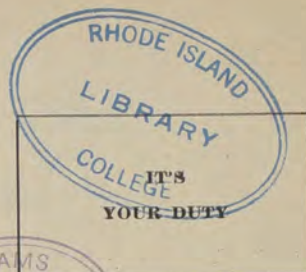


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Closing of Jr. High Grades Proposed for Barnard School

Rhode Island College announced today that it will seek to strengthen its campus laboratory school, the Henry Barnard School, by closing out its three junior high school grades.

In a letter to parents of Henry Barnard School children, Dr. Virginio L. Piucci, RIC's dean of professional studies, said the college will move instead "to create a laboratory school in one of the comprehensive junior high schools nearby."

Dr. Piucci said that Henry Barnard's elementary grades, which enroll about 500 pupils from the prekindergarten level through sixth grade, will be continued, and their curriculum and facilities strengthened. Located near the center of the RIC campus, the school is used by the college as part of its training program for teachers.

The relatively small size of the junior high school — about 230 pupils in grades 7, 8 and 9 — make it unrepresentative of typical junior high schools and inadequate as a teacher-training adjunct to the college, Dr. Piucci said.

The discontinuation has already been discussed informally with the Board of Trustees of State Colleges and will be presented for formal action at a later meeting, probably in December, according to George W. Kelsey, chairman of the board.

Dr. Piucci told the parents that the college would also propose to the trustees that it continue the junior high school for pupils now in grades 7 and 8 until they are graduated from grade 9, and enroll children currently in grade 6 until they complete grade 8.

The latter proposals will hinge on sufficient enrollments, according to Dr. Piucci. Enclosed with

his letter was a questionnaire for parents of sixth, seventh and eighth grade pupils, asking how long they would plan to continue enrolling their child in the school.

The proposed discontinuation has been studied for about a year and follows "the most careful consideration by the faculty and administration concerned," Dr. Piucci told the parents. The decision was arrived at by the administrators of the college's professional studies program, and was approved by President William C. Gaige.

"For some years, we have been aware that our junior high school in not only insufficient in size to take care of our expanding teacher education needs, but also that the junior high school is too small and the nature of the student body not representative enough to offer to our students a picture of a comprehensive junior high school program," the dean stated.

"After coming to 'the reluctant conclusion that the junior high

Florida Professor Pickets AAUP Over Tenure Case

WASHINGTON (CPS) — A soft-spoken Florida statistician with a protest sign has made history of a sort.

Robert G. Hoffmann, Ph.D., picketed the American Association of University Professors over an unusual tenure case recently, becoming the first man ever to demonstrate in front of the staid old American Council on Education building, which houses several educational organizations.

During a break in his one-man vigil, Hoffmann explained that in 1963 he was a research assistant professor in medical statistics at the University of Florida. The University fired him, he said, by abolishing his position.

Knowing that the AAUP often comes to the aid of fired faculty members, Hoffmann asked for help. The AAUP wrote a few letters which only irritated officials, according to Hoffmann, and renewed their determination to get rid of him.

Hoffmann eventually received four unsuccessful reviews in Florida: a University hearing, a regents hearing, a gubernatorial examination and a court case.

But what made Hoffmann really angry was that the AAUP double-crossed him after the trial, so he claims, and sent the University a letter exonerating the school for its actions.

A few minutes later and four floors higher AAUP Executive Secretary William Fidler displayed a thick file on the Hoffmann case and denied any doubledealings.

HOFFMANN

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PRESIDENT GAIGE

Impressed With Faculty, Thinks Students 'Gold-Mine' of Possibility

Dr. William C. Gaige retires as President of Rhode Island College effective November 1.

The Anchor interviewed Dr. Gaige this week in order to obtain his views on a variety of subjects which we felt would be of general interest to our readers.

Dr. Gaige was asked his views on the topic of grades in college. We asked this question because grades have been discussed quite often among educators recently, and the debate concerning grading systems is still going on.

Dr. Gaige felt that, "Grades are one of the most necessary evils and I am continually frustrated by the index system." Dr. Gaige said that while "there is no absolute mathematical grade", professors do have to make a judgment on the performance of their students.

In speaking of the professor's marking, Dr. Gaige said that if a professor were given the same papers to grade three months apart, the grades would be different. It is Dr. Gaige's wish that marks be given on a three-category system: Fail, Pass, and Distinction. Dr. Gaige did emphasize, however, that "we must recognize that they (grades) are necessary."

In discussing the college in general Dr. Gaige felt that, "this campus does not have anywhere near enough controversy". In making this statement the President emphasized that he was referring

RICC To Sponsor Annual Symposium

The Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce will sponsor an annual College-Business Symposium, Wednesday, November 30. The Symposium is an all day affair at which topics of mutual interest to businessmen and college students are discussed.

Guest speakers and discussion periods are scheduled. Approximately 300 students from Rhode Island's institutions of higher learning will be in attendance. The Chamber of Commerce also provides a luncheon for the delegates. RIC has an allotment of twenty places.

If you are interested, please contact Mr. Eugene Perry in 208E Mann Hall. Students may be excused from classes for the day in order to attend.

Topics for the symposium will range from current industrial growth in Rhode Island to the role of industry in the national economy.

Due to the large number of applicants, upperclassmen will be given first consideration as delegates. However, alternate delegates will be needed.



President William C. Gaige

to thoughtful controversy with direction as opposed to mere controversy for its own sake. In this same vein, Dr. Gaige said that we are the only animal God created with the ability to think and make decisions and we should use this gift.

Dr. Gaige felt that The Anchor should be the watchdog of student government, asking questions which should be answered when we feel something might be amiss. In regard to those who constantly criticize The Anchor, Dr. Gaige suggested that we devote a special issue to comments from students, and faculty, on what they think the answer should be.

We asked Dr. Gaige what were his feelings about the college now

that he is leaving. He said that our college has constantly improved and was quite emphatic in stating that "the students are literally a 'gold-mine' of possibilities".

Speaking of the college faculty Dr. Gaige remarked, "I am so impressed and pleased that we have been able to attract the faculty we have here".

Dr. Gaige felt that "there is a tremendous gap between what we could be doing for these students and what we are doing". He felt that this gap comes from a lack of imagination, and on the part of the students themselves in not realizing what a good education should be.

The president felt that, "our

Faculty, Students, Alumni Give Dr. Gaige A 'Happy Send-off'

More than 450 students, faculty members and alumni of Rhode Island College attended a testimonial dinner for RIC President William C. Gaige on Saturday night, and found it was a dinner with a difference.

Dr. Gaige, who has been president of the college since 1952, will resign on November 1 to become executive secretary of the Massachusetts Advisory Council on Education, a high-level state research agency.

Tired of dreary testimonial affairs with lots of speechmaking friends of the president decided to give him a happy send-off in the form of a "bon voyage" party. Lifeboats were hung from the balcony of RIC's Donovan Dining Center, and 40 cases of champagne set to cool in another boat filled with ice.

During a dinner of prime filet mignon five faculty members sang a parody specially composed for the occasion, and gag gifts — including a single oar and a live Rhode Island red rooster — were presented to Dr. and Mrs. Gaige.

Speakers from the alumni, faculty and student body praised Dr. Gaige as the man who has presided over RIC's rapid growth since 1952. They said that more than a decade of change and expansion under his direction had made this state college the finest of its kind in New England.

After the dinner a gold watch was presented to Dr. Gaige and a camera to Mrs. Gaige.

Toastmaster was Dr. Charles B. Willard, who will become acting president on November 1.

EDITORIALS

those bookstore prices

Attending the Associated Collegiate Press conference last week, we of *The Anchor* thought the situation of high prices in the college bookstore was a problem unique to Rhode Island College. However, this existing problem was mentioned by other college editors from around the country, and was recognized by these editors as a situation which needs a solution lest college students become insolvent purchasing required texts. One college student body took the drastic step of boycotting their bookstore until prices came down to a reasonable level.

We mention this problem in hopes

that our bookstore will look to finding a remedy for the outrageous cost of books of all kinds which is evident at RIC presently.

Surely, some solution can be found which will eliminate the necessity for action by the student body to reduce the price of materials in the bookstore.

The most overworked reply from college bookstores to the problem of high prices is the retort that these prices are set by the respective publishers. If this is so, why have other bookstores reduced their prices when pressure was brought to bear upon them.

ACP Conference Interesting, Informative Experience

by JIM HOSEY

The Forty-second annual Associated Collegiate Press Conference held last week in Philadelphia proved to be interesting, informative, and thought-provoking. Ellen Fregeau, *Anchor* Managing Editor, and this writer left the three-day conference feeling we had gained a much greater understanding of the day-to-day problems confronting college publications.

Hundreds of college editors attending the ACP conference offered genuine solutions to individual problems aired at the various sectional meetings only to learn that in many cases college newspapers experience common difficulties.

One problem which appeared universal among college editors was that of dealing with college administrators. Referring to this situation, one professor from Columbia University School of Journalism, in speaking to a meeting of editors, remarked that college administrators are under much pressure and subject to constant criticism, and the college newspaper, with its incisive questioning, only seems to add to administrative problems.

One editor speaking on this subject, emphasized that admin-

istrators overwork the "no comment" reply or they offer "off-the-record" answers not intended for publication when being interviewed. This avoidance of specific replies seems to be intended by administrators to satisfy the newspaper without making a commitment of any kind on the part of the administration.

Another issue which proved controversial at the conference was that of "Freedom of the Press". One professor speaking on this subject, contended that 90% of college newspapers do not enjoy full freedom of expression. However, judging from the remarks of those editors with whom we spoke, it would seem that the 10% enjoying freedom of expression in their publications were in great attendance at the conference.

In a less serious vein, Mr. Charles Ferguson, Senior Editor of *Reader's Digest*, spoke to the conference delegates at a noon luncheon on Friday, October 21, citing the many qualities of Horace Greeley, emphasizing that there was much more to this legendary figure of journalism than his famous quote, "Go west, young man".

Mr. Ferguson's vigor and quick wit kept the well-fed delegates

attentive and amused throughout his talk while he expounded on the many-faceted personality of Greeley. While we who attended the conference may forget the menu that day, I doubt that anyone will be able to forget the sparkling personality of Mr. Ferguson.

Pacemaker awards were also presented to various newspapers during the course of the luncheon. These awards, presented by the publisher of the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, were given to outstanding college newspapers throughout the country.

Because *The Anchor* had not been a member of the ACP prior to this conference, we could not be considered for an award. We are hoping, however, that in the near future we may be able to enter the competition.

There were many aspects of the conference which proved to be of inestimable value to us in solving the future problems of our newspaper in the area of editorial policy, advertising, and makeup, to name just a very few. And while this acquiring of journalistic knowledge is gratifying, an equally important part of our trip to Philadelphia was in meeting so many vigorous and thoughtful fellow-editors from across the nation. Many came from as far away as Florida and Iowa to attend this conference and all brought with them a keen sense of responsibility and a sincere desire to help solve some of the many problems which are in evidence on every campus.

In a greater sense, these college editors with whom we mingled seemed to be preparing themselves quite well to meet the challenges of life in general upon graduation. We are very thankful that we had the opportunity to participate in this journalistic experience.

Gaige Interview

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faculty has to pay more attention to our students in the context of modern Rhode Island and American life."

Dr. and Mrs. Gaige will be living in the President's house until January 1.

The president emphasized that the Board of Trustees of State Colleges has been very generous to him and Mrs. Gaige, and he was very grateful for this.

Great Society's Cemetery, or LBJ'S Gettysburg Address

by ROBERT EWEGEN

The Collegiate Press Service
(As presented by Little Boy Johnson, president of the United States and grandson of a former President whom we all know and love. The address was delivered at the dedication of the American military cemetery "Gettysburg East," outside of Saigon in the year 2052.)

Mah fellow Americans:

Foah scoe and seven yeahs ago, my grandfather brough forth upon this continent of Asia a new political concept, conceived in expediency and dedicated to the proposition that we are better dead than red.

Now we are engaged in a Great Society (oops, I mean a Great Civil War), and for that matter have been engaged in that Great Civil War for four score and seven years now, testing whether that concept of a permanent American military presence in Asia or any concept so ill-conceived and so ineptly executed, can long endure.

We are met on a great battlefield of that war, a battlefield where General Ky was overthrown by General Hee, where General Hee was overthrown by General Me, where General Me was over-

thrown by General Wee, where General Wee was overthrown by General Gee, and so forth through the 56 different coups that finally culminated last spring in General Flea's government, which we are now convinced is in a position to bring to this nation the political stability that is so necessary if we are to begin to effectively roll back the aggression from the north.

Excuse me folks, I just received an urgent note. (Oh no, not again.) Hrrumph. What I meant was the 57 coups which finally culminated in General She's coup three minutes ago which we are finally convinced is in a position to at last offer this nation the political stability that is . . .

Hmmrph. Be that as it may. We have come to dedicate this battlefield as a fitting memorial to the light to moderate losses that our forces have sustained over the past 87 years so that my grandfather and his successors could test the theory that the way to bring Hanoi to the peace table was to escalate further.

It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this, and anyone who thinks otherwise is a nervous nellie and probably a traitor besides and simply helping to prolong the war.

The world will long note and long remember what we did here, probably because we will still be long doing it, but the world will probably never understand WHY we did it.

And frankly, I'm fed up with that kind of idiotic questioning emanating from the capitals of the world over the last nine decades! I DON'T CARE WHY WE ARE HERE! THE POINT IS WE ARE HERE AND IT'S TOO LATE TO PULL OUT NOW! WE ARE GOING TO STAY HERE! WE ARE GOING TO ESCALATE! THIS UNPatriotic PRACTICE OF DEFERRING GRANDFATHERS HAS TO STOP SO THAT WE CAN BUILD UP OUR TROOP COMMITMENT TO 68,000,000 MEN. ONLY THEN WE WILL HAVE AN ADEQUATE STRENGTH RATIO OF 84 to 1 NECESSARY TO PUT DOWN THIS INSURRECTION.

And as long as I am president, mah fellow Americans, I promise you this: we shall not withdraw, I promise that this nation, under me, shall have a new birth of conformity (boy will we shut up those peaceniks) and that government of consensus, by manipulation for the sake of saving face shall not perish from the earth, although the population might.

(Ewegen is editor of the *Colorado Daily*.)

Defense Spending

Scored by Melman

A scathing criticism of the top-heavy proportion of American tax dollars being allocated to defense highlighted the lecture in Roberts Hall last Tuesday night of Dr. Seymour Melman. A Columbia University professor who has lectured and published widely on the merits of disarmament, Dr. Melman presented a discomforting portrayal of the ills which allotting three out of every four tax dollars to defense has created and will create within American society. His comments comprised the second lecture of a thus far stimulating James P. Adams Lecture Series.

Parasitic Defense Program

Dr. Melman had some ready replies for those who would advocate further defense buildups. He ventured that while 79 billion dollars is being allocated this year for military purposes, American cities, schools and hospitals, whose need for the money is crucial, are being sadly neglected.

Further compounding the situation is the consideration that not only money, but vitally needed professional and technical people are being funneled into defense oriented programs rather than into medicine, teaching or social

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Male Volunteers Sought By Cheerleading Squad

There will be an innovation in the staff of the Rhode Island College Cheerleading Department. The cheerleaders have announced that they are searching for students willing to become "Mascots", who will serve as the male counterparts to the present group. This is not a completely new idea in that other colleges, particularly all male institutions, have had similar organizations in years past and do have them now. However it is new to RIC and volunteers would be appreciated.

The duties of the "Mascots" will be similar to those of the cheerleaders. They will be expected to lead the fans in cheering on the RIC teams. However, as has been demonstrated during this year's soccer season, this is no soft job. In addition to the above duties, the "Mascots" must be able to endure heat, cold, near-freezing winds, and almost certain down-

ing in torrential downpours. They must also be able to scream loudly, as this is a prime consideration for the job.

The cheerleaders also hope to promote an informal pep squad to cheer at both home and away games. They feel that the encouragement prompted by such backing will boost the morale of the RIC teams. Moreover, it should also be an enjoyable experience for the pep squad members. Meetings will be held at a later date in order to teach the cheers to anyone interested. All RIC students are invited to join.

Anyone interested in becoming a "Mascot" or a member of the pep squad should notify one of the following people, who are, at present, the RIC cheerleaders: Lynda Baglini, Camille Ligouri, Jane Enos, Gene Hand, Rosemary O'Hara, Nancy Gillo and Paulette Thibideau.

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Official College Notices

The Highway Beautification Unit of the Department of Public Works has requested that students be informed that the painting of any kinds of insignia, designs, or writing on rock formations on State property is against the law and subject to penalty. (This does not, of course, refer to those on our own campus.)

William C. Gaige
President

Debate Club News

The Debate Club is sending two teams out this weekend. The novice team will be traveling with Coach Buglio to a Dartmouth College tournament where they will meet three other colleges in a clash of logical thinking and persuasive speaking. The varsity team with Prof. Joyce left this morning for Philadelphia, Pa., "The city of brotherly love" to debate five other Universities on the campus of LaSalle College. The subject of the debates is whether or not to substantially reduce America's economic and military aid commitments to foreign countries. The results of both novice and varsity teams will be printed in the next issue of the Anchor.

ment problem has been the regular withdrawal of pupils after the eighth grade to enroll them in four-year secondary schools.

Dr. Pucci explained that the college was determined to continue strengthening the school, and that plans included some increase in faculty and the addition of equipment.

Essentially, he said, college plans call for (a) upgraded facilities and equipment, (b) additional curriculum materials, and (c) an upgraded curriculum.

He said the college wants to do everything it can to make Henry Barnard a superior school for the children enrolled in it and for prospective teachers.

Club News

The Society of Modern Languages of RIC held elections for the officers for the coming year on Thursday, October 20, at 1 pm in Craig-Lee 227. The officers elected were as follows: President of the General Assembly, Thomas Gentile; Chairman of the Presidium, David Pratt; Secretary of the General Assembly, Normand Fortin; Secretary of the Presidium, Denise Matisewski; Treasurer of the General Assy., Donna Goselin; Treasurer of the Presidium, Alice Farrell; O. B. Representative, Helen Gajda.

The Society is planning a trip to the World's Fair in Montreal this year, and has appointed a committee to inquire about arrangements. A play committee has also been appointed to select and produce a play to be presented by the club later in the year. Two plays under consideration at the moment are Moliere's "Les Precieuses ridicules" and "Le Bourgeois gentilhomme." Members of the club will perform the play selected in French for the students and faculty at RIC. Anyone wishing to join the Society is invited to attend the next meeting, which will be announced via the student mail.

Defense Spending

(Continued from Page 2) work. Dr. Melman commented that the various levels of American education are short no less than one million qualified teachers, and that the number of doctors and nurses per one thousand people is actually decreasing. These conditions and many others of not insignificant proportions led Dr. Melman to term as "parasitic" the gigantic sums appropriated each year for our defense program.

The Folly of Overkill

Another of the speaker's qualms — and he had more than a few — concerned the nuclear arms race that in his eyes is at the same time tragic and ridiculous. A significant slice of 79 billion dollar defense appropriation goes ultimately toward the development of what is known as overkill — our multiplicative capacity to wipe the Soviet Union off the face of the earth. At present our nuclear arsenal is potent enough to completely cripple the U.S.S.R. thirty times over, and Dr. Melman failed to see the logic in spending billions of dollars on trying to make it forty. Among the most impressive of his barrage of statistics was the fact that the average Atomic Energy Commission plant in the United States spends \$1.2 billion a year.

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Notice Anchor Staff

Anchor reporters on Tuesday, November 1, at 1 p.m. in the Anchor office. All reporters are required to attend this meeting. If the reporter cannot attend he should notify Jim Hosey, Anchor editor.

There will be another meeting on Thursday, November 2, at 1:00 P.M. in the Anchor office for the people who cannot attend the first meeting.

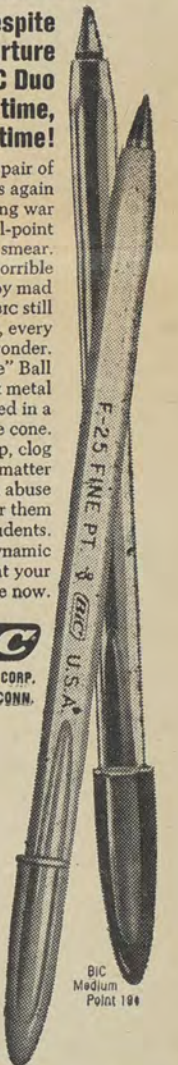
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BIC Fine Point 250

This is Russ Kennedy of Balboa Island, California, on an in-port field trip as a student aboard Chapman College's floating campus.

The note he paused to make as fellow students went ahead to inspect Hatshepsut's Tomb in the Valley of the Kings near Luxor, he used to complete an assignment for his Comparative World Cultures professor.

Russ transferred the 12 units earned during the study-travel semester at sea to his record at the University of California at Irvine where he continues studies toward a teaching career in life sciences.

As you read this, 450 other students have begun the fall semester voyage of discovery with Chapman aboard the s.s. RYNDAM, for which Holland-America Line acts as General Passenger Agents.

In February still another 450 will embark from Los Angeles for the spring 1967 semester, this time bound for the Panama Canal, Venezuela, Brazil, Argentina, Nigeria, Senegal, Morocco, Spain, Portugal, The Netherlands, Denmark, Great Britain and New York.

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