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STUDENT PUBLICATION ROCHESTER INSTITUTE TECHNOLOGY



The Hole Should Be Right There

Dorm Formal Huge Success

The Dorm Formal, held Saturday, November 16, in the ballroom of the Hotel Seneca, was a complete success according to members of the committee. Attendance was set at approximately 800 persons after a pre-dance sale of nearly 375 tickets.

The dance, which was staged in a "circus" motif, featured "George," the comical little man with the mischievous eyes. Balloons completed the decorations.

Music was furnished by Jack Egan and his orchestra.

The committee, under the co-chairmanship of Ruth Whittard, Betty Whitney and Barbara Heugembourg, had charge of planning the dance.

Chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. William Plunka, Mr. and Mrs. Eddan Erno, Co., a local firm, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith.

School Rings on Display

Rings for the 1947 graduating class are now on display in the showcase of the main corridor of the Eastman building. The Student Association has a contract with the Madison Bros. Co., a local firm, to provide the students of RIT with class emblems and rings for the classes of 1947, 1948, and 1949.

The rings vary in size as well as price. The larger size, suitable for men, are of the same design as the smaller, feminine model. It is quite possible that some of the male students may prefer the smaller rings, so it is perhaps wrong to class either of them as masculine or feminine. The type of ring that is desired will be specified in the order, so that all who order will get their preference.

The die-struck gold rings are slightly higher in price than those made of silver. However all designs of the ring are identical. One side of the ring will bear the seal of the Institute, while the opposite side will have the initials "RIT." The year of the graduation class will be engraved with "19" appearing on one side, and the year of graduation, either "47", "48", or "49" on the other. Up to three initials will be inscribed in the ring at no extra cost.

There are four different stones available with these rings: amethyst, opal, and spinel or ruby. The difference in price between these is negligible so that the deciding factor should be merely a matter of choice.

The rings will be on display for two months and students will be notified by mail and by similar stores. There are lower in price than the rings. All prices are listed along with the display and students are urged to avail themselves of this opportunity to look

Dr. Whitman Speaks to Camera Club

Dr. E. P. Whitman of the Eastman Kodak Co. was guest speaker on November 11, at the first Photo Tech Camera Club meeting.

The subject of his talk, "Underlying Bases for an Aesthetic Picture," was illustrated by his collection of salon prints, the largest in Rochester, collected by exchange with other leading photographers.

Dr. Whitman, a physicist, began work at the Eastman Co. research lab 20 years ago. He became so interested in pictorial photography that he gave up lab work in favor of his hobby in the Kodak Camera club service.

Officers appointed to the positions in the RIT Camera club are: John Bundell, president; Genevieve Wojtowicz, secretary; Hazen Keyser, treasurer. Chairmen of the various committees are: Jack Barach, entertainment; Phil Allen, Salon; Nancy Ledger, programs. New business included plans for a square dance to be held in the Presbyterian church, November 22.

Card Expert Entertains

The RIT chapel (First Presbyterian church) was the scene, Thursday, of excellent entertainment offered by Michael MacDougall, internationally known card and dice expert, whose books and articles on gambling have won much acclaim.

Mr. MacDougall, who also appeared last night under the auspices of the Rochester Consistory, gave demonstrations of sleight-of-hand, and a brief outline of the methods in unmasking professional gamblers. His last appearance in Rochester several years ago was so successful that Dr. Ellingson began negotiations for an appearance at RIT immediately upon learning of the Consistory engagement which brought him to Rochester.

This assembly is one of the average of eight held each year. This year, because of the greatly increased number of students, the Institute has found it difficult to locate an assembly hall large enough to hold the entire student body. Because of its nearness to the school, the Institute heads were able to convince the trustees to increase their need for a meeting place.

Two committees plan, and are responsible for the assemblies. One, the faculty committee, is composed of Mr. Frank Clements, Liberal Arts department, M. S. Steinman, the librarian, and Mr. Arthur Sinclair of the Art department. The other committee, composed of students, has on its roster the names of Doris Verbeck, Mel Wright, Hawley Lawrence, Betty MacCargo, Nat Middleton and Gunther Pfeffer.

at them and make their decisions ahead of time to avoid last-minute confusion and dissatisfaction.

Here Is Your Six-Page SPRIT !!

For the first time in the history of the Institute, a regular six-page paper has rolled off the presses of the Publishing and Printing department. Much hard work has gone into the first edition, the standards of which should be raised in subsequent issues.

Factors which have made this enlargement possible are the increased floor space in the Publishing and Printing department, the volume of advertising and, most important of all, the fine cooperation that the staff has received from the various departments throughout the school.

It is believed by the staff that the quality of the paper will not be impaired by the additional two pages. Cartoons, pictures, and features will be emphasized because of the obvious interest displayed by the students in these features.

Due to the efforts of the advertising manager and his assistants, the number of ads contracted for have made the use of three pages necessary to prevent crowding. It is possible that more advertising

will be forthcoming very soon.

The various editors have literally worked day and night to cover events that are of interest to the readers. If, by chance, some happening has escaped their notice, the reason may be their inability to be in two places at once, or, it may be that they were not informed of the event in time to meet the deadline.

Notification of these meetings, parties, etc. should be left in the Spirit office in the Clark building. Someone will be assigned to cover any event thought to be newsworthy.

The staff welcomes constructive criticism. Only in this way can a better paper, from the reader's standpoint, be made available to the school.

"Kid Stuff"

We find that many of the returned veterans at RIT are proud, or potential fathers. It is amusing to hear of a father going home after school and having his three-year old child ask him, "Did you play hookie today. Pop, or did you decide to go straight?" The result of such a remark may be 6:30 bed call.

Charles Scheiber was trying to study some "photo tech" chemistry one night while his daughter was in a "hawling" mood. He simply solved the problem by going to the library to study and letting his wife take the apron.

When babies arrive there is usually an increase in laundry. Edward Yerg, a P&P student, saves his wife the work of pressing these "odd laundry articles" by running them through a Miele Vertical. The result is 4500 diapers per hour.

The man at school maintaining his wife and child finds it difficult to support them. This means he must get a job on the side in order to make ends meet. He deserves a great deal of credit for accepting such great responsibilities while trying to acquire an education at the same time.

The assets of social life begin at home in the family and the man who accepts the foregoing liabilities is credited with being a worthwhile member of society.

NOTA BENE

The staff of this paper is not laboring under the illusion that there is no room for improvement. On the contrary, they feel that there may be many changes that should be made that have escaped notice.

Don't keep your gripes to yourselves. Make them known where it will do the most good. We've got a "Letters to the Editor" column for your use in registering these gripes. All we ask is that you sign your name.

Please help us to give you a better paper.

Mexico Beckons Retail Students

An announcement has been made by Miss Hogadone of the Retailing department, of an offer from Salinas Rocha, Mexican department store, to employ six girls for the months of July and August, 1947.

Salinas Rocha, the largest store of its kind in Mexico and, in the opinion of American clothes, the "Lord and Taylor" of Mexico City, selected the Institute because of its outstanding reputation. Nineteen girls, of whom only six will be chosen, have already applied for the positions.

Applicants for the positions must have a speaking knowledge of Spanish and be willing to undergo the questionable hardships of a four and one-half day trip across the United States into Mexico. The one-way cost for this trip is \$165.00.

Further information pertaining to the positions has been requested of the Mexican department store. No pay rate has been set.

Raffle, Initiation Mark Chi Delta Phi Meeting

Initiation of new members and reports on the sales of tickets for the turkey raffle to be held November 25 in Clark Union, were featured at the Wednesday meeting of Chi Delta Phi fraternity with President John DiPaola in charge. Thirteen new members were inducted into the fraternity which more than replaces the members lost in the graduating class of 1946. The induction was marked by its informality and the absence of hazing, banned for the past two years by a vote of the majority of the members.

Present officers of the organization are: John DiPaola, president; Robert Martin, vice-president; Charles Schwartz, secretary; Robert Morin, treasurer.

Museum Sets Lecture Dates

Hut, tup, thrup, four! Ants ri-ETE face!

They migrate, they form armies, they invade territory. The Army Ants, generally found in Africa or South America, parallel civilization in many respects.

"Just How" will be one of the topics scheduled on the 1946-47 Rochester Museum Association lecture series, of interest to RIT students. W. Stephen Thomas, museum director, announced recently.

The interpretation of the atom bomb experiment at Bikini by a scientist who witnessed it, colored pictures of South American and African jungles, the interior of Peru, and outstanding colored photographs of botanical studies provide subjects of particular interest to RIT students.

Botanical Color Photographs

Rutherford Platt is well known to Rochester photographers and naturalists as a lecturer with an outstanding collection of botanical color photographs, as well as the author of "The Green World," which deals with the drama of trees and flowers and how they grow and disappear. Mr. Platt will talk on December 11.

There will be two lectures on travel in South America. The first of these on January 8, 1947 will be given by Lewisa Godow who achieved international prominence through his explorations in Equatorial Africa and the Upper Amazon Valley. The color films which he will show and the story which he will tell, deal with the way of life of the most interesting jungle tribes of South America.

Dr. Thomas said, "Early this year while in Panama at the biological station on the Barro Colorado Island in Gatun Lake, I met Dr. T. C. Schneira, associate curator of the Department of Animal Behavior, in the American Museum of Natural History and lecturer of Animal Psychology at the University of New York. Armed with a machete, a miner's lamp, a notebook, a camera, and an enormous pile, he would disappear into the jungle for three hours after dark, following the migration of the vultures. He is coming to tell us about them on February 19."

Hoffmeister to Speak

On March 12 the lecture will be given by Dr. J. Edward Hoffmeister, Director of the Department of Geology and Professor of Geology at the U. of R. He has spent considerable time in the South Pacific and recently returned from the Bikini Atoll. What he will tell about his experiences will depend upon the nature of the questions officially proposed, according to Mr. Thomas. (Engineers note.)

Mr. Thomas will talk on April 16, the date of the last scheduled lecture. He will show the colored films and slides and will talk about the expedition to the high Andean valleys, as well as to the little-known section of Peru's Perenne River.

Each lecture will begin at 8:15 p.m. in the Museum on East Avenue. There is no charge.

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THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving, like Christmas and Easter, is one of the few holidays with a true meaning. For at this time of the year, when the leaves have left the trees, chrysantheums dominate the garden, and brown is in vogue with nature, we have put aside a day to be thankful for our bounty.

It's almost impossible to say anything about this holiday that hasn't been said many times before, but in our opinion it is not amiss to declare ourselves before God on occasion. Indeed, we do not declare ourselves before God often enough. We take too much for granted.

When one thinks of Thanksgiving one thinks of corn shocks and pumpkins, linden shelves, a well stocked wood bin and a table heavy with the weight of a huge turkey and the trimmings. And yet this picture is as incomplete as a still life without a bowl of fruit. Aren't we inclined to forget that we have eyes to see with, friends to talk with, and the right to do as we wish within the wide boundaries of democratic concept? And among many other blessings aren't we at liberty to voice our opinions on everything from politics to religion?

many other blessings, aren't we at liberty to voice our opinions on everything from politics to religion?

At a time when so much of the world is in a condition of post-war chaos, we students can consider ourselves fortunate in being apart from those whose task it is to settle this condition. It is as though we were in a world of our own, for do we not work toward our goal in comfort and security while others suffer?

It seems as though everyone is carrying his particular tale of woe. Burdens of self-imposed defeatism are making themselves felt as never before. The Man on the Street is trying to lathom the complexities of the Changing Scene. And yet, American ingenuity has been challenged many times before. We have done it before; we'll find a way.

Is it not fitting, therefore, that we should give thanks that we students have an opportunity of gaining intellectual and technological ground—certainly amid so much uncertainty? It behooves all of us to be grateful for the opportunity to share in the prosperity which is certain to come.

Lets try to remember that Thanksgiving isn't just a chance to go home for a few days. It's a time to be grateful for what we have.

And we have so much.

STOP LIGHT

It's perfectly normal for humans to procrastinate wherever and whenever possible.

Why put a shingle over that hole in the roof? It's not raining. Why put a lock on the barn door? The horse is still there, isn't he? And besides, who would steal our horse? It just can't happen to us.

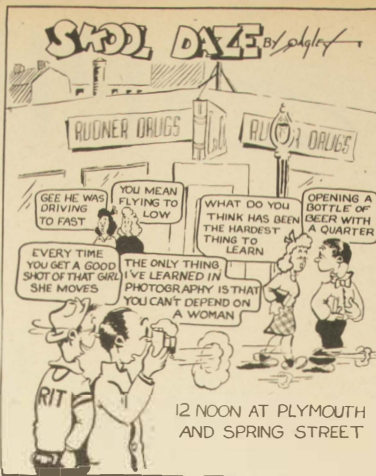
And why put a stoplight at the corner of Plymouth and Spring street? No one has been killed there yet, at least not in our memory span.

The fact that half of our friends haven't been killed on their way to the drug store or restaurant serves only to strengthen our faith in a Divine Being.

However, some of the narrow escapes that we have witnessed over a period of two years have left us a bit shaken. The law of averages will not permit our luck to hold on forever and sooner or later someone is bound to be killed or seriously injured at this intersection where heavy traffic, both motor and pedestrian, is further imperiled by the blindness that stems from man's inability to see around corners.

We feel that the solution to this hazard lies in the installation of a stop light, the employment of a monitor or policeman, or both.

For having survived the war, rationing and shortages we'd dislike being knocked out while crossing the street for a pack of cigarettes.



Two Billions in Dividends On GI Insurance

Although nothing is definite as yet, two billion dollars will probably be paid in checks to those individuals who held life insurance during the War. Amount of payment will depend on how long you have had the policy, the kind of insurance, whether straight life or one of the other plans, and whether your policy has lapsed. It will be paid pro rata.

Whether it includes those of you who come under the Gratuitous life policy is not known as yet. The Air Cadets are some of the men holding this kind of policy. An explanation of where this money is coming from is in order. The insurance was issued to you to cover the natural hazards of living, not the dangerous conditions of war. Any deaths resulting from the war itself were taken care of by direct appropriation by the Government. This money came from the general tax fund. Therefore the virtual "stockpile" of money was built up by the veterans during the course of the war in the way of deductions from monthly pay is still very much intact.

When it will be paid is another story, however. According to a spokesman of the administration department this payment of dividends to every policy holder is going to be one of the largest problems ever tackled by the government. He added that it might be such a length of time that we might be in the middle of a depression when the money would be more useful.

Along this same line, F.D. Newbury, of Westinghouse Electric, in a recent speech noted that according to the cycles of business, the middle 1950's should be the period of the next depression. Drastic Changes Made During the early part of this year some drastic changes were made in the GI Insurance plan. Probably the two most important are the ability of the policy holder to have anyone made his beneficiary, and the other the choice of either a lump sum payment upon death or having the amount of the policy gradually paid out in monthly installments.

The National Service Life Insurance is another one of the famous government "Bureaus," and yet

is a non-profit organization. It means exactly what it says. Each and every dollar that you put into your policy goes toward that policy. None of it is used to defray expenses. The Government pays all overhead such as salaries, and cost of operating. The money for this comes from the yearly tax budget. This is one of the main reasons why you receive the same policy, for 20 per cent less, that you would get from a civilian insurance firm.

There are definite advantages to GI Insurance. One important fact already mentioned is the 20 per cent saving. Another is the dividends you will receive from now on. This two billion is only the start. A third is the ease of payment and the liberality of reinstating your policy in the event that it lapses. Then, of course, your insurance company is as safe as your government. Your money is used to help finance the government and instead of paying the interest on money borrowed to a bank, it is paid to you in the form of dividends.

Quarterly, Yearly Payments Cheaper

Here are some statistics on YOUR insurance company. The rates are as follows:

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| \$1.28 per thousand for Ordinary | Full Life | 30' Pay |
| 1.59 | Life | 20' Pay |
| 2.02 | Life | 20' Year |
| 3.46 | Endowment | at 60 |
| 1.60 | Endowment | at 65 |
| 1.53 | Endowment | at 85 |

You will note that the range of prices is as wide as the types of insurance. These prices, by the way, are for monthly installments. Payments quarterly, or even yearly, are considerably cheaper. Under some conditions you can reconvert your term insurance back to the date of inception or at least to the date when you first signed up for the insurance. Of course, if you take anything but the full life policy, there is the necessity of paying the difference in cost as far back as you desire.

On the 20-year endowment plan

Dorm Notes

Hi Kids
 'Mid the confusion of trying on gowns, waiting for that all-important phone call, and last but not least wondering where we are going to scrape up three bucks for the ticket, we settle down to the task of preparing for the Dorm. Fortunately, the discover that people are still going places and doing things and life can be really beautiful.

Over at Spring street, Dottie Newton is solving the most problem by indulging in a little vogue stak. Nice to have a fat, who's a good shot.

Could it be that the names Reilly and Reid sound alike or is there something more to it . . . how about that, Mimi?

A familiar sound lately has been Jack Baruch's scotter . . . usually sporting one of the dorm girls.

Betty Benedict recently spent a weekend in Elmira. Could the attraction be the scenery or is it name Bob?

Among the current twosomes are Dee-Lois-Bell, Allen, Carol Smith-Bill Pearson, Joan Bantz-Bob Van Demear, "Bugs" Larkin and Bob Goldstein.

"Red" Warner attended the Cornell-Syracuse game and held a reunion with Muriel Watkins, '46, and Pat Dempsey, '48. Pat is now studying at Cornell. Incidentally, "Red" and Terry Woodman are planning to attend the annual Mumb Ball at Cornell during the Thanksgiving vacation.

Jane Shafer and Harriet Mann seem to think "Dancing In The Dark" is all-right, especially at the Sigma Chi house on the U. of R. campus.

Walking down the halls of your old dormitories we hear these familiar phrases, "I knit two, put two and what do I do now?" . . . knitting seems to be a favorite diversion these days and have you seen the luscious yellow sweater Caroline Davis made for her Nelson . . . Lucky boy!

A timely remark heard after the recent early morning fire drill at Gleason Hall, "Was this trip necessary?"

Mary Sewell was a weekend guest of Clair West, Nan Tolman and Audrey Schutte in Buffalo. While there she attended a sorority dance at the Brookfield Country Club.

"N. J." Stahl is still walking around in a daze as a result of the big Autumn Weekend at Cornell. She tells us the frat house parties were really wonderful and the boys created some unique punch!

Well kids, before we start beating our heads against the wall we had better sign off for this time. Wishing you all a wonderful month of Thanksgiving and don't eat too much turkey! —Mary Lou and Ann

as an example, you pay in only \$458.40 per thousand in those 20 years. However, should you die in that time your policy would be worth its face value. At any time after the 20 years are up you may cash your policy in and collect \$242.40. This is the average savings of one thousand dollars for the 20 years and it has cost only \$334.50. Of course those of you who want to let their policies stay with the company have the full face value of the policy when they die.

Any questions you have concerning life insurance or any other matters concerning the Veterans Administration can be answered by a contact man in the Rochester office located on State street. They will be glad to help you save money on insurance. —Hil Burnett

Stop Me . . .

When I found out I was to handle this column this year, I was moved to poetry and, will, due respect to other poets, living or dead, I submit the following beautiful lines:

I'm filled with joy,
I jump with glee,
I got to there
before Kirov.

No column is really complete this season unless some mention is made of the play "The Iceman Cometh." Everyone seems bent on making it a social message. Maybe it is, but still it's just one guy's opinion. So what if Mr. O'Neill thinks the world is going to hell on a handcart. Unfortunately, Mr. O'Neill probably hasn't visited a college campus recently. He hasn't seen the ex-GI slugging it out amidst crowded living conditions, high cost of living, and dozens of other problems of various magnitudes. He probably doesn't know of the spirit that the ex-Joes are using to overcome these obstacles. Take a look sometime, Mr. O'Neill.

Overhead Department

(Silver Strikers Division)
Hear in cafeteria the other noon by a group of boys. Talk between two freshmen boys just out of high school. "Gee, I don't like the fall school." "Well, most of them are 22 or 23. Had enough to be my father." "Gee, are we that old!"

Had brunch the other weekend with Johnny Desmond of Glenn Miller fame. Johnny is the quiet type, but with his voice he can afford to be. And when I say voice, mean voice. The only thing he seems to have against his kind of life is leaving his wife and 8-week-old daughter in New York City. When asked whether he had any favorite tunes, he replied, "The ones Miller used to do." He still seems sad about the music field loss and I can't say that I blame him one bit. There'll never be another.

Reading the New Yorker the other night, I came across this merry little item:

Attention Note: The for-rent sign on an office building in Germantown, Pa., that reads, "Entire Building Will Divide."

Time will come in a few weeks when the wind will start whipping one's anatomy with the deftness of a surgeon's blade. And what will the student wear to cover his shagging frame?

Vis something or other (i.e. keyholes, transoms, fire escapes, etc.) I learned that the belted trench coat is now the chic thing. And with this Rochester weather it's a bad idea.

Paris fashion designers have decided that dresses must be fourteen inches from the ground this year. Shades of 1912. Pity the poor GI still over there—Oh yeah!

Neatest-Trick-of-the-Week Department

(T. S. Division)
An ex-GI is trying to end the instructor that is authorized to grant permission for rule No. 34 of the student rules. Rule No. 14: "Men and women are not ordinarily permitted to work together in the same dayroom; however, permission may be granted by the instructor where circumstances warrant." He would also like to

Vets Air Problems At Counsel Center

The Counseling Center is a division of RIT which makes referrals and counseling services available to civilians, business, and industrial firms as well as veterans. This center, established in 1940, was one of the first counseling centers in the country.

There are really two centers, one for civilians and the other for veterans. Until now this center has treated 3,000 disabled veterans. All disabled veterans from Rochester and all surrounding towns are called in for advisement. Veterans under Public Law 346, which is the veterans education bill, can also take these psychological and aptitude tests on request. Those veterans that are treated may apply at the U. S. Veterans Administration, RIT Guidance Center, 150 Spring Street.

What individuals need counsel? Those who desire to know more about their aptitudes, interests, and abilities; are not making satisfactory progress in their present jobs; are considering changing from one type of occupation to another; have not decided upon their educational or occupational careers; need assistance in choosing a school or college fitted to their individual needs and abilities.

The procedure used, starts with an interview. Then psychological tests, questionnaires and questionnaires are selected and administered in view of each individual's problems. This testing may cover mental ability, aptitudes, academic achievement, occupational interests and emotional status. Suggestions for long range educational and occupational plans are made and discussed.

Follow-up interviews are held to check progress.

There is a charge of \$20.00 for civilians which includes psychological tests, inventories together with interpretation and counseling and brief written summary. The testing, counseling and interviewing may require from four to seven days.

Fees for specific tests are available upon request.

For an appointment or additional information see Dr. Leo F. Smith at RIT.

Know just how these circumstances happen.
Sorry fellows—that's a tough one to beat.

The nice thing about a column like this is that you can take a crack at things that you don't like I give you for an instance: What's this Red Skeleton guy "903"? RIT admits that a lot of eggs are laid to rest on his program, but why must he yell "903" everytime. I've got a sneaking hunch the answer will be found in his sponsors new advertising catch phrase: "903 doctors smoke cigarettes—the other 97 smoke pipes."

Dug up an old piece of corn that I thought would be an appropriate one for this column. It's: "She was only a dentist's daughter
But she went around with the worst set in town."
—Melchior Klumpp

Phi Sigs Dancé at Sheraton



A section of the crowd enjoying themselves at Phi Sigm's Phi's dance on the Sheraton roof. Music was furnished by Bonnie Dowdy's orchestra.

Did You Know . . . ?

Station WHEC was the first radio station in Rochester and a twenty-sixth in the United States. Its origin dates back to 1908 when a student at Mechanics Institute, Lawrence G. Hickson, tinkered with an amateur wireless telegraph. The set was dismantled as a preventive measure when the war came, but peace brought Mr. Hickson's development up to a wireless telephone set over which he broadcast phonograph records three times weekly.

Captain Henry Lomb founded the Mechanics Institute in 1885 with more than 600 students attending first sessions "for the purpose of providing technical training for the youth of Rochester."

The first fountain pens on record were made in this city in 1849 by Bishop & Coddling, plowshare manufacturers. The pens were not sufficiently successful, however, even with "The Famous Coddling Fountain Pen Ink," which was "as pure as raw old milk, and as smooth as oil, and, in fact, when dry, only a fine smooth paste on the paper." As a result, Bishop & Coddling were soon making boots and shoes.

The Cutler Mail Chute, an internationally used device was originated in Rochester in 1880 by James G. Cutler, an architect. He included it in his plans for the Elwood building at Main and State streets. Postal authorities gave approval and its world wide usage shows how successful a simple vertical chute can be. To prevent

Free Membership Offered GPs

Veterans who have not taken advantage of the three-month trial membership at the Central YMCA are encouraged to do so. There is no charge, and the only requirement is that they apply.

If a veteran desires to join the YMCA and has not already taken advantage of the free offer, he can give credit for three-months cost which will be deducted from his annual or semi-annual membership fee.

Annual membership fees for young men, 18 to 21, are \$15; men 22 to 24, \$17; and men 25 and over, \$20.

The Central YMCA offers a number of activities and interests some of which are the following: swimming, handball, squash, body building, basketball, Y-Pd club, Phisletic clubs, YM-YW dances, outings, Y Men's clubs, YM-YW Sunday afternoon forums, camera club, Chess club, ballroom dancing, contract bridge and Book Review club.

Photographers Attend Convention

Following many years of inactivity, except for salons, the Photographic Society of America held its first post-war convention in Rochester, October 30 to November 2.

On Wednesday afternoon students wishing to attend the exhibits at Kodak were excused from class. Guides, taking ten people to a group, conducted two-hour tours through many of the film and paper processing departments. It was quite a thrill to travel the length of the film packaging room with only your neighbors to guide you. The only signs of activity there were the voices and the intermittent green lights.

On following mornings for the balance of the week other plant trips were attended at Camera Works. Defender, Baugh, and Lomb and Wollensak. There were many interesting and informative lectures scheduled around the city every afternoon and evening, for which classes were officially closed. The photo technicians arrangement accounted for the Fashion Parade instead of the usual array of smocks, boxes of paper and fixing boxes.

Thursday evening marked the formal opening of the Salon Exhibits room with its own Memorial Art Gallery. Many of the best prints of this country and of the world were on display as well as many color transparencies and much industrial equipment.

Color, Lighting Demonstrated
A most interesting part of the Convention was held here at RIT. Mr. Bluestone, of Pagano Studios Inc., New York, gave a demonstration of color lighting, having brought with him a beautiful blonde model. He demonstrated the various film, Ektachrome. The film was taken to Kodak and processed in time to be on display for the Saturday afternoon lectures.

For these demonstrations, leading photographers from the U.S. and Canada assembled in the spacious two-story studio on the third floor of the George H. Clark Building.

The very successful convention week was terminated by the dance held Saturday night in the Sheraton Room at the Sheraton Hotel, and it was right to the lucky owners of those little blue badges.

Photo Tech—the department of badges. Senior members of the department were to be seen with hosts of freshmen around them waving one and ten-dollar bills for Camera Club memberships. There has been a real stir of activity as a result. The annual picnic and initiation was held in Central Park the second week of school.

John Blundell, the president, Hazen Klyser, treasurer, and Genevieve Wojtowicz, secretary, have done an excellent job on their first year of the year.

Another Camera Club project is publication of Time Exposure under the capable direction of Avis Desens. This little paper is making RIT history.

Photo Technicians salons will be forthcoming during the year. Last year's practice of displaying pictures in the Cafeteria will be resumed. Watch for them.

—Sue Goodler

Ex-GIs Urged to Sit Tight

Veterans who have not received their subsistence checks on time are encouraged by Alfred Johns, registrar, to remain patient. He said, "We are doing our utmost to get veterans's checks paid on time and we have succeeded in directing all necessary papers to their offices."

Mr. Johns expressed belief that the ceiling pay for on-the-job training of \$175 for single men and \$200 for married men will be correct and added, "We believe that after all matters have been clarified, cooperative students will come out a little ahead financially than had amendment Public Law 346 not been passed."

Public Law 346 was amended by Congress in August, 1946, to correct abuses for on-the-job training. The bill was passed without a public hearing.

Reporter Queries Grateful Public

In an attempt to gather a few Thanksgiving sentiments, this reporter interviewed the first nine people that stopped for a breathing spell at the corner of Plymouth and Spring after having run the gauntlet of heavy traffic during the noon rush hour. The results were not surprising, considering the frame of mind that one is in after having played tag with motorists that consider the pedestrian an unnecessary evil.

Said one HUT vet: "I live in a democracy where there is real freedom—where the little folk meet the big folk on even terms. Why just the other day I bumped into Governor Dewey on the street and we conversed. Said he, 'Get out of my way. Said I, 'Yes sir!'"

A young Mech student stated: "I'm in love. And my dream girl, Frenese adores me. Best of all, she doesn't have to be in the dorm until 11 @ clock. Wheel!"

The proprietor of a local hash house: "In order to help RIT students I lowered the price on my breakfast special of Johnno and grass and brala suet to \$73. I am thank-

ful that the students eat in my place."

A Rochester business man found in a stooping position in front of the Eastman building: "No more shortages in Rochester. Cigarettes are as plentiful as army field jockeys. I collect a variety of treasure chest of butts every day at four o'clock."

A local baker: "To whom I'm thankful, I'm not knowing, but now my 'buttermik pie I'm selling like mad!"

Said the Man of Distinction: "Hit! Only in the United States could a man have such a gainful and pleasant occupation. Hit!"

Said Henry Wallace: "Thanks to RIT Psychology prof, I'm able to night school classes. I learn enough to instruct my day students. No, I'm there nothing like a progressive education system!"

Said I: "I am exceedingly thankful for the opportunity to display my writing talents. I am ever grateful to the SPIRIT for the chance to write a column. Please let go of my arm, please. You're hurting me!"

—Carl Gardner

First Spirit Comes Off Press

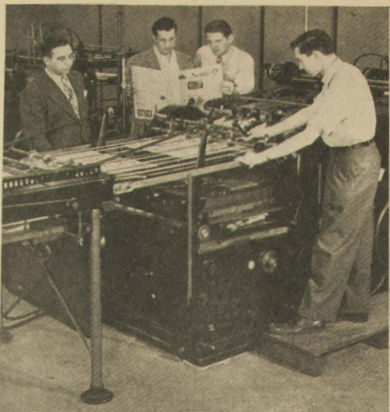


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Standing from left to right are: Hal Burnett, Don Smith and Bob Marshall of the SPIRIT staff. Paul Warren, production manager, is at the controls.

Episode Emporium

What's yours?
From coffee to cough lozenges, Rudner's has it. And without having any definite prof or having made a comprehensive survey, it's a safe bet that the place sells as much coffee as cough lozenges. You see, that it's right across the street from the Presbyterian church.

The reason for Rudner's popularity can be attributed to any number of things. However, looking at it objectively, you may say that the proximity to the school is the main reason. And that of the value you get there, with the entrance fee set at a nickel.

For that nickel one can get a cup of coffee, a comfortable chair and a cat to pet. And rain or shine there's always Lit's cheery greeting, "Oh, so it's you again."

The choicest seats are for the regular customers and the big spenders. Mr. Rudner (I suppose that's his name. He'd be foolish to name the store after someone else), always tries to get your door open for a student customer just before he gets ready to enter. After conducting him to his favorite seat, he assures prompt service by summoning a waitress, that is, if he's too busy to wait on you himself.

With a sunny smile she trips lightly up all Rudner waitresses give the impression of being excellent performers—and currying inquires. "Whaddya want we must get 'n' order."

And all the time the cat is sharpening his nails on your favorite thigh.

Here's your order and out comes your VA check which forthrightly disappears in the gaping maw of the cash register.

And, so, dear reader, you take up your change which has been deposited before you in pennies and invest it safely and wisely in a United States three cent stamp. See you next month. Lit!

Sprit Schedules Thirteen Issues

The following dates have been established for publication, copy and photo print deadlines:

| Copy and Photo Print | Publication | Deadlines | Dates |
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| October 30, 1946 | Nov 8, 1946 | | |
| Nov 13, 1946 | Nov 22, 1946 | | |
| December 6 issue cancelled by Thanksgiving recess, November 20 to December 1, inclusive. | | | |
| December 11, 1946 (Special Issue) | December 20, 1946 | | |

January 3 issue cancelled by Christmas Recess, December 21 to January 5, inclusive.

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| Jan. 10, 1947 | Jan 17, 1947 |
| Jan. 22, 1947 | Jan. 31, 1947 |
| Feb. 5, 1947 | Feb 14, 1947 |
| Feb 19, 1947 | Feb 28, 1947 |
| Mar 5, 1947 | Mar 14, 1947 |
| Mar 19, 1947 | Mar 28, 1947 |

April 11 issue cancelled by Easter Recess April 11 to April 7, inclusive.

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| April 18, 1947 | April 25, 1947 |
| April 30, 1947 | May 9, 1947 |
| May 14, 1947 | May 23, 1947 |
| May 28, 1947 | June 6, 1947 |

The schedule has been arranged to give adequate time for copy editing and headline writing. Ample time has also been allowed after holidays for the gathering of news.

While all copy and photo prints must be in by deadline much of the copy should be scheduled to be turned in ahead of this date. This is especially true of columns that are regular assignments for all issues.

Grads at Kodak Prove Value of Co-op Plan

Graduates of RIT have made impressive marks in the fields of their choice. Statistical evidence tends to prove the value of the cooperative plan of education, as carried out at this institute.

The first of the departments of the Institute to employ the "co-op" plan was the Electrical Department. Graduates of this program find employment in many branches of the electrical industry such as, power generation and distribution, construction and maintenance, railway signaling, communication (telephony, telegraphy and radio), and sales and service of electrical equipment. According to the latest reports there have been many graduates who have climbed to the top in their field.

Among those who have graduated in Electricity, the largest number to enter plant engineering in a single company has been those who are now employed by the Eastman Kodak Company.

Construction and Maintenance: Popular The construction and maintenance branches of the electrical field have attracted and held many graduates of the Institute's cooperative electrical course. Students usually start in this field as electrical helpers, and the promotion sequence includes junior industrial electrician, journeyman electrician, assistant engineer, and engineer. In most cases the first

promotion comes after graduation, and it may take several years before one is entrusted with full engineering responsibilities.

Electrical engineers in the plant departments of modern industries plan and supervise the installation of power and lighting systems. They are frequently called upon to design special electrical apparatus, and to devise new methods for using electrical equipment and processes to increase manufacturing efficiency.

A list of those electrical graduates now working in the plant engineering department of the Eastman Kodak Company, together with the year of their graduation follows:

- William J. Scanlan, 1926; Francis J. Davey, 1927; James F. Ryan, 1929; Charles L. Cooke, 1931; Felix A. Marchewski, 1931; Edmund J. Klodzinski, 1932; Leonard M. Miller, 1933; Clarence R. Wilson, 1933; David D. Carroll, 1934; Orville W. Lisk, 1934; William G. Stannat, 1934; Herbert W. Bowden, 1935; James W. Leese, 1935; George C. Pfenniger, 1935; C. Louis Stork, 1937; George A. Emery, 1939; Clifford A. Martin, 1939; Roland H. Hriggs, 1940; Roger M. Williams, 1940; Robert E. Duff, 1940; Harry E. Reynolds, 1941; William F. O'Brien, 1942; Roy H. Silla, 1942; and Richard A. Mathe, 1943.

—Al Klein

Relief Seen In Housing

The present situation in veteran's housing is notoriously familiar to all those who read the daily papers. Labor and material shortages and the waste of both have created a shameful condition.

Many veterans in this institute are living in temporary quarters in various sections of the city, and a large number of them are dissatisfied with the arrangements they have. In many cases veterans are living away from their wives, considering themselves lucky to have a room of their own. Some of the living quarters are classed as apartments, yet have hardly enough room for one person.

Two projects to relieve this situation are now in the building stage. Specifically, they are the barracks being erected at 150 Spring street for single men and the Edgerton project for married couples. The Edgerton project, tentatively scheduled to be completed in January or February, will be made up of large and small apartments, the smaller consisting of a kitchenette, bath and a combined living-sleeping room, and the larger a kitchenette, bath, bedroom and bathroom. Present plans are to allot the larger apartments to those married couples who have children.

Barracks Will Be Warner

The barracks for single men will consist of double and smaller single rooms with a common latrine and showers and will be much better insulated than were their predecessors, the army barracks.

Many veterans have expressed the opinion that they do not want to go back to barracks-style life, mainly because it is too strong a reminder of their service life. They feel that the time they had of barracks life is enough to hold them until the next war.

However, such features as low-rent single and double rooms, insulated walls that can keep out the elements, and heating in the school, will influence a good many of those who have expressed a dislike, to change their opinion.

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Catherine Chrisman

Everyone in Publishing and Printing knows Catherine Chrisman. She's a familiar sight on the second floor of the Clark Building with her short, blond hair and operator's apron.

But let's introduce all the departments of RIT to Mrs. Harry Chrisman!

Catherine comes from Scottsbluff, Nebraska, a nd it was there she spent her childhood and high school days. After graduation from high school, Catherine went to work for a telephone company in Nebraska and for eleven years worked on the switchboard and in the commercial office.

It was during this time that Harry Chrisman came into Catherine's life. They were married in 1942.

In November of 1942, after Harry had enlisted, Catherine decided to enlist in the W. A. A. C. Her three years of service were spent, for the most part, in California, although her travels took her to many other states.

Discharged in 1945, Catherine came to RIT with Harry in January of 1946 to study publishing and printing. When asked how she got into the printing world Catherine said that although she had worked with Harry on his Nebraska newspaper, for a long time she seriously considered art school. "But," said Catherine, "after I knew Harry was going to study publishing and printing I finally decided that as a team we would be better if I studied publishing and printing, too. Anyway, I'm not a career woman."

Now, in her last year at RIT, Catherine has great hopes for next year and the future. We know that she will be a big asset to Harry in their news publication.



Harry Chrisman

Harry Chrisman of the Publishing and Printing department comes from Scottsbluff, Nebraska. If you ask him about printing he'll tell you it was the last thought in his mind until six or seven years ago.

In fact since his high school years Harry has been a kind of "jack-of-all-trades." After high school Harry traveled on the road as a salesman covering the mid-west and western territory of the United States for the Diamond Match Company and later for the Nash Finch Wholesale Grocery Co. After U.S. Harry got into the livestock business and for a time dealt in hogs and cattle. Next, he decided to try his luck in the newspaper world and Harry's first interest in printing resulted from editing a weekly newspaper in Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

During this time he met Catherine and after a short courtship of eleven years they fell acquainted well enough to risk the Great Gamble. After a 4-day honeymoon they did not meet again until shortly before the war's end.

Prior to coming to RIT Harry enlisted in the Army in the fall of 1942 and was immediately sent to the Pacific. He served two years in the south Pacific with an Infantry task force and another year on the Isle of Oahu, T.H., where he was assistant to the Education and Information officer.

When asked how they liked the East they both stated that they liked the exceptionally friendly people here but dislike the cold weather. They refer to the East as "The Glacier."

In his last year at RIT Harry sees he and his wife, next year, as publishers of a newspaper in Nebraska—or certainly the West. We wish them luck.

Lord of Lords, grant us the good whether we pray for it or not, but the evil keep from us, even though we pray for it. —Plato

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Chemistry Department

Did you know that the Chemistry Department has a roomful of modern and not exactly inexpensive equipment for instrumental analysis?

The other day Mr. Imes showed me the little room (two doors down from Chemistry stock-room window) where this new equipment is stationed. Signs over different pieces of apparatus denote such things as potentiometer, polarograph, amperometer, conductometer, spectrophotometer, a nd spectrophot.

At present the equipment is used in teaching night school classes and in carrying out quantitative and qualitative control analysis for companies in Rochester which do not have the facilities for such work.

It seems that instrumental methods of analysis are becoming more popular because of the rapidity with which these analysis can be carried out. How much more rapid are the instrumental methods? The ratio is about two days by wet methods, to two hours by instrument.

Although the equipment is applied to Chemical analysis, the principles behind it are more electrical in nature. The sensitivity of the instruments—to as little an amount as a hundredth or thousandth of a per cent—makes instrumental analysis desirable in preference to previous methods. In case you are now more confused than ever, stop by sometime and let Mr. Imes show the equipment to you and answer any questions you may have.

Chemistry Clubs
RITCA Club Officers for the new school year were elected at a meeting of the organization on November 6, 1946. The new officers are:

- President—Don Doyle
 - Vice President—Ed Wallin
 - Treasurer—Walt Gerber
 - Secretary—A Block—E. Roberts
 - Secretary—B Block—Ruth Bice
 - Social Chairman—Emily Bron
- The next meeting is to be November 20, when the Constitution Committee will present a revision of the present constitution for approval.
- Mr. Dean Westervelt is acting as advisor of the club this year.
—Pria Porter

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Glee Club Plans Christmas Program

The Glee Club at RIT has commenced work on the music to be presented at the Christmas assembly under direction of Mr. Charles Warner, Eastman School of Music.

The Club reports that there are openings for several more good voices and urges any interested students to attend their rehearsals held at the Institute cafeteria. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 28.

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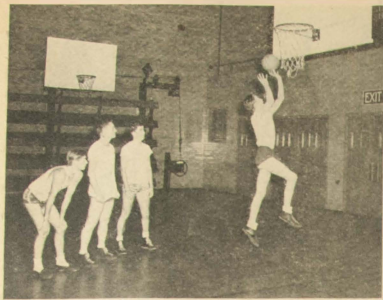


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Some of the boys working out on the hardwood at Jefferson High. The team, under the tutelage of Coach Fox, is beginning to shape up in a professional manner. To the photographer's unprofessional eye, the material looks good.

Sportlights

With varsity basketball well under way, the bowling situation in hand, and a new smoking lounge opened for indoor athletes, your reporter did some hot-footing around on his own to see what additional recreational fare might be in the offing.

Stumbling on four members of the faculty conducting an earnest inspection of the old, deserted Photo Tech quarters, it struck me as a remarkable coincidence that each of the four was a member of RIT's athletic committee. Could it be that the learned gentlemen were considering ways and means of putting those vacant floors to athletic use?

An inspection of the rooms disclosed two unused ping pong tables. On inquiry I learned that those were once in active use in the old wrestling gym in one of the buildings that was razed to make way for the Clark building. Now why can't those two tables be dusted off and set up somewhere, perhaps in Eastman hall? There certainly isn't room for them in Clark Union!

The nip in the air reminds me that King Winter is just around the corner. The sight of four sets of skis stacked in a dark basement led to the discovery that RIT students had a Ski club a few years back and that the equipment belonged to some RIT men that marched off to the wars.

It's a wonderful idea! And walking around the block, we passed by the tennis courts on South Fitzhugh. The shape of the enclosure reminds us, somehow, of a hockey rink. A little research revealed that Rochester has a number of fine ice skating rinks and that they usually open by December 20. The average number of skating days in the past ten years was over thirty, with fifty-four the high mark. That's a lot of skating! Better send home for your blades right away!

—Bob Mosher

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Topocer Plays Spring Tennis

Although the tennis sets are still up on the Institute's three courts over on South Fitzhugh street, this season is now officially closed.

Actively during the fall weeks was confined to group and individual instruction by coach Bill Topocer and informal play by tennis-minded students. A student attendant was in charge.

While it was hoped to form the nucleus of next year's tennis team from among the student players reporting for instruction this fall, the late opening of the Printing and Photo Tech departments resulted in only a fractional portion of tennis-playing students turning out.

Warren Davis, manager of tennis, and coach Bill Topocer are arranging a schedule of at least four intercollegiate matches next spring.

The call for team candidates will be made early in the new year. All those who play tennis are advised to send home for their tennis equipment, soon after the Christmas holidays so that there will be no delay in reporting for the spring tryouts.

Saddle Sores

Once again the thrill of riding the bridle paths is here with the weather becoming brisk and the mufflers and riding breeches once more apparent.

With the drop in temperature the students who signed up last week reported that the horses had that extra added-something to their gait, which makes for more fun and skill.

The Student Council has allotted a sum of money to the Riding Club which bring down the cost per individual student to a minimum. Many are taking advantage of this reduced rate and more are expected as the pleasure of riding increases with each session.

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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Announcement has been made of the coming marriage of Donald Charles Hutchins (retailing '39), son of Clayton Dodge Hutchins of Roosevelt street, to Julia Susan Quirk, daughter of Mrs. Frank H. Quirk of Chalmers Avenue. The ceremony is to take place in the West Avenue Methodist church at 3 o'clock on November 30.

Before entering RIT Don served three years with the 66th Signal Battalion, attached to the 20th Corps in the ITCO.

NEW EVENING CLASS

Mr. Hurton Stratton, director of the Evening and Extension Division, announces the inauguration of a course in News Writing. Classes already in session are conducted by Mr. William G. Lewis, city editor of the Democrat and Chronicle, Thursday nights from 7:30 to 9 o'clock.

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