

# What's NEWS

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**RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE STUDENTS** who completed requirements for their undergraduate degree are honored in mid-year ceremonies held recently at the Donovan Dining Center. Top shows Cheryl A. Rooney (center) applauding her fellow students. Bottom shows Lisa M. Gibbons receiving her certificate from President David E. Sweet. Lisa (and others) can opt to return to the annual commencement exercises in May for her diploma which she earned *summa cum laude*. In foreground are Vice Presidents Eleanor M. McMahon, Gary M. Penfield and John Nazarian.



### Sweet Details Study: Question of Overlap Moves Toward Resolution

"We have reached a decisive point in the development of public, post-secondary institutions in the state."

With that statement RIC President David E. Sweet opened a morning-long meeting on Wednesday, January 21 to which were invited executive officers, department chairs, deans, administrators and other officers of the college. The meeting was called by Sweet to discuss what he characterized as a decade-long dialogue which has been carried on in Rhode Island regarding the role and mission of the state's three institutions of post-secondary education.

The meeting centered on a review and discussion of portions of a document prepared by the Rhode Island State Department of Education entitled *Coordination of Public Higher Education in R.I., Phase Two*. Not formally adopted by the Board of Regents as *What's News* went to press, the report was to be considered at a meeting of the Regents' subcommittee on post-secondary education on Wednesday evening, January 21.

At the morning meeting Sweet and Dr. Eleanor McMahon, vice-president for academic affairs, devoted a substantial period of time to tracing the workings of the State Department of Education and committees from the three post-secondary institutions as they studied the issue which has popularly been called "institutional overlap."

While formal adoption by the Board of Regents awaits the report of the subcommittee on post-secondary education - probably on Feb. 5 - the assumption appeared to be that the document reflects the framework of a policy that will be approved.

Establishing the role and mission of each institution the report makes recommendations about programs and services and where they could originate and which institutions should be responsible for them.

Key areas in the portion of the document which was distributed at the meeting included offerings at the University of Rhode Island's Extension Division which overlap program offerings at RIC, including the bachelor of general studies degree, and graduate degree programs. Eight programs offered by the URI Extension Division.

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### Briefly Stated

Beginning today the college's Office of News and Information Services will be publishing *The Briefs*. The long established publication, which is distributed to just about everyone on campus, will have a new look and a new deadline. *The Briefs* will still come out three times each week - Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The new deadline for receiving information, however, will be 1 p.m. on the day prior to publication. We know that shifting the time might prove inconvenient at first, but we are convinced that the new appearance, which requires the change, will result in great readability and greater readership as well, making *The Briefs* a more effective publication. All information for inclusion in *The Briefs* should be sent to THE OFFICE OF NEWS AND INFORMATION, SECOND FLOOR, THE BUREAU. Please mark items: "For *The Briefs*."

## Does Anyone Listen?

by George LaTour

Are you tired of trying to express your considered opinions on great world issues to friends and relatives who indicate they couldn't care less?

Are you frustrated that your great ideas with possible solutions to world problems draw little attention and even less public and/or official recognition?

Then step this way...right to Rhode Island College and its GREAT DECISIONS program.

It was meant for you!

You can become part of a group - one of many that currently meet in nine communities around the state - whose current agenda includes serious discussion of such topics as: "The U.S. and the Soviet Union: Dilemmas of Power and Peace," "From Cairo to Kabul: Oil, Islam, Israel - and Instability," "Made in U.S.A.: Is U.S. Competitiveness Slipping?"

Or, if you want to tackle the whole ball of wax, how about "The World in 1981?"

Not only do you get to discuss such weighty matters with other interested persons like yourself, you get to register your views via special ballots which are forwarded to public opinion experts at Columbia University.

Then the Foreign Policy Association (FPA) - sponsors of GREAT DECISIONS - presents the results from the balloting from all such groups around the country to members of Congress, the executive branch of the federal government and, finally, the national media.

What could be more gratifying to a world-stature thinker who's had to suffer the indignities of trying to communicate with tin-eared friends!

Groups are being organized now in Barrington, Cranston, East Greenwich, East Providence, Newport, Narragansett, North Providence, Providence and South Kingstown.

Most will begin their discussion meetings in February, although some plan to do so this month.

John E. Browning, assistant professor of history at RIC and program coordinator, said the "ideal time" is the beginning of February "but a group can start anytime, really."

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Notes From Bernadette

by Bernadette V. Small

Friends and colleagues of William Hurry would like to know that Bill, Sandra and son, Christopher, have moved. Their new address is:

Council Tree Way  
No. Scituate, RI 02857

Prof. John Browning of RIC's Department of History is in satisfactory condition in Rhode Island Hospital where he was recently admitted.

Bertha O'Hara, assistant business manager for telephone services at RIC, was admitted to Fatima Unit of St. Joseph's Hospital on Jan. 5. She is doing well.

We are saddened to hear of the death of Mrs. Guiseppina Ottaviano, the mother of Joseph Ottaviano, supervisor in RIC's Audiovisual Department.

The campus community will be happy to know that Jenny and Richard Prull are the parents of a daughter born on Monday, Jan. 19! Richard is a research psychologist with the office of institutional research.

'Human Rights'

Julius C. Michaelson, former attorney general of Rhode Island and an attorney of the Rhode Island AFL-CIO, will deliver an address concerning human rights at the Faculty Center on Tuesday, Jan. 27 at an 8:30 a.m. breakfast meeting sponsored by the AFL-CIO.

Five years ago the leaders of 35 governments met in Helsinki and signed what is called the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. The United States was one of the participating governments.

Two years ago another meeting was held in Belgrade to measure how well the individual nations had lived up to the accord, according to state AFL-CIO president, Edward J. McElroy, Jr.

In November of 1980 a review conference was held in Madrid which Michaelson was selected to attend as one of the delegates representing the U.S.

"We believe it would be of great interest to many people who are concerned over human rights" to hear Michaelson's report on the events that transpired in Madrid, said McElroy.

Fellowship, Research, Program Support Deadlines

The Bureau of Grants and Sponsored Projects announces the following deadline dates:

The NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS is offering individual and collaborative awards for Visual Arts Projects. Artists, craftsmen and photographers receive support for projects directed toward a specific goal. Five thousand dollars is available to individuals and \$10,000 to a collaborative effort (only one visual artist need be involved). The deadline for application is FEB. 2.

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The NEA is also offering support for Residencies for Writers. An institution should select the individual who must be published in poetry, fiction, or in another medium such as film or T.V. shripts. Funds may be requested to pay the writer's salary, travel and subsistence expenses; however, the institution is expected to provide a portion of the writer's support. The deadline for application is MARCH 16.

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New Investigators Research Awards are available from the various NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH. Each institute has a separate program for those individuals who have had less

than five years of research experience since receipt of their doctorate. Discussion with appropriate institution personnel is strongly encouraged before submission of an application. The faculty member must commit at least 50% of his/her time for 1-3 years with a maximum annual award of \$37,500. Deadline for proposal submission is MARCH 1.

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The NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION offers a grant competition for the acquisition of Instructional Scientific Equipment. NSF will provide up to 50% of the cost of such equipment. The deadline for proposal submission is FEB. 27.

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Reminder! Arts in Education has a FEB. 27 deadline. A project should be designed to integrate one or more of the arts into the regular educational curricula of the schools served.

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The SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION has announced deadlines for its Economic Research Program. Applications will be accepted in three topic areas each with a specific deadline: Macroeconomics / FEB. 27; Microeconomics / MARCH 31; and

Dynamic Studies and Related Data Requirements / APRIL 30.

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Proposals for Research on Institutions of Postsecondary Education is under the NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION'S Organizational Processes in Education Program are due MARCH 25. Grants are awarded for fundamental research on (1) the processes by which institutions establish goals, allocate resources, select personnel, and adjust curricula; (2) the ways in which these processes are affected by institutional traditions, and other internal political, economic and academic forces; (3) and/or the responses of postsecondary education organizations to changing external social and economic conditions.

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The Rhode Island Department of Education has announced the statewide priorities for Vocational and Adult Education for FY 1982. Proposals are due at the Bureau of Vocational - Technical Education on MARCH 6. The priorities to which institutions of higher education may make application are: Displaced Homemakers Program; Sex Equity Training; Vocational Educational Sex Equity; Mini-Grant.

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dubbed "the Providence Eight" by Dr. McMahon, were identified as substantially overlapping RIC programs.

They are the BA in secondary education, the MA in English, the BA in history, the BA in economics, English, psychology, speech and the BGS in human services.

According to Sweet and McMahon indications from the report and the discussions leading to its preparation appear to suggest that substantial movement will be made to resolve the question of "turf" which have arisen among the three "sister institutions".

An area of sensitivity regarding the difference between credit requirements for the BGS degree between URI and RIC apparently will be resolved to RIC's satisfaction. (URI currently requires 100 credit hours for the degree while RIC requires 118). Significant progress is anticipated in reconciling the overlap regarding the "Providence Eight" in a manner which will be beneficial to RIC and its aims also.

Sweet said that the work of various committees and subcommittees which aided the State Department of Educa-

'We've got what it takes here to do an awful lot of good' -Sweet

tion in formulating the study was "a monumental achievement." He said, "We've got what it takes here to do an awful lot of good."

A key part of the document which drew the attention of those in attendance at the meeting on the morning of Jan. 21 was a statement regarding the role of the URI Extension Division. It states: "The University should not offer new programs through the Division of University Extension in Providence which would substantially overlap with programs

available at the college."

Several of those at the meeting asked about the clause and its interpretation, prompting Sweet to point out that "unequivocally it should be the controlling statement." He noted that the document if and when adopted will be interpreted and applied by the Board of Regents and its staff at the State Department of Education. However, he stressed that "if that language is not enforced, all bets are off as far as I'm concerned."

Sweet emphasized several times that Rhode Island College was not called upon to give up any program which it now has while this is not the case for the University. He pointed out that "the Rhode Island Colleges of this world" don't often find themselves in such a situation and said it was testimony to the high regard in which the institution is held. Both he and McMahon praised the work of the college's representatives to the inter and intra - institutional committees studying the matter of duplication and overlap.

Workshop Set

Rhode Island College will again offer a summer "Workshop on Educating Gifted Children" for teachers starting June 22 and running for six weeks at the Henry Barnard School.

In conjunction with the workshop which provides six hours of graduate credit, an educator of gifted children certificate may be earned by another six hours of graduate credit in curriculum and psychology said Dr. Terence L. Belcher, associate professor of psychology, who will conduct the workshop.

"The program is designed to prepare classroom teachers to provide special curriculum and instruction for children who are identified as gifted. It is open to certified teachers who meet the college requirements for graduate study," he said.

The workshop - limited to 20 teachers and 20 academically gifted children - will offer one-to-one "learning situations" plus the opportunity for teachers to work with small groups of children.

The workshop will be conducted four days a week from 8 to 11:10 a.m. Teachers will meet the first week without the children for orientation.

Rhode Island school systems are invited to nominate children for the workshop. To be eligible children must be in grades three through six (as of the following September), have a verified I.Q. score of 130 or higher, have reading and math achievement levels at least two grades beyond the grade in which the child is in or percentile scores of 97 or higher in reading and math.

A screening and selection committee of persons from RIC and selected workshop participants will make the final decisions.

Interested teachers may contact Professor Belcher at 456-8040.

Legislative Alert

The following bills of possible interest to the RIC faculty and staff were introduced at the first session of the legislature.

HOUSE

Education: H-5005 by F. Sherman, a bill creating a joint General Assembly committee on education. Judiciary.

Veterans: H-5006 by F. Sherman, a bill exempting veterans from admissions application fees at state schools. Finance.

Education: H-5020 by F. Sherman, a bill establishing a training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation in certain public high schools and appropriating \$25,000 for it. Finance.

Lottery: H-5023 by F. Sherman, a bill earmarking state lottery profits to the cities and towns for support of the schools. Finance.

Smoke Detectors: H-5055 by Cardente and Gemma, a bill requiring smoke detectors in all new buildings of more than one story, effective July 1. Corporations.

State Employees: H-5068 by Carcieri, a bill prohibiting state employees from running for state elective office (with present office holders exempted). Judiciary.

SENATE

Benefits: S-22 by Hanaway, a bill to correct technical errors in the designations of retirement options. Retirement.

Teachers: S-29 by Hanaway, a bill repealing teachers' service retirement credit that was provided for in a later law. Retirement.

Retirement: S-33 by Hanaway, a bill requiring teacher contributions to the retirement system at 6.5 percent of their compensation until July 1, 1982. Retirement.

Teachers: S-34 by Hanaway, a bill removing the deadline to buy out-of-state and private teaching service (requiring full actuarial cost), effective July 1, 1981. Retirement.

Teachers: S-36 by Gilgun, a bill exempting the pensions of retired teachers from the state income tax, and increasing the cost of living adjustment from 3 to 12 percent. Retirement.

Retirement: S-38 by Hanaway, a bill to clarify language in the retirement law. Retirement.

Teachers: S-39 by Hanaway, a bill to prohibit the inclusion of any bonus or incentive given to a retiring teacher or state employee in the computation of his average compensation for retirement purposes. Retirement.

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SENATE

Elderly: S-52 by Revens, a bill reducing from age 65 to 60 the minimum age for qualifying for free higher education courses under the law on elderly education benefits. Finance.

Gifted: S-53 by Marciano, a bill requiring school committees to establish programs for the gifted children and appropriating \$1-million yearly. Finance.

Retirement: S-55 by Hanaway, a bill prohibiting a member of the state retirement system from assigning or transferring all or part of his contribution to the state employees credit union. Retirement.

Service: S-60 by Hanaway, a bill repealing the law allowing state employees who leave state service for educational reasons to buy one year of credit in the retirement system upon returning to active service. Retirement.

Retirement: S-77 by Quattrocchi, a bill providing that a state employee who terminates employment and is rehired is eligible for longevity payments. Judiciary.

Drinking Age: S-84 by Federico, a bill to leave the drinking age at 19 instead of raising it to 20 as of July 1, 1981, as provided for in current law. Special legislation.

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## Text By Winter Goes To Second Edition

by Laurence J. Sasso, Jr.

In the highly competitive world of textbook publishing it is something of an event when a book makes it into a second edition. According to Dr. Herbert "Herb" Winter, professor of political science at Rhode Island College, only one of every ten textbooks published gets beyond the first edition. So, it was some cause for satisfaction and celebration recently when his *People and Politics: An Introduction to Political Science*, co-authored with Thomas J. Bellows, was brought out in a second edition by John Wiley and Sons.

"Making it to a second edition is in my mind a mark of excellence," says Winter, noting that the market for introductory texts is "very, very competitive."

*People and Politics* is used in the basic political science course at various campuses, with sales being especially strong in the South, the Rocky Mountain area, and also to a slightly lesser degree in the Southwest. John Wiley and Sons is an international publishing firm maintaining branch offices in New York; Chichester, England; Brisbane, Australia and Toronto, Canada. Winter and Bellows' book has enjoyed sales in Canada as well as the United States.

A solid-looking durable tone, the textbook is amply illustrated with photographs, charts, political cartoons and the like. Winter is visibly proud of the contemporaneity of the book, pointing out that although the printing deadline was well before the election, it contained photos of Ronald Reagan and that it deals with current issues.

In response to a candid inquiry regarding the profitability of authoring a textbook, the genial professor observed that "it does help a little bit". However, he pointed out that the author of a textbook today cannot realize the financial returns possible "years ago". Again stressing the competitive nature of textbook publishing, he noted that "a few people do" (make a substantial profit), but there are other intrinsic rewards.

Authorship does enhance professional prestige and there is no question that it reflects favorably on the institution that employs the publishing scholar. Herb Winter has no qualms about emphasizing this. "Frankly, I think it's damn good for Rhode Island College," he says.

RIC students are encouraged, he points out, to see textbooks authored by their professors.



HERB WINTER author of *People and Politics*.

## Focus on the Faculty and Staff

**Dr. Kenneth R. Walker**, associate professor of secondary education, addressed ninth and tenth grade students at the IN-SITE Rhode Island program at the Marriott Inn on Jan. 18. Some 120 participants with the intent of gaining first hand experience in state government and politics heard the address on "Parole and You." It was all part of a four day political involvement program for students and their teachers.

**Dr. Steve C. Imber**, associate professor of special education, has been nominated for vice president of the Council for Children with Behavior Disorders, a division of the Council for Exceptional Children. Of the three persons nominated, the winner will succeed to the presidency in 1983. Professor Imber served as the first New England CCBD coordinator from 1976-1980.

**Dr. Meradith McMunn**, assistant professor of English, has recently been awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to continue

work in Scotland on "Records of Drama, Ceremonial and Minstrelsy of the Scottish Court to 1642," which is scheduled upon completion to be published as a volume in the series *Records of Early English Drama* by the University of Toronto Press. This past year McMunn has presented papers on a variety of topics in medieval literature at the Medieval Forum of Plymouth State College in New Hampshire, the Connecticut Names Society and the Mid-Hudson Modern Language Association. She also attended an international conference on Medieval Sermon Studies at Oxford University.

**James M. Colman**, director of admissions, was recently appointed a member of the Professional Practices Committee of the New England Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

**Dr. Joseph A. Conforti**, assistant professor of English and history, is the author of a forthcoming book on colonial New England religion. Entitled *Samuel Hopkins and the New Divinity Movement: Calvinism, the Congregational Ministry, and Reform in New England Between the Awakenings*. The book will be published this spring by William B. Eerdmans.

## Legislative Alert

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### HOUSE

**Municipal Employees:** H-5084 by DeLuca, a bill setting up a referendum on a constitutional amendment that would increase the terms of the governor and the other general officers from two to four years and pair the governor and lieutenant governor on the election ballot, beginning in 1984. Special legislation.

**State Agencies:** H-5087 by Connors, a bill requiring state agencies to obtain the permission of the Senate and Finance Committees before adopting any rule or regulation that would have a fiscal impact on state or local government. Joint Committee on Government Operations.

**Drinking Age:** H-5095 by McCarthy, a bill to freeze the minimum drinking age at 19 until July 1, 1982, at which time it would be raised to 20. Special Legislation.

**State Budget:** H-5101 by Connors, a bill putting supplemental appropriations within the 8 percent cap in budget growth from year to year. Finance.

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### SENATE

**Education:** S-100 by Smith, a resolution creating a 15-member special legislative commission to study the entire field of education of gifted children (with a January 14, 1982 reporting date). Finance.

### HOUSE

**Bilingual:** H-5122 by Lima, a bill appropriating \$2.6-million for bilingual education programs. Finance.

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## Where There's a WILL - There's a Way!

by William M. Baird

Acting Director/Development Office

As an introduction to creating a deferred giving program for Rhode Island College, the development office, as part of the College Advancement and Support Division, will be presenting articles in *What's News* and brochures on estate planning. Efforts will be made to share current information, insights and options in the ever-changing tax field for the benefit of both individuals within the college family and our institution.

A most important personal consideration and benefit for individuals is having a valid will.

It has tremendous potential for saving taxes for just a small investment of money and time. The important consideration for a valid will and estate planning is based on the efforts to preserve one's assets during the tax-paying years, and eventually transferring the maximum amount of assets to your chosen beneficiaries at death. The "maximum" is obtained by reducing estate taxes, inheritance taxes and administrative expense.

Many tax laws are of particular importance in the distribution of assets for individuals who believe strongly in supporting the organizations in society they cherish the most. These interests can be satisfied by voluntary contributions rather than by taxes. Our government encourages this support and income tax and estate tax laws make it possible.

Each day many estates are distributed by government rules simply because people did not have a will. Many others with valid wills paid high federal and state taxes because they did not make plans for the best distribution of their estates.

A valid will is one of the basic tools of estate planning and one instrument most known to the public. Yet, seven out of eight people die without a will.

In concert with the commitment of the development office at RIC, we offer the following material to help stimulate your consideration of your own situation and to keep you informed.

### Neglect Estate Planning

One must ask why the greater majority neglect estate planning if, indeed, it is so simple and requires so little time. Two considerations are offered why estate planning does not take place: First, the entire activity is based on one's own inevitable mortality which is a subject likely to be avoided. Second, it seems to most people to be an utterly confusing subject.

For these reasons, even a need as important as the family's financial future can go unattended.

Consideration and application of current tax law benefits are important aspects of an individual's plans for distribution of his/her assets and family security. Even if an individual works hard, makes sacrifices, and plans carefully to ensure his/her family security, eventually an estate tax is assessed by both the federal and state governments. The assessment will be placed against your estate and the amount can be large or small depending how well you and your attorney have planned. Estate-planning tools are at the disposal of any individual who wants to substantially reduce the standard taxes. Even minimal planning can help reduce taxes. More extensive benefits can be had with a detailed and comprehensive estate plan.

### Principles Simple - Work Complex

Even though the principles of tax savings are simple, the legal work is complex and requires the services of your lawyer.

The following aspects of taxation, for example, are applicable to everyone and can work for your benefit:

- married individuals should make the best use of the marital deduction (half of your estate is tax free when left to your surviving spouse);

- with the use of a trust, assets can be protected from being taxed again when the surviving spouse dies;

- also, charitable gifts to organizations (such as RIC) reduce estate taxes. (the prime motive for making a charitable gift - one would hope - would be to benefit the organization);

Both parties in a marriage should have a will. Most women will probably survive their husbands and may own a sizable estate someday. Married individuals, through the marital deduction, are able to pass the greater of \$250,000 or one-half of his or her adjusted gross estate (free of estate tax) to the surviving spouse. However, under current law, the marital deduction, under ordinary circumstances, just defers the tax until the death of the surviving spouse.

With the use of a trust, the marital deduction can be utilized much more effectively. The goal is to have only one-half of the estate taxed at the death of the first spouse and only the other half taxed upon the death of the surviving spouse.

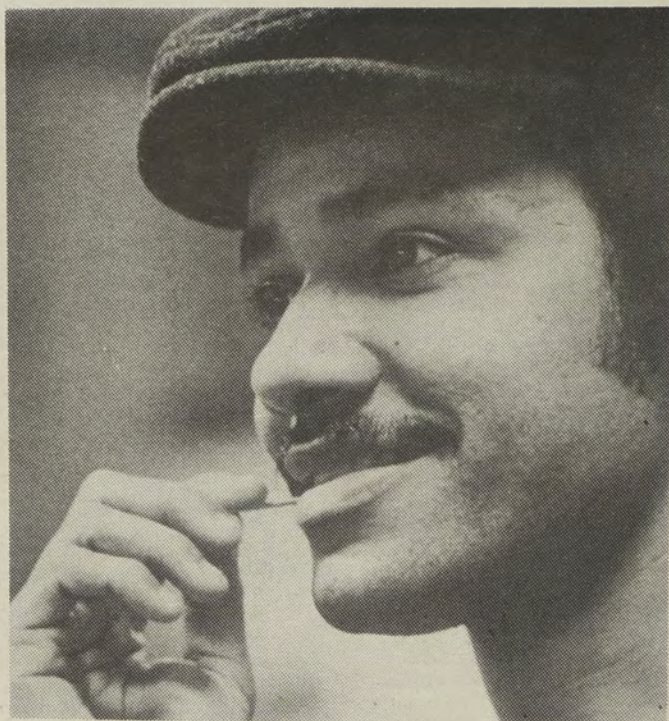
Without a trust situation, half of the estate is taxed upon the death of the first spouse and then the entire estate (less estate taxes and death costs) is subject to tax again at the death of the survivor.

Eventually, every person should be concerned and plan for their family's future. Your lawyer can advise you how to best take advantage of current favorable tax laws.

We at RIC can assist too, particularly if, as part of your planning, you wish to include Rhode Island College in your will. We invite you to call us if you need information of if you wish to contemplate a gift to the college. Call or write: Development Office, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI 02908 or phone 456-8104.







### Happy Birthday Martin Luther King!

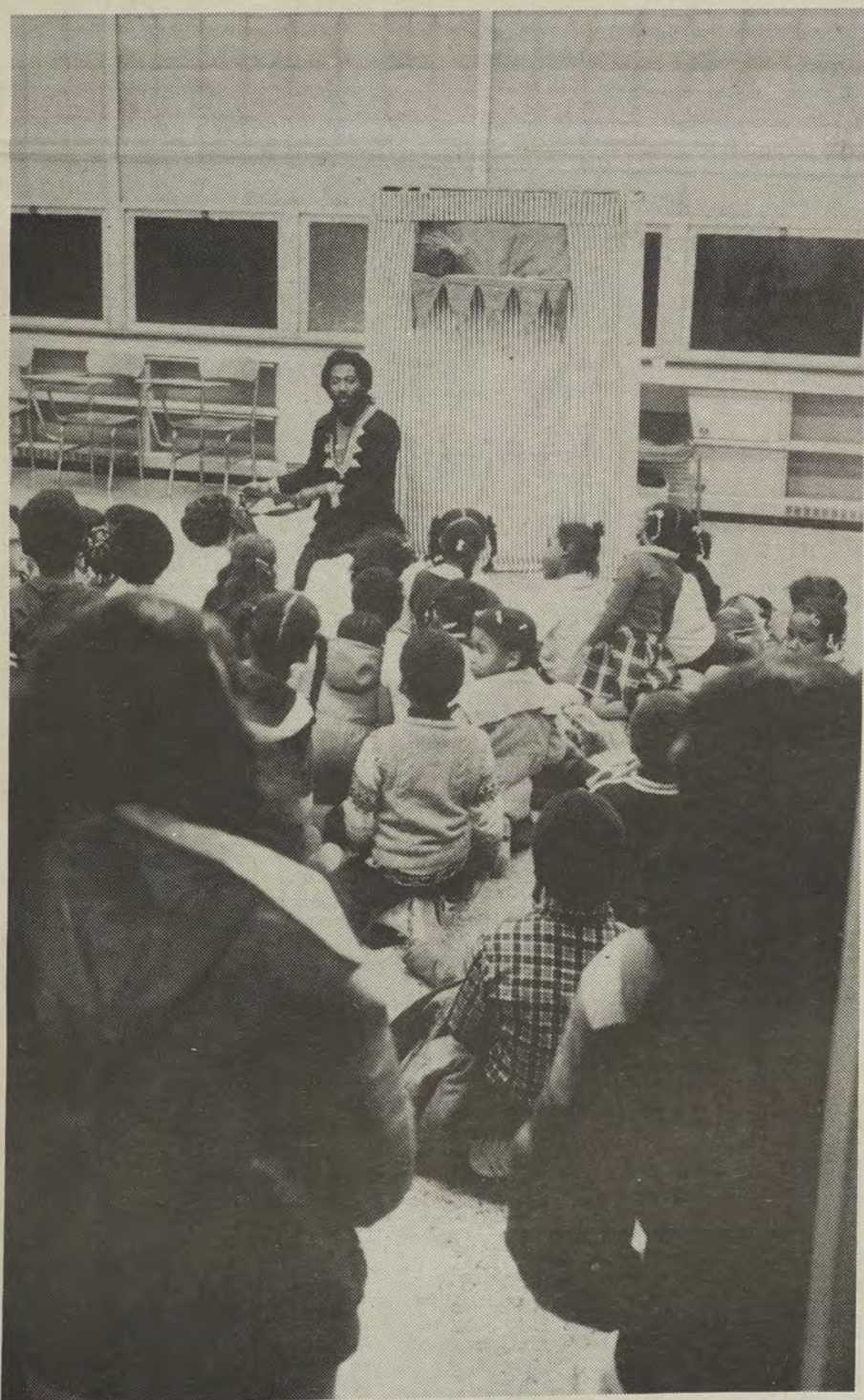
Some 200 students and staff, their families and friends as well as friends and neighbors of the Urban Educational Center in Providence gather at the third annual Homecoming-Open House in celebration of the birth of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Speakers, singers, storytellers, poets, musicians and dancers helped create a festive atmosphere.







**What's News Photos  
by  
Peter P. Tobia**





All It Takes Is Interest

All that it takes is for someone with an interest to contact him as the first step in organizing a local discussion group.

Such a person, who may serve as the group's discussion leader, may attend workshops at RIC "for development of discussion skills" and "to get reinforcement to be better prepared for their own discussion group."

The key component of the program is a publication by FPA entitled "Great Decisions" which contains eight articles keyed to the discussion topics which have been written by nationally-ranked experts, said Browning.

Group discussions - usually held weekly for eight weeks - are centered around these articles.

Ballots are attached at the end of each article with which you may register your personal opinions along with space to write whatever comments you deem appropriate.

Along with each article in the booklet is a list of suggested readings on a particular

topic.

The only cost to belong is that of the booklet which is \$35 and goes to the FPA through Browning. The FPA is a national non-profit educational organization.

With headquarters in New York City, this non-partisan, non-governmental association has worked since 1918 to help Americans gain understanding of significant issues in the U.S. foreign policy and stimulate constructive citizen participation in world affairs.

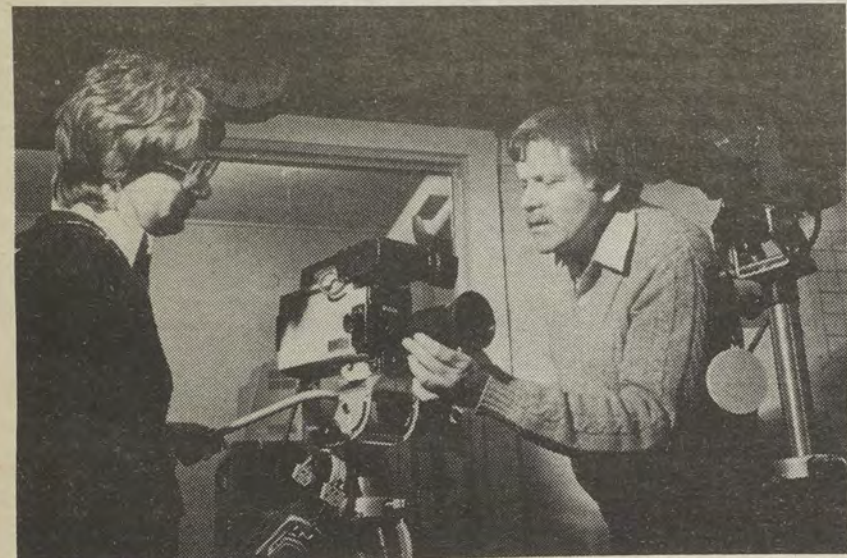
GREAT DECISIONS is sponsored around the country by hundreds of affiliates of national organizations and by community organizations, colleges and universities.

Network of Volunteer Coordinators

The link between the FPA and local sponsors is a network of volunteer coordinators who provide ideas and materials to individuals and groups interested in GREAT DECISIONS, said Browning who is the local area coordinator.

Every year a national media campaign supplements the articles in the booklet and "extends the outreach of foreign policy discussion to millions of Americans," said

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JIM DAVIS, assistant professor of instructional technology, adjusts the lens of a TV camera in the studio his department maintains in Henry Barnard School. Looking on is Deborah Klibanoff, a graduate assistant, who manages the studio. Davis is project director of a grant which provides for the study of public access to cable television - something with which he is obviously familiar.

Grant To Plan Access:  
RIC Has Role in R.I. Cable TV

by Laurence J. Sasso, Jr.

Everyone seems to be talking about cable television and what impact it will have on the exchange of information in Rhode Island in the future. At Rhode Island College someone is doing something about it.

Armed with a \$30,000 grant from the National Telecommunication Information Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce, the college is developing a "master plan for public access to telecommunications" for the entire state. For telecommunications read cable television.

The plan will recommend policies for use of cable TV by non-profit groups and organizations. Directed by Dr. James Davis, assistant professor of instructional technology, the project began in August, 1980 and will conclude in August 1981. Davis, as director of the grant, has one quarter of his time "off-loaded" to pursue the project. There are also two graduate assistants and a half-time secretary working on the plan.

The intended audience of the project is all of the decision-makers in Rhode Island whose areas of responsibility relate to cable television. According to Davis the recommendations which are developed will be distributed to the Public Utilities Commission and the legislature. Also, receiving the report will be community groups and agencies in education, libraries, municipalities, health care facilities, minority groups, civic and religious groups, human services organizations and arts and humanities organizations.

Since August, Davis and his staff have been preparing an in-depth assessment of the entire state. They have also been bringing in nationally known consultants. Two have testified before the

PUC. On Jan. 14 RIC President David Sweet testified. The in-depth assessment is a major undertaking, Davis pointed out. He and his team will attempt to contact every non-profit agency in Rhode Island.

"We hope to reach every group in the community which may wish to have access to cable (TV)", he explained. "We want to know how they would like to use cable TV. In the process we are also educating the community to the area of cable television," he said.

A number of the groups in the state are unclear about how cable TV functions. So Davis and his crew are serving the dual purpose of raising consciousness while soliciting views. A by-product of the assessment for the college will be the compiling of a comprehensive mailing list of community organizations and groups.

So far, Davis has been out in the community giving talks at the rate of about two per week. To facilitate the work he is in the process of producing a slide-tape presentation explaining the grant project, defining public access, cable TV and how it functions and so forth. (Essentially, the R.I. system will be similar to systems in other areas, with a "subscriber loop" providing normal selections of programming and an "institutional loop" linking non-profit organizations. A statewide interconnect design will allow programs originating in one franchise area to be received in any other franchise area.)

When the final recommendations are drawn up, true to his calling, Davis intends to prepare not only a written report but a videotape of the conclusions he and his assistants reach.

To Host Gerontology Forum

A Gerontology Forum entitled the "Practitioner's Perspective" will be held on Feb. 6 at the college which RIC will host in cooperation with the state Department of Mental Health.

The series of workshops, lectures and discussions will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. and conclude with an evaluation at 8:30 p.m.

Conducted by the gerontology center, the program will strive to make aging in America "a positive, enriching experience for all citizens at every stage of the life cycle."

It will give practitioners the chance to present their views on different issues in the field. Nationally recognized speakers have been selected to conduct the forum.

All agencies serving the elderly in this area will be invited as well as selected senior citizens. Organizers hope to identify issues challenging gerontology practitioners, and to explore alternatives which will maximize the utilization of resources.

Elaine Brody, M.S.W., will be the keynote speaker. She is director of

human services at the Philadelphia Geriatric Center and immediate past president of the National Gerontological Society.

Other speakers include Dr. David S. Greer, associate dean of medicine at Brown University; Charlotte Hamill, M.S.W., of the Burke Rehabilitation Center in White Plains, N.Y.; Joyce Leanse, M.P.H., assistant director of the National Council on the Aging, Washington, D.C.; Dr. Eloise Rathbone-McCuan of Washington University in St. Louis; Dr. Johannes Virks of the state medical center general hospital, and Dr. Roger V. Bennett and Sylvia Zaki, M.S., both of RIC.

Among the topics for discussion are: Geriatric Medicine in the '80's, Adult Day Services, Creating Opportunities for the Elderly, Clinical Counseling Techniques for Use in Day Care, Long Term Care, and Death and Dying.

All of the workshops will be repeated three times during the day, giving participants the opportunity to attend all.

A luncheon reception and dinner will accompany the lectures and workshops.



To Exhibit Collages

Some 28 collages by Richard Lutzke of Hagerstown, Md., will be on exhibit at the Bannister Gallery at the RIC Art Center through Feb. 6.

It is open to the public and free of charge.

Recently, Lutzke has exhibited his works at the OK Harris Gallery in New York City and will be exhibiting at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. after the RIC show.

Sports Roundup

by Bud Focht  
RIC Sports Information Director

Freshman Mike Chapman of Queens, N.Y., is turning in one outstanding performance after another for the RIC basketball team. A 6 ft. 3 in., 170 pound forward, "Chap" currently leads all RIC scorers with 16.9 points per game, along with an average of 10 rebounds per contest.

A 1980 graduate of Robert McBurney High School in Manhattan, "Chap" had his biggest game of the season Jan. 6, against Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Va., with 26 points and 16 rebounds. The following night, the son of a Harlem minister was held to just 2 points in the first half, but shot 9 for 11 from the field in the final 20 minutes against Lynchburg College to finish the contest with 20 points, along with his average 20 rebounds.

Other high games this year for the 18 year old freshman include 24 points (10 for 13, 9 rebounds) in only his second college game, and 22 points (9 rebounds) against the Division II power, Bryant College.

During the three game January road

trip in Virginia, Chapman shot 61% from the field, scored 58 points and grabbed 35 rebounds to start the second semester right where he left off before a three week break for exams and Christmas vacation.

The Anchormen are currently in an injury-filled, rebuilding season that saw the loss of their three year starting center (Ken Kazlauskas, a 6 ft. 6 in. co-captain out with a broken jaw) along with two 6 ft. 5 in. first year players who left the team, and a broken ankle suffered by guard-forward Dave Sweat, a transfer student from Southeastern Massachusetts University. With only one player taller than 6 ft. 3 in., RIC is currently 1-11, after a 13-11 1979-80 season, and a 21-7 year in 78-79, when RIC was the top ranked Division III school in New England.

With Mike Chapman as the cornerstone, coach Jimmy Adams has the foundation to build a team that will be on the same level, if not better than that 1978-79 squad.

WHAT'S NEW (s)  
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(for important  
"breaking" news only)



LISTENING to Dr. David E. Sweet, the president of the college from which she just earned her bachelor of arts degree, is Patricia L. McCrystal of Cranston. Mid-year ceremonies for those completing their undergraduate requirements is a time for both recollection and thoughts of the future.

(What's News photo by Peter Tobia.)



## Listen

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Browning.

A series of programs is normally presented on public radio and television during February and March on the current topics.

Browning said this year Channel 36, Rhode Island's public television station, "will probably run a complete series of eight programs" based on this year's topics. He said some newspapers also carry series of articles on the program and noted this year the *Christian Science Monitor* will be one of them.

Browning said the discussion program used to be offered through the University of Rhode Island but they dropped it "due to budget restraints in 1979."

At that point the FPA looked to another Rhode Island college or university, said Browning, and eventually approached William E. Swigart, RIC's director of continuing education. He and Browning got together and instituted "six or seven groups" last fall.

Current costs of the program exceed \$6,000 and include such things as advertising brochures, postage, clerical help and coordinator expense. Co-sponsors of the program are the World Affairs Council of Rhode Island and the Greater Providence YMCA.

### Real Potential For RIC

"The program has real potential for RIC in that it is helping give the college broader public recognition which could lead to more enrollment," noted Browning. He said eventually he would like to see the program developed in high schools "which would also eventually connect to RIC enrollment."

Browning said last year his groups offered "quite a variety" of people including a group at the Hamilton House, a senior citizens center, which was 45 members strong.

He said not all group members - especially in the senior citizen group - want to participate in the discussions. "Some merely want to sit in and listen and this is fine."

He pointed out that the person organizing a local group "may agree to be the discussion leader or may wish to have another serve as leader. Many times the groups share the responsibility with a different leader for each topic."

One half-day workshop was held at RIC this month at which Dr. Marjorie Eubank, professor *emerita*, gave potential discussion leaders tips on "discussion skills." Ronald B. Ballinger, history professor, and Dr. Richard A. Lobban Jr.,

associate professor of anthropology / geography, gave presentations on "South Africa: Can Race War Be Avoided," - one of this year's topics also.

Another workshop is set for Tuesday, Jan. 27 from 4-6 p.m. and will continue each Tuesday for seven more weeks. Each session will be keyed to the GREAT DECISIONS topics and will begin with a presentation by a specialist and end with a discussion.

This multi-session workshop is primarily for group leaders so they will be better prepared to lead discussion in their respective groups.

### Sink Your Teeth Into

Other topics slated for discussion this year are: "China After Normalization: How Good a Friend for the U.S.?" "Central America and the Caribbean: New Political Earthquake Zone," and "Food: Humanity's Need. America's Interest" - meaty topics to say the least and certainly something into which you can sink your teeth!

So, if you have something to say and are itching to be heard, it's not too late to join one of the community groups or to start your own. Professor Browning "will be glad" to meet with you and help you to capture the world's ear! Call 456-8091 (RIC's Office of Continuing Education).

Groups already organized and their planned meetings are:

**Barrington:** Wednesdays, 7:30-9 p.m. Barrington YMCA (begins Feb. 11). Mondays, 10-11:30 a.m., Citizens Bank (begins first week in February).

**Cranston:** Thursdays, 9:30-11 a.m., Phillips Memorial Baptist Church (begins Feb. 5).

**East Greenwich:** Sunday mornings, Westminster Unitarian Church (begins Feb. 1 or 8).

**East Providence:** Wednesdays, 3:30-5 p.m. Weaver Memorial Library (begins Feb. 4).

**Newport:** Sundays, 7:30 p.m. in various group members' homes (began Jan. 11).

**Narragansett:** Arrangements not finalized.

**North Providence:** Wednesday or Thursday nights, about 7 p.m., home of Stephen J. O'Rourke, 16 Worcester Ave. (begins first week in February).

**Providence:** Sundays, 7-8:30 p.m. Washington Park United Methodist Church (begins Feb. 1). Mondays, 10-11:30 a.m., Hamilton House (begins Feb. 2). Tuesdays, 1-2 p.m., Political Science Department Lounge, Craig-Lee Hall, RIC (began Jan. 27). Wednesdays, 12-1:30 p.m., Mathewson Street United Methodist Church (begins Feb. 11).

**South Kingstown:** Arrangements not finalized.





AGNES K. MISSIRIAN

# Getting To The Top

RIC Department of Economics and Management and The Women's Studies Program will present a series of lectures and round table discussions as part of its "Getting to the Top" program beginning next month.

They are: **Feb. 5** - "Mentoring for Women in Management:" Dr. Agnes Missirian, guest lecturer. Missirian started as a secretary with Star Markets and was the first woman in a management position with the firm. She is now an associate professor of management at Bently College in Waltham, Mass., and is a nationally recognized expert on the use of a mentor for women in management. Her book on the subject is being published by Prentice-Hall this spring;

**March 4:** "Rhode Island Women in Top Management:" a round table discussion with the following: Karen Crane, vice president of New England Financial Group; Virginia Eng-Wong, vice president of Industrial Capital Corporation; Christine Manfredi, finance director of the City of Warwick; Edna Poulin, plant manager of Union Wadding Co., and Ann Hill Viens, president of Peerless Co.;

**April 1:** "Women Business Owners-Networking Helps:" Nancy Korman, guest lecturer. Korman is a partner and founder of 760 Associates, a public relations and graphics firm in Newton, Mass. She is a founder of the Women's Lunch Group in Boston, one of the first networking groups in the nation;

**May 6:** "Successful Women Business Owners of Rhode Island:" a round table discussion with the following: Barbara Dubois of Barbara's Office Products, Inc.; Constance Mussells of Medium Well Done, Inc. (advertising and public relations); Cynthia A. Simmons of C.A. Simmons & Associates, Inc. (employee benefit consultants); Linda Smith of the Small Business Administration (Women in Business coordinator); Nancy R. Thompson, Thompson Travel Agency, and Jill S. Votta, Votta & Votta Law Offices.

Co-sponsors of the program are: American Society of Women Accountants, Credit Women International of Rhode Island, National Association of Bank Women, Rhode Island Association of Women Lawyers, Rhode Island Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Women's Advertising Club and the Small Business Administration.

# Lunchtime Series Set

The history department has announced its schedule of weekly lunchtime colloquium series for the spring semester.

The informal discussions are held on Tuesdays from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Gaige Hall, Room 211, unless otherwise indicated. The public is invited to attend.

Beginning on Feb. 3, Prof. Peter Harmon (economics and management) will open the series with a discussion about "Higher Education Issues: Cuttington University College (Suacoco, Liberia)." Professor Harmon will draw upon his experiences as a Fulbright scholar during 1978-1979.

"Views of the African Diaspora by an Artist-Illustrator" will be the topic of discussion on Feb. 10 by Prof. Larry Sykms (art) who will give an illustrated talk about the African Diaspora from his experiences in Ghana and Haiti. This colloquium will be held in the Faculty Center.

On Feb. 17, Mr. Alan Lopes (a RIC history major, Class of 1980) will talk about his experiences during the summer of 1980 as a member of the Crossroads Africa study group in a colloquium entitled "Observations on Guinea-Bissau".

Prof. Tony Teng will lead a discussion entitled "China after Normalization" on Feb. 24 in the Faculty Center. It will focus on the results of the normalization of diplomatic relations between the United States and the People's Republic of China, especially from the Chinese point of view.

A slide presentation featuring Carcassonne, one of the greatest of the "chateau-forts in southern France," will be featured on March 3. Lead by Prof. Ronald Ballinger, this colloquium will be entitled "Carcassonne: Historians Discover Europe."

On March 10, there will be a film entitled "Who Are the Irish," the first of the "Heritage of Ireland" series made by Louise Marcus. A discussion will follow.

"Careers for Students of History" on March 31, a discussion about options for students will feature Mr. John H. Hines (RIC 1968) an attorney who will talk about law; Prof. J. Stanley Lemons and Prof. Sally J. Marsk who will talk about "Writing History," and Ellen Weaver Paquette (coordinator, cooperative education) who will talk about cooperative education.

Prof. John M. Sapinsley (economics and management) will explore the subject of the degree to which the United States economy is able to maintain its competitiveness in a colloquium entitled "United States Economy: Its Competitiveness in the World" on April 7 in the Faculty Center.

On April 14, "Contemporary Music" will be the topic of discussion featuring Ellen O'Neil, Grant Carpenter, and other students who will discuss different kinds of contemporary music and some of its origins.

Prof. Norman Cooke, a military history specialist, will discuss the "Battle of Yorktown" on April 21, and Prof. Carmela Santoro will wrap up the spring series on April 28 with a discussion entitled "Rhode Island Italo-American Women: Oral History" to be held in the Faculty Center.

# Before I Collapse (Memories of Past RIC (E) Shows)

by Joseph D. Graham

As I jot this down in 1980, some 22 years have elapsed since the excitement of producing the first play to be presented in Roberts Hall on Nov. 24 and 25, 1958.

How can I recapture the way we felt? By now, a generation since, the leading lady of that production has seen her college daughter acting on that same stage, and the talk is of abandoning the proscenium stage of Roberts for the space of Whipple Gymnasium.

In 1958 I had usually built my scenery in the basement hallway at the old college building downtown. Mary Davey, leaving late one night, had asked as she stumbled over a bookcase I was painting on a flat, if it were a Chinese puzzle.

After creating the scenery, I had to haul it over to the auditorium of the Henry Barnard School where Dr. Mary T. Thorpe barely accepted us in her walked-off office in the corner. There we had a 10-foot deep stage with no fly gallery or wings.

I and other faculty could hardly wait to take advantage of a tour to the new Mount Pleasant Ave. campus which has been set up by the proud administration of Dr. William C. Gaige.

I ventured down the long and dark hallway from the Roberts' front lobby to the backstage area. It smelled of wet plaster and I had to avoid the loose electrical connections.

In spite of the unfinished clutter, I visualized the heaven awaiting me when I had a real theatre "of my own" and a spacious backstage not shared with the maintenance men.

What today seems so cramped, then seemed a lovely airy place in which to work and store scenery.

There was a magnificent big controlboard (now archaic) to the side and a counterweight system I had had to fight for when they sought to save \$20,000 by giving me an old-fashioned rope and pulley system instead.

Grace Healey, my sole colleague in the speech "department," had gone with me up to Dryden Street (what a propitious name!) to select the blue-green grand-curtain material, patterned so it wouldn't show the strains which time would inevitably bring.

A fire or two did soon destroy its glamour, but we briefly had our dream. If the production of our first play there, "Pride and Prejudice," was somewhat nightmarish, I liked to think the audience never realized what a discouraging experience it had been.

What went wrong?

Well, it was not the script, although some of my more pseudo-sophisticated students argued that it was a "high school piece." Granted, this adaptation by Helen Jerome of Jane Austen's classic had been successfully done in secondary schools as well as on Broadway.

I indicated it could be done in one basic terrace garden set with insets and would provide marvelous roles for a whole gaggle of our Sarah Bernharts.

Also, if the screen version had challenged the likes of Laurence Olivier, Greer Garson, Mary Boland, Edna Mae Oliver and Edmund Gwen, then who were we to feel the script was beneath us!

We would do just that much better than the high schools. The story was a collection of sure-fire youthful romances, salted with wry comedy. And, in truth, our casting was right on target.

Hope Day was a shoe-in as the silly, fluttery Mrs. Bennett seeking to marry off her three daughters. And happily, Edward Mello, a navy veteran, somehow arrived at RIC (E). Somewhat more mature than our usual students, he could play Mr. Bennett with assurance. Ed would later transfer and star at Emerson College.

The extremely able and active John Bray was the comic lead, Mr. Collins, who would chase the intelligent daughter, Elizabeth, around a garden seat in a wild courtship dance. The latter role was played with great charm by Carolyn Zoglio.

Her sisters were hoydenish Benita Elau (who would later play Hedda Gabler) and lovely Lorelei White who was Miss Rhode Island at that time.

Two handsome freshmen, Edward Rondeau and Donald Doyle, had shown up and played admirably the dashing, romantic Mr. Bingley and the aristocratic Mr. Darcy, respectively.

Michael Iacona played the wicked Mr. Wickham. Others in the cast were Elaine Broady, Judith Brown, Virginia Clark, Peter D'Amico, Judith Duffney, Claire Horan, Edward Kelly, James Kinder, Sally McGurn, Audrey McMillan, Judith Mulligan, Beverly Kioinoh, Carole Solkoff, Wanda Strychars, Alfred Taraborelli and Richard Walker.

They played beautifully once they were orchestrated.

But the rehearsals drove me half crazy!

When the auditorium or stage wasn't being worked on, others wanted to use it.

During one final rehearsal when lines were being painfully pinned down, a man came in - on the behest of some benighted person - to tune the electric organ in the orchestra pit. He refused to leave and I felt like the victim of a burlesque routine, trying to out-yell the squawks and hoots coming from the amplifiers. He finally left us - exhausted and with a "lost" rehearsal.

The most hopeful and ultimately sad note, however, arose when an older and really quite delightful student Charles Martin, volunteered to construct the scenery and manage the stage.

Mike Iacona helped him. I know they worked hard and late and occasionally even slept the night in our little office backstage.

One thing Charles had promised me was some fake grass to be borrowed from a funeral home for my garden set. But come dress rehearsal, our one and only, there was no grass for Mr. Collins to chase Elizabeth around on.

In fact, there was no Mr. Martin to take charge!

So, my student director, Katherine Hoover, and I managed somehow - managed this and scenery changes, the lighting, the costumes, the make-up and final directing touches while at the same time almost pulling our hair out.

The denouement?

Well, opening night Charles reappeared, bearing proudly the funeral parlor grass and without deigning to speak to me, laid it down on the stage.

Perhaps it is necessary for me to state here that one rule of theatre is: "If one doesn't rehearse with it, then one doesn't use it!"

So, I rebelled and told him to "get it out of here!"

He didn't believe me at first, but eventually picked up his fake grass and departed the theatre - never to be seen by me since! (At least not knowingly.)

I could have seen him in some newsreels, I suppose, for sometime later I heard by the grapevine he had gone to New Orleans and hence to Castro's Cuba. Who knows?

Somehow our show went on and was well received, but I refused to do a spring show.

The students did it instead - by themselves under the impetus of John Bray who helped direct and act a bill of Noel Coward's one acts, "Tonight at 8:30." It went off well.

I returned to directing and a more settled Roberts Auditorium in the fall of 1959 with Arthur Miller's, "The Crucible."

(Joseph D. Graham is associate professor of communications and theatre.)

# Calendar Of Events JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 2, 1981

## MONDAY, JANUARY 26

11 a.m.-4 p.m. *Collage Display.* Collages by Richard Lutske who is affiliated with O K Harris Gallery, New York City. Continues through Feb. 6. Art Center, Bannister Gallery.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

6 p.m. *Women's Basketball.* RIC vs. Bryant College. Away.

8 p.m. *Men's Basketball.* RIC vs. Bryant College. Away.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

7 p.m. *Wrestling.* RIC vs. Boston College. Away.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

7 p.m. *Women's Basketball.* RIC vs. Southeastern Massachusetts University. Home.

8 p.m. *Men's Basketball.* RIC vs. Eastern Connecticut State College. Home.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

1-3 p.m. *School of Education and Human Development Meeting.* Horace Mann Hall, Room 064.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

10 a.m. *Gymnastics.* RIC vs. Bridgewater State College. Home.

1 p.m. *Fencing.* RIC vs. University of Connecticut. Home.

2 p.m. *Wrestling.* RIC vs. Keene State College. Home.

7:30 p.m. *Men's Basketball.* RIC vs. Boston State College. Home.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

10 a.m. *Sunday Mass.* Student Union, Ballroom.

7 p.m. *Sunday Evening Mass.* Browne Hall, Upper Lounge.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

6 p.m. *Women's Basketball.* RIC/Stonehill. Away.