Alumni News
Rhode Island College
ACCRREDITATION

Recent stories in the Providence Journal with reference to the accreditation of the College have created some confusion that we would like to dispel. Rhode Island College of Education is, and has been for more than ten years, accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teachers Colleges. This accreditation of the College, including the masters program, was renewed in 1951.

It was only in 1953 that the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools voted to undertake accreditation, although in many sections of the country such regional associations have been the active accrediting agencies for many years.

In December of 1953 only four teachers colleges were members of the New England Association. At present nine of the nineteen New England teachers colleges have met its accreditation standards.

When our College was visited in 1953, the New England Association decided to delay accreditation until certain inadequacies - the physical plant, the campus, the library facilities, and the size of the faculty - might be remedied.

President Gaire told a recent student assembly that he "has every confidence that the College will be accredited on the next visitation." This visit must be made soon, as the National Council has announced that it will not renew the accreditation of any college not accredited by its regional Association by 1960.

ALUMNI NIGHT

Alumni Night will be held November 9 in the College Auditorium. A pleasant program of music is planned to begin at 8:15, and there will be an opportunity to renew old friendships around the coffee table.

Margaret Grady Bresnahan '45 and a large committee are working hard to insure the success of the evening. Committee members include:
- Refreshments, Lillian Morrissey; Helen Page and Geraldine Carley, co-chairmen.
- Program, William Ferrara.
- Invitations, Agnes Keenan; Madeline Fay and Elizabeth McCaffrey, co-chairmen.
- Arrangements, Barbara Murray and Betty Smith.

MEMBERSHIP

An intensive membership drive was launched this month with a goal of 2000 members to be enrolled by December 1. Class agents and a large group of alumni in various parts of the state have been asked to take an active part in the campaign.

Ann McSherry, chairman of the membership committee, urges that every alumnus should be conscious of the drive and should help in every way possible to encourage RICE graduates to become active in the Associated Alumni. Only a strong and united association can assure the College the continuing support it needs.