



What's New(s) at RIC

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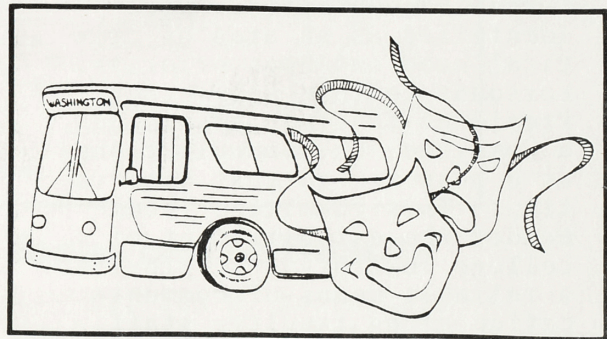
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The RIC Theatre production, *THE ROBBER BRIDEGROOM*, offered here in November, has been selected from among 430 plays nationwide to be performed at the tenth annual American College Theatre Festival in Washington, D.C. The musical folklore tale will be staged on April 14 and 15 at the Eisenhower Theatre of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts at 7:30 p.m. There will also be a matinee performance at 2 p.m. on the 15th.

Major recognition for the college, the selection has generated substantial interest on campus and in the community. On April 10 at 8 p.m. there will be a performance of the play in Roberts Auditorium which is being billed the KENNEDY CENTER PREVIEW CELEBRATION. Open to the public as well as the RIC community, the preview will carry no admission charge. Special invitations will be issued to educational and arts leaders in the state. Dr. Sweet will offer congratulations to the company. Those interested in attending should inform the Roberts Hall Box Office at 8144 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. during the week of April 3.

In Washington on the evening of April 14, the cast and those who travel to the capital to see the performance will be invited to a reception immediately following the show. To be held in the foyer of the balcony

at the Eisenhower Theatre, the affair will include in addition to the cast and director, the Rhode Island congressional delegation, Dr. Sweet, and other Rhode Island dignitaries. The Amoco Oil Company which sponsors the festival will present medallions to each cast member at the reception.



BUS TRIP TO VIEW PLAY ORGANIZED

A bus trip to Washington, D.C. for those who wish to see the RIC Theatre Company perform *THE ROBBER BRIDEGROOM* has been organized through the auspices of the RIC Student Community Government. Ann Walsh, a sophomore member of the Student Government is responsible for planning the trip. The bus will leave April 14 at 7 a.m. Included in the program which has been arranged will be two nights in Washington plus a day of sightseeing. Cost for the entire package will be \$40. In addition, two tickets to *THE ROBBER BRIDEGROOM* will be reserved for each person who signs up for the bus trip. Cost for
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President's Column

The inaugural edition of "What's New(s) at RIC" begins a major new effort at enhancing internal communications at the college. Repeatedly, I have been told by members of all segments of the college that there are serious gaps in the various mechanisms by which we communicate. The problems range from the promulgation of academic policies and procedures to informing the community of the quality of artistic, cultural, and athletic events held on campus. I am also informed that in a 1970 self-study supported by the Danforth Foundation, internal communications were identified as an area of critical need and high priority. Pursuant to that self-study, President Kauffman appointed a Committee on Communications as a response to that observation. This committee recommended the establishment of a college news organ to provide a reliable means of communication among faculty, staff, students, administration, and other members of the community. No action was taken to implement the recommendation at that time.

Somewhat more recently, a consultant charged with providing an assessment of the college's internal and external relations again emphatically recommended the establishment of a college news letter.

"What's New(s) at RIC" will provide a forum for the promulgation of newly developed college policies and procedures, announcement of artistic, cultural, social and athletic events occurring on

the campus, and for serving the communication needs of the campus. To that end, I call particular attention to the calendar and urge that all who are planning an event make the News Bureau aware of it for inclusion in the calendar.

"What's New(s) at RIC" will be edited by part-time staffer Ms. Jan Mielke under the direction of Mr. Sasso, Director of the News Bureau. Ms. Mielke is a welcome addition to our staff as she performs this valuable and needed service.

I am pleased that this newsletter has begun. I would like to express my gratitude to Dr. McMahon, Mr. Sasso, and their colleagues in College Advancement and Support who have worked so hard on the planning and development of this newsletter.

A final note -- I am aware that the problems of communication are not solved by the establishment of this newsletter. At best, "What's New(s) at RIC" provides a vehicle that will assist all of us in the process of communication. I urge that we attempt to communicate our activities with our colleagues as clearly and effectively as possible.

What's Happening

David Payton, an Admissions Officer at RIC, will be the guest speaker on "Sunday Exchange," April 9 at 11:30 a.m. on WJAR-TV, Channel 10. He will discuss admission policies and programs of study at RIC with the program's host, Charlie Jefferds.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6 (continued)

3 PM WOMEN'S SOFTBALL RIC vs. Providence College. Home.

4:15 PM READING LEADERSHIP LECTURE:
DR. WAYNE OTTO. "Reading Skill Instruction in Perspective." Clarke Science Room 128

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

2 PM "SOUTH AFRICA: PERSPECTIVES AND PROSPECTS" Rhode Island College's 13th Annual History Symposium. Public is invited and admission is free. Fogarty Life Science Room 050.

3 PM MEN'S TENNIS RIC vs. Sailem State. Home.

8-10 PM ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING Lounge F, Student Union.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

1 PM MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD RIC vs. Southern Connecticut State with New Haven. At Southern Connecticut State.

1 PM VARSITY BASEBALL RIC vs. Eastern Connecticut State Away.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

10 AM SUNDAY MASS Student Union Ballroom.

7 PM EVENING MASS Browne Hall, Upper Lounge.

7:30 PM RIC FILM SERIES DOUBLE FEATURE Mel Brooks' "Silent Movie" and Woody Allen's "Play It Again Sam" 50¢ with a RIC ID and \$1 without. Gaige Auditorium.

PRESIDENT'S CALENDAR

Monday, April 3, 6 p.m. Regents Post-Secondary Education Sub-Committee Meeting at Rhode Island Junior College. Tuesday, April 4, 1 p.m. President Sweet will be introducing a Sociology/Social Welfare guest lecturer, Dr. Ralph Miliband. Dr. Miliband will speak on "The Marxist View of Politics" in Clarke Science 125. The lecture is open to the public; 7:30 p.m. 1202 Commission Meeting, Regents Board Room. Wednesday, April 5, 10 a.m. Post Secondary Education Executive Council Meeting; 12 Noon, Graduate Assistants' Luncheon at the President's Home; 4 p.m. Council of Rhode Island College Executive Committee Meeting. Thursday, April 6, 12:45 p.m. The President will attend a meeting of the Task Group on the Handicapped in the Student Parliament Chambers. Friday, April 7, 12-2 p.m. Mathematics Department Luncheon at the President's Home.

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the tickets is extra. Students will be charged \$3.50, Faculty and Staff \$7. The bus will return Sunday, April 16. To reserve space on the bus contact the Student Community Government Offices at 456-8088. Deadline for reservations is April 3.

DIRECTOR SLATED FOR TV NEWS SHOW

Michael Grando, guest director for THE ROBBER BRIDE-GROOM and Dr. William Hutchinson along with two members of the cast from the show will be the guests of Sarah Wye on WJAR-TV's News at Noon on Friday, April 7. The actors will perform a brief scene from the play and Ms. Wye will interview Hutchinson and Grando.

Focus on the Faculty

Dr. Jon M. Rosenblatt of the English Department has been selected to receive a Residence Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities. He is one of 145 teachers of undergraduates who were chosen to receive a fellowship on the basis of national competition.

As a recipient of this award, Dr. Rosenblatt will be given a \$14,500 grant for research and study during the 1978-79 academic year. He will be going to New York University where he will participate in a seminar on the poetry of surrealism while continuing his work on a book of modern poetry, focusing on the poems of D.H. Lawrence and Dylan Thomas.



RIC Calendar of Events

MARCH 31 - APRIL 9, 1978

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

8 PM FACULTY TRIO RECITAL The RIC Music Department Faculty Trio, Barbara Poularikas, violin, George Mack, cello and Robert Boberg, piano. Roberts 138.

8 PM "HANG ON CLAIRE MARIE" A PRISM production, part of the college's month-long "Focus on Women Series" which concludes with the final performance of the play. Continuing on April 1 and 2. Student Union Ballroom.

8-10 PM ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING Lounge F, Student Union.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

1 PM MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD RELAYS RIC vs. Westfield State. Away.

1 PM WOMEN'S SOFTBALL RIC vs. Barrington College. Away.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

10 AM SUNDAY MASS Student Union Ballroom.

7 PM EVENING MASS Browne Hall, Upper Lounge.

7:30 PM RIC FILM SERIES: A STAR IS BORN. Barbara Streisand and Kriss Kristofferson. 50¢ with a RIC ID, \$1 without. Gaige Auditorium.

7-9 PM PHETA LAMBDA CHI MEETING. Chambers, Student Union.

MONDAY, APRIL 3

9:30 AM ALPHA IOTA DELTA PLANT SALE. First floor lobby, Student Union. Continuing on Tuesday, April 4.

NOON DAILY MASS Celebrated everyday except Tuesday, Meditation Room, Student Union.

3 PM WOMEN'S SOFTBALL RIC vs. University of New Haven. Away.

3-4 PM ANCHOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Lounge F, Student Union. Also on 4/11 1-2 and 3-4, 4/12 2-3, 4/13 9-10 and 4/14 10-11 AM.

8:15 PM RIC ORCHESTRA CONCERT Baritone Lucien Oliver of the RIC faculty will be the soloist. Admission is free. Roberts Hall Auditorium.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

1 PM BARRINGTON BOYS CHOIR TO PERFORM Roberts Hall Room 138.

1 PM ENGLISH DEPARTMENT COLLOQUIUM Dr. Gary Grund will speak on "The Queen's Two Bodies: Britomart and Spenser's Faerie Queene." Public is invited. Craig-Lee 255.

1-2 PM "THE MARXIST VIEWS ON POLITICS" Dr. Ralph Miliband, English Political Sociologist will speak. Public is invited to attend. Clarke-Science 125.

3 PM MEN'S TENNIS RIC vs. Keene State. Home.

3 PM VARSITY BASEBALL RIC vs. Barrington College. Home.

3-4 PM ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING Student Union Room 306.

6:30-10 PM SIGMA MU DELTA MEETING Room 309, Student Union.

8 PM LOUIS FALCO DANCE COMPANY TO PERFORM. Sponsored by the RIC Performing Arts Series. General Admission is \$4.00, RIC Faculty/Staff \$2.25 and RIC full-time undergraduates \$1.25. Roberts Hall Theatre.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

11 AM PROFESSOR JAMES S. LEMONS TO SPEAK on "U.S. Decision not to aid France during the French Revolution." Central Congregational Church, 296 Angell Street, Providence.

2 PM "WHAT CAN FOSSILS REALLY TELL US ABOUT EVOLUTION?" Dr. Niles Eldredge of the American Museum of Natural History will speak. Public is invited. Fogarty Life Science Building, Room 050.

2-4 PM RAP GROUP WITH HANDICAPPED STUDENTS. Craig-Lee 053.

6:30 PM COMMITTEE ON MINORITY ENROLLMENT MEETING Brown Hall Lower Lounge. All interested persons welcome.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

12:30-2 PM TASK FORCE ON HANDICAPPED MEETING. Chambers Meeting Room, Student Union.

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