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Noted author receives honorary degree for her many contributions to writing.

LOUISE HALL THARP RECEIVES DEGREE

Louise Hall Tharp, wife, mother and author, received an honorary Doctor of Education degree at the Academic convocation here, April 4th.

The convocation ceremonies began with a processional march of the Rhode Island College of Education and Henry Barnard faculty, led by Prof. Catherine M. Connor, chairman of the program. After the singing of the national anthem, and the benediction, our choir, conducted by Prof. Gertrude E. McGunigle, sang "Onward Ye Peoples."

In her address to the student body, Mrs. Tharp said that a sense of humor is a teacher's greatest asset. She further stated that every one of us, as future teachers, will be unforgettable to someone.

"Don't let controversy discourage you," Mrs. Tharp advised. She said we should face it and benefit from it.

Mrs. Tharp, small and sprightly, began her writing career for her two sons. Her first children's story describes her home town in Connecticut during the Revolutionary War. Another historical novel about the early settlers in America was followed by her third story, depicting the taxation trouble in England.

Mrs. Tharp, who was educated in Boston, Cambridge and Athens, is also the author of three successful adult biographies. "The Peabody Sisters of Salem" was published in 1950; "Until Victory: Horace Mann and Mary Peabody" in 1953; and "Three Saints and a Sinner" in 1956. All of these biographies are about educators and as Mrs. Tharp said, "Until Victory" is a tribute to teachers.

Dr. Fred Donovan and President William Gaige presented Mrs. Tharp with the honorary degree. She was also given a diploma and blue hood for her doctorate. Mrs. Tharp has previously been awarded the Kappa Delta Gamma Award, highest in the country in the educational field.

Anchorites Get Advice

Mr. James J. Doyle, an editorial writer for the Providence Journal-Bulletin, and a former teacher, addressed a group of representatives from the ANCHOR on Tuesday, April 2, in the conference room of the Journal-Bulletin. He gave a bit of professional advice on writing news stories. Mr. Doyle told the group: "Don't be afraid to ask questions. A reporter has the reputation of being one of the nosiest persons." He emphasized the need for accuracy to the tiniest detail in news stories. Topics for feature stories, Mr. Doyle stated, are limited only by the writer's own imagination. He cited the interview as being the most difficult type of story to write. The reporter, he said, should not conduct the interview by adhering to a specific set of questions, but should allow the person to converse freely.

After the address, the students watched the planning and layout of an editorial page. ANCHOR staff members who attended were Natalie Alviti, Mary Ann Ganis, Harriet Diamond, Sheila Laffan, Louise Pitochelli, Sondra Smith, and Ann Venagro.

Riceans Attend Conference

Eleven students from R.I.C.E. attended the Annual Spring Conference of the Eastern States Association of Professional Schools for Teachers in New York on March 21-23, 1957. Five hundred and fifty-two delegates from seventy colleges attended the conference.

The students registered on the morning of the 23rd and toured the United Nations buildings or the Stock Exchange in the afternoon. That evening, the delegates attended a dinner at N.Y.U.

ALUMNI NEWS

The annual Alumni Ball will be held May 11th at the Pawtucket Country Club. Ed Drew's Orchestra will provide the music. Co-chairmen of the dance are Helen Page '47 and Frank Burns '51. Tickets for the dance will be available shortly.

Caroline E. Haverly, Alumni Trustee, was recently presented with a scroll by the college faculty in recognition of her long years of faithful service to the Rhode Island College of Education. The scroll was presented to Miss Haverly by President Gaige at her bedside in the Jane Brown Hospital.

The Alumni Fund Drive will end in April with a pledged sum of \$6580. Of this amount only \$150 is as yet unreturned.

J. BURNS TO HEAD '57-'58 HANDBOOK

The class of 1959 has begun to choose their officers and chairmen for the various committees and duties for their junior year. The first important positions were filled at the March meeting. Always active in school affairs, the class is anticipating a busy junior year.

Joanne Burns, an English-Social Studies major, was elected editor of the 1957-1958 handbook. Joanne was a member of the editorial staff of the *Patrician*, the yearbook of St. Patrick's High School. This year she is a member of the 1957 *Helicon* staff. It will be Joanne's duty to revise and edit the handbook in conjunction with a staff and the Dean of Women, Miss Mierzwa.

Lillian Norton, a graduate of Classical High School, has been chosen chairman of the hazing committee. Lillian will be assisted in her new job by two representatives of each of the Sophomore divisions.

Edith Davis, an Elementary major, was chosen as the Sophomore delegate to the Little Eastern States Conference to be held in Danbury, Connecticut the first week of May. Edith, a graduate of Tollman High School, attended last year's conference as a Freshman delegate.

Pat Smith, a graduate of St. Xavier's Academy, was elected Student Co-ordinator by the members of Student Council. Pat, a Math-Science major, was a chairman of the 1957 Stunt Night presentation and was second semester class vice-president. As student co-ordinator, Pat will arrange all R.I.C.E.'s participation in the conference sponsored by the Eastern States Association of Professional Schools for Teachers.

First Phase Of Cheer Song Writing Begins

The first phase of the cheer song contest has begun. This part of the contest will consist of choosing a new verse. Anyone wishing to write a verse should begin work on it now and submit it to his class secretary by Friday, May 3. Entries will be numbered so that when the verses are submitted for judging, no name will appear. Preliminary judging will be done by a committee of three from each class who will pick the one or two verses from their class which they feel are the best. These verses will be submitted to a final judging committee which will consist of a representative from each class and a faculty representative from the Music Dept., the English Dept., and the Physical Education Dept. The judges will select one entry and declare this to be the new cheer song verse.

Juniors Will Hold Prom at Rhodes

The Junior Prom will be held Saturday, May 4th, in the Rhodes State Room. The dance is formal and floral, and will begin with dinner at six thirty. There will be dancing until 12:30 to the music of Tony Abbott's seven-piece orchestra.

The dinner will consist of lobster or filet mignon. Favors have been bought, but will remain a secret until the night of the Prom.

Senior candidates for May Queen (l to r) Ev Farrell, Carmel Scardera, Syi Morrone.



TEACHERS' VIEWS LACK VARIETY

by Joanne Burns

Last month I reported that a new adult education program, the Great Issues in Education, was recently introduced in Rhode Island. While a few groups had been organized a short time before the training program which I described, the number has been increased since that time.

One of the new groups meets every Tuesday from 8:00 to 10:00 P.M. at the Auburn Library. Among the members of this group are two R.I.C.E. faculty members, Professor C. James Herrick and Dr. Vincent A. Aloia.

The aim of these groups, to stimulate thought about educational issues by presenting reading materials which express various views on education, is apparently not being realized in the Auburn Group. According to Mr. Herrick the group members, predominantly teachers, bring their own pre-conceived and prejudiced ideas about education to the meetings. When possible, the reading materials are used by the members to give strength to their own theories of education and are rejected by them as being unworkable when they do not fit their schemes.

The majority of members seem to have lost sight of the fact that all approaches to education are theories and thus subject to change with the passage of time and the increase of knowledge. The impossibility of finding concrete answers is a fact which these people have not learned to accept. Because of this, concepts foreign to their own are rejected because they neither fit their personal theory nor prove conclusive, apparently, in themselves.

Basing my conclusion on the information furnished by Mr. Herrick, I see the purpose of the program being defeated by this group's use of the reading material as an instrument rather than an inspiration. Perhaps this group would get a new lease on life, so to speak, if the members would at least recognize the fact that while some things may not be adoptable they may be adaptable.

Should Spring Recess Occur Easter Week?

Why is it that our Spring recess always coincides with the Easter season? Why is it that the week-long break in our studies is dependent upon so variable a date as Easter? Why is it that we don't have a vacation at the mid-semester, as so many of the other colleges do?

Does anyone know why?

It's a mighty long stretch from the first week in February to the third week in April, considering that we had only two holidays during that entire period. The third quarter ended on April 5, and the two weeks preceding that date were hectic because instructors hurried to complete the marks for the third quarter. There were term papers to hand in, reading reports to complete, and, of course, tests. THEN we had to plunge right in and begin the fourth quarter's work, with no more than an ordinary weekend in which to rest.

Wouldn't it be better to have a week's vacation at the end of the third quarter, since this period already marks the mid-point of the semester? Instructors would appreciate this break, for they wouldn't have to correct all the papers of the third quarter and prepare the fourth quarter's work all at the same time. Students wouldn't mind having the recess at this time, because they would have a chance to see their friends from other colleges whose vacations usually begin the first week in April.

Easter is on April 6 next year. Perhaps a recess at that time would coincide with the end of the third quarter. But, for the other years in which Easter may come as early as March 28, wouldn't it be more practical to have Spring recess the first week of April?



"ALL THIS AND NO EGGS!"

Here 'N There

by Sheila Laffan

R.I.C.E. Prof.: (to English class): "What is a sibilant?"

R.I.C.E. Student: "A kid brother or sister."

Overheard in line to the X-ray machine a few weeks ago: "Gee I hope he remembered to bring his chest."

Here 'n There, from other campuses—things seem to be tough all over.

They had been sitting on the swing in the moonlight alone. No word broke the stillness for half an hour.

Then—"Suppose you had money," she said, "what would you do?" He threw out his chest in all the glory of young manhood and proclaimed, "I'd travel."

He felt her young, warm hand slip into his. When he looked up she was gone. In his hand was a nickel.

The height of frustration: lockjaw and seasickness.

Notre Dame Scholastic

University Barber: "You say you've been here before? I don't remember your face."

Student: "Probably not. It's healed up now."

Teacher (to a seven-year-old): "So you have broken off a tooth. How did you do it?"

Seven-year-old: "Shifting gears on a lollipop."

Michigan State Spartan

"I'll put you boys in this room," said the housemother. "You'll find it comfortable. It has a feather bed."

At two o'clock in the morning, one of the students woke his buddy. "Change places with me, Eugene," he groaned, "it's my turn to sleep on the feather."

Anchor

Freshman: "The laundry made a mistake and sent me the wrong shirt. The collar is so tight I can hardly breathe."

Sophomore: "No, that's your shirt all right, but you've got your head through a buttonhole."

(Be fashion-wise with hairy buttons)

De Pauw Hoot

The *Navy Log* has a suggestion for a spring cleaning

Have you heard about the new soap that's being put out now? Lumpo, it's called. Doesn't lather, doesn't bubble. Doesn't clean, just company in the tub. (What! No chlorophyll?)

Here are a few daffy-nitions from the *Hope Log*:

Egg Nog — Product of a tipsy chicken.

Vacation — Shift from homework to housework.

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DEAR EDITOR

Speakers on Religion for Chapel

We would like to suggest that the Chapel committee repeat the type of programs they presented during the second semester last year. We thoroughly enjoyed the talk presented by representatives of the various faiths. They helped to develop a sincere feeling of brotherhood and tolerance among the students.

A Few Interested Sophomores

More About Chapel

I am writing to you because I can find no one else with whom to discuss my views. I seem to be the only student who takes the time to read the Student Council notes posted on the main bulletin board. I am writing on the assumption that you are aware of Student Council endeavors.

Some weeks ago the members of Student Council, who represent the student body, recommended to President Gaige and the administration that Chapel be put on the same alternating plan as Forum, Assembly, and Class Meeting. A list of reasons for this recommendation was also presented. The following week the report stated that the suggestion was "being considered." Nothing has been heard since.

Last year committees were formed to investigate methods of improving the Chapel program. The result was the elimination of the Salute to the Flag, the Alma Mater, and applause. These have been replaced by "the Star Spangled Banner" as the opening "hymn", talent shows by students rendering "Claire de Lune", etc., and speakers who belong at assembly.

This situation has caused several questions to arise in my mind. Just what powers does Student Council actually have? Can the student body as a whole take any action on issues which affect them? Has the Chapel committee the right to present speakers on juvenile delinquency, foreign policy, or semantics and still call that exercise "Chapel"?

Chapel has been called a time for meditation on "moral and spiritual values." I would like to know when the "Middle East" and "My Trip Through Europe" became moral and spiritual values!

I would like to suggest to you, dear editor, and to you, complacent reader, that you consider the programs presented at Chapel and the recommendation of Student Council and make a decision on whether the programs are appropriate. Perhaps we as students have no power in choosing what we have to listen to, but we may certainly try.

An Indignant Reader

DREAMERS BEWARE! INQUIRING REPORTER

by Alice Corsair and Caroline Vanable

Everyone is looking forward to the day when R.I.C.E. will move to the new campus. It is very interesting to note what particular things some of the students would like to have on the new campus. (Architects—please take note.)

Walter Crocker — "A good, nearby soccer field."

Alta Hopkins — "Dorms"

Reuben Bodek — "More instructors, so that more personal attention can be given to the individual pupil."

Anne Maginn — "A place to sit, with comfortable chairs."

Anne Barry — "A nice cafeteria."

Ruth Marsden — "A big auditorium with a modern stage."

Mary Ethier — "New shapes for gym lockers—who ever had a square gym suit?"

Peter Kanarian — "A personal stenographer."

Joe Caranci — "Just get the new building, I'll be satisfied."

Claire Souza — "A swimming pool."

Arlene Mayberg — "A music library."

Harold Conlon — "An elevator key for each student."

Dave Moore — "Lower the baskets in the gym."

Ev Farrell — "Taller basketball players."

Anonymous Female — "About 1,000 men!"