



# WHAT'S NEWS

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## RIC-Pawtucket collaborate on classroom diversity

by George LaTour  
What's News Associate Editor

"The portrait of America emerging from the 2000 Census is that of a more ethnically and racially diverse country," the *New York Times* noted in an April 1 article.

"Yet there has been little change in the tendency of whites, blacks, Latinos and Asians to live apart from one another," the result being an avoidance or at least a delay in the assimilation of minorities into the mainstream of American life.

Education is viewed by some as a possible remedy. A large percentage of minority school children, despite being highly intelligent, are experiencing learning difficulties. A big part of the problem, of course, is the difficulty of learning in a language not their own.

Rhode Island College and Pawtucket are collaborating on a project to instruct teachers in that city how to more effectively teach students with learning problems in the ethnically diverse classroom.

In a program called "Differentiated Instruction in the Inclusive Classroom: A Three-Part Professional Development Academy for Classroom Teachers," Nancy Cloud, an assistant professor in special education at RIC, is teaching three groups for three days each how to be successful in "helping kids achieve."

The sessions are held on Saturdays in the department's administration building at Park Place. Participants are given "a lot of professional ref-

erence material" as a supplement to their instruction.

"You need a systematic educational response that's going to help teachers develop the knowledge and skills (they need) — in other words, how to modify school work," says Cloud.

Among the strategies for teacher success are learning how to effectively group students into classrooms, increase communication and collaboration, increase organizational skills, increase students' attention to tasks, manage student behavior, and improve students' learning in all academic areas.

**"Classroom teachers need someone who can talk about ESL and special education, in other words, about all types of learner differences." — Cloud**

Of the 10,069 Pawtucket grade-school students, over 3,000 are in need of special education or English-as-a-Second Language (ESL) instruction.

Cloud had worked for six years at the Institute for Urban and Minority Education at Teachers College at Columbia University. All her work has been with urban and culturally and linguistically diverse schools.

Working with Kim Mercer, director of curriculum, instruction and assessment for the Pawtucket School Department, Cloud is teaching the teachers and administrators in the program from March to June. The first group was middle and high school teachers; the second, elementary teachers (April 28, May 12 and June 2); a third, for administrators, is now being planned.

Mercer has a bachelor's (1987) and a master's (1989) in special education from RIC, and has been an adjunct member of the education faculty for the past 10 years.

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## Grand finale celebration



**PETER BOYER '91** conducts the Rhode Island Philharmonic in the Lila and John Sapinsley Hall April 6 and (inset) Judith Lynn Stillman, pianist and artist-in-residence, steps to the piano during the Rhode Island College Foundation's 12th Annual Gala. For more on this celebration, which capped the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts dedicatory season, see pages 6-7. (What's News Photos by Gordon E. Rowley)

## Commencement Season

**Wednesday, May 2**  
Cap and Gown Convocation  
Auditorium, Roberts Hall  
12:30 p.m.

**Thursday, May 17**  
Graduate Commencement  
Athletic complex gymnasium  
5:30 p.m.

**Friday, May 18**  
Commencement Gala  
Donovan Dining Center  
6:30 p.m. Reception; 7:30 p.m. Dinner  
Tickets \$20, or two for \$35  
Call 401-456-8022 by April 30.

**Saturday, May 19**  
Undergraduate Commencement  
Esplanade in front of Athletic complex,  
9:30 a.m.

## Spotlight on scholarship recipients

Awarded by the RIC Alumni Association



**Kerri Zavota**

**Class of 2004**

**Recipient of:  
Alumni  
Freshman  
Award**

Like so many college freshmen, Kerri Zavota of Barrington is not certain about which course of study she will pursue.

Upon applying for an Alumni Freshman Award, which she won, she was of a mind to study education and become a teacher.

Her mother, Lisa (Capineri) Zavota '81 and '90 holds both bachelor's and master's degrees in special education from

Rhode Island College and is now a special education teacher at the Curvin McCabe School in Pawtucket.

But since applying for the scholarship last summer, Zavota has started to consider studies leading to a career in veterinary medicine.

What she is sure of is that the institution at which she chose to study — RIC — is the right one.

She says she's "doing pretty well" in her studies while serving on the Weber Hall council and working as a veterinary technician with the Povar Animal Hospital. Until recently, she worked as a waitress and staff trainer at Newport Creamery.

She is a graduate of Barrington High School where she was involved in a large number of after-school activities while consistently earning a place on the school's Honor Roll.

Some of these activities included dance and karate classes, theatre and art clubs, and volunteer work with the Pawtucket Soup Kitchen, the United Methodist Youth Group, and with the South Carolina Rural Mission for which she spent one week repairing homes in February 2000.

About teaching, Zavota says it "is not the right career choice for everyone."

"I have been told that it can be tiresome and aggravating to deal with teenagers all day. However, I believe the exact opposite."

"I truly believe that I have the determination and patience to go the extra mile to help make kids succeed. I have never been willing to give up on anyone or anything before."

Whether it's teaching or veterinary medicine or some other career choice, it's a safe bet Kerri Zavota will succeed. G.L.



# 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.



**BIG HAIR AND BELLBOTTOMS:** We cannot identify any of the students in this photo from the yearbook of the Class of '73, but we are sure everyone from that era remembers the hair and clothing styles.

The next issue of  
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**DEADLINE**

for submission of copy, photos, etc.  
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## WHAT'S NEWS AT RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE

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**Maricarmen R. Margenot**, assistant professor of Spanish, presented a paper entitled "La Semana Santa: un acercamiento antropológico", at the Ninth Northeast Biennial Regional

Meeting of the AATSP (American Association of Teachers of Spanish & Portuguese), in Providence. On March 23, Margenot also participated in the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference organized by the Department of Romance Languages & Literature at Binghamton University, N.Y., called "Time, Memory, Text", where she presented the paper "Tiempo y memoria en La lluvia amarilla de J. Llamazares." Margenot is a member of the Special Events Committee at the Providence Athenaeum, which currently hosts "Viva España," a program of weekly lectures on Spanish culture and the arts. On April 8, Margenot participated in the Athenaeum program with a talk on the topic: "Holy Week in Seville: Religion and Popular Culture."

**Len West**, a member of the adjunct faculty in the educational studies department, recently presented a science workshop for the Rhode Island Aviation and Space Education Council. Participants ground and polished two aluminum mirrors for the outside of the Starshine 3 space satellite. NASA will fly Starshine 3 to an orbit of 300 miles above Earth using an unmanned Lockheed Martin Athena I rocket. Liftoff is set for Aug. 31 from the Kodiak Launch Complex in Alaska. The 193 lb. satellite will be visible for several years while in orbit.

**James Magyar**, professor of chemistry, recently participated in a three-day conference in Cambridge, Mass., for officers of local sections in the American Chemical Society. Magyar

currently serves as chair of the Rhode Island section comprising 500 chemists in Rhode Island.

**E. J. Min** of communications has published an article entitled "Bakhtin's Perspectives on Intercultural Communication" in the *Journal of Intercultural Studies*, (Vol. 22, No. 1, 2001). The article addresses Russian philosopher Mikhail Bakhtin's concepts including creative understanding as an alternative strategy for the study of intercultural communication. His emphasis on a boundless context that constantly interacts with and modifies a situation, helps us avoid formalist insistence on patterns and rules.

**Sharon Fennessey**, associate professor at Henry Barnard School, recently presented a clinic at the Northeast Regional conference on the social studies in Boston. The



workshop, based on Fennessey's newly released book, *History in the Spotlight*, focused on the dramatic arts as a strategy to motivate students to learn about history. Participants were offered a wide variety of ideas that integrate the arts into a standards-based social studies curriculum. Fennessey also presented a paper at the Rhode Island Educational Media As so cia it on Conference held at the Providence Marriott. The presentation, "Linking the Dramatic Arts to Reading and Research," focused on using drama to respond to literature as well as imaginative ways to report on research using the communicative arts.

## Partnership venture

The Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) and ASPIRA, the Puerto Rican educational association, have joined together in a partnership venture. This historic coalition between a national Hispanic organization and the TRIO (student support services, talent search, Upward Bound, educational opportunity centers and Ron McNair post-baccalau-

reate degree programs) community is unprecedented, says Joseph L. Costa, director of Student Support Services at RIC, and co-chair of the COE National Technology Committee, at a meeting of the technology task force at RIC April 9. The first annual conference will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in December.



**MEETING:** Front row (l to r): Johnny Villamil-Casanova, executive vice president of ASPIRA; Carmen Torres-Izquierdo, PhD, northern regional director of ASPIRA; Daphne Griffin, director of technology programs, Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston. Rear (l to r): Philip Dirks, project director for Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search (Portland, Ore), co-chair of the COE National Technology Committee; Scott Swail, PhD, vice president for planning and research of COE; Nate Easley, national director of educational services of COE; Costa; and William Colon, PHD, president and CEO of ASPIRA Inc., of New Jersey.



# Shinn Fund to support three students for overseas study

by George LaTour  
What's News Associate Editor

Three Rhode Island College juniors will soon head overseas for study courtesy of the Ridgway F. Shinn Study Abroad Fund.

Megan Birch, of North Kingstown, will travel to England; Maria Quiray, of Harrisville, Australia, and Stephanie Santos, of Riverside, Ghana in Africa.



MEGAN BIRCH

Their selection as winners of the annual Shinn Fund grants for study abroad was announced at a reception in the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts following the matinee performance of *Company* Saturday, April 21.

Birch, an English major who is pursuing pre-law courses, eventually to become a lawyer/advocate in public service, will leave in September for one semester of study at Queen Mary and Westfield College in London.

Once there, she will study and work in a volunteer organization. Upon her return, she will do a report detailing her experiences in volunteerism in England as opposed to that in the United States.

Birch had worked for a year

between high school and college as a project leader with City Year, a branch of Americorps. As such, she and her team did work on playgrounds and gardens in an after-school program for middle-school students called "Young Heroes."

This will be her second trip to London, having "visited a friend" there last academic year.

She is the daughter of Raymond and Susan Birch and has two younger brothers, Kevin and Brian.



MARIA QUIRAY

Quiray, a communications/public relations major, will leave in July for four months of study at LaTrobe University in Melbourne.

She was a National Exchange Student last year, studying in Arizona.

Quiray will now "take it to another level by going abroad," she says about her studies in Australia where she "will be looking at communications on an international level and examining the culture."

This will be her first time overseas.

The daughter of Joseph Quiray Jr. and Claudette Quiray, she has three brothers, Joseph III, who is older, and Daniel and Christopher, both younger.

Quiray plans to pursue a career in communications and public rela-

tions after first obtaining her master's degree.

Santos, an anthropology major, will leave in August for one semester's study at the University of Ghana where she will study cultural development.

A daughter of Steven and Kathleen Santos, she has a younger sister, Sharon.

Santos would like to teach anthropology in college someday, perhaps after earning advanced degrees.

The Shinn Fund, held within the RIC Foundation, provides income to support undergraduate students in planned study outside the United States.

Established in the 1987-88 academic year by Professor Shinn through the support of many of his friends, colleagues and former students, the fund enables deserving students to experience living and studying in another culture.

Any undergraduate with one year of full-time study at RIC and in good academic standing in any field of study is eligible to apply. Grants are for a minimum of three months and a maximum of 24 months, and are of variable amounts.

The Fund annually names one to four students as recipients.



STEPHANIE SANTOS

## Alumna, student make headlines

by George LaTour  
What's News Associate Editor

Not everyone is aware that two individuals who have been in the news on a national level of late are members of the Rhode Island College family.

Dean Johnson of Warwick, a former soldier who lost both legs below the knee in an accident while helping a stranded family on the New York State Thruway last year, is a freshman studying education.

Betty Anne Waters of Middletown, who put herself through law school in hopes of someday clearing her brother's name and then found DNA evidence that eventually freed him after 20 years in jail on a murder conviction, earned a bachelor's degree in 1991 and a master of arts in teaching (MAT) in 1994 from RIC.

Their stories have been broadcast on local and national television and appeared in countless newspapers across the country through the Associated Press.

### Dean Johnson

Last April 9, Johnson was a 23-year-old Army specialist fourth class returning to Camp Drum, N.Y. During an unusually intense April snowstorm he stopped to offer help to a family whose car had spun out on the New York Thruway and was straddling the high-speed lane.

Seconds later, an unloaded car-carrier truck crested a rise and bore down. Anticipating a collision, Johnson jumped from his Chevy pick-up truck and tried to run to safety. The truck jackknifed and Johnson's legs were pinned against a guard rail.

His pick-up had acted as a buffer,

cushioning the Phanthasy family's car. A 4-year-old and his grandmother of Johnson City, N. Y., received only minor injuries. Had Johnson not intervened, the family might well have been killed, according to New York State Police.

Johnson was hospitalized at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. The story of his actions spread, and senators and generals visited the soldier.

After physical rehabilitation and being fitted with prostheses, he returned to Rhode Island June 30. He received a medical discharge from the service in August, and in January enrolled at RIC. His goal — to become a teacher.

Since then, he has received over a dozen awards for heroism, including the Rhode Island Cross from Gov. Lincoln Almond and earlier this month, the Soldier's Medal, the Army's highest peacetime award, from Maj. Gen. James L. Campbell, commander of the 10th Mountain Division.

Johnson, who had served 10 months in Bosnia and six months in Korea, had stopped twice before that fateful day to assist other stranded motorists in the April snowstorm.

Upon reflection now, would he have acted the same way?

"I would do it all over. No doubt about it," he told S. Robert Chiappinelli of the *Providence Journal*.

Johnson, a graduate of Pilgrim High School, had taken some classes at Johnson & Wales University before entering the service and correspondence courses while in the Army.

He said he hopes to finish his studies at RIC in two-and-a-half years and then become a history teacher.

### Betty Anne Waters

A former high school drop-out, Waters, now 46, earned her RIC degrees and then put herself through Roger Williams University law school with the aim of helping overturn the conviction of her brother, Kenneth, 47, of the beating and stabbing death of Katharina Brow during a robbery in 1980.

After earning her law degree, she focused on her brother's case, taking only a few other cases on behalf of friends.

"The idea was that I could learn something and maybe try to help him," Waters told reporters. "I thought all along the way I might not be able to do it. But I wanted to try."

The breakthrough came when she hounded the clerk at the courthouse and learned that a box of evidence with her brother's name on it was in the basement. The box contained the knife used in the slaying and pieces of cloth with blood on them.

She enlisted the help of the Innocence Project, a group that helps inmates challenge convictions with DNA evidence. The material was tested, and the district attorney's office in Cambridge, Mass., announced that the DNA she found did not match her brother's.

On March 16, Judge Vieri Volterra freed Kenneth Waters, pending a possible retrial, after the genetic evidence cast doubt on his guilt.

Kenneth praised the efforts of his sister.

"I think it's absolutely amazing that she's dedicated her life to this," he said.



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## School of Social Work hosts social action and research conference

The Rhode Island College School of Social Work will host the annual Social Action and Research Conference from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, May 15, in Gaike Hall auditorium.

The keynote speaker is Mimi Abramowitz from Hunter College. Workshops will focus on research in the all areas of human services including welfare reform, child and family issues, social action and clinical issues.

Students faculty and staff are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 401-456-8249. CEU's for social workers available at no charge.

## Lecture on 'Genetic Revolution' April 27

Robert H. Tamirin will give a free public lecture on "The Genetic Revolution" Friday, April 27, at 7 p.m. in Rhode Island College's Fogarty Life Science Building 050.

Tamarin is professor of biology and dean of sciences at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell where he has been since 1996. Previously, he spent 25 years as a professor and biology department chair at Boston University after completing post-doctoral projects at Princeton University and the University of Hawaii.

He earned his doctoral degree at Indiana University.

Tamarin has a long-standing interest in the population dynamics of voles and other small mammals and has authored over 60 research articles in this area. He authored four books, the most recent a textbook entitled *Principles of Genetics* which is now in its seventh edition and can be read in both English and Chinese.

The lecture is sponsored by the RIC chapter of Sigma Xi, scientific research society. For further information, call Dana Kolibachuk at 401-456-8479.

## Students honored

Memeh Kizekai and Marisa DiDonato, junior chemistry majors, were honored recently as Outstanding Chemistry Students at Rhode Island College by the Rhode Island section of the American Chemical Society.

Marisa and Memeh were recognized at the section's Awards Night and scientific poster session at Providence College on April 9.

Memeh also presented a poster of his research with Charles Marzzacco, professor of chemistry. Marisa presented a poster of her research with John C. Williams Jr., professor of chemistry.



# Nazarian Center dedicatory season



**Marguerite M. Brown**  
*Vice President,  
Development  
Executive Director,  
RIC Foundation*

“ B r a v o !  
Congratulations!  
The best event  
I ever attended!”  
Those were just  
a few of the  
comments from  
guests at the  
Foundation Gala  
on April 6.  
The entire Rhode  
Island College  
family should  
take a well-  
deserved bow.  
Almost 400  
attended the  
event, beginning  
with a pre-con-

cert hors d'oeuvres reception in the Helen Forman Theatre.

The theatre was transformed into an upscale bistro, with black, white, and silver accessories showcasing the array of silent auction packages. Bidding was very competitive, and patrons left with everything from pearls to a weekend in Newport, all in the name of scholarship support.

The highlight of the evening – Peter Boyer '91 conducting the Rhode Island Philharmonic in several ambitious pieces, including one of his own originals, *New Beginnings* – brought the audience to its feet on several occasions. As the crowd reconvened post-concert in the Forman Theatre for dessert, coffee, and champagne, some of us took the opportunity to take off our shoes!

Kudos to the sponsors, the attendees, and the campus for coming together around this historic event. It was a great night for this institution and its president, John Nazarian.

- The Foundation and Alumni Association have just completed an agreement that will allow our alumni and friends to make donations on-line. By the time this issue reaches your door, the system will be live on our web site ([www.ric.edu](http://www.ric.edu)). Donations to the annual fund, special funds, and athletics may be made by clicking on the appropriate tag line on the College's home page, which will link you directly to the giving site where you can make your gifts by following the prompts. The site is secure and confidential.

- The Alumni Association together with the senior class is breaking new ground. Nancy Hoogasian, director of the annual fund, and our intern, Ryan Theroux, are working with the senior class and staff members from student life to initiate a senior giving program. Seniors will receive a postcard inviting them to join the effort of creating a senior class scholarship. This campaign will be one of the first to appear on the on-line giving option. We'll keep you posted. This year's graduating class has the chance to create an endowment that will support students in perpetuity — a fitting legacy for those who are leaving campus for career and other educational opportunities.

- On Saturday, April 21, the Office of Admissions will be conducting its annual spring open house, beginning at 2 p.m. for students who have been accepted to the College for the fall. Just prior to that event, the Alumni Association will be hosting a luncheon for students who are considering the College, and whose parents or grandparents are graduates. Both students and their “family alumni” have been invited to the event, which will begin at 11 a.m. in the Faculty Center of Donovan Dining. Please call the alumni office 401-456-8086 if you think you should have received an invitation, but did not.

- We are now working on the spring magazine, so if you have class notes you want included, please send them to the attention of the Alumni Office.



**PETER BOYER '91** conducts the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra in the Lila and John Sapinsley Hall at the Nazarian Center dedicatory season finalé on April 6. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)



**AFTER THE CONCERT** (from left) John and Lila Sapinsley, honorary co-chairs of the 12th Annual Foundation Gala; Madeline Nixon, professor of elementary education, and her husband, William, enjoy desserts in the Forman Theatre. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)



**CHECKING OUT THE SILENT AUCTION** are Judith Roy '74, president of the Alumni Association, and her husband Donald Bockoven. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)



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**PRESENTATION:** College President John Nazarian presents Lila Sapinsley with a rendering, autographed by architect William D. Warner, of the interior of the Lila and John Sapinsley Hall on stage in the hall prior to the performance. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)



**WITH MUSIC STUDENTS** his musical score for the orchestral beginnings is composer-conductor Peter Boyer '91 who class of students in the recital hall in the Nazarian Center for g Arts the day before the concert. (What's News Photo by )



**WJAR-NBC 10 GENERAL MANAGER** Lisa Churchville and her husband Alex "Skip" Carlin attended the gala, of which WJAR was a media sponsor. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)



**EMERITA** Billie Ann Burrill and Petey Smith at the at's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)



**COLLEGE PRESIDENT** John Nazarian (left) poses with Judith Lynn Stillman, pianist and artist-in-residence, and Peter Boyer '91, composer and conductor, at the reception after the concert. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)



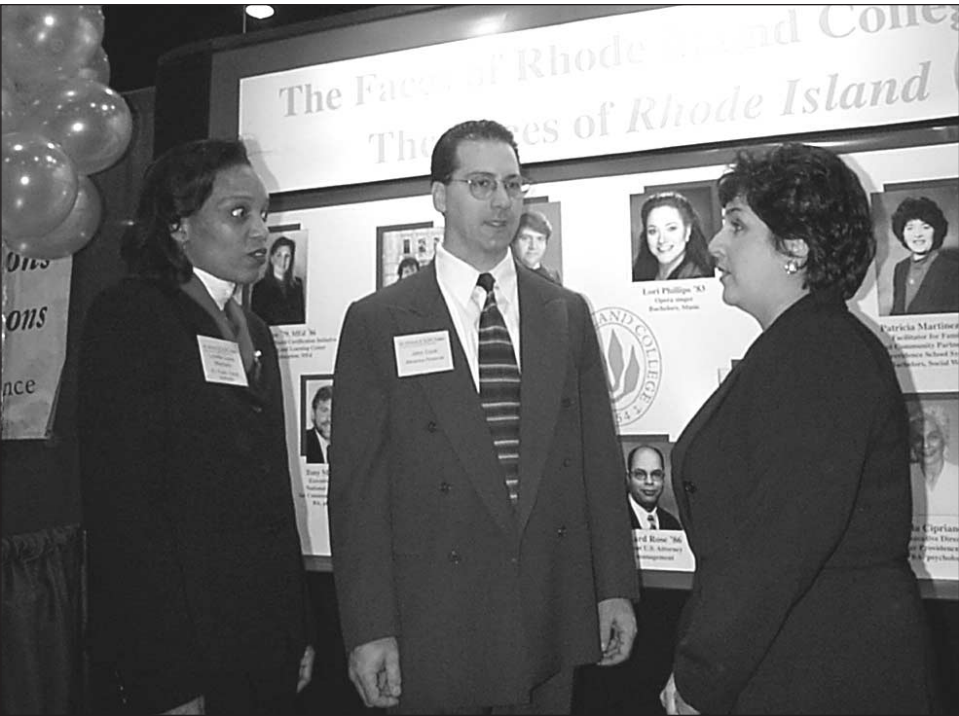
# Faces of RIC, past & present



**“THE FACES OF RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE:”** Outstanding alumni of the College grace the backboard of the College booth at the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce Business Expo at the Providence Convention Center April 10 and 11.



**THE RIC BLIMP** flies over the College’s booth.



**COLLEGE CAREER PLANNING OFFICER** Lori-Ann Martin (right) talks with Lynette Lopes-Machado '90 of the Rhode Island Public Transportation Authority and John Conti of All-America Financial.

Photos and text by  
Gordon E. Rowley



**ADMISSION OFFICE**  
Greta Guilbault '00  
Company.



# ...t, meet at Business Expo



**ACCOUNTING AND CIS professor Crist Costa talks with Nancy Isabel of The Tomorrow Fund, a local charity that aids children with cancer.**



**ALUMNI DIRECTOR Ellie O'Neill talks with Gerry Noel '82, now with the Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce.**



**RIC CONNECTION: Tammy Petricone (left) who works at Dave's Marketplace and will graduate from RIC next month, talks with Michelle O'Brien '93 of Cox Communications.**



**WORKERS Amy Millea (left), a graduate student, and talk with Robert Pacheco Jr. of Washington Trust**



**OUTSTANDING WOMEN: Rhode Island College was well represented at the YWCA Outstanding Women Gala held in conjunction with the Business Expo. Three members of the RIC family were honored at the awards dinner. Left: Micheline Grossi Lombardi '75, left, president of the YWCA of Greater Rhode Island board, and Mari Nardolillo Dias '74, who was named YWCA Outstanding Woman in Arts and Education. Center, Karen Dionne '91, director of Outreach Programs, pictured with College President John Nazarian, was named the 2001 YWCA Outstanding Woman. At right, Mary Olenn '81, consultant for health promotion for the vice president of student affairs, was named YWCA Outstanding Woman in Public Service.**





# Collaborate

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Cloud discounts the fact that the program may be the first in the state “to deal with this diversity — the population growth in minorities.”

“Whether we’re first or not, it (the program) addresses a really hot issue.

“Classroom teachers need someone who can talk about ESL and special education, in other words, about

education, and Beth DiPanni, coordinator of special programs.

College officials have been promoting diversity at RIC and reaching out to work with urban school districts in response to current issues, among which is the state Education Department’s goal to have the state’s colleges and universities work with the schools.



**WORKING TOGETHER** in a program to instruct teachers how to more effectively teach students in the diverse classroom are Kim Mercer (left) ’87 and master’s ’89, director of curriculum, instruction and assessment for the Pawtucket School Department, and Nancy Cloud, assistant professor in special education. (What’s News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

all types of learner differences,” she says.

“It’s nice if you have someone who can address all of these,” says Mercer about Cloud.

Mercer says Pawtucket has a core curriculum team that basically ties them with the tasks of identifying need in the city.

Identified as key administrators are Jacqueline Walsh, deputy superintendent in charge of curriculum instruction assessment; Suzanne Williams, assistant director of special

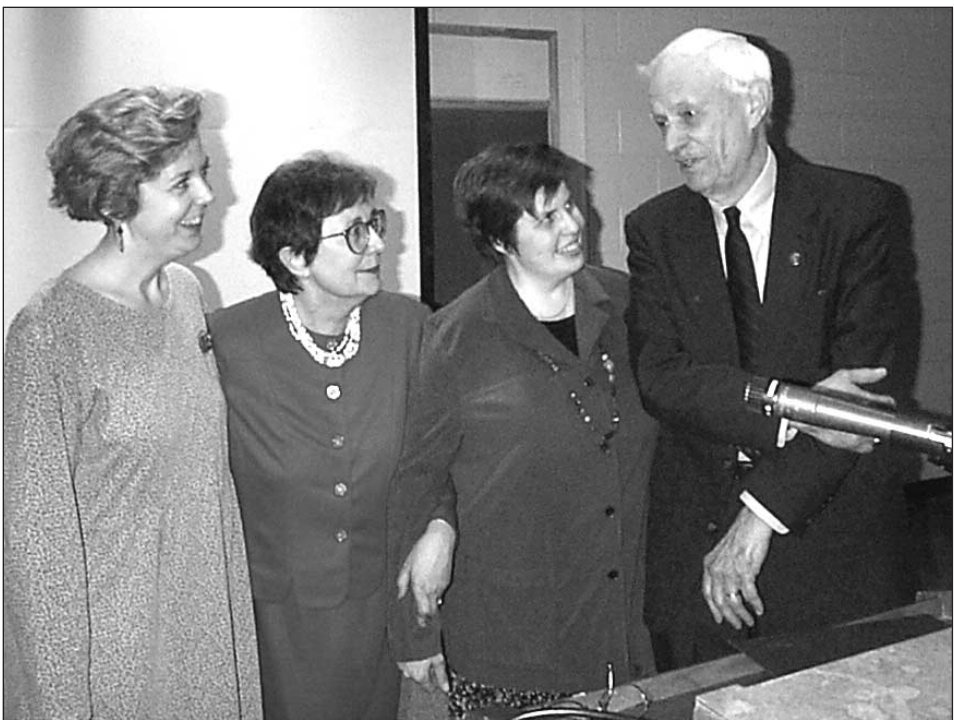
Both Cloud and Mercer acknowledge that three full days of instruction for Pawtucket’s teachers is “not enough” but it is a start.

They welcome inquiries from other school systems in the state that might wish to implement a similar program.

Cloud can be reached at RIC at 401-456-8024 or by email at ncloud@ric.edu; Mercer at 401-729-6365 or by email at mercerk@psdri.net.



**GRADUATION DAY** at Taco, Inc. in Cranston finds Roberto Saleme of Lincoln, an employee, getting his certificate of completion for eight company-sponsored courses offered by Rhode Island College at the Taco Learning Center. Credit for the courses count toward a RIC degree. Making the presentation April 5 is James Schweikart, director of the Center for Management & Technology. Other graduates are Steve Morin, Warwick; Tom Larson, Assonet, Mass.; Greg Johnson, Glocester, and Clara Rogers, East Greenwich. (What’s News Photo by George LaTour)



**GUEST SPEAKER:** Stanley M. Aronson, MD spoke on “Smallpox in Colonial New England” at the Richard K. Gehrenbeck Memorial Lecture April 10 in Clarke Science 125. Above, before the lecture, Aronson speaks with (l-r) Anne and Rita Gehrenbeck, daughter and widow of the late Richard Gehrenbeck, and Laura Cooley, associate professor of physical science, who introduced the speaker. (What’s News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

## Five education students receive diversity scholarships

The Feinstein School of Education and Human Development has awarded a total of \$7,500 in scholarships to promote diversity in teacher education to five current students, all of whom immigrated to the United States and are bi-lingual, speaking English as a second language.

The students and their native countries are Y a n a i z a Alvarez, Cuba; Ali Amjed, Jordan; Dalila Correia, Faial in the Azores; O r n e l l a Passaretta, Italy; and Ana Vasovez, Guatemala.

“Increasing the number of culturally different professionals in education is critical if we are to transform the profession in positive ways. For example, if diverse teacher voices are at the table there is a greater potential that students whose gifts and needs have traditionally been neglected will gain support. In short, we hope this scholarship facilitates and supports the progress, into the teaching profession, of a few students from culturally different backgrounds — where their voices can make an important difference,” said Judith Berg, associate dean for graduate studies in the Feinstein School of Education and Human Development, who serves on the eight-person Diversity Scholarship Committee, chaired by Pat Medeiros-Landurand who is currently in Brazil on a Fullbright Teacher Exchange.

• Yanaiza Alvarez, who is pursuing a degree in elementary education and resides in Providence, moved from Cuba to the United States with her family when she was five years old. In addition to attending RIC, Alvarez has been busy this year representing the state as Miss Rhode Island. She participated in the Miss USA pageant in Gary, Ind. in March.

• Ali Amjed, a senior studying secondary education and general science, immigrated from Jordan in 1998 to Rhode Island where his brother lives and works as an engineer for the Department of Environmental Management. Amjed, who lives in Cranston and works part-time at a convenience store, holds a degree in chemistry and biology from overseas.

• Dalila Correia, who lived in Faial in the Azores until the age of 2 and learned English when she went to the first grade, is a junior study elementary education with a concentration in special education. Correia, whose first language was Portuguese, spends one full school day a week in the Central Falls School system as part of the RIC professional development school partnership with the city. She resides in East Providence where she works full-time at Dunkin Donuts and is a single mother.

• Ornella Passaretta, who moved with her family in 1994 from Italy to North Providence, is studying secondary education and modern languages. Her family moved to Rhode Island where her two uncles reside when she was a junior in high school. As a student at North Providence High School she assisted the Italian teacher, serving as a guest speaker. She is now doing her observation in the same school and also works at Shaw’s grocery store.

• Ana Vasovez, who moved from Guatemala when she was 12 years old, is studying secondary education. Her father taught high school in Guatemala and she has always wanted to be a teacher. In addition to her studies, she works at Donovan Dining Center.



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# Athletics

## From the athletic director's desk



**Donald E. Tencher**  
Director,  
Intercollegiate  
Athletics, Intramurals  
and Recreation

\*The Rhode Island College Athletic Hall of Fame Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, May 8, to select next year's Hall of Fame class. Anyone wishing to submit a nomination can contact Scott Gibbons at (401) 456-8516 for a nomination form.

\*Ten RIC student-athletes will be honored by the Board of Governors for Higher Education on Tuesday, April 24, at a ceremony at the Rhode Island State House. This award was started three years ago to honor the top scholar-athletes from the State's three public institutions: RIC, URI and CCRI. In addition to academic and athletic success campus involvement and community service are additional criteria. This year's honorees are: Jessica Arrighi, Andy Barron, Anita Chase, Alicia DeFronzo, Beth Iacoi, Troy Lambert, Pete Mollo, Jessica Robitaille, Brandee Trainer, and Erica Waltonen. The event is open to the public and will start at 5 p.m.

\*In addition to honoring the top student-athletes at the ceremony, the Board of Governors will honor a top student-athlete alumnus from each institution. We are extremely pleased to announce that this year's honoree from RIC will be Michael Van Leesten. Mike is still considered to be one of the finest basketball players RIC history. Since graduation, Mike has been a very successful businessman and a champion of community service. Congratulations Mike, well deserved! (More information on the event and the honorees will be highlighted in the future).

\*It was great to read George LaTour's article on Marisa (Petrarca) White and her many successes as an undergraduate and in the RI Attorney General's Office. We'd like to add that Marissa was an outstanding student-athlete at Rhode Island College and is currently a very good amateur golfer.

\*History was made last week as RIC played its first women's lacrosse match. Though the outcome was not what we hoped for, the ladies are working and hard and the program shows promise for the future. Keep up the good work!

\*It is with regret that we accepted the resignation recently of Dr. Preston Lamberton, assistant men's soccer coach. Preston, who was a part-time coach but is a full-time physician, is taking on a new position at a hospital in New London, CT. We wish him the best. All his efforts will be missed.

\*Another reminder the RIC Sports Memorabilia Auction will be held on Thursday, May 3 at the Marriott in Providence. It's a great event and admission is only \$10. The event is open to the public and all proceeds go towards academic support for student-athletes. For more information call (401) 456-8136.

\*Last, but by no means least, this year's John E. Hetherman winner and Helen M. Murphy Award winners will be honored on Cap and Gown Day. These two awards honor the College's top male and female student-athletes. This year's Hetherman winner is standout wrestler Troy Lambert. There will be two outstanding female student-athletes honored this year with the Murphy Award. Record setting soccer goalie Jessica Robitaille and volleyball standout Jessica Arrighi are this year's winners. Congratulations!

## Fifth annual sports auction to benefit academic development programs

The Rhode Island College Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Intramurals and Recreation will hold its fifth annual sports and celebrity memorabilia auction on Thursday, May 3, at the Providence Marriott.

The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for the preview with a silent auction beginning at 7p.m. The live auction will follow the silent auction at approximately 8 p.m.

All proceeds from the auction will go directly towards academic support and life skills programs for RIC student-athletes.

With an influx of unique and new memorabilia from the world of sports and the silver screen, the 2001 auction will prove to be the biggest and best yet. Whether it's autographed baseballs or photos, golf outings or restaurant gift certificates, weekend getaways or tickets to major sporting events, there's sure to be something for everybody.

There are over 300 items up for auction, headlined by an autographed photo by three of baseball's legends: Joe DiMaggio, Mickey Mantle and Ted Williams.

There is also an autographed lithograph of baseball's historic 500 home run club, signed by each of the record-holders, including Hall of Famers Hank Aaron and Reggie Jackson. Staying on the baseball scene, there will also be autographed items from Orioles' great Cal Ripken Jr. If you're



**GOING, GOING, GONE:** Auction attendees will be able to bid on this autographed photo signed by three of baseball's legends: Joe DiMaggio, Mickey Mantle and Ted Williams.

a New York Yankees fan, you'll be thrilled to see a signed piece by the newest pinstripe star, Mike Mussina.

Other items include signed pieces by Larry Bird, Mario Lemieux, Gordie Howe, Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, Troy Aikman and Barry Sanders.

Everyone in attendance will receive a free gift. In addition, there will

be carving stations with food and the Rhode Island College pep band will provide entertainment throughout the evening.

Tickets for the auction are \$10 and can be purchased by calling the Rhode Island College Athletic Department at 401-456-8007.

We look forward to seeing everyone there. Don't miss it!

## Register now for 2001 summer sports camps

The Rhode Island College Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Intramurals and Recreation is now accepting registration forms for the 2001 summer sports camps. The camps will begin on June 25 and run through Aug. 24 for children ages eight and older. The camps are held Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost for each week of camp is \$125 per child.

The camps offered this year are baseball/softball, tennis, basketball, gymnastics, soccer, wrestling, cheerleading, volleyball and the always popular All Star All-Sports Camp which features a different sport each day.

The instruction and competition for campers will be held in some of the finest collegiate athletic facilities in

the Northeast and provided by some of the area's finest collegiate and scholastic coaches.

The daily activity program will be filled with instruction, competition and fun. The mornings are filled with instruction and the afternoons are utilized in putting that instruction to positive application with a series of

competitive events. In addition, the activity day is filled with swimming and films.

To receive a registration form in the mail, please contact the RIC Athletic Department at 401-456-8007. Remember, summer is just around the corner so get your registration in today!

### Dates

June 25-29:  
July 2-6:  
July 9-13:  
July 16-20:  
July 23-27:  
July 30-Aug. 3:  
Aug. 6-10:  
Aug. 13-17:  
Aug. 20-24:

### Camp(s)

Baseball/Softball, Tennis, Wrestling  
Baseball/Softball (no camp on July 4)  
Baseball/Softball, Basketball, Tennis  
Basketball, Gymnastics, Cheerleading  
Basketball, Gymnastics  
Basketball, Gymnastics  
Basketball, Soccer, Gymnastics  
Soccer, Volleyball  
All-Star All-Sports Camp

## Sports Roundup

### Baseball

Head Coach Jay Grenier's team is 3-12 overall and 0-4 in the Little East Conference. Russ Barron leads the club in hitting, batting .348 with 11 runs.

### Softball

Head Coach Maria Morin's team is 16-11 overall and 3-1 in the Little East Conference. Crissy McCullah leads the team in hitting, posting a .494 average, and her 23 stolen bases this spring is a RIC record for a single season.

### Men's Tennis

Head Coach Dick Ernst's Anchormen are 4-3 overall and 1-0 in the LEC. Ben Benson and Jeff Teixeira lead the team with 5-2 records apiece.

### Men's Golf

Ken Ferrara fired a 79 to lead all golfers in RIC's 353-352 loss against Suffolk on Apr. 9. It was the lowest score by a RIC golfer in the program's two-year history.

### Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field

The Anchormen and Anchorwomen have been very competitive in each of their meets this spring. Tom Conley is a provisional qualifier for the Div. III Championships in the hammer throw, discus and javelin events. Alicia DeFronzo set a new RIC record in the pole vault at 7'06.00".

### Women's Lacrosse

Head Coach Matt Coleman's team is 0-3 overall and 0-3 in the New England Women's Lacrosse Association. Converted gymnast Shannon Hughey has been a bright spot for the Anchorwomen.



‘Fresh Colors’ –

# Dedication of Marciniak Resource Library, concert is April 27

“Fresh Colors,” a concert of original music for winds and percussion, will be presented by the Rhode Island College Wind Ensemble and The American Band on Friday, April 27, at 8 p.m. in the Lila and John Sapinsley Hall in the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts.

The dedication of the Francis M. Marciniak Resource Library and the unveiling of a plaque will precede the concert at 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served

Featured on the concert program will be music of composers from both the past and present who have expanded the tonal palette of the wind band, bringing imaginative new sonorities to the medium through creative scoring and writing, according to Rob Franzblau, RIC director of bands.

Works by Ron Nelson, professor emeritus of composition at Brown University, will be among the pieces performed.

The wind ensemble will perform three works by living composers: Ron Nelson’s “Morning Alleluias for the Winter Solstice,” Gregory Youtz’s “Scherzo for a Bitter Moon” and Guy Woolfenden’s “Illyrian Dances.”

“One of the few defining characteristics of 20th-century classical music is its relentless search for the new, the novel, the innovative,” says Franzblau, who directs the wind ensemble.

“Just as painters search for new

pigments and new ways of combining media to produce innovative effects, composers seek to discover new scales, new instruments, and new ways of playing and combining traditional instruments in order to create fresh sonorities.

“This program celebrates this search for fresh colors in the palette of the wind band,” says Franzblau.

The American Band, under the direction of Gene Pollart, will perform Clifton Williams’ “Festival,” Alfred Reed’s “First Suite” and Robert W. Smith’s “Iliad,” among others.

Tickets are \$7 with discounts for students and senior citizens and may be purchased at the door or by calling 401-456-8144.

The Marciniak Resource Library is located on the second floor of Roberts Hall in a completely renovated space where the music office once was.

It will house the Rhode Island Music Educators’ band, orchestra, and chorus library; the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance’s record and CD collection; a state-of-the-art listening room for students and faculty; and a collection of books and other materials which belong to the department.

Marciniak, professor of music at RIC and conductor of The American Band, was a nationally recognized authority on early American bands and their music. He died unexpectedly on May 16, 1996.

## Student Choreography Showcase



**RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE DANCE Company will present its Student Choreography Showcase Thursday and Friday, April 26 and 27, at 8 p.m. in the Forman Theatre in the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts. Featuring new works that have resulted from academic classes and student projects, 10 choreographers will be represented. Various styles and one improvisational dance will be included. Tickets are available at the box office and are \$8 general admission; \$6 for senior citizens, groups and non-RIC students, and \$3 for RIC students with I.D. (Photo by Richard Dionne)**

## Students take honors in festival

Three Rhode Island College music students placed first, second and third in their division of the 2001 Rhode Island National Association of Teachers of Singing Song Festival March 3 in the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts.

Lucky Rattan, Dominique Doiron, and Yolanda Muoio received cash awards for their performances, reports

Teresa Coffman, assistant professor of music.

Donald St. Jean, president of RINATS, and Flo St. Jean, vice-president are members of the RIC voice faculty.

Other RIC faculty members who were involved as judges are Susan Rodgers, Joanne Mouradjan, Kara Lund, Tom Lawlor, and Coffman.

## Summer offerings announced

Rhode Island College will offer over 400 courses this summer in two sessions. Session I begins May 21 and runs until June 29; Session II is from July 2 to Aug. 10.

Tuition for in-state students is \$128 per credit for undergraduate courses; \$170 for graduate courses per credit. Out-of-state students pay \$170 per credit for undergraduate courses and \$355 for graduate courses per credit. Other mandatory fees are charged.

Certain Rhode Island residents receiving unemployment benefits, senior citizens, Rhode Island National Guard members and disabled veterans may be eligible for tuition fee waivers.

All registration is conducted via touchtone telephone. Students already taking courses at RIC should have received a brochure in the mail. Assigned Personal Identification Numbers (PINS) and assigned times to register by phone at 401-456-8800 are printed on the bulletin mailing label.

New students must call the Records Office at 401-456-8213 to be assigned a PIN and a time to register.

Special summer offerings include: Accounting 350-01: Environmental Issues in Accounting and Financial Reporting; Art 380-21: Web Page Design using Dreamweaver; Political Science 350-01: The London Course Part 1: Topics in British Politics and Culture, followed in Session II by 350-02: Topics in British Political

Geography; several workshops in special education; and Teaching English as a Second Language 480:2: ESL in the Content Area.

In addition, a couple of summer camps for children will be offered this summer.

Among them are: the Summer Art Program for Children; a Performing Arts Camp and RIC Sports Camps.

The Summer Art Program runs from July 9 – 19, Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to noon. The camp is designed for children ages 5 through 15. Tuition is \$185 and the deadline to register is June 20. For a brochure describing the courses offered, call 401-456-8054 or 401-456-9750.

The Performing Arts Camp with instruction in acting, improvisation, musical theatre, music and dance will be offered July 9 – 27 for students in grades 7 - 12. The camp will be held Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at a cost of \$400. Call Bill Wilson at 401-456-8814 for more information.

Camps in baseball/softball, tennis, basketball, gymnastics, soccer, volleyball, wrestling and cheerleading are provided by the RIC athletic department once again this summer from June 25 to Aug. 24. The camps are offered for children ages 8 and older at a cost of \$125 a week/per child. Camp is held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 401-456-8007 for a brochure detailing the scheduled weeks and times for each port.



**2000-2001 THORP PROFESSOR Peter Allen (right) talks with Richard Weiner, dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, just before delivering his Mary Tucker Thorp Lecture on “Stories from the Field: A Greek Odyssey in Two Parts” in the Faculty Center on April 12. (What’s News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)**



## 23rd Annual Bicho Family Scholarship Concert —

# RIC Symphony, Chorus to present R.I. premiere of Bernstein's 'Kaddish' April 30

by George LaTour  
What's News Associate Editor

Rhode Island College Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, along with guest artists Timothy Crowe of Trinity Rep, narrator, and Diana McVey, soprano, will present the Rhode Island premiere of Leonard Bernstein's Symphony No. 3, the "Kaddish," Monday, April 30 at 8 p.m. in the Lila and John Sapinsley Hall in the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts as part of the 23rd annual Bicho Family Scholarship Concert.

"Celebrating Bernstein," as the concert is called, also will feature a performance of his "Missa Brevis."

"I have been waiting 25 years to do this work," says Edward Markward, who will conduct the orchestra for the "Kaddish" with Teresa Coffman, who will conduct the chorus. Coffman also will conduct the chorus for "Missa Brevis."

"With the excellent preparation of the chorus, the outstanding talents of Tim Crowe and Diana McVey, and a certain maturing of the conductor, I felt the time was right," says Markward, who added, "It probably is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for all of us."

The "Kaddish" brings to a close the symphony orchestra's two-year exploration of the influences on 20th century American music.

"Kaddish" is a setting of the Jewish prayer for the dead, which is interspersed in this work with Bernstein's own text. It is a highly theatrical and dramatic work. In the spoken text the narrator ranges from hurling violent accusations at God, to pleading and finally, reconciliation.

The texts are sung in Aramaic and Hebrew, and the chorus is called upon to sing and shout and clap. The overriding message is the praising of God and a plea for peace, a message found over and over in Bernstein's serious

compositions, says Markward.

At the urging of Robert Shaw, Bernstein compiled his "Missa Brevis" from two earlier sets of French and Latin choruses from "The Lark," a play by Jean Anouilh adapted for the stage by Lillian Hellman. Since the drama was about the trial of Joan of Arc, Bernstein's music was deliberately evocative of the medieval era.

Narrator Timothy Crowe is a member of the Trinity Repertory Company and has appeared in over 80 roles, including *Macbeth*, *The Seagull*, as Roy Cohn in *Angels in America* and Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol*.

He's appeared on Broadway in *The Shadow Box* and at New York's Soho Rep in *The Servant*. He also has appeared in other regional theatres, TV, radio and film, most recently in the Farrelly Brother's *Outside Providence*.

Soprano Diana McVey has sung leading roles with the Rhode Island Philharmonic, the Ocean State Lyric Opera, the Bel Canto Opera Company and Beavertail Productions.

She has appeared as soloist with the Rhode Island Philharmonic, the Rhode Island Civic Chorale & Orchestra and the RIC Chorus and Orchestra, among others.

She sang the role of Anna in the world premiere of Richard Cumming's opera *The Picnic* with the Trinity Repertory Company in February 1999.

McVey is equally at home with opera, oratorio or recital. Her roles and repertoire have ranged from Despina in *Così fan tutte*, to the works of Carl Orff, Leonard Bernstein and Richard Cumming, and the oratorios of Handel, Mozart, Honegger and J.S. Bach.

McVey also is well known for her portrayal of leading roles in the operettas of Gilbert and Sullivan.

Tickets are \$10 with discounts for students and senior citizens and may be purchased at the door or by calling (401) 456-8144. All proceeds benefit the Bicho Family Scholarship fund.



**CONCERT FOURSOME:** Teresa Coffman (left front) and Ed Markward (right) will conduct the 23rd annual Bicho Family Scholarship Concert April 30 in the Lila and John Sapinsley Hall in the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts. Soprano Diana McVey (rear) will be the soloist, and Timothy Crowe of Trinity Rep, the narrator. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)



**BIG FINALE:** "Hello Dolly" is sung by (l-r) Patti Nolin '84, Jeannie Sullivan '88, Neil Santoro '00 and Donald Ringuette as the final number in "25-Year Retrospective of Musicals," a concert in Sapinsley Hall on April 11. The RIC Pops Orchestra was conducted by Prof. Robert Elam and the musical program was a tribute to Raymond L. Picozzi, professor emeritus of theatre. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

**Concert is May 4 —**

## Collage Concert promises to be a fast-paced performance

Rhode Island College Collage Concert Friday, May 4, at 8 p.m. in the Lila and John Sapinsley Hall in the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts promises to be a fast-paced, high-energy performance.

It will spotlight ensembles from the entire music, theatre and dance department. These include the RIC Opera Workshop, Chamber Singers, various brass ensembles, members of the RIC Dance Company, woodwind ensembles, vocal ensemble, the chamber winds, guitar and string ensembles, the RIC Chamber Orchestra, the RIC Chorus, and a scene from the RIC Theatre production of the musical *Company*.

The annual Appleton, Drabienko and Stappas Endowed Scholarships will be awarded at the concert.

General admission is \$7; senior citizens and non-RIC students \$5, and free for RIC students and faculty. For tickets call (401) 456-8144.



# RIC CALENDAR

APRIL 23 - MAY 14, 2001

**Sundays**

**10 p.m.**—*Catholic Mass* in the Student Union Ballroom with Fr. Joe Pescatello as the celebrant.

**Mondays**

**Noon to 1 p.m.**—*Bible Study* in the Chaplains' Office, Student Union 300. This semester's topic is the Gospel of Mark. Conducted by Rev. Larry Nichols, Protestant chaplain. Call 456-8168 for further information.

**Wednesdays**

**12:30 to 2 p.m.**—*Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting* in Craig Lee 105. Sponsored by the Office of Health Promotion. For more information, call Mary Olenn, 456-8061.

**12:30 to 1:45 p.m.**—*Christian Student Service Organization (CSSO)* meets in the Chaplains' Office, SU 300. Refreshments are provided. Students meet to discuss faith, pray, and plan service activities to benefit the surrounding community. All are welcome to attend.

**23 Monday**

**8 p.m.**—*Music:* Muir String Quartet with guest artist Mihae Lee, piano\*\* in the Lila and John Sapinsley Hall, Nazarian Center. Reserved seating \$20. Part of the President's Music Series.

**25 Wednesday**

**12:30 to 2 p.m.**—*10th Annual RIC Psychological Society Research Conference* in Clarke Science 128. Sponsored by the Psychological Society of RIC and Psi Chi-the National Honor Society. Admission: free. For more information, contact RIC Psychology Department, 401-456-8015, or crza@peoplepc.com

**1 p.m.**—*Chamber Music Series:* David Leisner, classical guitar\* in the Lila and John Sapinsley Hall.

**26 Thursday**

**5 p.m.**— Lecture: Pulitzer Prize-winning Historian Gordon Wood will speak on "The Americanization of Benjamin Franklin" at the spring meeting of the Friends of Adams Library in the Fortes Meeting Room Adams Library 409. Wood received the Pulitzer in 1993 for his book,

*The Radicalism of the American Revolution*, the Bancroft Prize of the American Historical Association in 1970 for his first book, *The Creation of the American Republic, 1776-1787*. The meeting is free and open to the public.

**8 p.m.**—*Reading:* Maxine Kumin, Pulitzer Prize winner, will read from her works. Sponsored by *Shoreline\** in the Forman Center.

**26-27 Thurs.-Fri.**

**8 p.m.**—*Dance:* Student Choreography Showcase with RIC Dance Company in the Helen Forman Theatre. General admission \$8.

**27 Friday**

**7 p.m.**—*Lecture:* Robert H. Tamirin will give a free public lecture on "The Genetic Revolution." In Rhode Island College's Fogarty Life Science Building 050.

**8 p.m.**—*Music:* "Fresh Colors" with RIC Wind Ensemble and American Band. Conductors: Rob Franzblau and Gene Pollart\*\* in the Lila and John Sapinsley Hall. General admission \$7.

**30 Monday**

**8 p.m.**—*Music:* 23rd Annual Bicho Family Scholarship Concert with RIC Symphony Orchestra and Chorus.\*\* Conductors: Edward Markward and Teresa Coffman. Narrator: Timothy Crowe. Soprano: Diana McVey in the Lila and John Sapinsley Hall. General admission \$10.

**May**

**2 Wednesday**

**12:30 p.m.**—*Cap & Gown Convocation.* The Auditorium, Roberts Hall.

**3 Thursday**

**6:30 p.m.**—*Sports Memorabilia Auction.* Providence Marriott. Tickets \$10. Call 401-456-8007.

**4 Friday**

**8 p.m.**—*Music:* Collage Concert. Various Ensembles from music, theatre, and dance department\*\* in the Lila and John Sapinsley Hall. General admission \$7.

**10 Thursday**

**5:30 p.m.** —*Alumni Awards Dinner.* Donovan Dining Center. Tickets \$30. Call 401-456-8086.

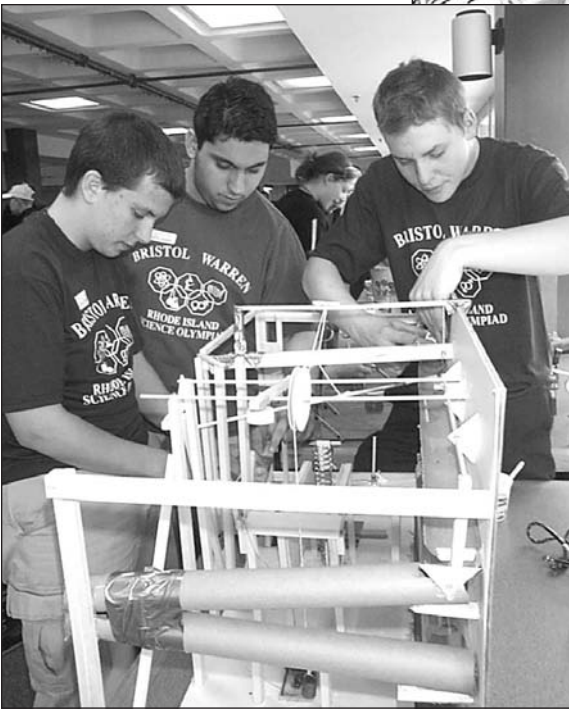
**10-19 Thursday**

*Art:* Senior Show\* in Bannister Gallery.

Performing Arts General Information: 456-8194  
Box Office: 456-8144

\*Admission Free  
\*\* Admission discounts for senior citizens, faculty /staff, RIC and non-RIC students.

## Science Olympiads stretch minds, limits



**MORE THAN 700 students from 49 Rhode Island schools were on campus March 31 for the 12th annual Rhode Island Science Olympiad. Left (l-r) Tony Casiano, Brian Lopes and Bill Kemp from Mt. Hope High School prepare their "energy transfer machine," a Rube Goldberg-like device that ultimately launches ping-pong balls into the air. Above, Elly Fitzgerald of Mt. St. Charles Academy begins to apply a strength test to her model bridge. (What's News Photos by Gordon E. Rowley)**

## Sports Events

Baseball			
Tues.	April 24	at Wheaton	3:30 p.m.
Sat.	April 28	UMASS-Boston (DH) *	Noon
Mon.	April 30	Johnson and Wales	3:30 p.m.
Sat.	May 5	at Western Connecticut (DH) *	Noon
Tues.	May 8	Little East Conference First Round	TBA
Thurs.	May 10	Little East Conference Tournament	TBA
Sat.	May 12	Little East Conference Tournament	TBA

Softball			
Tues.	April 24	at Western Connecticut (DH) *	4 p.m.
Sat.	April 28	Eastern Connecticut (DH) *	1 p.m.
Tues.	May 1	Little East Conference First Round	TBA
Fri.	May 4	Little East Conference Tournament	TBA
Sat.	May 5	Little East Conference Tournament	TBA

Men's Tennis			
Tues.	April 24	at Suffolk	3 p.m.
Thurs.	April 26	Newbury College	3 p.m.
Fri.	April 27	UMASS-Dartmouth *	3 p.m.
Wed.	May 2	at UMASS-Boston *	3 p.m.
Sat./Sun.	May 5/6	Little East Conference Champ.	TBA

Men's Golf			
Wed.	April 25	at Nichols	1 p.m.

Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field			
Sat.	April 28	at Little East/MASCAC Alliance Championships	11 a.m.
Sat.	May 5	at New England Division III Champ.	10 a.m.
Thurs./Fri.	May 17-18	at ECAC Division III Champ.	TBA

Women's Lacrosse			
Tues.	April 24	Southern Maine	4 p.m.
Sat.	April 28	at Elms	1 p.m.
Tues.	May 1	at New Haven	3:30 p.m.

\* Little East Conference game/match

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