Class Of 1959 Congratulated

Congratulations, Class of 1959! The members of your class have compiled a fine record and all of us are proud and pleased that you have reached this milestone in your careers. But this Convocation is just the beginning. You now join the thousands of other RIT graduates who are achieving positions of prominence in the arts, business, and in industry. We know you, too, will succeed and bring new distinction to the Institute.

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**EDITORIAL**

The Essence of RIT

To each of the thousands of visitors who will tour the Institute during graduation this weekend, we extend a sincere welcome. It is unfortunate that you are here at a time when almost all activity has ceased. For an Institute of higher learning is made up of more than its buildings and grounds. It is made up of students and teachers and the interplay of ideas. It is made up of all those who are united in the desire to turn out men and women who will be of the greatest value to the world of tomorrow.

This is the RIT which you, as visitors to our physical plant cannot see. It is the RIT which many students do not fully understand. This is the RIT which is so truly thriving, through its educational system, to fulfill its responsibility to mankind and the future.

Student Council Progress

To the casual observer, the editorial pages of the Reporter must seem like an unceasing barrage of complaints against Student Council, accusing it of being undemocratic, unfair, and so-called. Although appearances are deceiving, the Reporter, high in its ivory tower, actually has been one of the most active supporters of Student Council.

Looking at the facts, a quick review of Student Council's year shows that this was an active, productive year for the student legislators. Starting early in September with the Freshman Daze program, and right up through Spring Weekend, Student Council and its members were on the job.

After a tangled and confused beginning, Council accepted a Student Association budget that would use each dollar of income to its best advantage. Then there were a series of dessert and coffee hours, and the leadership conference in December. Let's not forget "A Date With Carmen," first big social event of the year, which offered something new to the student body.

A successful blood drive, distribution of the surplus fund into a fund for equipment and fund and audio equipment for the new library are all on the record of accomplishments for this year's group.

One of the items that will go down in history as NOT having happened is the reorganization of Student Council. But then, who knows what next year will bring?

Much of the credit for this successful year lies with individuals, who have given unrewarded hours of thought and effort to better the Student Association. It is impossible to mention all of them here. There is John Finley, Council president; Art Gardiner, vice-president; Jennifer Brennan, secretary; the division heads and their committees; people like Bob Kohler, Fred Guevara, Art Pavelle, and others who were not afraid to stand up and speak for what they thought was right; all these made the year for Student Council.

To them, the Reporter says, "thanks." To next year's officers and Council: good luck.

Play Ball!

This Saturday, RIT seniors are to be graduated and they will leave the War Memorial holding a sheepskin. So they have a degree—what good is it?

"A degree opens doors; it gives one prestige and opportunity for higher wages."

True, but the degree will not keep the doors open nor insure one of the esteem of his fellow men, or wages higher than the non-diploma man. It is the RIT which many students do not fully understand.

The seriousness with which the majority of Student Council representatives regarded their responsibilities was apparent at the Annual Meeting May 11 when not enough members showed up for a quorum. Conspicuous by their absence was the necessity of making the necessary quorum, and the composition of the division chairmen, who traditionally present their yearly report during this meeting. This seemed like an insult, not only to the student body but to the outgoing president.

Every year you elect 10 members to represent you on Student Council. Slightly over half of these members are interested enough in representing you to attend meetings regularly. The other half, secure in the knowledge that you don't care anyway, attend just enough meetings to avoid being thrown off. (Presumably, you don't care who is on the Council.)

Lost and Found

Students! Is that rainbow that you left in E-222 overnight missing? Have you been unable to find that Psychology book that you left on the bench in the main lobby? If you can answer yes to these questions, or could answer yes to other questions about your misplaced articles, why don't you try the Lost and Found Department to see if they have that article that you misplaced.

The Lost and Found Department is located in the Main Office in the Eastman building. Before you leave for the summer, why don't you stop in and see if you are the owner of any of the articles that they have in their collection.

Mr. Robert F. Belknap, Director, Student Activities, has requested that students try the Lost and Found Department and claim anything that is theirs.

The number of articles in the care of the department is getting so great that soon some articles may have to be thrown away.

WRIT Radio '59 60 Staff Openings

This year has brought about many innovations to the RIT Campus among them RIT Radio. In order to continue RIT Radio's service and expand it next year, a large number of people with a wide variety of talents are required. Students have an opportunity to participate in such areas as announcing, announcing, reporting and gathering, business, station administration, technical staffs, programming, sports, special events coverage and many others.

APPLICATION FOR POSITION ON THE STAFF OF
RIT RADIO

Name (in full)__________________________
Address (street or dorm)________________
Department______________________Year________________Age________________
Position Desired________________________2nd choice__________________________
Co-curricular activities you presently engage in are______________________________

Previous experience (high school, college, other)______________________________

Deliver this form to the station advisor, Mr. M.Jacov, in the housing office, 95 Main St. West, before May 26 at 5:00 p.m.

All officers' positions are open; they include president, and vice presidents in the areas of public relations, news and sports, technical facilities, business management, public relations, station management, business, programming, and station research. Applicants for officer positions must have been members of this year's staff or have had commensurate experience in the specific area involved.

There are 14 announcing positions available for news and sports commentators, 23 openings in the technical staff, 12 positions on the technical staff, assistants for officers, and such staffs as the statue, database, catalogers, typists, and secretaries.

Freshmen may participate in RIT Radio's staff positions. Training in all aspects of radio will be provided. Incoming freshmen are urged to mail applications to the station at 95 Main Street West, Rochester, New York.

At the present time, the station is undergoing a reorganization to expand its facilities.
Forty-nine apartments constitute the housing for married students at Edgerton Park. The problem of finding recreation and relaxation for the children of the married RIT student has resulted in the formation of a nursery, particularly geared for the pre-school children. The mothers take turns in the supervision of this daily two hour playtime.

Babysitting among the couples is usually a give and take proposition.

The mothers have also formed a knitting club and gatherings for coffee are the usual order for the day. In winter, the men all cooperate in freeing one another's cars from a snow-filled parking lot.

All in all, the residents of 9 Backus Street form a community of people with similar basic problems which are lessened or solved by a great deal of cooperation between the inhabitants.

Only after every last one of the tots is sleeping is it safe to bring out the books and prepare for the following day at the Institute.

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Layout by Morris Kirch
Problems, Solutions Revealed in C.C.C. Report

On this page are the results of the first Constructive Criticism Campaign at RIT. The campaign was held March 9-13, during which a suggestion and criticism table was set up in the main hall of the Eastman Building.

Students, as well as members of the faculty and staff, were asked to write their constructive criticism on the appropriate blank and deposit them in a box.

Since May 1, members of the committee, including Art Gardner, Fred Guevara, Kay Finley, Jennifer Brennan, John Sturte, Richard Warner, Bud Lockwood, and Jan Carlsen, interviewed students, members of the administration, faculty and staff, in an effort to get questions of constructive critics answered.

The following are the proposals (marked P) and the remarks of the administrative personnel concerned (marked R):  

P.—In the interests of better instruction, an Audio-Visual department should be centralized in the library, primarily for use by instructors.

R.—The Library now handles Audio-Visual materials which instructors and student organizations are free to use.

P.—Grades should be given out to all departments at the same time for morale purposes.

R.—The administration does not think that this is necessary. Small departments are able to process grades more rapidly than the larger ones. To hold all departments up until the last one is ready to distribute grades might result in particularly long delays.

P.—The higher prestige of the B.S. demands that all students in all departments should have to re-qualify on a significantly higher level to proceed on to the R.S. program, and this distinction should be clearly defined in the catalog.

R.—This distinction is stated in the 1959-60 Catalog, as it has been for the past several years. See Pages 20 and 21.

P.—Allow the students a greater number of real electives. In many cases, although electives are listed as such in the catalog, the student does not do the electing. In the interests of efficiency in scheduling, the department offices too often make the choice of electives for the student. A more flexible course structure makes for a more interested student body.

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Southpaw Star Still Unbeaten

Clarkson Defeats RIT In 9-1 Tilt

Unleashing its full power, RIT's baseball team routed Geneseo State Teachers 20-5 in their fourth home game of the season. The Tigers tagged Clarkson starter Ed Bruecktech for 8 hits but Bruecktech scattered them well so the losers were able to pick up a lone run. That came in the seventh inning as Joe Dengler drove in Gary Alger with a sacrifice fly.

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RIT scored three runs in the third inning to take the lead, and then Potsdam pushed one run across in the top of the sixth to close the gap to 3-1.

In the bottom of the sixth, RIT erupted for five runs to cement a victory. Smith started the attack with a single and this was followed by four more hits and two errors by the Potsdam infielders before the Tigers were retired.

Potsdam ended the scoring in the ninth inning, as they scored three runs with help from two RIT errors.

Smith, in getting the win, put his season record at 4-2, and with the 11th straight victory. His record extends back to the beginning of his freshman year.

Bob Gelder gained revenge for the defeat he had suffered a week earlier as he romped over Pope 6-2 and 6-1.

Dick Greene continued his steady playing as he topped Fried in two 6-1 sets, while Dick Beals took the measure of Brockport's Steele 6-4 in both sets to give RIT four victories in the singles.

Jerry Mattixon and Dick Compo were the victims in the only two singles matches which the Tigers lost.