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*1945 . . . The war was over . . .
1945 . . . President Franklin D.
Roosevelt was dead, too soon to see
the victory . . . 1945 . . . The Detroit
Tigers won the World Series . . .
1945 . . . America was singing "Rum
and Coca-Cola" . . . 1945 . . .*

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After four hectic years of war
which saw the male population on

Campus sink to practically nothing,
Rhode Island State College, as well
as colleges all over the country, was
returning to a period of normality.
But the normality soon turned into
an era of abnormality as the rush
of returning veterans, taking im-
mediate advantage of the G.I. Bill
offered by the government as part
of its debt to its warriors, soon be-



gan to swell the enrollments of the colleges.

Rhode Island State's student body, which had

hovered around the one thousand mark before

the war, multiplied itself to twice that amount

with the largest freshman class in its history,

and the return of the men whose education had



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been interrupted. These men, bringing with them new attitudes, ideas, habits, and interests, added a maturity of feeling to the general campus atmosphere.

Fraternity houses were being used as men's and women's dormitories; the fraternities having become inactive during the war. Sorority



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ties, however, without the same restrictions to hurdle, were in full swing.

The avalanche of returning students soon overcrowded the men's housing facilities, and made it evident that new housing units would be necessary as soon as possible. Therefore, in



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February, Quonset Huts to be used as emergency housing units were obtained under agreement with the Federal Public Housing Agency. These huts enabled the college to provide living quarters for four hundred veterans who wished to begin or resume their college careers.



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That year also saw the inception of another school project. Shortly after the opening of school in September, a Student War Memorial Union Committee was formed with the project being highly endorsed by Honorary Alumnus J. Howard McGrath. Plans for the proposed



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