

Donald Babbitt New President Of Council

Donald Babbitt and Pat Smith have been elected president and vice-president, respectively, of Student Council. These results were announced to the *Anchor* on January 14th by the Council Election Committee.

Presidency of Council went to the highest vote-getter, with the second student choice receiving the vice-presidency.

Both Donny and Pat have spent this past semester doing responsible teaching. Both have been extremely active in class and school-wide activities during their four years at R.I.C.E.

Donny served as president of the class of 1959 for two years, while Pat served as vice-president her sophomore year. Both have been active on Council for two years, and both are also members of *Who's Who*.

Discovers New Fish Species

Thirty-nine additional species have been observed or recorded since the publication in 1910 of H. C. Tracy's list of fishes known to inhabit the waters of Rhode Island. Available evidence suggests that an increase in water temperature may be the major causal factor for the appearance of the new species.

A recent survey conducted by Mr. Bernard Gordon, an instructor of biology at R.I.C.E., recorded the presence of 214 species of marine and anadromous fishes in the waters of Rhode Island and adjacent areas. Brief comments regarding their taxonomy, abundance, distribution, seasonal appearance, and economic importance are made.

Methods used to collect fishes included seining, trawling, trapping, examination of stomach contents, and the application of rotenone to tidal pools. Numerous color transparencies were made to illustrate all phases of this study.

The species collected or observed ranged in total length from 20 mm., *Chaetodon ocellatus* (butterfly fish) to a 20 foot long *Centorhinus maximus* (basking shark).

Sound Familiar?

The following are some boners, pulled unwittingly by students of a certain school here in Rhode Island.

1. His ancestors were frugal lords from France.
2. The dog wagged its tail while the boy patted his head.
3. She was ludicrous with her money and gave it to everyone.
4. The dog with the long shaggy tale has hurt its pore.
5. "Austere" in our English (language) pertains to air or outer space.
6. The Anglo-Saxons were early inhabitants of England.
(ED. NOTE: Sure, they came by way of Naples.)
7. The Danes were overpowered by William the Conqueror and his Norman Lads.



Donald Babbitt



Pat Smith

Pomeroy at Jazz Concert

Winter Weekend! Everybody's talking about it and no wonder! Its many different and exciting events are bound to please all. Whether you're a jazz enthusiast or not, you'll be well entertained by the Herb Pomeroy Jazz Orchestra playing Sunday afternoon.

If you've never heard of Herb Pomeroy, don't say it aloud because you'll shock any jazz enthusiast and especially the fraternity men who have worked so hard to get the orchestra. Anyone attending the Newport Jazz Festival last July would probably remember Herb as being chosen critics' choice. Perhaps some of you heard him last winter at U.R.I. where he played with John McClelland, doing a History of Jazz.

The sixteen piece orchestra hails from Boston where it plays two nights a week at the Stable, a Boston Jazz Club. It is unique in that all of its members are not only professional musicians but

professional young men—bankers, salesmen, dentists, clerks, and yes, even teachers!

Beginning as a six-piece combo about ten years ago, this band is one of the few in history which actually invented and created itself. Its leader, Herb Pomeroy, who is a graduate of the Stan Kenton Band, was not concerned with making it a nation-wide jazz band. He simply wanted to play good jazz and satisfy a local area without having to make many records to cover the expense of advertising and travelling. His one record, "Life is a Many Splendored Gig", portrays well the high style of his outfit: With the exception of one or two little known or forgotten tunes, all of the arrangements are originals. It has a full beat background which never varies and imaginative and original solos. Keeping in mind the basic beats of past years, the band keeps forming and improving a style of its own.

Now you know about Herb Pomeroy. If you don't hear him on the Hi-Fi in the Student Center, you'll surely hear him at the Jazz Concert and we're sure you'll enjoy him thoroughly.

Loan Funds Available

Student Loans of up to \$200 per year are available to the Juniors and Seniors of the college. This money comes from two funds which together contain about \$5,000. These two funds are the *Student Loan Fund*, which is an accumulation of money for student use, and the *Margaret Hill Irons Fund*, which is a memorial fund left to the college.

A student may apply for loans to Dr. Donovan or to Dean Mierzwa and, if he is considered a good risk, the money is granted.

These loans are considered as regular business agreements and are to be paid back. If the student pays the loan before graduation, it carries no interest. However, if he should choose to repay after graduation, the interest will be 2% per year.

Although there is very little available in the line of scholarships, in cases of serious need one of the deans may be able to find access to one.

Anchor Staff!!!

There will be election of next semester editors on the first Monday of the semester, February 2. Anyone who has competently served six months' apprenticeship is eligible to vote. Elections will take place in the Anchor Room, B-16, Craig-Lee Hall.

Six Honored In Dramatics

In a special ceremony on December 12, six new members were admitted into Mu Rho Cast of Alpha Psi Omega, the National Dramatic Honor Fraternity. The new members, who became eligible by earning points for outstanding activity in the Dramatic League are: Janice MacBeth, Dick Walker, Benita Blau, Martha Quinn, Donna Nelson, and Peter D'Amico.

During the hazing period preceding initiation, pledges were required to wear placards in the form of comedy and tragedy masks proclaiming the name of the society and, to carry out the Christmas spirit, stocking caps and mistletoe. They had to learn the Greek alphabet and the names of the national and local officers of Alpha Psi Omega and to memorize at least twelve lines of Shakespeare. At the request of members, the pledges were also required to produce candy or peanuts.

The officers of Mu Rho Cast include: Rose Vallely, Grand Director; Claire Horan, Assistant Grand Director; and Lynn Hart, secretary-treasurer.

HELICON SEEKS CONTRIBUTIONS

R.I.C.E.'s literary magazine, *Helicon*, is not a new publication. The '58 *Helicon* provided an editorial which stated that "As far back as the 1890's, the Normal School students formed societies which periodically put out literary magazines. During the 1930's, a special edition of the school newspaper, *The Anchor*, was devoted to literary articles. By 1941, the College literary magazine was given separate status from the *Anchor* and the title of the publication was changed to *Helicon*. The name selected is of mythological origin, referring to a mountain in Greece sacred to Apollo and the Muses. Although we do not presume that all issues of the *Helicon* have been inspired by the Muses, we do feel that the *Helicon* has a definite role to play in the life of the College as an outlet for creative writing. In the years to come, we hope the *Helicon* can serve the College well both as a source of pleasurable reading and as a forum for ideas."

Currently there are many students on our campus who write for their own pleasure, and there are those who have been lucky enough to have their attempts published. The *Helicon* is a wonderful way for these authors to share the products of their labors with the rest of the student body.

This year's *Helicon* staff includes Corina Vitale, editor; Joanne Burns, assistant editor; Ted Jarosz, senior; Helen Morally and Abby McLaughlin, juniors; Carol Guiliano and Bev Kinoian, sophomores; and Don Hulme and Wendy Siner, freshmen. Also, an extensive art staff, headed by Sharon Army, will be employed for illustrating the pieces used in the magazine and for helping with the advertising. The business matters will be ably handled by Janet Prata, senior.

At the first staff meeting, held on December 16, advertising plans were discussed and the campaign commenced with flyers describing the purpose of and opportunities offered by the *Helicon*. Also in accordance with the advertising campaign, copies of back issues of the *Helicon* were left in the library, lounges and studies. Students are urged to browse through these magazines in order to become better acquainted with the *Helicon*.

Anyone who would like to submit material for the consideration of the *Helicon* staff is urged to do so. Manuscripts should be dropped into the box in the bookstore rather than given to staff members. The author of a specific piece will then be known only to the editor—this insures the impartiality of the judges.

The deadline for accepting materials has been tentatively set for February 16, but will probably be extended slightly. However, contributors are urged to get their manuscripts in as soon as possible since the publication is expected to come out considerably earlier than it has in the past. This, it is felt, will tend to make the *Helicon* more meaningful as there will be ample time both to discuss it both in and out of class before the end of next semester.

W.R.A. Sponsors Bowling Teams

Due to the high interest in bowling, new teams will be formed for the third quarter. The teams now participating may be maintained or reorganized, but the procedure for next quarter will be the same as for this past quarter. The women will organize their own teams of six and elect captains. These captains will meet with Miss Basile (A notice will be posted as to the time of this meeting.)

Bowling takes place on Thursday afternoons about 4:30 P.M. at Sullivan's Bowling Alleys; the cost is ten cents a string.

The results of the bowling are turned into the gym office. From the scores and observation of the teams, Miss Basile will choose two or three of the best teams and enter those team's scores in the National Telegraphic Bowling Meet for College Women. Consistently high scores will be entered on an individual basis also. Thus, there is an opportunity for individual and team competition.

The volleyball tournament was resumed on January 12. Intramural basketball will replace volleyball for the third quarter. The women will organize their own basketball teams as was done in volleyball. A list of the team members will be turned into the physical education office. Watch the bulletin boards for further information.

Newman Clubs Plan February 7 Dance

Sally McGurn, president of the R.I.C.E. Newman Club, announced that R.I.C.E. will be the scene of a dance sponsored by the Rhode Island Region of Newman Clubs on February 7.

The Rhode Island Region of Newman Clubs is made up of the Brown, Pembroke, University of R. I., Bryant, and R. I. School of Design Newman Clubs.

The dance will feature a four piece band and is one of the first dances scheduled during first semester. It is open to all students.

The Ski Club Planning Trip to Stowe, Vt.

Bob Records, president of the Ski Club, announced the plans of the Club to take its yearly trip to Stowe, Vermont, for five days of fun in the snow. The group accompanied by faculty members, Mr. John Nazarian and Mr. Donald Lyons, will start out on the 280 mile trip a few days after exams are over.

The group plans to stay at Round Hearth Dormitory in Stowe.

While skiing is the club's main purpose, non-skiers who wish to go along on the trip will be happy to learn that the lodge offers ice skating and tobogganing. Novice skaters who wish professional instruction may receive it by paying a nominal fee of \$3.00 for an hour of expert teaching.

Editorial

What's What on Who's Who

Although submitted as a letter to the editor, the following has been published as an editorial since it expresses the feelings of the editors and a large part of the student body. As of this printing, the matter the editorial concerns has been settled, but the factors involved still hold significance.

This afternoon I happened to read the minutes of the Student Council Meeting which were posted on the bulletin board in the student center. The first paragraph under the heading "old business" is the reason for this editorial. If I may quote: "The problem concerning the Who's Who pins was again brought up. It was pointed out that if Student Council persists in its agreement to pay for the pin, there is the possibility that Who's Who will be eliminated from the College. A hand vote showed that Council agrees not to pay for the pins in the future, and therefore, the President was to speak to Dean Mierzwa about giving permission just for this year." I understand that this subject has caused no small amount of controversy on campus. Let me take this opportunity to add my words to the many already said.

Regardless of the wishes of Dean Mierzwa or Student Council,

prompted as they are by the noble cause of economy, the fact remains that it is clearly stated in the minutes of last semester's Student Council meetings that Student Council will pay six dollars toward the purchase of each pin by those honored by election to membership in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

The only legal way, therefore, for this Student Council to refrain from paying the six dollars would be to pass a new resolution superseding last year's. In view of the consternation which has arisen over this matter, it seems the only logical course for Student Council, Dean Mierzwa, and that vague, omnipresent entity, "the administration," to take would be to pay the six dollars per pin, as was the understanding at the time of the Who's Who elections, and pass a new resolution prohibiting such payment in the future.

As for the threat of eliminating Who's Who from the college, I hesitate to use such loaded terms as blackmail or coercion, but I will say that there arises in my mind a question of maturity. Isn't it the spoiled child who says, "If we don't play my way, I'll take back my toys?"

A.C.

INQUIRING REPORTER

by Ed Rondeau

Now that the hustle and bustle of the holidays has given way to the cramming for exams, I find a great change in the school. The Freshman class especially has evolved in one way or another from a group of high school graduates and ex-servicemen to a unit with many things in common, among these being Stunt Night and passing exams.

It was suggested to me that I "inquire" as the Inquiring Reporter should, as to the changes in the lives of some members of the freshman class which have been brought about by college life. I did. The following is the result.

"I will not get behind in my reading."—George Fleming

"It doesn't pay to go steady. It costs too much."—Ed Dowling (How about getting a job, Ed.)

"I've learned how to organize my work."—Bernadine Sciotto

"Nothing!"—Jim Kinder

"I've learned how to cut classes"—Loretta Cimini

"I don't like Leo's coffee."—Linda

"That you have to study history."—Joan Clough

"I've learned how to get to school in 6 minutes."—Pat Piver (from East Providence!)

"I've learned that the Roman Empire rose and fell."—Linda Carter

"I've learned not to play the piano in my free time."—Bill Borek

"It's what I haven't learned that will change next semester."—Frank DuValley

"We don't have Intro. to Education next semester."—Tony Mancini

"I've learned to be skeptical."—John Chirico

"I've learned how to play bridge."—Eleanor La Ninfa

MARDI GRAS

Winter Weekend Program

FEBRUARY 13, 14, 15, 1959

Friday — 8:00—Stunt Night

Saturday—2:00—Basketball game, R.I.C.E. vs. Gorham

Saturday—8:30 to 12:00—All-College Ball with the Semi-Tones

Sunday—2:30—Jazz Concert with Herb Pomeroy

Sunday—6:00—Buffet Supper

WINTER WEEKEND TICKETS

All-College Ball—\$3.00 per couple

Jazz Concert—\$3.00 per couple, \$1.50 per person

Buffet Supper—\$2.00 per couple, \$1.00 per person

(Only 500 single or 250 couple tickets available for Buffet)

Special price for 3-part weekend ticket \$6.50 per couple. Tickets go on sale right after exams.



Bill Borek, hamburger and band expert, on duty at R.I.C.E. snack bar

Hamburgers And Bands?

What do you mean, hamburgers and bands don't go together? The young man with the glasses and blond crew-cut working behind the Snack Bar will tell you a different story. He's Bill Borek, a freshman here at R.I.C.E., and he does both occupations rather well—that is, grilling hamburgers and running a band.

For the past year and a half Bill has been heading a five-piece combo called the Merry Bells, which is composed of two saxophone players, one trumpet player, one kettle drummer, and one piano player. These boys, all seventeen or eighteen years of age, hail from Woonsocket, which is where they do much of their entertaining. They also play on different occasions in Pawtucket. Some of their engagements have included playing at the Elks Club, the Dario-Plaza, the Embassy Club and the Pulaski Club in Woonsocket, and Moose Hall and White Eagles Hall in Pawtucket.

Members of the band include Bill, who plays the piano; Ray Pouliot, saxophone player and high school senior; Clark Lawless, saxophone player and freshman at Providence College; Jimmy Castaldi, trumpet player and another high school senior; and Chet Stocklosa, drummer, who attends school at night.

Bill went to school with two of the boys and met the others through them. Originally, he hadn't planned to organize a combo, but, according to him, they "got together more or less as a gag, and it worked out pretty well, so we have been together ever since."

For all appearances the boys wear as standard uniform red Ivy League vests. They play anything from polkas to calypsos to waltzes (although they might specialize in polkas in the future) and play for weddings, testimonials, birthday parties, and many other occasions. To make themselves better known, they have distributed cards advertising their band all over Woonsocket and often play free of charge for the C.Y.O. and other organizations. In addition, the boys belong to different churches and are of different nationalities — French, Irish, Italian, and Polish — so that their contacts are even more widespread.

Bill's big ambition is a ten-piece band; he intends to achieve this sometime in the near future.

Some of Bill's other activities include playing hockey (he was co-captain of Woonsocket High's hockey team in his senior year there), playing chess, collecting stamps, and singing in his church choir. He likes R.I.C.E. very much and would later like to go to graduate school so that he could teach history at the college level.

Student Council Reports

The students should be aware of the fact that Student Council representatives take attendance at all assemblies. It is hoped that everyone will try to make these assemblies.

The Parliamentary Workshop will be held next semester for all class and organization presidents. The workshop will be conducted by a member of the speech department at a time to be announced in the future.

The rules for All-College Queen which now appear on page forty-nine of the *Handbook* have been changed. Only Senior candidates will be eligible for Queen. Three senior girls will be nominated—one for Queen and two for the Queen's court. The entire court will consist of eight girls—two representing each class.

The students should be conscious of the problem of payment for Who's Who pins. The facts are as follows: In 1957 Student Council passed a motion stating that it would pay \$6.00 for Who's Who pins for the candidates elected to Who's Who. This year's student council was reminded by the administration that the student body is getting bigger, and perhaps it would be a better idea to rescind the previously mentioned motion. When the matter was discussed, it was unanimously voted by Council that the \$6.00 still be paid for the pins. When the requests for the reimbursement of \$6.00 were made to the Treasurer of Council by Who's Who members, the matter became more intensified. Dean Dorothy Mierzwa, faculty advisor to Council, must co-sign all checks with the Treasurer. The Dean refused to sign the check for \$60.00 (the amount for reimbursement) and she added that if Council "pressures" her into doing so, Who's Who can be done away with at R.I.C.E. The matter has not yet been settled but the Dean planned to present the administration's side at the January 14 Student Council Meeting.

Recap of Council's first-semester work:

As another session of Student Council comes to an end it would do well to look over past accomplishments. On the whole, Council has been busy this last semester trying to eliminate a few of the

Attention Faculty

Beginning second semester, the *Anchor* photography staff is making available to faculty members and administration "photo-request blanks" whereby a faculty member may make known possible events of interest to the photo staff. It is difficult for the photo staff to keep track of and cover all such events; these blanks should make the coverage more complete, however.

difficulties which arose in the new college. A few problems have been difficult ones, in that they nurtured many conflicting opinions among the students. One of these was, of course, the changing of the date of Winter Week-End.

With this problem solved, Council was faced with the controversial problem of the gift to the new school. There is an approximate amount of \$3500 in the Student Council treasury which is to be used as a gift to the new college from the student body. Last year suggestions were made and submitted to the administration for approval. At a recent Council meeting it was suggested to Council that the money be used to purchase draperies for the Cafeteria and the three lounges in the Student Center. Since these draperies had already been selected without any knowledge of Student Council, the motion to buy them was defeated. The sum of money has not yet been used, nor have any future plans been made.

The only forum held during this last semester was a controversial one. It should be understood by the students that forum is compulsory for their benefit. Here is the only place that the students have to air their opinions and voice their suggestions on what has been covered at Student Council. Council is an organization of students, by the students, for the students, but it cannot be for the students without their help and active co-operation.

A repeated suggestion that has appeared in more than one Council meeting is that which concerns the responsibility of leadership. Some Council members have pointed out that representatives to Council have the duty to represent their respective classes and do not come in their own names. This is a lesson for all to learn: The leadership of the governing body of the college depends upon the representatives sent to it. Council members vote as they believe their classes would like them to vote, and not as they want to personally. The responsibility of leadership falls upon the shoulders of both followers and leaders.

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