MESSAGE FROM MR. WILLIAM C. GAIGE, PRESIDENT OF RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Dear Friends:

Officially, and on behalf of the College of Education, may I extend to you Alumni a most cordial welcome to your College for the meeting on Thursday evening, December fourth. Your College has always been interested in you, in keeping track of you and in doing anything it can to help you. I pledge myself to continue and to enhance this policy so that not only may there be the warm companionship of a College Faculty with its former graduates, but also that the education and development of our children may be constantly bettered. Personally, I am timid in extending greetings. I hope that I may serve the College and you well, and I hope that you will like me.

Sincerely,

William C. Gaige, President

ALUMNI NIGHT-THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4: AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET MR. GAIGE AND GET TOGETHER WITH YOUR FRIENDS.

Thursday, December 4 at 8:00 P.M. at the College Mr. and Mrs. Gaige will be presented to members of the Associated Alumni of Rhode Island College of Education. This is the second Alumni Night planned by your Association, and we hope that it will be even more successful than the original night which was acclaimed by all. Alumni working with Prof. Grace Healey and Prof. Gertrude McCardle of the College Faculty have prepared an entertaining program. Since we are planning to have refreshments (at no charge to you) we ask you please to notify Miss Avis G. Marden, 306 Reservoir Ave., Providence as soon as possible if you plan to attend. We are sending these bulletins to all alumni whose names we have on file. As a consequence, many of our graduates will not receive them, so we urge you to spread the word among all our alumni that whether or not they are active members of the Associated Alumni they are most cordially invited to attend. Just let us know by mail at the address given above or call JA 1-9011 no later than Monday, December 1. Here is an opportunity to meet our new president and his charming wife, to hear his ideas about where the College of Education goes from here and to share your thoughts about the future of the College with him.

NEW BUILDING PROGRESS REPORT

At a recent meeting the Executive Board of the Associated Alumni appointed Miss Sara Kerr to serve as Alumni representative on a committee set up by the Board of Trustees to meet with the Rhode Island Development Council. This committee, in addition to Miss Kerr, includes the following members: Mr. Henry J. Elais, Board of Trustees; Mr. William C. Gaige, College administration; Dean Catherine M. Connor, College faculty; Mr. Elmer Smith, school superintendents and Mr. Stanley Gairloch, Controller.
The R. I. Development Council is charged with the responsibility of preparing a long-range development program for the state and has already classified the proposed addition to R. I. C. E. as "necessary". On Tuesday, November 18 the new committee met with the Council, and as a result of this conference Mr. Gaige and Lachlan F. Blair, Senior Planner of the Development Council, are to engage an architect to prepare a building renovation program. As our drive for necessary repairs and an addition to our building progresses there will be a vital role for each alumnus to play in helping R. I. C. E. achieve its long-sought goal. We shall keep you informed about all important developments as they arise, and perhaps on Alumni Night, December 11, President Gaige will be able to present a more complete report.

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MUSIC IN THE AIR

The second program in the "Artists' Series" sponsored by R. I. College of Education will be given on Friday evening, December 12 at 8:30 P.M. in the R. I. School of Design Auditorium. The Platoff Don Cossack Chorus and Dancers will present their colorful program. Single tickets are now available for this concert at $2.00 each and may be purchased at the Controller’s Office, R. I. C. E. or at Axelrod's, 251 Weybosset St., Providence. Since there are no reserved seats we urge you to set aside the night of December 12 and buy your tickets now.

On Tuesday, December 16 at 8:00 P.M. in the College Auditorium the Annual Christmas Concert of the R. I. C. E. Choir will be presented. This group of students is under the direction of Professor Gertrude McGunigle, and this year, as in the past, all alumni are cordially invited to attend the concert and social hour which follows. Incidentally, one of the interesting features of the program will be the presentation of Roy Ringwald’s "Story of Christmas", a Fred Waring publication which has been done on the Waring television program.

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R. I. C. E. On the Air

Speaking of television, have you been viewing the two programs over WJAR-TV sponsored by Rhode Island College of Education? If you've missed them thus far you still have time to see the three or four remaining programs. "From the Storybook Shelf", which is presented every Wednesday at 6:20 P.M. over WJAR-TV is the result of the combined efforts of the Children's Literature and Storytelling classes at the College under the guidance of Prof. Grace Hasley and Prof. Amy Thompson. The concluding telecast in this series will be Wednesday, December 10. On Friday evenings at the same time (6:20 P.M.) and over the same station "Small Fry Science" may be seen with Dr. Renato Leonelli of the College faculty. This series concludes on Friday, December 19.

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NEWS OF LAST YEAR'S GRADUATES

You may be interested to learn that all of last year's graduates who desired teaching positions were placed. Of a class of 87 all but 14 are now teaching in Rhode Island, and of those 14, four men are in the armed services and four others are enrolled in graduate schools. The remaining two (Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy) are teaching in Seattle, Washington. The city of Warwick has the largest number of graduates with a total of 18. Ten are teaching in Pawtucket and nine in Providence. There are six teaching in Cranston and the remainder scattered around in the various school systems of our state. These figures certainly prove that the State of Rhode Island's investment in R. I. C. E. is a wise one since such a large proportion of our graduates remain in the state as teachers!

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One last note-We are sending this initial copy of the Alumni News to all whose names we have on file. There are at least two more editions planned for this year which will go only to active members. Are your dues paid?