



# WHAT'S NEWS

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## Opening Convocation –

# Nazarian urges: 'Promote the College at all times'

*Goals and successes outline year ahead*

**H**eralding the start of the first full academic year of the new millennium, President John Nazarian welcomed the College's administrators, faculty and staff, including 76 new members to the College community, in his Aug. 29 address in Donovan Dining Center.

The warm welcome was optimistic for its capacity audience as Nazarian summarized the College's plans for the coming year.

Nazarian presented the College's initiatives to attract top students, new scholarship programs, continual evaluation of teacher education programs, major technological advancements within the wired campus community, on-going campus renovations, budgetary restraints and resource management, and promotional campaigns.

Esteemed special guests, Providence Municipal Court Judge Frank Caprio, who serves as the vice chair of the Board of Governors, and Commissioner of Higher Education, William Holland, offered insightful commentaries for the future of education.

Judge Caprio expounded on the College's exemplary strides in preparing students for success and urged everyone to "continue on the path you have chosen – continue to do a good job."

Holland's introduction was highlighted by his efforts to shift the state's perception of public education from a K-12 focus to a new vision of a seamless process from pre-kindergarten through college graduation. Citing the changing political climate in Rhode Island and the budgetary difficulties of the last year, Holland's message was that "we all need to make our case and make it strongly," if we are going to continue to that end.

Holland commended the College for its high standards in teacher preparation education and its ability to be a model for educational institutions throughout the country.

After the introduction of new faculty and staff members by the divisional vice presidents, President Nazarian acknowledged six appointments to emeritus status. Retirees include James Cornelison, John Fitta, Philip McClintock, Carey Rickabaugh, Paul Sherlock and Robert Sullivan, who collectively total 187 years of service.

Nazarian reiterated the objective which veterans of the College or those beginning their professional careers must uphold. "No matter what our formal job description, we are here for the students. It is our mission to teach, to encourage, to counsel, and to engage all of our talents in the shared effort of ensuring that all who come to this institution will acquire the wisdom that is the foundation of a successful and fulfilling life," said Nazarian.

In describing the cultural perspective of the youngest generation of students entering the College this Fall who were born in 1983, Nazarian said that their recollection of high school will be underscored with the dawning of Y2K, the Columbine school massacre, the Clinton impeachment trial and acquittal, and election of another President Bush.

They hadn't begun kindergarten when the cell phone was invented and were three-years old when the Nintendo game became the rage. The MacIntosh computer was introduced the same year they were born.

"They have lived through an amazing period in history. Quantum leaps in communication and information technology. Constant change. A dramatic increase in the pace of life," Nazarian commented. "During the course of their undergraduate years, each of us will have the opportunity to help prepare them to succeed and to contribute to this world in a positive manner."

This year's incoming class includes 1,916 students accepting admission, 838 transfers and 1,078 first time freshmen, most just out of high school. The remaining number of stu-



**GETTING ACQUAINTED:** At the College's opening convocation August 29 in Donovan Dining Center, Melody Ruffin Ward (left), assistant professor of dance, talks with new faculty members Amy Linda Sellin and Joseph A. Levi, both assistant professors in modern languages. Inset: Frank Caprio, vice chair of the Board of Governors for Higher Education, delivers humorous as well as serious remarks, during the speaking program. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

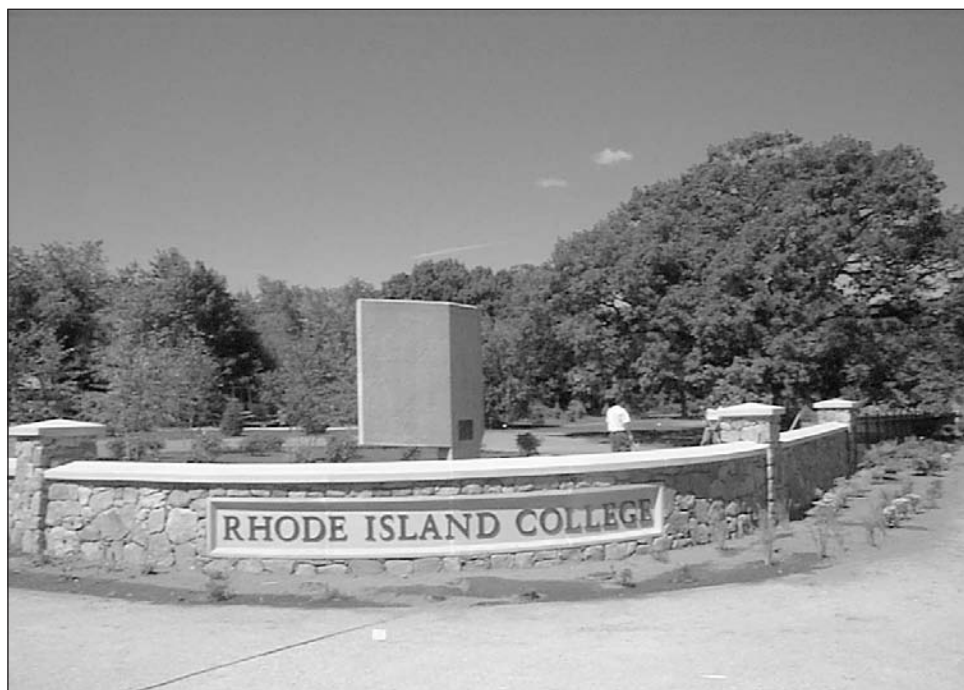
dents were admitted through the Preparatory Enrollment Program (PEP) or performance based admissions, or are second bachelor's degree candidates, or re-admitted students.

Other statistics show that Rhode Islanders comprise 85% of the incoming students, though the percentage of out-of-state students has increased slightly in recent years. Racial or ethnic minorities make up 14% of this

year's entrants, up from 12% last year. Most entering students are the first in their families to go to college. Women make up nearly two thirds of the incoming class.

The most significant variable in the profile of this year's incoming freshman class is a 32 point increase for a mean average SAT score of 990, as

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THE NEW LOOK for the College's main entrance.

## First Presidential Scholars arrive

by George LaTour  
What's News Associate Editor

As classes began Sept. 5 Rhode Island College welcomed 100 new Presidential Scholars to campus under a new scholarship program that provides merit-based awards for outstanding freshmen and transfer students.

Under the program, announced last November, top high school achievers have been offered \$2,000 awards, which are renewable for up to four years of full-time study based on the student's grade-point average. Transfer winners are receiving \$2000 awards which are renewable for up to three years, also

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## What's News submissions welcome

The office of news and public relations encourages members of the faculty, staff and administration to submit news stories, feature articles and department information for publication consideration in "What's News."

Send materials directly to our campus office in Roberts Hall or email to [jfusco@ric.edu](mailto:jfusco@ric.edu) or [glatour@ric.edu](mailto:glatour@ric.edu). All materials are subject to editorial review.

## 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.



**LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT:** In this photo from the 1970s, we see the Rhode Island College Dance Company performing for the students of Henry Barnard School. (file photo)

## Former Hasbro executive named director of news/public relations

Jane E. Fusco of Cranston, a former executive at Hasbro in Pawtucket for 17 years, has been named director of news and public relations at Rhode Island College effective Aug. 20.

Working closely with the administration, faculty and staff, she will assume responsibility for all media relations on behalf of the College.

"We are delighted to have Jane join the College and the Division of Development and College Relations," says Marguerite Brown, vice president of development.

"We are in the early stages of the College's first-ever comprehensive capital campaign and the planning for our 150th Anniversary Celebration in 2004. Jane's role in both is key to our success."

Fusco was editor and director of public relations at Hasbro since 1997, specializing in collector and store specialty items for Hasbro, a major toy company.

Previous to that, she served as editor of Hasbro's Corporate Editorial Services Group from 1984, directing all

editorial functions and activities of the in-house writing department.

For five years prior to this, she served as a reporter, assignment editor and publicity director for the communications division of the Providence Journal Company.

Fusco also organized publicity for promotional events and fund-raisers in conjunction with local agencies and affiliates.

She holds bachelors' degrees in journalism and English and a master's degree in communications, all from the University of Rhode Island.

She also holds a teaching certificate for advanced education and is a certified instructor for Zenger Miller corporate training and writing programs.



## Focus on Faculty and Staff

Faculty and staff are encouraged to submit items of information about their professional endeavors to What's News, Office of News and Public Relations, 300 Roberts Hall or e-mail them to [csousa@ric.edu](mailto:csousa@ric.edu).



**Suzanne Augenstein**, coordinator of the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts, has been appointed by the governor to the Rhode Island State Council on the

Arts. A graduate of RIC with a degree in arts management and a minor in music, Augenstein has been the coordinator of the RIC Performing Arts Series for four years and the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts since its opening a year and a half ago. She has worked on special events for the RIC development office and did a development internship specializing in research, grant writing and donor relations with the Providence Performing Arts Center during its capital campaign.

**Brian McCadden**, associate professor of educational studies, received an honor roll recognition award from the Rhode Island Department of Education and Health for his work with the RI Healthy Schools! Healthy Kids! Character Education Partnership.

**Carolyn Wood**, professor of nursing, presented a poster at the Association of Women's Health

Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses Convention in Charlotte, N.C., in June. The poster was titled "The Role of the Nurse in Smoking Cessation Counseling for Pregnant Women."

**Joan Rollins**, professor of psychology, co-authored an article entitled "Low-Income Women Speak Out About Housing: A High-Stakes Game of Musical Chairs" which was published recently in the *Journal of Social Issues*.

**Jianhong Liu**, associate professor of sociology, recently had published an article he co-authored entitled "Extending Social Disorganization Theory: Modeling the Relationships Between Cohesion, Disorder, and Fear."

His co-edited volume, *Crime and Social Control in a Changing China*, also has been published by Greenwood Press. He has co-written two chapters for the book entitled "Introduction: Impact of Market Transition - Changing Crime and Social Control in China;" and "Modernization and Crime Trends in China's Reform Era."



The next issue of *What's News* is Monday, Sept. 24.

Deadline for submission of copy, photos, etc. is Friday, Sept. 15 at noon.

Story ideas are welcome.

Call 401-456-8090 or e-mail [jfusco@ric.edu](mailto:jfusco@ric.edu).

## Director of Facilities, Operations appointed

Edward M. Brady of Middletown, a former facility manager of Newport public schools senior facility and construction engineer at Raytheon Company, has been appointed director of Facilities and Operations at Rhode Island College, announced Lenore A. DeLucia, vice president for administration and finance.

"We are delighted to have Ed Brady join the Rhode Island College management staff," says DeLucia, "His experience at the Newport Public School Department and Raytheon Company will have immediate application to his job at RIC. I think the College community will find him accessible and willing to help."

As director, Brady will be in charge of the care of the College's 40 buildings and 175 acres.

At Newport, Brady provided accessibility, environmental, health and safety compliance planning and development, and initiation of a short and long-term maintenance program. He also established a management system to facilitate major projects and studies.

At Raytheon, where he was employed from 1980 to 1994, he oversaw new construction and major

renovation and layout and consolidation of the company's main manufacturing facility without disruption of daily operations, among other accomplishments.

Prior to this, he was plant engineer at Universal Optical Company in East Providence.

He saw active service from 1971 to 1977 in the Navy, being commissioned in 1972. He was stationed on the *USS Milwaukee* as the assistant engineering officer during two major deployments, including a Vietnam combat tour.

Brady earned a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Dayton and studied project and energy management at Worcester Polytechnic Management Institute and heating ventilation and air conditioning design at Northeastern University.

Brady's appointment was effective July 2.



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# Reed tells PEP students 'education pays'

U. S. Sen. Jack Reed (D-R.I.) told some 50 Rhode Island high school students in the Rhode Island College Preparatory Enrollment Program (PEP) on July 5 that by applying themselves now they will be "amply rewarded in the future."

The students, from 20 high schools, participated in the RIC Student Support Services summer program prior to joining this year's freshmen class.

"You've really got to prepare yourself for the future," said Reed, noting that a majority of good jobs require a college degree and that college graduates "make 50 percent more than high school graduates."

"So, education pays," he said.

In response to a question from the audience asking if there was any chance of funding being denied for the program, Reed essentially said that he couldn't guarantee continued support for the federally funded TRIO program.

"We've just had a large tax cut which has moved us from having a large surplus to no surplus," Reed said in his informal talk in RIC's



**U.S. SEN. JACK REED** addresses high school students in the Rhode Island College Preparatory Enrollment Program (PEP). (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

Clarke Science Hall.

He told the students that he and fellow Rhode Island senator, Lincoln Chafee (R-R.I.), had voted against

the huge tax cut as proposed by the President.

"Over the years there will be more demands and limited funds. I don't want to cry wolf, (but) one of the reasons our economy has done so well is that 30 years ago we invested in education," said Reed.

He said he hoped the government would "develop more resources to help you — to see improvements in high schools."

"We need to depend more and more on education to keep our country going," said the senator, who was described as "a big supporter of our program," by Joseph L. Costa, director of Student Support Services at RIC of which PEP is a part.

## Financial planning program now board registered

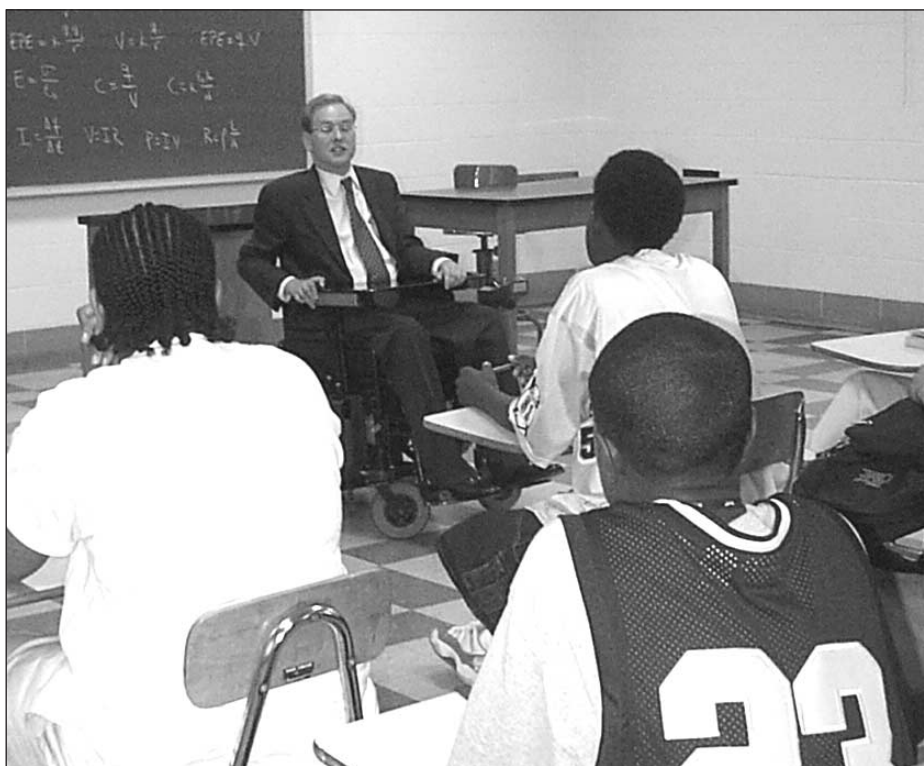
Rhode Island College has registered with the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards (CFP board) to provide a new personal financial planning concentration program under the master's of professional accountancy degree (MPA).

An independent certifying organization, the CFP board awards the CFP™, CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ and CFP certification marks. Students completing the financial planning program at RIC will be eligible to sit for the national CFP™ Certification Examination administered by the CFP board.

"The CFP board is pleased to have an educational institution of the caliber of RIC now offering its approved financial planning curriculum," said Patricia P. Houlihan, CFP board of governors' chair.

"As student interest in financial planning as a career continues to grow, we anticipate that RIC's program will contribute significantly to the number of qualified candidates seeking to sit for our CFP™ Certification Examination."

Persons interested in the program should send inquires to Lori A. Martin, career planning and placement officer for the Center for Management & Technology at Rhode Island College, 600 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Providence, RI 02908.



**RETURNING GRAD: U.S. Rep. James R. Langevin (D-RI), '90,** talks to students in the Preparatory Enrollment Program (PEP) in the Clark Science Building on July 16. (What's News Photos by Gordon E. Rowley)

## Barnard teachers to conduct follow-up workshop after study tour of China

Joan C. Bloom of East Providence and Pamela J. Manninen of Providence, both first-grade teachers at Rhode Island College's laboratory school, Henry Barnard, will conduct a three-day workshop in September for other teachers in the district, following their 23-day study tour in China which began June 25.

The teachers also will share their experiences with students, other teachers and the community throughout the current academic year.

They were part of a study group of 17 other elementary and secondary school teachers from the U.S. in the program, which was conducted by the Program for Teaching East Asia at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

Traveling to Beijing, Xi'an,

Guizhou, Chongqing, Three Gorges, Wuhan and Shanghai, they focused on China's geographic issues and challenges, with special attention to the themes of modernity, preservation of cultural heritage and cultural and regional diversity.

The Barnard teachers now will pursue an independent study project to develop curricula for their classrooms.

Both were selected for the China tour based on previous study of China and a commitment to enhance teaching about China, the world's most populous country and one of its fastest growing economies.

Their participation in the study tour is the second component of a year-long project of curriculum enhancement.



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### Babies needed for language study

Rhode Island College Infant and Child Lab is recruiting parents and babies for a one-year study of early language development.

This study focuses on families in which a family member (e.g., parent, sibling, grandparent, aunt, uncle) has experienced a language or reading problem (e.g., few words or no words until age 2, language or speech therapy, dyslexia, specialized reading instruction).

Parents are invited to bring their baby to the lab for a series of language and cognitive assessments at 12, 18 and 24 months. Each session lasts approximately one hour and is scheduled at their convenience.

Families receive a gift certificate to Toys R Us at each session. For further information, call Beverly Goldfield, lab director, at 456-8813.

### Saturday Art Program

The Rhode Island College Saturday Art Program is accepting registrations for its 34th year. Classes are offered for children in grades kindergarten through high school in the following areas: mixed media, sculpture, ceramics, drawing, and painting. An exploring art class is also offered for younger children ages 4-6 accompanied by a parent or guardian.

This year the program is holding two nine-week sessions, the first beginning on Oct. 13 and ending on Dec. 15, and the second beginning on Jan. 19, 2002, and ending on March 23. Hours are from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday mornings, excluding holidays. Registration and supply fees vary.

For information and a brochure, call the art department at 401-456-8054.

### Made Dean's List

Carol Pincins of Providence, a sophomore majoring in elementary education, and Michelle F. Spinola of East Providence, a senior majoring in special education, made the Dean's List last spring semester. Their names were inadvertently left off the list published in June in *What's News*.

### Poet Jay Wright to read from his work

Award-winning poet Jay Wright will read from his work Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 8 p.m. in Classroom C of the Forman Center at Rhode Island College.

The reading, sponsored by the College Lectures Committee, is free and open to the public.

Wright is a major American poet whose stature recently has been confirmed with the publication of *Transfigurations: Collected Poems*.

He is the author of eight books of poems, including *The Homecoming Singer*, *Soothsayers and Omens*, and *The Double Invention of Komo*.



**RIC nursing grads —**

# Chosen for new hospital critical-care program

by George LaTour  
What's News Associate Editor

**T**hree of the eight graduate nurses chosen to participate in the first Rhode Island Hospital Critical Care Internship program are graduates of Rhode Island College.

The inventive program, launched in June, was established by the hospital to help alleviate the nursing shortage in the intensive care units.

Selected are Suzana Moura of Pawtucket; Christine Dwyer of Newport, and Anna Sousa of Cranston. All are graduates of the Class of 2001.

"This is a really important achievement for us," says Jane Williams, chair of the RIC nursing department.

"The students had to apply for the internship and it was a competitive process. To have three of the eight (out of approximately 30 applicants) chosen is outstanding," she says.

Although a nursing shortage exists throughout the country, it is particularly acute in intensive care, reports the hospital in its August edition of *Lifelines Digest*.

Similar efforts to establish critical care internships have been made by established hospitals like the Mayo Clinic, says Williams.

"These are being done by the best hospitals in the country as a way of attracting good nurses," she says.

Normally, a nurse must practice for at least two years and then receive

substantial additional training to care for critically ill patients.

Through the Rhode Island Hospital Critical Care Internship program, selected nursing school graduates will be given intensive training in critical care and will be fully qualified to work in the intensive care unit within one year.

In return for this post-graduate education, the interns had to pledge to work for at least one year as Rhode Island Hospital full-time critical care nurses.

"The hospital has invested a lot in this program," says Williams. "It will provide a strong educational base for practice in this very skilled area."

Carol Landry, RN, clinical manager of the hospital Critical Care unit and creator of the program, explains that it's not easy to be accepted into the new program.

Candidates must be graduates of an accredited nursing school with a

grade point average of at least 3.0 (out of a possible 4.0), and must pass their state boards within 90 days of graduation.

Landry says the nurses who were selected for the first class are motivated and committed and will receive high-level intensive-care training.

She believes one of the most important aspects of their training is critical thinking, adding that "nothing is more crucial than the ability to respond to an individual's needs and to make informed decisions on the spot."

"Rhode Island Hospital is making a very strong effort at orientation and providing on-going support for the new nurses in a very demanding practice area," assures Williams.



**CRITICAL CARE INTERNS:** (Clockwise from bottom) Anna Sousa, Suzana Moura and Christine Dwyer.



**FEINSTEIN SCHOOL DEAN John Bucci (at podium) addresses the faculty of the Feinstein School of Education and Human Development during the first meeting of the semester Aug. 30 in the Faculty Center. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)**

## \$1 million fund established at RIC for Feinstein Jr. Scholars

The Feinstein Foundation and Rhode Island College have entered into a partnership to provide full tuition and fees scholarships to high-achieving participants of the Feinstein Jr. Scholar Program admitted to the College as undergraduates.

Called the Caring Power Leadership Scholarship Program, the first scholarships will be awarded to students entering in the Fall of 2002.

For each student accepted by the College, the Feinstein Foundation will contribute \$1,000 a year toward the cost of tuition and fees. The College will make up the difference to provide full scholarship coverage.

Eligible students must be in the top 30% of their graduating class, have a combined SAT score of 1100, and meet all Rhode Island College admission requirements. Criteria for the Leadership Scholarship Program was taken from standards established for the College's Presidential Scholarship program, which provides \$2,000 scholarships to qualified students. The first Presidential Scholars began classes at RIC on September 5.

According to the Feinstein Foundation, there are approximately 100,000 students in the Feinstein Jr. Scholar Program in Rhode Island. Participating students must exhibit a commitment to the values of community service, compassion, caring

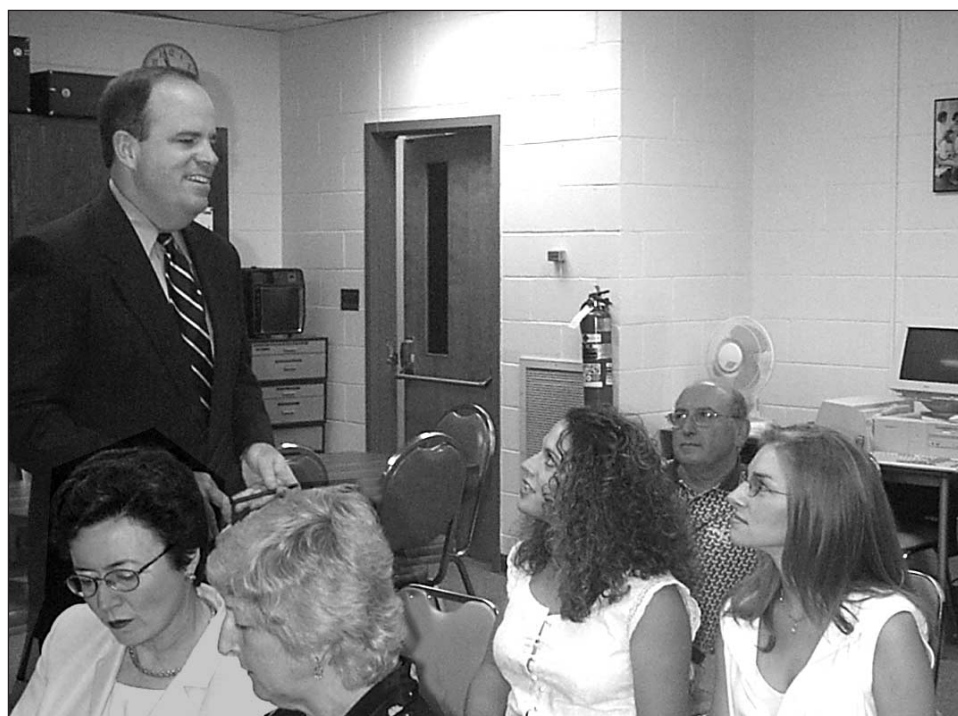
and fellowship to make a positive difference in their lives.

The Feinstein Foundation has established in the Rhode Island Foundation a \$1 million fund as a designated funding source for the Leadership Scholarship Program at Rhode Island College. Scholarships are renewable for up to four years for students who maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.00.

Philanthropist Alan Shawn Feinstein and Rhode Island College President John Nazarian signed the agreement on August 7, 2001.

Feinstein has a history of strong support for the College. In 1995, he contributed \$500,000 to help establish the joint RIC/URI Ph.D. in Education program and a \$1 million donation in 1996 to enhance programs at the College's School of Education and Human Development. The school was later renamed in his honor. Feinstein was awarded an honorary Doctor of Pedagogy degree at the 1999 commencement.

"We look forward to welcoming the Feinstein Jr. Scholars into the Rhode Island College community," said President John Nazarian. "These students exemplify the high standards of educational excellence and service learning that are part of the Rhode Island College experience."



**NURSE REWARD PROGRAM is explained by Lt. Gov. Charles Fogarty to Rhode Island College nursing students Lisa Napolitano (center), president of the RIC Student Nurse Association, and Kathryn Lapinski, association treasurer, at an unveiling of the program in Fogarty Life Science Building Aug. 2. The newly enacted program, resulting from legislation proposed by Fogarty and signed by the governor, offers interest-free loans to nursing school graduates who become nurses, thus reducing about one-third of their student-loan payments. Rhode Island, like the rest of the country, faces a critical shortage of nurses. Fogarty says the program will help attract more people into the profession. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)**

## Homecoming – Come Back to RIC! Oct. 12-13, 2001

Highlights:

Friday, Oct. 12

Dance the night away...  
at an old fashioned Sock Hop!

8 p.m., Intercollegiate Athletic Building  
Only \$5 per person

Saturday, Oct. 13

Homecoming Float Parade, 11:30 a.m.

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.



# Residence halls bustling

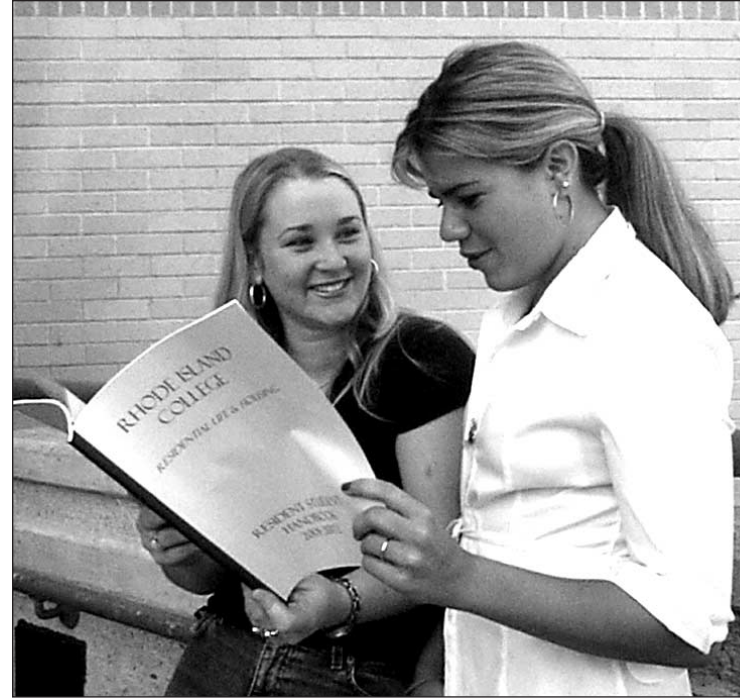


**ROOMMATES:** Thirteen-year-old Chris Robblee helps his brother, Tim, move into Sweet Residence Hall by carrying a poster of super-model Elsa Benitz.

**W**ith residence hall occupancy above capacity, students began moving into the College's five residence halls on Labor Day (Classes began Sept. 5).

"These kids have everything!" said a mother standing in front of Sweet Hall. "I think I saw a big screen TV going in."

We cannot confirm that giant TV rumor, but *What's News* was there to document some of the activity, which we present on these two pages.

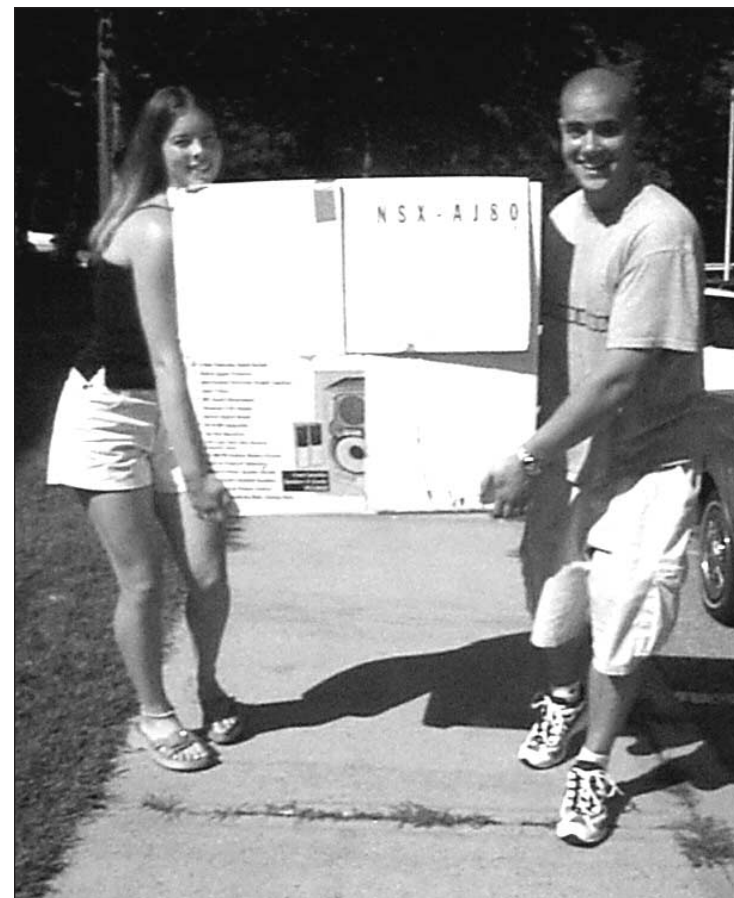


**"NO PETS"** warns Nikki Nadeau (left), a sophomore, as she and Kristen Geremia, a freshman, go over the student handbook.



**Above: HELPING HAND:** April Auclair (right) and her mother, Elaine, get help moving into Willard Hall from Jean Pepper and James Bell, members of Intervarsity, a Christian fellowship student organization.

**At right: BIG BOX:** Kelly Rountree (left) gets some help moving into Sweet Hall from University of Rhode Island student Nathan Fischer. Contrary to its "stereo" markings, the box contains clothing, says Kelly.



# g on moving day



*"ROLLING IN" to Sweet Hall are Alexis Radovich and her father, Michael.*



*THIRSTY FRESHMAN Charles Hewes moves into Weber Hall. The over-size beer bottle is actually a coin bank.*

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*Photos and text by  
Gordon E. Rowley*

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*LOADED DOWN: Her hands full, Holly Young moves into Brown Hall.*

## Convocation

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compared to 958 last year.

It was noted that this is due in part to the initiation of the Presidential Scholarship Program, which provides \$2,000 scholarships for high achieving students. One hundred Presidential Scholars from 45 different high schools will be among the entering freshmen. They have a mean combined SAT score of 1150. Nazarian added that one in 10 freshmen will be a Presidential Scholar.

The Presidential scholarships are renewable for up to four years as long as the student continues to meet high academic criteria. A new class of Presidential scholars will be added on a yearly basis to help attract top students at a cost of about \$1 million dollars by its fourth year.

While generous, the Presidential scholarships do not cover the full cost of tuition and fees. Nazarian reminded the audience that the competition for top students is strong and RIC must be prepared to do more to remain attractive to these students.

Given this criteria, Nazarian announced that the College has entered into a scholarship agreement with Alan Shawn Feinstein to help fund full tuition and fees with a \$1 million gift that takes effect in 2002. This announcement was made publicly for the first time at the convocation.

The constant evaluation and improvement to teacher education programs continues to be of highest priority at the College, according to Nazarian. A symposium on General Education 2000 is in the planning stages and Nazarian urged faculty members to participate in this process.

Alluding to Vartan Gregorian's recent article in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* entitled, "Teacher Education Must Become Colleges' Central Preoccupation," Nazarian applauded the College's achievements in this area, exemplified by the implementation of 10 content majors for elementary education majors, and the recommendations by the task force examining the organization and structure of the Feinstein School of Education and Human Development.

Recommendations from those discussions include the formation of common educational interest groups for faculty to discuss issues of pedagogy, content and practices beginning this Fall, and optimizing departmental organization.

Nazarian referred to the successful completion of the accreditation process earlier this year and said that the College is addressing several of

the recommendations made in the NEASC report, including an external review of the joint PhD program in education in conjunction with URI, enhancement of Library and Information services, and the establishment of the Committee on the Assessment of Student Outcomes (CASO) to assess learning objectives, their outcomes and effectiveness.

Nazarian approved a plan the day before convocation for administering the Faculty Development Fund, which will provide \$45,000 in the current academic year to support faculty research and activities, as agreed in previous contract negotiations.

The affect of high speed technology and its expectations within institutions of higher learning was a major topic in Nazarian's speech. Announcements in this area included the College's campus-wide agreement with Microsoft, upgrading of Peoplesoft technology and the introduction of Mascot.com to the campus community.

In an agreement with Microsoft Technologies, students can install and use Microsoft operating systems and office software on their home computers at no cost, saving them as much as \$2,376 if the software titles were purchased separately. RIC is the first school in the state to offer this service to students, and among a mere 25% of New England colleges extending this option.

Within the last year, faculty and



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announcements will be targeted directly to intended recipients through Mascot.com. Mascot.com is a web based, password protected communications tool that can be customized to reach specific audiences, serving as an electronic bulletin board, eliminating excessive paper notices. Its communication features are meant to bring more students into the campus environment and reduce information overload.

He added, "My advice to all, therefore, is to promote the College at all times. Conserve whenever possible, restrain our spending requests and be prepared to do more with less. Given our recent history, we certainly have a good deal of experience in stretching our resources."

Providing research and other services to government programs at the federal, state and local levels, and to the private sector, was one way Nazarian advised to promote the College. He said that this tradition dates back to the early days of the College when it offered workshops and teachers' institutes, evolving into the College Experts List of the last decade. Earlier this year, Congressman James Langevin '90 proposed that the College establish a "Think Tank" or Center for public policy. Subsequently, Nazarian named a working group to develop a proposal for the Center, appointing Victor Profughi of the department of political science as chair.

Nazarian also mentioned the marked success of the College Development Office, which staffs the RIC Foundation and administers the Alumni Office, with a portfolio valued at nearly \$9.2 million at the end of the 2001 fiscal year, almost a five-fold increase in contributions since 1996.

The division's upcoming agenda includes plans leading up to the College's sesquicentennial (150th) celebration in 2004. The first brain-

**"...No matter what our formal job description, we are here for the students." – College President John Nazarian**

staff have been able to install Microsoft software on their home and office computers at no charge. Distribution to faculty members requesting personal computers is complete and new MAC acquisitions are underway with ongoing dispersion to labs, faculty and staff.

Implementation of Peoplesoft technology this Fall will allow students Web access to register for courses, change schedules, and review financial information and grades. This capability was previously available only to students using on-campus computers.

Peoplesoft's web based interface will also let faculty download course schedules, rosters and access reports by the end of this year. Further upgrades to Peoplesoft are scheduled throughout the academic year.

Starting this Fall, campus

Mascot.com is in use at over 100 college campuses throughout the country. Providence College inaugurated the service last year and is the only other educational institution in the state to join the network.

Moving forward with its campus renovation and renewal program, which will affect over half the buildings on campus, construction efforts continue with the renovation and expansion of the Student Union, reconstruction of Alger Hall and restoration of Building #9 for the School of Social Work.

Competing interests for state funds and the uncertainty of the nation's economy has raised concern for the College's administrators in preparation of next year's budget. "We have been asked to develop a scenario for a six percent reduction in state support," Nazarian explained.

storming session for the event took place over the summer with about 90 members of the campus community participating. The entire campus community will become involved in the coming months.

The College's Capital Campaign, underway since July 1, 1999, is nearing completion of its "silent phase" to identify potential beneficiaries and donors. Fund Consultants Inc. have been retained to provide consulting services for the campaign. Vice chairs and steering committee members were named and introduced.

Nazarian closed his remarks urging everyone to join in the promotion of the Capital Campaign and support the efforts of the College.

"This is an exciting time to be a part of the College, full of new challenges and new opportunities," concluded Nazarian.

## Scholars

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based on grade-point average.

The Presidential Scholarships were made possible by a state addition to RIC's budget of \$200,000 last year with the agreement to increase this amount by \$200,000 each year for the next three years.

Holly Shadoian, director of admissions, reports that the incoming Presidential Scholars come from 45 high schools, including 14 from out of state. Their mean rank in their high school graduating classes was in the top 15 percent. The mean combined SAT score is 1150.

"We are very excited to have attracted such an academically talented group of students for our first Presidential Scholars," says Shadoian.

President John Nazarian has termed the scholarships "extremely helpful" to the College in the recruitment of top high school students.

He sees the program as having "a

significant and positive impact on our overall academic climate."

To be considered for the scholarship, incoming freshmen must submit to the Admissions Office by Dec. 1 a completed application, including application fee, essay, guidance counselor recommendation, high school transcripts including first quarter senior year grades and SAT scores. Minimum requirements include ranking in the top three-tenths of the class and a minimum combined SAT score of 1080 — up from the 1050 required in the past.

Transfer students must have a minimum earned 24 credits and at least a 3.5 GPA to be considered. Transfer students wishing to be considered for the scholarship must have all their materials in by Feb. 1 including completed application, and official copies of all college transcripts.



**ALL ABOARD:** New faculty and staff board the Newport Trolley for a tour of the campus during orientation for new members of the College community on Aug. 29.



# College community extends welcome to new colleagues

*At the Opening Convocation on Aug. 29, the following new faculty and staff members were recognized. This group of newcomers represents the largest addition to the RIC community in recent years. The list includes all individuals currently employed on an academic year or calendar year basis who began their service after Jan. 1, 2001.*

## FACULTY

**LESLEY M. BOGAD**, assistant professor, Foundations of Education, Department of Educational Studies, holds a PhD and an MA from Syracuse University and a BA from Barnard College and was most recently an instructor at Syracuse University.

**KAREN LEE BOREN**, assistant professor of English, holds a PhD from the University of Wisconsin, an MFA from Wichita State University, and a BA from the University of Wisconsin. She was most recently a teaching assistant at the University of Wisconsin.

**DOUGLAS BOSCH**, assistant professor of art, holds an MFA from Yale and a BFA from the Columbus College of Art and Design. He was an assistant professor at White Pines College.

**SUSAN CARDOZA**, assistant professor, second grade teacher, Henry Barnard School, holds an MAT and a BA in psychology from RIC. She most recently served as a second grade teacher in the Attleboro Public Schools.

**SHANI D. CARTER**, assistant professor of Management and Technology, earned her PhD, MA, and BA degrees from Cornell University. Most recently, she was an assistant professor at the University of Scranton.

**KELLI DUPUIS**, assistant professor at Henry Barnard School, holds an MA and a BS in elementary education from the University of Conn., and was most recently a teacher for the Southborough (Mass.) Public Schools.

**CHRISTOPHER L. DYER**, visiting associate professor of public policy, holds a PhD and MA from Arizona State University, an MS from the University of Alabama, and a BS and BA from the University of Arizona. He has served as assistant professor at URI.

**VALERIE A. ENDRESS**, assistant professor of communications, holds a PhD in speech communication from Indiana University and earned her MA and BA degrees at Ball State University. She was most recently an assistant professor at the University of Hartford.

**RANDI I. KIM**, assistant professor of psychology, holds a PhD from Michigan State University, an MS from California State University, and a BA from UCLA. Kim was most recently an assistant professor at the University of Redlands.

**JOSEPH A. LEVI**, assistant professor of modern languages, holds a PhD in Romance languages, an MA in Italian, and an MA in Portuguese, all earned at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Joseph was most recently a visiting scholar at the University of Iowa.

**DIANE R. MARTELL**, assistant professor of social work, holds a PhD from Brandeis University, where she also earned an MA in social policy. In addition, she holds a BA from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Most recently she was a director at Trinity College.

**KATHLEEN McCLURE**, assistant professor of speech and hearing, holds a PhD from the University of Cambridge, an EdM from Teachers College Columbia, an MA from Columbia University, and an AB from Barnard College, Columbia University.

**CHRISTINE MEGLIO**, assistant professor, teacher in the Child Care Program at Henry Barnard School. Meglio holds an MA in counseling from RIC and a BS in education (early childhood) from West Chester University (Penn.).

**PETER M. K. MENDY**, assistant professor of history, earned his PhD in political science/African history and MSocSc in political science/development studies at the University of Birmingham (England). He also holds a BA from the University of Sheffield (England). He was most recently with the United Nations Development Programme, Luanda, Angola.

**KAREN MEYER**, assistant professor at Henry Barnard School, holds an MEd from Providence College and a BS from West Chester State College. She was most recently a teacher at St. John School in Seattle, Washington.

**PATRICIA A. MOLLOY**, assistant professor of nursing, holds MS and BA degrees from URI and an ADN from the CCRI. She previously served as director of Child and Family Services for the South Shore Mental Health Center.

**SUSAN E. NICHOLSON**, assistant professor of music, holds a doctor of musical arts from the University of Miami, and a masters and bachelors in musical education from Winthrop University. Nicholson most recently served as a lecturer in music at Winthrop University.

**JOHN NISKA**, assistant professor of Middle Level Education, in the Department of Ed. Studies, holds a PhD from Iowa State University, an EdS from Eastern Michigan University, and an MA and BA from Michigan State. He most recently served as executive director of the RI Middle Level Educator Network.

**ALAN PICKART**, assistant professor and technical director/designer, in the Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance. He holds an MFA from the University of SC and a BFA from Niagra University, where he was an assistant.

**THOMAS SCHMELING**, assistant professor of political science, holds a PhD from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and a BA from Saint Olaf College. He was most recently a visiting assistant professor at Rutgers University.

**AMY L. SELLIN**, assistant professor of modern languages, is a PhD candidate at Brown University and holds an MA from Brown and a BA from the University of California at Berkeley. She was most recently an instructor with the Brown Learning Community.

**ANN MARIE SEPE**, assistant professor of nursing, holds an MSN from URI, and M.S. and BS degrees from RIC. Most recently, she was an occupational health nurse and administrator at A.T. Cross.

**REBECCA SPARKS**, assistant professor of mathematics, holds a PhD and an MS from URI and a BA from RIC. Most recently she was a teaching assistant at URI.

**KATHLEEN ANN SZANTOR**, assistant professor of modern languages, holds a PhD, an MA and BS from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She was most recently employed at the Saratoga Central Catholic School.

## ADMINISTRATIVE & PROFESSIONAL STAFF

**ARCHANA R. AILAWADHI**, counselor in Student Support Services, holds a BS from the URI and most recently served as service learning coordinator at URI.

**JASON ANTHONY**, admissions officer, holds a BA in theatre from RIC. Most recently, he was an admissions officer at RWU.

**EDWARD M. BRADY**, director, facilities and operations, holds a BEng from the University of Dayton and most recently served as facility manager for the Newport Schools.

**MEREDITH M. CAREY**, residence hall director, Thorp Hall, holds a BA in sociology from Fairfield University, where she most recently served as a resident assistant.

**ANDREW COUGHLIN**, coordinator of athletic and recreational facilities, holds a BS from RIC. Since 1996 he has served the College in temporary positions as athletic facilities supervisor and interim equipment manager.

**CHRISTINE M. DAVIS**, human resources information systems coordinator, holds a human resources certificate from Bryant College and was most recently a human resources coordinator at United Health Care of New England.

**ELIZABETH G. ENOS**, assistant director of financial aid, holds a BA from Colgate University and most recently worked at URI.

**PAUL D. FORTE**, assistant vice president for finance and controller, holds a masters in international business studies from the University of S.C. and a BS from Merrimack College. He was formerly university controller at URI.

**JANE E. FUSCO**, director, office of news and public relations, earned a MA in communications, a BA in journalism, and a BA in English literature from URI. She most recently served as editor/director of public relations for Hasbro Inc., of Pawtucket.

**NORMAND E. GAMACHE JR.**, assistant director of security and safety, holds an MS in administration and justice from Salve Regina University, a BA in business administration/accounting and BS in criminal justice, both from Bryant College, and an AS in business administration/accounting from CCRI. Most recently he was a revenue clerk with the state Division of Taxation.

**GREGORY W. GAMMELL**, assistant director, facilities and operations/ grounds, holds a BS in agriculture & resource technology from URI and most recently served as superintendent of parks for the City of East Providence.

**CHRISTINE A. GEYER**, assistant director of College dining services, holds a BS from Johnson and Wales University and most recently served as acting food service director for the Randolph (Mass.) Public Schools.

**GRETA GUILBAULT**, admissions officer, holds a BA in Women's Studies from RIC. She most recently served as a representative of the College's admissions office with the Rhode Runner Program.

**MICHAEL KELLY**, head basketball coach/coordinator of intramurals, holds a BS in business administration from St. Joseph's College. He most recently served as assistant basketball coach at Davidson College.

**ALLISON KERSCH**, assistant teacher at Henry Barnard School, holds a BS from RIC and a BA from URI. During the Spring 2001 semester, she served as a student teacher at HBS.

**SUSAN CRAFT McALLISTER**, coordinator, office of academic support & information services (OASIS), holds an MAT from RIC and a BA from Susquehanna University. Most recently she was an assistant director/skills specialist for the New England Institute of Technology.

**MICHAEL R. MACAULAY**, senior programmer analyst, management information services, holds a BS from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He currently serves as QA Engineer for Incentive Systems, Inc. and will be joining the College in October.

**LYN-SU OTTO**, assistant teacher at Henry Barnard School, holds a BS in elementary education from Bridgewater State College and most recently served as an assistant teacher with the Westwood (Mass.) Public Schools.

**ROBIN PECUNIOSO**, human resources manager of classified service, holds a BS in management from RIC and an AS from CCRI. She most recently served as human resource development coordinator at the William M. Davies, Jr. Career and Technical High School.

**JAMES RYCZEK**, director of field education, School of Social Work, holds an MSW from Boston University and a BME from the University of Mass., Amherst. Most recently he was a social worker at Miriam Hospital.

**LUDMILA SHALAPYONOK**, senior programmer analyst, management information services, holds an MS in oceanography from the Institute of the Biology of the Southern Seas, Moscow, and a BS in applied mathematics from BycloRussian University. She was an application developer for Cape Cod Bay Systems.

**JANET SHUMATE**, recorder/ advisor, Records Office, holds a BA in psychology from URI and most recently served as academic advisor at Emmanuel College.

**JANINE M.B. TEGU**, human resources specialist, holds a BA in Spanish from RIC and most recently served as senior manager, human resources at the UWIN Corp.

**MARY E. WRIGHT, RN**, Health Services, holds an LPN from the VA School of Nursing and a BSN from RIC. Most recently she was an RN at the Rhode Island Veterans Home.

**BIN YU**, manager, database services, management information services, holds an MA from Brown University and an MA and BS from Fudan University of Shanghai. He most recently served as information systems manager/lead database administrator for United HealthCare.

## GRANT-SUPPORTED PERSONNEL

**DENISE ACHIN**, Medicaid specialist, RI Technical Assistance Project (RITAP), holds an MEd in elementary education from Bridgewater State College and a BA from the University of Mass., Amherst. She most recently served as an education consultant for Medicaid with the state Department of Education.

**SUSAN CONSTABLE**, autism project coordinator, Rhode Island Technical Assistance Project (RITAP), holds an MA from Framingham State College and a BA from Wheelock College. She most recently served as program director for the Rhode Island Autism Project.

**CAROLYN B. DICKEY**, assistant to the director, Rhode Island Technical Assistance Program (RITAP), holds a BA from URI and most recently served as legal secretary/paralegal for the law firm of Steven, Harris & Guernsey, PC.

**JANE EWING**, research and data coordinator, University Affiliated Program (UAP), is an EdD candidate at Harvard and holds an MEd from Harvard and a BA from the University of Toledo. She most recently served as third party evaluator for the RI System Change in Transition Grant.

**WILLIAM EYMAN**, behavior support specialist, RI Technical Assistance Project (RITAP), holds an MA from Syracuse University and a BA from Ohio University. He most recently served as a behavior specialist with the state Department of Education.

**TONYA M. GLANTZ**, clinical training specialist, Child Welfare Institute now affiliated with the School of Social Work. Glantz holds an MSW from RIC and a BA from URI.

**TROY H. GOMES**, academic coordinator/counselor, Upward Bound Program, holds a BA from RIC and most recently served as a facilitator with the Rhode Island Children's Crusade for Higher Education.

**BARBARA GROSSI**, comprehensive system personnel development coordinator, Rhode Island Technical Assistance Project (RITAP), holds an MEd from RIC and a BA from URI. She most recently served as an education consultant with the state Department of Education.

**COLETTE HANLON**, clerk secretary, Child Welfare Institute.

**JANET IOVINO**, family support coordinator, University Affiliated Program (UAP), holds an MA from American University and a BA from URI. Most recently she was a parent consultant for the Kent County CASSP.

**PATRICIA A. KEOGH**, clinical training specialist, Child Welfare Institute, holds an MS and a BA from URI.

**LINDA O'MALLEY**, clinical training specialist, Child Welfare Institute, holds an MA from RIC.

**LINDAGAY M. PALAZZO**, clinical training specialist, Child Welfare Institute, holds an MSW from RIC and a BA from URI.

**W.B. ROLLINS**, chief of staff development training and continuous quality development, Child Welfare Institute, holds an MPA from the University of Conn., an MSW from Boston University, and a BA from the University of NH.

**CLAIRE ROSENBAUM**, family support coordinator, University Affiliated Program (UAP), holds a BA and an MA from Temple University. She was formerly a resource parent with the Rhode Island Parent Information Network.

**JUDITH SACCARDO**, director, Rhode Island Technical Assistance Program (RITAP), holds an EdD from Boston University, an MEd from Bridgewater State College, and a BA from Boston University. She most recently served as director of pupil personnel services for the Bristol-Warren Regional School District.

**IRAIDA WILLIAMS**, family support coordinator, University Affiliated Program (UAP), attends CCRI and most recently served as family case coordinator at The Providence Center.

## COLLEGE SUPPORT STAFF

**MAUREEN BARIBAULT**, senior word processing typist, admissions office, comes to the College from the state Department of Administration, Division of Taxation.

**SHERRY BAUTISTA**, senior word processing typist, admissions office, most recently worked at the state Department of Human Resources.

**JUDITH BEAUCHAMP**, senior word processing typist, admissions office, served as production control clerk at the A.T. Wall Co.

**LUZ M. BRAVO**, housekeeper, facilities and operations, previously worked at URI.

**PHILIP E. BRODEUR**, campus police officer, was formerly a sergeant with the Warwick Police Department.

**ROBERT E. HART**, campus police lieutenant, was most recently a Capitol Police Officer for the state Department of Administration.

**DENISE M. MALES**, administrative secretary, office of the vice president for development and college relations, attended Johnson & Wales University and most recently served as executive secretary at Swarovski Consumer Goods, Ltd.

**MICHELLE E. MARE**, bookstore clerk, was most recently a clerk secretary for the state Department of Children, Youth and Families.

**DONALD OULETTE**, campus police officer, most recently served as a recruiting supervisor for the Rhode Island Army National Guard.

**JOSEPH PELLAND**, storekeeper, Donovan Dining Center, most recently served in custodial services at the Eleanor Slater Hospital, state Department of Mental Health, Retardation, and Hospitals.

# Athletics

## From the athletic director's desk



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

It has been an extremely active and busy summer around the department. Here's an update on some of the activity:

- We have just received notification that recent graduate Jessica Arrighi has been selected as the Rhode Island Woman of the Year by the NCAA. To accom-

plish this, Jessica had to beat out the nominees from every other school in Rhode Island including the Division I institutions. Award criteria was based on athletic and academic achievement, as well as community involvement and leadership. Jessica, who just started teaching in the Woonsocket school system, will be honored by the NCAA in Indianapolis in October. As a state winner, Jessica is now in the running for the national award. Congratulations and good luck Jess!

- Welcome to all of new athletic staff and best wishes for much success.

- It was another banner season for sports camps on the Rhode Island College campus with over 1,000 young people coming to RIC to gain sports knowledge. In addition to the camps, the Bill Falk Pole Vaulting and Throws Camps were on campus as well. Thanks to all the staff whose efforts made these activities so successful.

- Our Inaugural Anchor Club Golf Tournament was held at Pawtucket Country Club with over 100 participants. It was a great event and everyone had a fantastic time. If you didn't make this year's tournament, mark your calendar for next year's event on July 22, 2002. Many thanks to everyone who supported this year's event.

- Over 400 youngsters participated in the Renaissance Games sponsored by the Institute for International Sport held the latter part of July on campus and included athletics, the arts and academics.

- Homecoming is just around the corner (Oct. 12 & 13) and there will a number of athletic alumni activities associated with this year's festivities. Our big event will be our recognition dinner on Saturday evening which includes the Hall of Fame inductions. There will also be a men's soccer alumni game on Saturday morning, a men's baseball alumni game on Saturday morning and a women's softball alumni game on Saturday afternoon. More details to follow in future issues.

- We want to wish much success to Frank Anzeveno, assistant athletic director, who is on leave from the College and working at the State House as chief of staff for House Speaker John Harwood. Our loss is state government's gain. Best of luck to Frank.

- The Recreation Center is currently under renovations that include a fresh coat of paint and several upgrades that should be completed for Homecoming. The baseball and softball fields are getting additional seating, astroturf hitting tunnels and new backstops that will be maintenance-free and provide better sight lines for spectators. New track and field rules call for a steeple chase for men and women, which we hope to have in place by the Spring.

## New faces of RIC athletics

by Scott Gibbons  
Sports Information Director

The summer of 2001 has seen several changes at Rhode Island College's Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Intramurals and Recreation. There are new additions to the administrative and coaching staffs, as well as some familiar faces in new roles.

Mike Kelly joins the staff as the new head men's basketball coach and will also serve as the coordinator of intramurals at the Recreation Center. Kelly, who originally hails from Yarmouth, Mass., was a Division I assistant coach at Davidson College and Virginia Tech prior to joining the Anchormen.

"I am very excited about the opportunity to coach at Rhode Island College," Kelly says. "I am thankful to [RIC President] John Nazarian and [RIC Athletic Director] Don Tencher for having the confidence in me to take over the men's basketball program. I look forward to the challenge of competing in the Little East Conference and working with the team."

This Mike Kelly is not to be confused with — but probably will be — RIC's head women's basketball coach who is also named Mike Kelley, but spells his last name differently.

John Mello has joined the men's soccer program as an assistant coach. Mello was previously the head coach at Shea High School and at Seekonk High School. During Mello's tenure at Shea, the Raiders made it to the semi-finals of the Division II Rhode Island State Championships three times and to the finals once. Mello hails from Bristol and is a graduate

## Tencher named AD of Year

Donald E. Tencher, Rhode Island College director of intercollegiate athletics, intramurals and recreation, was named the 2000-01 Division III National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics/Continental Airlines Athletic Director of the Year.

He received the award at the NACDA conference in Salt Lake City June 11.

Tencher said he didn't look at the award as an individual honor, but rather as a team award for the work of his staff, which numbers over 100.

Named director at RIC in 1995, Tencher is responsible for the management of six on-campus athletic facilities, the coordination of more than 300 student-athletes who participate in 19 intercollegiate teams and an intramural/recreation program for the approximately 9,000 students.

He has overseen improvements to the baseball field, softball complex, track, soccer facility, tennis courts, student-athlete development center and campus recreation center.

He has implemented a comprehensive marketing program, which includes the RIC Summer Sports Camps, the Athletics Booster Club, the Sports and Celebrity Memorabilia Auction and re-establishment of the RIC Athletic Hall of Fame.

Tencher also improved the academic monitoring program, which received national recognition, and instituted a number of computerized systems to guide day-to-day operations more effectively.



**NEW COACH:** College President John Nazarian (left) welcome the College's new coach of men's basketball, Mike Kelly.

of La Salle Academy.

No stranger to the RIC community, John Fitta, takes over the reigns as the head men's golf coach. Fitta is RIC's assistant vice president for finance emeritus. He has been involved with the sport of golf for the past 50 years. He has been a member at Fall River Country Club since November of 1999 and was a member at Metacomet Country Club from 1993 until October of 1999. He was the club champion at Pawtucket Country Club in 1963 and was a State Public Links semi-finalist and quarter-finalist in the early sixties as well. As a youth, he was the Rhode Island State Caddy Champion in 1957. He was a four-time runner-up in Rhode Island State Junior Championships.

Gerald Shellard, formerly the assistant athletic director for athletic medicine since October of 1997, has moved over to the College's Recreation Center where he'll serve as the assistant athletic director for intramurals and recreation.

Andy Coughlin joined the staff as the coordinator of athletic and recreational facilities. He was previously the coordinator of facilities and intramurals at RIC, a position he held since November of 2000. Prior to that assignment, he was a part-time facilities supervisor at RIC from 1996 until November of 2000.

## Sports Events

Men's Soccer			
Tues.	Sept. 11	at Rivier	7 p.m.
Thurs.	Sept. 13	at Worcester State	7 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 15	at MIT	1 p.m.
Tues.	Sept. 18	at Roger Williams	4 p.m.
Thurs.	Sept. 20	Salem State	3:30 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 22	at Southern Maine *	1 p.m.

Women's Soccer			
Tues.	Sept. 11	Johnson & Wales	3:30 p.m.
Thurs.	Sept. 13	Worcester State	3:30 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 15	Eastern Connecticut *	1 p.m.
Tues.	Sept. 18	at UMASS-Dartmouth *	4 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 22	Southern Maine *	1 p.m.

Women's Tennis			
Mon.	Sept. 10	Johnson & Wales	3:30 p.m.
Wed.	Sept. 12	Newbury	3:30 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 15	Plymouth State *	1 p.m.
Mon.	Sept. 17	at Wentworth	4 p.m.
Wed.	Sept. 19	Bryant 3:30 p.m.	
Fri.	Sept. 21	Southern Maine *	3:30 p.m.
Mon.	Sept. 24	Bridgewater State	3:30 p.m.

Men's and Women's Cross Country			
Sat.	Sept. 15	at UMASS-Dartmouth Invit.	11 a.m.
Sat.	Sept. 22	Ray Dwyer Invitational *	11 a.m.

Women's Volleyball			
Wed.	Sept. 12	at WPI 7 p.m.	
Fri.	Sept. 14	Little East Round Robin	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 15	Little East Round Robin	10 a.m./12:30 p.m.
Tues.	Sept. 18	Wesleyan	7 p.m.
Fri./Sat.	Sept. 21/22	at Amherst Invitational	TBA

Home games/matches in bold

\* Little East Conference game/match

## 2001-2002 RIC Fine and Performing Arts —

# To offer folk, jazz and modern dance, ballet, comedy, music, Chinese acrobats

by George LaTour  
What's News Associate Editor

Rhode Island College will offer a wide variety of professional performances in its 2001-2002 Performing Arts Series season starting in September.

Folk, jazz and modern dance, ballet, music, comedy, and Chinese acrobats are on the Potpourri Series bill. All performances will be at 8 p.m. in the Auditorium in Roberts Hall except the Shakespeare Revue and A Couple of Blaguards, both of which will be in the John and Lila Sapinsley Hall in the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts.

Returning for its ninth consecutive season in the President's Music Series will be the Muir String Quartet. Also in this series will be I Musici de Montreal and the Turtle Island String quartet. These performances will be at 8 p.m. in Sapinsley Hall.

Call the Performing Arts Series office at 456-8144 for season ticket information.

## Potpourri Series

Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company, whose work has been described as a fusion of dance and theatre, will perform Tuesday, Sept. 25. Founded as a multi-cultural dance company in 1982, it has emerged onto the international scene performing its repertory in 30 countries and more than 100 American cities. Jones is a recipient of a 1994 MacArthur Fellowship.

Shakespeare Revue by the Royal Shakespeare Company will be staged Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 9 and 10. An original production of London's renowned Royal Shakespeare Company and first performed at Stratford-Upon-Avon's Swan Theatre, this is a musical comedy that irreverently spoofs the Bard with tap dances, tuxedos, torch songs, sequins and straw boaters.

Bayanihan/Philippine National Dance Company will be at RIC Monday, Oct. 29. The first Filipino group to perform on Broadway,

Bayanihan also has the distinction of being the first non-American dance company to take the stage at New York's Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, as well as the first Philippine cultural group to perform in Russia, People's Republic of China and throughout South America.

ALL OVER BLUES will be a Performing Arts Series special on Nov. 14 featuring the Muddy Waters Tribute Band with Chris Thomas King. Muddy Waters belongs to the elite of 20th century music muses, his manner of expression as simple as the break of dawn. The Muddy Waters Tribute Band, first assembled in 1993, for the 10th anniversary year of the blues man's death, features several of the superb players who worked regularly with him.

WINTERJAZZ with Stefon Harris and Regina Carter will take place Saturday, Feb. 16. Touted by the *New York Times* as a "violinist of great control, improvisational flexibility and wide range," Carter is considered to be one of the most versatile and innovative violinists to emerge on the jazz scene in decades. She will share the evening with Harris, an improvisational-music vibraphonist.

A Couple of Blaguards by Frank and Malachy McCourt, authors of the best seller *Angela's Ashes*, will be staged Friday and Saturday, Feb. 22 and 23. It features Michael Judd and Howard Platt in a two-character comedy with incidental music created by the McCourts. Blaguards is autobiographical and spans their years growing up in Ireland and their escape to America in search of a better life.

National Acrobats of China will tumble onto the stage Tuesday, March 5. Generally considered the foremost company of acrobats from all of China, they have toured Europe, America and South East Asia, and continue their dedication to promoting the Chinese acrobatic art.

JAZZDANCE by Danny Buraczeski is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20. Dubbed the "country's most sophisticated jazz dance maker" by the Village Voice, Buraczeski is known to possess an expansive vocabulary of subtlety, wit and cool imagination. His choice of first class scores attracts jazz

music and dance lovers alike.

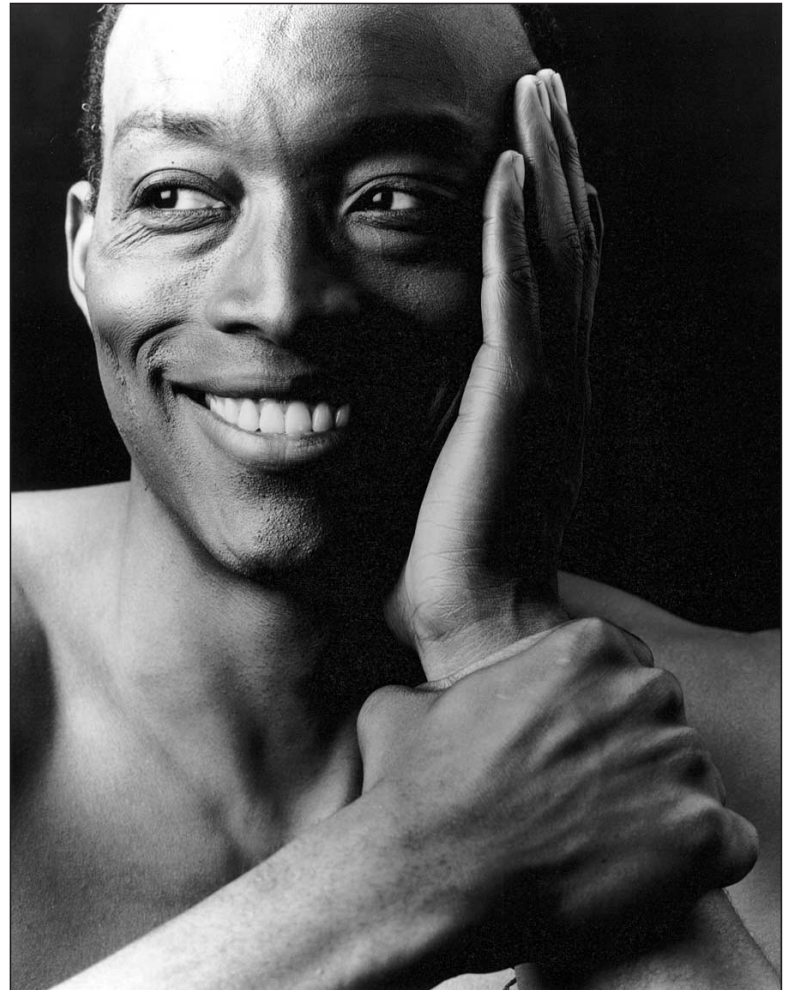
O u r Sinatra, a Big Band Musical Celebration, is set for Tuesday, March 26. This will be a tribute to a legend of American popular song and will feature over 50 hits made famous by Frank Sinatra.

Ballet Concierto de Puerto Rico will be at RIC Tuesday, April 23. Firmly established as the leading Hispanic ballet company in the U.S., Ballet Concierto will perform *Latinissimo*, a ballet concept created by five distinguished Hispanic choreographers using music by Latin American and Caribbean composers.

## President's Music Series

I Musici de Montreal, an ensemble of 15 artists, will perform Monday, Oct. 1. Recently named "one of the best chamber orchestras in America" by *Fanfare* magazine, the orchestra tours extensively, giving more than 100 performances annually. Its program will include music by Britten, Block, Tchaikovsky and a piece written specifically for it by Canadian composer Denis Gougeon.

Muir String Quartet will perform on Monday, Nov. 5, and Monday, April



**BILL T. JONES/ARNIE ZANE DANCE COMPANY**, whose work has been described as a fusion of dance and theatre, will perform Tuesday, Sept. 25.

1. On the program for Nov. 5 will be Haydn's Quartet in G Major, Opus 76, No. 1; Mendelssohn's Quartet in E minor, Opus 44, No. 2, and Brahms' Quintet in G Major, Opus 111. Guest artist will be Maria Lambrose on viola. On April 1, the Muir will play Mozart's Quartet in A Major, K. 464; Bartok's Quartet No. 3, and Dvorak's Quartet in G Major, Opus 1066.

Turtle Island String Quartet, whose first appearance in the series was in 1991, returns Monday, April 22. Since its inception in 1986, the quartet has been a singular force in the creation of bold, new trends in chamber music for strings. It fuses the classical esthetic with 20th century American popular styles, and by devising a performance practice that honors both.

# Bannister to exhibit work of art faculty plus photos by Giacomelli, sculptures by Buster, Fensterstock

The first exhibition of the academic year in Rhode Island College's Bannister Gallery is entitled 3-D & Design Faculty. It runs Sept. 6-28.

It highlights the art department's faculty, providing an opportunity for students, the College community, and public to see the caliber of work embodied in this diverse group.

The artists in the show alternate each year between those teaching 3-D and 2-D studios. This exhibition features artwork by faculty teaching in the areas of ceramics, design, metals, and sculpture. It highlights artworks by Nancy Evans, Krisjohn Horvat, Heemong Kim, William Martin, Sondra Sherman and Bryan Steinberg.

An opening reception is at 7 p.m.

Mario Giacomelli – A Retrospective is the exhibit Oct. 4-26, which begins with a talk by Stephan Brigidi, of the Bristol Workshops

in Photography, entitled "Remembering Mario" at 5 p.m. on Oct. 4 in the gallery. An opening reception follows.

The exhibit will anchor a host of related events in conjunction with the annual October Series "Modernism and Soul," sponsored by Richard Weiner, dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, which explores the



**BRYAN STEINBERG, "SURVIVOR" WOOD-FIRED CERAMIC**

interface of social practices and sciences, media, and the traditions of fine art.

K e n d a l l Buster, an exhibit of sculpture, runs from Nov. 1-23 with an artist's lecture at 6 p.m. in Alger Hall 116 on opening day. A reception follows.

Buster is a sculptor whose installation pieces involve the dynamics of

the body in architectural space and explores the ways in which elements of architectonics, form, and mechanics can influence a person's perception and behavior.

Lauren Fensterstock – Otherwise Portraits will be on exhibit Nov. 29-Dec. 21 with a lecture by the artist on opening day at 6 p.m. in Alger Hall 116. A reception follows.

"Deceptively simple, Fensterstock's sculptures are tiny ruminations that create an intensity of intimacy expanded beyond their diminutive scale," according to O'Malley.

Exhibits and artists' lectures are free and open to the public.

Gallery Hours during exhibits are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Thursdays from noon to 9 p.m. The gallery is closed weekends and holidays.

## 2001-2002 RIC Performing Arts —

### Chamber Music Series —

## Five Wednesday afternoon recitals scheduled

The Chamber Music Series, coordinated by John Pellegrino, will offer five free recitals this fall, all on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in the Lila and John Sapinsley Hall in the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts.

Sept. 26 — **Sherbas and Friends** will offer a program of works by Milhaud, Bruch and Rebecca Clarke. Charles Sherba, on violin, is the first violinist with the Charleston String Quartet and concertmaster of the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra. Consuelo Sherba, on viola, performs with the Charleston String Quartet and is principal violist with the Ocean State Chamber Orchestra and Boston Virtuosi. She performs regularly with the Rhode Island Philharmonic. They will be joined by clarinetist Julian Milkus and pianist Cima Kustanovich.

Oct. 24 — **Boston Vocal Artists**, Steven Morris, artistic director and pianist, will present a short opera by Franz Joseph Haydn called *La Canteria*. It is in two short acts and will be sung in English. Patrice Tiedmann, a Rhode Island College graduate, will sing one of the leading roles. She has appeared with the Indianapolis Opera, Central City and Cape Cod Opera and has performed with the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra and the New Bedford Symphony.

Nov. 7 — **Carsten Svanberg**, internationally known trombonist, will present a varied program from his performing experiences, which range

from the military band, Band of the Royal Guard, to chamber groups like the Copenhagen Brass Quintet, to symphony orchestras including the Royal Danish Orchestra and the Danish National Symphony. He has performed numerous solo recitals and worldwide guest appearances. His 15 recordings have been well received and document not only standard literature but also new works, some especially written for him.

Nov. 28 — **Kaori Sato**, soprano, will perform a number of songs from her repertoire. She has had great success singing with a half dozen opera companies and has performed at Carnegie Hall and with the Harrisburg, Fort Wayne, Buffalo and Youngstown Symphony orchestras. She sang at Lincoln Center after winning First Prize in the Liederkraz Foundation Annual Scholarship Award competition. Her accompanist is Hugh Murphy, associate professor at the Purchase College Conservatory.

Dec. 12 — **George Masso**, an active jazz and studio musician, will perform some of the works that have made this elder "statesman" of jazz so popular through the years. With literally thousands of recordings and professional performances to his credit, he has performed and recorded with such legends as Benny Goodman, Bobby Hackett, George Shearing and was a member of the World's Greatest Jazz Band. Masso has performed at the leading jazz festivals throughout the world

### Dance program spotlights students

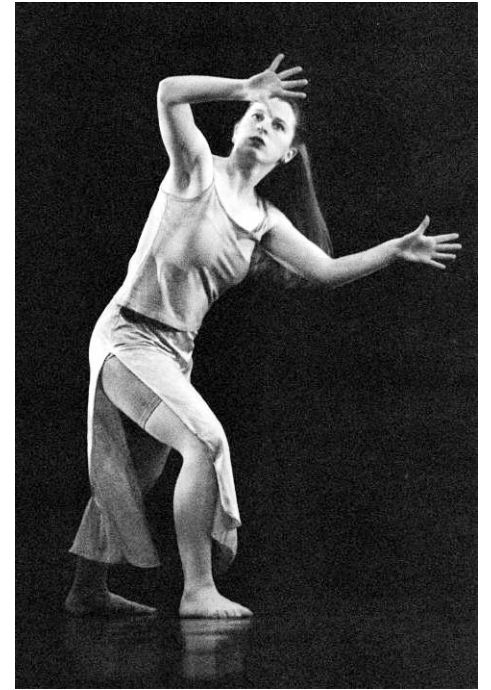
An evening of original works by Rhode Island College dance student Carla Fazio will be presented in the Helen Forman Theatre Thursday and Friday, Nov. 1 and 2, as part of the first senior honors project in dance.

Included with two existing works will be a new large-scale dance investigating conformity in our lives and culture, according to Dante Del Giudice, dance director.

"Dance, with its own internal aesthetic tensions resulting from discipline vs. expression or technique vs. 'natural' movement, will be Fazio's medium for exploration of this socio-political experience," he says.

Participating in the creation, production and performance of these works will be several student dancers, designers and theatre technicians.

The traditional fall guest residency and performance programming will continue with the October and Winter concerts and with the annual Mini-Concert Series for Rhode Island school children.



CARLA FAZIO

## Symphony Orchestra to feature soloists Martorella and Ruske

Stephen Martorella, a member of the adjunct music faculty who teaches piano, will be the featured performer in the Monday, Oct. 22, Rhode Island College Symphony Orchestra concert.

Martorella is well known throughout the region as both a piano and organ recitalist.

Edward Markward will conduct the orchestra for a performance of Mozart's Overture to *The Marriage of Figaro*, Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4 in G Major and Copland's "Billy the Kid."

On Monday, Dec. 10, the orchestra will feature Eric Ruske on French horn in Mozart's French Horn

Concerto in E-Flat Major. Other selections include Britten's Four Sea Interludes from Peter Grimes; Dvorak's Symphony No. 8 in G Major, and Dukas' "Villanelle."

Ruske regularly performs with The Empire Brass and formerly held the principal horn chair of the Cleveland Orchestra. He is considered to be one of the finest French horn players of his generation, having performed as a soloist with most of the major symphonic ensembles in the U.S. and Europe.

Both concerts will be at 8 p.m. in the Lila and John Sapinsley Hall in the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts. Admission for each is \$7.

### Chorus, Chamber Singers to perform

Rhode Island College Chorus, Chamber Singers and Women's Chorus, all conducted by Teresa S. Coffman, will perform the choral music of Jean Berger and multi-cultural pieces by composers from the

Renaissance period to the present in concert Friday, Nov. 30, at 8 p.m. in the Lila and John Sapinsley Hall. Tickets are \$7 with discounts for students and senior citizens.



CHARLES AND CONSUELO SHERBA

## Wind Ensemble to offer night of concert band music

Rhode Island College Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Rob Franzblau, will present *Blue Shades*, an evening of concert band music, which has been inspired and influenced by the American art of jazz, at 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 16, in the Lila and John Sapinsley Hall.

Guest soloists and RIC adjunct faculty members Greg Abate, saxophone, and Diamond Centofanti, piano, will be featured on Michel Legrand's epic

symphonic jazz rhapsody, "Images," transcribed for wind ensemble by Franzblau.

Leonard Bernstein's "Four Dances" from *West Side Story* and Frank Zappa's "The Dog Breath Variations" also will be performed. Admission is \$7.

Preceding the concert will be a performance by an all-star quartet of high school jazz musicians, selected from the RIC Jazz Improv Workshop, held the day before the concert.

### Tea time...



THE JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY is demonstrated for Upward Bound students by Fumiko Yasuhara on July 18. Yasuhara, formerly of Toyko, Japan, also teaches Japanese in the Upward Bound Program. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)