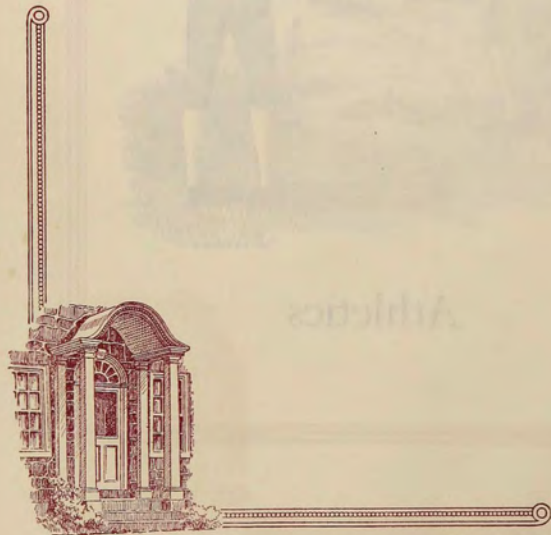




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COACH KEANEY



ASSISTANT COACH TOOTELL

TO Coach Keaney and his assistant, Coach Tootell, is rightfully attributed the success Rhode Island has attained in all its athletic endeavors. Athletics at Rhode Island State College have at all times been kept on a strictly amateur basis. It is known, and an accepted fact, that too much stress has never been placed on athletics at this college. Yet Rhode Island has always had exceptionally strong teams in comparison with other colleges of her size and standing.

Although the major sports at Rhode Island are few, a large proportion of the student body participates in one form or another. Football, baseball, basketball, track and cross-country are the five major sports. Recently an attempt has been made to interest the students in boxing and wrestling.

As the college continues to grow it may well be expected that athletics will continue to hold their proper place and continued popularity, at the same time retaining their well known and strict amateur standing. Rhode Island, located away from any large community where other attractions might divert the interest now centered on athletics and campus activities, will always be noted for its great student interest in sports and extra-curricula endeavors.



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Fourth Row: L. Dexter, manager; Andrew Weedon, trainer; J. Tyler, Coach Keaney, P. McGuinness, assistant manager.

Third Row: J. Hodgeson, R. Dimock, A. Kilroy, C. Modelezewski, J. Bradshaw, R. Bumpus, C. Putnam.

Second Row: K. Goff, C. Collison, J. Carr, R. Horseman, H. Lewis, K. Potter, A. Collison.

Front Row: C. Flaherty, H. Gill, P. Cieurzo, J. Murgo, R. Cragan, A. Hjelstrom, J. DeRita.

Summary of 1930 Season

R. I.		Opp.
38	Arnold	0
0	Brown	7
12	Maine	13
13	Bates	0
26	Coast Guard Academy	0
14	Boston University	0
45	Worcester Tech	0
0	Connecticut Aggies	0
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148	Total	20



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CAPTAIN CIEURZO



CAPTAIN MURGO

Football

With the reporting of thirty candidates on September 2nd, the Rhode Island State football squad began active training for one of the most difficult schedules ever faced by the Blue and White.

After three weeks of intensive drill under Coaches Keaney and Tootell, the team opened its season with the only school on the schedule which had less material. It was an auspicious debut for the "Blue Streak," for besides drubbing their opponents 38 to 0, it also saw the entire football squad and coaches of Brown University pay us a new and unique tribute by coming down and watching Little Rhody in action.

The week of the Brown game marked a new era in the chapter of sports, in that the feeling and spirit exhibited by our student body and faculty has never been matched in the colorful history of our athletic teams. The feeling has at last come about that a Rhode Island team can defeat Brown, and it will not be long before the Ram will butt the Brown Bear into submission on the gridiron.



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The game itself was a revelation to many. They saw a determined Rhode Island team, after a momentary defensive lapse that allowed Brown to score in the second period, come back in the last half with a vicious offense that just failed to even the score, and a fighting defense that spiked every offensive thrust by the Bear. The team richly deserved the praise accorded them on their fine play.

Going the following week to the lair of the "Stein Song" boys at Orono, Rhode Island deserved a victory by virtue of two well earned and taintless touchdowns, but was the victim of gross error in officiating that gave Maine a very spotted 13 to 12 score.

After an open date allowing a week's extra rest, the squad, now depleted to about 25 members, faced one of the hardest games on the schedule. Bates, Maine State Champions, defeated only by Dartmouth, invaded Kingston, determined to continue their brilliant record. But the offensive power of the "Blue Streak" could not be denied, and Rhody's little warriors won a well earned 14 to 0 victory.

Our friendly and respected rivals from the Coast Guard Academy were next defeated by a 26 to 0 score. Rain turned the field into a quagmire that checked the Blue and White offense more than the sailors' defense could.

A newcomer to Rhode Island's football schedule came, saw, and was conquered. Boston University, before one of the largest crowds to attend a game in Kingston, was defeated 14 to 0. This game was the most brilliant of the year. It was a game featured by the running attacks of both teams, but the defensive power of the blue-clad forward wall, always checked when danger threatened, and coupled with the speed and deceptive ball handling of our backs, Boston University was decisively defeated by a much superior team.

On home-coming day, our rival, Worcester Tech, was the victim of a hard-running, crashing offense, and an invulnerable defense, that together featured the best team-play and co-ordination ever witnessed at Student Field. It was a fitting climax to our home season; and one that



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brought comments of praise and respect from all of our alumni and spectators that were at the game.

The following week, in meeting a Connecticut Aggie team with a very poor record, Rhode Island, hampered by injuries, a rainy day, and slow field that checkmated its fast and deceptive offense, could not score on a courageous Aggie team that turned an almost sure victory into a scoreless tie.

The squad, banqueted by President Barlow, well merited the praise accorded it. They faced many obstacles in the long season, and in both the games won and those lost, they created nothing but respect for the college which they so well represented. They played the game hard, fast, and clean. They made up what they lacked in size and ability by showing courage and determination that definitely placed the team as the best ever to have represented Rhode Island.

To Coach Keaney should go the lion's share of the praise. He moulded out of little, a great deal. Faced with seemingly insurmountable difficulties, his effervescent personality became contagious, and it was his fire and dash that moulded together a fighting group of boys, the product showing the fine training it received by holding its temper under the hottest and most vicious fire of the gridiron.

Football Lettermen



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Third Row: Coach Keaney, Manager Howard Brightman.
Second Row: A. Kilroy, R. Cox, W. O'Brien, K. Goff, M. Martynick.
Front Row: J. Donovan, R. Cragan, J. Tyler, E. Osterlund, R. Horseman.

Summary of 1931 Season

R. I.	Opp.	Opp.
52	U. S. N. T.	34
33	Clark	19
38	Alumni	31
42	St. Michael's	35
30	Trinity	25
44	Northeastern	39
49	Worcester Tech	26
51	Arnold	37
40	U. S. Coast Guard	20
33	Panzer	35
27	Connecticut Aggies	28
44	Brown	21
46	Northeastern	29
43	Crimson Independents	44
31	Connecticut Aggies	21
35	U. S. Coast Guard	23
35	Brown	40
673	Total	507



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CAPTAIN TYLER



CAPTAIN OSTERLUND

Basketball

With a team composed of Sophomores, Juniors and one Senior, only two of whom were letter-men, a record of 13 games won and 4 lost was compiled. This wonder team was very close at times to being Rhode Island's all-time basketball team. Newport Naval opened the season by dropping a hard but easy game to an untried Rhody team. On December 16th, the first Alumni game to be played in the college's history gave undergraduates a glimpse of former Rhode Island greats.

Highlights of the season were many, with the Connecticut Aggies game at Storrs heading the field. This defeat pinned on the Nutmeggers was the first Rhody has administered to them on their own floor in 12 years. The Harvard Independents, a team of former college hoop stars now studying at Harvard, gave an exhibition of the cleanest and most sportsmanlike playing ever to be seen on the local court. Northeastern University again went down to defeat in one of the hardest games of the year. This was their twelfth consecutive defeat at the hands of Rhody.

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

A great Freshman team went through its season with one defeat in sixteen starts. The losing game fell to Pawtucket High School, who were runners-up for the State Championship. The feature games were Northeastern, with its team of six-footers, and both the Connecticut and Brown games.



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Back Row: J. Blitz, assistant manager; A. Deming, J. Tyler, P. Wiggerhauser, P. Clarner, W. Barnatowich, G. Carr, C. Pray, F. Keaney, coach.

Front Row: K. Goff, F. Ackroyd, M. Kearns, captain; C. Flaherty, captain; M. Lettieri, J. Dobosynski, K. Potter, L. Smith.

Baseball

The 1930 baseball season found a fine nucleus of letter-men around which Coach Keaney developed a strong fighting team which won 11 out of 14 games played against a very stiff schedule.

Summary of the 1930 Season

R. I.		Opp.
4	Maine	3
7	Bates	6
8	Northeastern	7
9	Boston University	8
17	Clark	13
1	Brown	5
6	Worcester Tech	4
2	Northeastern	0
8	Connecticut	1
14	Arnold	6
15	Newport Training Station	6
1	St. Michael's	0
1	Connecticut	3
4	Harvard	5
97	Total	67

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1931 CAPTAINS MURGO, OSTERLUND, CIEURZO, HOWES

Track

Rhody's track team passed through a fairly successful season on the cinder path, winning two dual meets, losing one, and placing well up in the Eastern and New England Intercollegiates. A good Amherst team fell before the Rams in the first meet at Kington, 75-60. Three places in both the broad-jump and the hammer-throw decided the meet in our favor. The following week Rhody lost a close decision to Brown in Providence, 68-67. Roy set a new college record in the half-mile, displacing the mark of Larry Dring, former Rhode Island captain. Our rivals, the Connecticut Aggies, were defeated 85-50. Chubbuck, star of the Nutmeggers, placed in seven events, while Cieurzo broke both the shot and discus records.

At Worcester, in the Eastern Intercollegiates, Rhody held down sixth place, and on the following week at the New England Intercollegiates at Boston.

The Season's Record, 1930

Rhode Island	75	Amherst	60
Rhode Island	67	Brown University	68
Rhode Island	85	Connecticut Aggies	50
Eastern Intercollegiates—sixth place			
New England Intercollegiates			



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CAPTAIN H. MINER

Cross Country

The efforts of the harriers this year were not as successful as those of previous years. This may have been due to the fact that the season began with only one veteran in the line-up, Captain Miner. Five men were awarded with letters at the close of the season for their diligence. They were Captain Miner, Ernest Goodwin, Arthur Arnold, Richard Wood, and Manager Anhalt.

Boxing and Wrestling

This year a new sport has been adopted at Rhode Island State College. It is being coached by a Senior student, Daniel DiCenzo, who has had some experience in these arts. He says:

"It may sound strange, but it is, nevertheless, true, that punishment helps to make boxing and wrestling the splendid sports that they are. A man learns to restrain himself under trying circumstances, and, consequently, his self-possession in other walks of life becomes stronger, also. Boxing and wrestling create a feeling of well-being and self-confidence, and make for a better co-ordination of both physical and mental faculties.

"Certainly they form mind and temper restraint, rather than the desire to "mix it" with anyone and everyone, for control is a primary requisite of any ring performer. They also promote good sportsmanship and fair dealing, and are always a stimulus to clean living, as is any athletic sport. And so today we find the daily endorsement of an ever-increasing number of higher institutions of learning, whose officials have learned to assay the value of sports without prejudice, and their consequent adoption by leading universities, colleges, and schools. They realize that the wholesomeness of the individual is but a reflection of the outer or physical man.

"I sincerely hope that in the future these two fine sports will be added on the list of athletic activities at Rhode Island State College."





MRS. KEANEY

Co-ed Athletics

The interclass tennis tournament started almost immediately after registration in the fall. All of the class matches were run off, but the semi-finals and finals to determine the co-ed champion will not be finished until after this goes to print.

A number of outstanding embryonic Helen Willses made their appearance, and in many cases the finals were very exciting. This was especially true of the Senior, Sophomore and Freshman classes. Genevieve Fogarty took the honors in the Senior class by defeating Ruth Goff by a rather close margin. Natalie Dunn easily overcame all opposition in the Junior class, and Grace Leslie won her title after displaying unusually good tennis. Charlotte Waters took the honors for the yearlings by defeating her running mate, Marion Bishop.

Hockey came next, with the usual number of barked shins and banged-up fingers. The Seniors and Juniors combined together to form one team, while both Sophomore and Freshman classes had enough players for a complete team. The class games resulted in a three-cornered tie, each team having lost one game and won the other.

As a result of these games, the W. A. A. chose the following Senior members of the Honorary Varsity Team:

Center halfback	Mary Chase
Right halfback	Muriel Fletcher
Center	Genevieve Fogarty
Right wing	Grace Brightman
Right inside	Virginia May



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V. May, M. Chase, G. Fogarty, E. Burns, V. Lovejoy, G. Brightman.

Co-ed Basketball

Only one Varsity basketball game was played. This was with Pembroke and was played March 21. Other games will probably be scheduled with Connecticut and possibly other teams of equal caliber next year.

The line-up was: Genevieve Fogarty and Grace Brightman, forwards; Mary Chase, center; Marion Bishop, side center; and Virginia Lovejoy and Eloise Burns, guards. Practically all of these girls have been Varsity players before, the Misses Brightman, Fogarty, May and Burns having already had one season in Varsity work, while this will be Miss Chase's fourth season as a member of the Varsity.

Among the other classes other than the Senior class are many players who will undoubtedly see Varsity action in the future. Among these are the Misses Stene, Waters, Dixon, Drury and Leslie.

The results of the tennis tournament will be news for the next Grist!

Credit is due Muriel Fletcher for her handling of the business end of basketball, as well as her handling of the affairs of the W. A. A. as its President.



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Co-ed Baseball

Due to the fact that Mrs. Keaney has found several baseball enthusiasts among those girls registered in physical training, the reorganization of co-ed baseball is under way. Due to the fact that May Day activities require a great deal of time in the spring, this sport has been inactive for the last two years.

It is hoped that the co-eds will take advantage of the sport, and negotiations are now under way for a game, or possibly two games, with the Pembroke team.

Lippitt Hall offers an excellent place for indoor practice, and after the men cease their practices on the quadrangle and go down to the athletic field, this offers an ideal out-of-doors location.

Roomers in East and Davis Halls, beware of your windows!

Co-ed Rifle Team

The co-eds, not to be outdone by the men, decided to learn the manly art of rifle shooting, and consequently the co-ed rifle team came into being. This organization is a part of the Rhode Island Rifle Association, and all the members qualify as members of the National Rifle Association.

Only two matches were scheduled this year, because of the short time involved and the difficulties encountered when a place to practice was sought for. With a portable target set up in Lippitt, and bi-weekly practices, the co-eds have made an excellent start, and it is hoped that conditions will be better so that more matches may be scheduled next year.

The officers were elected by all the co-eds who expressed an interest in shooting, and are: Mary Chase, captain, and Genevieve Fogarty, manager. Members of the staff of the R. O. T. C. unit supervise and instruct at the practices.



