

# What's NEWS

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## Retirees to be honored

"It is fitting that we look forward to the coming season of Thanksgiving with a tribute to our recent retirees."

With this opening to his recent letter to all RIC retirees over the past academic year, President David E. Sweet invited 17 past college employees to a special dinner in their honor on Nov. 4 at 6 p.m. in the Faculty Center.

"While a dinner party cannot fully express the appreciation for your service which your colleagues and associates feel, this event will allow your personal and professional friends to recognize your contribution to Rhode Island College," Sweet wrote.

The retirees, who will be guests of the

college, will each receive five complimentary tickets so that they may bring guests of their own choosing as well.

The campus community is invited. Ticket cost is \$5 and may be obtained through Kathryn M. Sasso at 456-8022. Deadline for tickets is Nov. 1.

Retirees to be honored include: Dr. Robert W. Comery, Dr. Frank B. Correia, Dr. Roy A. Frye, Joseph D. Graham, Gertrude T. Hanley, Rose Abraham, Leo King, Mary H. Brown, Albert Carcieri, Catherine I. Coleman, Viola Coppa, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reinaldo, Amalia Ruggeri, Mary St. Lawrence, Edward Tavares and Russell K. Walch.

## RIC urges support of Nov. 2 URI bond issue

by George LaTour

Election day on Nov. 2 presents the Rhode Island voter with an opportunity to stand up and be counted in support of public higher education.

A \$4.6 million educational bond issue referendum, which will appear on the ballot as Proposition 8, will, if approved, provide the University of Rhode Island with funds urgently needed for laboratory improvements and renovations of other essential facilities.

Passage of the bond issue is being linked with the state's future potential of attracting and developing "high technology" industries which would provide jobs and

stimulate economic growth.

"If Rhode Island's future is, in part, tied to our capturing or developing high technology industry, then it is clear that the University of Rhode Island is going to have to play a major role in producing the engineers, scientists, technicians, computer experts and others who will be needed," according to Julius Krasner, president of URI Alumni Association.

Passage of Proposition 8 would give the university \$1.5 million addition to the Pastore Chemistry Laboratory, \$1 million for a computer science/computer center facility, \$1 million for a water distribution system at URI's Narragansett Bay Campus, and \$1.1 million for laboratory building improvements (four buildings).

Higher education officials in general are enthusiastic in their support of the referendum.

Rhode Island College, through its president, Dr. David Sweet, is offering its full support of the bond issue. The president is urging the college's faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends to vote "yes" on Proposition 8.

Dr. Eleanor M. McMahon, state commissioner of higher education, termed passage of the bond issue "critical both to the university and to the higher education system."

And, the Rhode Island College Chapter of the American Federation of Teachers (RIC-AFT) and the Rhode Island College Staff Association (RICSAs) proposed a resolution at the recent state convention of the Rhode Island Federation of Teachers in Providence endorsing the bond issue.

The federation adopted the resolution  
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## New Columns Introduced

In this issue of *What's News* two new columns are being introduced to better serve the expanded readership of the college weekly newspaper.

*ALL in the FAMILY*, edited by Dolores A. Passarelli of New Students Programs, will appear once at the end of each month. It is directed primarily at the families of RIC students and will provide news and information pertinent to them.

*RIC Facts*, compiled by the Office of Institutional Research and Planning, will be run periodically under the direction of Dr. Lenore A. DeLucia.

This column will feature information—oftentimes statistical in nature—derived from surveys and research done by the research and planning office which is considered of interest to our readers.



(What's News Photo by Peter Tobia)

## Win debate trophy

Donna Brown and Phil Sisson, both senior members of RIC's Debate Council, took the top team trophy at the Swarthmore Parliamentary Debate Tournament held Oct. 15 and 16 in Pennsylvania.

RIC earned the trophy by competing against the best teams in the parliamentary debate circuit. Yale, Princeton, Amherst, Smith and Fordham were among the 18 competitors, RIC beat Smith, Amherst, Franklin and Marshall and Princeton in the first four rounds of the tournament.

In the semi-final round against a second Amherst team, they were tied 2-2, putting both RIC and Amherst in the final round. RIC debated for the offensive side of the resolution "Passion is a Man's Best Friend."

Phil and Donna argued a feminist case supporting sexual equality.

The final decision was made by six judges and the audience vote. RIC carried the judges 5-1 with a two-thirds audience margin.

In addition, Sisson won the first speakers award and Brown took the fourth speakers award. The rest of the RIC team debated in Toronto that weekend.

## United Way Campaign

"When your heart is in the right place,

it shows," according to the United Way. Last year Rhode Island College's heart was certainly in the right place!

The college won a Merit Award from the United Way for pledging some \$24,500 from 53 percent of its employees.

This year, RIC plans to show its heart is again in the right place and has set a goal for itself of \$25,000 in its annual United Way Campaign which runs from Oct. 20 to Oct. 29.

A kick-off luncheon for campus solicitors was held last Tuesday at which Shelby Jordan, offensive tackle for the Patriots football team, urged the college's full support. Jordan is a member of the United Way Speakers Bureau and is a member of the board of directors of the Big Brothers of Rhode Island, a United Way agency.

Dr. Renato E. Leonelli, professor emeritus, addressed the gathering in the Faculty Center as the 1982 RIC campaign chairman. Others urging solicitors to do even better than last year were John S. Foley, vice president for College Advancement and Support, and Dr. William H. Lopes, his assistant.

On hand from the United Way were Peter Downes, a RIC alumnus, and Jill

Bradford. (See photo on page 8.)

A brief film was shown in which it was pointed out that for every \$1 raised by the United Way, 91¢ actually goes for charitable works. Only nine cents is used for administrative costs.

This makes the United Way the most cost-efficient charity in the United States.

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# Notes from Bernadette

by Bernadette V. Small



Robert Paolo of the accounting office underwent surgery on Oct. 19. He had left hip replacement surgery at Brigham and Womens Hospital on 75 Francis Street, Boston, Mass. 02115. Bob is expected to remain in the hospital for several weeks and would enjoy hearing from you. Please send notes to the above address.

Jim Laprey of the department of landscaping and grounds will be entering the hospital the first weekend in November for open-heart surgery. An appeal for blood donors is being made. If anyone from the campus community wishes to give blood, please call Debbie at Ext. 8262 and leave your name. Donors should report to the Rhode Island Blood Bank on North Main Street in Providence.

Ray Santurri of RIC's Mail Services underwent leg surgery last Monday at Rhode Island Hospital. He is expected to remain in the hospital for several weeks following surgery. We extend our best wishes to Ray for a complete and speedy recovery. He would enjoy hearing from friends. Please send notes to him at R.I. Hospital.

We were saddened to hear that Mrs. Mary Rodrigues died last weekend at Miriam Hospital in Providence. She was a mother of Rod Rodrigues of RIC's Math Department. We extend our sincerest condolences to Rod and Ann and their family.

Gaetano Andreozzi of landscaping and grounds is back at work after a long hospital illness. We wish him well an extend a sincere welcome back!

As I prepared to send the column off to *What's News*, I received a call that James Bierden's father died this morning (10/18/82) in Minneapolis. Our sincerest condolences to Jim and Peg and their family.

The college community was saddened to learn of the untimely death of Eric Denhoff. According to a recent conversa-

tion with Prof. Toni Antosh of the department of special education, Dr. Denhoff was an adjunct professor with the special education department for several years. He taught a course each year entitled, "Medical Aspects of Learning Disabilities." He gave consultations to department members, and was an invaluable resource person to the department on medical questions. Dr. Denhoff very often spent time with graduate students in diagnostic work. He was a pioneer in his field and an excellent teacher.

He will be greatly missed by the special education department, specifically, and the academic community, generally. We join in sending our sincerest condolences to his wife, Sylvia, and family.

## PM info sessions set

Free information sessions on the Performance Based Admissions Program at Rhode Island College will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, Oct. 26, and Nov. 16 and 30, and from 10 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Nov. 4. Alumni Lounge, Roberts Hall, will be the site of the sessions.

The Performance Based Admissions Program provides an opportunity for adults who want to earn a college degree but who lack some of the traditional admissions requirements.

It serves the older adult who may not have the college preparatory background expected of students entering college directly from high school, as well as the mature student who may never have given serious thought to attending college.

Topics to be discussed at the sessions include: what can be gained by returning to school, how to apply for a college education, how to get into a degree program, how quickly a degree can be earned, how experience can count toward a degree, and programs and majors at RIC.

After a formal presentation, individuals will have an opportunity to ask questions and to meet with staff members of the office of continuing education.

For more information, call 456-8091.

## Grad School Info

Information on graduate schools will be offered via a panel discussion on Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 1 p.m. in Craig Lee 152.

Panelists will include John Saleses, dean of graduate studies; James Bierden, associate dean of arts and sciences, Patricia Glasheen, assistant dean of education and human development; William Hurry, director of financial aid; and Thomas Pustell, director of the counseling center.

Questions to be addressed include application deadlines and procedures, whether or not to go to grad school, selecting a grad school, grad school requirements, oppoortunities at Rhode Island College.

All are invited, especially juniors and seniors.

## Chamber Music

Chamber music will be presented by faculty, students and friends of Rhode Island College on Wednesday, Oct. 27, at 8:15 p.m. The event will be held in Roberts Hall, 138.

Among the faculty members to perform are Judith Lynn Stillman, pianist, and Lucien Olivier, baritone. Among the student performers are Diane Duhaime, bassoon, and Dinarte Ferro, clarinet.

The event is free and open to all.

## 'Cuba' is colloquium subject

"Cuba and Present Day Latin American Policy" will be the topic of a lecture by the Rev. Raymond Tetrault at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 27, in Gaige 207.

Father Tetrault, who heads the Providence Diocese Latin American Apostolate, has recently returned from a tour of Cuba.

This presentation is part of the weekly Lunchtime Colloquium series sponsored by

the history department. The theme of the colloquium for the fall semester is "Issues of Peace and War."

The next scheduled speaker will be Prof. Herbert Winter of the political science department, on Nov. 3. He will talk on "New Forces in European Politics."

Students attending these informal sessions may bring their lunch.

## Southern Africa and U. S. is topic

"Southern Africa and the U.S.," the final lecture of the Southern Africa Forum, will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 25, in Alumnae Hall at Brown University, free of charge.

Jennifer Seymour Whitaker will be the lecturer. She is the associate editor of *Foreign Affairs* magazine, the journal of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Ms. Whitaker holds degrees from Trinity College and Stanford University, has written many articles for *The Atlantic*, *New Leader*, and *New York Times Book Review*, and is an acknowledged scholar on

Africa.

Since 1972, she has been responsible for the African area in the Council on Foreign Relations Studies Program, a series of local seminars on Africa and U.S. policy. She has recently published *U.S. Policy Towards Africa*.

This four-part lecture series has been sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Rhode Island, and co-sponsored by the Rhode Island Committee for the Humanities and the Council for International Studies at Brown University.

For more information, call 421-0401.

## Epsilon Pi Tau to install Friday

Beta Sigma Chapter of Epsilon Pi Tau, industrial education honorary fraternity at RIC, will install its 1982-83 officers at a dinner at the Davies Vocational-Technical School on Friday, Oct. 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Donald L. Kuepker of Cranston West Vocational School, will be installed president; JoAnn Warren of Greenville, vice president; Salvatore Gentile of Cranston,

treasurer; Henry A. Blake of Middletown, recording secretary; Mary Germershausen, corresponding secretary; and Dr. Edward D. Bzowski and Dr. James G. McCrystal of the RIC faculty, trustees.

The dinner will be prepared by the culinary arts students at Davies at \$5 per person, \$1 of which is to go to the Dr. Thomas G. King Scholarship Fund.

# ALL in the FAMILY

edited by  
Dolores A. Passarelli



While the student in our life (be they daughter, son or spouse) is settling in for the fall semester, we'd like to take a moment to welcome you to the college community.

Yes, you! Here at RIC there is a sense of a family/community atmosphere, and because the student in your life is part of the RIC community you are too.

We hope you will become familiar with RIC activities ranging from academic advising to extra curricular activities, and all programs and activities in between.

The positive growth-producing college experience extends far beyond the lecture hall and library; it is an opportunity to clarify values, broaden horizons and explore new friendships. Meanwhile, home and family do not have to fade away.

We speak of "our students" because we see ourselves at RIC as sharing them with you.

Many of our students commute home and after a long day of being a RIC student, the transition back to being a family member may be awkward. College students can invest a lot of energy in adjusting to the demands of a new semester—a load of courses, new professors, new friends and different activities to investigate.

All of this can distract students from family concerns and they can begin to see the college experience as their own world.

Families may suddenly feel like outsiders. What can be done about this? After a fashion, our students will usually settle down, but in the meantime, there are a few things we can do to relieve the pressure.

1) Continue to show your interest in what it's like to be a student at RIC, a few subtle questions along with letting our student know you are available for listening can ease the student-to-family-member transition.

2) Be aware that new college responsibilities and varied daily class and activity schedules can result in new time constraints. Perhaps together, the members of

the family could set up a way to communicate.

For example, just who will be home for dinner, at what time, and how to deal with a change in plans so neither the family nor the student is left with a cold dinner or no dinner or worse...angry feelings.

3) Students may seem changed. In tandem with the new college experience, our students may display a changed attitude. Being exposed to new ideas, people and information may change attitudes and perspectives about what is important.

Our traditional-aged students are beginning to explore adulthood and are naturally in a position to question values, and while your student may appear to be different, the basic values are intact. If these changes cause confusion in your family system, the time to address your concern is now. There is the potential for families to grow.

Through exchanging feelings and information about issues, people can learn to understand the views of others and broaden their view of our world. Also, our older students are in the continuing developmental process of exploring who they are.

Now, I'd like to tell you about this column, its origins and purposes. Following conversations with a number of parents, Dr. David Sweet, our college president suggested that this column be established as a vehicle to provide a flow of information on a regular basis that would assist families in joining the campus community.

The college is interested in communicating with you. This column will provide a forum for us to reach you and address issues we feel together are important, as well as to address questions you might have. Some issues may include program alternatives, academic areas and support services.

We invite you to send your questions or topic suggestions to Dolores A. Passarelli, New Student Programs, Rhode Island College, 600 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Providence, R.I. 02908, or call (401) 456-8083.

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ARMAND BEAUSOLEIL, a RIC graduate and a member of the Old Fiddler's Club, performs at Homecoming.

(What's News Photo by Peter P. Tobia)

## His homecoming was special

by Arline Aissis Fleming

It was Homecoming Weekend and Armand Beausoleil hadn't been back to the RIC campus since he graduated in 1967. He not only came back to reminisce, but also to perform. Armand was one of the Old Fiddlers Club and he was ready to bring some of that foot stompin' music to the campus which almost 20 years ago gave him a second chance at an education.

He was 52 years old. He had an eighth grade education and wanted a college degree. Things didn't look too promising for a man with that amount of education and a newly acquired high school equivalency certificate.

Until he took the SAT exams and came

out with a perfect score in his native tongue, French.

"That was the thing that got me admitted," he said with a trace of French in his voice.

"I struggled between jobs and college," he remembered, adding that he's the father of three children, "and got my B.A. with the idea of going into teaching."

He taught in Central Falls for two years after graduation and then in Connecticut for six before it was time for him to retire.

"But I had achieved my goal. I wanted to be a teacher."

Before entering the classroom, he had worked in mills in Woonsocket, the town

where he grew up. It was there that he studied French in grammar school and spoke it at home. In fact, when he first started music lessons, his teacher didn't know a *maison* from a *bibliothèque*, and Armand didn't know the English equivalent.

"I bluffed my way out," he remembered of the lessons. "Neither of us could understand the other," he laughed.

But he learned enough of the basics to continue playing the fiddle for many years, and last year, with retirement approaching, he joined the Old Fiddler's Club. The club travels to events from country fairs to homecoming weekends—delighting crowds

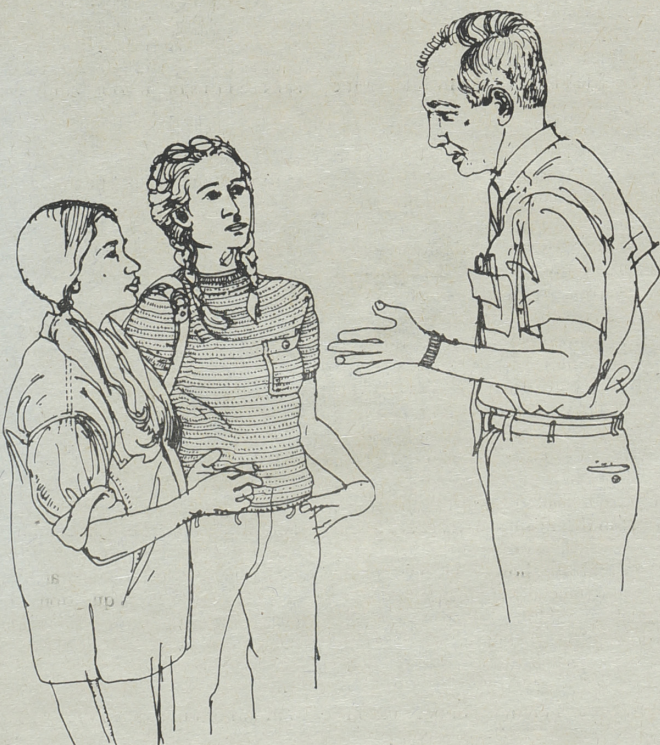
with their old-time music.

When the Club notified Armand that they would be playing at his Alma Mater, he said, "that can't be," figuring that their kind of music wouldn't go over well. But it did. In addition, he enjoyed himself walking around the campus, stirring up old memories.

The 68-year old Beausoleil says he remembers wearing a beanie as all freshmen did—despite his age—and he also recalls the struggles of getting a degree as an older student.

"But I got a lot of satisfaction for the efforts," he laughed. And he's not just fiddlin' around.

## RIC alumni provide career information



Sometimes the career you choose to pursue as a freshman doesn't interest you at all as a junior.

Or, though you've completed your four years as a history major, you may not know how to channel that knowledge into a paying job.

Two file cabinets at RIC's Office of Career Services may hold some answers to these doubts. If not answers, then at least support.

Career services, with help from the alumni office, has set up a file of RIC graduates who are willing to assist students or other alumni by offering their career expertise.

Should a graduate be an art major now working in social services, that person would be willing to discuss how the career switch came about. Or another who had established a career in public relations may be willing to paint the inside picture for a student with only textbook knowledge.

More than 1,000 alumni from more than 60 professional fields sent back their survey indicating a willingness to help.

"Information interviews" are the big thing—they are one of the best ways to find out about careers," said Frankie Wellins, director of career services. "It's nice for the students to be able to identify with professional people," she said.

The survey, which was sent to more than 20,000 alumni last year, asked if those who responded would be willing to:

- \* Come to campus to speak at career week;
- \* Provide leads for students seeking summer jobs, internships or full-time positions;
- \* Be available to individual students to talk about the occupation or field in order to help them define their own career goals;
- \* Be available to other alumni from time to time who might wish to talk to you about the occupation or field.

"If people checked anything on the survey, nine times out of 10 they checked the career services area," said Holly L. Shadoin, alumni director. "I was surprised at the number of people who returned it."

Wellins noted that several alumni members have used the file themselves in seeking advice about career changes. One woman even wrote back to say "please encourage others to use the alumni file."

Wellins also feels it would be beneficial for freshmen and sophomores to come in early to "meet people in their field."

Any alumnus interested in being included in this file should contact the RIC Office of Career Services at 456-8031.



# Education is topic of conference

## Congresswoman Schneider a guest speaker

Congresswoman Claudine Schneider spoke before more than 100 people at Rhode Island College on Wednesday at the fall conference of the New England Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel. Her talk preceded discussion groups and an address by keynote speaker Dr. James Blackwell, senior faculty member in the University of Massachusetts Department of Sociology.

Schneider told the audience, which arrived at RIC from all over New England, that "getting back to basics should be one of our top priorities. We have to instill in our young people proficiency in the English language. We have to reinstate the value of the work ethic. It is essential to reach the economically disadvantaged who are

not privy to parental guidance."

Schneider told the group that the country is "making the transition from the post-industrial age into high technology. We need a long-range plan for the future. That's one of the problems with unemployment."

According to Schneider, Americans graduating from college with engineering degrees number only 60,000 yearly compared to 300,000 Soviets and 74,000 Japanese.

"We should provide the tools for our students to be productive members of our society," she said.

Schneider said that the "Trio" program—the encompassing name for the groups Upward Bound, Special Services, Talent Search and Education Oppor-

tunities Centers—is an excellent program to promote equal opportunities. Our best investment at this time is education. With education comes efficiency. With efficiency comes productivity."

Schneider suggested to the group that they "lean on" their individual legislators to assure that "investments in human capital be our most important long-term investment."

Schneider ended her talk by saying we should be providing education for everyone with "emphasis on the disadvantaged to rise above and achieve the kind of education and training necessary. If we don't address that group they'll continue on the unemployment roles."

The conference was hosted by the

Education Opportunity Center in Rhode Island.

The New England Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel, Inc. is an organization of people who are actively interested in insuring equal education opportunities in higher education for students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

NEAEOPP's primary efforts are directed toward promoting the development and growth of educational opportunities for students who traditionally have been excluded from post secondary education, particularly those who are low income, minority group members, and/or physically handicapped.

RIC's provost and vice-president for academic affairs, Dr. Willard F. Enteman, delivered the opening greetings.



Rep. Claudine Schneider



Dr. James Blackwell



## Keeping Score

with Kathy Feldmann

The men's and women's cross country teams retained their titles in the Tri-State Championships which were held at Bryant College.

The men's harriers led the field of eight colleges with 53 points edging out the host school, who took second with 57 points.

RIC's captain and leading runner, Filinto Martins, placed fourth. Ron Petrie crossed the line for sixth place turning in his best effort of the season. Michael Pasare placed 10th, Andy Nimblett took 12th, and Robert Perrin came in 21st. Seventy-three runners took part in the race. Team results: 1-RIC(53); 2-Bryant (57); 3-Stonehill (90); 4-Quinnipiac (108); 5-East. Conn. State (111); 6-Assumption (120); 7-West. New England (167); 8-Suffolk (206).

The women's harriers also captured the title at the Tri-State Championships, led by a strong 2-3 finish from RIC's Annemarie Gower and MaryBeth Crawley. RIC's captain, Mary Miller, finished ninth, and Ana Contreras and Janna Cole placed 13th and 14th respectively. Nine schools competed in the race comprising a field of 72 runners.

Team results were: 1-RIC (39); 2-Bryant (48); 3-East. Conn. (86); 4-Stonehill (145); 5-Suffolk (145); 6-Wheaton (147); 7-Salve Regina (159); 8-Quinnipiac (165); 9-Albertus Mangus (227).

The women's tennis team now stands at 6-4. RIC was victorious in their last two outings by defeating Bryant College 6-1

and Fairfield University 5-2.

First singles, freshman Sue Landry is now 7-3 for the season. This young team comprised of eight freshman, three sophomores, and two juniors is doing an outstanding job.

In the recent Rhode Island AIAW Championships, RIC placed fourth, but the highlight was that RIC's double players, freshman Kara Fay and Lia Capuano, both from Cranston, made it to the semi-finals.

The women's volleyball team is now ranked second in New England this week after being ousted from first place by Eastern Connecticut State. They are now sporting a 25-8 record for games played. In their last contest, RIC pulled out a tough one by defeating Clark University 21-19, 15-13, and then handily defeated Wellesley College 15-7, 15-0. The next home game for the Anchorwomen will be on Saturday, Oct. 30 in Walsh Gymnasium at 1 p.m.

The soccer team still remains undefeated with a sterling record of 7-0-3.

RIC's record is certainly the result of fine teamwork from all of the players. However, the outstanding efforts of our goalie, Tony DeMello, has certainly given RIC the edge. RIC will have two more home games. On Oct. 28 they will take on Massachusetts Maritime, and the last home game of the season will take place on Oct. 30 at 1 p.m. when the fifth ranked Anchormen will play the fourth ranked Plymouth State College. Don't miss it!





# Women's Center has new location

Last spring, when the RIC Women's Center sponsored a "Women in the Arts" celebration, more than 200 people attended.

Predictions made beforehand indicated that they would be lucky to attract 50 participants to the event. The large turnout seemed to stress that a need and a desire for a Women's Center did indeed exist on the campus.

Since that first successful event, the Women's Center has experienced several more "firsts." For one thing, they recent-

ly moved to a more visible and accessible location in the Student Union on the ground floor facing the library. Previously, they were located in a storage-like closet on the third floor of the Union.

For the first time, a coordinator is being paid to head the organization. Fredlin M. Bennett, who has been affiliated with the Women's Center since last year, is also its first continuous coordinator.

"There's continuity now," she said, "and we have regular hours."

The center's primary focus is as a

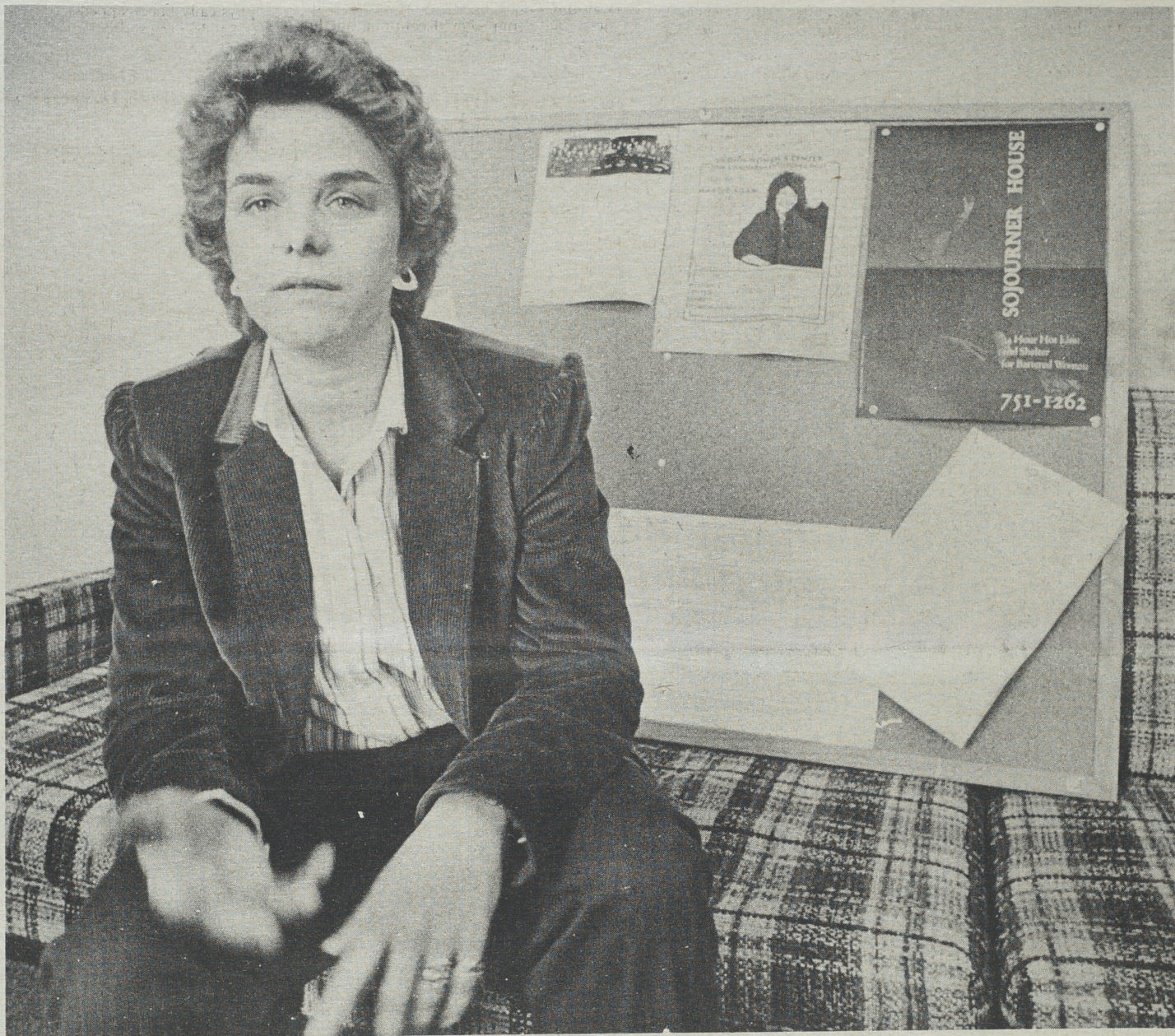
resource and referral center, said Ms. Bennett, who adds that they would deal with short-term counseling, day-care and academic subjects for starters. Under discussion at present are one-night workshops which will perhaps deal with the topics of self-esteem and women's health issues.

What Ms. Bennett would like to see happen this year is for the center to receive more feedback from all women on campus—staff, students and administrators.

"We want to hear from other people — to have them just drop in to talk about activities," she said. "We want to hear about what they want."

Ms. Bennett, a RIC alumna and advanced graduate student, said the new hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and their new telephone number is 456-8474.

She also said that though there are two work-study students usually available at the office, they are always looking for volunteers.



FREDLIN M. BENNETT, coordinator of RIC's Women's Center discusses some of the group's goals for the coming year.

(What's News Photo by Peter P. Tobia)

## WRIC to provide campus escort service



The campus radio station, WRIC, is providing an escort service between 5:30 and 10 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, to insure safety on the campus of Rhode Island College.

By calling WRIC at 456-8541, a student or faculty member will be met by an escort at any campus location. The escort will identify himself and walk the caller to any campus destination.

By providing this service, WRIC hopes to discourage the personal harassments and assaults which have been reported in the past.

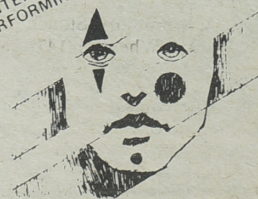
## Gas line leak at Art Center

The Art Center at RIC was evacuated for a short time on Tuesday when a gas line was accidentally hit by a contractor erecting a fence around the center's patio.

Fire apparatus arrived on campus at around 2 p.m. and the building was evacuated. According to Dr. James R. Cornelison Jr., the gas was turned off while the pipe was being repaired. Classes were temporarily postponed.

The pipe was repaired within a very short while, Cornelison said.

SPOTLIGHT ON RIC  
RHODE ISLAND'S  
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*from the Office of  
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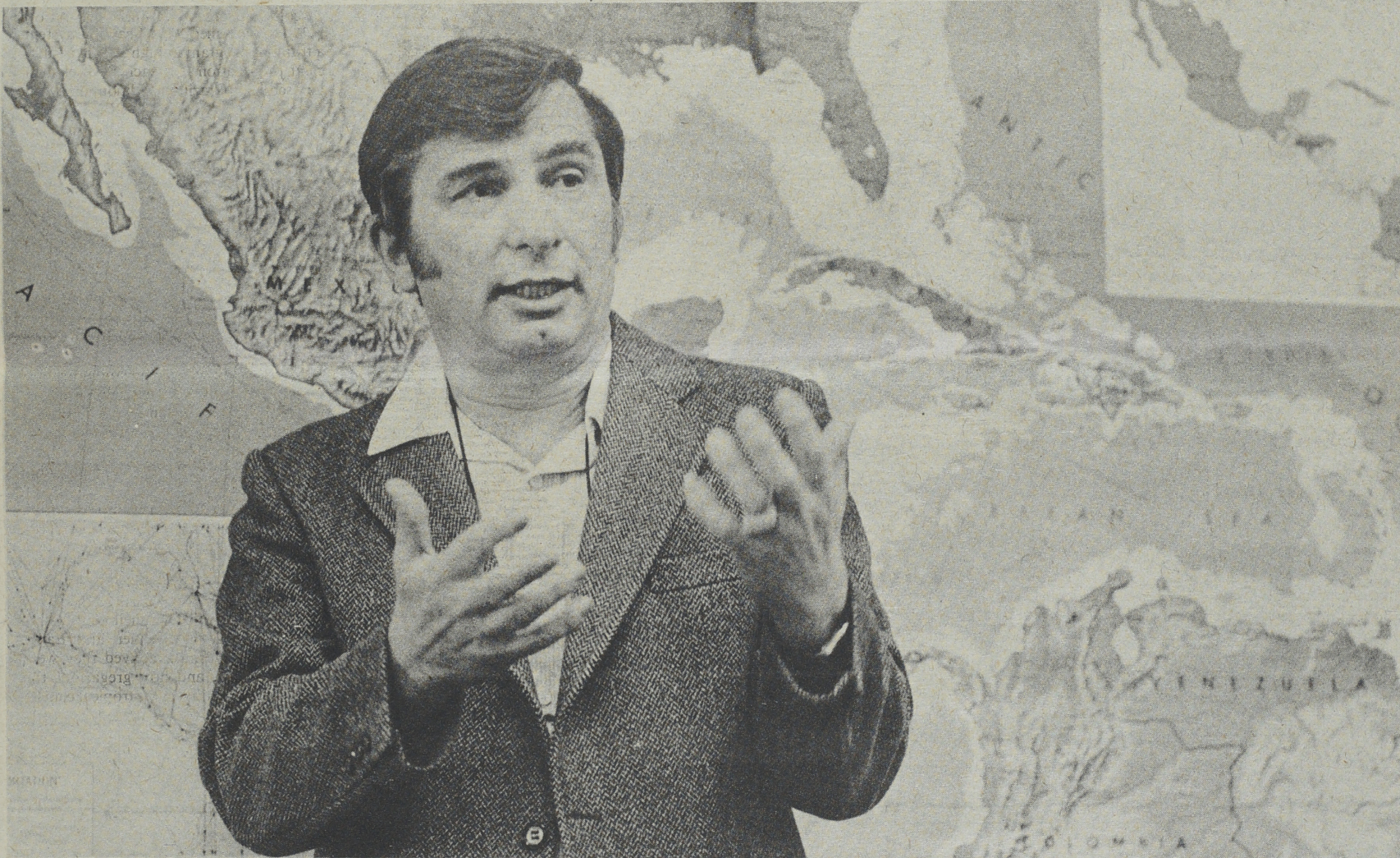
# Fall Enrollments

The Rhode Island College official fall enrollment showed that 8,732 students were enrolled in the Fall 1982 semester of which 7,352 were undergraduates and 1,380 were graduate students. This is a smaller enrollment than last year at this time when the total enrollment was 9,177. The following table outlines the comparable figures for Fall 1981 and Fall 1982:

	Headcount Enrollment		
	Fall 1981	Fall 1982	Difference
Undergraduate Students			
Degree	5249	5173	(76)
Non-Degree	2225	2179	(46)
Graduate Students			
Degree	787	652	(135)
Non-Degree	916	728	(188)
TOTALS	9177	8732	(445)

- There are some important points to note about the current enrollment picture:
- The number of in-state, undergraduate, degree candidates is almost identical to last year.
  - Out-of-state, undergraduate, degree candidates are down by 89 students or 17 percent.
  - Among non-degree undergraduates, there is a mixed enrollment picture:
    - Continuing Education students are up by 42 or 5 percent.

- Visiting students (mainly from Early Enrollment Program) are up 169 students or 44 percent.
  - Performance Matriculation students are down 64 or 17 percent.
  - The largest drop is of 193 students or 32 percent at the Urban Educational Center mainly due to a decline in enrollment in the Associates Degree Program. This resulted from a decision not to recruit new students pending a clarification of the future of the program.
  - The decline among all graduate students was 323 or a 19 percent over Fall 1981. The decline among part-time, non-degree candidates was the largest.
  - The number of male students attending RIC has increased considerably. Some 35 percent of the fulltime undergraduates are males this semester compared to 31 percent last year it is probable that this trend will continue as we attract more male students into the newer programs of accounting, management, computer science and industrial technology.
- The enrollment decline at RIC this semester was not unexpected. We have been monitoring the decline in the number of high school graduates for the past few years and recognize that without additional attention to recruitment, new admission to RIC would decrease at a rate comparable to the decline in high school graduates. To date, we have been successful in increasing our share of those graduates as evidenced by the size of our freshman class. We were able to maintain our fulltime undergraduate degree candidates' enrollment level with last fall. This is a healthy sign since that group represents more than half of our total enrollment.
- Graduate enrollments have been on the decline for at least five years. In 1977, RIC had 2,137 non-degree graduates taking courses during the fall semester; in 1982, only 728 such students were enrolled, representing a 66 percent decline. Among degree candidate graduate students, the decline has been less drastic amounting to a 37 percent drop.
- (Questions or comments about RIC FACTS should be directed to the Office of Institutional Research and Planning at 456-8435.)*



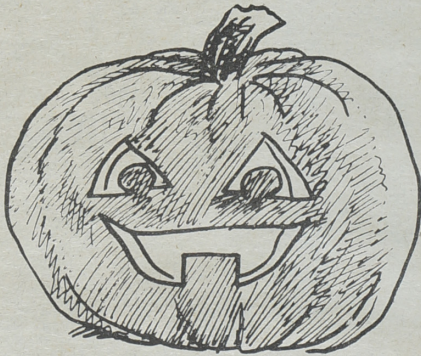
**GIVING A PERSONAL VIEW** and interpretation of violence, poverty and authoritarianism in Haiti as well as a review of the current political situation in the Dominican Republic is the Rev. Normand Demers of Providence. He spoke at last week's History Department Lunchtime Colloquium in Gaige Hall.

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# Halloween Tips

By Christine M. Brennan

- The following Halloween safety tips have been provided to you and your children by the Automobile Club of Rhode Island and the Office of Health Promotion. Please review these tips with your ghosts and goblins or any little creatures of the night who will be taking part in the festivities of Halloween.
1. Try to trick-or-treat when it is still light outside.
  2. Wear a costume that makes it easy for you to walk, see and be seen.
  3. If you must go out at night, make certain that your costume is light in color.
  4. Carry a flashlight so you can see and be seen easily.
  5. Use reflective tape on your costume so people driving cars can see you.
  6. A face mask will keep you from seeing well. Take off your mask before you cross a street.
  7. Why not use makeup instead of a mask?
  8. Have a parent, older brother or sister go trick-or-treating with you.
  9. If someone older cannot go with you, trick-or-treat with a group of children.
  10. Plan your trick-or-treat route ahead of time. Pick streets that are well-lighted.
  11. Tell your family on which streets you will be trick-or-treating.
  12. Cross only at corners. Never cross the street between parked cars or in the middle of the block.
  13. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing the traffic.
  14. Wait until you get home to sort, check and eat your treats.
- Have a safe and happy Halloween!





# Professors find Brazil 'delightful'

by Amber E. Cabot

"Kojak" and "Dallas" in Brazil? A far cry from living in the jungle. Yet many Americans have the latter distorted picture of Brazilians, while in Brazil people know much more about us through American TV shows and through travel.

This was the opinion of Drs. Marilyn Eanet and Alice Grellner, the two Rhode Island College professors who visited the Federal University of Maranhao in Brazil this past summer.

"It's a shame that Americans don't know much about South America and are not more appreciative of it," Professor Eanet said.

Their trip was a follow-up to President Sweet's sojourn there in the fall of 1981, and federal university Rector (president) Dr. Jose Maria Cabral Marques' return visit to RIC last spring.

One of its major purposes was to investigate the possibility of exchanges and a cooperative relationship between RIC and the federal university.

Why have a cooperative relationship with the federal university? Professor Eanet sees it as a means of cultural exchanges which will help broaden our perspective of the world.

Cultural differences, for instance, she feels provide an interesting contrast to our point of view. Professor Grellner explained that the Brazilian attitude towards time, work, and leisure is much different from our own. It is taken for granted that classes and appointments will start an hour or two late, and end early.

Furthermore, Brazilians go about their work at a more leisurely pace and enjoy what they are doing, instead of, as Professor Eanet put it, "working hard to have time and money to rest," as we appear to do.

Professor Grellner says that this easy-going attitude is prevalent in all phases of their daily lives. Political pressures or poor road conditions, for instance, are not shown a great deal of concern; they don't put stress on one's every day life.

Professors Eanet and Grellner were chosen for the trip primarily because of their expertise in the areas of adult literacy and teaching of the English language.

Both see a real need for teaching English in Brazil, as well as an eagerness to learn. Much of the available research material is published in English and is not translated. Furthermore, knowledge of a foreign language is required to get into college, and most students choose English.

Professor Grellner sees this area as the most important exchange possibility between the two colleges. She suggested that RIC offer a masters degree program in English-as-a-Second-Language for Brazilian professors.

Another area in which Professor Eanet feels RIC could offer help is that of adult literacy. Illiteracy is a widespread problem in Brazil among the poor.

However, Dr. Grellner points out that it is important not to go in thinking that



**THE GIRLS FROM BRAZIL: Drs. Marilyn Eanet and Alice Grellner discuss their recent visit to Brazil, a country they found "delightful".**

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we have all the answers.

The federal university is located in the state of Maranhao, in the northeastern part of the country. It is mainly an agrarian state and is considered the poorest in

Brazil.

The federal university has about the same number of undergraduate students as RIC and also has some common areas of study, such as arts and sciences, social

welfare, and education.

Professor Eanet sees possibilities for exchanges in any of these areas. Visiting faculty could observe, teach, or do research. The federal university is involved in much biological and historical research that she feels would be of interest to RIC faculty.

In addition, she envisions a student exchange, particularly beneficial for RIC Portuguese minors and federal university English majors.

Other possible exchanges she sees are between choirs, drama departments, and student newspapers.

Professor Grellner sees another major exchange possibility—the establishing of a relationship between the distance learning programs that both colleges have. In fact, Monica Carneiro, their hostess and translator at the federal university, will be visiting RIC from October through January to investigate our distance learning program.

Professor Grellner pointed out that if a cooperative relationship is to be successful, we must understand cultural differences and accept them without judging.

Besides attitudes towards time, work, and leisure, another cultural difference is that here more value is placed on advanced college degrees than in Brazil. As opposed to the American educational system, a training program in high school is sufficient preparation for teachers of elementary school in Brazil; in addition, many college professors do not have Ph.D.'s, and some do not have masters degrees.

Professor Grellner explained that there is a feeling that if we need graduate degrees, our undergraduate programs must be inadequate.

Professor Eanet also pointed out that there is a lack of educational opportunities in Brazil, particularly in the rural areas. Only 12 percent of the population finishes eighth grade. Then, after going through high school, only a small percentage of those taking college entrance exams are admitted.

Seven or eight thousand students apply to the federal university annually, while only 700 to 1,000 are admitted.

While in Brazil, Professor Eanet taught two seminars to teachers—one on educational techniques and the other on adult learning and literacy.

In addition, the two professors attended a seminar on linguistics and language teaching which gave them a chance to meet others in their field.

They also visited several other universities and saw different parts of the country, which helped enlarge their perspective.

Both Professors Grellner and Eanet stressed how warmly received they were while in Brazil, and how gregarious the people are. In addition, the tropical climate of a Brazilian winter added to their enjoyment.

"I found it delightful," Professor Eanet said, expressing the sentiments of both.

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## Deadline is Nov. 9th for scholars program

Nov. 9 is the application deadline for the *Mina Shaughnessy Scholars Program*. Approximately 15 funds of up to \$20,000 each will be awarded.

Educational practitioners throughout the country (not just senior faculty and administrators) are eligible to submit, in a 10 page application, their ideas for "practical projects" for the improvement of post-secondary education.

All projects should focus on activities that are derived from applicants' experience in the field and contribute to the improvement of future educational practice.

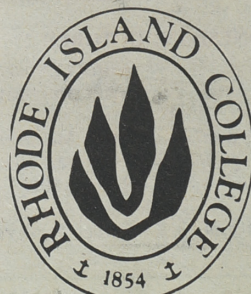
Ideas should focus on activities that are learner-centered, nationally significant, and cost effective. They should not deal with program development and implementation, or with research primarily of interest to only a scholarly audience.

This program provides people with the time and funds necessary to further develop and analyze their ideas, gather and synthesize, supporting, information and

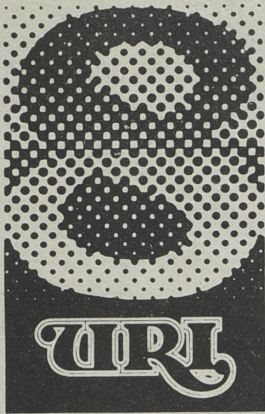
share their concepts with others.

Inquiries and requests for application materials should be addressed to: Mina Shaughnessy Scholars Program, Funds for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202; phone (202)245-8091.

For more information, contact Harriet Brisson, assistant dean of arts and sciences, at 456-8107.







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# ***RIC urges support of Nov. 2 URI bond issue***

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unanimously.

President Sweet, in a letter to Dr. Frank Newman, president of URI, said he believed "strongly that approval of this bond issue is essential to the maintenance and enhancement of quality at the University of Rhode Island in Rhode Island public education."

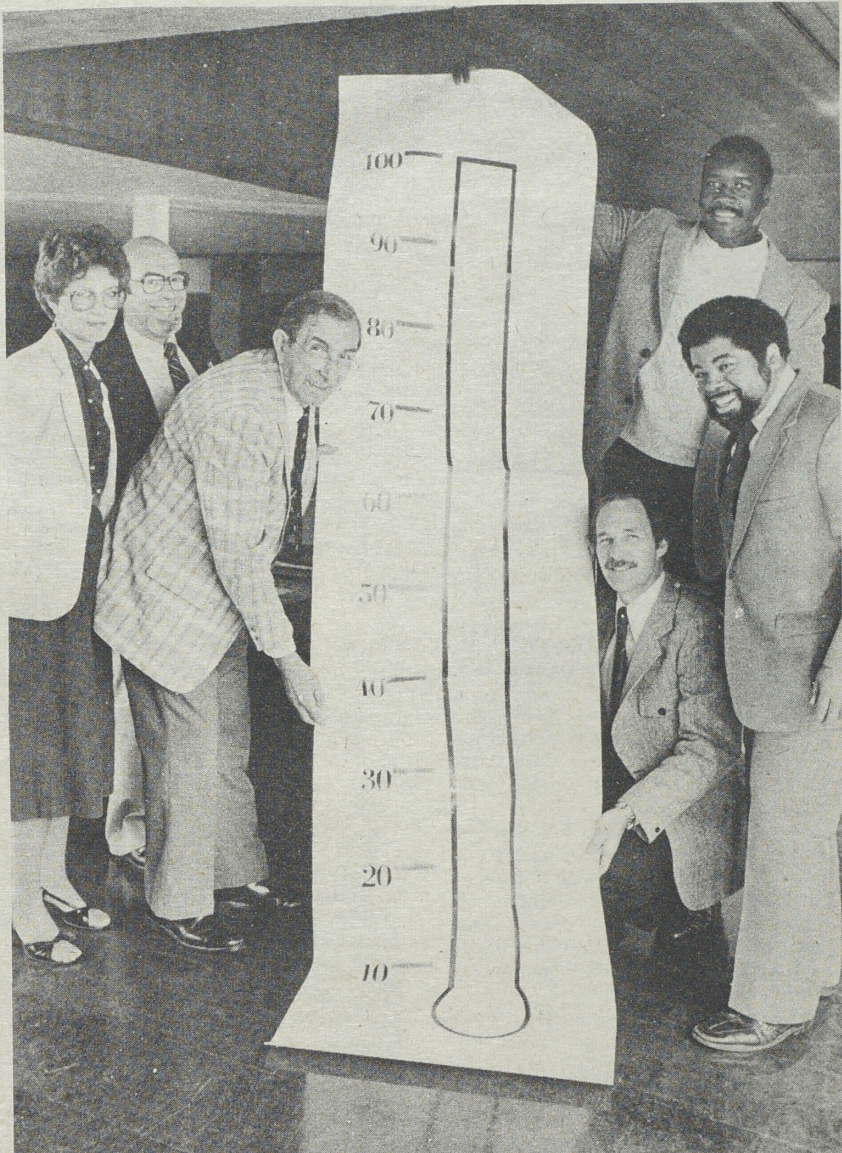
Sweet said he fully supported the approval of the bond issue and that he joined with Newman in urging voter support so that "improvements of paramount importance to the students of the university

and the citizens of the state" would be forthcoming.

Referring to laboratory additions and improvements which would be made possible through passage of the referendum, McMahon said instruction in science, engineering and other technological fields would be enhanced.

"All of these areas are closely tied to technological and economic development (in the state). Success (of the bond issue), I think, would have a significant impact on our economy," McMahon said.

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DEADLINE  
Tuesday 4:30 p.m.**



**HOPING TO REACH 100%** of their goal in the annual RIC United Way Campaign are (from left) Jill Bradfute and Peter Downes of the United Way; Dr. Renato Leonelli, RIC campaign chairman; John Foley, vice president for College Advancement and Support; Shelby Jordan of the Boston Patriots football team who addressed a luncheon meeting of all RIC solicitors last week; and Dr. William Lopes, assistant vice president for College Advancement and Support.  
(What's News Photo by Peter P. Tobia)

## **Calendar of Events October 25 - November 1**

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 25**

- 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.** *Career Services.* Fine arts and music careers. Craig Lee, Room 054
- 10 to 11 a.m.** *Career Services.* Job Search Workshop. Craig Lee, Room 054.
- Noon to 1 p.m.** *Behavioral Weight Control.* Judy Gaines. Craig Lee, 130.
- 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.** *New Faculty Orientation.* Program will be followed by a reception. Alumni Lounge

### **MONDAY to THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25-28**

**Noon** *Mass.* Student Union, Room 304.

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26**

- 8 a.m.** *Protestant Service.* Student Union, Room 304.
- 9 to 10 a.m.** *Career Services.* Job search for cooperative education students. Craig Lee, Room 054.
- Noon to 2 p.m.** *Decal Computer Workshop.* Peter Glanz. Gaige, Room 163.
- 1 p.m.** *Gfgraduate Study.* An informal discussion. Craig Lee, Room 152.
- 1 to 2 p.m.** *Career Services.* Career decison-making workshop. Craig Lee, Room 054.
- 2 to 4 p.m.** *Increasing Women's Self-Esteem.* Judy Gaines and Fredlin Bennett. Fourth of an eight-part series. Women's Center.
- 3 to 4:30 p.m.** *Procrastination—A Mind Game Played By Losers.* Dr. Tom Lavin. Second of three-part series. Craig Lee, Room 130.
- 6 p.m.** *Women's Volleyball.* RIC vs. Stonehill. Away.
- 7 to 9 p.m.** *Performance Based Admissions Program.* For adults who want to earn a college degree. Roberts Hall, Alumni Lounge.

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27**

- Noon** *History Department Lunchtime Colloquium* "Cuba and Present Day Latin American Policy." Rev. Raymond Tetrault. Gaige, Room 207.
- 1 to 3 p.m.** *Stress Management For Everyday Life.* Dr. Tom Pustell. Second of a two-part series. Conference Room, Counseling Center, Craig Lee, Room 130.
- 2 to 4 p.m.** *Career Services.* Interviewing workshop. Craig Lee, Room 054.

**2:30 p.m.** *Men's Soccer.* RIC vs. Eastern Nazarene. Away.

**8:15 p.m.** *Chamber Music Series.* Free and open to all. Roberts Hall, Room 138.

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28**

- 2 to 3 p.m.** *Career Services.* Resume workshop. Craig Lee, Room 054.
- 2 to 4 p.m.** *Responsible Assertiveness for Men and Women.* Dr. Tom Lavin. Fifth of a six-part series. Craig Lee, Room 130.
- 7 p.m.** *Protestant Service.* Student Union, Room 304.

### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29**

- 10 a.m. to noon** *Career Services.* Interview workshop for cooperative education students. Craig Lee, Room 054.
- 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.** *Epsilon Pi Tau.* Installation of officers. \$6 for meal. Davies Vocational Technical High School.

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30**

- TBA** *RIC Women's Cross Country.* New England Championships.
- 1 p.m.** *Women's Volleyball.* RIC vs. Keene State. Away.
- 1 p.m.** *Men's Soccer.* RIC vs. Plymouth State. Home.

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30 to SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31**

- 8 a.m.** *New York City Bus Trip.* International Society. \$17 per person. Payments can be made to Mrs. Rouleau in the Modern Language Department. Departure from Roberts Hall.

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31**

- 10 a.m.** *Sunday Mass.* Student Union, Ballroom.
- 7 p.m.** *Sunday Evening Mass.* Browne Hall's Upper Lounge.

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

- Noon** *Mass.* Student Union, Room 304.
- Noon to 1 p.m.** *Behavioral Weight Control.* Judy Gaines. Craig Lee, Room 130
- 11 a.m. to noon** *Career Services.* Resume workshop. Craig Lee, Room 054.
- 2 to 4 p.m.** *Career Services.* Interviewing workshop. Craig Lee, Room 054.