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AN ALUMNI GIFT TO THE NEW R. I. C. E.

The Alumni Fund Drive will be held from September 12-19. The money collected will be used to make an alumni gift to the College when it is relocated.

During the drive, alumni will be approached by mail or in person, and asked to make a contribution to the RICE Alumni Fund. This is the first time such an appeal has been made, and it is the hope of the committee that the response will be a true indication of the love and loyalty that the alumni feel toward the College.

Aaron DeMoranville, Drive chairman and Caroline E. Haverly, co-chairman, have invited a large committee to assist them; but they ask each and every alumnus to consider himself a committee of one to give as generously as he can and to reach as many alumni as possible and urge them to contribute.

All pledges are to be turned in by September 19, but payments may be made over a six-month period.

The nature of the alumni gift will be determined by the alumni at its annual meeting.

LAS VEGAS COMES TO R. I. C. E.

Alumni who come to the College of the evening of October 10 will be presented a handful of $100 bills! They will have the opportunity to parlay this fortune into astronomical sums at our Alumni Night Las Vegas Party. Joe Brady’s hard-working committee is planning an evening’s entertainment tailored to the wishes of alumni for fun, frolic and a chance to mix with old friends. Cider, coffee and doughnuts will be served throughout the evening. A collection of prizes will be auctioned to the highest play-money bidder, and door prizes will be drawn to console the losers.

ALL ABSOLUTELY FREE, OF COURSE.

The committee urge that all alumni attend, and bring along family, friends, and other alumni.

Joe Brady ’42, is being assisted in planning the party by these chairmen: John Murray ’41 and Raymond Lombardi ’50, arrangements; Teresa Marchand Sullivan ’46, and Doris McGinty Higgins ’46, publicity; Peggy Grady Bresnahan ’45, hospitality; Barbara Golden Larned ’45 and Mary Cashman McElroy ’26, refreshments; Dorothy Foley Kleniewski ’42 and Frank A. Carter ’42, prizes; Lois Chabot ’56, decorations.

RICE SENIOR SET FOR OLYMPICS

Lois Testa, RICE senior, will take part in the Olympic games in Melbourne. The national shot-put record-holder will take a leave of absence this semester in order to attend a six-weeks practice session in California and cross the Pacific for the games.

VOTERS TO DETERMINE FATE OF R. I. C. E. ON NOVEMBER 6

For the second time in two years the people of Rhode Island are asked to go to the polls and approve a bond issue to finance the relocation and reconstruction of R. I. C. E. Their approval will mean a new campus for 900 students, with six modern buildings, proper physical education facilities, and adequate parking areas.

The College, which had an enrollment of 555 in 1954, has a student body of 638 in 1956, and it must continue to enlarge if it is to educate teachers in the numbers required by the R. I. schools.

Over 300 teachers are needed to replace those who leave the schools of Rhode Island each year for retirement and other reasons, and 200 new teachers are needed to educate the 4,000 new children who enter the public schools each year. In contrast to this need for over 500 teachers a year, we find that all the colleges of the State graduate less than 250 young people who are ready to teach.

Until recently, R. I. C. E. educated more than half of the teachers of Rhode Island. If it is to continue to do its share in providing teachers in the numbers needed it must have the facilities to educate more students than it can accommodate now.

The $3,500,000 bond issue approved in 1954 was based on a single-structure plan that would accommodate only up to 600 students. New data and changing circumstances brought about careful reconsideration of the plan and resulted in the recommendation that the increasing needs be met by constructing six buildings for a student body of 900 on an enlarged 50-acre campus. This second bond issue, for $1,600,000 is needed to finance the new plan.

Dr. James P. Adams, chairman of the Board of Trustees of State Colleges, states that the Board believes the proposed construction of Rhode Island College of Education can and will be built within the limits of the money to be made available through the 1954 and 1956 Building Bond Issues.

BUILDING PLANS READY FOR ACTION

Final plans for the six new R. I. C. E. buildings are drafted, and advertisements for bids on them should be published by October 1. The date set for opening bids is November 15.

These plans are the result of long months of study and revision by the College administration, the Board of Trustees of State Colleges, and representatives of the State government. The nationally known firm of educational consultants, Englehart, Englehart and Leggett were retained to assist, and the State Division of Architecture and Engineering reviewed all plans.

In the considered judgment of all these groups, and of Governor Roberts and the State Legislature, the proposed building plans are the most reasonable means of meeting the immediate responsibility of the State to educate teachers.
NEW FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Twenty-two new names appear on the College faculty lists this year. Fourteen are at the College itself, eight at Henry Barnard School. There are seven new positions at the College, one at the laboratory school.

Dr. William F. Flanagan (PhB, P.C.; EdM, RICE; PhD, U. Conn.) was appointed assistant to Dr. Donovan in the Extension Program. He has been principal of Aldrich Junior-Senior High School and Director of Adult Education in Warwick.

Dr. Dorothy R. Mierzwa (BS, Buffalo Teachers College, AM and EdD, Teachers College, Columbia) is Dean of Students. She was Dean of Student Activities at State Teachers College, Glasboro, N. J.

Rith Altmann (AB and AM; U. of Minnesota) was editor of the U. of Minnesota Press. She is an instructor of English.

James E. White (BA, Wesleyan; MA, U. Conn.) spent the past year as lector at the U. of Tuebingen, Germany. He is an assistant professor of English.

Theodore Leshaka (BA and MA, Brown), assistant professor of biology, was on the faculty of R. I. College of Pharmacy.

Dr. Robert T. Amos (AB, JCSmith U; MA and PhD, U. of Michigan) comes from the psychology department of Howard U. to be assistant professor of psychology.

Gertrude T. Hanley '35 (EdB, RICE; EdM, BU), associate professor of education, has been critic teacher in the Providence Schools and a member of the RICE Extension faculty.

Joseph Jardine (BA, Rutgers; MA, Yale), is instructor in education. He was an instructor at New Haven Teachers College and an assistant instructor at Yale.

Mrs. James Cassedy (AB and AM, Middlebury College), visiting instructor in French and Spanish, has taught in France, Burma and Haiti. She was a part-time instructor at the College during the past year.

John Nazarian (EdB, RICE; EdM, Brown) instructor of mathematics and physical sciences, has been a part-time instructor at the College since his graduation in 1954.

Bernard L. Gordon (BS, URI) part-time instructor in biology, taught at Ware High School, Mass.

E. Virginia Downey O'Connor '48 (EdB, RICE), assistant professor of physical education, part-time, has been teaching in the Providence schools.

Ronald St. Onge '55 (EdB, RICE), interrupts advanced studies at Clark U. to be instructor of geography for this term.

Appointments to Henry Barnard include:

Bruce Bradford, (BS and EdM, BU) assistant director, who has been principal of Westboro, Mass. Junior-Senior High School; Natalie Alger (EdB, Wheelock) children’s school; Dorothy Kennisten (EdB and EdM, BU), music; Mrs. Hope M. Mac, Andrew (BAE, RISD), art; Dr. Agnes Raymond (AB, Wilson College, MA, Syracuse, DML, Middlebury College), French; Mary H. Zajac '52, (EdB, RICE) elementary school; Donald Lyons '54 (EdB, RICE), junior high school; Vincent Trainor '53 (EdB, RICE) junior high school.

Judith A. Gagnon (AB, Pembroke) is the new assistant to the librarian, main library.

CIRCLE THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

October 10 — Las Vegas Party (Alumni Night).
October 12-14 — Alumni Fund Drive.
January 12 — Annual Bridge.
April 27 — Alumni Ball.
May 5 — Reception and Tea.
May 15 — Annual Meeting and Dinner.

WE’D BETTER ALL HANG TOGETHER!

Spending money for education is something people are either “fer” or “agin.” Those who will vote for one of the educational bond issues on the November 6 ballot are apt to vote for all. It is important that the alumni of RICE and those of URI work together to get an APPROVE vote for both proposed college building programs.

YOU CAN HELP!

Know the facts about both bond issues.
Inform your neighbors.
Secure the public endorsement of your organizations for the two college bond issues.

SPEAKERS AVAILABLE

A Speaker’s Bureau has been set up by the alumni under the chairmanship of Ann McSherry McLaughlin. A number of faculty and alumni are ready to tell the story of RICE’s needs in 5 minute talks. The Bureau is eager to reach as many organizations as possible during the month of October.

RADIO PLANS SET

Dr. Vincent Aloia will conduct a series of four pre-election radio programs on current political issues, on Sunday evenings, October 7, 14, 21, 28, at 9:05 P. M. on WPRO.

SOCCER SCHEDULE 1956

September 23 — Alumni, at home (Hopkins Park).
(RICE 3 - Alumni 1).
September 28 — Fitchburg at Fitchburg.
October 4 — Bridgewater at Bridgewater.
October 6 — New Bedford at New Bedford.
October 10 — Durfee Tech at Fall River.
October 12 — Keene at Keene.
October 19 — Fitchburg at home.
October 23 — Keene at home.
November 5 — Johnston at Johnston, Vt.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN NAMED

President Ed. Travers has announced the names of alumni chairmen.

Standing committees: Membership, Helen Page, Legislation, Frank A. Carter, Publicity, Virginia Gregory Belanger; Special Committees: Memorial Fund, Angela MacDonough, Scholarship study, Frank A. Bucci, Fund-raising, Aaron F. DeMornville and Caroline E. Haverly; Activities: Alumni Night, Joseph E. Brady, Bridge, Eleanor L. Molloy, Alumni Ball, Regina Sheehan Bush, and Frank M. Burns, Tea, Clara Arrighi.

THE NEW COLLEGE YEAR BEGINS

Dr. James P. Adams, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of State College, addressed the R. I. C. E. faculty at the September 10 meeting which opened the school year.

President Gaige, in his greeting, reviewed the past greatness of the College and spoke of its hopes for the future. He noted some of the changes that have taken place in the past four years: The new curriculum (described in detail in an earlier News) has been put into effect this term in the freshman and sophomore years, and will be extended to the third and fourth years in 1957. The enrollment of the College has increased from 475 in 1952-3 to 638 in 1956-7. The faculty has increased from 31 to 49, with the student-faculty ratio reduced from 18 to 1 to almost 15 to 1.

The annual President’s reception for freshmen and their parents was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Gaige on Sunday, September 23. The President’s Brown Street home was also the setting for an innovation in the social program of the college, the President’s reception for new faculty members, held on Tuesday evening, September 25.