

Ramkin Heads Ask Cooperation in Financing Book

Staff Earns Part Of Extra Cost

Ruth Thomas, editor-in-chief of the Ramikin and Robert Reuter, business manager of the publication, ask the students and organizations of the Institute to support the school's yearbook.

In an exclusive interview with a Psmar reporter they point out various reasons for such support.

"The Ramikin, your year book, is the Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute in miniature. It represents your life while at the Institute—your faculty, classmates and friends in classes and at play—in a literary and pictorial form.

"It has been rumored that several organizations have decided not to be represented in this year's Ramikin. This is not true because the Ramikin staff has not, as yet, received any direct protest. A majority of the organizations have already returned their contracts and we are confident that the remaining ones will in the near future.

"At the beginning of this year the students of the Institute expressed a desire to have a bigger and better Ramikin. Due to a

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Wrestlers Lose To Kent State 26—6

With Ray Bloom and Bob Renner taking the only two matches won by the RAMI matmen, Kent State marked up its seventh straight victory last Saturday at Kent, Ohio, by a score of 26-6.

The success of the Golden Flashes of Kent was due to their taking every match but two. These two were won by Bloom over William McCune by decision and Renner, RAMI's runner up for the interstate title last year, took the decision over Earl Stanley.

Husbands Cook for Wives

The supreme test was bravely faced when husbands, concluding their course in Recreational Cooking, prepared a buffet dinner for their wives Dec. 15. "The little woman" acted as judge of her husband's cooking artistry, recommending the granting of a credential of the Institute in Recreational Cooking. Dr. Mark Ellingson presented specially prepared diplomas.

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"PEACE ON EARTH"

An Editorial

"Peace on earth, good will toward men" seems to echo a hollow and brutal mockery at this Christmas season, when history's most inhumane war is gathering even more momentum—when men all over the world are killing their fellow men. . . . This is not so.

It may seem cold-hearted and unfeeling to enjoy oneself and have a good time, when our boyfriends and brothers must spend their Christmas in army camps or actually fighting the enemy. . . . This is not so. . . . To wish someone a merry Christmas may seem trivial in comparison to the heart-deadening knowledge that the United States is fighting a defensive war against three countries. . . . This is not so.

To observe this Christmas of 1941 and the holiday season in its original and true spirit is one of the most important contributions to our country which we can make at this time. Let us not rob our small brothers and sisters of the child's delight in Christmas—they will miss enough of the advantages a child raised in peace time gains. Long newsy letters to the boys at camp will help to cheer them—letters which are full of the small, everyday things which say so much to someone away from the family circle.

Christmas is, after all, a religious holiday, although sometimes this is obscured by artificial tinsel glitter which hides the true reason Christmas exists. This Christmas commemorates and renews the birth of those principles of freedom, justice, and tolerance for which this country is fighting. Our cause is just; our cause is a way of life—a peaceful way.

Let us have a wonderful Christmas this year—wonderful in the knowledge that we understand its original and true meaning.

MSA Sees Dynamometer Demonstration at Meeting

The M. S. A. of the "B" block were given the opportunity to attend a demonstration on dynamometer test equipment by the Gulf Oil Corporation last Wednesday evening.

It was the first demonstration of its kind given in this locality and was designed primarily for men engaged in technical work.

Mr. Cresby of the Brooklyn Poly. Inst. explained the purpose and operation of the machine.

The "B" block drive for members new and old is in progress. Students who have not been asked and would like to join are asked to see Thad Ivan, Senior Instrument Maker.

The Printing Dept. defeated Phi Sigma Phi Monday in a bowling contest. Bob Spriggs held honors with high game of 198.

Alliance Wins Over RAMI Hoopsters 46—39

A much favored Mechanics quintet bowed before the aviators of Alliance College, last Friday evening by the score of 46-39.

It was nip and tuck all the way with Alliance leading at the half 19-16. Mechanics surged ahead in the third quarter on George Backer's field goal to make the score 30-29.

Mechanics held their lead up "til the last four minutes when Alliance took the lead on five straight goals.

Johnny Pietrzak, Alliance forward, was the individual scoring star of the evening with 23 points. Ed Connell and Roy Kelso sparked the home team with 12 and 10 points respectively.

School of Commerce nipped the MI Reserves 37-31 in the preliminary.

Howes Engaged For Dorm Formal January 24

Date Bureau Established

The most eagerly awaited event of the year is coming, when the Dormitory will hold its annual Dorm Formal. The date has been set for Saturday, January 24.

Because of the huge success last year, the affair will be held in the Seneca ballroom with the music of Ted Howes and his Cornellians.

Barbara Maulbetsch is general chairman of the dance with Megs Austin in charge of the orchestra.

The following committees have been named: Finance, Shirley Rupright; tickets, Megs Austin and Mary Jane Braico; chaparrones, Dot Griffiths and Mary Jane Bird; alumni, Rose Bordarano; publicity, Jackie Pfeieger, Barb Coe, Tommy Thompson, Joe Wilson, Rita Beyer, Jean Clements and Wilma Potter.

Mary Skivington is in charge of the date bureau, so there is no need of worry because of no date.

Tickets may be bought from Miss Florance Meyer, Mary Jane Braico, Mary Jane Bird, Barb Coe, Barb Maulbetsch, Shirley Rupright, Jane Zogg or Megs Austin.

As this is the first formal of the year, and traditionally one of the most important functions of the social year, everyone will want to jot this date down in his little blue book.

The dorm girls have 2:30 permission.

Kelso Putting One In For RAMI



Alley Cats

Everyone will soon be on their way home, so, here's hoping you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year's.

A new romance that is gaining place in the Art School is that of Wilma Potter and Hank McIver. If we're not mistaken, she is the first girl Hank has dated at MI. Another item is Jean Adams and Tommy Korchak. He's the lad who gets all the girls, but has settled for our smooth blonde. The Doctor's office where Kay Draper is now working is being visited by a fellow named Ray, and—he isn't a patient.

Why is Jim Brodie visiting Salamanca every weekend? His name is Dot. It's funny, he grew up with her, but is just starting to notice her charms.

Do you know that Rudy Gage eats her lunch every noon with Rudner's cat on her lap? Lucky fella, he's cooeyed too. We mean the cat, of course.

What goes on between Pat Holmes and Johnny Miller? What happened to Bob Wilfirth??

Blackout at the Dorm

Everything is defense nowadays. When the blackout came along last Sunday, all the Dorm girls settled before the fireplace and sang Christmas Carols. In their spare moments, you'll see most of them knitting nice big blue sweaters. The teachers are about to give up when they see all the females—knitting.

The senior Photo Techs will be taking over Edward's Men's department during the holidays under the honorable Mr. Koch. By the way, many thanx to the Photo Techs for contributing so much tinfoil to the Dorm. An error: Bill Rushmore hasn't been called by the Draft board—yet. He had to report to his local board. He cracked his car up in the slush of last Saturday.

A girl named Jean and a boy named John. Ah yes, it all started in the cafeteria.

Freshman Party

The Frosh had a great party at Clark Union last Saturday. Skip was bet a "samollie" that he couldn't cut Fran Nolin and Frosty—he couldn't. Rem Kentos kissed Mary Jane Braico under the mistletoe while Evie Parker and Dick Blackwell stood by.

Well, we've come to the end of a wonderful year. Here's hoping that this is the nicest Christmas you've ever spent.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

The first week of the strengthened gymnasium program wound up with a total of 155 students using the new facilities during the 12½ hours the building was open for student recreation. This number included 22 girls.

Highlight of the week was the challenge table tennis match between Photo-Tech and the Electrical Dept., which tied at two points each. In view of winning six of the ten total games played, Photo-Tech may be considered to have won a moral victory. Individual winners were Dick Blackwell and Bob Goldstein of Photo-Tech, and Bill Cushing and Jack Firth of the Electrical Dept.

Photo-Tech has been challenged by the Art Dept., and the two teams are expected to battle it out in the near future. The various other departments are forming teams in preparation for the league which will be organized immediately after the Christmas holidays.

The Chemistry Dept. has stolen a march on the rest of the departments by starting its own championship tournament, with a total entry of over twenty names. Inasmuch as a tournament to determine the individual champion of the Institute will be conducted during the course of the winter, each department is urged to organize practice among its members and to have a strong representation in the field.

At the current writing, Dick Blackwell looms as tops in the crop of table tennis players who have used the gym this fall, with Carl Ferriby, Charlie Rogers, Jack Firth, Bill Cushing, and Sam Stur-

ges pushing him close.

Incidentally, girls, there ought to be a good many more of you taking advantage of that table which is reserved for your use at all scheduled times in the gym. So far Kay Draper, Laurel Wagner, and Bambi Davis have been the most consistent of its users.

Paddle tennis was inaugurated last week. This game is not to be confused with table tennis. Wooden paddles weighing over ten ounces and a sponge rubber ball about the size of a tennis ball are the implements of play. The court is the size of a badminton court, and the net is 2 feet 11 inches in height.

Henry (Hank) McIver looks the best of the badminton crop of players using the new full-sized court, with Cliff Bull and Ray Bloom offering him his strongest opposition. There will be a badminton tournament later in the season, so get in your licks of practice now if you intend to compete.

Although table tennis and badminton held the spotlight in the gym this week, wrestlers and fencers also made use of the facilities during the scheduled periods. Fencing at noon will be permitted, providing the duellists quit in time to excent the building by 1 o'clock sharp.

All users of the gym are required to read the regulations posted there, and to abide by them. These regulations were made to provide the greatest good for the greatest number. Please remember that the gym program is arranged to benefit ALL students, not just a few.

Foods Graduate Takes Defense Job

A graduate of the Food Administration Department in 1929 is moving soon into a new position as manager of the employees' cafeteria at the Bendix Airplane Corporation in New Jersey. This cafeteria serves from 3,500 to 4,000 meals per day.

Phi Upsilon Phi

Phi Upsilon Phi Sorority held a special meeting Monday, Dec. 14, to plan the final things for the rush party to be held Jan. 12, 1942. The freshmen to be invited were decided upon and also the type of party it will be.

Social Tact is making your company feel at home, even though you wish they were.

"Hostess" Course Completed

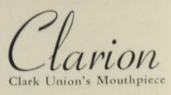
A group of women are completing a six weeks' course known as "The Hostess Serves Her Guests."

Members of the class are: Mrs. George W. Aldridge, Mrs. E. A. Grenelle, Mrs. Thomas Hargrave, Mrs. Howard Reineman, Mrs. Liggett Alison, Mrs. Marion Craig Barry, Mrs. B. Emmet Flinucane, Mrs. Herman Russell, Mrs. Robert Bruce Lindsay, and Miss Marion Orvis.

One of the last menus the group prepared consisted of fruit canape, fried chicken, waffles, brown sugar whip, and coffee.

Glee Club

The Glee Club held its annual Christmas party Wednesday, Dec. 17. There was caroling, an exchange of ten cents gifts and refreshments.



A meeting of the Ski Club was held Tuesday the ninth at which the following officers were elected: Bob Wilson Pres. Frank Kirby Vice Pres. Mary J. Braico Sec. Treas. Bob Wilson was out skiing while the meeting was going on.

A large map of the world is posted in the game room near the radio. Battle areas in the Pacific Conflict are marked in red.

The Freshman Christmas Party was a huge success. Among its many and varied diversions were dancing, games, and—Oh yes—mistletoe. Valuable presents were distributed by Santa Claus.

A Very Merry Christmas to you—and if you get a chance just dash over and take a look at our splendiferous Christmas Tree and room trimmings.

Hobbies For Defense

Plans are being formulated to organize hobbyists who are interested in National Defense into a Red Cross Unit. At present the Knitters seem to be the most likely candidates, but even if you don't knit there are many other jobs to be done, such as bandage rolling.

This does not mean that the entire Hobby Club will be mobilized, and that all the hobbies unrelated to National Defense will be shelved, but that all who are interested in Red Cross work are urged to join the Hobby Club Group.

Don't knit alone and like it!! See Mrs. Dale! Get yourself a Hobby for Defense!!

Just as a winder-upper did you know that Bill Torporcer has taken on another job—yep—he's conducting a free lunch stand—for the birds.

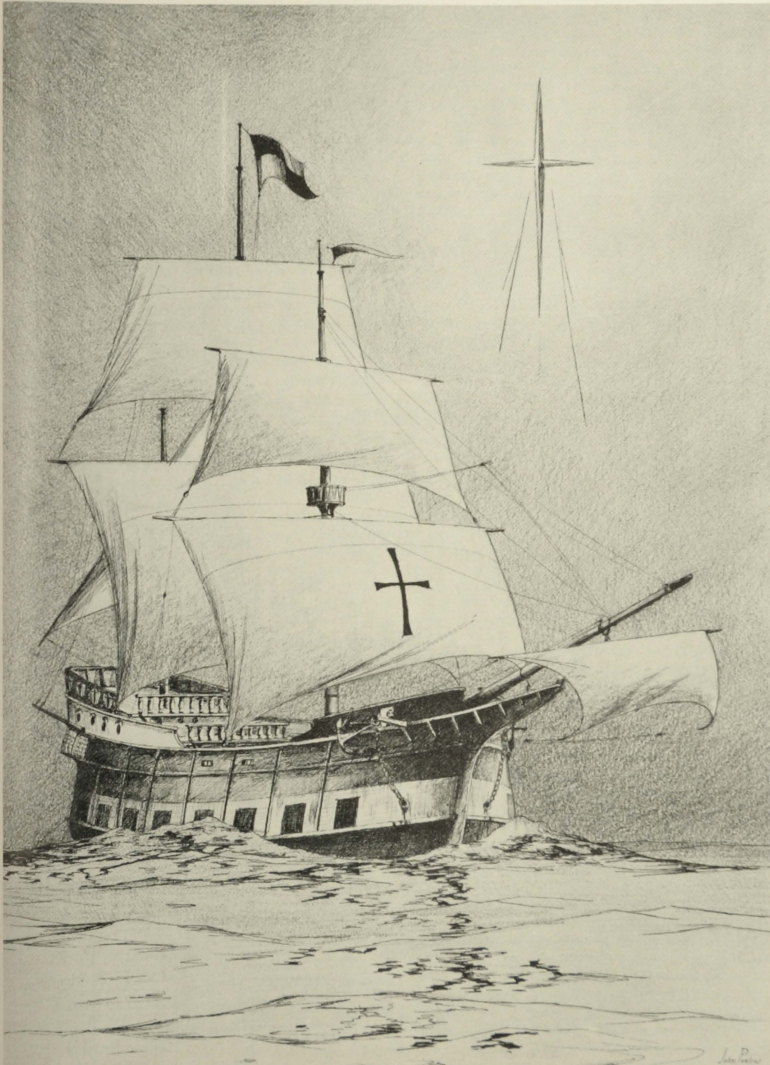
Photo-Tech Bulletin Loses Super Drooper Drawing

There was wailing and gnashing of teeth among the Photo-Techs last Thursday, December 11.

Bob Wilson and the staff of the Photo-Tech Bulletin are broken-hearted about the disappearance of a pencil sketch for the cover of our esteemed fellow-journal.

The drawing, a super-production feature for their mimeographed Christmas special, was last seen in Room 203. The Bulletin will carry on however, in spite of this last minute sabotage.

The Christmas Ship



There is a ghostly galleon
That haunts the stilly night
With sails that meet the breeze
like wings
And one star for its beacon
light—
And sails and ship and star and
sea
Are wonderfully strange to me.
One night each year and only
one
They cruise uncharted space
alone
And sway and breast a tranquil
swell
To other keels unknown.
And on its deck, with solemn
eyes
A woman and a baby lie,
Rocked and sheltered better
than
That other night and other
land.
Big the Baby's eyes behold
The guests who come with gifts
to lay
Beside Him where the manger
hay
Still strews His mother's robe—
Great Falstaff, Scrooge and
Tiny Tim,
St. Wenceslaus before his page
page.
The carollers with Christmas
hymns
That echoed in another age.
And all the folk like you and I
Who feel the joy of Christmas
tide.
They are not wise nor bring
they gold,
Nor ointments, frankincense,
nor myrrh
What good are such as that to
her?
They merely bring the simple
stuff
Of dreams and sunshine, joy
and love,
And all the foolish little things
That go into their fashioning
To frieght the ship which sails
a sea
That edges on eternity
And has no harbor but the port
It finds in happy loving hearts.

Elizabeth Gr.

Institute Parties Add To Season's Festivity

Christmas comes but once a year and the Institute students and faculty join together among the holly and tinsel, lighted trees and caroling, making it a festive occasion; one that really fulfilled the spirit of Christmas.

The Dorm was gayly decorated with holly and tinsel and rows of stockings await the midnight visit of old Saint Nick. Their Christmas tree glows in all its splendor of lights and ornaments.

The Dorm's Christmas breakfast last Sunday was attended by all the Dorm Girls. The Dormitory Council serenaded everyone, waking them in time for breakfast. All the girls tramped down in their housecoats, a little sleepy, but just full of the Christmas Spirit. Holly and other Christmas greens made into tiny corsages waited each girl at her place.

Dorm Girls Celebrate

Caroling by freshmen, from the sixth floor down to the first, opened the Dorm Christmas Party Dec. 18. The girls carried lighted Candles and sang all the familiar Christmas Carols. Wishing with pine cones and a Santa Claus in all his fine attire with presents were part of the evening's entertainment.

Faculty Guests present at the Party were Dr. and Mrs. Ellingson and Dr. and Mrs. Jarvie.

Chairman for the party was Mildred Kuebler. On the committee were Barbara Coe, programs; Lois Atchison, food; Roberta Robinson, Invitations; and Bambi Davis, Publicity.

Clark Union Decorated

The student center was also full of the Christmas Spirit and the Christmas tree in the Lounge glowed and glistened for all who came to view it.

The tree was put up for the Freshman Party and was left up throughout this week. Ann Zutes purchased the tree, the money coming from Clark Union funds.

Art School Has Party

The Art School held their annual Christmas Party, Thursday afternoon in the Bevier Livingroom. Carolers and a Jovial Santa made up the entertainment, which was enjoyed by the art students. Candy and refreshments were received with enthusiasm by all.

COUNCIL MEETS JAN. 6

The next meeting of the Student Council will be held Tuesday evening, Jan. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in Clark Union. All members are expected to attend.

Student Council Rules On Placing Posters

The ruling given by the Council concerning the advertising of the Brother-Sister dance was made a permanent law last week that will apply to all activities in the future. Specifically, the ruling is "Posters will be allowed only on the bulletin boards, by the clock in the front hall, and in Clark Union, under the direction of Bill Torporcer." The Council will do everything necessary to enforce this.

After a lengthy debate and no definite decision, the Council appointed a committee to meet with the Ramikin staff to decide what action would be taken in the matter of increased page prices for activities wishing space. The committee was instructed to keep in mind the fact that the year book would be neither bigger or better, in fact it would be no good at all, if activities weren't represented in the Ramikin. The possibility of reducing the rate and getting the necessary funds from some other source, and of selling space by the half page will be considered.

In regard to the suggestion by Dr. Ellingson that the Council take charge of defense activities at the Institute, Lyle Briggs said that the Council was definitely behind him and would do everything in its power to maintain normalcy, and that it would seek to give the students every opportunity to do their part in this emergency.

Newman Federation Holds Conference

The Annual Conference of the Central New York Province Newman Federation was held recently in Rochester.

Daniel Collins, a senior Photo Tech and president of the RAMI Newman Club, was chairman of the Registration of Delegates. Margaret Wagner and Frank Breitwieser were the official delegates of RAMI at the Convention.

Students of the Institute attending the dinner dance at the Starlight Room of the Hotel Sagamore were: Rose Bordonaro, Margaret Wagner, Jean Rutledge, Natalie Cummings, Pat Holmes, Daniel Collins, Jim Pulvino, Robert Wolf and Frank Breitwieser. Freddie Woolston's Orchestra furnished the music.

On Sunday, Newman Club members attended mass at Old St. Mary's Chapel. This was followed by a Communion Breakfast at the Hotel Sagamore.

Next year the Convention will be held in Buffalo.

Ramikin Leaders Ask For Cooperation

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larger size page, greater number of pages and pictures, and a raise in production costs, it was necessary for the Ramikin to earn more funds. Therefore we, the staff of the Ramikin, went to work and earned more money. We suggest that the few small organizations who find it difficult to pay for the space allotted them get out and earn some money to help pay for their space in the Ramikin.

"To make this year's Ramikin the best annual yet, every little part of your school life must be represented. We want all phases of the Institute to appear in the book. If some small part of your Institute is not represented in the book, the Ramikin will not be a complete picture of your story at the Institute.

"You, the students, are the ones who will make the 1942 Ramikin a success. We, as members of the staff, only collect the pictures and write-ups and organize them. We are depending upon you to do your part. When called upon to perform some small duty, please cooperate and make this, the 1942 Ramikin, the best book ever published at Mechanics Institute."

Two College Delegations Praise Institute

Groups from Stout Institute and Adrian College visited RAMI Tuesday, December 9.

The guests from Stout Institute, a technical school located at Menominee, Michigan, included Dean Clyde A. Bowman, W. R. Baker and Roy Van Dusen of the Allis-Chalmers Corporation.

From Adrian College, a liberal arts school at Adrian, Michigan, came Dean Fox, Irene Kauska and Mr. Barshnay.

The Stout delegation were particularly interested and impressed by the fine technical equipment and the visitors from Adrian could not praise enough the services of the school to the community and industry through the functional practical working of its curriculum and through the successful administration of the cooperative system.

Adrian hopes in the near future to inaugurate a similar plan and both groups are visiting progressive schools all over the country to observe the success of their programs.

The reactions of both toward RAMI were enthusiastic and they expressed unqualified approval of the school.

Cheer Leaders Pep Up Sports Assembly

Rah Mechanics! Cheers led by cheer leaders in new blue and white outfits, were the main feature of the assembly held recently.

The following students are this year's cheer leaders: Mary Jane Bird, Retailing; Betty Ann Ford, Retailing; Mary-Jane Braico, Photo - Tech; Evelyn Daniels, Foods; Harry Buss, Electrical; Bill Brignall, Photo-Tech; and Armand Beckwith, Electrical.

Miss Braico, Miss Daniels, Brignall, and Beckwith led the cheers at the assembly.

Lyle Briggs, Student Council president, opened the assembly, and a sports review and group singing, led by Chesteen Kendalf, made up the remaining program.

Dr. Mark Ellingson spoke briefly on the sports program for the coming season. Coach Lee Fox reviewed the team this year and an announcement of the line up and schedule was made by Harold J. Brodie, faculty manager. The wrestling matches for the coming year were discussed by Sherman Hagberg, faculty manager, and Coach Ed Pike. Clarence Tuites introduced the new cheerleaders and Robert Goldstein spoke on blood donation.

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