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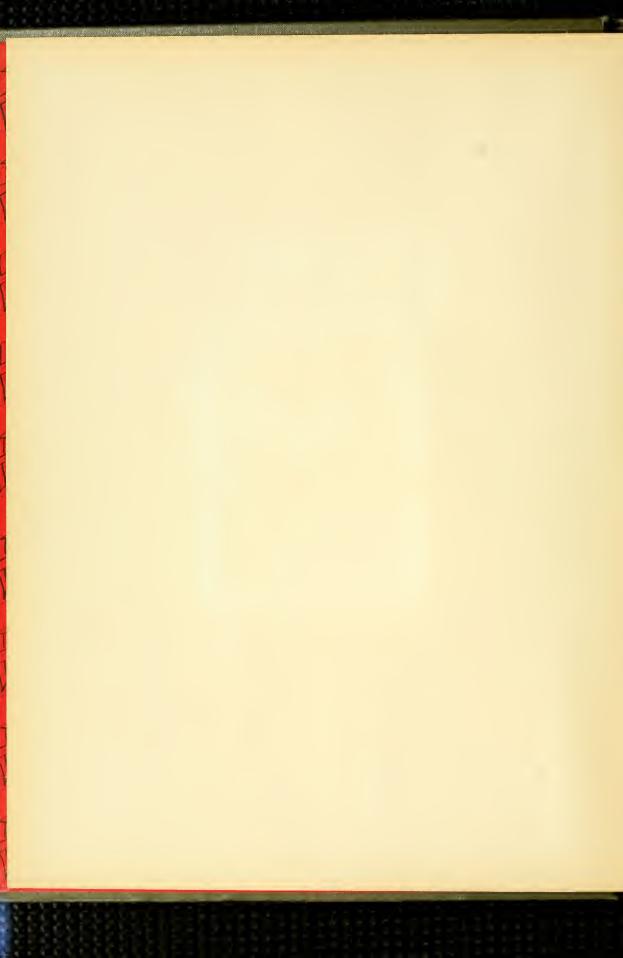
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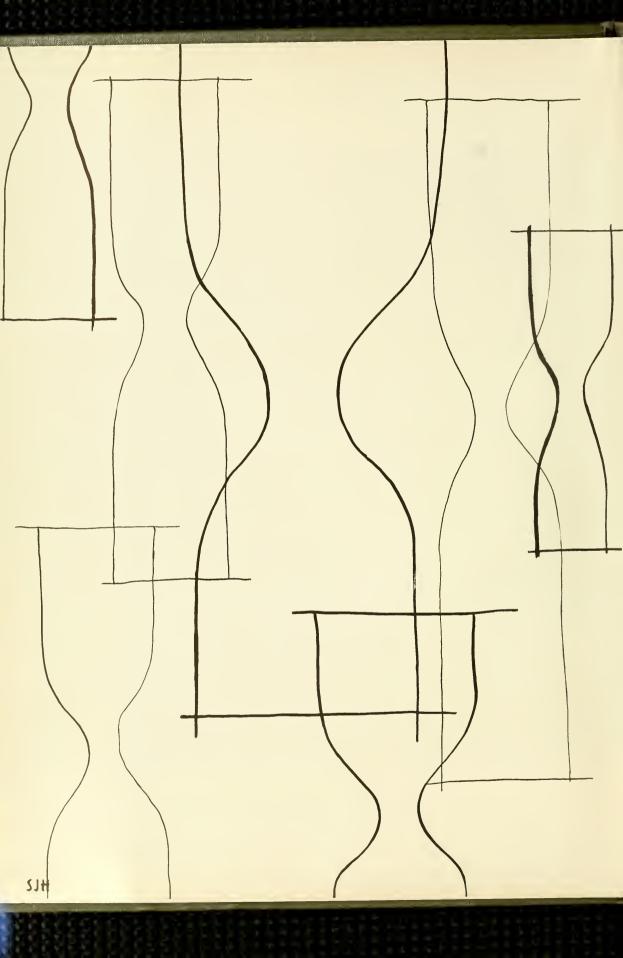
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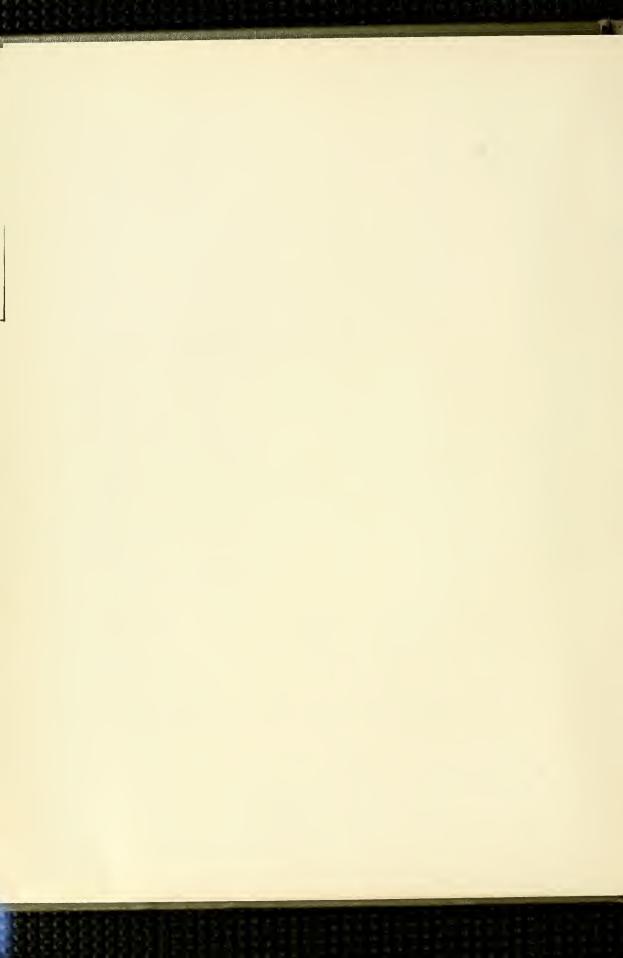
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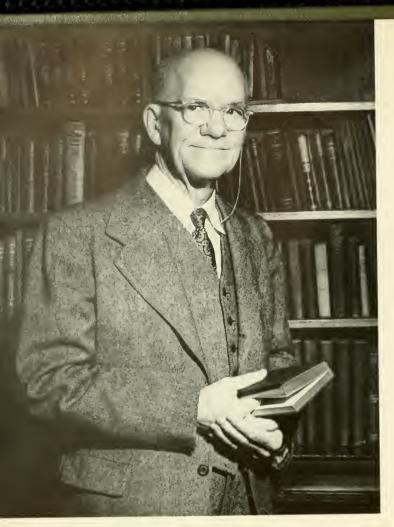


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Susan D. Woodward HAMPTON, VIRGINIA Bachelor of Fine Arts Bernice Steinke SANDSTON VIRGINIA B.S. in Psychology

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Mary Holt Woolfolk RICHMOND VIRGINIA B.S. in Social Science

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Left to right: BUD DOGGETT, SUE EGERTON, THOMAS MONAHAN, SANDRA SHUMATE, MILTON CHRISTY, GEORGINA HEILIG, JESSE CRABTREE, GERTRUDE HEILIG

Adding a touch of color to the somber robes and dignified processions of convocations, the Junior Marshals with their tri-colored sashes have become a tradition at RPI. Selected by the Seniors, these members of the Junior Class guide the academic processions at assemblies and graduation exercises. They lend that extra dash of ceremony that is so important at official college functions.

What's nicer than being a Junior in college? With another year of campus activities to anticipate, the Juniors know that they are not nearing the end of their college days as the Seniors are. Their gain in poise and self-confidence adds to their enthusiasm and produces some of the college's outstanding leaders.

The Juniors have a great time during Rat Week. With the memory of their freshman days faded conveniently into the background, they enjoy pestering the newcomers in Rat Court. Then to show that they are basically kind at heart, each member of the Junior Class adopts a little brother or sister to guide over the rocky path of those first weeks in college. One of the highlights of a Junior's year is the SGA Midwinter Dances featuring the Junior Class ring figure.

While changing from an old Junior to a new Senior, every member of the class can look back and say that it's truly been a grand year.

JUNIOR CLASS

OFFICERS

SUE EGERTON TOM MONAHAN GEORGINA HEILIG MILTON CHRISTY AUDREY FRAZIER President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer S.G.A. Representative

JUNIOR CLASS



Left to right: MILTON CHRISTY, GEORGINA HEILIG, AUDREY FRAZIER, SUE EGERTON, TOM MONAHAN



JUNIORS

Frank T. Akers Charles Bishop Joyce Bragg Durane Carr

Jo Ann Allison Julia Blanchard Carolyn Buchanan Ruby Cash Ben Baines Phyllis Bolick Gail Bunch Milton Christy

Richard Beaty Lillian Booker Winifred Burros Jesse Crabtree



Nancy Crowe Betty Jo Early John Frawner Charleen Gordan

Doris Dawson Sue Egerton Audrey Frazier Evelyn Grabeel Billie Dixon Mary Elliott Jo Ann Freier Carol Greiner

Marie Dumouchelle Ann Evans Wesley Gibson Charles Holloway Denice Goodfellow Rolf T. Hamre



JUNIORS

Erwin Harlfinger Dorothy Hewitt Janet James Betty Leftwich

> Barbara Harvey Martha Holsinger Lester King Marion Lippel

Georgina Heilig Ardith Holston Meridith Klees Joseph Lock

Gertrude Heilig Rene Hudgins Linwood Kramer Barbara Lovegrove



William Marshall Thomas Monahan Pauline Palmer Dorothy Roane

> Jo Ann Miller Beverly Mulholland Betty Pendergrass Henrietta Robbins

Christine Minor Charlene Nichols Frances Percy Millicent Rosenberg

Mona Mitchell

Mary K. Palmer Barbara Priddy

McFarland Shackelford

Martha Raper Sandra Shumate

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JUNIORS

Doris Siegel Margaret Swingle Cynthia Touchstone Grace Walker

Beverly Smith Carol Sue Terrell Sara Townes Paul Weinstein Seymour Solberg Thomas Todd Morris Vaughan Dyan Wilson

> Andrew Wainwright Charles Young



- 1. THE THREE "MOUSEQUETEERS."
- 2. THIS WAY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.
- 3. THERE'S THAT D. DOOLEY AGAIN.
- 4. AN R.P.I. STUDENT, MAYBE?
- 5. GIVE THE LADIES A LIGHT, SOMEBODY.

- 6. TWEETIE-PIE.
- 7. FACULTY MEMBER.
- 8. YOU WOULDN'T . . . OR WOULD YOU?
- 9. THE PHANTOM MEETS . . .
- 10. DICK TRACY!

The Sophomores are at the halfway point, two years down and two to go. They've been in college long enough to know the ropes but not long enough to dim the glamor of collegiate life. To a Sophomore everyday is a new experience.

Members of this class have made their presence felt in all areas of college activities, including their sponsoring of the Rat Dance. They've joined hands with the long line of students who throughout the years have upheld the traditions that make college life what it is today. This hard working class has much to look forward to as its members eagerly pass on to bigger and better achievements.



SOPHOMORES JOIN IN AT CO-ED PARTY AT 712-A RARE AND MEMORABLE OCCASION

SOPHOMORE CLASS

OFFICERS

President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer S.G.A. Representative EARL ANDLETON MARY ELLA HERBERT HELEN COUSSOULOS JOHN THOMAS LESTER SIMPSON

SOPHOMORE CLASS



Left to right: MARY ELLA HERBERT, LESTER SIMPSON, EARL ANDLETON, JOHN THOMAS, HELEN COUSSOULOS



Judith L. Anderson Arlene A. Blaha Thomas F. Carrice Shirley L. Ellinger

Earl B. Andleton Beverly J. Boaz David L. Cole Betty Epps

William E. Asbell Mary P. Broaddus Betty A. Delaney Faye S. Epstein

Charles M. Barnes Bruce B. Buchholz Nancy C. Downer Anne G. Flaherty

Norma C. Berk Santina A. Canfora Marvin Edwards John F. Frederick



Athena V. Georgalas Mary E. Herbert Joan M. Johnson Patricia E. Kelly

Jennie L. Gillon Robert D. Houston Margaret S. Jones Aubrey L. Kenny, Jr. Patricia E. Graziana Melissa A. Hudgins Orville H. Jones George Kevorkian, Jr. Jacqueline H. Larch

Elizabeth W. Guthridge Barbara B. Harding Frank K. Humphlett William E. Jones, Jr.

Cleveland C. Inman Donna V. Kassapi Loretta J. Larch



Donna J. Ledford A. W. Listander, Jr. Beverly J. Martin Wilbur E. Myrick, Jr.

Lou P. Levinson John C. Lucy, Jr. Charlene H. Meyer Frances D. Noble

Susan Levinson Patricia M. Lugar Lucille A. Meyers Norman J. Nuckols Barbara A. Linari Robert C. McCrickard Hugh G. Miller Carolyn M. Parker Helen J. Linsley Dorothy H. Marks Marilyn M. Miller Betty A. Paschall



Charles T. Perkins Charles M. Pulley Clifford K. Seckman Janet Smith

Joyce M. Perry Elizabeth A. Reid Robert C. Shira Orlando W. Smith Andrew D. Pollard Charles A. Reynolds Aubrey D. Shuler Patricia W. Smith Kenneth R. Potts Pauline D. Rouvalis Harry A. Shumate Nancy A. Smyth Elmer R. Pugh Ruth E. Schafer Margaret A. Slaughter Margaret Solari

Carolyn J. Sprinkler Charles R. Suddith Jean H. Sullender Nancy L. Suttle

Dolores L. Taylor Jacquelyn B. Terwilliger Shelia B. Tuchmann Peggy Tucker

Elizabeth Y. Walker Ann White Jacqueline Whilehead Robert M. Williams

Lee A. Withers Martha J. Woo!ridge Marcia A. Yezequel William M. Young





1. SLOP SHOP BLUES.

- 2. TWO OF A KIND, BUT WHICH IS THE ARTIST?
- 3. '55 SENIORS-YES!
- 4. IT'S THE LIFE.

- 5. CAFETERIA CONFUSION. RATS, RATS, RATS.
- 6. SUBMARINES, ANYONE?
- 7. PROPOSAL ON FRANKLIN STREET IN BROAD DAYLIGHT.
- 8. THE ARISTOCRAT.



NO JUSTICE FOR THE RATS.

"ALL THESE?"

LOUDER!

The Freshman Class is one of the most important parts of a student group. The lively "rats" have a leavening effect on members of other classes whose routine might otherwise have become dull and stereotyped. The Freshmen form a college's reservoir of future leaders—the sophomore, juniors, and seniors of tomorrow.

Although at first bewildered by unfamiliar rules and mountains of text books, the freshmen's good nature—demonstrated so well during the tribulations of Rat Week—and their eager spirit of cooperation have quickly made them an integral part of the college scene. Taking hold of collegiate life with zestful enthusiasm, the Frosh have advanced with amazing assurance.

RPI is glad to have you with us!

FRESHMAN CLASS

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SHIRLEY KING	
Sandra Kuechler	
SUE DAVILA	
JUNE RIMMER	
Ronnie Seichrist	
RAYMOND C. BOLY	

- President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer S.G.A. Representative Sponsor

Left to right: Ronnie Seichrist, Sue Davila, Shirley King, Sandra Kuechler, June Rimmer





Catherine C. Albert Helen H. Baker Barbara Blades Margaret Burkhart

FRESHMEN

Thomas Bruce

Julius Blanchard Alma Burton

> Clyde Anderson Lucille Barrow Edwin Blanks Barbara Burton

Francis C. Ayers Warren Betts Norma E. Brown John Calamos

Theodore Byrd





















Anne T. Carr Robert B. Dezano Jeanine A. Edman Betty R. Fleenor P



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> Susanna Davila Dora A. Dillon Judith R. Evans Sylvia T. Gentry

Suzanne Darden Dorothy A. Diradour John W. Farrant Jerry E. Gholson

> Esther Dearing Aaron Wm. Dodek Anne F. Ferreira Ronald Gholson

Harry J. Carver Wilton J. Dezano Robert L. Edwards Kay G. Ford

FRESHMEN



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> Anne G. Goodwyn Barbara D. Hays Robert L. Hughes Shirley M. Johnson

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> Gene K. Hall Beverly Hilton Arlene D. Hyman Carol L. Kemp

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> Dick A. Harshman Joseph B. Hobbs, Jr. Margaret A. Jackson Kay S. Kirkpatrick









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> Sandra Kuechler Evelyn Layne Russell Lundy George Magill

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> Nicki Kustos Winnifred Lindgreen David McCarthy Constance Matless



Peggy Lapsley Carlton Lucy Lauchlin McDonald Ira Mercer















Parker Melton Alyce Moore Raymond Lee Osterbind Ernest Peri

> Elizabeth Miller Barbara Mothershead Diane Parks John Pitts

FRESHMEN

Jacqueline Gail Minson Susan P. Nelson Margaret Parmesano Margaret E. Powell

> Ann Mitchell Doris A. Newcome Catherine F. Paxton Ellis C. Pratt

Irene Mitchell Gerald B. Noble Patricia Ann Pendleton Marcia H. Prince

> Mary Moomaw Janet B. Obaugh Helen E. Perados Barbara Rapp



Susan J. Renkert Henry V. Rudin Chester L. Sheffer Virginia A. Stark

> Margaret E. Rigby Dorothy E. Ryland Dixie K. Smith Delfina Steffey

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Shirley M. Stump

Ellsworth G. Spencer

Constance L. Robinson Holly W. Schoenholz Marion F. Stafford Barbara B. Thrall

> Fred Rubins Ronald L. Seichrist Marianne E. Stamper Robert N. Timberlake

June C. Rimmer

Leonard B. Spivak

Shirley A. Thomas

Mary C. Schafstedde



Rebecca A. Turner Louise Wimbish Frank J. Whorley Nancy Wood

> Diane M. Tyson Carla Wesner Emily Wilkins James Woodruff

Edith Vondell Dolly White Martha Williams Thomas Woody

> Billie J. Waters Elmo J. White Elizabeth Wilmer James Wrenn

Michel White Allen Witherington Harry L. Wyland, Jr.

> Richard White Margaret J. Wood Barbara A. Yerger

FRESHMEN



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GRADUATE STUDENTS

SCHOOL OF CLINICAL AND APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY Two programs of graduate work are offered at R.P.I.—Graduate Psychology and Graduate Social Work. Both of these programs lead to Masters of Science degrees in their respective fields.

Our School of Social Work has the distinction of being the oldest school of its kind in the South and the first school established at R.P.I. Its founding dates back to 1917. Its major offering is a program of education designed to meet the training requirements of those interested in social work as a career. Field work gives the student an opportunity to develop techniques and skills in the handling of industrial problems and training for practical situations in private and public social agencies.

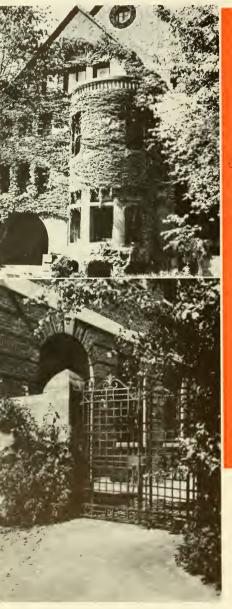
and training for practical situations in private and public social agencies. The Graduate Psychology Department is relatively new. First organized in 1942, and fully established in 1952 as a separate instructional division, this department prepares students for the Psychology profession. It also presents psychological information to other students to help them professionally. The department provides services to aid students in vocational and personal problems and conducts research projects in cooperation with state and local agencies.



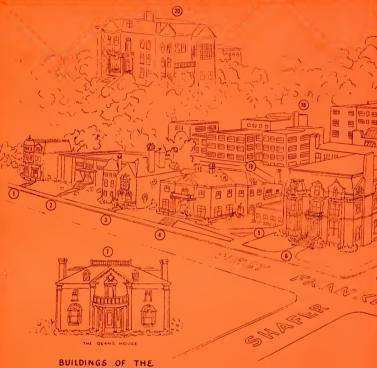
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CAMPUS

Richmond Professional Institute ... a city college ... Located in the heart of Virginia's capital ... "A unique institution" ... Cobblestone campus ...



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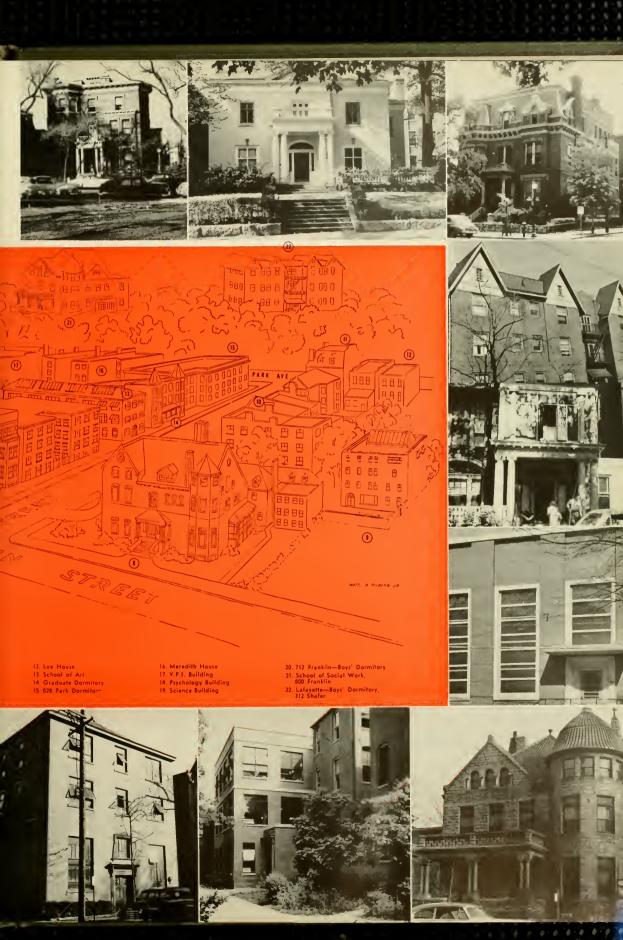
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B. Administration Building 9. Library 10. Shafer House 11. Music Building

Clockwise from top: 712 DORMITORY—BOYS RITTER-HICKOK FOUNDERS HALL LAFAYETTE DORMITORY—BOYS 828 PARK DORMITORY GYMNASIUM SOCIAL WORK BUILDING PSYCHOLOGY AND SCIENCE BUILDINGS ART BUILDING





DAY STUDENTS' LEAGUE

Formed in 1952 for the purpose of giving the large number of students who reside at home a voice in student government, the Day Students' League is one of RPI's more active organizations. In the informal atmosphere of the Slop Shop, members of this group study, play bridge and talk over the episodes of the day. The DSL, with its annual Slop Shop party and picnic, plays an important role in the social life of the college.



From left to right: JOHN FRAWNER, PAT BROADDUS, KATHLEEN O'KEEFE, TED HAMRE, BARBARA LINARI



Top to bottom: ELIZABETH MILLER, SUSAN MARBLE, MAR-GARET SWINGLE, DOROTHY BLANKS

FOUNDERS HALL

OFFICERS

President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer Freshman Representative DOROTHY BLANKS CATHERYN CHEEK MARGARET SWINGLE SUSAN MARBLE ELIZABETH MILLER The oldest and largest building on campus, Founders Hall, is the home of over ninety young ladies. From second front where Aphrodite blossoms forth each night to those heavenly bound rooms on the fourth floor, the atmosphere of Founders Hall is continually exciting.



Left to right: BETTY DAVIS, ELAINE SHEAR, JUDY ANDERSON, MARGARET BURKHART, KAY BROWN

LEE HOUSE

A "Degas" and a grand piano reflect the variety of features which prompt residents of Lee House to speak of their dorm as "homey". A TV set situated in a beautiful mahogany and lime room introduces a modern atmosphere. It is said that the most beautiful girls appear at Lee House their set is always on.

SHAFER HOUSE

Those informal get togethers after hours create a feeling of fellowship throughout the dormitory. Freshmen are made to feel at home by pajama parties by which they became acquainted with the older residents. Midnight parties and long bridge sessions will be lasting memories for the girls at Shafer House.



(Seated) DOLORES TAYLOR, BARBARA J. INNES, VIRGINIA SANDS (Standing) DOROTHY ROANE, SUE ROWE

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Vice-President	DOROTHY ROANE
Secretary	SUE ROWE
Treasurer	DOLORES TAYLOR
S. G. A. Representative	VIRGINIA SANDS

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Left to right: PEGGY JO WILSON, President; LARA ROGERS, JR., Representative; BETTY HARGROVE, Freshman Representative; STERLING WYLIE, Vice-President; JUDITH BLACK, Sophomore Representative

Moore House is a center for all of RPI's athletes—it houses the ping-pong table. It is also the meeting place for the various RPI clubs. The girls, twenty of them, feel that their small number has given each of them a cozier feeling for dorm life.

MOORE HOUSE

MEREDITH HOUSE

Meredith House, the home of television sets and flowered patterns, is the residence of the winners of R.P.I.'s. three beauty contests of 1955.

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Secretary	ORA DAIL HARDY
Treasurer	EILEEN SCHAEFER
S. G. A. Representative	ESTHER DEARING

Left to right: ORA DAIL HARDY, JANE BROWN, EILEEN SCHAEFER, CAROLYN DOBBINS, ESTHER DEARING



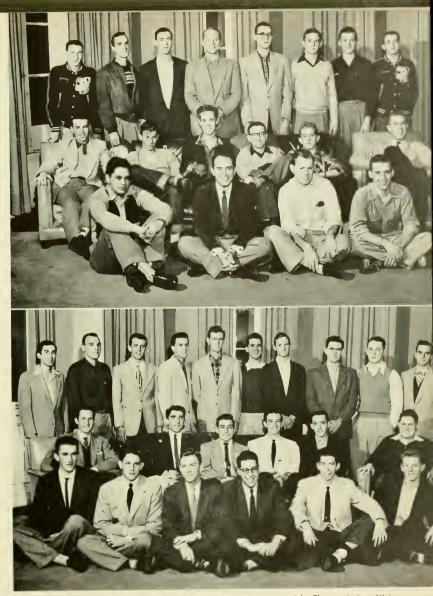
When the humdrum routine of classes becomes too oppressive, a group is apt to gather around the coke machine to dispel the blues. The laughing chatter which follows is far from academic, and usually concerns—men, of course.

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OFFICERS President JOAN HYMAN Vice-President GERTRUDE HEILIG Secretary SARAH JANE ELLIS Treasurer JACKIE GEORGALIS Freshman Representative SUZANNA DARDEN



Left to right: JOAN HYMAN, SARAH JANE ELLIS, GERTRUDE HEILIG, JACKIE GEORGALIS, SUZANNA DARDEN



Left to right (Above): (Back Row) Jim Bradshaw, Joe Mayer, Bob Houston, John Thomas, Andrew Wainwright, Charles Suddeth, Randy Rilee, Marion Yaughan. (Middle Row) Wayne King, Bobby Weaver, Vincent Mercer, John Millay, Jim Crawford, Cuffy Bristow. (Front Row) Ishmael Nazario, Pete Finley, Chuck Young, Jack Pitts.

Left to right (Below): (Back Row) John Farrant, Randy Pugh, Wilton Delano, Erwin Guhr, Linwood Jones, Michel White, Richard Burnette, Donald Miller, Lucian Clare, Richard Green. (Middle Row) Red Hill, Irv Greenberg, Larry Aronson, Gerry Nobles, Fred Carrico, Donald Morris. (Front Row) Russell Butler, Bill Young, Charles Bishop, Bob Stewart, Tim Looney, Ronnie Seichrist.

Some of the most enjoyable parties on campus were sponsored at the 712 dorm this year. The first party was given on December 17, and served the "spirit" of Christmas. The latest party was held on March 5th when the arrival of spring brought to life D. D. Dooley, the patron saint of 712. Dooley rose from his coffin to rule over the greatest celebration of them all. A gala evening, was ended by the departure of Mr. Dooley. The men hope to make this an annual event.

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Left to right: BARBARA LOVEGROVE, BETTY SHEALY, JOAN DOD, ANN FRANCO-FERREIRA, CHARLES ANNA SKEEN, CYNTHIA SPRAKE

RITTER-HICKOK

One of the loveliest and most historic dorms on the campus is the Ritter-Hickok House. The serenity of its facade belies the activity in which the girls of Ritter-Hickok engage. This year they captured the inter-dorm championship in volleyball for the third consecutive year.

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Junior Representative	CYNTHIA SPRAKE
Freshman Representative	ANN FRANCO-FERREIRA

LAFAYETTE

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That old Tudor edifice on the fringe of R.P.I.'s campus is the home of 57 level-readed young scholars. Although in location it is on the outskirts of the campus, in spirit the dormitory reflects the very heart of the school. Its members have already captured the intramural basketball championship and are now planning to house the trophy—permanently.

Left to right: (1st Row) James Sherry, Carl Giles, Bob Adams, Jim White, John Farley. (2nd Row) Dick Harshman, John Calomos, Sid Knee, Henry Rudin. (3rd Row) Carroll McCrickard, Aaron Dodek, Joe Parker, Reggie Hall, Bruce Smith. (4th Row) Hugh Brown, Milton Cooke, Henry Thrift, Bob Shiva, Jim Moyers. (Sth Row) Morris Vaughan, Charles Frick, Ben Gordon, Joe Bruce, Jack Carver, Gene South.



CLUBS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

ART STUDENTS LEAGUE

RELIGIOUS GROUPS

PROFESSIONAL CLUBS



S. G. A.

Democracy is the keystone of our collegiate way of life here at the Richmond Professional Institute, Through the Student Government Association each student has a voice in the administration of college activities. By cooperation and individual initiative, the chosen representatives of the student body serve as mediator between student and administrative levels in all areas of school life.

Through work in the SGA each member acquires practical knowledge of the ways a democracy should function. Participating in student government activities builds poise and self-confidence in each individual; also it develops a healthy respect for the rights and opinions of others. Student democracy has the important task of molding the character and abilities of persons who will someday have a part in the mighty job of running a nation.

The Student Government Association is composed of representatives of each class, organization, and dormitory on the campus, besides four officers who are elected after a period of petitioning and campaigning each spring. President Bill O'Connell presides over weekly meetings during which motions are introduced by the Executive Council or by members. Under the jurisdiction of the SGA are the Executive Committee, Honor Council, Elections Committee, Inter-Dorm Council and the dormitory presidents, whose meeting is presided over by Vice President Peggy Fowler. Also playing vital roles in the functioning of the SGA are Sandra Shumate, Secretary; and Harry Shuma'e, Treasurer.

RPI, while maintaining the traditions of student government handed down through the years, has added its own unique flavor to this student democracy. At few institutions of higher learning have such friendly relations been established between faculty and students; and at few schools do such diverse types of students mingle with fellowship and understanding in a collegiate atmosphere. Thus through the democratic spirit of individual students and through the binding force of the Student Government Association, RPI truly represents democracy at work.

Top: WILLIAM O'CONNELL Bottom: PEGGY FOWLER Functioning like a miniature President's Cabinet, the Executive Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Student Government Association. In weekly meetings held before the regular SGA sessions, the four class presidents, the SGA officers, and the Dean of Students lay the ground work upon which the SGA builds. The committee maps out the projects and discusses the proposals and resolutions that will be presented to the entire legislative body. Planning the Opening, Mid-Winter and May Dances, and screening applicants for the SGA scholarship are among the legislative duties of this group.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



Left to right: SHIRLEY KING, ANDY ANDLETON, PEGGY FOWLER, DR. JOHNSON, BILL O'CONNELL, SANDRA SHUMATE, TED HAMRE, HARRY SHUMATE, PAT RILEY

HONOR COUNCIL

Based on the idea that honor is inherent in every man, the Honor Code finds its enforcement in the integrity of each individual. The purpose of the Honor Council is to protect the rights of the individual and to mete out justice in cases where infractions of the Honor Code occur.



Back Row (left to right): Andy Andleton, Audrey Frazier, Jim McCoatt, Sue Egerton, Lester Simpson. Second Row: Ted Hamre, Mary Ellen Herbert, Cliff Belcher, Pat Riley, Dr. Margaret Johnson. Front Row: Harry Shumate, Sandra Shumate, Peggy Fowler, Bill O'Connell



Left to right: Kathleen Christian, Jane Alexander, Thomas Jones, Anne Minor, Retta Robbins, Tom Holloway, Della Adkins, Frank Akers, Jack Ryan, Millie Rosenberg, Budd Clopton

ART STUDENTS' LEAGUE

The Art Students' League was established for the purpose of sponsoring co-operative activities among the various art departments at R.P.I. Some of these activities are traditional affairs, and are looked forward to and enjoyed by all of the R.P.I. students. The "Mardi Gras" and Variety Show are two such traditional affairs. This year the "Mardi Gras" was held at the Mosque and provided an enjoyable setting for their indomitable artistic spirit.

OFFICERS President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer S. G. A. Representative

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Left to right: Martha Raper, Barbara Harvey, Peggy Tucker, Ann Minor, Dr. Tennant, Jack Reade

ACCIDENTAL

A club for music majors first organized in 1941, the Accidental Club endeavored to aid the musical and social development of its members by parties, musical discussions and practice. This year the club added much to the college's social and aesthetic life by sponsoring the Sunday afternoon concerts.

OFFICERS

President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer S.G.A. Representative BARBARA HARVEY ANN MINOR MARTHA RAPER JACK READE PEGGY TUCKER The Commercial Art Club was established to foster in its members an appreciation and understanding of commercial art as a profession. Toward this end the club sponsors discussions and demonstrations which are designed to answer the non-academic problems that arise in the minds of the individual students. The members feel that the club offers them a good opportunity to feel the temper of their chosen profession.

COMMERCIAL ART

OFFICERS

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Left to right: ANN SHANER, MILLIE ROSENBERG, ROSE ABBOTT, BUDD CLOPTON, MR. HILTON

Uniting the departments of costume design and fashion illustration, the Fashion Club provides a common stimulus for students interested in clothing construction, design or illustration. This group devotes a large part of its activities to studying the various phases involved in making and selling clothes.

FASHION

OFFICERS President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer S.G.A. Representative

DELLA ADKINS DIANE PERCY PHYLLIS BOLICK GLORIA HALL LEE BENEDUCE

Left to right: DIANE PERCY, LEE BENEDUCE, MRS. MUNDY, DELLA ADKINS, PHYLLIS BOLICK



The multicolored splashes of paint, the texture of leather and the space and form of stone combine in a synthesis that symbolizes the ideals of the Fine Arts Club. This group unites the common interests of the art education, crafts and fine arts majors. The organization's varied activities include lectures, films, dinner meetings, and the annual auction of students' artistic labors. The proceeds of this sale are used for a scholarship given by the group to some worthy art major.

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Left to right: JIM LEEDY, TINA CANFORA, BARBARA HARDING, FRANK AKERS, JANET CLAUSEN, MR. RENICK

FINE ARTS

Combining paint and cloth, line and color, the members of the Interior Design Club will someday plan the houses of tomorrow. With the aid of scale models, sketches and samples of material they attempt to give their class room theory the test of practical application. Lectures about subjects helpful to the interior designer and field trips are part of this club's contribution to the professional interest and knowledge of its members.

INTERIOR DESIGN

OFFICERS President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer S.G.A. Representative

JACK RYAN MARJORIE BAKER NANCY McCOY ORA HARDY DAISY LEEDY

Left to right: JACK RYAN, NANCY McCOY, MARJORIE BAKER, ORA HARDY, DAISY LEEDY





GOODBYE MY FANCY

Comprised of drama majors, the Theatre Associates, organized in 1940, assists the Drama Department in its presentations. Besides presenting speakers from Broadway and Hollywood, the group each year selects a student with outstanding dramatic ability to receive the ''Hodges Award.''

THEATRE ASSOCIATES



MONEY MAKES THE MAN

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

OFFICERS

President Vice-President S.G.A. Representative ANN DAVIS CYNTHIA TOUCHSTONE JANE CLEVENGER

Acknowledging the religious aspect of each Baptist student's life, the Baptist Student Union provides an atmosphere of spiritual understanding and fellowship. Founded in 1947, the same year that many of RPI's clubs were established, the group sponsors one of the first functions of the school year, the annual BSU picnic at which new students are welcomed.



Left to right: (Back Row) VIRGINIA HARVEY, JEAN LEFTWICH, CHARLES BARNES, ARTELIA BAILEY, GERRY DAVIS. (Front Row) ANN WHITE, CYNTHIA TOUCHSTONE, JANE CLEVENGER, LAURA LEE HUNT, GRACE WALKER



Left to right: JOANN BENZING, BARBARA RAPP, MILLIE LOU KAUFFMAN, MEREDITH MOON, CAROLINE DOBBINS, ELAINE SCHAFER, HELEN COUSSOULOS, JOHN R. SCHAFER, BEVERLY CRALLE, NANCY WILLCOX

CANTERBURY

President Vice-President S.G.A. Representative CAROLINE DOBBINS JOHN SCHAFER ELAINE SCHAFER

The Episcopalian students of R.P.I. form the Canterbury Club. Each Sunday night the members of the Canterbury Club gather together for supper. The meeting is then continued with a discussion of the various themes in the Bible. The members feel that these discussions have helped them gain new insight into themselves, and into their religion. Emphasizing religious loyalty and knowledge of the church, the Newman Club guides the Catholic student in strengthening the bonds between religion and education. The semimonthly meetings feature talks by eminent Catholic scholars in all fields of learning. This year the club's social activities included: a dance, a picnic, and a tour of the Cathedral.

President Vice-President Secretary-Treasurer Corresponding Secretary Publicity Chairman Social Chairman S.G.A. Representative Moderator AMBROSE PARKER BEVERLY SMITH WINDY LINDGREEN ANN WHITE BARBARA LINARI CHARLES YOUNG TOM MONAHAN FATHER GLOISTEN



Left to right: FATHER GLOISTEN, BARBARA LINARI, AMBROSE PARKER, BEVERLY SMITH, CHARLES YOUNG, ANN WHITE, TOM MONAHAN

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Dedicated to furthering the Christian spirit of the Methodist student, the Wesley Foundation provides spiritual inspiration and fellowship. The group's activities feature a monthly dinner meeting.

WESLEY FOUNDATION

Left to right: (Seated) HANK RUDIN. (Front Row) MARY LUKE, BEVERLY MARTIN, LORETTA BALTIMORE. (Back Row) JANETA ALDER, MELISSA HUDGINS, HOWARD WRAY, LOUISE WEINBISH





Left to right: BOB PACE, AUDREY FRAZIER, SUE EGERTON, SHIRLEY KING, ELIZABETH CHRISTOPHER, MRS. JANE VOGELEY, HARDING CHRISTOPHER

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Tieing classroom theory and storeroom practice into a meaningful whole, the Distributors' Club aims to advance its members in all areas of life. Weekly promotional displays in the halls of the Administration Building, group projects in retailing and merchandising, parties and speakers, integrate the social and vocational life of the club's members. The first college chapter to be organized in Virginia, the RPI Future Business Leaders of America has dedicated itself to the furthering of interest in the national organization by means of meetings with high school clubs and establishing new chapters. Some of the chapter's projects and activities have been: the publishing of a student directory, the conducting of community surveys, and the offering of educational films and speakers at the meetings. One of the highlights of the chapter has been an annual excursion to New York City.

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Secretary	SARA TOWNS
Treasurer	NANCY CALVERT

The FTA is one of our most recently organized clubs. It was founded for the purpose of acquainting students with the proper professional attitude and to assist them in realizing their position and responsibility as "future teachers." As a means toward this end, the club has sponsored field trips to educational institutions where the students could become familiar with the most modern educative methods.



Left to right: SARA TOWNES, MR. SPENCE, BILL YOUNG, BARBARA PRIDDY, TOMMY TODD, MAC SHACKELFORD



Left to right: (Front row) Betty Mitchell, Barbara Innes, Frances Lewter, Mary Louise Dietzel, Jane Brown, Corresponding Secretary; Hancy Pardue, President; Carolyn Winkler, Alternate SGA Representative; Laura Dunlop, SGA Representative; Yvonne Wentz, Meredith Moon, Carol Bennett, Carolyn Cosick. (2nd row) Miss Cummings, Adviser; Jo Ann Benzing, Jane Ring, E. Jean Davis, Beverly Smith, Treasurer; Archie Harper, Vice-President; Dolores Taylor, Recording Secretary; Rae Bazemore, Shirley Harrison, Margaret Swingle, Sandra Kuechler, Elizabeth Maynard. (3rd row) Charles Thompson, Jean Wooten, Beverly Mulholland, Grace Sisler, Sarah Carpenter, Joan Gillis, Patricia Smith, Betty Hunter, Artelia Bailey. (5th row) Ann White, Dorothy Hogue, Rosalind Lieber, Margaret Schafer, Sally Anderson, Ann Evans, Ann Shoop, Patricia Green

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Dedicated to the purpose of helping the physically handicapped lead normal and productive lives, the Occupational Therapy Club, organized in 1947, combines social entertainment with professional information. Fusing together the scientific and artistic interests of its members, this group provided a well rounded program of social activities.

SOCIETY OF STUDENT ENGINEERS

For fun and relaxation this is it. The S.S.E. is the only form of organized recreation the engineers have. Through hard work and cooperation from the members, the officers report that '54-'55 has been a most successful year.

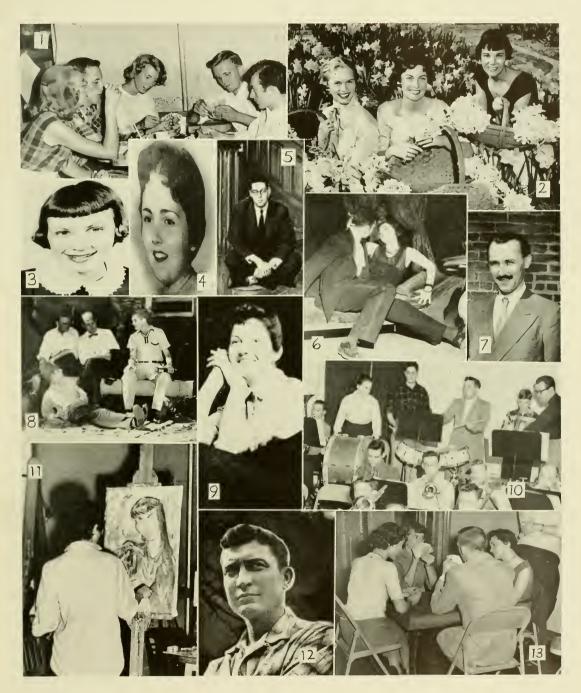
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Left to right: (Standing) MR. MURRILL, Faculty Adviser; KEN CARR, RICHARD MURRAY; GEORGE KEVORKIAN; AL PETZOLD. (Kneeling) ED JONES, SID BONNER.





- 1. SOMEONE'S BLUFFING THERE.
- 2. THE VERY LATEST THING IN DAFFODILS. 7. FACULTY MEMBER IN DISGUISE?
- 3. SIMPLE SIMON.
- 4. MADAM MOST.
- 5. SAVOIR-FAIRE.

- 6. DAHLING . . .
- 8. "IS THAT SO?"
- 9. BLOSSOM TIME . . .
- 10. ONE, TWO, DOWNBEAT.
- 11. INTERESTING VISUAL ELEMENTS.
- 12. DITTO.
- 13. BACK WHERE WE CAME IN.



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By means of social activities, the Cotillion Club attempts to bring all the college's women students into a closer friendship and understanding. Established in 1930, the Cotillion Club is R.P.I.'s oldest organziation and is the only women's social club on campus. Besides offering the fun of parties, bridge games, and picnics, it strives to meet the varied interests of its members by sponsoring cultural programs and civic projects. Highlighting the year's activities are the Cotillion's annual fall and spring formals.

OFFICERS President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer S.G.A. Representative

RETTA ROBBINS MARGARET WOOD DONNA LEDFORD MILLIE ROSENBERG MARTHA HALSINGER

COTILLION CLUB

Left to right: (Standing) MARTHA HAL-SINGER, MARGARET WOOD, MILLIE ROSENBERG. (Seated) DONNA LEDFORD, RETTA ROBBINS. OFFICERS President Vice-President Secretary Business Manager

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Left to right {standing}: EARL ANDLETON, JOHN LUCY, NORVELL WEST, MAC SHACKELFORD, SONNY MYRICK. {Seated}: HARDING CHRISTOPHER, PAT RILEY

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The German Club has been building a tradition of fun and fellowship ever since it was first organized in 1947. Combining with the Cotillion Club for many of its activities, this men's organization adds a definite spark to RPI's social life with its annual minstrel show, Shipwreck Dance and dinner dances.

GERMAN CLUB

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COTILLION ACTIVITIES



FALL FORMAL

GERMAN-COTILLION SOFTBALL GAME

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE METHODIST ORPHANAGE

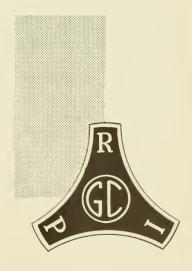
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Left: AL PETZOLD AT THE FALL OUTING. Right: THE GANG AT THE SPRING OUTING.

GERMAN CLUB ACTIVITIES

Many activities mark the life of a German Club member. Outings, dances, and projects, besides the frequent meetings, enhance the social life of R.P.I.





MISS YVONNE WENTZ

MAY QUEEN

Miss Yvonne Wentz of Arlington, Virginia, was crowned May Queen of the 1955 May Day Dance. She ruled the sweethearts and their attendants at one of the year's prettiest formals. The May Queen Attendant, Miss Peggy Fowler from Highland Springs, shares this page with Miss Jane Clevenger from Winchester, Virginia, the Apple Blossom Representative.

APPLE BLOSSOM REPRESENTATIVE

JANE CLEVENGER



MAY QUEEN ATTENDANT

PEGGY FOWLER

SWEETHEARTS

We think this year's May Court is one of the most outstanding in the history of the school—not only in beauty, but also in the record of the Senior Sweetheart, Miss Meredith Moon, who this year for the fourth time represented her class as Sweetheart. This is the first time R.P.I. has had such a record in this contest. These girls represented their classes in the May Day Court.

SENIORS

SWEETHEART Meredith Moon

ATTENDANT June Omohundro ATTENDANT Jane Alexander



JUNIOR SWEETHEART

Sue Egerton

SOPHOMORE SWEETHEART

Lois Attkisson





JUNIORS

SOPHOMORES

JUNIOR ATTENDANT

Carol Terrell

SOPHOMORE ATTENDANT

Betty Delaney

JUNIOR ATTENDANT

Audrey Frazier

SOPHOMORE ATTENDANT

Pauline Rouvalis





<mark>SWEETHEART</mark> Helen Perados ATTENDANT Ann Edman ATTENDANT Libby Matthis

FRESHMEN



MR. NORMAN ROCKWELL

I have very much enjoyed choosing the class sweet hearts and attendants for the WIGWAM, and I wish to thank you for the opportunity to do so ...

Sincerely,

Norman Rockwell



Right: SONNY GOLDMAN AND DATE at Openings at the Mosque.

Left: SHIRLEY KING AND JANE ALEX-ANDER sit this one out at the Sadie Hawkins dance.

COTILLION CLUB DANCE at the John Marshall.

GERMAN CLUB DANCE underway at the William Byrd.

Here are scenes from four of R.P.I.'s dances. Whether formal or informal, these gay, memorable occasions are an integral part of school life.

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CLIFF BELCHER			Vice-President
ED PEEPLES			Secretary
NORMAN KATZENBE	RG		Treasurer
JIM WARD		S.G.A.	Representative
MR. ALLEN			Sponsor

MONOGRAM CLUB



These boys are the officers in a club that is proud of its work in the field of sports. Whenever a boy is given a letter he becomes a member of the Monogram Club. The club helps to keep the sports program an active and interesting one throughout the year.

JIM WARD NORMAN KATZENBURG ED PEEPLES BILL MARSHALL COACH ALLEN



Left to right: (Back row) ELOISE HEWITT, ARLENE BLAHA, PEDIE ADAMS, GAIL BUNCH, DOT NEATROUR. Front Row: JACKIE LARCH, JACKIE WHITEHEAD, JUDY ANDERSON

The Women's Recreation Association's main purpose is to provide an opportunity for women students at the Richmond Professional Institute to participate in athletic and recreational activities in the form of intra-murals and play-nights.

Above, officers and conference committee chairmen discuss the theme "An Activity for Suzy Q." for the annual Virginia Athletic Federation of College Women Conference at which the local organization acted as hostess during the last weekend of February at R.P.I.

O F F I C E R S GAIL BUNCH ELIZABETH ADAMS JUDITH ANDERSON JEANETTE HURST DOROTHY C. HILLIARD

President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer Sponsor

WOMEN'S RECREATION ASSOCIATION



COACH ALLEN GIVES THE TEAM A FEW HELPFUL HINTS BEFORE A BIG GAME

February 1955: there's a month Coach Allen, and the rest of the Green Devils of R.P.I. would like to forget. For when the second month of the year made its appearance the Big Green cagers boasted a winning record, and prospects for completing the first winning in the school's history.

But, the shortest month of the year had something to say about that! The Devils dropped their last 7 basketball games of the 1954-55 cage campaign, and all of them in the 28 days of February.

This disastrous month plunged the Devils' final record to a won 7 lost 13 mark. Not the winning season that once had been hoped for, but one of the most successful, percentage wise, in R.P.I.'s history.



SOME FAST ACTION



ED PEEPLES IN ACTION



Even though it ended on a dismal note, the 1954-55 basketball season had its thrills and bright spots for the Green Devils. The season started on a happy note with the Devils trimming the Alumni in a nonscheduled practice game 86-45, then dropping MCV 94-77 in the season's opener. And despite the season's ending with a seven game losing streak there was some triumph. The Green Devils placed two men, Co-captains Bill Marshall and Jim Ward on the All-Little Seven Team. Ward nailed down a first string berth for the second straight year while Marshall received honorable mention.

Easily the high spot of the season was the night of December 3rd in Ashland. In their second outing of the season the Green Devils edged the Yellow Jackets of Randolph-Macon 78-77 in the Jacket's nest.



UNDER THE BASKET

SPORTS



PLAYERS' SCORES

	Points	Avr.
Ward	482	26.8
Peeples	257	12.9
Marshall	212	11.2
P. Stephenson	103	6.9
Katzenberg	102	5.1
Yesbeck	73	4.3
Monahan	63	3.9
Allen	46	4.2
Gholson	40	2.2
Howard	27	5.4
Finley	18	2.6
B. Stephenson	16	8.0
Meginley	13	3.3
Ragsdale	10	2.0
Gentry	5	2.5

R.P.I.'S SEASON RECORD

R.P.I.	94	M.C.V.	77
R.P.I.	78	Randolph-Macon	77
R.P.I.	56	Roanoke	93
R.P.I.	100	Lynchburg	
R.P.I.	78	Bridgewater	102
R.P.I.	84	Newport News Apprentice	111
R.P.I.	84	Norfolk Division	80
R.P.I.	64	V.M.I.	87
R.P.I.	74	M.C.V.	62
R.P.J.	86	U.T.S.	60
R.P.I.	65	Lynchburg	68
R.P.I.	57	Shenandoah	49
R.P.I.	73	U.T.S.	58
R.P.I.	68	Shenandoah	91
R.P.I.	53	Hampden-Sydney	73
R.P.I.	65	Roanoke	85
R.P.I.	101	Bridgewater	131
R.P.I.	62	Randolph-Macon	69
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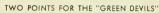
NORMAN KATZENBERG PARKS STEPHENSON

BILL MARSHALL LEO ALLEN TOM MONAHAN ED PEEPLES EDDIE YESBECK



Next came the Devils' first defeat, and it was four games before they were able to again taste the sweetness of victory. It all started on a two day jaunt to the western part of the state. Roanoke laid it on our boys first 93-56, and the next night Lynchburg's Hornets out-lasted and out-scored the Green Devils 107-100.

Two more defeats, one at the hand of Bridgewater and the other from the Newport News Apprentice School



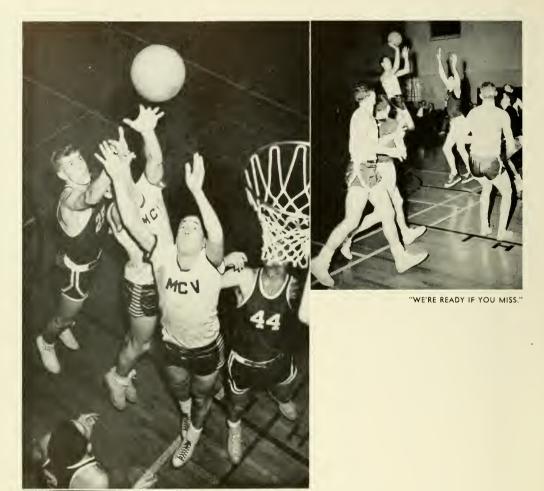


Spirit is important in any game; these girls help the team at their low moments and praise them when winning. OUR CHEER LEADERS.

rounded out the 1954 part of the campaign. The Devils came back from Christmas vacation ready to go. In their first outing of the new year they knocked off Norfolk Division 84-80; then they threw quite a scare into the Keydets of VMI before bowing to the school's second Big Six foe 87-64.



GO, KATZ!





"SHOOT! "CRIES THE CROWD, AND HE DOES!

"I HAVE IT."

The Devils came back from Lexington to hand MCV another defeat 74-62. Then they toppled UTS 86-61. Lynchburg again took the Big Green's measure 68-65, but the Devils rebounded in grand style to play one of their better ball games as they handed Shenandoah College its first defeat of the season 57-49. After that it was UTS again and another Big Green victory.

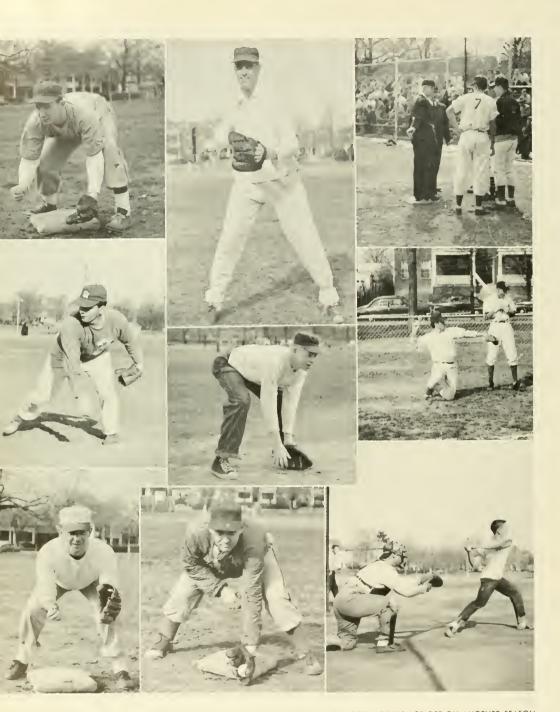
But there the door to victory shut. Shenandoah, Hampden Sydney, Roanoke, Bridgewater, Randolph-Macon, the Norfolk Division, and the Newport News Apprentice School all took turns treating the Devils very unkindly.



Front Row, left to right: GENE WASH, CAPTAIN; JOHN FRAWNER, BEN MATHIAS. Back Row, left to right: NORMAN KATZENBERG, AUBREY KENNEY, JIM WARD, DAVE TUROCK. Not Pictured: WALT OBMAN, SAM WARD, BOB ARK, JOEL COHEN

Pictured above are members of the tennis team—the first R.P.I. has had in eleven years. Playing only local matches this year, they have proved that they will provide stiff competition for all "Little Seven" teams in the future.

TENNIS



"PLAY BALL," CRIES THE UMPIRE, AND THE GREEN DEVILS ARE OFF ON ANOTHER SEASON OF BASEBALL. HERE YOU SEE THE PLAYERS IN PRACTICE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON.



- 1. RED-HAIRED AND CAN PITCH, TOO!
- 2. WHEE!
- 3. YOU HAVE HIM EATING OUT OF YOUR HAND, JO. 4. RAINY DAY.
- 5. A NICE "LOUIS XIV" SMILE, 6. EASY DOES IT, TOMMY, 7. HEY, AUDREY!

- 8. PREPARE TO TR-O-T!

- PREPARE TO TR-O-TI
 SOME CONTEMPORARY ADVICE.
 HAPPY BIRTHDAY.
 THIS IS IT FOR SURE, THIS TIME.
 GRAND MARCH.
 GRAND MARCH.
- 13. SUNNY DAY.
- 14. VENUS DE MILO, ALREADY.

STAFF

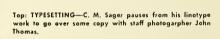
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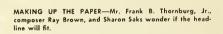


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SECOND SEMESTER

JERRY SPIKER SHARON SAKS ALBERT REYNOLDS JOHN THOMAS CAROL SUE TERRELL JOHN GEASLEN Editor-in-Chief Editor Managing Editor News Editor Business Manager Advertising Manager





MEETING THE DEADLINE—Here we find Albert Reynolds, Sharon Saks, Tom Armistead, John Thomas, Tom Monahan, and all-important WEBSTER.

THE PROSCRIPT

If you should come up to the third floor of the Ad Building any Thursday afternoon, you would find a student journalist in every nook and cranny working diligently at putting out the PROSCRIPT.

Banging on typewriters, chewing on pencils while thoughts jell, counting headlines on their fingers, the twenty-six enthusiasts of the Journalism Department try to make the Wednesday deadline. Putting out a school publication requires more than just a weekly three-hour lab. It requires hunting for persons who cannot be located anywhere on the campus, it requires interviewing persons who do not want to be quoted, it requires all the hundred and one minute details which must be accomplished before dashing down to the printer's with the copy. But somehow or another, everything gets done and the PROSCRIPT comes out, the handiwork of a band of hard working journalism students.

LOOKING INTO THE CAMERA after a busy session are the members of the Journalism Department with Editor-in-Chief Jerry Spiker in center foreground and Adviser Mr. Frank B. Thornburg standing.





Amid the sounds of the barkers, the music from the dimea-dance booth, the screaming heroine pursued by the villain from melodrama, this year's Carnival went off in the grand tradition. Games of chance, a photo-on-thespot booth and one for caricatures, a slave market, a dada exhibit, a cafe straight from "Paree," and many other attractions combined to make the Art Students' League proud of its efforts. Also, the King and Queen of A.S.L. were elected, not to be announced until Mardi Gras—another event sponsored by the League.





Top: ONE OF THE SLAVE GIRLS. Bottom Left: CHEESECAKE IN OUANTITY; CIGARETTE GIRLS TAKE A BREAK. Bottom Right: THE VILLAIN'S AT IT AGAIN.

PRIZE WINNERS. Below: Raymond Hodges, sponsor of the Art Students' League, congratulates the student-winners. Right: Winners in the Faculty division, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Bonds as Lower Slobovians. Right, center: Queen Carol Folts and King David Wertzel, elected at the Carnival.



A real occasion at R.P.I. is the annual costume dance. Students sometimes plan weeks in advance for it and come up with some of the most original ideas for costumes imaginable. However, no matter to what extent costumed, everyone is agreed that MARDI GRAS is a highlight of the year.

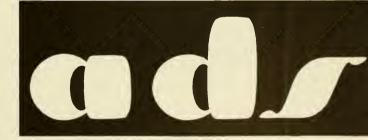
Wardi Gras



Left to right: HANGING GARDENS OF BABYLON-UNDERNEATH ALL THAT IS A HUMAN BEING! NEXT, TWO GENTEEL MEMBERS OF STONE AGE SOCIETY. EVEN GIRAFFES AND DIPLOMATS COULD BE FOUND IN THE ARRAY.









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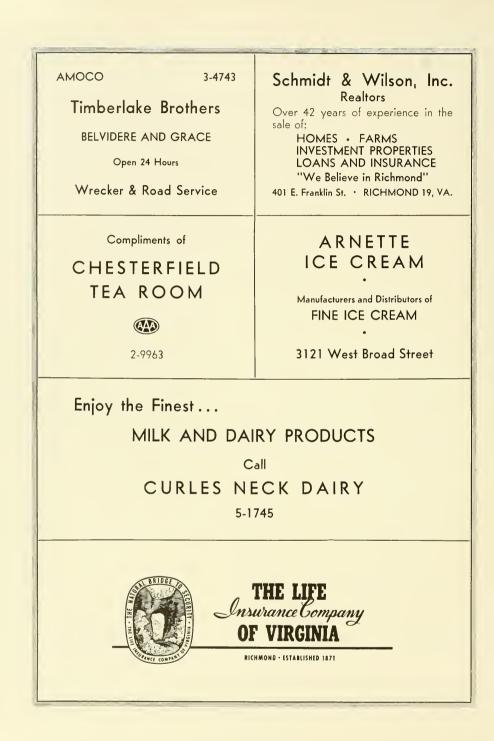
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