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Professor McKenna of the Political Science Department appeared on Channel 36 the evening of March 22nd to discuss the issue of state tuition grants to students in non-public elementary, secondary and college institutions. This was the first live broadcast of TV 36, which is the state educational station. Mr. McKenna appeared in his capacity as president of the Rhode Island Federation of Citizens for Educational Freedom.

Mr. John Renza and Mr. Robert J. McKenna of the College attended the House Finance Committee on March 25th at the State House in Providence which took testimony on the Tuition Grant Bill (H1462). Mr. Renza spoke on behalf of the College. Mr. McKenna spoke on behalf of Citizens for Educational Freedom.

Professor and Mrs. Robert McKenna announce the birth of their seventh child, third daughter, Patricia Jean on March 20th at Newport Hospital.

Mrs. George Ramos and Dr. Horiberto Vasquez will be in New York City from April 4-6 attending the New England Conference on Teaching of Foreign Languages.

Members of the faculty of Salve Regina College are invited to attend a dinner honoring Dr. Charles B. Willard, Acting President of Rhode Island College. The dinner will be served in Donovan Dining Center at the college on Saturday evening, May 4 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $6.00.

Salve Regina will be host to members of the American Chemical Society on April 15, 1968. Prof. McKenna of the Salve faculty will be the dinner speaker.

Sister Yolande Plante recently presented a program of slides of Expo 1967 at the Senior Citizens Center of Providence.

The Cultural Committee is pleased to announce that Dean Brelis, currently foreign correspondent for NBC News, has accepted our invitation to speak here Monday, May 13 at 7:30 in O'Hare.

His books include three novels: Shalom, My New Found Land (Newport setting) and The Mission, chosen by both The Saturday Review and The New York Times as one of the ten best novels of 1958; and two works of non-fiction: Behind the Burma Road, and The Face of South Vietnam, recently published by Houghton Mifflin.

Mr. Brelis has had a total of 28 months in Vietnam and was injured during the battle of Dakto in late November.

He is currently anchorman of Vietnam, the War this Week, an NBC show appearing every Saturday at 4, and anchorman for the Vietnam Report on the TODAY show.