Repainted College Interior Greets Rhodeans Today

Shower Repairs to Commence in October

Much discussed plans for alterations in the physical aspect of Rhode Island College of Education have finally been partially carried into effect. The entire interior has been painted; the roof has been completely repaired; and the shower room is now in repair. Rhodeans returning to college today will be greeted by an almost dazzling sight. The interior of the building, from basement to roof, has taken on a new sheen. The corridors and classroom walls and ceilings, long disfigured by dust and rust, the auditorium and the libraries, black no longer, have been cleaned and repaired for the first time in 12 years. Even before the disastrous hurricane of September 21, 1938, the roof of Rhode Island College of Education had been in need of repair. Th Big Wind merely precipitated the inevitable renovation of the leaky covering. When work was finally begun, it was decided to repair not only those parts damaged by the hurricane, but the entire roof and newel and safer skylights also have replaced the old ones.

Shortly after the beginning of the semester, perhaps the first of October, work will be started on the remodeling of the basement shower rooms. Individual compartments, will extend through the middle of the entire length of the building. The room will be divided, through the width, into two equally large sections. A partition will separate the men’s from the women’s showers.

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Raised Blanket Tax Payable in Two Installments

An increase of the blanket tax to $7.50 was approved by the Board of Trustees at its August meeting. The tax is payable in two installments of $3.75 at the beginning of each semester. The $8.00 (fee voted by the Student Council in June was reduced to the lower figure by the Board when it eliminated the provision for a lecture fund which was included in the budget passed by the Council. The Board promised to reexamine the matter at the end of the year.

DOROTHEA QUINLAN
Student Council Revises Freshman Handbook

For the first time in right years, a Freshman Class will enter R. I. C. E. and take the advantage of having a Freshman Handbook to guide them over the difficult orientation period. The books will be distributed sometime today by the class advisors. Dorothea Quinlan, '40, edited the guide.

The staff of the Handbook has tried to include all information that will be needed by the students. An important addition is the list of students who are not enrolled at the college. The Handbook will not contain this information article but will be included in the handbook. The freshmen may insert microphotography on the back of the book.

Miss Thorp on Leave from Barnard; Place Taken by Miss Gleason

Student Body to Convene in Auditorium

One hundred and twenty-five members of the Class of 1943 and more than four hundred upperclassmen will be welcomed by President Robert M. Brown, acting president of R. I. C. E., at the first class assembly to be held in the auditorium this morning at 9 o’clock. For the first time in thirty-one years, President Alger will be on hand to greet the student body.

Following the assembly, the students will meet with their advisors to make out programs. Seniors will meet in Room 102 with Professor Tuttle, and class officers in the office of the secretary of the college will distribute copies of Miss Gleason. Mr. Gomberg is a graduate of R. I. C. E. in the section of 1931. Miss Virginia Overton will act as assistant at the school and will be on hand to greet the students. The school for a year.

Mr. Irving Gemberg, who acted as assistant in the college office last year, will be on hand to greet the students. The school for a year.

Several changes in the faculty of Henry Barnard School have been announced. Miss Winifred Gleason, who has taught Social Studies in the junior high division of the school, will be acting principal during the absence of Miss Margaret Loring. Miss Virginia Overton, who is studying for the Doctor of Education Degree at Boston University, will be on hand to greet the students.

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EELSEWHERE in this paper is an account of the Congress on Education for Democracy, the keynote of which great leaders from all walks of life in the free states of the world called the stressing of the importance of the individual. If these leaders are correct in making recognition of personhood the central characteristic of history, may we not write the former President of this College as a true democrat in the educational field.

Dr. Alger's code during more than a quarter of a century as head of Rhode Island Normal and Teachers College, Rhode Island College of Education, has been strict adherence to this idea of the avowal of human worth. His accomplishments prove this. The entrance tests which he devised for admission to this College place the burden of qualification fully on the student; selection by this method is really democratic. The liberalizing of the institution, making it a College in 1921, was due to Doctor Alger, who realized the value of "orderly change," the constant raising of the educational standards of the College during his administration has been a tribute to the worthiness of the students who seek the benefits of knowledge in this institution.

More important, perhaps, than these accomplishments, more important because they affected the students in a more personal way and because they are more important, perhaps, than theses accomplishments, more important than theses accomplishments, are the achievements, the courtliness which he has always shown even to the least important, the courtliness of the educational standards of this institution.

Girls' Recreation Room

THE course of the general painting of the building which has taken place this past summer, the room set aside for girls' recreation has also been reconditioned. One of the obstacles which the women of the College have met in their attempts to acquire such a room has thereby been removed.

The room is there. The improvements which the administration will do to it, and to the women such as the addition of a recreation place serve a recreational purpose. The furniture of the old "rec" can be repaired. The proceeds of a benefit such as Stunt Night, already conveniently changed to a winter event by the Social Committee, might be used to carry on necessary repairs. The room should be taken immediately upon the convening of the Student Council.

The men of the College showed an example in cooperation when they set up their own Cigarettes under handicaps far greater than those the women will encounter. The men, however, and ligaments of the women are challenged by that empty room. Will they meet this summons successfully this year? Their determination alone will decide.

R. I. Educators Attend National Congress

Education for Democracy Urged at Columbus Model Convention

Many Rhode Islanders attended the epoch making "Congress on Education for Democracy" held at Teachers College, Columbia University, August 15-17. Dr. James L. Hanley, Superintendent of Providence Schools, Francis J. Brady of the Providence School Committee, Alexander Stoddard, former Providence superintendent and now superintendent of Philadelphia schools, Harold T. Lowe, superintendent of Newport schools, and Professor Mil­ brated Bassett of the College History Department attended sessions.

The purpose of the Congress was to bring together laymen and educators representative of all phases of American life to discuss the question: "What is the responsibility of education for the defense and advancement of democracy?" Famous leaders in business and professional life heard of the leading statement of the position of President of the American Historical Association, Baldwin of Braxley, former Prime Minister of Great Britain, and Eduard Her­ bert, President of the Republican National Committee in the College Chamber of Deputies, urge the assemblage to safeguard democracy against the dangers now confronting it. The purpose of the sessions included Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia College; Charles Book, historian, Dorothy Canfield Fisher, author, and Winthrop W. Aldrich, Chairman of the House of Representatives. Dr. Bassett had been President of Teachers College at Dr. Hanley's urging.

The meeting was an opportunity to the students of the College to hear and discuss the keynote of the Congress in the educational standards of its own institution.

Spin drift

BACK IN JUNE of 1938, this column sang its sop­ honoric (and premature) swan song. Having managed to remain, with its problems and difficulties, the life of a rosy sea of sentimental reminiscence. Consider then my surprise when hearing from a large number of old associates of the notion of the best things they had ever read in the Anchor, and other similarly flattering statements. Of course in the calm of later reflection, my surprise lessened. Not as regards the questionable approbation of that last column, but it was somewhat sur­ prising to be given proof that bored and worldly-wise collegians were hiding above the surface of sentimentality beneath sophisticated exteriors.

DID YOU know that for the best original novel about schoolteachers by a schoolteacher, The Dial Press will award a prize of $1,000 plus royalties? As it has once more made merry at the end of November, 1939, we should hear what the choice has been. To us, especially the author of the novel ought to be well worth reading.

THIS GENIAL gentleman, M. P. for Oxford, Mr. A. J. Herbert, has become a well known figure at the expense of sanctified officialism. A talented novelist and humorist, as well as a politician, Mr. Herbert's writings want to reform the stodgy divorce laws of England. Herbert recently wrote a satirical novel of mar­ ried marriage, "Holy Deadlock." He is also equally skilled to purify the King's English which, during the last decade, has seemed to have sprouted all sorts of the local buggies which sneak up in a rosy sea of sentimental reminiscence. Consider then my surprise when hearing from a large number of old associates of the notion of the best things they had ever read in the Anchor, and other similarly flattering statements. Of course in the calm of later reflection, my surprise lessened. Not as regards the questionable approbation of that last column, but it was somewhat sur­ prising to be given proof that bored and worldly-wise collegians were hiding above the surface of sentimentality beneath sophisticated exteriors.

Communication

Note to the Editor: The content of this letter may in the breasts of some of the more impressionable students of this College be a cause for righteous fright. We find it advisable to conceal this letter from de plume. Because no one will be able to read it without hoping that the passages through the pages of the Anchor may warn those more fortunate than the writer.

I did not like the World's Fair.

Very many people have attended the New York World's Fair. Very few intelligent people have returned from the said spectacle eager to discuss in gloriously exag­ gerated phrases the wonders which they believe they saw. And those who have stayed at home have listened avidly to the recitations, taking for granted the tales of what they heard. It is for the benefit of these "un­ fortunate" ones who have not attended and the others who attempt to describe what they have missed.

They have missed being almost trampled to death at the ticket windows by a herd of human elephants.

They have missed standing at the end of an apparently interminable line of people for at least four hours, to be headed in the approximate direction of the General Motors so-called "Futurama."

They have missed the dreadful suspense of waiting in vain for the famous "action," the "Sidewalks of New York."

They have missed standing on a grassy area and listening to the voice of a fellow named Kaltenborn discussing "the World of Tomorrow," which, incidentally, looks hardly any better than the world of today. He speaks also of international peace as an idea which everyone would ever be, any such phenomenon.

They have missed being nearly knocked down and run over by one of the white walltreaders which sprang up behind you without warning.

They have missed seeing a tire power the cars are made of instead of the horse.

They have missed seeing the last stage of Blackstone by a process which is little noted nor remembered.

They have missed seeing the Mag­ nificent Museum, now a mere illegible scrap of paper.

They have missed waiting valu­ able time in the exhibits of too many foreign countries obsessed with the desire to sell the American people the idea that in their countries, the visitor has at last been realized. The pictures of toothless peasants and the overpowered musical decorations of the Chinese, the astonishing Americas that America is the best place after all.

Finally, they have missed arriving at their hotel, tenement, or, barn, which ever the case may be, with a back-sach, still shift, six flax, and in the middle of an insomniac nervous breakdown.

All this, mind you, for only 50 cents.

I have been, heard, and most of all, felt the Fair. I am not impressed.

 Cyclist

NOTICE

Students interested in writing for the College newspaper are invited to attend the Editorial Room Wednesday, September 15 at 3 p.m.
Organize the Providence Festival

The popular last year have, been largely retained. Some electives offered before are being offered again by a different instructor.

Two new electives to be presented by the Science Department are Microscopic Study of Living Things, and Insect Study. The Psychology Department offers Psychology of Personality, and the English Department offers An English Reader, written by Professor Sharpe.

Foreign Relations of the United States Professor Rust

Textbook of Psychology Professor Lack

American History Professor Brown

Chief Engineer Dr. Ross

American History Professor Eller

Statistics

Professor Archer

American History Professor Thompson

Microbiology

Professor Carlson

Advanced Biology

Professor Lunt

Microscopic Study of Living Things

Professor West

Insect Study

Professor Carlson

Psychology of Personality

Professor Bird

Psychology of School Subjects

Professor Walton

Psychology of Testing

Miss Wharton

Graduate’s Account of South American Trip

Shatters Many Illusions

Not wishing to disrupt America’s “Good Neighbor Policy” and admitting he saw only a limited part of the vast continent, nevertheless, Theodore Liard, ’39, who spent a part of the summer on a cruise through South American ports, paints a not altogether too rosy picture of the continent to the south. His tale of his trip is especially interesting to the illusions of those who cherish food dreams of prodigal vegetation; of inviting harbors; of smiling American engineers in sombreros and khaki who spend all their time rushing huge ships and boring out rushing torrents and constructing roads leading up the Andes to the clouds.

The first illusion that Mr. Liard attacks is the theory that all of South America is fertile. “Far from it,” he declared. “Near Veracruz, where I was, is practically a desert.” Because it is difficult to raise cotton here is imported at a very high price.

He recalls paying 15 cents for a Nestlé’s bar and was told that a Swiss chocolate bar would be five times as expensive. “High wages are paid down there, but you have to be practically a millionaire to get a square meal,” he added. “Salaries don’t mean much.”

As a musician in the orchestra of the cruise ship, Mr. Liard was on the sea a good part of the time, but on his land-spends, he never fails to impress by the easy-going habits of the natives. “They sleep more than they do anything else but they do not except as something other than real American attempt.” He recalls passing, in the morning, a native who was sitting asleep outside a store.

The native remained in that position until nightfall and as far as Mr. Liard could make out, his only activity during the entire day was to reach for a banana around midday. The two sides of the town are like ghost cities during the night.

Finally, Mr. Liard goes the last remaining illusion. He brings back reports that the natives who swim out to meet the liners at the nearest Indian ports will no longer dive for a penny. The contact of their native halls has taught them that it’s a nickel or more at all.

“No silvers, no dive.” There will be no longer diving for gold.

Two of the Senior Class, Anah Banks, and Josephine Smilbor, and one former member of the Junior Class, Marie Tovar, have arranged marriage announcements to their friends. Miss Banks, who was married last year on Labor Day, 1931, made the event known at the close of college. The wedding of Miss Smilbor and Miss Tovar took place last summer.

A new plan for admitting interest-ed students to the Anchor staff and a tightening of regulations for staff members have been announced by the editorial board of the publication. The enlargement of the point system in use in previous years to include a specification dealing with a minimum amount of work is the main feature of the new plan, which will go into effect for publication of the regular October issue of the Anchor.

The new plan calls for every person applying monthly at least one article which required little or no editing. Failure to meet this requirement one month will mean suspension from the staff for two months, automatic dismissal.

Apprentice workers on the Anchor must have published at least three articles during the semester of probation to obtain admittance to the regular staff.

The only new courses offered by the Education Department are added.

A graduate of Williams College, Mr. Archer has received the advanced degree of LL.B. from the University of Michigan and A.M. from Harvard University Music School.

Mr. John B. Archer, well known in Rhode Island musical circles and director of the Providence Festival, has lectured for Massachusetts State University Extension Department.

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COACH PLANS AMBITIOUS ATHLETIC PROGRAM
DESPITE TEMPORARY EQUIPMENT Handicap

by Bob Byron

Once more it appears that those
who wish to bring athletic progress
to the College will be faced with
the same difficulty—a lack of adequate
facilities. Upon the closing of school
last June, it was decided that the
students would return to a completely
renovated and modernized shower
facilities. Upon inspection it can be
seen that the same antiquated and
near useless fixtures remain unchanged.

As the plans now stand, the remodeling of
the locker room will begin sometime in
the near future and the equipment
will not only have to put up with
underwater showers, but for a time
they will apparently have to do without any.

In spite of this, Coach Daniel O'Grady
has outlined an ambitious schedule
which is expected to fill the entire year
with some kind of physical activity. This
year only those who show an active interest
in the sport will be allowed to participate.

By this it is hoped that a few
out of such activity as occurred last
year will be replaced. Under
the same conditions, as many boys
as possible will be grouped on the same team
as much as possible in an attempt
to increase the rivalry. It is not, however,
interclass competition that the
League will function with either
eight or seven men on a team. Members
of the same class will be grouped as much as possible
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