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Ushering in a new era –

Ribbon-cutting for Nazarian Center for Performing Arts Sept. 15

by Shelly Murphy
What's News Editor

The curtain is about to rise on a new era in the fine and performing arts at Rhode Island College with the dedication of the new \$10 million John Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts at 2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 15. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will begin at the front entrance of the Center and will be followed by tours and the dedication of the Arts for Public Facilities statuary and the courtyard. The event is free and open to the public.

Primarily underwritten by a bond issue approved by Rhode Island voters in November 1996, the Center offers among the very finest facilities for education and performances of music, theatre, and dance in all of New England. In addition, the College has created a new home for the College's highly respected Bannister Gallery, which is now located off the main lobby of The Auditorium in Roberts Hall.

The dedication of the Nazarian Center marks the beginning of a new era of excellence in the performing and the fine arts at Rhode Island College. This facility symbolizes the College's enduring commitment to its students and to the community.

It was designed to provide appropriate teaching and learning spaces for faculty and students at the College, as well as high quality performance spaces for student and professional productions, thereby expanding cultural opportunities for



COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION: The John Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts will be officially dedicated on Friday, Sept. 15. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

the people of Rhode Island.

Featured prominently in the design of the Center are a number of original artifacts that were preserved from the College's previous home, the former Rhode Island State Normal School building that was dedicated in 1898. Many Rhode Islanders will likely remember this grand edifice, located on a rise near the foot of the State House overlooking downtown Providence, with its impressive polished granite columns and graceful arches, yellow brick exterior, and terra cotta lions that gazed down from the

building's cornices. The actual columns and lions have been incorporated into the new Center, and the design of the main entrance is influenced by the arches and yellow brick of the College's earlier home.

While the design of the Center pays tribute to the College's nearly 150-year tradition of academic excellence, the name of the Center honors an individual who began his association with the College as an incoming freshman in 1950 and who during the

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Opening Convocation –

College greets new year with anticipation

by Shelly Murphy
What's News Editor

In opening the new academic year, College President John Nazarian welcomed the College community back from what has been a very active summer, due in part to major projects like the preparation for the upcoming college-wide New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) accreditation visit and the dedication of the John Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts. Nazarian recognized "an unusually large number of newcomers" to the College community, noting that "this year's incoming class of faculty and staff is one of the largest we have ever had." He also provided a snapshot of this year's student enrollment.

As of Aug. 30, the day of the Convocation, undergraduate enrollment was up some 200 from last year to a total of about 6,200; the residence halls were full with a waiting list three times that of last year; out-of-state students totaled 238, including 12 international students; a record-setting 728 transfer students were enrolled; and the overall number of applicants for admission for this fall was the highest since 1992. Sixty new students were enrolled in the Honors Program, including 53 freshmen and seven transfer students. About 12 percent of the new students — freshmen and transfers — come from multi-cultural backgrounds.

"This is all quite encouraging and it reflects, to some extent, the renewed

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Brown named VP of development

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor



M. BROWN

Marguerite M. Brown of Smithfield, who has served as director of development at Rhode Island College and executive director of its Foundation since 1995, a period in which the Foundation's assets grew from

\$3.5 million to approximately \$10 million, has been named vice president of development.

In making the announcement at the Opening Convocation for the new academic year, College President John Nazarian noted that "As the College enters a new era in its efforts to seek financial support from its many friends in the community, the time has come to demonstrate more definitively to our outside constituencies, the College's commitment to develop-

ment." Nazarian called the appointment "a sign of this commitment."

"We are fortunate to have gained the financial support of many individuals, corporations, and organizations within the community. This support has grown tremendously in recent years. It took 21 years to accumulate the first million. During the fiscal year just ended, Foundation assets have grown by \$1.85 million," Nazarian said.

One of the areas that has shown much recent promise as a source of funding has been naming opportunities, he noted. "In just the last few months, the Foundation has received gifts totaling some \$2.8 million for named spaces within and about the Center for the Performing Arts. These include the Helen Forman Theatre, the Lila and John Sapinsley Hall, the Francis Marciniak Resource Library, and the Bourget Lobby, to name but a few."

The Rhode Island College Alumni Association has also had another record year, raising about \$350,000 from all sources, he reported. During

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Bucci named education dean

by Shelly Murphy
What's News Editor

John A. Bucci, professor of foundations of education, has been named dean of the Feinstein School of Education and Human Development. The appointment of Bucci to the position vacated by David Nelson, who has accepted a position at the University of Colorado, is just one of several recent changes in the leadership of the School announced by College President John Nazarian at the recent Opening Convocation.

In addition to the dean's appointment, Nazarian also announced the appointment of a new associate dean for graduate studies and new appointees in two other key positions in the School — an associate dean for undergraduate studies and the co-director of the joint RIC and University of Rhode Island doctoral education program. The latter two positions opened recently as the individuals in the positions completed their appointments. Susan Schenck continues on the leader-

ship team as director of clinical services.

Robert Cvornyek, associate professor of history and secondary education, has been appointed associate dean with primary responsibility in the area of undergraduate programs. He fills the position vacated by Florence Hennen, who completed her three-year appointment as associate dean at the end of June and returned to her faculty assignment in psychology. She will also serve half time in the Office of Academic Support and Information Services (OASIS), where she will counsel education majors and prospective education majors.

Judith Berg, who joins the College



J. BUCCI

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The Way We Were...

This popular item in What's News continues in order for you to be able to revisit your alma mater with a selection of photos from the past — the College's past, whether the current era (Rhode Island College) or past eras (Rhode Island College of Education or Rhode Island State Normal School). We invite your contribution of old photos, along with sufficient information about each, such as who's in the photo and what they are doing, the year it was taken and place (if possible). In the meantime, we'll continue searching our files for interesting pictures of past College life.



REHEARSAL Fred Stacy rehearses for a production of Dylan Thomas' *Under Milk Wood*, which was staged at the College during the 1969-70 academic year.

In Memoriam —

Prof. Emerita of History Carmela Santoro

Carmela E. Santoro, professor emerita of history at Rhode Island College where she taught for 23 years prior to her retirement in 1983, died June 5 at Miriam Hospital. She was 83.

Professor Santoro, a lifelong resi-

dent of Providence, held a bachelor's degree in education from RIC; a master's from Brown and doctorate from Syracuse University, both in history. In 1984 she was named Alumna of Year at RIC.

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Barry Schiller, professor of mathematics and chair of the mathematics and computer science department, had an article, "Using Environmental

News to Help Teach Mathematics," published in the Spring 2000 issue of the *Humanistic Mathematics Network Journal*.

Raquel Shapiro, associate professor and Henry Barnard School psychologist/counselor, has been selected for listing in the 2001 edition of Marquis *Who's Who in America*. The publication, which provides biographical reference of the highest achievers from across the country, will be available in October. Prior to joining the Barnard faculty, Shapiro served as a teacher, guidance counselor and school principal in Providence public schools. She had received her bachelor's, master's and CAGS degrees from RIC and her doctorate from Boston University.

Mary M. Sullivan, associate professor of mathematics, participated in the workshop Undergraduate Statistical Education Initiative sponsored by the American Statistical Association at which representatives from diverse institutions of higher education and industry discussed methods to improve statistics education.

The mathematics and computer science department was active at the annual Small College Computing Conference held this year at Ramapo College in New Jersey. **Rod Rodrigues**, professor of mathematics, and **Dave Armitage**, senior information technologist at Network User Services, made a panel presentation, "Toward Paperless Courses and Beyond," in which they described web-based courses with minimal paper use.

Kate Sanders, assistant professor of computer science, and **Ying Zhou**, associate professor of mathematics, chaired sessions on "Novel Approaches to Teaching CS" and "First Course in CS Issues" respectively, and **Roger Simons**, who holds a joint appointment as professor of mathematics and computer science, helped organize the event as a member of the conference committee.

Armitage also presented a paper "Erasure Error Correction with Hardware Detection" at the IEEE International Symposium on Defect and Fault Tolerance in VLSI Systems in Albuquerque, N. M., last fall.

Jamar R. Pickreign, assistant professor of elementary education, along with Lelon R. Capps of the University of Kansas, wrote an article on "Alignment of Elementary Geometry Curriculum with Current Standards" printed in the May issue of *School Science & Mathematics*.

Joseph L. Costa, director of Student Support Services, was elected president of the New England Educational Opportunity Association at its recent regional conference in Newport.

As president, he represents more than 300

educators throughout the six New England states. NEOA is an organization of professionals who are engaged in insuring equal educational opportunities in higher education for low-income individuals, first generation college students and college students with disabilities.

Joan Rollins, professor of psychology, made a presentation entitled "Education and Girls" at the Providence conference "Girls Voices in Rhode Island: Who's Listening?" June 7. The conference was sponsored by the Rhode Island Justice Commission and the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee.

Rollins also presented a paper entitled "Development of the Proactivity Scale to Predict Non-Intellectual Factors Related to Student Retention and Achievement" at the 58th annual convention of the International Council of Psychology in Padua, Italy, July 17-21. Co-authors of the paper were Mary Zahm (RIC master's degree, 1979), Peter Merenda and Gary Burkholder.

Julie Wollman-Bonilla, professor of elementary education, is the author of the book *Family Message Journals: Teaching Writing through Family Involvement* which recently was published by the National Council of Teachers of English.

Charles G. Snow Jr., assistant professor of accounting and chair



of the accounting and computer information systems department, has been invited by the International Society for Optical Engineering to make an oral presentation at its November

conference in Boston on the subject of "Measuring Business Performance Using Indicators of Ecologically Sustainable Organizations." The theme of the conference is "Environmentally Conscious Manufacturing."

Amritjit Singh, professor of English and African-American studies, is co-editor of an anthology, *Post-Colonial Theory and the United States: Race, Ethnicity and Literature*, published by the University Press of Mississippi. The 19 essays examine critical issues around the United States's ever expanding international cultural identity in the post-colonial era.

Gregory Fritze, an adjunct member of the music, theatre and dance department, is the recipient of the American Society of Composers, Authors & Publishers' Standard Award, given to assist and encourage writers of serious music.

Carol R. Shelton, professor of nursing, presented a paper in June at a conference sponsored by the Institute of Health and Community Studies at the University of Bournemouth in England. Title of her presentation was "The Impact of Continuity of Care on the Infants of Poor Urban Women."

Changes in leadership at Feinstein School of Education and Human Development

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from the University of Northern Colorado where she most recently served as associate professor and acting division director, will serve as associate dean with primary responsibilities in the area of graduate programs. This will be in addition to teaching in her specialty area of educational administration. She holds a doctorate in education from Boston University, a professional diploma from Fordham University and a masters and bachelors from New York University.

Julie E. Wollman-Bonilla, professor of elementary education, was appointed to serve as co-director of the joint doctoral education program. Joan Glazer has completed her three-year term as co-director of the program and will resume her full-time teaching assignment in elementary education.

Bucci, Berg, Cvornyek and Schenck comprise the leadership team for the FSEHD while Wollman-Bonilla's administrative responsibilities are focused on the joint doctoral program.

"Dr. Bucci is a highly respected member of the faculty and of the education community with 26 years' experience at the College. I am pleased to announce his appointment as Dean for the current year and I look forward to working together with this new leadership team to continue to strengthen the Feinstein School of Education and Human Development as the premier school of education in the state," Nazarian said.

Bucci's experience at RIC includes 16 years in administrative positions including acting dean and associate dean of the FSEHD, acting dean and assistant dean of the School of Continuing Education and Community Service, director of School Services and director of the Teacher Corps project. He has 10 years of public school education experience prior to joining RIC, including serving as principal of North Providence Adult School, as a teaching fellow at Boston University, and as a science teacher



EDUCATION LEADERSHIP: l to r: James Bucci, dean; Judith Berg, associate dean, graduate; Robert Cvornyek, associate dean, undergraduate; and Sue Schenck, director of clinical experiences. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

at North Providence High School. He holds a doctorate in education from Boston University, a masters from RIC, and a bachelors from Providence College. For the past eight years, he has been a full-time faculty member at RIC.

"After 16 years as an administrator, I was eager to return to the faculty. The past eight years have been wonderful, productive years for me. The appeal for me in accepting this appointment was the opportunity to make a difference in education in a broader way, to implement many of the broad ideas about education that were nurtured during my recent years as a faculty member. Those eight years may have been the best preparation I could have had for the deanship," Bucci said.

"I believe strongly in shared decision making and faculty governance, up to a point. I believe in trying to reach a consensus, but consensus must necessarily have limits due to time demands and unresolvable differences of opinion. I believe we are more productive and serve our students better when we operate in an environment that is characterized by collegiality, friendliness, and maximum participation," Bucci said in describing his leadership style.

This philosophy is readily apparent in his goals and general approach. "I want to strengthen the sense of community within the School and to continue to develop and foster connections with external constituents," he said.

"For instance, I view our relationship with the state department of education as a partnership. Schools of education and state departments of education are always in a relationship of dynamic tension. The state has the constitutional responsibility for education. As the premier teacher education institution in the state and region with a long tradition of preparing teachers, we have a special obligation and responsibility to use our expertise to help improve education at the state level and to help determine the skills and expertise that beginning teachers should be able to demonstrate," Bucci said.

"The faculty at the College and the teachers in the public schools have expertise and knowledge which can help in shaping policy, if we make use of it. Working in partnership with the state department of education and with the public schools, we can positively influence educational policy."



FULL HOUSE: John Salesses, vice president for academic affairs, addresses a group of social work students about to enter internships during their annual orientation Aug. 31 in Donovan Dining Center. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)



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Employment conference Oct. 4 at Marriott

The third Rhode Island Partnerships to Employment Conference, "It's Everybody's Business," will be held at the Providence Marriott Oct. 4.

The conference is intended to meet the needs of adults and youths with disabilities, their family members, adult service providers, school personnel, policy makers and others striving toward quality employment opportunities for people with disabilities. Some 20 sessions, presenting local and national employment strategies and practices will be held.

An all-day pre-conference workshop Oct. 3, "Beyond Traditional Job Development," will be presented by Denise Bissonnette, author of a book of the same title as well as *30 Ways to Shine as a New Employee*.

For more information or to register, call May Anne Pallack at the University Affiliated Program office at 401-456-8072 or e-mail her at mpallack@ric.edu.

Multicultural media fair, workshops Nov. 4

Promising Practices, the third annual multicultural media fair and workshops, will be held Saturday, Nov. 4 at various sites on campus.

The program, sponsored by the Dialogue on Diversity Committee, will feature a keynote address, workshops and curriculum resources.

The keynote speaker will be Diana Lam, superintendent of Providence schools. Her topic will be "Integrating Concepts of Diversity into Sound Educational Policy and School Reform."

The workshops will be on a variety of subjects related to "promising practices" that promote diversity in the classroom.

A minimal fee will be charged for the day-long program. CEU credits from the state Department of Education will be available.

For more information, contact program chairs Elizabeth Rowell at (401) 456-8563 or e-mail at erowell@ric.edu, or Mark Motte at (401) 456-8378 or e-mail at mmotte@ric.edu.

Foundation & Alumni Affairs

Foundation News



Marguerite M. Brown
Vice President,
Development and
Executive Director,
Foundation

Summer? What summer? Despite the soggy summer that leaves all of our tomatoes green on the vine, the offices of alumni/foundation/and development have been extraordinarily busy.

Transitions...

We were extremely fortunate to add a new member of the team during the summer. David Allman joins us as our first director of information, research, and prospect management. He will be overseeing gift entry, managing donor records, and identifying resources to assist all foundation and alumni efforts. David, who holds a bachelors in music, has performed similar functions for non-profit organizations in California, at Trinity Repertory Company, and most recently, at the Providence Preservation Society. David fills a critical void and will be instrumental in the continued growth of our program.

At the same time, I am sorry to announce that Lynn Vinacco, who has served the development and foundation office for the past 10 years, has accepted a secretarial position at the Department of Elderly Affairs. I know you join me in wishing Lynn well. We will all miss her organizational skills, her cheerful and efficient voice, and her assistance with major events and activities.



DAVID ALLMAN

Annual Fund

The fiscal year for the Annual Fund ended on June 30, 2000. And the numbers are impressive!

- Over \$350,000 in gifts and pledges raised from all sources.
- New donors: 394 who gave a total of \$20,058
- Number of donors who graduated between 1990 and 1999: 569
- Number of donors who gave \$100 or more-967

Contributions to the Annual Fund which ranged from \$2 to \$5,000 supported scholarships in excess of \$80,000; faculty research projects, class reunions, alumni events, the Alumni Awards and Honor Roll Annual Dinner, Homecoming, the Alumni Magazine, Annual Report of Gifts, and the Alumni Association. Every gift makes a difference, and every gift is important.

The 2000-2001 Annual Fund kicks off in September with the mailing of the first Annual Appeal on Sept. 15. We look forward to another record-breaking year, with your assistance.

Foundation

The 11th Annual Golf Tournament was held Aug. 15 at Warwick Country Club. The full field of golfers and the generous support of our sponsors raised over \$24,000 to support honors scholarships.

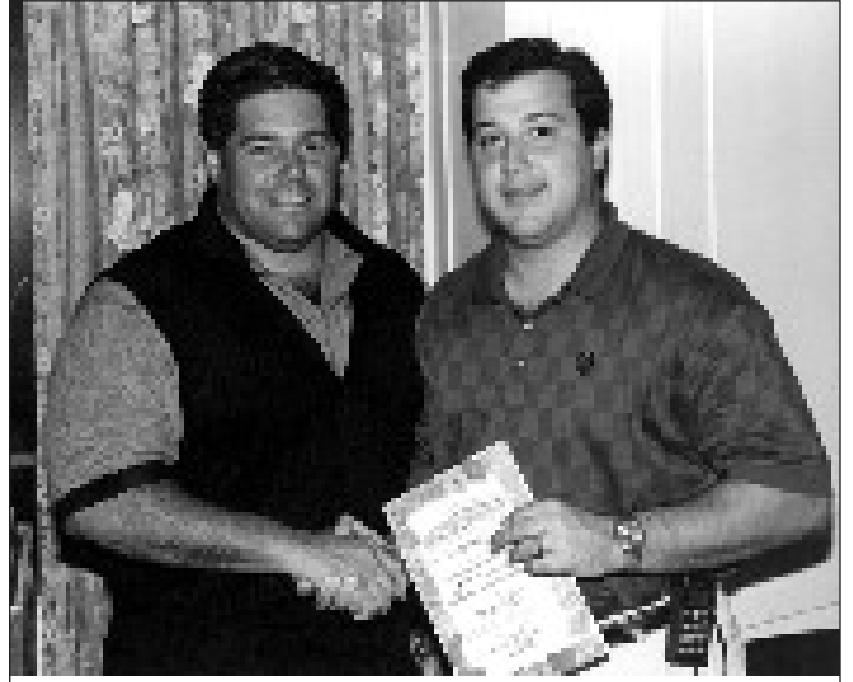
On Tuesday, Sept. 22, the Alumni Association and the Foundation held a formal orientation program for new board

members and trustees. Attended by over 40 individuals, the training session included a review of policy and procedures, campus tours, and a reception at the President's House. This activity is part of our ongoing commitment to board development and professional training opportunities to our volunteers who are key to our continued growth.

This year promises to be a very special one for the Rhode Island College family and community beginning with the dedication of our new performing arts facility on Sept. 15, the first in a series of events during a year-long celebration of our place in the arts. Check the calendar, and plan to join us as often as possible.

Foundation Golf Tournament raises \$24K for honors scholarships

THE WINNER IS: Frank Montanaro, chair of the Annual Rhode Island College Foundation Golf Tournament (left), congratulates Dr. Richard Rosato, winner of the raffle for two Northwest Airlines tickets, courtesy of Carlson-Wagonlit Travel. The tournament, which raised over \$24,000 to support honors scholarships, was held Aug. 15 at the Warwick Country Club. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)



Vice president appointment

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the past year the Association contributed \$86,000 for student scholarships – the highest amount ever. Also, the Alumni Association and Foundation last year jointly increased their contribution for faculty research to a total of \$15,000.

"This kind of success requires a great deal of hard work on the part of not just the Development and Alumni offices, but also by a great many volunteers who have participated in phon-a-thons or volunteered at events," Nazarian said.

Under Brown's stewardship last year, the Foundation expended \$1 million in support of scholarships and faculty research, College operations and special projects at the College. By comparison, \$400,000 was expended in 1996.

The College is currently working with a professional fund consulting firm to conduct a feasibility study regarding conducting its first-ever comprehensive campaign. The firm has been surveying community leaders, corporate and foundation officials, philanthropists, and members of the College community by mail, telephone, in focus groups, and in personal interviews over the summer. A final report is expected around the end of September.

"Nonetheless, the College has already begun

what development professionals refer to as the "quiet" phase of the campaign," Nazarian said. "What this means, in plain English, is that once we have obtained enough commitments to bring the College to within a certain percentage of its goal, we will then go public. We have not yet established a goal."

Prior to joining the RIC administrative staff, Brown served for 10 years in various capacities at the University of Rhode Island, including director of corporate and foundation relations in the Division of University Advancement. As such, she was integrally involved in developing and implementing the plan for URI's first-ever capital campaign for \$50 million.

Brown holds a bachelor's degree from Wilson College in Chambersburg, Penn.; a certificate in the Management Development Program from Harvard University; a master's in public administration from URI, and a doctorate in professional higher education administration from the University of Connecticut.

Based on her doctoral dissertation, she was asked to write a chapter for the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB) publication *College and University Foundations: Serving America's Public Higher Education* which was published in 1997.

The title of the chapter is "Autonomy and Independence: Lessons from the Courts."



NEW TRUSTEES of the Rhode Island College Foundation are (seated l to r) William Hurry, Jonathan Farnum, Nelson Mare, Ellen Kitchell '81, and (standing l to r) Vincent Cullen '55, Joseph Mollica '72, College President John Nazarian, Arthur Campbell '63, and John J. Smith '63. Not pictured is Andrew Annaldo '79. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)



Alumni Association awards nearly \$75,000 in scholarships to 82 students

Rhode Island College Alumni Association has awarded \$74,750 in scholarships to 82 students for the 2000-2001 academic year, it was announced by Ellie O'Neill, director of alumni affairs.

Another \$9,000 in Alumni Financial Aid Awards was given to the office of Financial Aid to be distributed at its discretion.

Contributions to the RIC Annual Fund make possible the scholarship money and alumni financial aid funds that are distributed each year.

The number of awards by category, the total amount awarded and the recipients and their hometowns are:

- Children (of Alumni) Academic Awards, three for a total of \$9,000, Alicia Deroy, Harrisville; Jennifer Boudreau, Providence, and Christy Stabile, Cranston.

- Alumni Graduate Awards, four for a total of \$2,500, Eric Greenlund, Cranston; Andrea Neto, Fall River, and Kevin Fox, Providence.

- Alumni Freshmen Awards, 33 for a total of \$17,800, Antonio Rodriques, Cumberland; Casey Gilfillan, Lincoln; Aja Collins, North Scituate; Kerri Zavota, Barrington; Jessica Arnold, Warwick; Kenneth Ferrara, North Providence; Mark Ferreira, Lincoln; Marc Pasonelli, Cranston;

Also, Lisa Rose Bucci, Gloucester;

Kristen Chapien, Lincoln; Thomas Champagne, Woonsocket; Michael Croteau, North Smithfield; Christopher Dias, East Providence; Allyson Cook, Tiverton; Lauren Dulude, Narragansett; Tara Erickson, Warwick; Shannon Flood, Slatersville; Christopher Marciano, Providence; Cori Garrison, Greenville; Jean Johnson, Warwick; Megan Kiley, Coventry;

Also, Laura Lamoureux, North Kingstown; Joseph Giardina, West Warwick; James Luth, Warwick; Carolyn Mallon, Pawtucket; Stacey Marchand, Woonsocket; Tyla McCaffrey, Greene; Timothy McGeough, Douglas, Mass.; Ann-Nina Muzzi, North Providence; Scott Pacheco, Bristol; Christopher Pelletier, Woonsocket; Jennifer Rousselle, Blackstone, Mass.; Marlene Senerchia, North Kingstown.

- Departmental Awards, 40 for a total of \$40,850, Angela Lang, Pawtucket; Justin Carley, West Warwick; Cheryl-Ann Drew, West Greenwich; Cristin Goff, Newport; Tiini Ristikari, Finland; Brandee Trainer, Providence; Amando Casiano, Bristol; Erin Cardone, Smithfield; Rachele Davis, Cranston; Marisa DiDonato, Providence; Amanda Hartley, Coventry; Gregory Jamiel, Cranston; Jill Langford, North

Smithfield; Andrea Lopes, Portsmouth; Deanna Mantoni, Danielson, Conn.;

Also, Michael Paz, Cumberland; Jennifer McCoy, Warwick; Lisa Middletown, Foster; Michael Roderick, Smithfield; Paul Rupert, Warwick; Suzette Silva, East Providence; Arthur Souza, Richmond; Kerri Travers, Bristol; Scott Winship, North Attleboro, Mass.; Patricia Kammerer, Providence;

Also, Peter Mwasaru, Providence; Marissa Lytle, Warwick; Jessica Tempest, Providence; Tina Fernandes, Warwick; Leslie Clemens, Putnam, Conn.; Robert Fagan, Johnston; Stephanie Florio, Johnston; Seenat Thongdee, Cranston; Shanan Pimental, Coventry; Stephanie Callaghan, Warwick; Crisolita da Cruz, Providence; Dayna Ferrara, North Providence; Jennifer Nott, Portsmouth; Tara Phelan, Newport; Cassandra Silva, Swansea, Mass.

Other scholarships awarded through the alumni office are the Frank and Agnes Campbell Scholarship of \$2,200 to Vinessa Petisce of East Greenwich, and the Andreoli Scholarship of \$1,500 to Mary Callahan of Middletown.



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Public comment invited for NEASC evaluation of RIC

Rhode Island College will undergo a comprehensive evaluation Oct. 15-18 by the Commission of Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), one of eight accrediting commissions in the United States that provides institutional accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the institution to: Public Comment on Rhode Island College, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, New England Association of Schools and Colleges, 209 Burlington Road, Bedford, Mass. 01730-1433. E-mail: cibe@neasc.org.

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution. Comments will not be treated as confidential. Written, signed comments must be received by Oct. 18. They should include the name, address and telephone number of the person providing the comments.

Plans under way for second Study Abroad trip to Italy

Study Abroad Program in Florence, established this past spring for the modern languages department by Santa V. Fortunato, assistant professor of Italian, was attended by the group of 16 Rhode Island College students, plus several faculty and alumnae who attended May 27 to June 24. Plans are being made for a second trip next spring.

Group members, accompanied by Fortunato, studied all levels of the Italian language, culture and opera at the prestigious Istituto Italiano di Cultura located in the historic center of Florence, and took out-of-town excursions to Venezia, Siena, San Gimignano and Verona that were offered by the Istituto.

Early registration for next spring's tour is advisable because airfare is substantially less if booked early.

For more information, e-mail sfortunato@ric.edu or call the department at (401) 456-8029.

Fall career workshops set

Career development workshops are scheduled this month through Dec. 14 in Craig-Lee 054 by the Career Development Center and the Office of Academic Support and Information Services (OASIS).

Workshops are in resume writing, interview techniques, electronic resumes, job-search skills and out-of-state job search. They are open to students and alumni.

Sign up for sessions by calling (401) 456-8031.

Summer reunions rekindle friendships, connections



(At left) **MEMORIES:** Mary Davenport '31, and Marion Gleason Maynard '26, look over vintage photos of their College days, during a reunion at the President's House on June 21. About 20 members of classes graduating some 70 years ago attended the first-ever reunion for these classes. Alumnae representing the classes of 1925, '26, '27, '30, '31, and '32 were present.

(Above) "I REMEMBER:" Mary Ryan Mailloux (left), Class of 1931, describes an event from her College days to Ellie O'Neill, director of Alumni Affairs. (What's News Photos by Gordon E. Rowley)

Come Back to RIC! Oct. 13-14, 2000

Highlights:

Friday, Oct. 13

Dance the night away with **BRASS ATTACK!**

8 - 11 p.m., SU Ballroom \$15 per person

Saturday, Oct. 14

1:30 p.m., **Homecoming Float Parade**

Look for detailed information in the mail and in the next issue of What's News regarding other social, artistic and recreational activities. Call 401-456-8086 for more information.





Fall is in the air: students move into fr



UNPACKING in Sweet Hall is Alison Angelone, a freshman from Bristol.



On Sept. 6, approximately 850 residents moved into the five residential halls. The following pages offer a glimpse of the beginning of the school year. Above, colorful banners on the campus welcome new and returning students. Below, with a little help from the movers, Brin Paasche, a freshman from Little Compton, carries her belongings into Sweet Hall.



FORTIFIED against the morning chill with a blanket, Brin Lorenc, a freshman from Narragansett, waits for help moving into Sweet Hall.



all residence halls on brisk day



...t students moved into their rooms following day classes began. *What's* ...ning of the 2000-2001 academic ... College esplanade greet the new ... help from her father, Norm, Heidi ...rries her furnishings into Willard



TALL ORDER: Alison Angers, a junior from Barrington, carries a rug into Weber Hall.



GETTING WIRED: (l and r) Chris Tiberi, a senior from Cranston, and "J. R." Coutu, a freshman from Coventry, use a handcart to move their electronics equipment into Sweet Hall.

*Photos and text by
Gordon E. Rowley*

Nazarian highlights changes at Convocation

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emphasis that we have placed on recruitment and retention efforts. In the year ahead we will be building upon many of these initiatives, including our quality service program and the strengthening of academic advising through OASIS (the Office of Academic Support and Information Services)," Nazarian said.

"As we begin the recruitment process for students entering the College in September 2001 — an effort that is already under way — our Admissions Office has a new and valuable incentive. For the first time, the state this year has added to Rhode Island College's budget a line item of \$200,000 for merit scholarships. The state has agreed to increase this amount by \$200,000 each year for the next three years," he said, thanking Sally Dowling, chair of the Board of Governors for Higher Education, and William Holland, commissioner of higher education, both of whom were in attendance. He also offered thanks to Rep. Tony Pires, chair of the House Finance Committee, the full Finance Committee, and Gov. Almond and the General Assembly.

The Convocation address focused on recent changes and anticipated changes for the upcoming year at the College. "Our world today is engulfed by rapid and fundamental change — driven particularly by remarkable advances in technology. Oftentimes, the magnitude of change and the speed at which it approaches can astound even the most astute among us. Here are a few predictions about the future that were made in the past:

- In 1899, Charles H. Duell, Commissioner of the United States Patent Office, said, "Everything that can be invented has been invented."

- In 1943, Thomas Watson, who built the IBM empire, said, "I think there is a world market for maybe five computers."

- In 1977, Ken Olson of Digital Equipment Corporation, said, "There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home."

- And, in an especially memorable prediction, Bill Gates said in 1981, "640K ought to be enough for anybody."

"We may laugh at how off base these predictions were, especially because we would expect those who made them to know better. Those of us in higher education are considered to be at the leading edge of our respective fields, and would therefore be expected to anticipate and to adapt well to change. Yet, at the same time, ours is an "industry," if you will, that is especially bound by tradition and history. That's why we're

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ensuing half century has served the institution as a student, a member of the faculty, an administrator — and for more than a decade — as its president.

In November 1998, at the groundbreaking for the Center, Gov. Lincoln Almond recommended that the new facility be named in honor of College President John Nazarian. The Board of Governors for Higher Education and General Assembly concurred, and in the spring of 1999, the name became official by an act of the General Assembly.

The dedication ceremony is slated to begin with a fanfare performed by the Rhode Island College Wind Ensemble and conducted by Robert H. Franzblau, assistant professor of music. The ceremony will include remarks from Sarah T. Dowling, chair of the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education; Gov. Almond, honorary co-chair of the Dedication Committee, U.S. Sen. Jack Reed, honorary co-chair of the Dedication



AT THE OPENING CONVOCATION in Donovan Dining Center Aug. 30, Herb Cummings, executive-in-residence in the Center for Management and Technology, talks with Sally Dowling, chair of the Board of Governors for Higher Education. Inset: President John Nazarian addresses the assembly. (What's News Photos by George LaTour)

referred to as "institutions." Change does not come naturally to us," he noted.

Citing a book by Spencer Johnson, M.D., co-author of *The One Minute Manager*, called *Who Moved My Cheese*, Nazarian addressed the importance of how the College community approaches change. "The premise is that change is inevitable and that our success and happiness is determined by how quickly we adapt to — and even embrace — the changes that confront us. Unfortunately, human nature tends to take us in a different direction. We tend to resist change because we find comfort in that which is familiar," he said.

"To put it another way, the economist John Kenneth Galbraith, who holds an honorary doctorate from Rhode Island College, once said, "Faced with the

choice between changing and proving there is no need to do so, most people get busy on the proof."

"Another one of the lessons from *Who Moved My Cheese?* is the need to anticipate change, because when we are forewarned, we can make adjustments," he continued. "Case in point: Rhode Island's fiscal health." He noted that while the last two years have been better than any other years in the decade for the state's economy, the latest projection from the state budget officer indicates "the good times have already ended. Revenue growth has begun to slow down; taxes are being reduced, which decreases revenue; and certain portions of the state budget — notably, health care — have increased substantially. The bottom line for higher education is that there will likely be very little additional state revenue in the next few years, and that which may be forthcoming will be largely absorbed by increased personnel costs — salaries and benefits."

Rhode Island College is particularly affected by these constraints because the unbudgeted cost of implementing our new administrative software PeopleSoft was \$5 million. The state provided an additional \$1.1 million to help defray the cost and the College has elected to write off these excess costs over a five-year period. "Therefore, any increase we get from the state is first going to have to pay for yesterday's bills," he said. "I do not say these things to discourage you. We still have much to celebrate, but I want everyone to know exactly where we stand so that even as we work to secure adequate funding, we can also moderate our expectations."

In looking forward to the upcoming year, Nazarian summarized some personnel changes and provided a glimpse of ongoing and upcoming initiatives.

Among the personnel changes were the announcements of the promotion of Marguerite Brown from director of development to vice president of development, and of key new appointments in the leadership of the Feinstein

School of Education and Human Development. (See related stories on page 1.)

He also noted that with the retirement of James Turley as dean of graduate studies and assistant vice president for academic affairs, the duties relating to administration of graduate programs have been assigned for the current year to the respective deans and to the director of the Center for Management and Technology. This arrangement will be reviewed by the College over the next year. George Metrey, dean of the School of Social Work, has accepted an additional assignment as acting assistant vice president for academic affairs.

Among the initiatives discussed were the NEASC review, set for Oct. 15 — 18, a joint study by the faculty of the FSEHD and the Faculty of Arts and Sciences regarding teacher education, technology, and facilities improvements, including a request for \$4 million to renovate the residence halls that will be part of a \$37 million higher education bond issue slated for the November election. The bond issue also includes projects at the University of Rhode Island and the Community College of Rhode Island. These and other topics will be explored in future issues of *What's News*.

Nazarian concluded with an update on technology and announced, to a great round of applause, that with the College's most recent purchase of Dell PC's, all faculty members who want a personal computer in their office, will receive one.

In conclusion, he returned to the message about change. "The accelerating pace of change is driven by new technologies. The acquisition of these technologies is expensive and becoming adept in their use can be challenging, but we are an institution of higher education. It is our responsibility to show the way to others. Therefore, let us accept these challenges, let us embrace these changes, and let us do so with full confidence that the future will be better than the past."

College community extends welcome to new colleagues

At the Opening Convocation on Aug. 30, the following new faculty and staff members were recognized. This group of newcomers represents the largest addition to the RIC community in recent years. This document was prepared by the Office of the President in conjunction with the Office of Human Resources. It includes all individuals currently employed on an academic year or calendar year basis who began their service after Jan. 1, 2000.

FACULTY

PETER P. ANDREOZZI, assistant professor of mathematics. Andreozzi holds a PhD from the George Peabody College for Teachers, an MAT from RIC, and a BS from Clemson. Andreozzi was with the Seekonk public schools for 35 years, including service as teacher, department chair, and principal. He is a resident of Warren.

JAMES F. BARTON, associate professor for reading education, elementary education. Barton holds a PhD from Stanford University, an MA in reading from Boston University, and a BS in secondary education from the University of Vermont. For the past 10 years he has served as associate professor of reading education at the URI.

JUDITH H. BERG, associate professor of educational leadership, educational studies. Berg holds an EdD from Boston University, a professional diploma from Fordham University, and an MA and BA from New York University. Most recently an associate professor and acting division director at the University of Northern Colorado, Berg comes to us from Fort Collins, Colo.

CHARLES BOISVERT, assistant professor, counseling and educational psychology. Boisvert holds a PhD from the University of Rhode Island, an MA from RIC, and a BS from LeMoyne College. He most recently served as a postdoctoral psychology fellow at Lahey Clinic Medical Center. Boisvert is a resident of Cumberland.

LISA B. CHURCH, assistant professor, accounting and computer information systems. Church holds a JD from the New England School of Law, an MST from Bryant College, and a BS from URI. Most recently a tax consulting manager at Ernst & Young, Church is a resident of Smithfield.

LINDA G. CAPALBO, assistant professor, elementary education. Capalbo is a PhD candidate in the joint URI/RIC education doctoral program. She holds an MEd and a BS from Rhode Island College and most recently served as acting coordinator for teacher education at URI. Capalbo is a resident of East Greenwich.

MAUREEN FAGAN, assistant professor of chemistry, physical sciences. Fagan holds a PhD from the University of Wisconsin and a BS from the University of New Hampshire. Previously a postdoctoral research associate at M.I.T., Fagan most recently resided in Cambridge, Mass.

GARY FORTUNATO, sergeant major, military science faculty. Fortunato is a graduate of the Sergeant Majors Academy and holds bachelor's and associate's degrees from Providence College. With over 30 years of active duty service, Fortunato has most recently served on the military science faculty at Providence College, a cooperative program that also serves RIC students. His new assignment will permit RIC students in this program to attend classes on this campus.

MICHAEL B. HAYDEN, assistant professor of computer information systems. Hayden holds a PhD, MA, and BS from URI. Most recently assistant professor at East Carolina University, Hayden returns to Rhode Island from Winterville, N.C.

ZUBEDA JALALZAI, assistant professor of English. Jalalzai holds a PhD from SUNY Buffalo, an MA from Binghamton University, and a BA from St. Lawrence University. Most recently a teacher at Nichols School, Jalalzai comes to us from Buffalo, N.Y.

PAUL JANAWAY, instructor, Henry Barnard School. Janaway holds a bachelors of humanities from Borough Road College, the University of London. His most recent positions were as head of the School of Leisure, Tourism, and Hospitality at Hertford Regional College and as physical education teacher at the Kingsmead School. Janaway currently resides in Warwick.

GARY KAYAKACHOIAN, assistant professor, economics and finance. Kayakachioian holds a PhD from URI, an MBA from Cornell University, and a BS from Boston College. Most recently an instructor at URI, Kayakachioian had previously been employed with Howard Systems International and NYNEX. He is a resident of Narragansett.

MARIA LAWRENCE, assistant professor, elementary education. Lawrence holds a PhD from Lesley College and an MAT and BA from RIC. Prior to entering into a program of doctoral studies, Lawrence taught physical science in the Coventry Public Schools and earlier served as a physics instructor at Brown University. Lawrence resides in Coventry.

MARICARMEN R. MARGENOT, assistant professor of Spanish, modern languages. Margenot received a PhD and MA from the University of Connecticut and a BA from Universidad de Sevilla in Spain. She has previously taught at RIC and Providence College. Margenot is a resident of Lincoln.

JEANETTE S. MATRONE, assistant professor, nursing. Matrone holds a PhD and MS from Boston College, a BS from Salve Regina College, and a diploma from the Roger Williams Hospital School of Nursing. Most recently vice president for patient care at Lifespan and previously nurse-in-chief at Miriam Hospital, Matrone is a resident of Bristol.

CHARLES H. McLAUGHLIN, JR., associate professor of technology education, educational studies. McLaughlin holds a PhD from the University of Maryland at College Park, and an MEd and BS from RIC. Previously an associate professor at Ball State University, McLaughlin returns to Rhode Island from Muncie, Ind.

THOMAS H. MORRILL, assistant professor, physical sciences. Morrill holds a PhD in theoretical physics from Boston University, an MS in physics from Lehigh University, and a BS in physics from the Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Morrill most recently served as associate professor at Merrimack College and is a resident of Framingham, Mass.

MARTHA ROBERTS, assistant professor, Henry Barnard School. Roberts holds an MEd from Lesley College and a BS from the University of Vermont. Most recently a teacher at the Alperin Schechter Day School, Roberts is a resident of Barrington.

KRISTA L. ROBERTSON, assistant professor, Department of Counseling and Educational Psychology. Robertson holds a PhD, MA, and BA from URI. A psychologist in private practice, Robertson previously served as a psychologist with the Smithfield public schools. She resides in Providence.

KATHERINE RUDOLPH, assistant professor of philosophy. Rudolph holds a PhD from Johns Hopkins University, a master of philosophy and a MA from Yale, and a BA from Barnard College. Most recently a Lecturer at SUNY Stony Brook, Rudolph comes to the College from Rocky Point, N.Y.

MELODY RUFFIN WARD, assistant professor of dance, music, theatre, and dance department. Ward holds an MFA from the University of Michigan and a BA from Spelman College. Most recently an assistant professor of dance at Old Dominion University, Ward comes to us from Norfolk, Va.

CARMEN SANCHEZ, assistant professor, Henry Barnard School. Sanchez earned an MAT from URI and a BA from the University of Puerto Rico. Most recently a Spanish teacher for the Chariho School District, Sanchez resides in East Greenwich.

SONDRA SHERMAN, assistant professor of art. Sherman holds an MFA from the Munich Academy of Fine Art and a BFA from the Tyler School of Art at Temple University. Most recently an assistant professor at SUNY New Paltz, Sherman comes to us from Kingston, N.Y.

JAMES L. TAYLOR, JR., assistant professor of theatre, music, theatre, and dance department. Taylor holds a PhD from Florida State University, an MA from California State University - Los Angeles, and a BA from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Most recently an adjunct professor at Florida A&M, Taylor comes to us from Tallahassee, Fla.

CHRISTOPHER TEIXEIRA, assistant professor of mathematics. Teixeira holds a PhD and MS from URI and a BS from the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth. Most recently a teaching assistant and instructor for Project Discovery at URI, Teixeira resides in Peace Dale.

SANDRA E. URBAN-LYNCH, assistant professor of nursing. Urban-Lynch holds an MSN from Allegheny University of Health Sciences, a BSN from Hahnemann University, and an associate's in nursing from Gloucester County College. Urban-Lynch most recently served as a nurse in the intensive care unit at Rhode Island Hospital and has also served as an adjunct nursing faculty member at CCRI.

ROBERT A. WALKER, assistant professor, communications. Walker is a PhD candidate at the University of Connecticut and holds an MA and BA from RIC. He was most recently with the RI Department of Children, Youth, and Families where he served as an education advocate. Walker resides in Warwick.

CHARLES F. WALSH, Lieutenant Colonel, military science faculty. Walsh holds an MA from Salve Regina University, a BS in industrial technology from Rhode Island College, and is a graduate of the RI Military Officer Candidate School. He has served as Battalion Commander of the 1st Battalion, 103rd Field Artillery and most recently was assigned as deputy chief of staff, Personnel. He is a resident of Smithfield.

ADMINISTRATIVE & PROFESSIONAL STAFF

DAVID R. ALLMAN, director, information and prospect management, Rhode Island College Foundation. Allman holds a bachelor of music in composition from the Hartt School of Music. He most recently served as development assistant for the Providence Preservation Society, and is a resident of Providence.

ANDREA BABIANA, financial services coordinator, accounting. Babiana holds a BA in accounting from Assumption College and was most recently employed as an accountant for Executone/Telenetwork Services, Inc. of East Providence. She is a resident of Lincoln.

BRIAN BAKER, library assistant in circulation, Adams Library. Baker holds a BS from RIC and is a member of the Class of 2000. As a student, he was employed as an assistant at the library since 1996. Baker resides in North Providence.

JOHN BOOMER, technical director, Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts. Boomer holds a BA in theatre from RIC. He most recently served as assistant master electrician for the Trinity Repertory Company and is a resident of Riverside.

HECTOR CARDONA, coordinator, OASIS. Cardona holds a BA from RIC and was most recently employed as an admissions officer with the College. He resides in Lincoln.

JAMES C. DORIAN, acting director, records. Dorian holds an MBA and a BA from Bryant College. Most recently a manager at KPMG, Dorian previously served as director of financial aid and student employment at Bryant College and as director of the loan department of Brown University. He is a resident of North Providence.

KATHLEEN M. GONSALVES, payroll manager. Gonsalves holds a BS in accounting from Johnson & Wales University. She most recently was employed by Gem Case of Cranston, where she served as human resources/payroll manager. Gonsalves is a resident of West Warwick.

KENNETH R. HAYES, assistant director of financial aid. Hayes holds an MA from Emerson College and a BA from Bridgewater State College. A resident of Attleboro, Mass., Hayes most recently served as assistant director of financial aid at Lasell College.

CORRINE KILPECK-BERNAL, library assistant in circulation, Adams Library. Kilpeck-Bernal holds a BS from Northeastern Illinois University and was most recently employed by Roger Williams University, where she was a cataloging assistant. Kilpeck-Bernal is a resident of Cranston.

ANNE M. LaBORNE, assistant director of residential life, LaBorne holds an MA in educational psychology from Boston College and a BA in sociology from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She most recently served as director of housing and residential life at the Boston Conservatory. LaBorne is a former resident of Boston.

LISA ANN GUILLETTE, research coordinator, Rhode Island Technical Assistance Project (RITAP). Guillette holds an MBA from Providence College, where she also earned a BA in social work. She has been with RITAP since 1993, which this year has relocated to Rhode Island College. Guillette is a resident of North Providence.

DAVID A. KANE, legal affairs coordinator, Rhode Island Technical Assistance Project (RITAP). Kane holds a JD from the New England School of Law and a BA from Boston College. An attorney since 1989, he has provided counsel to RITAP since 1994. RITAP was welcomed to the Rhode Island College campus earlier this year. Kane resides in Pomfret Center, Conn.

SHANA J. MURRELL, assistant director, alumni affairs. Murrell holds an MBA and a BS from Johnson & Wales University. Most recently employed as program coordinator with the Muscular Dystrophy Association, she resides in North Providence.

LISA DIANE NARCISI, project assistant, Rhode Island Writing Project. Narcisi holds a BA from Mt. Holyoke College and most recently served as a sales assistant for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. She is a resident of Hope.

RACHEL M. NEWMAN, residence hall director, Browne Hall. Newman holds a BA in English literature from Wheaton College, where she most recently served as a head resident and residential assistant for their residential housing office. Newman resides in Hope Valley.

ANNE M. PASCUCCI, post award grant coordinator. Pascucci holds a BA from Sienna College and most recently served as controller for AIDS Care Ocean State. She is a resident of North Kingstown.

JIMENA SANDOVAL, programmer/analyst, management information services. Sandoval holds a BS in computer information systems from Bryant College and

most recently served as an application developer/program analyst for Computer Sciences Corporation. She resides in North Providence.

MANISONE SISOUPHONE, programmer/analyst, management information services. Sisouphone, who holds a BS from Nichols College and was most recently employed as an application builder/tester for Computer Sciences Corporation, is a resident of Danielson, Conn.

LORI A. STREKER, accountant, accounting office. Streker holds a BS in computer information systems and also in accounting from RIC, where she was a member of the Class of 2000. She also holds an associate's degree from CCRI. In recent years she served a CIS/MIS internship with the Rhode Island Department of Corrections and was system analysis project leader for the Westerly Adult Day Care Center. Streker is a resident of Warwick.

ELISABETH A. SUNDERMEIER, counselor, counseling center. Sundermeier holds a PhD from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, an MS from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and a BS from Creighton University. Most recently a pre-doctoral intern at Kansas State University, Sundermeier comes to us from Manhattan, Kan.

SARAH TALBERT, assistant teacher in child care, Henry Barnard School. Talbert holds a BS and a BA from URI. She most recently served as a student teacher at the Charlestown Elementary School. Talbert resides in Wakefield.

JEFFREY D. ZANDER, residence hall director, Willard Hall. Zander holds a BA in human studies from Bradford College and most recently served as residential coordinator at St. Mary's Home for Children. He is a resident of East Providence.

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Athletics

From the athletic director's desk



Donald E. Tencher
Director,
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and Recreation

A very busy and productive summer of camps and facility renovations are behind us as we look forward to the academic year. We have some new faces in the athletic department as several of our coaches have left coaching to devote more time to other professional and personal activities.

This includes former baseball coaches Scott Perry, Steve Piscopiello and Bob O'Toole and former gymnastics coach, Kim Zeiner-Daigle. We thank them for their efforts and wish them much success!

I would now like to introduce you to some new staff members. The majority of whom I am proud to say are Rhode Island College alumni.

Art Pontarelli '70 joins the staff as the executive director of the Anchor Club. He will work closely with Anchor Club President Charlie Wilkes and myself to increase membership in the booster club and assist with future fundraising initiatives including an athletic alumni golf tournament.

He was the assistant baseball coach here from 1976-80 and the head coach from 1981-84. He moved on to the Community College of Rhode Island where he was the head coach from 1985-92, guiding the Knights to the NJCAA College World Series three times in 1988, 1991 and 1992. One of Art's former players is current Boston Red Sox reliever Rheel Cormier.

He recently retired after 26 years as a history teacher at Ponaganset High School. In addition to his duties here at RIC, Pontarelli is a scout for Major League Baseball's Colorado Rockies.

Jay Grenier is our new head baseball coach. Jay was previously the head baseball coach at CCRI, a position he held since 1993.

During his tenure as the head coach at CCRI, the Knights were a consistent regional power. He was named the NJCAA Coach of the Year in both 1994 and 1996. He was the Louisville Slugger Region 21 Coach of the Year in 1993, 1994 and 1996. Prior to taking the head job at CCRI, Grenier was an assistant coach for the Knights from 1985-93.

He began his coaching career as an assistant coach at Rhode Island College in 1981, a position he held through the 1985 season. He has also served as the head coach of the Rhode Island Reds, a New England Collegiate Baseball League team. Grenier has also worked as a hitting coach for the Chatham A's of the Cape Cod Baseball League and as an envoy coach to Jamaica with Major League Baseball International.

Brad Bustin and Marc Pantazis come over from CCRI with Jay and will be the assistant baseball coaches.

Nicole Follett is our new head women's gymnastics coach. She has been a gymnastics coach at the Rita Beaulieu Dance and Gymnastics Center since December of 1994 and an assistant gymnastics coach at Coventry High School since November of 1997. As a RIC student she lettered in both women's gymnastics and track and field.

Matt Coleman is our first-ever head women's lacrosse coach. The team will begin play this upcoming spring. He is a 1995 graduate of the University of Rhode Island. He was a defenseman on the Rams' club lacrosse team from 1991-95. URI was the Pioneer Lacrosse League champs three times during Coleman's tenure.

Christine Ann Palmaccio is our new head cheerleading coach. She has been the wrestling cheerleader coach at Cranston High School West since 1998. She was the soccer and hockey cheerleading coach at Johnston High School from 1995-2000. Christine has an extensive background in dance as well as cheerleading and is a 1997 Rhode Island College graduate.

Hector Cardona '99 joins the women's soccer staff as an assistant coach. In addition to his coaching duties, Hector is a coordinator at OASIS here at RIC. Hector previously coached at Hope High School.

Best of luck ladies and gentlemen with all of your endeavors.

Robitaille heads up re-tooled women's soccer team

by Scott Gibbons
Sports Information Director

RIC Head Women's Soccer Coach Nicole Barber had her work cut out for her this past off-season. Not only did RIC have to replace all-time leading scorer and First Team All-Little East Conference forward Joan Hencler, but the team also lost four other seniors who saw significant playing time.

"We've lost six key players over the past two seasons," Barber says, "but we have a lot of younger players who will step up and play a more significant role this year."

RIC is looking to build on its first winning season. The Anchorwomen were 9-8-1 overall with a 2-4-1 mark in the Little East in 1999.

One area Barber won't have to worry about is in goal. Jessica Robitaille has been the squad's starter since her freshman season back in 1997. She is RIC's all-time leader in career wins, goals-against average, minutes played, save percentage, shutouts and saves.

She logged 1,211 minutes, 144 saves, 4.5 shutouts, a 1.56 GAA and a .872 save percentage in 16 games last fall.

"We have a lot of new players with a lot of potential this season," Robitaille says. "Everyone is still get-



JESSICA ROBITAILLE

ting used to playing with each other. I think we'll improve as the season goes on. The seniors will have to step up and be leaders and teach the new

players what it's like to play at the college level."

Senior forward Jen Danielian will be the focal point of the squad's offense. Danielian had seven goals and four assists for 18 points on her way to a Second Team All-Little East Conference selection last fall.

Senior Katie Hagan, who has seen her offensive role diminish over the past year due to knee injuries, will play at sweeper again this season. Hagan, who led the Anchorwomen in scoring in 1997 and 1998, is scheduled to have another knee surgery after the season.

Senior back Stephanie Florio, another three-year starter, is a rock on defense.

Two sophomores will anchor the midfield position. Allison Vales started all 18 games as a rookie with two goals and one assist for five points in 1999. Two-sport standout (soccer and softball) Hollie Benevides had three goals and one assist for seven points from her midfield spot last fall.

"We'll be a little young this season," Barber adds. "We finally had some success last season and the team is looking forward to building on last year's accomplishments."

Arrighi's return sparks women's volleyball

As the Rhode Island College women's volleyball team opened pre-season practices on Aug. 21, the Anchorwomen welcomed one of its top players back to the court. Outside hitter Jessica Arrighi missed the entire 1999 season while rehabilitating her right shoulder after surgery.

After outstanding freshman and sophomore seasons, it was obvious the Anchorwomen missed Arrighi's presence in the lineup in '99. RIC lost six of its first seven matches and struggled to an 8-26 overall record and a 1-6 mark in the Little East Conference last fall.

"Having Jess back on the team is a huge lift for us," Head Coach Kristen Norberg says. "I think the team can look to the way she's come back. It's been a year and a half long rehab process for her and she's really dedicated herself to getting back to where she was as a sophomore."

She is fourth all-time at RIC with a .214 career hitting percentage. Arrighi is ninth all-time with 392 career kills. "My shoulder is doing well," Arrighi says. "This is the first time I've played every day since 1998, so I still have some soreness, but it's nothing like it was before. I feel as though I'm right back where I left off as a sophomore and can't wait to start this season."

With Arrighi back in the fold, RIC's starting six looks to be competitive with the other teams in the conference. "We are working the hardest we've ever worked," adds Arrighi. "Not only is everyone stepping up their game individually, we're playing really well as a team."

Last season's Most Valuable Player,

Kim Lebrun, will start at setter and also play outside hitter. She is RIC's all-time leader with 797 career assists. With a solid season, the senior could become the first Anchorwoman with 1,000 career assists. Lebrun led the team in assists and service aces in '99, and was in the top five on the squad in digs, blocks and kills.

The team is strong up front with junior middle hitters Brandee Trainer and Erica Waltonen. Trainer, a starter since her freshman year, is third all-time at RIC with a .215 career hitting percentage. She led RIC in hitting percentage, kills and blocks last fall.

Waltonen earned a spot in the starting lineup last season and was named to the Little East Conference's All-Tournament Team. She was in the top four on the team in kills, service aces, blocks and digs.

"We only lost one starter from last year," Trainer says. "We're passing



JESSICA ARRIGHI

well and have some strong hitters that can really put the ball down. We were a young team a couple of years ago and we've all developed together. I think we'll be competitive out on the floor this year."

RIC's Performing Arts Series — Adrian Hall in 'Love Letters' plus dance, music, New Yorker wit

A love letter for Rhode Island via A. R. Gurney's *Love Letters*, a play about lifelong friends performed by lifelong friends Adrian Hall and Katherine Helmond, will kick off the Rhode Island College Performing Arts Series' Potpourri Series with three performances Sept. 23-24 in the Lila and John Sapinsley Hall in the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts.

For 25 years, Hall provided direction and inspiration to the Tony Award winning Trinity Repertory Company. In 1963, he became the company's first artistic director and transformed the small community theater to one of the country's most renowned resident theaters.

Returning to Providence, Hall will team up with Helmond, who was a member of the Trinity company from 1965 to 69. She went on to a very successful career in film and TV. Her acting credits include the TV series *Soap* and *Who's the Boss?* and such films as *Brazil* and *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*.

Performances of *Love Letters* will be at 8 p.m. Saturday, the 23rd, and 2 and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Other acts in the RIC Performing Arts Series' Potpourri Series include *Carnaval 2000: Bale Folclorico da Bahia*, a 32-member troupe of dancers and musicians performing a repertory based on "Bahian" folkloric dances of African origin on Oct. 12; The Parsons Dance Company with the Elm City Ensemble, which combines modern dance with one of America's top 10 young chamber ensembles on Oct. 25;



ADRIAN HALL

Alonzo King's *LINES* Contemporary Ballet with Zakir Hussain on March 22, and humorist, best-selling author and National Public Radio commentator David Sedaris on March 31.

All will be in the Auditorium in Roberts Hall at 8 p.m.

The President's Music Series, a part of the Performing Arts Series, will see the return of the Muir String Quartet for the eighth consecutive season for performances on Oct. 16 and on April 23 with guest pianist Mihae Lee; the Eroica Trio on Jan. 22; and the Boston Symphony Chamber Players on March 5. All performances in the Music Series will be at 8 p.m. in the Lila and John Sapinsley Hall in the Nazarian Center.

The Emerging Artist Series, insti-

tuted last season as part of the Performing Arts Series, will bring Minsk pianist Andrey Ponochevny on Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lila and John Sapinsley Hall. Ponochevny was the first prize winner in the 1998 William Kappel International Competition.

A Performing Arts Series special engagement on Feb. 2 will be violinist Joshua Bell in the Auditorium in Roberts Hall. Bell received three Grammy award nominations in the past year, appeared in the film *Music of the Heart* and his violin virtuosity was displayed in the film *The Red Violin*, the score of which received an Academy Award.

Call (401) 456-8194 for more information.



KATHERINE HELMOND

John Custer to be honored as 'Hero in Art Education'

John Custer, director of the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts and the Performing Arts Series at Rhode Island College, will be honored as a "Hero in Arts Education" by the Rhode Island Alliance for Arts Education at the third annual Start-of-the-Year reception Sept. 14 at the Providence Performing Arts Center.



JOHN CUSTER

Custer is cited for providing "many opportunities" for middle and high school students to participate in special workshops with many of the visiting artists who perform in the RIC Performing Arts Series, and has on numerous occasions invited a number of students to attend performances at the College.

Custer, who holds the academic rank of professor, has been at the College since 1969. Also to be honored will be the Benefactors of the Arts of Newport's historic point section. They are being cited for annually conducting The Secret Garden Tour, a fund raiser for the arts.

The Alliance is a non-profit organization whose mission is to foster the inclusion of arts in the educational process.

Popular Chamber Music Series continues the tradition of bringing in talented performers

The Rhode Island College Wednesday One O'clock Chamber Music Series this fall will feature five performances from September to December in the Lila and John Sapinsley Hall in the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts.

All performances are free and open to the public.

The Toccare Duo with Stanislava Svecova on recorder and Michael Bahmann on harpsichord will start the series Sept.

27. Fred Jodry, counter-tenor, will join them. The Duo has performed baroque and contemporary music in the United States and Europe, recording for Czechoslovak Radio and WBGH in Boston.

Dramatic soprano Kathryn Barnes-Burroughs, who recently made her debut as Tosca with the Houston Opera-in-the-Heights, will perform Oct. 25 accompanied by pianist Stephen Martorella. Barnes-Burroughs has toured with the New York City Opera's national company and has performed with the New Orleans Opera Association, the Hawaii, Anchorage, Fort Worth and Shreveport operas, among others.

The Corigliano String Quartet, which is dedicated to the presenta-

tion of new American music in tandem with the standard quartet repertoire, will take the stage Nov. 8. Recent performances have taken it to New York, Chicago, Detroit, Houston, Indianapolis, Minneapolis and Korea. A master class will follow this program.

Flo St. Jean, a mezzo-soprano who performs throughout the area in both the classical and popular music genres, will appear Nov. 29.

She is the mezzo soloist for the baroque ensemble Basically Bach, and performs regularly with the popular music group Good Friends. She is a member of the RIC adjunct music faculty and directs the Bryant College Singers.

Renowned pianist John Browning will perform Dec. 13. A nationally known recording artist, his highly acclaimed recordings, which have garnered three Grammy nominations and two Grammy awards, were written for and expressly dedicated to him by renowned composers. He is considered one of the most important and extraordinarily compelling virtuoso performers today.

For more information, call John Pellegrino, series coordinator, at (401) 456-9883.



TOCCARE DUO



BANNISTER EXHIBIT now through Sept. 26 features selected student work from 1995-2000. It reflects the changes in the department over the past five years due to faculty retirements and the evolving teaching standards in a number of areas. Above is Christopher Spadazzi's "Fu Manchu Sold Me the Brooklyn Bridge" 1999. Wood, steel, cast aluminum, 53" x 42" x 28". An artists' reception is set for 4 p.m. Sept. 15 following the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly completed Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts.

RIC CALENDAR

SEPT. 11 - 25, 2000

Tuesdays

11 a.m. to noon—*Stress Management*. This group introduces students to the basic stress management principles and a variety of relaxation strategies, emphasizing the use of biofeedback. This may be useful for students with stress and anxiety problems, as well as those who would like to enhance their performance and well being. No appointment or intake is required, and students, faculty, and staff may attend as often as they wish. Meets in Craig-Lee 130. For further information, call the Counseling Center, 456-8094.

Thursdays

2 to 3 p.m.—*Mindfulness Meditation*. Meditation has been shown to have substantial benefits for the mind and body. With mindfulness meditation, the goal is to cultivate moment-to-moment awareness by purposeful direction of attention. This group will offer beginners some basic instruction and more experienced meditators a regular sitting practice. No appointment or intake is required. Open to students, faculty, and staff. Meets in Craig-Lee 130. For further information, call the Counseling Center, 456-8094.

12 Tuesday

7:30 p.m.—Film: *American Beauty* in Horace Mann 193. \$2 admission. Sponsored by Film Society.

13 Wednesday

12:30 to 2 p.m.—*Campus Activities Day*. See how you can get involved! Outside the Student Union. For further information, call the Campus Center, 456-8034.

RIC Trip: WaterFire Providence (weather permitting) Bus leaves at 6:30 and returns to RIC at 9:30 p.m. For further information, call Student Activities, 456-8034.

8 p.m.—Video Dance Party-free in the SU Ballroom. For further information, call RIC Programming, 456-8045.

15 Friday



Dedication of the John Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts

2 p.m. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony; **3:15 p.m.** Courtyard Dedication; **3:30 p.m.** Art for Public Facilities Dedication. Tours, demonstrations, entertainment, and light refreshments to follow. For more information, call 456-8194.

16 Saturday

RIC Trip: Tubing Down the Farmington River. Bus leaves the SU Loop at 9 a.m. and returns to RIC at 6 p.m. \$6 for RIC student/\$12 for non-RIC students. Tickets can be purchased at the Recreation Center and SU Info Desk. Includes bus, tubes and lunch. For further information, call Aquatics, 456-8227, or Student Activities, 456-8034.

18 Monday

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.—*Inflatables: Bungee Run, Walk Wall, etc.* In the "Quad" in front of the Library-free! For further information, call RIC Programming, 456-8045.

20 Wednesday

1 to 2 p.m.—*Managing Test Anxiety* in Craig-Lee 130. Does the thought of taking a test cause you to feel anxious or send you into a panic? Do you get nervous, lose sleep the night before, or go blank during an exam? You are not alone. Come and learn some new tips on coping with this common problem. For further information, call the Counseling Center, 456-8094.

22 Friday

Major Concert: EVE 6 (new CD: "Horoscope") New Building (gym) Doors open at 7 p.m.-Limited tickets available. Advance ticket at SU Info Desk \$10 with college ID, \$15 without. Tickets at the door \$15 night of the show. For further information, call RIC Programming, 456-8045.

23 and 24 Sat. and Sun.

Potpourri Series, Theatre: "Love Letters" with Adrian Hall and Katherine Helmond. Part of the Performing Arts Series. 8 p.m. on Sept. 23; 2 and 7:30 p.m. performances on Sept. 24. Held in Lila and John Sapinsley Hall in the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts. Call 456-8194.

24 Sunday

RIC Trip: Canoe Trip on the Wood River. Bus leaves SU at 10 a.m. and returns 5 p.m. Only \$10 for RIC students with ID/\$15 non-RIC students. Tickets may be purchased at Recreation Center and SU Info Desk. Includes bus, canoe/kayak/lunch and all gear. For further information, call RIC Programming, Student Activities, 456-8034, or Aquatics, 456-8227.

Sports Events

Men's Soccer

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| Tues. | Sept. 12 | Rivier | 3:30 p.m. |
| Thurs. | Sept. 14 | Worcester State | 3:30 p.m. |
| Mon. | Sept. 18 | at Bridgewater State | 3:30 p.m. |
| Wed. | Sept. 20 | at Salem State | 3:30 p.m. |
| Sat. | Sept. 23 | at UMASS-Boston * | 1 p.m. |

Women's Soccer

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| Tues. | Sept. 12 | at Roger Williams | 4 p.m. |
| Thurs. | Sept. 14 | at Worcester State | 7 p.m. |
| Sat. | Sept. 16 | at Southern Maine * | 1 p.m. |
| Tues. | Sept. 19 | UMASS-Dartmouth * | 3:30 p.m. |
| Sat. | Sept. 23 | UMASS-Boston * | 1 p.m. |

Women's Tennis

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| Thurs. | Sept. 14 | Salve Regina | 3:30 p.m. |
| Mon. | Sept. 18 | UMASS-Boston * | 3:30 p.m. |
| Wed. | Sept. 20 | at Bryant | 3 p.m. |
| Sat. | Sept. 23 | at Newbury # | 1 p.m. |
| Mon. | Sept. 25 | at Bridgewater State | 3:30 p.m. |

Women's Volleyball

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| Wed. | Sept. 13 | WPI | 7 p.m. |
| Tues. | Sept. 19 | at Wesleyan | 7 p.m. |
| Fri. | Sept. 22 | at Bridgewater State Invitational | 4 p.m. |
| Sat. | Sept. 23 | at Bridgewater State Invitational | Noon |

Men's and Women's Cross Country

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| Sat. | Sept. 16 | at UMASS-Dartmouth Invitational | Noon |
| Sat. | Sept. 23 | Ray Dwyer Invitational * | Noon |

Home games/meets in bold

Second annual Creating a New Service Agenda picnic brings College community together



HAM(BURG)ING IT UP, during the *Creating a New Service Agenda* picnic on the esplanade June 28, is Vice President for Student Affairs Gary Penfield, as he serves his administrative secretary Eva Neira. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

Notice of Affirmative Action and Nondiscrimination

Rhode Island College is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action. No student, employee, or applicant will be denied admission, employment, or access to programs and activities because of race, sex, religion, age, color, national origin, handicap/disability status, sexual orientation/preference, or veteran status. This College policy is in concert with state and federal nondiscrimination laws. Inquiries concerning the College's administration of the nondiscrimination laws should be addressed to the College director of affirmative action. Reasonable accommodation upon request.