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The faculty and administrative staff of the Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute take this opportunity to record the pleasure which they have had in working with members of the RAMIKIN staff and the Student Association during the school year 1936-37. It is our hope that we have made constructive contributions to each of you in your quest of a career.

It is inappropriate to use these pages to express farewell to the members of the senior class, for both faculty and students recognize that education is a continuing process. We know that you will go forward in your program of self-improvement and self-direction, that your education of the future may be gained in many places, and that our paths may cross frequently. Regardless of where you may be the counselors at the Institute stand ready to give continued counsel to you as you mature your life plans.

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The School of Applied Art continues its policy of emphasizing the importance of practical training for professional Art work. The necessity of a foundation of fundamentals is stressed and progressive techniques of teaching employed. The student’s individual capacity is observed and his training directed in the area of greatest aptitude. Various methods of self-evaluation are employed. An atmosphere of progressive accomplishment and congenial relationship is evidenced.

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The Department of Food Administration offers to its students an opportunity for professional training in Hospital Dietetics and Commercial Food Management. Emphasis is placed upon those phases of Home Economics which have definite career values and will ultimately lead to positions in either the hospital or commercial field.

Opportunity for practical internship is available in nine hospitals and seven food establishments. This experience and apprenticeship gives the student an opportunity to try out, to look in, and to work with real situations and practical management problems.

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The Institute now offers a curriculum in Home Economics which is designed to meet the individual needs of young women whose goal is competency in the many and varied activities of home and community life. A broad education is offered, with units devoted to technical activities designed to train in productive techniques such as clothing construction, menu planning, and meal preparation, house furnishing and decoration, home management, and in the development of the child and family relationships. Supplementary courses are provided understanding to technical process and problems through related principles and facts. For a balance of technical with liberal units, other courses give insight into how to get on with people and give understanding of social and political affairs in which, today, women participate with considerable enthusiasm.
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The Mechanical and Construction Supervision Departments are organized to cooperate with industry as to be constantly aware of new developments and needs and to adjust curricula accordingly. The faculties aim to give as wide a choice of subject matter as is consistent with good practice in education and at the same time to prepare each student for a place in one specific area of these growing, ever-changing and diversified fields. A wide choice of job objectives is made possible by the individualized method of instruction.
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Since its organization in 1923, the Retailing Department has continued to train young men and women both in the theory and practice of the Retailing profession. Careful consideration is given to the student's individual desires and needs, in order that he may achieve his career objective. An opportunity to secure professional experience combined with specialized training enables each student to an even better understanding of the possibilities of this field.

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Dramatic Club 1, 2.

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MARY WRIGHT  
Gainesville, New York  
Food Administration

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RAY ATKINSON  
SARAH AULABAUGH  
RALPH QUINLIN  
GARSON GREENBAUM

RALPH BRANDT  
JEAN BRITTON  
DEXTER NICHOLS  
FREDERICK A. MESSERSCHMITT

HENRY DE ZING  
WILLIAM MARQUARDT  
RICHARD SELTZ  
WILLARD GARRETT

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And so we pass, leaving our mark, big or small, in the history of our school; but the impression, that we take from our Alma Mater, will remain with us all our lives. The R. A. M. I. has given us rare friendships, beneficial responsibilities, and the foundations of our careers. As each year slips by, we will appreciate more and more what Mechanics has done for us.

In our freshman year, we found time to hold the “Frosh Frolic,” while we were being introduced to the maze of activities that swirled around us during that first year. It was then that we selected those activities that we were to support for the following two years.

Soon we were Juniors, with the responsibility of the proper induction of the lowly Frosh. The “Big Brother and Sister” system was introduced and proved an outstanding success. Another innovation was the broadening of the sports program. This allowed the participation of all students in bowling, dancing, riding, swimming, and hiking. The big social event of the year was the “Junior Prom” which was held in the Power’s Hotel Ballroom with dancing to the music of Johnny Grady and his “Swing” band.

Our first two years of work and play passed all too quickly and the day arrived when we became lofty Seniors holding in our hands the guiding reins of the leading school activities. The mid-year was marked by a gay, informal party which we called the Senior Banquet. Then, to cap the climax of our three years activities came the Senior Ball and Commencement. For the last time we were surrounded by all of our associates. Then with school behind us, we set out to make another mark, a mark either indelible or minute, the imprint of which is hidden in the sands of time and controlled by the destiny of fate.
THE INSTITUTE AND INDUSTRY

Industry, a vast and uncompromising cross-section of the world today, is ever beckoning to well-trained and efficient individuals. Mass production, speed, economy and safety demand mentally, as well as physically, well equipped workers.

Where to get such men and women was a vital problem to the leaders in Industry. Finally, one of the pioneers in their midst conceived the idea of founding a school to train and equip young men and women in the Industrial Arts. Thus the Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute came into being, guided by the firm, yet gentle hand, of our beloved Captain Lomb.

To the Institute came students from all parts of the country, seeking a practical training. To the Institute, the leaders of large organizations came, seeking prospective helpers in their field.

The Institute and business organizations have formed an agreement, whereby the student is permitted to gain some practical experience by working as he studies. This system is known as the co-operative plan.

The advantages of this co-operation are not alone on the side of the student. The Industrialist gets an intelligent and well-trained individual in the embryonic stage and guides him to maturity under similar conditions that confront a graduate after a purely academic training. Thus under such tutelage the student learns to conform to the demands of business and by graduation has had enough experience to warrant his becoming a first class worker in his particular field of endeavor. This gives the employer a fully equipped individual ready to shoulder the responsibilities that fall on skilled workmen of today.

Herein we see a balance of experience favorable both to the individual student and Industry.

Alice Echter
Juniors
JUNIOR OFFICERS

John Etu .............. President
Elizabeth Mutch ....... Vice-President
Alice Flanagan ....... Secretary
Irene Rauner .......... Treasurer
JUNIOR

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Vera Bancroft
June Batchelder
Roy G. Bauer
Richard C. Bauml
George C. Behnk
L. H. Besnecker
Naomi Biccum
William C. Bigelis
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George R. Butler
Dorothy Carlson
James F. Castellano
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Joseph Clare
Helen Collins
Joseph T. Cordaro
Wilma Corey
Elizabeth Coyne
Daniel Curtis
Peter F. Derso
P. Densberger
Marion Elam
Austen Enens
Richard S. Eno
Myron T. Estes
Ruth Ficker
Charles W. Fister
Alice Flanagan
Alice Garrison
Mary Gillespie

Mary Gislason
Leonard Gordon
Michael Goy
Robert Gregor
Fred Guardia
Marie Haier
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Harry W. Harvey
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Harold Knight
John F. Kopczynski
William R. Krenz
Harold Langdon
Gerald W. LaVenture
Ruby Leave
Alex Lefko
A. H. Loomis
Leon Lustyk
Roy L. MacConnell
Lillian Manning
Marjorie Martens
Buryle Marvin
Irwin Matteson
Mary L. Mathews
C. W. Maxwell
Florence May
James McLaren
J. G. Meier
Helen Moore
Helen Morrice
Nan Moess
Mildred Mowchan
Marion Muirhead
R. Munford
Betty Mutch
Esca Naas
Donald Nichols
Jean Palmer
Sally Lou Palmer

George Parker
Robert Patterson
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Gladys Pfomer
Peter Poradosky
Marguerita Price
James Pietrantonio
Justin L. Price
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Alinda Repenter
Leonard Rosenberg
Frederick Semple
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J. S. Shuler
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Baia Smith
Ruth Smith
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Frederica Sprague
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Mona Stevens

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Bjorn Thorensen
Albert Tomasso
Anita Travis
John K. Troy
Kenneth Tucker
Justine Ulp
Elizabeth Van Order
Louise Van Vlack
Daniel Verna
L. Waldorf
Louise Wagon
Aileen Waldron
Margaret Westlake
Victor Witowski
In the fall of '35 no blare of drums heralded our entrance into Mechanics Institute. This group of lads and lassies appeared to be reticent but here were leaders as they soon proved. Quietly they began their careers at M. I., however the upper classmen soon discovered that this was not an ordinary class. They participated in all the school's activities. Technical societies, Fraternities, and Sororities claimed the interest and support of a large percentage of our number.

On thru our Junior year as we became more accustomed to Institute life, with increasing volume our presence at all school functions has been noticed. The Junior Prom a high-lighted event of our second year was held in the Powers Hotel Ballroom on February sixth. Every moment of the evening was delightful as attested by all those in attendance. Swiftly now has this year flown!

As Seniors, we hope to continue our enthusiasm and uphold the traditions of R. A. M. I. that, when we pass, as we must, from out these portals, we may leave a record of no mean accomplishments.
FRESHMEN OFFICERS

Safford Hazlett ............. President
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Abbey Jean Northrup ....... Secretary
Clare Chamberlain .......... Treasurer
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Ernest Krueger
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George Law
Alberta Lee
Daniel Lee
Jane Lee
Maurine Leonard
William Lesyk
Martin Levin
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John Lugert
James MacFarlane
Jack Malone
Elizabeth Maranville
Edgar Marvin
Julia Mattison
Virginia Maxwell
Gertrude McAllister
Joseph McBennett
Marjorie McCargo
Jane McNelis
Robert McKay
Margaret McLean
Bette McNeal
Charles Mead
Frances Meredith
Erik Michaeiken
Lyle Mitchell
Arthur Miller
Nicholas Mirras
Arland Morgan
Mary Muir
Harry Mulligan
Alicia Murray
Guy Mustari
George Naas
Paul Nachtwey
Walter Navik
J. S. Neil
Everett Newell
Martha Newton
Richard Nobel
Abbie Jean Northrop
Howard Nuttall
Byron Orendorf
Ida May Orr
Raymond Pappert
Ann Paoletto
Adam Pobrinski
Robert Phillips
D. R. Philp
Marjorie Pierpoint
Joseph Potter
Raymond Predmore
Challis Preston
H. Princehorn
Edwin Pryor
Arthur Pugliese
William Rafferty
Doris Read
Myrtle Reed
Victor Reiser
Thomas Render
Ruth Resler
Doris Rice
Leonard Roe
Charles Root
Archie Rowland
Theda Roy
Emily Sage
Harold Sandak
John Saule
Florence Schierding
Betty Schillo
Henry Schisler
C. Schneider
Milton Schwartz
Clifford Sears
W. J. Sears
Harriet Shed
May Sheeder
Donald Simmons
Arthur Smith
Burton Smith
Anthony Smyrski
Doris Snyder
Miriom Somberg
Sherwood Southwich
Raymond Spafford
E. S. Spencer
Walter Springer
Mary Jane Stallman
Jane Stapleton
Donna Stevens
George Stockin
Margaret Stoddard
Caroline Stone
Robert Stone
Ralph Stowell
Annette Sturgeon
James Taylor
Ruth Taylor
Virginia Taylor

John Teeft
Walter Thodé
Mary Thompson
Fred Thornton
Charles Townhead
Alice Tripp
Carmelo Trovato
Wilford Turner
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John Vaas
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John Van Denbergh
Carl Van Graefeland
J. Van Ingen
Frank Virkus
Frank Walker
Joseph Warren
Laura Washburn
Leon White
Kathryn Whitehouse
Wilson Whiting
Donald Whitmore
T. E. Wiggins
Jane Wilcox
William Wilkinson
Paul Willcox
LeRoy Williams
Mamie Wills
Winona Wilson
Robert Wolfe
Paul Wolter
Bruce Wyman
Florence Yates
Ralph Zinke
"We hereby highly resolve that these freshmen under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that the administration of the upper classmen, by the upper classmen, for the upper classmen shall not perish from this school." Such was the fruitless plea of the class of 1939 as, for the greater part, on September eighth it became officially recognized as a group of freshmen.

Back doors, blue caps, the most hideous green ties you ever saw, green lapel dinner plates, yards of green ribbon became the rule rather than the exception. Brick-bats soon found their place, upper classmen dignities honored, and to top it all they taught us to be dirty politicians and rank, but somewhat proficient, forgers. The gobble of the turkey could none too soon drown out the squeak of, "Oh how we love the upper classmen."

Tables were turned, as they often, almost proverbially are, by the call to extra curricular activities. In the neighborhood of forty frosh answered the call to wrestling. The number has constantly become smaller, but, we notice for the first time in many years, a frosh wrestling squad. Basketball, dramatics, and other activities sounded an interesting note in the ear of many of our number.

By the number of fraternity and sorority pledges, we have received recognition from these particular branches of the Institute. How some of those frosh must love to be initiated!

While the system of education is a bit different, in that it is more fundamental and practical, than the majority of us have been accustomed to, we are rapidly taking our place as one of the school's outstanding classes. We are freshmen by name alone. The urge to become a working part of the world, making it a better place than we found it, has superimposed the desire for freshman retaliation by the lust for new worlds to conquer.
INSTITUTE LIFE

Institute life, as seen by the casual observer, would seem carried on in a little world of its own. Yet, in reality, we are very much connected without outside activities, here in the Institute. Each student is individually as well as collectively trained to carry out not only the tasks for which he is specializing but numerous others as well.

This individualized education is one of the special points about the Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute, and one needs only to observe the many Mechanics graduates employed everywhere and to see how really absorbed the present students are, to find out the results of such a program. Every quarter year, each student has read to him a record of his traits concerning his work and suggestions are made for the betterment of his application.

Life is not the usual humdrum monotony, but every day each student, discovers new worlds to conquer, whether it be in retail selling, photography, chemistry, art or in any of the numerous courses available, and in overcoming these necessary obstacles, we discover that as we continue, it becomes more and more absorbing and less difficult.

School work is enlivened by an occasional assembly, party, or dance given by the various organizations to one of which at least everyone belongs. In addition, there are different activities almost every night in the week—clubs for singing, dancing, riding, swimming, and gymnasium. Anyone is welcome to assist on the publishing of the school paper and the year-book, thereby producing cooperation and understanding between departments.

Completing the organization is the faculty whose interest and understanding assistance aid us immeasurably in attaining our goals.

Elizabeth Burke
THE DORMITORY COUNCIL

Harriet Brownell ........................................ President
Mary Robinson ........................................... Vice-President
June Naomi Batchelder .................................... Secretary-Treasurer
Eleanor Harvey ........................................... Senior Representative
Mildred Mowchan .......................................... Junior Representative
Sylvia Goldenberg ........................................ Freshman Representative
Jane McClenathon ........................................ Freshman Representative

The Dormitory Council is made up of two representatives each from the Senior, Junior, and Freshmen residents in the Dormitory.

This year thru the promotion of cooperative government and the revision of the rules and regulations of the Dormitory more harmonious group living has been enjoyed.

One of the accomplishments of the Dormitory Council this year, is the recreation room on the first floor of the Dormitory. In this room the girls may entertain their friends. Also by the establishment of weekly coffees in the Dormitory a friendly feeling among the Faculty, city, and dormitory girls has been promoted.

The Annual Formal sponsored by the girls of the Residence Hall is now known as the "Fall Formal." Under the guidance of very capable committees this dance was a successful social event.

With the cooperation of all of the girls, the Dormitory Council is having a very successful year.
STUDENT’S ASSOCIATION

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James Barkalow, Electrical ........................................ President
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Dorothy Carlson, Retailing .......................................... Secretary
Evelyn Bucher, Retailing ........................................... Secretary
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Evelyn Bucher, Retailing II
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Dorothy Terwilliger, Retailing III

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Robert Sutherland, Art II
Betty Baker, Art III

Food Administration Department
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Betty Schells, Food Administration I
Louise Van Vlack, Food Administration II
Sylvia Waterman, Food Administration III

Industrial Arts Department
Anthony Symrski, Mechanical I
Richard Green, Photo-Tech. I
Willard Atkinson, Mechanical II

Bruce Smallridge, Mechanical II
James Barkalow, Electrical III
Willard Burns, Mechanical III

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STUDENT’S ASSOCIATION

The Student Council and the Executive Committee are composed of a group representative of the Student Body. Their purpose is self-government, promotion of extra-curricular activities, maintenance of high ideals, scholarship, and sportsmanship.

The Student Association fee has been increased to provide each student with a free copy of the RAMIKIN, a free subscription to the PSIMAR, and to provide better support of the general program of student activities.

A brief resume of the work of the Council for the year 1936-1937 is as follows:

An improved guest ticket for student athletic activities was designed and introduced. The Men’s and Women’s Activities functioned very well and some were carried over into the physical education program. Noon dancing was re-organized and music was provided by the radio-phonograph which the Student Council had purchased. The Student Council sponsored a Student Mixer to welcome those students entering in October. Plans are being made to collaborate with the Faculty to provide two receptions for the new students each year.

These are some of the many things accomplished by the Executive Committee and the general Council with the aid of all the students. The assistance of our Faculty advisor was greatly appreciated. The co-operation of all organizations has helped to make this an outstanding extra-curricular year.
GROUP LEADERS OF ATHLETICS

Dorothy DuBois .................................................. Basketball
Sylvia Waterman .................................................. Bowling
Sarah Garrison, Mary Edgett ................................. Hiking
Dorothy Kanter, Betty Baker ................................. Riding
Marion Elam ......................................................... Swimming

The new athletic program which was started in the fall of 1935 under the auspices of the Student Council has been carried forward with even greater success this year. Not only have these sports attracted larger numbers of students, but there have been also more consistent attendance and greater evidence of growth in skills.

Bowling at the Brick Church is outstanding in popularity. It has had a long season, with afternoon bowling for girls, and evening bowling for both girls and men. A men's team, under leadership of Vincent Brown, has competed successfully with other city teams.

Riding at the Armory and swimming at the Y. W. C. A. have attracted girls in good numbers throughout the school year. Basketball for girls has had a short but busy season, including match games with city teams. Hiking, bicycling, and roller skating have been enthusiastically attended in once-a-month events. A class in ballroom dancing has been conducted under the auspices of the freshman class.

The outlook in athletic activities is good, and there is every reason to believe that next year will see continuing enthusiasm, with development and teams and competitive meets in many of these sports.
This year has been a very active one in the annals of the Photo Tech Camera Club, which is open to students in the Photographic Technology department.

Guest speakers were present at most of the bi-weekly meetings, providing the members with timely information from both the photographic profession and the photographic industry. Notable among the visiting speakers were: Dr. Walter Clark of the Eastman Research Laboratories; Mr. Rowland S. Potter, Vice-President of the Defender Photo Supply Company; Mr. Joseph Durnherr, Times-Union staff photographer; and Dr. E. P. Wightman, famed pictorialist.

During the first month of school the club sponsored a non-competitive exhibition of work done by students and alumni of the Photographic Technology department. Later, during the school year, the club held three competitions among its members, and the prize winning prints aroused a great deal of favorable comment when displayed in the school library. Some were reproduced in the Sunday rotogravure sections of the Rochester newspapers.

The Freshmen students have participated in the club activities to a great extent, and their interest can be depended upon to carry out the camera club traditions in the coming years.
In order that more of the members of “Gargoyles,” Mechanics Institute Dramatic Club, may participate in acting, a number of one act plays have been presented.

Aside from these plays, activities of the “Gargoyles” in the past year have included receptions for the Freshmen of each block, presentation of a group of plays at Christmas, a dance in February, and a banquet in March at which pins were awarded to Juniors and Seniors who had earned them. At the regular Tuesday evening meetings this year, we have had classes in costume, make-up and acting.

Membership in “Gargoyles” is open to all students and consideration is given to the kind of work in which each member is interested, whether it is acting, producing, make-up, costume, scenic arrangement, publicity or any other phase of dramatics.
The Electrical Students Association is composed of electrical students of Mechanics Institute. It was organized for the purpose of furthering the knowledge of conditions prevailing in industries related to the electrical field. Throughout the year meetings were held at which speakers and movies were presented, giving detailed information regarding several specific fields. Such information assists the student in choosing his vocation. The Electrical Students Association cooperated with the faculty and Seminar class in carrying out field trips.

The big event of the year was the combined Electrical Students' Association and Mechanical Students' Association banquet which brought to a climax a most successful year for the Electrical Students Association of Mechanics Institute.
There has been a record-breaking attendance of the students at the Mechanics Institute Glee Club this year.

A few changes were made in the Club. The first being the addition of popular songs. The first twenty minutes of the period was devoted to the singing of these, and the last, to part singing of the well-known melodies that we all love. The second new addition was the awarding of attendance pins to those who had a perfect, or a nearly perfect attendance throughout the year.

Students that have come to the Glee Club meetings have not only enjoyed their singing under the competent direction of Mr. Casad and his accompanist, Mrs. Quinn, but have felt a friendly and cooperative school spirit. A drive is made to help each member improve his selection of music and to develop his voice. A special chorus has offered many interesting entertainments.

A Christmas Party was held in the Eastman Hall at which the members enjoyed a candle-light carolling service.

The officers of the Glee Club extend their thanks for the cooperation they have received from the members and give their best wishes for a successful 1937-38.
Matheus McCargo Bleimeister Schillo Collins Bradley Lombardo Loncasty Wilson Sprague Carlson Waldron Muir Alt Pierson Schierding Sturgeon Murray Leonard Tripp Chalker

GLEE CLUB

Helena Alt
B. Anderson
B. Appleyard
M. Armes
J. Bachler
L. Baker
R. Bailey
G. Benedict
E. Betts
O. Billman
D. Bliesmeister
R. Bosworth
R. Bradley
J. Brigham
J. Britton
H. Brownell
R. Burnett
D. Carlson
B. Corey
J. Costello
B. Chalker
B. Chamberlain
C. Chamberlain
M. Chertoff
M. Childs
P. Churchill
E. Clark
V. Crossman
H. Collins
S. Caldwell
D. Carter
A. Daetsch
B. Davis
D. DeWitt
D. DeJario
D. DiAerio

J. Dickie
M. Edget
D. Edmunds
B. Elliott
A. Flannigan
H. Galen
S. Garrison
A. Gere
R. Goeth
S. Goldenberg
W. Goettiman
R. Green
M. Haier
D. Hancock
D. Hamilton
V. Harris
G. Harris
E. Harvey
R. Hathaway
G. Hedstrom
W. Hem
M. Hill
R. Hobbie
J. Howell
C. Horn
R. Hubbard
F. Jakob
G. Jameska
V. Janex
D. Kanter
B. Knack
J. Krickmire
M. Landon
R. Leave
H. Lee
R. Leek
M. Leonard

S. Lombardo
M. Loncasty
I. Lugert
I. Marotta
M. Mathews
F. May
G. McAllister
M. McCargo
J. McClenathan
J. Moore
H. Miller
B. Mutsch
M. Muir
M. Muirhead
A. Murray
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M. Neuton
E. Newell
A. Posletto
G. Parker
J. Potter
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The "M" Club, founded several years ago when the wrestling and basketball teams were at their height, is gradually waning. This is probably due to the lack of interest shown by the students in answering the call for these sports. Although basketball has retained its former status, the wrestling team has faded out of the picture. We hope this is only temporary, and that the students will respond to future calls for wrestling.

As you already know, the members of the club were composed of the basketball and wrestling varsity men. However, until wrestling is revived, the basketball members will have to take it upon themselves to uphold the standards set by former members.

All members of this club are on the committee for initiation of incoming students, likewise, they take it upon themselves to create and promote interest in school sport activities.
The Mechanical Students Association was organized in the year of 1925 for the purpose of developing good fellowship among the students of the Mechanical Department. The continued success of the Association shows that it has achieved this purpose. The Mechanical Association has broadened the students’ engineering outlook by providing them with interesting motion pictures and many outstanding speakers.

At the first meeting of this year, held on October 8, 1936, one of the members suggested that the Mechanical Students Association should be divided into two groups. Each group elected its own set of officers and these were responsible for the administration of the Association during the months that this particular group was in school.

Officers and members were free to attend the meetings of both sections and many students working on cooperative jobs welcomed this opportunity of coming into the evening Mechanical Students Association functions and meeting members of the other section. In some cases this was a student’s only chance to see what his cooperative alternate looked like.
The RAMIKIN, now in its twenty-seventh year, again blossoms forth after a great deal of attention from the willing hands of every member of the staff. It has been with a spirit of friendliness and co-operation that the faculty and student body have lent their able assistance. Changes in the make-up of this year's book are apparent, and we trust, that they will please the majority of our readers.

To Mr. Horace Koch, we extend our sincerest thanks for his interest and enthusiasm in the RAMIKIN; to next year's staff the best of luck.
The Psimar, a six issue publication representative of all the departments of Mechanics Institute, has endeavored this past year to acquaint the student body with school activities, traditions, sports, organizations, and general news. It has been favorably received by all who read it.

New high standards of co-operation between the Faculty, student body, and staff members have been set.

We of the Psimar staff sincerely hope that the officers of next year’s Psimar may have the success that has been ours.
After two years, the bowling team is really making strides in the right direction. Organized in 1935 by a number of enthusiasts, during the years 1936 and 1937, it has been approved and given support by the Student Council. During the season the team meets every Wednesday night, and thus far have bowled against Aquinas and R. B. I. The climax of the season will be a match against the Faculty to be held in the near future.
This year we had only three veterans around whom to build our team. However, we were very fortunate in having fine material from the freshman class. Coach Cohen nevertheless succeeded in drilling the players into a well-balanced team. Since seven of this year's team are freshmen, they show signs of developing into one of the best teams in Mechanics history within the next two years. Although we did not win the majority of the games, our season was successful in view of the fact that our losses were by narrow margins and all games were well fought. The student body should feel proud of the team for they performed creditably at all times with good spirit and true sportsmanship.
BASKETBALL TEAM

MARK KRAJOWSKY—Captain of this year's squad is the sparkplug of the team and an outstanding player for the three years he has been on the team. Graduating this year, we will miss his splendid floor work.

FREDDIE JACOB—One of the best 'scrapers' on the team is he has excelled both in his teamwork and his accurate shooting. Freddie will be with us another year.

"RED" MUSTAR—This year's "mite" of the team is a freshman who has contributed much to the spirit of the team and shows great promise.

BOB REVARD—The height of this year's squad is he has done a swell job at center and also under the basket. Bob is one of the best freshmen "discoveries" this year.

"DUTCH" FOLKER—The other tall man of this year's team. He has done very well alternating at center and forward.

"WIMPY" GORDON—Another of this year's outstanding freshmen is an able and steady player, always willing to cooperate and give his best for the team.

"JUMBO" WALKER—Completing his second year on the Institute squad is a good player under the basket and one who performs creditably in any position.

"ITCH" ROWLAND—A real asset to any squad is another spark of the team is a real sport and a swell teammate.

DON HASTINGS—One of the reserve players who shows promise of developing into a fine player is a willing player and a regular fellow.

NICK CHACONA—A cool steady player with a good eye. Nick is a scraper and shows much improvement and promise.

HENRY ECHTER—A good reserve player is sure to see plenty of service the next two years.

VINCENT BROWN—Last year's Assistant Manager and this year promoted to the job as one of the managers of the Varsity squad is a swell fellow who is always willing to cooperate and do his bit for the team.

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THE STAFF

John Lugert, Assistant Manager  Fred Hoffer, Manager  Samuel Lombardo, Assistant Manager

Fred was appointed Manager of the Varsity team during the middle of the season when Brownie left school. He was deserving of the honor bestowed upon him because for the two years that he was a member of the Varsity squad, he never missed a practice session and was a willing worker. We all wish Fred the best of luck, and appreciate his willingness to cooperate at all times as a player as well as a Manager.
SQUAD

A. Roberts       T. Chapman       A. Smyrski       W. Navik
E. Scherer       E. Blum          W. Heininger     K. Cromwell
G. Blount        H. Sandak        C. Townsend     W. Stevens
J. Castellano    C. Travato       H. Churchin     D. Swetzer
R. Kleifgen      W. Elliot        H. Wallace      D. Whitmore
J. Kopczynski    J. Van Denberg   A. Miller       G. Parker
C. Edwards       R. Eno           H. Miller       G. Naas
W. Bigelis       J. Baver

Austin Emens, Manager
Boyd Elliot, Assistant Manager
Warren C. Davis, Coach

Richard Green, Assistant Manager
Walter W. Powell, Faculty Manager

Warren C. Davis
Coach

Walter W. Powell
Faculty Manager
WRESTLING

Wrestling at Mechanics started with a squad of forty men. On the basis of the early turnout, a schedule of seven meets was arranged.

However, soon after the initial practices the squad suffered daily desertions until only a nucleus of about a dozen men remained. Recognizing that insufficient men were available to carry out the schedule, the Student Council ordered its cancellation.

However, three teams, Toronto University, Case, and Kent were met on an unofficial basis. Against Toronto, Mechanics put five men in the contest, three of whom won. Mechanics lost against Case.

After the Toronto Meet, the Student Council made a drive to bring out candidates for the wrestling squad. Again more than forty men reported. This time a majority of the candidates remained on the squad. If from this group sufficient men are available for a team next year, a schedule will be arranged.

Varsity men who fought until the end are: Charles Edwards, heavyweight; William Bigelis, 175; John Kopczynski, 165; Robert Kleifgen, 155; James Castellano, 145; George Blount, 135; Earl Scherer, 126; and Arthur Roberts, 118.
The aim of the Inter-Sorority Council is to guide the sororities in matters of mutual interests and to establish rules and regulations for the rushing of new members. It is composed of three representatives and a member of the faculty from each sorority. This year the Council held two very successful informal parties for the Freshmen girls. The Inter-Fraternity-Inter-Sorority dance was a new social affair added this January. The annual Inter-Sorority dance was held in the spring.
Alpha Psi, the second sorority at Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute, was organized in 1921 with thirteen charter members whose ideals were to install that band of union, sisterhood, goodwill, fairness, and scholarship which has existed since then.

During the past year many successful parties were held, the most outstanding being the Rush Party in the form of a Farmerette Frolic.

The social activities of the sorority were brought to a close by the annual spring house party.
DELTA OMICRON SORORITY

OFFICERS

Caroline Paquin ........................................... President
Mary Gillespie ............................................... Vice-President
Alice Anderson .............................................. Secretary
Mona Stevens ................................................ Treasurer

HONORARY MEMBERS

Mrs. Earl Karker .......................................... Miss Dorothy Roberts
Miss Dorothy Roberts ...................................... Mrs. Marie Vick

SORORES—1937

Barbara Chamberlain ........................................... Carolin Paquin
Carolin Paquin ............................................ Vena Van Hying
Katherine Wend ............................................... Alice Anderson

SORORES—1938

Alice Anderson ........................................... Marjorie Martins
Vera Bancroft ............................................... Marion Muirhead
Dorothy Tanner ............................................. Gladys Pfromer
Laura Duncan ............................................ Mona Stevens
Julia Matteson ............................................... Mona Stevens
Mary Gillespie ............................................... Jane Wilcox
Helen Morrice

The Delta Omicron Sorority was founded in 1921 by eight girls whose friendship formed the same strong bond of union that exists today. Its aim is to establish firm friendships and to promote high ideals and scholarship in both the sorority and in the school.
The social program for Phi Upsilon Phi for the past year has included one social meeting each month at the home of a member. The rush party which was in the form of an opening for a style show was held at the Roosevelt on January 18th. The formal pledge dinner was held on March 5th at Miss Edith Hale's. The very eventful season closed with the annual house party at Canandaigua Lake.
SIGMA KAPPA DELTA

OFFICERS
:
Grace Benedict.
Claire Mary Horn.
Helen Baker.
Sylvia Waterman.

HONORARY MEMBERS
:
Miss Hazel Burkey, Advisor.
Miss Mary Havens.

SORORES 1937
:
Betty Appleyard.
Helen Baker.
Grace Benedict.
Mary Brannigan.
Harriet Brownell.

SORORES 1938
:
Dorothy Carlson.
Esther Collins.
Marian Elam.

Sigma Kappa Delta has had a very active social program, including at least one social meeting a month at the girls' homes. The rush party was held in February, and was followed by a formal pledge dinner at the Rochester Club in March. The annual house party brought to a close a most eventful year.
The Inter-Fraternity Council was created to form a clearing house for fraternity business. Besides discharging its regular duties, the council found time to sponsor a fall smoker to acquaint the Frosh with the fraternities at Mechanics Institute. Shortly after the Christmas recess an Inter-Fraternity-Inter-Sorority dance was held in Bevier Hall, this being the outstanding social event of the Christmas season.
The Chi Beta Kappa Fraternity was organized in September, 1929, for the purpose of promoting good fellowship and high scholastic standing.

The activities of the fraternity during the past year has been varied and most interesting. The annual rushing was ably done and netted a goodly number of pledges. Several supper meetings and many of the meeting bowling parties vividly dotted the social calendar for the winter months.

The social program was climaxed by a smart spring dinner-dance at the Hotel Seneca.
The history of Chi Delta Phi dates back to 1914 when it was originally organized as the Delta Delta Society, which one year later was changed to the Chi Phi Fraternity. In 1920 the organization was incorporated under the statute laws of the State of New York as the Chi Delta Phi Fraternity.

During the past year the Fraternity has enjoyed a most successful season under the able supervision of H. Miller, President; C. Maxwell, Vice-President; A. Loomis, Secretary; and A. Solder, Treasurer.

The annual rush party was held at the Green Gables and was well attended by rushees, brothers, and alumni. During the year various stag parties were held.

The formal Spring Dinner Dance, the highlight of the year's social calendar, was held at the Sagamore Hotel and brought to a close the activities of this organization for the 1936-1937 season.
The social program was inaugurated with the annual Rush Party at which was a large assembly of new men. This was followed by a joint dance with Phi Sigma Phi Fraternity and Delta Omicron Sorority, held in Bevier Hall.

The high light of the Fraternity’s success was in its merger with Phi Sigma Phi and Pi Kappa Gamma Fraternities under Phi Sigma Phi’s name. The formal initiation took place in the Chapel of the First Presbyterian Church with Dr. J. J. Lawrence officiating. This brings to a close Chi Epsilon Phi as an individual Fraternity, having merged to form a larger Fraternity.
The social activities of Phi Sigma Phi began with a dance held in conjunction with Chi Epsilon Phi fraternity, and Delta Omicron sorority, October 30. The rush part at the Buckingham Club was a huge success. Covers were laid for 53, of which 30 were Freshmen. The finale for the season’s activities was the annual Spring Party held at the Rochester Club. This affair, a dinner dance, was attended by the fraternity, their guests, and 20 alumni.
Pi Kappa Gamma was organized in 1929 to offer to the students of Mechanics Institute a medium for fraternal relations, to accomplish this with minimum expense, to foster high scholastic standards and to extend the fraternity to other schools similar to Mechanics Institute. The first three objects have been obtained, for the fraternity has served its members well during the last eight years.

This year Pi Kappa Gamma merged with Chi Epsilon Phi and Phi Sigma Phi to form one large body. The name Phi Sigma Phi has been chosen for the merger due to the priority of this fraternity at Mechanics.
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