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AUTHOR TO RECEIVE DEGREE

Louise Hall Tharp, author of Three Saints and a Sinner, will give an address and will receive an honorary degree at an academic convocation to be held at the College Thursday, April 4. Mrs. Tharp has written seven popular books for juveniles and three very successful volumes for adults: The Peabody Sisters of Salem (1950), Until Victory: Horace Mann and Mary Peabody (1953), and Three Saints (1956).

TRUSTEE HONORED

Caroline E. Haverly, Alumni Trustee, has been given a scroll by the members of the faculty of the College "in recognition of her long, faithful and successful service to the teaching profession . . . (and in) appreciation of (her) consistent and continuing endeavors in the interest of Rhode Island College of Education."

Presentation was made by President Gaige at Miss Haverly's bedside at Jane Brown Hospital. Attending were Dr. James P. Adams, chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Mary M. Lee, Mary Davey, Wayne W. McNally, principal of Nathan Bishop Junior High School, and members of Miss Haverly's family.

ALUMNI BALL

Plans are underway for the annual Alumni Ball! The Pawtucket Country Club will be the setting; May 11, the date. Music will be supplied by Ed Drew's Orchestra.

The Co-chairmen, Helen Page '47 and Frank Burns '51, have decided not to have a buffet served this year. Consequently, it will be possible to reduce the price of the ticket.

Watch your mail for the Ball announcement with the new reduced price.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Alumni Dinner will be held on Wednesday evening, March 15, at 6:30 in the faculty cafeteria of the College. The Annual Meeting will convene at 8:00 P.M. in the Auditorium. Business will include reports of the year's activities, some decision on the Alumni Fund gift to the College, planning for the coming year, and election of the Alumni Trustee.

RADIO AND TV

At Home With Science is the title of the new RICE program telecast every Monday morning at 11:00 A.M. by Prof. Russell E. Meinhold. The series is a part of the Operation Schoolhouse program on WJAR-TV.

Current Problems in Education, the College radio series, continues on Wednesday evenings at 10:05 P.M. on WPRO. April broadcasts will include consideration of The Science Fair, with Dr. Mary M. Keeffe '28 and guests; The Gifted Child, with Dr. Helen Scott interviewing Ann A. Lane of Fall River; The Retarded Child, with Dr. Scott and Mrs. Miranda Wiloughby of East Providence; and Adult Education, with Dr. William Flanagan of the College, Dr. Henry Nugent, State Supervisor of Adult Education, and others.

TEA AND RECEPTION FOR SENIORS

Members of the Senior Class of the College will be the honored guests of the Alumni at the Annual Tea and Reception to be held at the College Sunday afternoon, May 5. Clara Arrighi and her committee are planning a pleasant, friendly program for the future alumni.

TRUSTEE ELECTION

The Alumni member of the Board of Trustees of State Colleges must be elected at the Annual Meeting in May. Ballots will be mailed out to all active alumni by April 15, to be returned to the corresponding secretary of the Association before May 15. Balloting closes at the opening of the Annual Meeting.

The nominating committee has met periodically during February and March to decide on the three candidates whose names will be submitted to the alumni for election.

SPECIAL TO SIDEWALK

SUPERINTENDENTS

Players at Triggs Memorial Golf Course, and visitors to The P. I. O'Rourke Children's Center or Mt. Pleasant High School are noticing a great change in the view from those vantage points. Real progress is being made in the construction of the new R. I. C. E. Two buildings can be seen taking definite shape, and work on the others is obviously progressing. A number of workmen and a variety of trucks, bulldozers, and other apparatus are busy on the scene.

Entrance to the College site may be made from Homewood Avenue off Smith Street in North Providence, but the entrance to the completed grounds will be from Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Providence.

REMEMBER THESE DATES

April 9, 10 — Stage Door
May 5 — Tea for Seniors
May 11 — Alumni Ball
May 15 — Annual Meeting
June 8 — Commencement
Wedding Bells

Elizabeth Corrigan '48 to Joseph Colgan.

Theresa Hicks '48 to John Dwyer.

Joan Stacey '51 to Sheldon Smith.

Elizabeth Reardon '51 to James Hoey.

Dorothy Sullivan '45 to Roger Sarreault.

Lillian Monopoli '55 to Richard Mottola '54.

Ruth Norton '55 to Chester Morae.

Special Notice to Class of '56

There are many copies of the 1956 yearbook still unclaimed in the Ricoled room. If anyone would like a second copy, drop in to the Office, and we will get it for you.

Special to the Class of 1955

Remember those yearbook glossies that were left in the Public Relations Office so they could be sent to the newspapers? Some are still here. If you want yours, drop us a line.

Stunt Night

Alumni judges for stunt night this year were Helen Page '47, Peggy Grady Bresnan '45, and Bob Herchen '40. The Senior Class won the contest with Holiday on Olympus.

Anna Monahan Maxwell '32 has returned to teaching in the first grade of Wilmington Park Elementary School, Los Angeles, Calif. Her daughters are 14, 16, and 19 years old.

Catherine Devine Bray '32 is living in Kerby Hill, Md. and teaching a sixth grade remedial group in Washington, D. C.

Roberts S. Reed '26 is superintendent of Schools in Summit, N. J. Mrs. Reed is the former Gertrude Kenyon '27.

We note with regret the passing of:

Marion Long '15 of Woonsocket.

Edith J. Hokanson '05 of Seekonk.

Emma Manchester Hascall '00 of Riverside.

From the Alumni Office

It is a puzzlement to some of our callers. We may respond “Alumni Office”, or we may say “Public Relations Office”, or we may just say Hello! There are even days, when we are deeply engrossed in correspondence with or writing for High School students, that we are likely to answer “Admissions Office Annex”.

Whatever the response, we are happy to hear from you and happy to be of service. Of course, the office is properly called the Public Relations Office. Insofar as the Public Relations Director is charged with responsibility for maintaining contact with graduates as well as with the general public and prospective students, she serves as Alumni Secretary; and the office, which was originally set up as an Alumni Office, is shared by the alumni and the College.

If things seem a bit more efficient lately, it is because we now have a very fine, fulltime secretary who is bringing order to our efforts. She is Lucille Balilacqua, a Mt. Pleasant High School graduate.

For your convenience, we are including this Gripe Box. Please take advantage of it!

Dear Mary,

I don't know what you do all day in that Alumni Office, but I certainly think you should be able to keep my records straight!

1. You are sending my mail to the wrong ( ) name ( ) address. It should be.................................

2. You sent me a dues notice, but my dues do not expire until.............

3. This is the..............time I have notified you!

4. My friend paid her dues (to RICE, not to be confused with R. I. I.) but she never gets anything. Her name is .....................

5. You omitted this very choice item from the Alumni News:

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CANDIDATES FOR THE FRESHMAN CLASS OF 1975?

Margaret Mary, daughter of Margaret Nairn Belliveau '55.
Kimberly Jean, daughter of Herbert Waugh '54.
Glenn Steven, son of Carol Petersen Del Ross '54.
Kenneth Robert, son of Edith Anderson Lane '54.
Bruce Stanley, son of Catherine Brelsford Burdick '52.
Pamela Catherine, daughter of Catherine Panarello Duffy '52.
Robert Leon, son of Catherine Davey Wright '52.

Thomas James, son of Evelyn Jones Nichols '51.
Michael J. son of Michael '51 and Rosalyn Toomey Grady '52.
Donna Marie, daughter of Robert Butler McEachern '50.
Laurent Leo, son of Lorraine Bolduc Lacroix '49.
Theresa Marie, daughter of Catherine Harold McCrorey '49.

Ann Marie, daughter of Eleanor Connors Gallogly '47.
Mark Philip, son of Mary Holton McKenzie '47.
Elaine Gail, daughter of Mary David Baker '46.

Anne Frances, daughter of Theresa Marchand Sullivan '46.
Thomas Charles, son of Muriel Benson Winchell '44.

Nancy, daughter of Dale Hofmann Calt '44.

Ann Maria, daughter of Eleanor Calabro Leonelli '42.
Jean, daughter of Jane Place Andrews '41 (and granddaughter of Irma Moore Place '13 and Mrs. Bertha Andrews, retired from R. I. C. E. faculty).

Monica Sue, daughter of Fred W. Cesmesa '40.

Sorry, didn’t catch the name — but our Class of 1957 may include the sons of:

Bob and Elaine Leonard Rahill '54.
Miriam Cronin Clancy '49.

Kathryn Brady O’Donnell '48.

Gladys Peterson Anderson '47.
Madeline Fay McGrath '45.

Frank Carter '42.

and the daughters of:
Mary Azar Goyette '47.

AN ALUMNUS MAKES NEWS

Claire Andrews '53 and her first grade class at Point Street School, Providence, are being featured in a series of articles in the Rhode Islander, magazine of the Providence Sunday Journal. This excellent series has demonstrated how first grade children are oriented to the school environment, and how they develop as the year goes on in the social skills and in the three R's. This is being achieved through such activities as setting up an aquarium, presenting a play, and making a pet shop.

The Rhode Islander is to be commended for these informative articles.

REUNION PLANS

The class of 1946 is the first to report plans for its class reunion. Gay Paquin Hanley is in charge of arrangements, with Lillian Aiello Pontifice, and Barbara Willis Ward assisting. The annual reunion will be held at the Midway Steak & Lobster House, toward the end of May.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

The Annual Membership Campaign was conducted during the month of March. Very incomplete returns indicate the addition of at least a hundred new members to the active Association rolls.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

If more of the best students are going to consider the teaching profession as their careers and RICE as the college at which to study for this life, it is the individual alumnus of the College who must assume the responsibility for encouraging them. This is the declaration of the alumni committee on student recruitment. A body of enthusiastic, well-informed alumni is one of the best instruments the College can have with which to maintain and improve the strength of its student body, the committee reports.

Evelyn Gettler Silva '47.
Helen Candon Carroll '46.
Eileen Russell Morrissey '46.
Virginia Geoghegan DePetro '45.

STUDY COMMITTEES NAMED

Three study committees authorized by the February Executive Board meeting have been named and are meeting to conduct assigned studies.

The committee to investigate means by which alumni may cooperate with the College in encouraging more good students to study for teaching at R. I. C. E. is chaired by Mary Davey, with Betsy Conlon, Margaret Early, Agnes Keenan, Mary Moriarty, John Nazarian, and Ella Quilty.

The budget committee, headed by John Murray, includes James Donaldson and Mary Joyce.

Claire Ducharme Crohan heads the committee to study the promotion of alumni clubs. Assisting her are Betty Pryce Smith, Catherine Locke Heslin, Ann McSherry McLaughlin and Gladys Halverson Manchester.

ALUMNI FUND

With only the month of April in which to complete its work, the Fund Drive committee is anxious that all pledges be paid up as soon as possible. Only $150 out of the total pledge of $6580 is still outstanding. Final returns, totals, etc. will be announced at the Annual Meeting and listed in the next News.

CLASS GIFTS TO THE COLLEGE

In answer to an inquiry, the Alumni Office, with the help of Catherine Locke Heslin '28, has attempted to list the gifts made to the College by various graduating classes. The search has not been very fruitful. We know of the several contributions of the Associated Alumni, — the organ, water coolers, library browsing corner, etc. — but very few class gifts.

If you can recall that your class left a gift to the College, will you please drop a note to us and tell us what it was?

OPEN HOUSE FOR STUDENTS

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons during April and early May, third year students from the high schools of the state will be welcomed to "Visiting Day" programs at the College. Students will tour the College and visit classes, spend a period at the Henry Barnard School, and enjoy a social hour with College Students.

This is the third year of the visiting program at RICE. As in the past, the Alumni Association will supply the cookies, and the Coca Cola Co., the cokes, for the social hour.
FL E S

Jacqueline Gadoury '42 and her third and fourth grade French classes in North Attleboro were the subject of a Providence Sunday Journal article March 24.

The program which is in its first full year is similar to the one introduced into the third and fourth grades of Henry Barnard School last fall by Dr. Agnes Raymond.

Both programs follow the pattern suggested by the Foreign Language in the Elementary Schools department of the Modern Language Association of America. FLES, backed by generous foundation grants, has made available the Modern Language Teacher's Guide for Beginning French in the Elementary Grades which sets the pattern for the first year program. The Guide to the Second Year Program has been made available just this year.

The French classes at these grade levels are planned to teach oral and auditory skills only, taking advantage of the particular readiness of this age level for the development of these skills. Only French is spoken in its classes and generous use is made of visual aids. Formal reading and writing of French will follow in the higher grades.

Similar programs for the introduction of Spanish have been in effect in the Southwest border states for many years, according to Dr. Raymond. These grew out of the need for communication between the Spanish-speaking Mexican children and the English-speaking citizenry of the border areas.

Dr. Philip Coakley, principal of Fall School, No. Attleboro, has pointed out an interesting by-product of this French program. The emphasis on listening and pronouncing carefully has developed in the children keener auditory discrimination which has carried over to the reading program.

Alumni of the 1932-1945 period will recall Dr. Mary Loughrey's very successful program in the teaching of oral French in grades 2-6 of the Henry Barnard School. This program was dropped because of shortage of staff during the war years. Recently French has been offered at HBS only as an enrichment subject for selected students, and as an elective in the eighth grade.

The present revival of interest in the French language does not stem from the cultural considerations that motivated the study in the past, Dr. Loughrey points out. The new motive is the practical need of our present international relations. French is one of the two official languages of the UN and the language of diplomacy.

Jacqueline Gadoury has been very active in the FLES movement. Following her graduation from RICE, Jacqueline pursued her interest in French at Middlebury College where she earned her master's degree. Until last year she had been teaching French at North Attleboro High School.

STAGE DOOR

The Dramatic League will present the former Broadway hit, Stage Door, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, April 9 and 10, in the Henry Barnard School Auditorium. Curtain time is 8:30. The unusually large cast of 21 women and 11 men is headed by Norma Kofahl (the girl on the front of the Alumni Fund Drive brochure), Katherine McNamara, Robert Barrett, and Edward Kelly. Among the supporting players will be Prof. C. James Herrick of the College psychology department. Student director is John Bray.

The Dramatic League hopes with this production to equal the excellence of the fall presentation, Anastasia. The usual cordial invitation is extended to alumni to attend either performance. Because of the limited seating capacity of the hall, tickets must be reserved in advance. Anyone interested should write to the Alumni Office, or to Prof. Joseph Graham, giving name, date, and number of reservations. All tickets are to be picked up at the door before 8:25 P.M. on the evening of the performance.

SPEAKER ON NEAR EAST

Thomas K. Finletter, former secretary of the Air Force, addressed the student body of R. I. C. E. on March 19. His talk on the Near East was a part of the World Affairs Month program, and was sponsored by the IRC.