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DESSERT BRIDGE DRAWS
TWO HUNDRED FIFTY

A very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by the ladies who played for

prize aprons and had opportunities to win a number of attrac
tive door prizes.

Winner of the trip to New York was

Miss Mary O'Malley of Pawtucket. Miss O'Malley, not one to spoil the

record of the past three years, elected to take the cash value of $100 instead

t of the trip.

Miss Ann Hogan, chairman of the

committee, welcomed the alumni to the

party and expressed her gratitude to her committee for a job well done.

Twenty aprons are still available for

sale. Sale price: 80¢!

WESTERLY CHAPTER

The December meeting of the Westerly Chapter was held December 4 at

Brick House. Thirty members attended.

Mrs. Toffee Deeb, president, conducted the business meeting, which was foled by a travel lecture.

UPWARD AND ONWARD

Lucille Butterworth MacIntosh '18 has been named principal of Park View

Junior High School, Cranston. She was formerly principal of Hugh B. Bain

Junior High School.

Joseph F. MacAndrew '34 will be the new principal of Hugh B. Bain, with

Marguerite Genia '42 as assistant principal.

Dorothy McLear Sullivan '32 is justly proud that hers was the first morning

nursery certified by the State Department of Education under the voluntary certification program recently inaugurated in the state. Sulhome is in its eighth year of operation in Lincoln.

HOW ABOUT A CLASS REUNION

ON ALUMNI DAY?

The Alumni Day committee has scheduled a meeting for March 3 to confirm plans for Alumni Day scheduled for May 24.

Detail plans for the day will be announced in the next issue of the News. Tentatively the schedule will include a Coffee Hour, the Annual Meeting, luncheon, an all-class parade through the old buildings, a tour of the new campus, and a Tea and Reception.

No activity was planned for the evening. It is felt that many classes will want to take advantage of the day to hold class reunions. As one committee member said, "Why not make a day of it!"

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

REPRESENTED AT SPORTS SUPPER

Dan O'Grady '35 was the principal speaker at the Alumni Sports Supper January 29. Dan reminisced about the days when he served as coach and physical education instructor at the College.

Eighty-five men were in attendance. Joseph Lewis '33 of Westerly was the earliest graduate present. Fred Csizmesia '40 made the trip from Wallingford, Vt., to join the boys.

Frank Burns '31 served as toastmaster. Speakers included President William C. Gaige, Dr. Frank Greene, Coach Bob Brown, Alumni President Ed Travers, and Tony Agietello '59, chairman of the Supper committee.

Because of the appropriateness of the occasion, Dr. Gaige elected to use the Supper as the time to accept the John Hetherman Memorial Plaque, given to the College by the Class of 1940 in honor of the Navy pilot who was killed in action in World War II. The plaque will be inscribed each year with the name of the student selected by a faculty committee as the outstanding man in the senior class. Jim Donaldson '40 made the presentation. Dr. Gaige accepted it as a tribute to all the men of Rhode Island College of Education who gave their lives for their country. He announced that a committee, headed by Dr. Fred J. Donovan, has established criteria for the annual selection of the outstanding student.

Dan O'Grady is now teaching English and serving as coach of track and cross country at Danbury High School in Connecticut.

Following the supper and the speaking program the men adjourned to the gym where two basketball games were held. In the first the "old-timers"—pre-1950—met the student JVs, and in the second the post-'50s met the regulars. The oldsters, as might be expected, lost both matches. The newspaper report on the game mentioned that "the game was unique in that the losers failed to convert a free shot for the entire 40 minutes of play."

FROM THE ALUMNI OFFICE

In our spare time we have gathered a few figures about you and us:

3,935 were graduated from Rhode Island Normal School and Rhode Island College of Education from 1854 to 1926.

3,982 degrees were granted, 1926 to 1958.

NEW CONTROLLER NAMED

Ernest L. Overbey, formerly assistant business administrator and controller of the University of Delaware, has joined the College of Education as business manager and treasurer. Mr. Overbey succeeds Stanley S. Gairloch who is on terminal leave and will retire in June.

A graduate of Bowling Green College of Commerce, the new treasurer has done graduate work at the University of Delaware and the University of Nebraska. He was a member of the staff of the University of Delaware for the past twelve years.

Mr. Gairloch served as controller for both the University of R. I. and Rhode Island College of Education until 1956 when he resigned from URI to devote full time to the College.

RICE RADIO SERIES SCHEDULED

On February 12 the College will begin a series of radio programs on the current concern with education brought about by the new astro-physical developments.

The opening programs will feature a discussion by President Gaige, Dr. Carl R. Woodward of U. R. I., and Dr. Michael F. Walsh, Commissioner of Education. Subsequent programs will include the opinions of political, civic and educational leaders.

SPRING SESSION TO START FEBRUARY 10

The Spring session of Extension courses will open Monday, February 10. New names on the list of extension faculty include Ben Bagdikian, Journal-Bulletin Reporter, who will give a course on The Newspaper as a Social Studies Text, Dr. Sarah P. Flanagan, Classical High School teacher, on An Introduction to Shakespeare, and James J. Hammond, Director of Industrial Arts, Fitchburg State Teachers College, on Industrial Arts—Principles and Practices.

Estimating that 700 of the 748 who have received degrees in-service were RICE graduates, we arrive at the figure of 7,217 as the number who have graduated and/or earned degrees at the College.

477 have earned advanced degrees at the College, and 83 honorary degrees have been granted.

All-time high in the number of graduates was in 1933, when 156 seniors received degrees. The same year ten graduates of other colleges earned EdDs at the College, and twenty-two received them in extension, giving a grand total of 188.
A busy round of mid-winter activities are scheduled to be held at the College this week-end of February 7, 8, and 9. The first event will be Stunt Night, Friday evening at 8:00 P.M. The program will continue on Saturday with a faculty-student Cage Ball Game at 1:00 P.M. followed by entertainment by the Dramatic League and Choir. The All-College Ball will be held Saturday evening from 9:00 to 12:00. Students will attend the churches of their choice and meet for a Sunday Brunch in the cafeteria. A Jazz Concert at 2:00 P.M. Sunday will close the weekend activities.

Displays set up by the various organizations of the College will be judged Friday and will remain up for the three days.

FIVE OUT OF SIXTEEN

The Rocileys have won five of the sixteen games played so far this season, defeating Keene, Worcester, Boston (twice), and the RICE Alumni.

The team set a scoring record against Boston February 4 when the Rocileys defeated the visitors 104-93. The previous high score of 103 was set in 1951.

CHOIR CONCERT SCHEDULED

The Spring Concert of the College Choir will be held on Sunday evening, March 23, in the College Auditorium. It will be a joint concert held in conjunction with Abe Schadrorn ('58)’s Community Chorus of Waterford, Connecticut and his Electric Boat Mixed Chorus of New London.

One of the RICE selections, Gallia by Gounod, will feature Eileen Geoghegan Mullen ‘48 as soloist.

BENNINGTON DANCE GROUP

The Bennington College Dance Group will present an assembly program at the College February 11. Following the program, which will be held in the HBS Auditorium, a master lesson will be given for interested students in the gym.

ABE COHEN

Abe Cohen, for twenty years custodian at the College, died February 1, just three weeks before his planned retirement. Abe had been in failing health for the last two years, but had been reluctant to give up the work and the associations he loved. Abe will be long remembered by the students, faculty and alumni who knew him for his friendly humor and willing helpfulness.

DANCE PLANS SET

The Annual Alumni Ball will again be held at the Pawtucket Country Club, according to Virginia Hill Murby ‘44. The date is April 19.

ALUMNI HERE AND THERE

Marilyn F. Lace '53 is secretary of both the Pascoag-Bridgeton P.T.A. and the Burrillville Teachers Association.

Marjorie D. Johnson ’53 is Vice President of the Raynham, Mass. Teachers Association.

Lt. Mike Grady ’51 has been appointed to teach at the Air Instructors School of the Air University in Montgomery, Alabama.

Rev. (Lt.) Peter T. Farrelly, S.J. ’40 has left Fort Lee, Va., to attend the U. S. Chaplain’s School at Fort Slocum, N. Y., preparatory to assignment in Europe.

Frank McCabe ’39 was the principal speaker at the Olneyville Businessmen’s Association dinner in January. Frank is president of Francis McCabe and Associates advertisers.

Helen Baggot Albro ’39 and her husband, Major Donald Albro, have moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, where Major Albro has been assigned after returning from duty in Saigon.

Capt. Barbara A. Farrell, U.S.A. ’39 has been transferred from Charleston, W. Va. to Fort McClellan, Alabama.

Mary T. Higgins ’34 recently gave a reading of selected Poetry at the Catholic Literary Guild meeting in Providence.

Elizabeth G. McCaffrey ’34 is currently serving as president of the Elmhurst Alumnae Association.

CANDIDATES FOR THE FRESHMAN CLASS OF 1976

Deidre Mary, daughter of Eileen Russell Morissevly ’46.
Margaret Ann, daughter of Helen Canond Carroll ’46.
Carla Ann, daughter of Joseph Keefe ’52.
Deborah Susan and Craig William, born to Jeanne Santos Boyce ’52.
Regina Louise, daughter of Anna Marie Walsh Sullivan ’53.
Pau1 Frederic, son of Diane Cartier Caswell ’54.
Alan Henry, son of Deana Robinson Lutwin ’45. (correction)

WE NOTE WITH REGRET THE PASSING OF:

Mary McInerney ’31, physical education teacher at Central High School. Formerly a member of the Henry Barnard School faculty, she was an enthusiastic participant in the Class of 1931 activities.

DATES TO CIRCLE ON YOUR CALENDAR

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The 1931 Class Ring is still unclaimed. The letters MEPS are in the ring.

FORMER FACULTY

Dr. William Gould Vinal, who was professor of biology and nature study at RICE from 1911 to 1925, has just published his ninth book.

THE RISE AND FALL OF YE DISTRICT SCHOOL IN PLYMOUTH PLANTATION is a small (152 pages) but very complete history of the district school movement. Started as a serial for a weekly newspaper, the story “just grew” into a book.

Dr. Vinal, affectionately known as Capt. Bill by his many friends, is Emeritus Professor of Nature Education at the University of Massachusetts. He graduated from Bridgewater State Teachers College in 1903 and received his B.S. and A.M. from Harvard University and his Ph.D. from Brown University. Besides his fourteen years at RICE, he taught at Marshall College, West Va., N. Y. State College of Forestry, and Western Reserve University before joining the faculty of the University of Massachusetts.

Capt. Bill has done extensive work in the camping movement. His Nature Recreation, published in 1940, is one of the most valuable textbooks for camp directors and nature lore students.

The “story that had better be told before it was too late” reflects Dr. Vinal’s long and deep interest in the history, education, lore and natural life of his native southern New England.

ALUMNI INFLUENCE ON SUB-FRESHMEN SEEN

A survey of the freshman class shows that twenty-one or 11% of the 190 freshmen who entered the College in September have alumni in their immediate families. Thirteen are children of alumni, seven have sisters and two have brothers who are graduates of the College. One girl has three sisters who preceded her, while one man has both mother and brother among the alumni.

More than one-fourth of the frosh reported that they had first heard of the College from RICE graduates. Their teachers, as might be expected, were the means of their becoming interested in the teaching profession in 70 cases and were the strongest influence on their decisions in 35. Almost one-third of the group first heard of Rhode Island College of Education at school.

PROFESSOR UNDERHILL RETIRING

Professor Charles W. Underhill, member of the mathematics department of the College for the past twenty-two years, has begun a terminal leave from the College and will retire in June. Mr. Underhill, who took up skiing at the age of sixty and organized a Ski Club among the students two years ago, will teach some classes at the University of Vermont and spend his spare time indulging in his favorite winter sport.