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NEW CAMPUS DEDICATED

A capacity audience braved the driving rain of October 26 to attend the Dedication Convocation held in the Auditorium of Dennis J. Roberts Hall. President William Gaige presided at the Dedication Exercises which began with an academic procession of the faculty and participants.

Seated on the Stage of the Auditorium were Governor Roberts, members of the Board of Trustees of State Colleges, immediate past members, presidents of Rhode Island Colleges, the president of the Associated Alumni, representatives of the various branches of the State government, presidents of superintendents' and principals' associations and of the Institute of Instruction, and the principal contractors and the architects responsible for the construction of the College.

Mr. George Turgeon presented the keys to the buildings to the Governor on behalf of all the contractors. The keys were then received in turn by Dr. James F. Adams for the Board of Trustees of State Colleges, and by Dr. William Gaige for the College.

The address of the day was given by Dr. Michael F. Walsh, Rhode Island Commissioner of Education and a member of the Board of Trustees.

NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION ACCEPTS R.I.C.E.

Rhode Island College of Education was voted into membership by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools at its annual meeting held in Boston Friday, December 5. This acceptance by the Association gives the College “accreditation” by the major regional accrediting body. This Association refused to accredit the College in 1933.

The College has been accredited since 1939 by the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education and its successor, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Colleges.

In 1953 the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the National Council of Accreditation of Teacher Colleges made a joint visit to the institution. The council voted to renew its accreditation, but the association refused to admit the college to membership on the ground that its physical facilities were below standard.

The association is the regular accrediting group for New England. Its 1958 register lists 15 teacher colleges, 63 colleges and universities, nine specialized institutions, 16 junior colleges and a large number of public, parochial and independent secondary schools.

FAMILIES OF HONORED FACULTY ATTEND

Among the thousand who attended the Convocation were Mr. William Lee, father of Dr. Mary M. Lee, whose memory is honored in the naming of Craig-Lee Hall, Mrs. Lucius A. Whipple, whose husband the gymnasium was named, Mrs. Charles Carroll, for whom the Men’s Lounge was named, and Mrs. Christopher Mitchell and Mrs. Thomas Herbert Robinson, whose respective husbands are remembered in the names of the Study Lounges in the classroom buildings.

Also in the audience was Mary Clemence ‘83, 96-year-old earliest living graduate of the College, whose memory goes back over 75 of the College’s 103-year history.
DEDICATION ADDRESS OF DR. JAMES P. ADAMS,
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE COLLEGES:

Your Excellency:

Speaking as the Chief Executive of the State and in the name of the People, you have transferred to the custody of the Board of Trustees of State Colleges to be held by it in trust for the State, a broad expanse of land on which have been raised six buildings, tastefully designed, sturdily constructed and appropriately equipped.

Conceived in unity, serving a focused purpose and functioning in harmonious interrelationship, this land with its accoutrements and these buildings with their furnishings and equipment, constitute a new campus provided by the State for the use of the Rhode Island College of Education.

Sir, the Board of Trustees of State Colleges accepts these properties and directs that, in accordance with the law by which it was created, they shall be held in trust for the State. We are deeply grateful to the people of the State for this expression of their faith and to your own good offices for the important part you played in the fulfillment of this purpose and to the General Assembly for its enabling authority.

By action of the Board of Trustees, these buildings have been named and shall be known as the Dennis J. Roberts Hall, the John Lincoln Alger Hall, the Craig-Lee Hall, the Lucius A. Wheel匹 Gymnasium, the Henry Barnard School and the Student Center.

Mr. President, Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen: In your presence and in the presence of the people of the State who are within the reach of my voice and on behalf of the Board of Trustees of State Colleges, I hereby dedicate these buildings to the service of the State and the welfare of its people, to the dissemination of truth, to the cultivation of insight and understanding, to the support of moral and spiritual values and to the appreciation of beauty. I dedicate them to the high purposes of all good teaching, to the inspired zeal of the teacher and to the learning interests of children.

Mr. President, beautiful and functional and convenient as are these structures which have now come into our possession, they would be but inert masses of brick and mortar and glass were they not peopled with human beings, with teachers and scholars and with students. Through the dedicated efforts of those who teach and the earnest searchings of those who learn, these buildings will become living instruments of our purpose and domiciles of our faith in the great tradition of learning. Therefore, I present these keys to you and thus symbolically place within the custody and care of the President and the Faculty this new campus of the Rhode Island College of Education and the guardianship of the high purposes which brought it into existence.
ALUMNI HERE AND THERE

Dick Alberg '51 has finished his residence work at Clark University and is teaching geography at Bryant College. His wife, who majored in geography at Clark, is now working at the Rhode Island Development Council.

Ann Hajian '49 is currently serving as president of the Association for Childhood Education.

John McCambridge '51 is now stationed at Tidman Air Force Base, Verdun, France, where his wife, Doris Pendleton McCambridge '51 expects to join him next summer. John is a First Lieutenant with the 49th Air Force Fighter Bomber Wing.

Arpy Kinoian '52 is now in France, after teaching a year in Japan and one in Morocco.

Bob Hargraves '51 now living in Warwick is still entertaining PTA groups with his magic shows.

Leo Lacouture '54 is acting in the Harrisville town play, Dead Eye Dick.

Henry B. Cote '54 has returned to teaching in Woonsocket Junior High School after a tour of duty in Korea, where he served as librarian and spent considerable time in artistic endeavors.

Dick Donnelly '54 has also returned from far-away places, the most recent the Middle East.

Florence Surowic '55 received her Ed.M. from Boston University in June.

Steven Pettine '58 is teaching French in Scituate Senior High School.

Lucretia Atwater '53, Contrallo, was presented in concert by the Ebenezer Baptist Church, November 11. The Concert was given at the Plantations Auditorium, Providence.

Jean C. Macomber Ed.M. '57 has transferred from Costa Rica to Columbia, S. A., where she will teach in a Girls School.

Sister John Dominic, O.P. (Gertrude Farrell) '25 paid a visit to the new campus recently. Sister is supervisor of schools for the Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt, N. Y., with twenty-four schools of the Archdiocese of New York and two Providence schools under her supervision. She is co-editor of a new third grade geography-science text "The World God Gave Us" written for use in the New York parochial schools.

WE NOTE WITH REGRET

THE PASSING OF

Sister Mary Bernard (Dorothy McElroy '39) of the Order of the Visitations, Baltimore, Md.

Sara G. Tully '09, former student counselor at Hope High School.

Martha MacDougald '26, principal of the Chester W. Barrows School, Cranston.

UPWARD AND ONWARD

HEADS INSTITUTE

Edward G. Hunt '41, assistant principal of Gorton Junior High School, Warwick, was elected president of the Rhode Island Institute of Instruction on October 31.

Ed is a past president of the Warwick Education Association. He was responsible for the establishment of the Future Teachers of America Club in Warwick and was instrumental in setting up the W.E.A scholarship program for students interested in becoming teachers. In 1957 he served as chairman of the Citizenship and International Relations Committee of the Rhode Island Congress of Parents and Teachers. Recently he attended an NEA-sponsored conference of salary consultants in Washington, D. C.

Ed is only the eighth R.I.C.E. graduate to hold the position of Institute president in the 103-year history of the organization, although several members of the College faculty and holders of master's and honorary doctor's degrees have served.

Ed and Marion Litchfield Hunt '41 have four children.

Mary C. Rogers '39 was one of nine New England Teachers who received the 1958 Elizabeth Thompson award for outstanding teaching in secondary schools. The award, given by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, was presented at the Boston Museum of Science.

WEDDING BELLS

Catherine L. Greene '58 and John F. Tempest.

Joan-Sandra Hayman '57 and Peter McKnight.

Marilyn Smith '56 and Bob Roy Mason.

Mary M. Collins '56 and George Valkoun.

Rae I. Geer '56 and Raymond F. Keany, Jr.

Joan M. Little '56 and Carl A. Engelhardt, Jr.

Marie T. Lennon '53 and Lieut. James F. Conlon.

R I C E DOES NOT ADMINISTER
STATE TEACHERS SCHOLARSHIPS

To clear up a degree of misunderstanding that has developed in some quarters, it seems necessary to state the position of the College in relation to scholarship grants to teachers.

The amount of money allocated to Each of the colleges of the state is the same—$10,000—and was determined by act of the state legislature. Responsibility for the administration of the fund is given to the State Board of Education, and the money is distributed according to its directions by the Department of Education. The administrative officers of R.I.C.E. have no part in the allocation or distribution of this fund. The only concern of the College is with receiving the scholarship certificate in lieu of cash at the time of enrollment.

The money appropriated for teachers attending R.I.C.E. is divided into three parts: $5,000 is assigned to the summer session, and $2,500 to each of the fall and spring terms.

A factor in the situation is the relatively high enrollment in College of Education courses. This fall 900 teachers were eligible for state grants. Most teachers take two courses, totaling $50., so that only the first hundred to apply could expect to receive scholarships.

The College, meanwhile, is concerned with its graduate and extension program, and the proper administration of it, and it maintains its long-standing enrollment policy: All catalogues are distributed through the mails on the same day, thus assuring, as far as the College can, that all applicants have the same opportunity of signing up for the classes of their choice before they are filled. In the interest of effective teaching classes are limited to thirty students. The fact that some mail deliveries are slower than others is something over which the College can exercise no control.

CANDIDATES FOR THE
CLASS OF 1976

Leanne Flora, daughter of Marcia McCormick Plante '55.

Carl R. 3rd, son of Nancy MacLean Johnson '54.

Tobin Douglas, son of Marie Langries Peterson '54.

Bruce Wayne, son of Wayne Lougheed '50.

Mary Ellen, daughter of Madeline Fav McGrath '45.

Bernard Joseph, son of Ann McSherry McLaughlin '52.
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

SET FOR JANUARY

Caroline Magnatta Marzilli and her committee have made plans for an intensive membership drive to be held during the month of January. Working through the schools and through individual members of the committee, they hope to reach all the graduates of the College and urge them to join.

Area chairmen of the committee include Aaron F. DeMoranville Jr., Barrington, Gladys Usher, Bristol, Mrs. Lucy D. Medeiros, Central Falls, Ruth Lussier, Charlestown, L. Da Vinci DeLuca, Coventry, Mildred Dambruch and Haig Sarkisian, Cranston, Margaret Cullen, Cumberland, Frank Saracino and John Nassar, East Providence, Gertrude Black, Glocester, Mrs. Catharine Barron, Johnston, Mrs. Margaret Hammer, Lincoln, Iris Kinoian, Little Compton, William Fleming, Middletown, Mrs. John Forbes, Narragansett, Helen Rogers, Newport, Ann Belluche, North Providence, Hope Carey and Eva Alexandre, Pawtucket, Earle Roberts, Portsmouth, Donald Driscoll, Mrs. Phyllis Zannini and K. Claire King, Providence, Mrs. Helen Kerns, Smithfield, Raymond Lombardi, Warren, Jean P. Mitson and Carmel Scardella, Warwick, Mrs. Jean Tattrie, West Warwick, Albert Choquette, Woonsocket.

EXECUTIVE BOARD NOTES

The Executive Board met Tuesday, November 18, in the Alumni Office of the College. Congratulations were extended to Larry McGuire and his committee on the success of the Alumni Banquet.

President Gaige discussed with the Board the future plans and needs of the College. Plans for the Bridge and the Sports Supper were outlined.

Caroline Magnatta Marzilli reported on Membership Committee activities and the Membership Drive set for the month of January.

The president was instructed to appoint a committee to study problems related to supplementing the financial support of the College through endowments, etc.

$25 GENERAL FEE TO BE CHARGED RICE STUDENTS

Starting in September, 1959 all students at Rhode Island College of Education will pay a General Fee of $25 in addition to the Student Activity Fee of $25 which they have always paid.

Monies received from this fee will be used toward non-instructional expenses such as gym towels, laboratory breakage, etc.