



What's New(s) at RIC

New Admissions Head Is Spokesman for RIC

Behind the familiar sign on the door that reads "Director of Admissions," behind the promotional brochures, the information-filled catalogs and the desk is James M. Colman. Recently appointed director of admissions, he replaces John S. Foley who was named executive director of College Advancement and Support on June 5.

A graduate of Villanova University, Colman was associate director of Admissions at the College of Environmental Science and Forestry of the State University of New York, Syracuse. Prior to this post he was associate direc-

tor of Admissions at Siena College in Loudonville, New York. He earned a master's degree in public administration this year at Syracuse University.

As director of Admissions at RIC, he has the overall responsibility of supervising the college's admission process. He is also involved with the development of informational programs and materials about RIC, as well as the dissemination of this information to prospective students, school guidance counselors, student advisers and parents.

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James M. Colman, director of Admissions, discusses the college's admissions policies in his Roberts Hall office.

-Photos by Peter P. Tobia

RIC to Host Christmas Fiesta



A celebration of *Navidad en México* will take place at Rhode Island College on Tuesday, December 5 from 1 to 5 p.m. Invitations to the event have been extended to high school students in the state by the sponsoring Departments of Anthropology/Geography and Modern Languages. All members of the campus community are also invited to join in the celebration. RIC student groups participating include Anthropolos, the Tri-lingual Society, Lusophile and the Latin American Student Association (LASO).

Festivities will get underway in the foyer of Roberts Hall at 1 p.m. with the traditional Mexican procession "*Las Posadas*" which commemorates Mary and Joseph's nine-day journey to Bethlehem. Participants will proceed to the Student Union Ballroom where there will be singing of *cantos de Navidad*, "Christmas carols," and the breaking of *piñatas*. Prizes will be awarded to the best *piñata* entered in a contest among the high school groups and the three best *piñatas* made by RIC students. Also included in the afternoon's activities will be group dancing and an anthropological display on Mexico. Typical Mexican food and refreshments will be served.

Three additional events have been planned for the spring semester by the Modern Language and

Anthropology/Geography Departments. Each event will highlight the culture of an area whose language is taught at RIC.

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In this administrative position, Colman regards himself fundamentally as "a spokesman for the college," essentially functioning as interpreter of the college's programs to the community as well as to prospective students. Concerned about RIC as a public institution, he perceives "a necessity to investigate the community outside RIC, to determine what needs exist in this community and how the college can best respond to these needs."

His emphasis on the need for personal contact extends to prospective students as well. During his first year as head of admissions, he anticipates visiting every high school in the state to meet with student advisers and guidance counselors and talk with as many students as possible about the programs RIC offers.

Reflecting on the college's accessibility, he said he wants "to make certain that all students are given the chance to see if college is for them." Especially concerned about "questionable applications," he stressed the importance of "saying something positive to those who apply to RIC with low grades and test scores," rather than responding to these applicants with an unqualified "no." "Alternatives to regular degree programs do exist and should be made known to them," he said. At the same time, he would like to see more being done to attract the better student to RIC, either through financial support or special accelerated programs.

Colman hopes that the college will continue in its efforts to meet the educational needs of



RIC Calendar of Events

DECEMBER 8 - DECEMBER 17, 1978

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

11 AM - 4 PM RIC FACULTY EXHIBIT. The annual exhibit offers art work in a variety of styles and media. Bannister Gallery, Art Center. Hours are 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. weekdays and Saturdays, and 1 - 5 p.m. Sundays. Continuing until December 22.

12 NOON HOLY DAY MASS: Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Student Union Ballroom.

8 PM ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING. Room 310, Student Union.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

1 PM FENCING. RIC vs. Wheaton, URI and Boston College at Wheaton College.

8 PM BASKETBALL. RIC vs. Eastern Connecticut College. Home.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

10 AM SUNDAY MASS. Ballroom, Student Union.

2 - 4 PM ARTS AND CRAFTS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETING AND RECEPTION. Members will be able to view the annual Art Faculty Exhibit and contribute ideas about the Alumni Arts and Crafts Show to be held in March 1979. Refreshments will be served. Bannister Gallery, Art Center.

7 PM SUNDAY EVENING MASS. Upper Lounge, Browne Hall.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

2 - 3 PM ANCHOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP MEETING. Lounge F, Student Union.

8 PM BASKETBALL. RIC vs. Bryant College. Away.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

12 NOON - 1:30 PM STUDENT AFFAIRS ROUNDTABLE. First floor, Donovan Dining Center.

1 PM LECTURE: "Current U.S. Policy toward Latin America." Mr. James Goodsell, writer for the *Christian Science Monitor* will speak. Sponsored by the Latin-American Student Organization (LASO) and the History Department. Gaige, Room 211.

1 PM RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE CHAMBER SERIES. George Kent, guest conductor of R.I. Philharmonic will speak. Roberts Hall, Room 138.

4 PM CONFERENCE ON CENSORSHIP. Individuals interested in the problems of bookbanning, the censorship of instructional materials and the development of state alliances are invited to attend. Sponsored by the American Freedom Group. Library Conference Room.

7 PM WOMEN'S BASKETBALL. RIC vs. Assumption College. Away.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM PLANT SALE.
Sponsored by the Women of RIC.
First Floor, Student Union.

1 - 3 PM ANCHOR CHRISTIAN FELLOW-
SHIP MEETING. Lounge F, Student
Union.

7:30 PM WRESTLING. RIC vs.
Plymouth State. Home.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

1 - 3 PM ANCHOR CHRISTIAN FELLOW-
SHIP MEETING. Lounge F, Student
Union.

4 PM WOMEN'S BASKETBALL. RIC vs.
URI. Home.

7:30 PM BASKETBALL. RIC vs.
Nichols College. Home.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

8 PM BASKETBALL. RIC vs. Worcester
State College. Home.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

10 AM SUNDAY MASS. Ballroom, Stu-
dent Union.

6:30 - 9 PM KAPPA DELTA PHI. Cham-
bers Meeting Room, Student Union.

6:30 - 10:30 PM ALCOHOLICS ANONY-
MOUS MEETING. Room 310, Student
Union.

7 PM SUNDAY EVENING MASS. Upper
Lounge, Browne Hall Dormitory.

PRESIDENT'S CALENDAR

Friday, December 8, 11 a.m., New England Board of Higher Education conference, Gutman Library, Harvard Graduate School of Education. Monday, December 11, 12 noon, luncheon meeting at Southeastern Massachusetts University with President Donald Walker. Tuesday, December 12, 1:30 p.m., EOG meeting, President's office; 4:30 p.m., meeting with the Labor Management Plan for Economic Development, Hospital Trust Tower; 6 p.m., dinner with student chairs of student advisory committees, President's home. Wednesday, December 13, 2 p.m., Council of RIC, Regents Board Room; 4 p.m., "The Elderly in Our Families" dinner party. President Sweet will present awards to students, Student Union Ballroom; 5 p.m., RIC Foundation Open House, President's home. Thursday, December 14, 1 p.m., Regents meeting, RIJC Lincoln Campus.

as many people in the community as possible. This might involve new programs of study, expanded course offerings or scheduling classes at times convenient to more people. As director of Admissions, he is enthusiastic about his role in RIC's continuing growth.

Focus on the Faculty and Staff

EMILY STIER ADLER, associate professor of sociology and social welfare and coordinator of women's studies, spoke at the conference on Sex Equity held at Bryant College on November 1, 1978. Addressing the morning session on "Sex Stereotyping: A Challenge From the Community," Professor Adler presented an analysis of the current situation at Rhode Island College. Shirley Chisholm, Democratic congresswoman from New York, was the keynote speaker at the conference.

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An article by WILLIAM R. AHO, associate professor of sociology, has been accepted for publication in a forthcoming issue of the *Rhode Island Medical Journal*. Entitled "Smoking, Dieting and Exercise: Age Differences in Attitudes and Behavior Relevant to Selected Health Belief Model Variables," the article is an analysis of data gathered from Rhode Island residents by HealthServices Research, Inc., a Providence-based, health research organization.

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BRENDA DANN-MESSIER, coordinator-counselor for Project Reach at the Urban Educational Center has been elected president of The Citizens Scholarship Foundation of Rhode Island.

DONALD P. HARDY, vice president for Student Affairs, was awarded the Distinguished Accomplishment Citation of the National Association for Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), Region I, at the organization's regional conference held in Danvers, Massachusetts on November 9, 1978. The award was presented in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the profession of student affairs in areas of leadership and education and for his service to NASPA.

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JOHN PELLEGRINO, associate professor of music, appeared as trumpet soloist on November 19, 1978 at Trinity Church in Newport, Rhode Island. As leader of a brass quintet, he is presenting chamber music performances in a number of junior high schools throughout Rhode Island.

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ALBERT C. SALZBERG, associate professor of English, has been chosen as the new editor of the *Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association Notes*, a journal founded in 1954.

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BARRY SCHILLER of the Mathematics Department has been appointed to the committee on air quality of the Rhode Island State Planning Council. This committee is charged with drafting a plan for meeting the federal air quality standards that Rhode Island must submit under the Clean Air Act of 1977. Professor Schiller is also serving on the air quality information committee which is responsible for informing, soliciting and analyzing public opinion on these matters.

A workshop on air quality problems is being planned for January 1979 at RIC.

What's Happening

An interinstitutional conference on the question of censorship will take place on campus, Tuesday, December 12 at 4 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge (tentative location). Invitations to participate in this conference have been extended to individuals in state colleges, universities, high schools and libraries who are interested in the problems of bookbanning, censorship of instructional materials and the development of alliances at the state level.

The conference is being sponsored by the American Freedom Group (AFG), a consortium of eight national organizations that are concerned about the growing threats to the freedoms of speech, expression and thought by the increasing harassment from various censorship "groups." Organizations included in the AFG are the American Association of School Administrators, the American Federation of Teachers (AFL-CIO), the National Education Association, the American Library Association, The International Reading Association, the National Council for the Social Studies, the National Council of Teachers of English and the Speech Communication Association.

A regional meeting sponsored by the AFG on the subject of censorship was held in Boston on November 17, 18 and 19.

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Area professionals with expertise in a wide variety of intramurals will gather at Boston's Copley Plaza Hotel on December 1 - 3, 1978 to take part in the first New England Conference and Workshop on Intramurals. John Taylor, director of intramurals and recreational programs at RIC, is directing the conference. Designed to help participants improve existing intramural programs and develop new programs, the conference will feature two key workshops on evaluation and planning. Other topics to be considered include the utilization of the community as a resource, intramurals for special needs children, special events in intramurals, motivational methods and how to organize tournaments.

Opportunities

The VICTORIAN SOCIETY announces its British Summer School which will take place from July 8 to 28, 1979. Applicants should have an interest in the history of architecture, the decorative arts or the preservation of buildings of the nineteenth century in Great Britain, as well as a background in nineteenth century English cultural and social history. Professionals, craftspeople, and graduate students are especially encouraged to apply. Applications are due in The Victorian Society office by December 15, 1978. Further information and application forms can be obtained from The Victorian Society in America, East Washington Square, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106.

The last issue of *What's New(s) at RIC* for the fall semester, 1978, will be published on Friday, December 15. News items for this issue should be received in writing at the News Bureau, Roberts 111, by noon, Friday, December 8. Publication of *What's New(s)* will resume for the spring semester on Friday, January 19, 1979. A list of the publication dates and deadlines for the spring semester will appear in the January 19 issue of *What's New(s)*.
