



WHAT'S NEWS

AT RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE

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BUBBLING OVER WITH EXCITEMENT at the Rhode Island College spring commencement May 23 are (l to r) Lisa Parent, Glenn Halvarson, Melissa Brule and Allan Fung. See pages 6 and 7 for more on commencement. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

School-based management

RIC educators, Grove Ave. School collaborate

by Clare Eckert

"Work with Pride: Feel Good Inside" is the moving force behind an innovative, collaborative effort going on between the Grove Avenue Elementary School staff and Rhode Island College educators. The point being that all those adults involved in the process of teaching want to ensure that the minds, the bodies and the spirits of the school children there flourish and grow today...and for all their tomorrows.

Although a multitude of programs and studies have indicated that if kids feel good about themselves, their scholastic aptitude and general well-being will lead to satisfactory lifestyles, this school's motto and overall atmosphere reaches beyond those traditional parameters and has become embedded in the everyday learning and living experiences of the first through sixth graders.

In one classroom for example, individualized, self-adjusting "mood thermometers" using yellow and blue ribbon - yellow for happy, blue for sad - are displayed each day by each child. Before the teacher talks to a student about not bringing in homework or notices a frown on a child's face, she "checks the thermometer" the child has set. The "reading" helps the teacher decide how to approach the child on any given day.

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'Very few like Florence'—

A freshman at 73, she interns with atty. general

by George LaTour

"What are you doing this for? To get a better job!???" 81-year-old Roy Baker recently asked his wife, who had announced she was going back to school — this time for a college degree.

And, don't you know, she did it. Came back to school.

This spring 73-year-old Florence (Maynard) Baker of Providence completed the first semester of her freshman year at Rhode Island College where she intends to get a degree in general studies "probably by the time I'm 100!" she quips.

Pretty impressive.

Well, state Atty. Gen. James E. O'Neil thinks so, and after meeting her at a recent symposium at RIC on government corruption invited her to work as an intern in his office this summer — not for pay or college credit, but for the experience of it.

And, you know, she did it.

Under the guidance of Marissa (Petrarca) White of Cranston, RIC '85, director of personnel for the attorney general's office, and Trish Miller, who runs the program, Mrs. Baker now works three days a week in the bail-forfeiture project.

"People who don't show (in court)...we check up on them," she explains with just the right air of professionalism and a compassion expressed through gentle humor.

Married 53 years, she and Roy have two sons, a daughter, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Yet, she has found the time to be a world traveler, having been to such exotic sites as Turkey, Japan, Italy and Beijing, China (during the Tiananmen Square massacre), and a number of other countries such as Germany, France and Yugoslavia.

Most were through the Elderhostel program for which she worked for a number of years.

"I've been practically everywhere through that program," she'll tell you.

In addition to her Elderhostel job, Mrs. Baker has held a number of administrative posts in her working career.

These include eight years as an administrative assistant in the admissions office at the college of Brown within Brown University; five years in the medical education department of Miriam Hospital where she "ran the office" and took care of the needs of the interns and residents; and administrative assistant at the Washington County Mental Health Center in Charlestown.

Her business experience shows in her polished bearing and can be heard in her clear, articulate, no-nonsense speech.

That being said, Mrs. Baker assures that now she'll take the time "to smell the roses" as a student at RIC.

When she first came to the College last year, she told one of her professors that the last time she took an exam was in 1937. "One of the students (overhearing

her) exclaimed: '1937!!!!' She couldn't believe it. That was pre-historic times to her," Mrs. Baker says with a certain amount of relish and a chuckle.

She doesn't seem to mind startling people at all.

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RIC Foundation Golf Day Aug. 11

Described by Rhode Island golfers as the "premiere" course in the state, Warwick Country Club on Warwick Neck will be the site of the third annual Rhode Island College Foundation Golf Day scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 11, beginning with check-in and a buffet lunch at 11 a.m.

Even if golfing isn't your game, organizers for the event invite "the broader family and friends of the College to enjoy the picturesque view of Narragansett Bay from the course," and an evening of fun, food and friends at day's end with a scrumptious dinner.

A shotgun start is set for 1 following the lunch. Play will be limited to 120 golfers, which will be offered on a first come, first served basis, according to John J. Fitta, College controller and Foundation assistant treasurer.

Fitta, who has headed the event for the past two years, said "It is always successful and a first rate College and Foundation event." In addition, he said, "It is the single highest money-maker for the Foundation. Any revenue raised is dedicated to scholarships for our students."

A \$100 per person registration fee entitles golfers to 18 holes, golf cart, buffet lunch, refreshments on the course, prizes, favors and dinner. More importantly, Fitta said, "It affords us all the opportunity to get together, raise money for the Foundation and enjoy a pleasant day's outing."

For further information, reservations for dinner tickets or special sponsorship fees, call Fitta, at 456-8224.

Focus on the Faculty and Staff



Assistant professor of industrial technology **Steven King** has been selected to present a paper at the American Production and Inventory Control Society (APICS) International conference, to be held in Montreal in October. The theme of the conference, the 35th annual, is "Challenging Traditional Thinking." King's paper entitled "Competitive Advantage—Can We Get There From Here?" is based on an ongoing research study encompassing electronics manufacturers in New England. King's involvement with APICS includes having earned professional certification at the fellow level; serving as the APICS' regional director of industry-academic liaison; serving as the faculty advisor to the RIC APICS student chapter; and being a reviewer of manuscript submissions for the Production and Inventory Management Journal.

Professor of education **Anne Petry** has been awarded a fellowship to participate in the Japan Study Tour Program, which includes orientation sessions, a three-week study tour of Japan and follow-up seminars. Petry is one of 18 New England educators who will travel to Japan in July to gain first-hand exposure to Japanese society and culture. She will visit several Japanese cities, school, temples and businesses and will stay with Japanese families in Sapporo and Kamakura. The Japan Study Tour Program is one of several activities for precollege educators offered by the Five College Center for East Asian Studies, an organization funded by the United States-Japan Foundation.

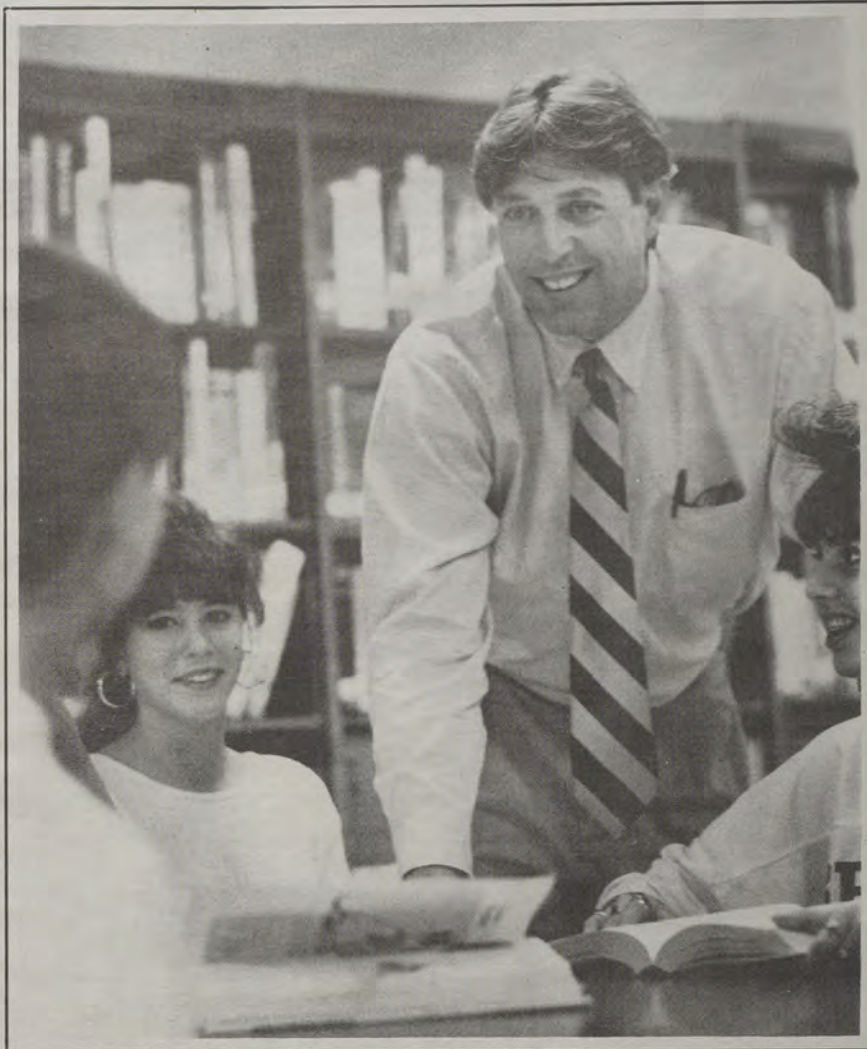
Laurie A. Prime, a part-time faculty member in the Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, was recently named the State Teacher Trainer in Drug Education for Rhode Island and was awarded a grant by the Association for the Advancement of Health Education (AAHE). AAHE and the BEST Foundation for a Drug-Free Tomorrow are attempting to establish a national training network that will assist communities and schools throughout the United States to ensure that students have every opportunity to grow up without the use of drugs. Prime will conduct in-service education for school teachers in grades two through eight who would like to introduce the use of drug prevention videos in their school and communities.



Judith I. Gaines, director of the career development center, has been selected to attend the College Placement Council's National Management Leadership Institute at the University of Minnesota Executive Development Center, Curtis L. Carlson School of Management in Minneapolis. The Institute runs from July 12 through 17. Each year approximately 60 career planning and placement personnel from the College Placement Council's national and international membership are selected to participate.

Dr. James J. Scanlon, director of student health, had an article entitled "Bowenite, Rhode Island's Mineral" published in the May issue of *Old Rhode Island* magazine.

Alum named 1992 Social Studies Teacher of Year



ALAN S. CANESTRARI, CLASS OF 1971

Alan S. Canestrari has been named Rhode Island Social Studies Teacher of the Year for 1992 by the Rhode Island Social Studies Association (RISSA). RISSA President Melinda H. Ryan presented the award to Canestrari at the RISSA spring conference on May 5 at Rhode Island College.

Canestrari was selected by the Association for his use of innovative teaching techniques, methods, and strategies; the involvement of his students in social studies activities, and his involvement in professional activities.

He has been teaching at North Smithfield Junior Senior High School since 1971 and was named department chairman in 1985, the same year that he received his doctorate in education from Boston University. Canestrari received his bachelor of arts and masters degrees from RIC.

In addition to teaching in North Smithfield, Canestrari serves as an adjunct professor for Rhode Island College providing field site experiences for social studies practicum students. He has conducted teacher workshops for various school districts in conjunction with the R.I. Educational Leadership Academy, the Northern Rhode Island Collaborative, and the R.I. Math Teacher's Association. He has developed materials for the social studies association and the Center for Foreign Policy Development at Brown University. He has been active as an evaluator for the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges. He is a member of RISSA, the National Council for the Social Studies, and Pi Lambda Theta, a national honor society for educators.

Canestrari lives in Barrington with his wife, Nancy, a kindergarten teacher at Nayatt School, and his daughters Alyson, 14, and Lauren, 12.

Bertha Emin, Class of '12, dies at 100



Bertha Christina (Andrews) Emin, a 1912 graduate of Rhode Island State Normal School (now Rhode Island College), died May 11 at St. Joseph Hospital, North Providence. She was 100 years old.

A retired teacher from Smithfield, she had devoted her life to contributing to the schools in that community and the community itself.

At RIC during the annual Cap and Gown Day Convocation during which graduating seniors are cited for outstanding achievement, two awards are named for Mrs. Emin, one for scholastic excellence and the other for outstanding achievement. Both are limited to graduates from Smithfield. Both awards are administered through the RIC Foundation.

Mrs. Emin taught in the Smithfield schools from 1912 until 1961. Later, she was a substitute for two years, and then taught for five years at St. Philip School.

She served as chairperson of the Smithfield School Committee from 1938 to 1942, and also served on the Rhode Island Institute of Instruction Policy Committee for 10 years.

The widow of Leander F. Emin, she was born in Providence, a daughter of the late Philip R. and Anna M. (Kane) Andrews. She leaves four daughters, B. Madonna Mott of Barrington, Leah Doyle, Elodie Blackmore, both of Smithfield, and Kathleen Thornton of Dresden, Maine; a sister, Helen A. Carlton of Smithfield; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the Elliott M. Robbins Chapel in Centredale, with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Michael Church on Farnum Pike. Burial was in St. Francis Cemetery, Pawtucket.

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'Phone up the funds'



ON THE LINE: Paula Bonaminio is a member of the RIC Alumni Association phonathon team which has raised \$35,900 in pledges this spring. Response to the letter of solicitation to past donors has raised another \$35,200 for the 1992 Alumni Fund. Phonathon team members included paid student callers and alumni volunteers. Both past donors and alumni who have never given to the College were contacted.

Founded in '27, Olympic Club members still meet —

The bonds only grow stronger with time

by George LaTour

It was a different time. Attitudes were different from today's "do unto others before they do unto you."

It was a time of loyalty, camaraderie, of brotherly love, perhaps forged in fires of the Great Depression when the narrow streets of Providence were home to diverse ethnic peoples, many living cheek-to-jowl in near-poverty conditions.

They shared hardship over a period of years, hardship that drew them to one another even closer than their nearly adjoining porches that characterized the front of many of the three-decker wooden tenement houses.

In Providence's Jewish community, young boys — maybe six to 10 years of age — banded together — not in violent street gangs — but in a club of sorts. A boy's club, if you will.

The struggles of their parents to somehow earn a living and keep body and soul of family members together and the fortitude and respect for each other they demonstrated somehow rubbed off on the children.

There was a lack of any sense of feeling sorry for oneself. It was tough times for everybody there.

These youngsters banded together and shared a friendship born in adversity.

The Olympic Club

Initially eight youngsters comprised The Olympics, later to be called the William Gates Cutler Olympic Club, named after a venerable "scout master" sort of fellow of that day.

"We used to meet at the old Jewish Community Center on Benefit Street. It was more like a settlement house. It was our club within the Center, a place for kids to go," relates Louis Yosinoff, Rhode Island College '40, who is one of the founders and a former club president.

"We later branched out into sports and social events," explains Yosinoff. "We played basketball, went on hikes, you know...it kept us off the streets."

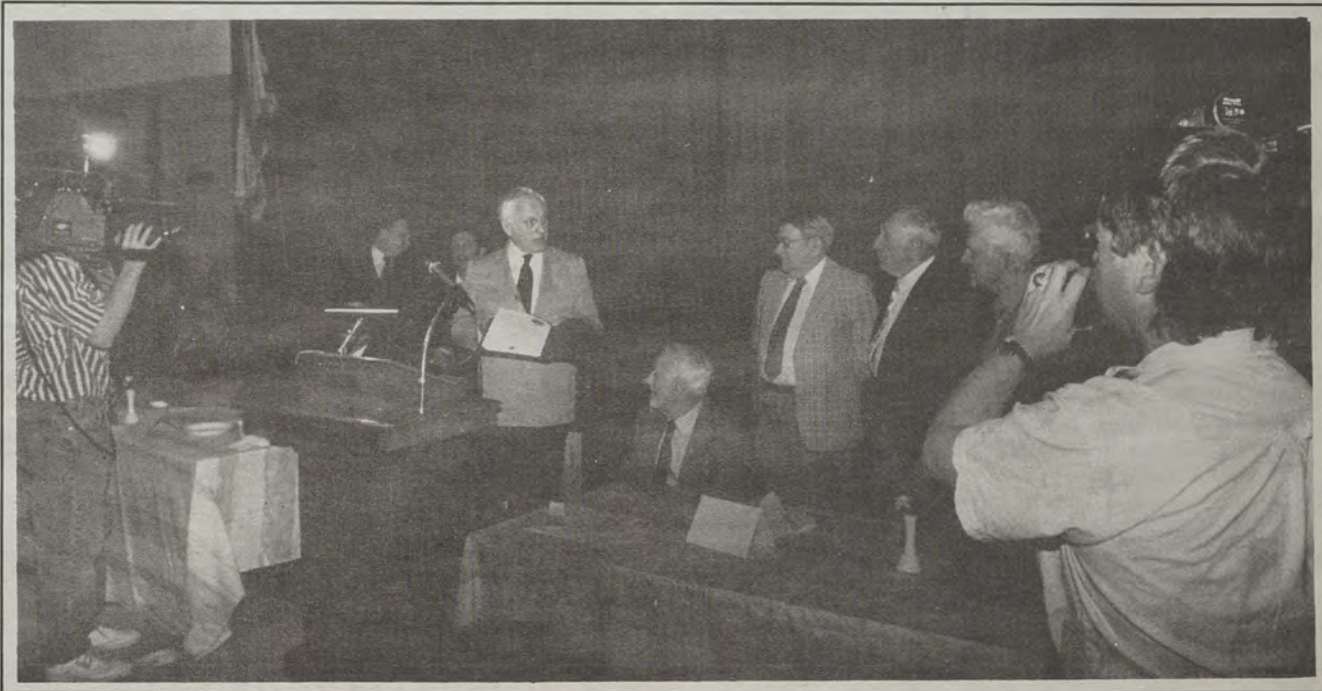
He adds, almost as an afterthought, "Some of us turned out pretty good." Indeed!

A Big Bash

That was 65 years ago.

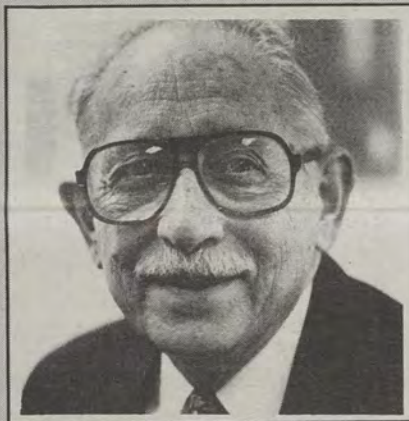
On May 24, members — now in their 70s — had what they called a "Big Bash." It was their 65th Anniversary Reunion and they held it at the Crestwood Country Club.

"The same fellas will be at the reunion that started the club. We all stayed friends through the years even though we're all over the place now" relocated to various sites throughout the United States and even Europe, said 65th Anniversary Committee chairman Sid Green, prior to the reunion.



AS TV CAMERAS RECORD, Gov. Bruce Sundlun inducts surviving founding members of the William Gates Cutler Olympic Club into the Rhode Island Jewish Athletic Hall of Fame at ceremonies in the Jewish Community Center, Providence, on May 24. (What's News Photo by George LaTour)

Alum named to Hall of Fame



SYD COHEN

Syd Cohen of Cranston, Class of 1940, was inducted into the Rhode Island Jewish Athletic Hall of Fame in ceremonies May 24 at the Rhode Island Jewish Center, Providence, along with two other outstanding local sports figures.

Gov. Bruce Sundlun did the honors at the Sunday breakfast event.

Cohen was cited for his contributions to sports in Rhode Island for some 45 years, beginning in 1947 when his sports column was initiated in the *Jewish Herald*.

"One of his most notable achievements as a columnist was in originating the movement that brought Little League baseball to Providence," noted his citation.

Cohen is a past president and vice president of Words Unlimited, Rhode Island Sportswriters/Sportscasters Association, and was commissioner of the Rhode Island Jewish Softball League, which he also served as umpire and player.

An active member of the Society for American Baseball Research, he was instrumental in bringing the organization's 1984 national convention to Providence for the centennial celebration of the first actual World Series, which was won in 1884 by the Providence Grays over the New York Metropolitans.

Cohen is a member of the RIC Alumni Association executive board and of the RIC Foundation. Prior to his retirement, he was chairman of the English and reading department at Chariho Regional Junior-Senior High School.

Assistant professor in the RIC mathematics and computer science department David L. Abrahamson and radio sports-talk-show host Dick Higgins served as masters of ceremony.

"Call Syd. He'll tell you," urges Green, who points out that Syd Cohen "individually, and the whole club as a group" would be inducted into the Rhode Island Jewish Athletic Hall of Fame in ceremonies headed by Rhode Island Gov. Bruce Sundlun at a Sunday morning breakfast the same day as the club reunion. (See separate story in this issue on Syd Cohen.)

Other members of the club besides Yosinoff who are RIC graduates are Sam Kolodney, Joselyn "Jos" Presser and Syd Cohen, all members of the Class of 1940.

In addition to Yosinoff and Presser, the other founders of the club are Jack Jacobson, Nat Schwartz, Erolle Haas, Haskell Wallick, Ira Stone and Jack Rotenberg.

The camaraderie has lasted through the years. You could not only see it. You could sense it.

Walking around smiling, shaking hands, recalling some event of years before, getting caught up on how many grandchildren this one has or remarking in some disbelief how many children that one had put through college and so on.

Sid Green is proud of how Syd Cohen turned out, he'll tell you; and Cohen is no doubt proud of Yosinoff, who, there is little doubt, is proud of Green, and Kolodney and Presser, well...you know the rest.

They're proud of each other and what each has accomplished in this life.

But, perhaps the thing of which they are most proud — their greatest accomplishment — is the bond they formed one to the other, which only has grown stronger through the years.



WHO'S WHO IN 1992? The Class of 1942 recently attended the 1992 Commencement where they gave their alma mater \$25,000. During the week before graduation class members held their reunion at the Inn at the Crossings in Warwick where this photo was taken. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

'A phenomenal record' cited for 32 graduates of Upward Bound

Rhode Island College President John Nazarian termed the 1992 Upward Bound program's achievement of graduating 32 high school students, 30 of whom have been accepted at 11 different colleges and universities, "a phenomenal record."

"I congratulate you," said Nazarian as family members and friends of the graduates, high school, college, city and state education officials applauded in Gage Hall auditorium on the evening of June 9.

Having celebrated its 25th year last year at RIC, which was the first public institution of higher learning to host the nationally funded program, Upward Bound targets academically under-prepared, low-income high-school students from Central Falls, East Providence, Shea, Central, Hope and Mount Pleasant high schools, who would be the first in their families to attend college, and prepares them for college.

Commencement speaker, Kenneth C. Strait Jr., a 1970 graduate of the program from Hope High School, who went on to receive a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Iowa and a Juris Doctorate in 1984 from Rutgers University Law School, told the graduates there "is no disgrace in recognizing that we all need help" to achieve our goals.

Currently a practicing attorney in East Orange, N. J., Strait credited the Upward Bound program here as well as RIC and his family, especially, for having provided the help he needed to get started.

He said at one point in his law career he found himself addressing the Supreme Court and asked himself, "What am I, a kid from South Providence, doing here?" His answer: "Upward Bound put me here."

U.S. Dept. of Ed awards \$385,384 to Upward Bound Program

by Clare Eckert

Rhode Island College's Upward Bound Program was notified by the US Department of Education that it was awarded a grant for \$385,384 for the first year beginning June 1, 1992 of a three-year cycle of available funding in a national competition, according to Mariam Z. Boyajian, Program director. The funding will allow 130 students to participate each year.

The 26-year-old program, which has been housed on the RIC campus for that many years and is considered among the nation's oldest TRIO programs, targets academically under-prepared, low-income, first generation college bound students from Central Falls, East Providence, Shea, Central, Hope and Mount Pleasant high schools.

According to Boyajian, nearly 2,500 students have participated in the program, which includes rigorous academic instruction, individualized tutoring, counseling and career information. Its overall successful rate is based on the fact that 98 percent of every Upward Bound graduating class has entered public and private colleges throughout the country, and that 78.6 percent of these students have persisted and graduated from the same institutions, reported Boyajian.

"The goals of the program have historically been to celebrate diversity, offer higher educational opportunity to those students who would otherwise not have that opportunity and to enhance educational equity by challenging students to reach their true potential," she said.



UPWARD BOUND SCHOLAR Claudia Baptista is congratulated by President John Nazarian as the winner of the \$750 annual Upward Bound Alumni Scholarship. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

Also addressing the graduates were Gary M. Penfield, vice president for student affairs, and Anthony Leone, state associate commissioner for higher education.

The following Upward Bound students, who achieved the highest academic average in their respective school systems, received \$250 scholarships: Central Falls — Hitesh Patel, also valedictorian for the Central Falls High School, Class of 1992; East Providence — Jose Cruz, East Providence High School; Pawtucket — Ana Karantonis, also salutatorian for Shea High School, Class of 1992, and Providence — Khoeuch Tieang, also salutatorian for Central High School, Class of 1992.

The \$750 Upward Bound Alumni Scholarship Fund award was given to Claudia Solange Baptista, salutatorian for the Central Falls High School Class of 1992.

According to Mariam Z. Boyajian, program director, 30 of the 32 graduates plan to enroll in college in the fall. One student will attend Katherine Gibbs, and one will defer enrollment to September of 1993.

The list of graduates, their high schools and their intended colleges follows:

Central High School: Ruth Bernard — University of Rhode Island; Koua Khang — Community College of Rhode Island; Chhavan Pan, Kimly Sao, Im Sok and William Whetstone, all University of Rhode Island; Khoeuch Tieang — Providence College.

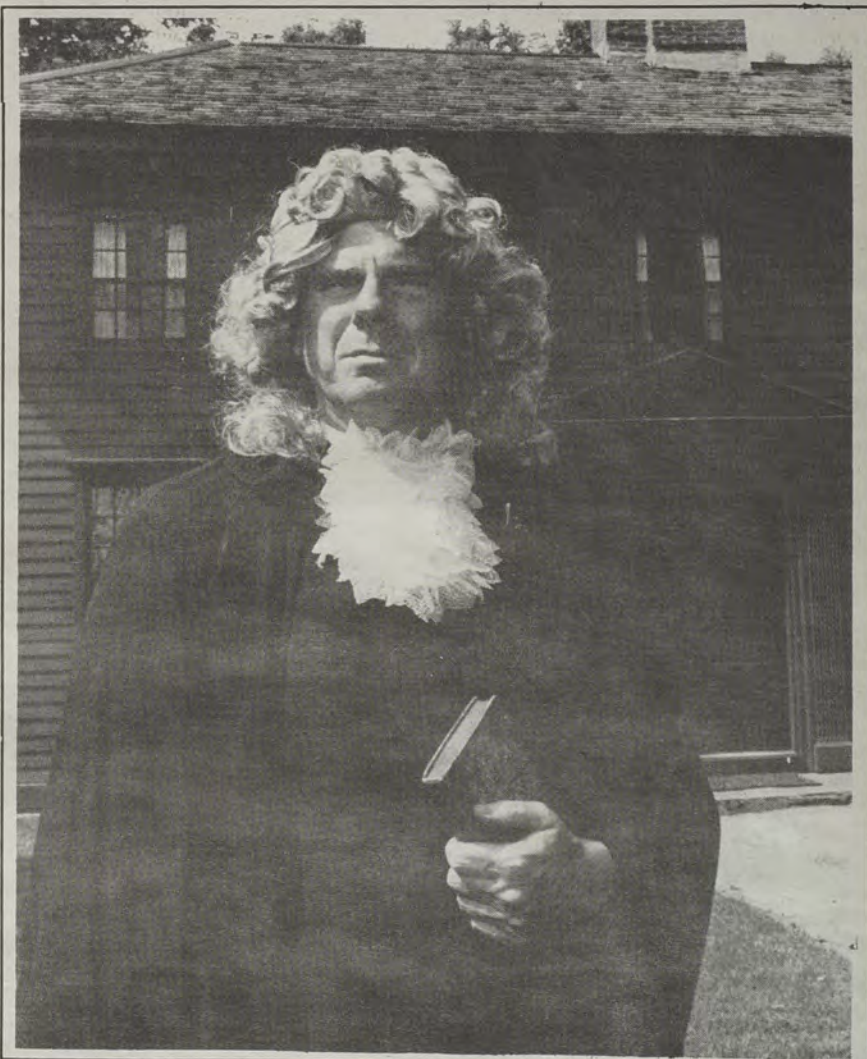
Hope High School: Yokasta Burgos and Susan Cedeno — Rhode Island College; Maria Goncalves — University of Rhode Island.

Mt. Pleasant High School: Alex Flores — Community College of Rhode Island; Malphone Khamyvoravong — University of Rhode Island; Natasha Mobray — Katherine Gibbs; Vilayphon Nhongvongsouthy — Boston College; Orady Phomsouvandara — University of Rhode Island; Terinna Walker — Rhode Island College.

East Providence High School: Jose Cruz — University of Rhode Island; Ademildo Lopes — Community College of Rhode Island; Manuel Lopes — Community College of Rhode Island.

Central Falls High School: Claudia Baptista — Georgetown University; Govinda Berrio — University of Rhode Island; Carla Faria — Rhode Island College; Hitesh Patel — University of Notre Dame; Juan Uran — Community College of Rhode Island.

Shea High School: Nancy Carvalho — University of Rhode Island; Carlos Coutinho — Boston College; Sonya Craig — (deferred enrollment); Ana Karantonis — Yale University; Cleyde Oliveira — Connecticut College; Orlanda Oliveira — University of Rhode Island; Curtis Rogers — Connecticut College; Daniil Utin — Brandeis University.



PORTRAYING BISHOP GEORGE BERKELEY, the 18th Century philosopher, is P.W. Hutchinson, professor of theater at Rhode Island College. At rear is Berkeley's house (1729-31), Whitehall, in Middletown, where Hutchinson performed in character on Flag Day for the benefit of the annual meeting of the Rhode Island Chapter of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)



HONEY BEAR RETURNS: HBS teacher Joan C. Bloom shows Honey Bear, the 'world traveler,' to some of her first graders. (What's News Photo by George LaTour).

Honey Bear comes home

by Clare Eckert

Rhode Island College Henry Barnard School teacher Joan C. Bloom's first graders went on a world tour over the past several months...and all from behind their classroom desks.

The children's guide was a fluffy, 20-inch, stuffed teddy bear, named Honey Helper, who began his global excursion from Bloom's classroom last fall by way of her brother, Father Raymond Collins, who took the bear with him when he returned to his teaching position at the University of Louvain in Louvain, Belgium.

Honey Helper, who Bloom reports has become the class's mascot, was part of a lesson in geography for the first graders, introduced by them as a result of the teacher's participation in a National Geographic Society project to increase and improve geography in schools throughout the nation.

"It was one of the ideas I came away with," she said, from her attendance at

the Washington, D. C. training session last summer. "I just took a first-grade approach."

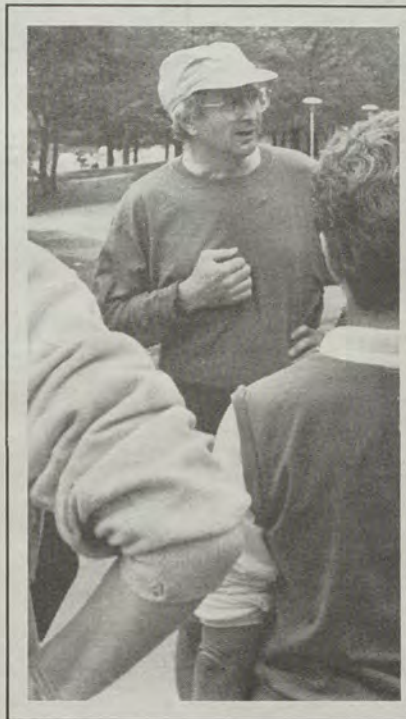
Two other bears, Billy Bear and Willie Worker, were also part of the project. Billy Bear was sent off to travel the USA, and Willie Worker was sent off to cover Rhode Island. Unfortunately, Bloom said, these bear's trips were not as successful. But, she said, thankfully, they did find their way home to her classroom.

The experience of researching and discussing where Honey Bear had landed over the past several months, and seeing and talking about the numerous mementos, and reading the journal that was attached to him - along with a class picture - "excited the children because they tracked the locations on the map," Bloom said. And learned that "the world is bigger than the environment they live in."

Would she offer the project to her next year's class? "Definitely!" Bloom said. "But how it will go when I present the idea...will depend upon the children."

Health care... good for you... good for your pocketbook

by Clare Eckert



PEP TALK: Personnel director Gordon Sundberg gives some health facts to those who turned out to walk during their lunch break for National Employee Health and Fitness Week May 11-15. O.K. Once around the campus.

"It's good for the pocketbook," is how Rhode Island College Director of Personnel Services Gordon N. Sundberg puts it.

Sundberg, Bette Brady, personnel manager, and John Taylor, recreation center official, put together a week's worth of health-maintenance activities during "National Employee Health and Fitness Week" May 11 through 15 to educate and inform RIC employees about the benefits of fostering healthier lifestyles.

"The bottom line to all of this is to reduce the cost of our health care maintenance," Sundberg said, adding "that would mean less utilization and drive the cost down. The way we can do that is to introduce people to what they can do and encourage them to help themselves."

"The emerging posture is that health problems are no longer just an individual's problems," Sundberg said. "They are affecting the American workplace and costing us money in terms of absenteeism, turnover, loss of productivity, rising costs of health care and accidents."

According to the personnel head, the week of campus activities was successful. Upwards of about 40 people participated in one or more of the programs, including daily three-mile walks, aerobics, a special nutritious breakfast at Donovan Dining Center and open house session at the Recreation Center.

Although he would have liked to have seen more "of the high risk group - 40 years and older, males," he was pleased with this first effort. In September, he hopes to organize regular programs through his office and the Recreation Center staff.

"This is the major, major concern for the 1990s," he said. "It can't just be one week. We have to organize a program on an everyday basis. And there should be some reward" for participating.

"Sound nutrition and diet, stress management, exercise and fitness are becoming common workplace issues," he said. "Most importantly, it is good for the quality of a person's life. You can do much more if you're in good shape to do it."

Health care costs have skyrocketed since the 1970s from the national budget allocation of \$215 billion in 1970 to an over 14 percent hike in 1992 equalling \$820 billion.

There's no getting around the fact that if something isn't done soon (and maybe soon is not soon enough!) Americans will not be able to afford to get sick, get routine check-ups or pay for "what the doctor ordered."

But there is a new emerging sense of health care and preventative measures that have taken the country by storm. First in its appeal to those who adhere to the philosophy, "feel good, look good" and now to those who are becoming more and more aware that if they exercise, eat a balanced diet, avoid alcohol and enjoy life in moderation, their health care costs may minimize.

Settlement reached with insurance company on Walsh fire

by Clare Eckert

Tenacity and teamwork by Rhode Island College officials has resulted in a "fair settlement" by the Hartford Insurance Company to the College to rebuild the structure and replace the contents - both at today's market prices - of the Michael F. Walsh Health and Physical Education Center, destroyed Jan. 5 by a blazing four-alarm fire.

The College reached agreement with the insurance company last month in the amount of just over \$8.8 million. The state Board of Governors for Higher Education authorized the settlement at its May 21 meeting.

According to John J. Fitta, College controller, the claim is to be paid in two installments. The first check in the amount of nearly \$5 million was delivered on May 28. The College had previously received an advance of \$1 million from the Hartford in the week following the fire. The final pay-out will be recovered at the end of the rebuilding and replacement project.

"The first check will enable us basically to fund the initial construction costs," Fitta said. "The difference will come when we complete the building and acquire new equipment."



Finalizing the settlement between the College and insurance company are (seated from l to r) Jonathan Rose, Hartford Insurance representative, Rhode Island College President John Nazarian and Richard A. Licht, chairman of the Rhode Island Board of Governors of Higher Education; (standing from left to right) John Fitta, College controller, Lenore A. DeLucia, vice president for administration and finance and Richard Mumford, associate commissioner for finance and management for the Office of Higher Education.

Vice President for Administration and Finance Lenore A. DeLucia announced that the "entire building will be coming down and the procedure for securing an architect for the new building is already in motion."

Further, DeLucia said, "We believe we will be able to put up a first-class facility." The site for the new building will be in the same location.

Fitta and DeLucia were grateful for the "cooperation and help" they received from members of the health and physical education staff, athletic department, John H. Vickers, plant engineer and Richard L. Brinegar, director of facilities and operations and his staff.

"It was a team effort between the faculty and staff that allowed us to reach the final stage so quickly," Fitta said. "President Nazarian had a good working relationship with the senior adjuster representing the Hartford as a specialist in lost claims...and with everyone's help, the College was able to move the process along."

The College expects to complete the project sometime in 1994.

Spring '92 Commencement



Record class graduates in record heat

Rhode Island College's sister institution, the University of Rhode Island, has nothing on RIC.

While URI recently had a clambake to help celebrate its 100th birthday, RIC had a graduate roast at its May 23 commencement.

Record-breaking temperatures hovered around 90 degrees by mid-morning as nearly 1,300 graduates — also a record — their families, friends, College administrators, faculty, staff, alumni and honored guests sweltered under the sun's rays.

Nevertheless, things went smoothly despite the unexpected heat and the change of locale for the commencement exercises, which had been held on the campus esplanade in front of Walsh Gym. A fire during the past academic year destroyed the gym. Consequently, the commencement site was moved to a field near Alger Hall.

The students were in a jubilant mood and showed it by cheering at every opportunity: They cheered when the opening processional of faculty and guests had ended, when the national anthem ended, when speakers promised to keep their speeches short, and whenever a speaker mentioned "the Class of 1992."

But, perhaps the loudest cheers came, as reporter Paul Edward Parker noted in his *Providence Sunday Journal* article, when Glenn E. Halvarson, class vice president, ended his "Farwell Remarks" for the Class of 1992 by exclaiming: "Congratulations to all, and the let the partying begin!"

Gov. Bruce G. Sundlun brought the official greetings of the state to the graduates and reminded them he had made a commitment to the College a year ago when he promised to turn over to it the property of the adjacent Children's Center.

"Today, I deliver it to you," said Sundlun as he handed over the certificate of transfer to College President John Nazarian who, later in his remarks, expressed his "sincere gratitude" to Sundlun for transferring the property.

"This will assist us in providing affordable, quality education to the people of Rhode Island. We thank you," said Nazarian.

Richard A. Licht, chairman of the state Board of Governors for Higher Education, brought greetings to the graduates from the board.

Joseph E. and Jane (Fox) Brady of the Class of 1942 presented President Nazarian a check for \$25,000 as the Golden Anniversary Class gift.

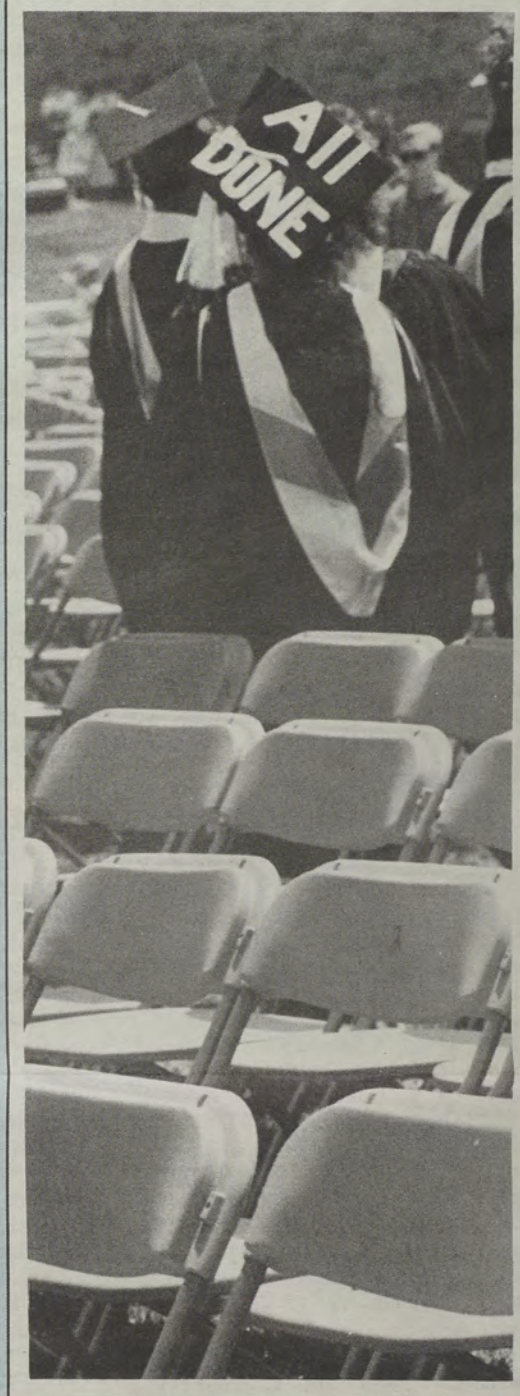
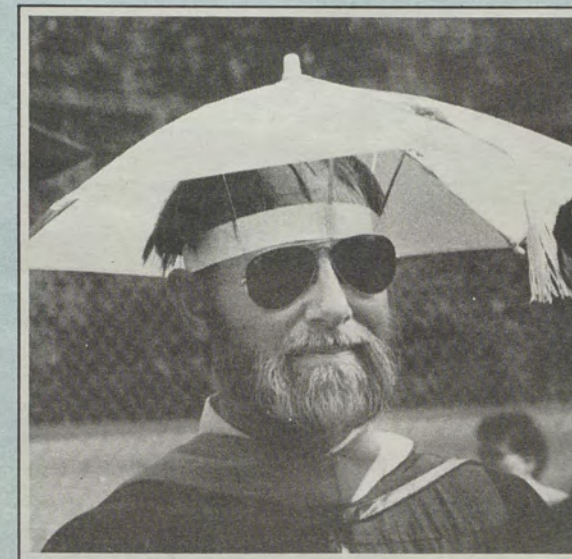
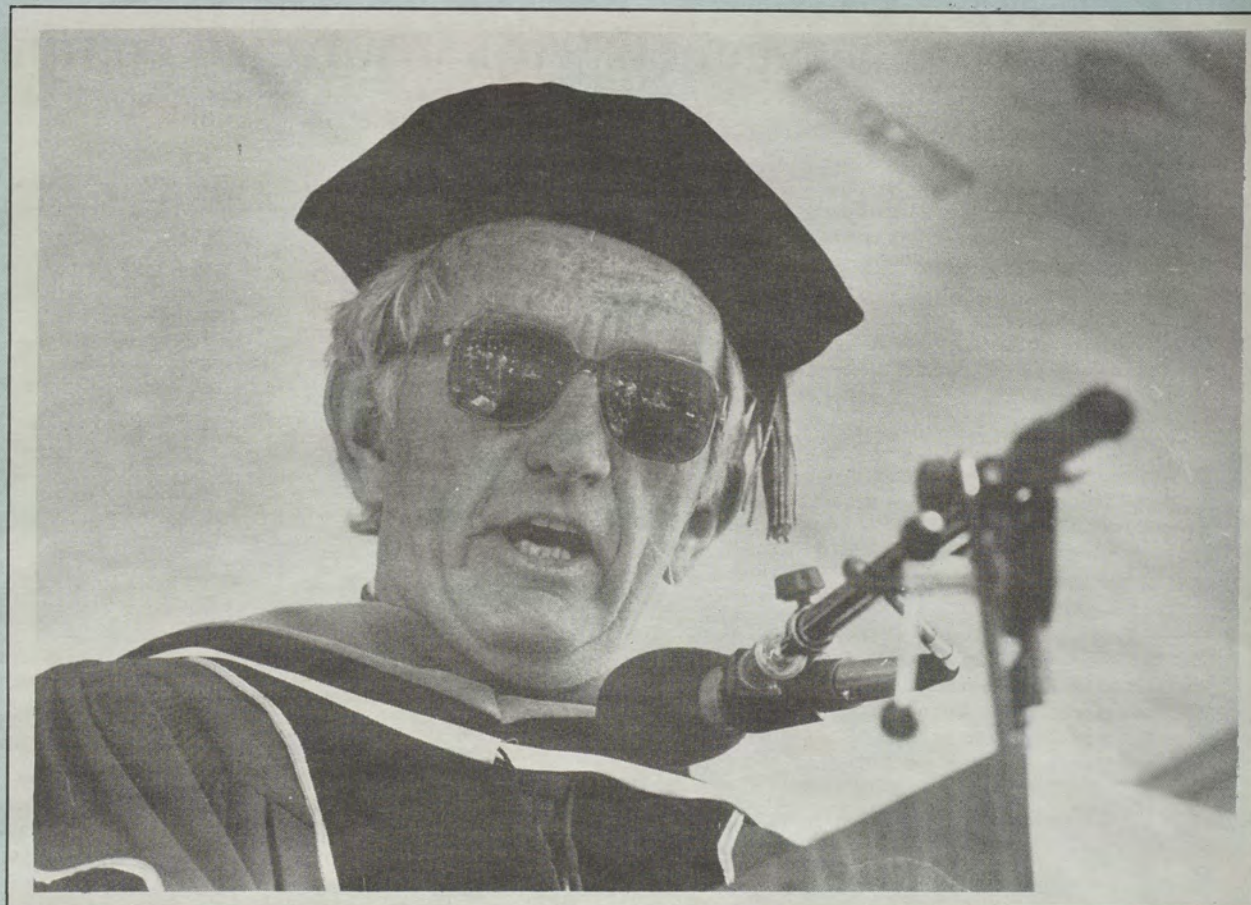
Erin Kavanaugh, Class of 1982 and president of the RIC Alumni Association, welcomed the graduates into the association.

Honorary degrees were conferred by President Nazarian upon John C. Quinn, former editor-in-chief of *USA Today* and previous to that managing editor of the *Providence Journal-Bulletin*; Ned Rorem, musical composer, and former U.S. District Judge George N. Leighton.

Quinn delivered the commencement address. John J. Gleason, chairman of the Council of Rhode Island College, opened and closed the ceremony.



Commencement takes place for the first time on the lawn between the tennis court and the College greenhouse (above). Prof. James Schaefer (above right) wears a variation on the traditional mortarboard. At right is Joseph DeLorenzo setting up the mobile stage used for commencement. After the ceremony, DeLorenzo, a graduating senior who is employed by Mobile Stages Northeast, doffed his cap, shed his gown and pitched in to disassemble the stage as well. Below, commencement speaker and newspaper man, John C. Quinn delivers the main address.



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Words of advice from commencement speaker, John C. Quinn, to the Class of 1992

...is the message this 1945 graduate brings to the Class of 1992: Listen with care; think with courage; push to be the hammer, not the anvil.

And let us practice what we preach by listening now to a few voices from our past that can be guideposts to your futures—titled Quinn's 10 Quaint Quotes.

No. 1—On perseverance, the semester-end words of Fr. McGregor: "Quinn, you are going to pass this course with a good mark—not because you are so smart, but because you are so stubborn; you wouldn't let me intimidate you. Don't ever let anyone intimidate you."

And your speaker adds, from his college Latin lessons: *Non illegitimus carbarundum est*—Don't let the bastards get you down.

No. 2—On confidence, the words of Robert Browning: "Our reach must exceed our grasp, else what is a Heaven for."

And your speaker offers the teaching of his late mother on confidence: "Think well of yourself; if you don't, who will?"

No. 3—On determination, the words of your Class of 1990 fellow alum, Peter Boyer, who was a member of USA TODAY's 1990 all USA Academic Team and returned to speak to the 1992 Team, thusly:

"Use your minds and your talents well. Share your achievements with the world, and use them to enrich the culture which surrounds you. And always continue to share...You are USA Today; you are also USA Tomorrow."

And your speaker reminds this Rhode Island College Class of 1992 that you are USA Tomorrow; go for it and give it your best.

No. 4—On diligence, the words of a longtime colleague about writing newspaper editorials: "Writing editorials in this place is like wetting your pants in a blue serge suit; it gives you a nice warm feeling and no one ever notices."

And your speaker begs that you never settle for a warm, comfortable escape from the search for satisfaction and success.

No. 5—On peace, the words of Pope John XXIII in his 1963 encyclical: "There is no peace in the world because there is no peace in the nations; there is no peace in the nations because there is no peace in the families; there is no peace in the family because there is no peace in the individual."

And your speaker calls for you to pledge to work for peace in your own lives that we may have peace in the lives of all, whether amidst the economic distress of our communities, or in the tragedy of our riot-torn cities or in the challenges to freedom around the globe; if we fail this pursuit we shall share the view of a worried citizen in Moscow where we watched the tanks rumble through Red Square one evening last August. Of the crumbling Soviet Union and its history of repression, he said: "Seventy years on the road to nowhere."

Do not let that happen to you; love and live every bit of your freedom every minute of your lives.

No. 6—On caring, the words of Rhode Island College's own chief carpenter, "Sal" Piccirillo: "Measure twice and cut once," he said, adding, "I always try to do better than expected."

And your speaker challenges you to carry Sal's message through your lives, measuring twice, cutting once, always reaching to do better.

No. 7—On standards, the legendary words of the three stone cutters who were asked what they were doing:

The first said, "I am cutting this stone." The second said, "I am building this wall."

The third said, "I, sir, am helping to construct a cathedral."

And your speaker urges that you build into every daily decision you make and in every career step you take, the integrity that must go into every stone of a great cathedral.

No. 8—On style, the words of Winston Churchill when he was charged by a political opponent that if all of the alcoholic beverages Sir Winston had consumed during his prime ministership were poured into their meeting hall, it would fill the place halfway to the ceiling. Sir Winston looked

at the imaginary halfway mark, then up at the ceiling, then back at the mark and replied: "Ah, so much to do and so little time."

And your speaker remind you always to take your duties seriously, but never take yourself too seriously, lest you miss the fullness of our free life.

No. 9—On lifestyle, the words of our beloved, respected and greatly missed Rhode Island College vice president, Tom Pezzullo, who wisely said: "You can either have a long dull life or a short exciting one."

And your speaker prays that we may all live our lives in a way that it can be said of us, as President John Nazarian said of Tom Pezzullo: "Tom's personality was magnetic. His joy of life insatiable and he loved making people smile."

Let us all say "Amen" to Tom Pezzullo's remarkable lesson as we pause to keep him in our prayers, in our memories and in our spirits.

No. 10—On philosophy, the words of St. Francis, which have special meaning amidst the emotions that recently have ripped apart many communities in our state, in our nation, in our world.

"Where there is charity and wisdom, there is neither fear nor ignorance. Where there is patience and humility, there is neither anger nor vexation. Where there is poverty and joy, there is neither greed nor avarice. Where there is peace and meditation, there is neither anxiety nor doubt."



Unveiling the ceramic "mural" in the lobby of the Henry Barnard School on June 12, are (left) Acting Principal Haven Starr and (right) art teacher, Chris Szyba. The mural is made up of 336 tiles designed by HBS students, staff and faculty, as well as two Rhode Island College deans and a vice-president.

Getting in (geometric) shape!

The Excellence in Teaching Mathematics Project, under the direction of Rhode Island College's Vivian R. Morgan, is offering kids from K-6 and their teachers a chance to get in shape, mathematically speaking.

The project's Shape Lab has developed a hands-on math exhibit and a coordinating workshop for teachers and parents.

The exhibit, entitled "Great Shapes," will run for the month of June at the Children's Museum of Rhode Island on 58 Walcott St., Pawtucket. The children will be able to create mosaic patterns with colorful geometric shapes, solve some sneaky math puzzles or learn about the how and why of bubbles and then blow lots of them at a bubble-in.

The museum is open to the public Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 1-5 p.m. There is an admission charge for the public.

Teachers attended a Shaping Math day-long workshop May 22 at RIC's Horace Mann Hall to enhance the teaching of geometry in the primary grades. Special attention was given to spatial visualization. Presenters were Gertrude R. Toher, associate professor of elementary education;

Rose C. Merenda, an associate professor at RIC's Henry Barnard School, and Ann Seitsinger, a graduate student in elementary education.

Students whose teachers attended the workshop can continue their explorations of geometry in the classroom after the museum visit. While students from the Providence school system are being brought to the exhibit during the month, focus workshops at the museum are available for students throughout the state, according to Professor Morgan of the RIC math department.

The museum project is being funded under the Dwight D. Eisenhower Mathematics and Science Education Act, which is administered by the Rhode Island Office of Higher Education.

The project was awarded \$54,000 this year for the development and implementation of four main projects. Morgan has been the director of the Excellence in Teaching Mathematics Project since 1986 and is the interim director of this Math Excellence Grant.

For more information, contact Professor Morgan at 456-8038.

Summer music workshop set

A workshop on "Children & The Arts: The Early Years with Music, Dance and Drama," scheduled for July 6 through 10, will be held at the Henry Barnard School on the Rhode Island College campus. Alice Pellegrino, kindergarten teacher, is coordinating the program with the RIC Department of Music.

Mary Palmer, professor of music education at the University of Central Florida, Orlando, and director of Florida's Arts for a Complete Education project, will lead the workshop as guest professor for the school's Summer Music Workshop.

The workshop is open to all those providers of pre-school and school-age child care, caretakers of children, daycare workers, K-6 teachers, music specialists, teacher aides and assistants, parents of young children and administrators.

Sessions will include songs, stories, games and dances of many cultures and will explore their impact on child growth, development and literacy.

For more information, contact Pellegrino at 456-8127.

Students elected to honor society

The following Rhode Island College students have been elected to membership in Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing: Mary Beth Andrews, Mary Ellen Comolli, Lisa M. Crandall, Mary Jean Croft, Mark T. Cunningham, Danielle M. Cunningham, Melissa Hope Cupchak, Ronald E. Gothberg, Nancy J. Guay, Lori Hogan, Thomas P. Hoy, Lisa A. Kelley, Monica Kunkel, Nancy M. Lofgren, Heidi E. McGuire, Elizabeth King Morse, Elizabeth R. Mosher, Jay Alan Murray, Manuela D. O'Connell, Lynn A. Pacheco, Jung Min Park, Lynn A. Patton, Alison Peservich, Chesla Piscione, Christine A. Postoian, Jacquelyn A. Potter, Alice E. Rodriguez, Priscilla Doreen Williams, Christine Wood.

Sigma Theta Tau International is an organization of leaders and scholars in nursing. This honor society, founded at Indiana University in 1992, currently has 301 chapters at 326 colleges and universities worldwide.

Membership in the Society is awarded to bachelor's, master's and doctoral nursing candidates who achieve high scholastic averages, and to graduates of the college programs who achieve excellence in nursing leadership roles. The undergraduate inductee must have at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and be in the upper one-third of their class. The honor society is committed to improving the health of the public by advancing nursing science.



JACQUELINE A. POTTER

Nominated for nursing award

North Smithfield resident Jacqueline A. Potter, who recently graduated with a bachelor of science degree in nursing, was nominated for the ANC Spirit of Nursing Award from the Army Nurse Corps (ANC) and the National Nurses' Association (NSNA) by the RIC nursing faculty as the student nurse who best exemplifies the "Spirit of Nursing."

As school award recipient, Potter also became a candidate for the national Spirit of Nursing Award.

The award promotes excellence by honoring exceptional nursing students. Potter was required to write a brief essay on the commitment to the spirit of nursing and how that spirit motivates her.

Merenda Reading Corner to be set up

Selections of Rose Merenda's favorite children's literature will be established in the Henry Barnard School Library. Merenda recently retired from teaching at Henry Barnard. Donations may be sent to Mary Foye, 18 Sorell Rd., North Providence, RI 02904.



R.I. COLLEGE RETIREES attending the recent Commencement Gala at Donovan Dining Center are (l to r) Alice Pellegrino, Patrick O'Regan, Rose Merenda, Roland Mergener, Ira Lough, Frederick Kingsley, Osby Cascone, John Browning, John Peterson, Patricia Sullivan and Josephine Ponanski.

RIC educators, Grove Ave. school collaborate

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"It's all child-centered," explained RIC associate professor of elementary education, Patricia Lyons. "The thermometer is an indicator to the teacher that maybe something is bothering the child. And it helps as the teacher and student talk to each other."

From classroom teachers, to college professors, to parents, government officials and local businesses, the cooperative spirit of working together to design the East Providence school's first school-based management system has demonstrated the importance for a change in how diverse populations of children should be educated, and how educators can best teach these future leaders of the state and country.

There are no "can'ts, only cans," at the Grove Avenue school, according to the designers of the two-year old system. And everyone involved is equally important to the success of the process. Each understands that the mission is to "build a foundation of competency and trust within the classroom," according to Lyons.

The evolution of the connection between Grove Avenue and RIC dates back to 1990 when the East Providence school was notified by the state that it was selected to become a Governor's School. The designation meant the school would receive \$67,000 to begin implementing - among other proposals - a school-based management model of education, according to Diane E. Santos, Grove Avenue principal.

Santos explained that while the state attached some regulations to the grant, "our major need was in tutoring and homework assistance" because many of the students at Grove Avenue are from multi-cultural backgrounds and language barriers are often times problematic between the classroom and the home.

A phone call from RIC alum, Nora Stark, who teaches the sixth grade, to her former college professor, Lyons, began the alliance between the College's School of Education and Human Development and the elementary school.

(Previous to the educational component, Santos said the RIC School of Social Work and the nursing department had already been involved with specific goal-objectives for the well-being of the children.)

Lyons recalled the phone call recently and said, "Nora called to see if we could help out." The two agreed to meet at Grove Avenue, and after only one hour "I wanted to stay. I wanted to find a reason to be there and somehow not get in anyone's way. I wanted RIC to contribute because I saw an investment in teacher education."

'It's a positive action program approach to building self-esteem.'

Santos proclaims the first encounter of educators as "the beginning of a wonderful relationship." Referring to Lyons and Susan J. Schenck, RIC director of clinical experiences, who helped initiate the working relationship, Santos said the cooperation from the College has been more than she could ever have imagined.

Student tutors, practicum classes, social work interns, student nurses and student teachers - all of whom are involved in their own capacities within the school system - Santos said have become an integral part of the daily operation of the school.

"The College is supporting all the activities and will have a significant impact on the development of what we're going to look like in the future in terms of really creating environments to fully meet the needs of everyone involved," she said.

Her enthusiasm and excitement is equally shared by RIC officials.



Displaying their self-adjusting "mood thermometers" are sixth graders, (l to r) Sergio M. Nunes, 13, Kelly M. Bairos, 12 and Lizett Medeiros, 11. Nora J. Stark, their teacher was the inspiration behind the innovative idea.

David Nelson, dean of the School of Education and Human Development, said, "We have great interest in the Grove Avenue Elementary School project because it links closely to our desire to develop cutting edge collaborative relationships with K-12 schools through site-based management models and curriculum development."

The working relationship will "improve the cultural diversity aspect of our program for our students," he added. "They will see it in operation."

Over the past years, Schneck and Lyons have spent an extraordinary amount of time at the school helping to build the profile of a system operating on the site-based management model, which "empowers teachers in the school to make decisions on personnel, curriculum and general operation of the school," according to Schneck. She adds that the two consider their time spent there as valuable and essential to future curriculum considerations for RIC's department of ed.

Their contribution has become so significant, that Santos said RIC was recently selected to "hold a seat" on the school's policy-making management team, which is composed of the principal, parents,

"The RIC students have become mentors to our students," she said, referring to the tutor-student relationships. "And the development of relations between the practicum classes and the classroom teacher is beneficial to everyone."

But its more than that, she explained. It's the "cooperative learning going on. People working together to help each other - the students helping each other. Classrooms are learner-centered. The children are more and more involved in the what, how, when, and at what pace they will learn."

It's also the "positive action program approach to building self-esteem which shows kids that they have choices. It allows them to stop and think about their actions," she said.

And the weekly, Friday, parent "Drop-In" sessions in the school community room is the surest sign that from top to bottom, the "philosophical" position that "the entire school be committed to improved student learning" has been the correct agenda for Grove Avenue.

"All of this involves a great deal of trust and honesty," Santos said. "We're now getting so many more points of view...to create our own environment."

Lyons, who has been teaching teachers for the past 19 years says, "we need to identify and build a number of new models for the future. This is one good model under construction."

Lt. Governor Roger N. Begin, who co-chaired the state's 21st Century Education Commission which released a report, "Educating ALL Our Children" in March on the future of education in Rhode Island couldn't agree more with the resounding similarities between the on-going project at Grove Avenue and the findings of the commission.

"What's remarkable about the report's outcome and what's going on at the school is that (Grove Avenue) has a form of school-based management, that community services are being provided...and that parents are involvement," Begin said.

Although the Commission didn't base its report on the Grove Avenue Elementary School's experience, "we could have," he said. "Anyone who walks through the school can see the enormous amount of pride in the behavior of everyone...The parental involvement is so important as well, and it's done in a meaningful way, not an intrusive way. It's a nice balance."

That, he said, "is the key to success."

teachers, business community and school staff members.

Lyons said when she learned that RIC had been voted to have a voice on the team, "to me, we had won the Nobel!" Both she and Schneck are quick to point out that they are not the "experts" participating in an advisory capacity. "Everyone is an expert. Everyone makes a difference."

Nelson reported the College's commitment to the success of the project "in our desire to develop professional site-centers for training" and said it is demonstrated in the fact that in September release time of one-quarter of Lyons' teaching load will be dedicated to the project.

Santos calls what's been happening at the school, "a growing, living, breathing thing." And says the "bonding" between the elementary students and the RIC students and staff is a first in her years of teaching and administrative positions.



Already working on next year's collaborative planning unit on oceanography are (l to r) fifth grade teachers, Donna E. Howkins and Signid H. Ruggiero with school principal, Diane E. Santos.



GATHERED TO HONOR this year's winners of the Rose Butler Browne Award are (from left) Mrs. and Mr. Emmet Browne, the late Dr. Browne's daughter-in-law and son; Henrietta Tidball, Dr. Browne's sister; award co-winner Pamala Therrien; President John Nazarian; award co-winner Michael DiPina, and Gary Penfield, vice president for student affairs. The awards were presented at a luncheon ceremony May 8 in the Faculty Center.

Keogh to coordinate annual Professional Development Institute

Richard N. Keogh, director of research and grants administration, will coordinate the Fourth Annual Rhode Island Professional Development Institute for Academic, Adult, Career, and Technical Educators to be held at the Community College of Rhode Island, Flanagan Campus, Lincoln, on Aug. 18, 19, 20 and 21.

The conference focuses on restructuring Rhode Island schools and on forging more effective linkages among academic programs, vocational secondary programs and business and industry.

James G. McCrystal, associate professor of industrial/secondary education, will serve on the instructional staff.

The first day of the Institute will feature a keynote speaker. Following the speaker, a number of working sessions as well as staff development activities will be held.

The Institute features state-of-the-art technical workshops, special programs for adult vocational and adult education teachers, continental breakfasts and luncheons, special awards to students, teachers and others.

It is sponsored by the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Division of Vocational and Adult Education, in conjunction with Rhode Island College.

Registration received before Aug. 1 is \$25, after Aug. 1, \$35. Undergraduate and graduate credit is available with permission through RIC and the University of Rhode Island.

For more information, contact Keogh at 456-8228.

Attends URI Founder's Day Centennial

Elizabeth (Davis) Alfonso of North Kingstown, Class of 1961, along with seven other members of her family, was invited to a special Founder's Day Centennial celebration at the University of Rhode Island May 19 as a descendant of one of the original 30 people involved in URI's founding as a land-grant college in 1892.

The wife of Louis E. Alfonso, a professor of educational leadership, foundations and technology at Rhode Island College, she is a decendent of Gov. John W. Davis, who as governor, had signed the legislation allowing creation of the land-grant college in Kingston 100 years ago.

The college's first building, called College Hall, was later renamed Davis Hall in honor of the governor, who participated in the groundbreaking for the Rhode Island College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts, now URI.

Some 10 to 12 descendants of the original 30, in addition to Elizabeth's family, were among the nearly 300 attending the reception and clambake on URI's quad-drangle, says Mrs. Alfonso, who, after her graduation from RIC, went on to earn a master's degree at URI. She currently is director of early childhood education for the West Warwick school system.

Other decendents of Governor Davis (with RIC affiliation) attending, including fourth-and-fifth-generation neices and nephews, are Ann (Davis) McCaffrey, '59; William Davis McCaffrey, a RIC senior, and Timothy Davis Alfonso, Henry Barnard School sixth grader.

A special note of interest: Governor Davis was an acquaintance of Henry Barnard and shared Barnard's vision of equality in educational opportunities for the common man, hence the term popularized by Henry Barnard, "common schools."

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Patricia A. "Trish" Parish of Cranston, RIC's assistant director of admissions and financial aid, says Mrs. Baker was admitted to the general studies curriculum through the Performance Based Admissions program by which potential matriculated students are evaluated through their initial performance in selected courses.

"I just think it's fantastic to have a place like Rhode Island College that will let you come in this way," says Mrs. Baker.

A graduate of Cohasset High School in Massachusetts, Mrs. Baker says her experience in business enabled her to do well in the college writing course this past spring semester, and she "just loved" cultural anthropology, which, she asserts "really gives you a whole new outlook. It's really exciting."

Never having studied algebra, however, gives her cause for concern over her forthcoming mathematics competency test, but she assures she'll do what she has to do to master it. All students must pass a math competency test to graduate.

She enjoys the company of her fellow students, the oldest next to her being about 37.

"They buy me coffee and ask me all kinds of questions...how to invest money, about sex, et cetera," she says with a smile and shake of her head. Well, RIC students do come here to learn!

Mrs. Baker also works parttime in the College Writing Center and drives her own car to campus each day. She says she makes a point of getting there early "so I can find a place to park." An overabundance of parking space is not a boasting point for the College, which year by year seems to grow in enrollment.

"I thought it was great when I heard Florence was coming to the attorney general's office," says Marissa White. "We place about 100 students here in a year, both high school and college."

White explains that they also work with volunteer groups, including several senior citizens organizations, "but very few like Florence, who are in school."

The interns, students or otherwise, are given a first-hand look at what Attorney General O'Neil calls "the trauma business," liking it to a hospital emergency room where people are generally under stress.

O'Neil assures "there are no bureaucrats here" only "great people with real *esprit de corps*" who, in addition to their regular job performance, take an interest in the interns.

The attorney general was impressed with Mrs. Baker's decision to go to college at age 73.

"We treat college like the 13th grade," he says, "and, it's not. It's a whole other experience, not just an extension of grade school. And, you go when you're ready to go — no matter when that is."

He can draw upon his own experience. When he first attempted college right from high school, he says, he flunked out because he wasn't ready.

Of course, it's taken Florence Baker a little longer to resume her studies than it did the attorney general, but that's all the more reason for rejoicing.

Confident, himself, that she will persist and succeed in college, O'Neil told her: "Don't forget, I'll be dancing in the aisles when you graduate!"



RIC FROSH GETS INSIDE LOOK at the workings of the state attorney general's office courtesy of Atty. Gen. James O'Neil himself (right). The freshman is Florence Baker, 73. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

'Broadway Melody of 1992' at RIC in July

Two different musical revues under the heading "Broadway Melody of 1992" will be staged at Rhode Island College's Roberts Hall auditorium July 9-11 and 23-25.

"Light summery entertainment" is how theater Prof. Ed Scheff describes the bill of fare which will feature the songs of Broadway and Hollywood. These should include the tunes of Rodgers and Hammerstein, Cole Porter, George Gershwin and Jerry Herman.

All performances begin at 8 p.m.

For \$16 you can see both shows, if you get your tickets before July 1. After that, it will be \$10 per show; \$9 for senior citizens and students. Scheff reminds that Roberts auditorium is air conditioned and there is plenty of free parking.

Cast members will include RIC sophomore Jennifer Mudge, alum Jeanne Sullivan, and Daniel Kirby, Elizabeth Mospaw and Donna Zurro, Rhode Islanders one and all.

Kirby, a baritone from Providence, has performed in a number of cabarets, including the Newport Star Clipper Dinner Train and the Newport Playhouse & Cabaret Restaurant; has appeared on film, on TV and videos, and in numerous theater productions, including *Oliver*, *A Little Night Music*, *A Chorus Line* and *Godspell*.

Mezzo soprano Mospaw of Cumberland, specializes in vocal-dance styles of the 20s, 40s and 50s, and has appeared in the Boston Conservatory's production of *Play It Again, Sam*, and the Shoestring Players' productions of *The Wizard of Oz*, *Dracula*, *Bye Bye Birdie* and *The Miracle Worker*, among others.

She graduated from the Boston Conservatory of Music in May.



THE SINGERS; NOT THE SONGS: The musical revue singers are (top left) Jeanne Sullivan of East Greenwich, Donna Zurro of North Providence, (bottom left) Elizabeth Mospaw of Cumberland and Jennifer Mudge of Providence. Also singing will be Daniel Kirby. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

North Providence's Zurro has performed in the Academy Players productions of *Sugar*, *Kiss Me Kate* and *Gypsy*, and Top Hat Productions' cabarets, including "An Evening of Vaudeville" and "An Evening of Broadway."

RIC sophomore Mudge has most recently played the beggar woman in the RIC Theatre production of *Sweeney Todd*, and has performed in a number of other roles, including three City Nights productions.

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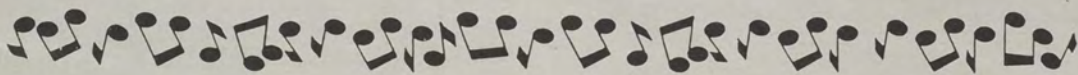
Alumna Sullivan of East Greenwich, Class of '88, has performed with RIC Theatre and in RIC summer theater.

She has had roles in *Time Was*, *Oklahoma*, *Anything Goes* and *The Importance of Being Earnest* with RIC Theatre and has performed with the Academy Players, the Barker Players and Community Players. She currently can be seen in the commercial on TV 10 as the spokesperson for Crystal Spring.

They will perform under the direction of Raymond L. Picozzi of Newport.

Tim Robertson of Cumberland, Class of '92, will be musical director; Doug Cumming will be in charge of scene design; grad student Charlotte Burgess, costumes; Elaine Colaneri, choreography, and Scheff, lighting.

For more information, call 456-8060.



Rhythm of the World 'International Block Party' at HBS

Kindergarten through sixth graders at Henry Barnard School demonstrated the "rhythm of the world," June 10, in Gaige Auditorium, at an International Block Party featuring folk dancing from around the world.

Harmony, USA was the fictitious state hosting the "July 4th" celebration. Sharon Fennessey's fifth grade class hosted the event.

How immigrant cultures influenced the development of America was demonstrated through a series of dances and presentations, produced and directed by Fennessey as part of her class' multicultural program. (Fennessey was responsible for teaching all of the 200 or more children, each country's dance.)

Students in grades K-6 represented a particular country through a brief introduction of the country, appropriate dress and music and the performance of a folk dance. The dances performed follow: Kinderpolka-(Germany) Kindergarten, Jibida-(France) Grade One, Seven Jumps-(Denmark) Grade One, La Raspa-(Mexico) Grade Two, Ze,mer Ateik-(Israel) Grade Two, Troika-(Russia) Grade Three, Fado Blanquita-(Portugal) Grade Four, Vos Hop-(Armenia) Grade Four, RibBon Dance-(China), Grades Five, Tarentella-(Italy) Grade Five, Shepard's Hey-(England), AvonDale (Ireland), O Lebisbiyo-(Ghana, Africa), Grade Six.



CHINESE RIBBON DANCE is performed by Henry Barnard School fifth graders at its June 10 International Block Party in Gaige Hall auditorium. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

Three cheers for...



(What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS cheerleader, one of only four from Rhode Island, is Stacie Schifino of Riverside, a senior in business management with minor studies in dance. She was selected recently as one of the 36 "Patriettes" from a field of more than 300 applicants, says cheerleader director/choreographer Lisa Coles.

One of three children of Gerald and Jeanne Schifino, Stacie, as a Patriette, will perform at each of the team's nine home games at Foxboro, which will be televised nationally (except this area unless sold out in advance).

Stacie was captain of the Rhode Island College cheerleaders last year and had been captain of the East Providence High School cheerleaders.

Coles says the cheerleaders are chosen on the basis of their dance backgrounds and abilities, their appearance and their ability to communicate as each is expected to make a number of appearances before various community groups.

Ages of the cheerleaders run from 19 to 30 and some are married with children. The Patriettes receive some compensation but most consider it a hobby rather than a job.

Coles says the cheerleaders had been cut from the Patriots' roster some seven years ago, but were brought back last year by popular demand.

Admissions staff takes part in conference

Rhode Island College Admissions officers took part in a conference June 20 sponsored by Congressman Jack Reed, entitled "Women in Transition in the 90s."

Assistant directors Patricia A. Parish and Patricia Marzzacco answered questions about RIC programs and reviewed admissions and financial aid requirements during the morning conference held at the Warwick campus of the Community College of Rhode Island.

Workshops were held on such topics as starting a business, changing careers mid-stream, going back to school and job search skills.

The conference was free and open to the public and was held in coordination with Rhode Island Working Women, Rhode Island Rape Crisis Center, Rhode Island Advisory Commission on Women, Rhode Island Women's Network, Rhode Island Women's Bar Association, Career

Connections Inc., YWCA of Greater Rhode Island, Educational Opportunities Center, International Institute of Rhode Island, Displaced Homemakers Program, US Small Business Administration, Women's Advisory Council and the United Way of Southeastern New England.

Four members of the RIC Dance Co. — Dance with the pros in NYC

by George LaTour

Four members of the Rhode Island College Dance Company are having the opportunity of their young lives this summer.

They are performing in New York with the pros — as guests with Marta Renzi & The Project Company — at Coney Island, Central Park and the Lincoln Center.

Marta Renzi, the founder and artistic director of the New York-based Project Company, whom *The New York Times* characterized as the "homebody choreographer whose house is the human heart," was at RIC during this past dance season where she was commissioned to create a work for the RIC Dance Company.

"If The Shoe Fits" was the result and it premiered here in March in the RIC company's spring concert series.

"Marta chose to include this new work in several concerts occurring in and around the New York City area this summer," reports Dante DelGiudice, RIC dance director, "and has invited four company members to participate in these performances."

DelGiudice terms this "an excellent opportunity (for the RIC dancers) to apply their training and talents in a professional context."

A dream come true

"To perform in New York City is a dream come true," assures Laura Newell of Riverside, a senior communications major, who is in her fifth year with the RIC Dance Company.

"No one (here) has had an opportunity like this before. I'm very excited," she says.

"It's great. I love it!" exclaims Samantha Stevens of Portsmouth, a senior majoring in psychology and elementary education. She's been dancing here four years now.

Shellie Carr of Cranston, a senior studying anthropology, says when she heard about the possibility of dancing in New York, she discounted it, "afraid that if I planned on it, it wouldn't happen." Having just completed three years as a dancer with the RIC company, she says now she's "really excited" about the opportunity.

Angelica Vessella of Providence rounds out the quartet, but she could not be reached for comment prior to press time.

The four will car-pool and travel to and from New York together.

Named R.I. Teacher of Merit for '92

John Hamill, Class of 1966, a teacher of history at the John Deering Junior High School in West Warwick, has been named the Rhode Island 1992 Teacher of Merit by the National History Day organization in Cleveland for his participation in the program on both the local and national levels.

He is now eligible for a \$1,000 award and the chance to be named the national winner in contest finals this month.

National History Day is an educational program that encourages grades six-through-12 students to explore and study historical subjects related to an annual theme. This year's theme is "Discovery, Encounter, Exchange in History: The Seeds of Change."

Averill Memorial Scholarship

The Donald C. Averill Memorial Scholarship will be given to an undergraduate student with a minimum cum of 2.5 and a strong interest in labor, history, college athletics or recreation. Applicants should contact Jason Blank, in care of the Rhode Island College AFT Office, Craig-Lee 229, or call 456-9842. The deadline for application is June 25.

They will have performed — on June 20 and 21 — on the Coney Island boardwalk by the time you read this article. DelGiudice says their performances are part of the NYC Dancing in the Streets series, which is primarily a music event with the performed works having commissioned scores.

Those performance events were promoted as "Sax on the Beach."

RIC's dancers were to stay overnight at the home of Renzi in Upper Nyack, N.Y., where she resides with writer Daniel Wolff and their two sons.

On July 24, they'll perform in Central Park in an event called "Central Park Summer Stage" and on August 27, they'll be at the Lincoln Center in an event entitled "Lincoln Center Out-of-Doors."

In all of these performances they'll be working with the professional dancers of The Project Co, and, of course, with choreographer and artistic director Marta Renzi.

Renzi, since 1977, has created some 25 dance works and has been commissioned by dance companies in the U.S. and abroad to add works to their repertoires.

She has worked often in "site-specific" locations such as train stations, ferry boats and beaches, as well as in video and film.

You Little Wild Heart was Ms. Renzi's first half-hour film for television in 1981. It was followed by *Mountainview*, an award-winning dance narrative made in 1989.

As part of a continuing commitment to making dance accessible to a wide audience, Renzi helped inaugurate the Inside/Out program of public performances at the Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, and "she makes yearly appearances at the hugely popular Central Park Summer Stage," according to her publicity people.

Come July 24 at Central Park Summer Stage, the RIC Four will see "If The Shoe Fits" those New Yorkers.

RIC faculty at Coalition dinner

The Rhode Island Mathematical Sciences Education Coalition (RIMSEC) held its annual dinner May 26 at the Marriott Hotel in Providence.

Former RIC vice president and provost and professor emerita Eleanor McMahon spoke about teacher and program recognition at the dinner.

Members of the Rhode Island College community who serve as RIMSEC Board of Directors/Advisory Committee include: Board chair Donald Carcieri, alum and president of Cookson America; chair David Capaldi, alum and member of mathematics department at Tollgate High School; Patrick O'Regan, retired professor of mathematics; alumnus Valmore Guernon, RIMTA President; McMahon; and chair James Sedlock, department of mathematics.

Awards given for exceptional service

The Rhode Island College Foundation recognized 16 College staff members who have given exceptional service to the College during the 1991-92 fiscal year by awarding Outstanding Performance Awards to them recently.

Receiving the \$250 awards were: Anthony Carlino, Clare Eckert, Elaine Ford, Phyllis Garth, Ava Gist, Angela Illuzzi, Kristen King, Jay Latimer, Edward Markowski, Elaine Papa, Anthony Peters, Steven Platt, Catherine Ruzzano, Janice Santucci and Wayne Turner.

Nominations for the awards were made to the President by the members of the President's Executive Committee.