I believe the rah-rah days are a thing of the past. We appear to be in a new era where, when seen in its proper perspective, the fraternal system can be viewed as commanding a respectable place among student activities.

Thanks for equal time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gordon Nicholls  
College Counselor

### To the Editor:

This letter is in reply to an editorial in *The Anchor* of Wednesday, March 16 1966 entitled, "An Unrealistic Attitude". This editorial dealt with what was described as an unrealistic attitude toward the People's Government of China. The editor himself takes a rather unrealistic attitude toward this most serious problem. It would be more than mere naivete to think that the United States is opposed to admission of Red China to the U. N. out of spite or fear. There are at least two very good reasons for not supporting Red Chinese admission to the world organization.

At the time of the Red takeover in mainland China in 1949, the United States promised the Chinese Nationalists that the Peking government would never be recognized by Washington. Over the years, this promise has been reaffirmed. American support of Red Chinese admission to the U. N. would be tantamount to recognition of Peking. The effects of this double-cross would be at best, catastrophic to American foreign policy. Such an act would cast serious doubts on the value of American promises from Seoul to New Delhi, Tehran to Leopoldville. Surely, something more concrete than loss of face is involved here.

Who can be foolish enough to honestly believe that one desk in a building on the East River would change an irresponsible, belligerent, and oppressive nation into a respectable and worthy member of the society of nations? If the U. N. cannot even collect dues from charter members, how can it be expected to restrain a nation as unscrupulous as Red China from victimizing her sister states?

# RIC Track Team Should Be Big Contender

This year's Rhode Island College Track Team may be one of the top teams in its conference. Coach Bogda said that "it should be second only to Boston State College." Although this year's team is almost totally new, Coach Bogda is quite confident and pleased with the prospects, and believes it will be the best yet.

The past two seasons will be hard to beat. In 1964 the team was the Southern New England Coastal Conference Champions and placed second in New England State College Athletic Conference; the overall record of five dual meets that year was three wins and two losses. In 1965 the record for dual meets was four wins and one loss; the team placed second in the Southern New England Coastal Conference Championship; missing second place by only three points.

So far this year only five of

the twenty-eight members are veterans. Three of these veterans were absent from last year's team; they are Art Schultz, who holds the discus record, Dick Mansusa, who held the 440 record in 1964, and Ed Squier, and excellent hurdler and dash man. The veterans from last year's team are Ray Marsland, a terrific miler, Robert Maitland, who pole vaults and throws the javelin.

Although Coach Bogda lost almost his whole squad from last year he expects the new members to be good fill-ins for those men. Among the new members are three freshmen, Ralph Fortune, Ray Nelson, and Ed St Germain, who were also members of the cross country team where they compiled good records.

Although this year is a rebuilding year for the track team, Coach Bogda has good reason to expect a top notch team this year.

U. N. membership does not carry with it a cloak of integrity. This integrity should be evident before U. N. admission, but few would argue that Red China sorely lacks this integrity, even superficially.

It should be clearly evident that there is no benefit to be gained by the admission of a nation so brazenly announces conditions to be met by the world organization upon its acceptance of a U. N. seat. U. N. membership is not a magic cure-all for all the ills of the world. It would not make Red China a useful and responsible nation. It would not bring world peace or even a better understanding of the Chinese mentality. Indeed, the only concrete results would be the disruption of world peace efforts and the weakening of the American position in world affairs. Both results at this time can be no less than fatal.

David Pratt

### To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the Rhode Island College community for its excellent reception

of Mr. Nathan Opoku of Ghana. He was enthusiastically received and he was treated with both courtesy and respect. Special thanks go to those professors who gave of their class time, to the Coffee House Board of Directors, and to the students in both Thorp and Webber Halls. Although Mr. Opoku has visited campuses throughout the United States he regarded his visit to this college as one of his finest experiences.

Mr. Peck

### To the Editor:

In your editorial "Much touted, little read . . .", you assert that excessive cutting implies an incompetent instructor. For the student inclined to cut, your statement provides a convenient rationalization to use. I happen to disagree with your opinion (the incompetence, if any, lies elsewhere), but you are surely entitled to it.

I wish to take issue, rather, with your assertion that anyone is wrong who even "makes some attempt at replying" to the contrary, while on the other hand "silence is tantamount to admis-

# Tennis News

The Rhode Island College tennis forces will be kicking off their campaign for the NESCAC tennis title in mid-April with high hopes for improving on last year's 6-5 record. One who will be heavily counted on, if we are to accomplish that goal is Captain William Dalton.

Entering his fourth campaign at Rhode Island College Bill has been one of our leading tennis players. He gained much tennis experience before coming to RIC at East Greenwich High where he played on their schoolboy entry for three years. A man who has watched him steadily improve in his previous three years here Coach Robert Brown has been well satisfied with his past performances, his continuous hustle,

and his strong determination against the strongest of opponents. Bill who will enter Officer's Candidate School in Newport upon graduation from the college and plans a three-year hitch in the Navy before pursuing teaching, is a Math Major in Secondary Education. Besides playing tennis, he has been Class Social Chairman in his junior and senior years and is a brother of Kappa Delta Phi. When asked to comment on this year's team prospects, Bill replied, "We have a good veteran squad returning and had an early start practicing this year. We should be in good shape by mid-April and will be gunning for all the marbles. Our toughest opposition will probably come from last year's champion and runner-up Fitchburg and Gorham State."

### Flight to Europe Offered

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The Air France flight will depart on June 27 and will return Aug. 15. Anyone interested in further information, can contact William B. Baird, 207 Walsh Gym, ex. 385.

### Governor Roberts

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are the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Rhode Island Association for Mental Health of which he is chairman, and the Human Relations Commission of Rhode Island, of which he is also chairman.

In addition, Mr. Roberts is the chairman of the State Constitutional Convention.

Mr. Roberts holds honorary degrees from Boston University, Brown University, Rhode Island College, Fordham University, Bryant College, Providence College, and the University of Rhode Island.

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